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### THE GULL WHO WENT ASTRAY

While standing on the shore,  
lost in the problems of the day,  
I gazed up and saw a gull,  
lonely — he'd flown astray.

I "flew" with that gull—  
soaring in the sky,  
I looked down upon the sea,  
and saw things through his eyes.

I saw rocks and boulders,  
firmly planted in the sands.  
Reminding me of people—  
yielded, completely, to God's hands.

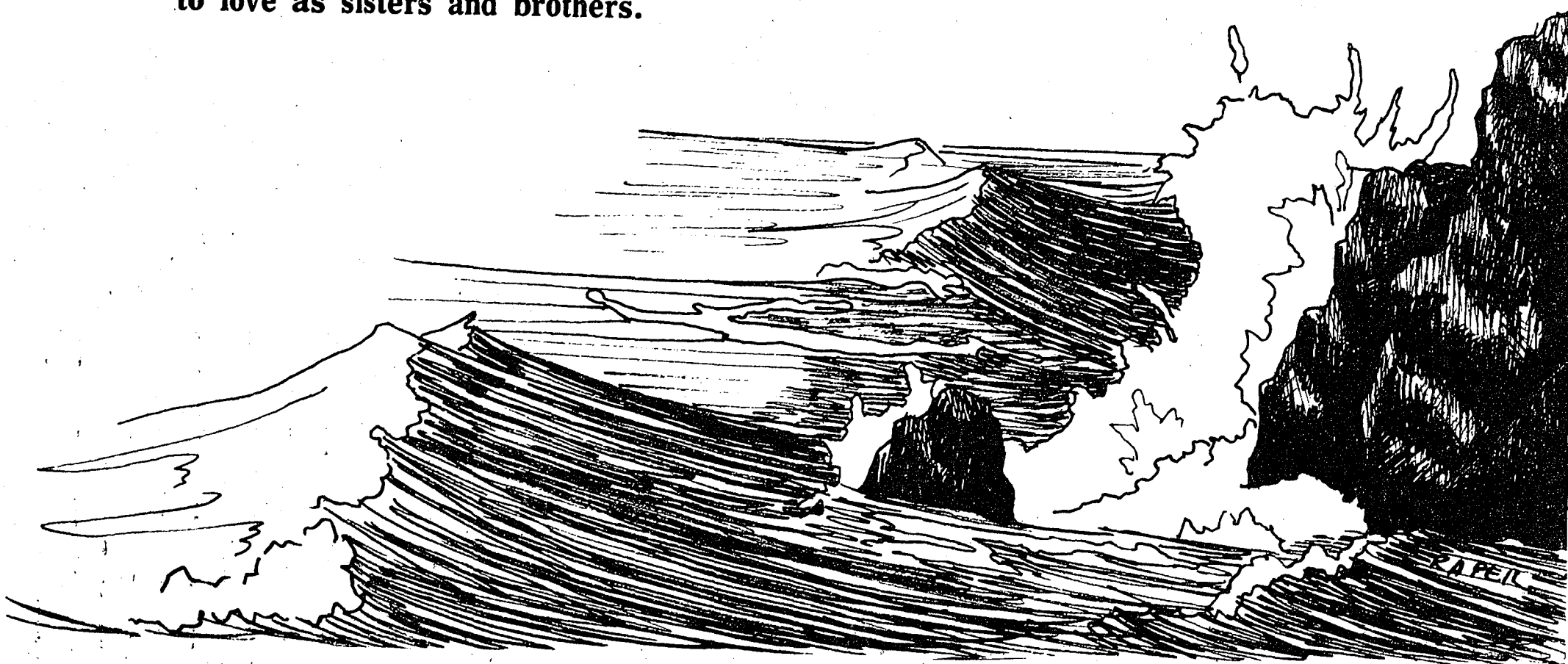
The sand was washed away  
by the mighty roaring sea.  
Symbolizing people  
who can't hear God's loving plea.

The rocks were strong and high;  
towering over the golden sand;  
Confused, I asked the gull—  
could this be God's command?

I saw me — a rock;  
surrounded by many sands;  
My life is placed secure,  
within His very hands.

Searching for an answer,  
I stared upon the sea.  
O.K., gull, I hear you,  
I'll take a look at me.

What am I doing up here,  
looking down on others?  
Why God has given me the sands  
to love as sisters and brothers.



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O. K., Lord, I'll try my best,  
I've heard Thy loving plea.  
Teach me to understand  
those you gave to me.

Lord, make me a rock among the sand,  
stable and firm, but not above.  
Teach me to be patient, Lord:  
fill me with Thy love.

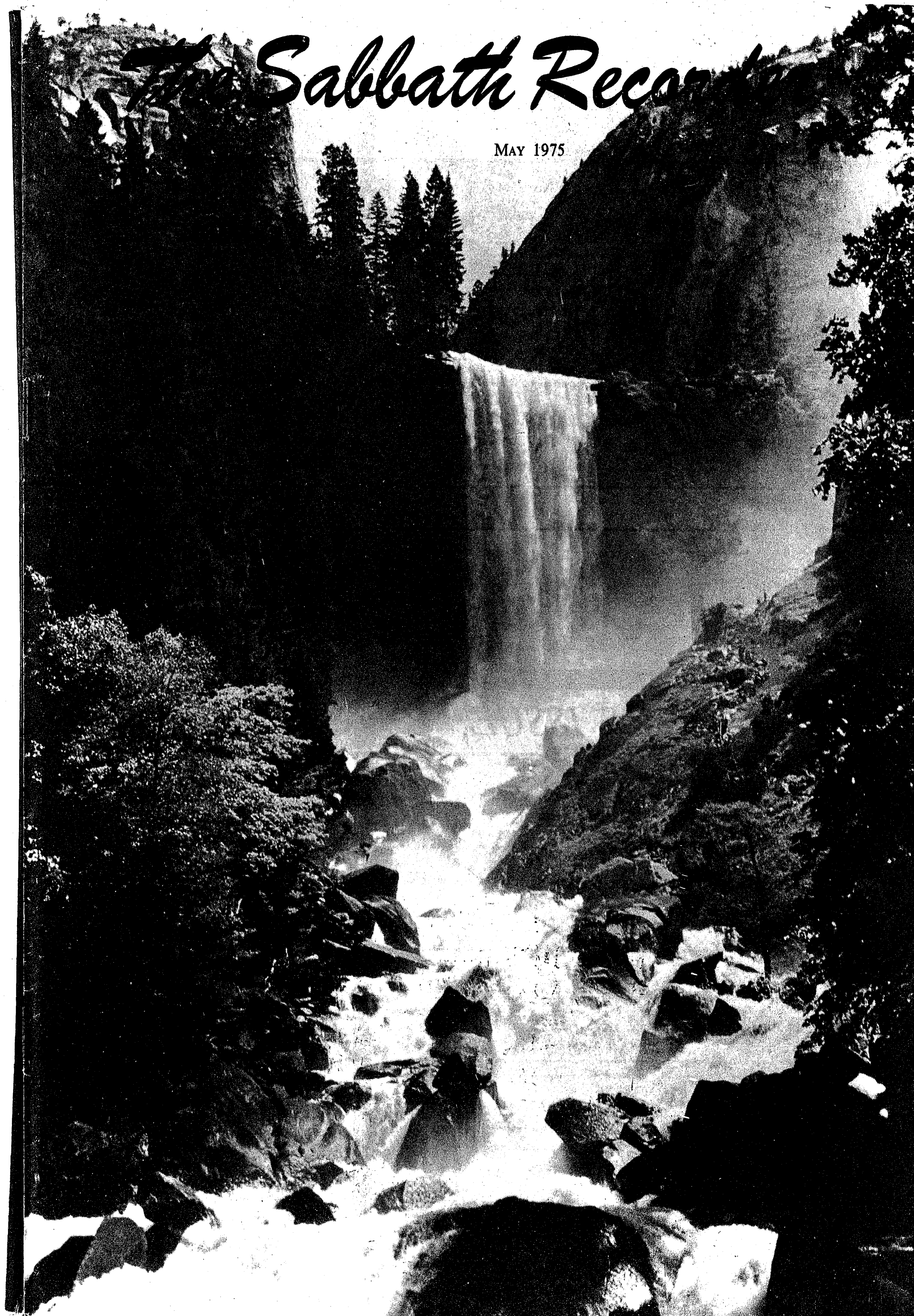
I'm standing on the shore again,  
the gull has flown away.  
Take my hand in Thine, O Lord,  
don't let me fall astray.

Lord, will you walk with me,  
through life every day?  
If I become a "rock above,"  
tell me of the gull who went astray.

by Dee McCall

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We were so glad to have the editor with us briefly here in Kansas City—so that we could become acquainted. We enjoy each issue more than the last and feel it is becoming a really vital and important organ of our denomination.

—Mrs. June B. Johnson  
Kansas City, Mo.

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We especially like the news from the churches, the art work and photographs. It makes the Recorder seem more personal and makes it more appealing to our youth.

—Lillian G. Tucker  
Janesville, Wis.

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It has been a great spiritual uplift reading the Sabbath Recorder for the past year. It is with a sense of fulfillment that I enclose my subscription for another year. I do pray that God will bless the staff of the Sabbath Recorder as they continue to spread the good news of Christ.

—Franklin Ross  
Bronx, New York

COVER

Vernal Falls—Yosemite National Park, courtesy of Moody Institute of Science. "Where the Waters Run" is a fascinating, 28-minute color motion picture which explores the uniqueness, amazing properties and value of the natural resources that surround us. For rental information write: Moody Films, 12000 E. Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA 90606

LOVE IS A DECISION

The SCSC training session is to be held at Salem, W. Va., June 22-30, 1975. Due to inflation and increased transportation costs our funds are inadequate to finance the program. If you want to send a gift to help SCSC, it will be gratefully received by the treasurer of the Women's Board. Send your gifts to: Mrs. Jane Bottoms, Treasurer, 1118 Ravenwood Road, Boulder, Colo., 80303.



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—Jennifer Lewis  
Conference Publicity

AZUSA SCENES



**C**riticism: who wants it? Who likes it? Honestly now, no one really seeks it, and most people would think that they were happier if they never received any. Even if we admit that we need evaluation of our lives, relationships, and our work; we are never especially grateful for even the most "constructive criticism." And often, constructive criticism is harder to handle than the malicious sort, just because the helpful type comes when our guard is down, comes from those who care, and sometimes seems to be about things we consider strong points in our lives.

Wanted or unwanted, solicited or shunned, criticism will come. The question to be dealt with still remains: How does a disciple handle it in the spirit of Christ?

Naturally, we can ignore it, and hope the challenge will just disappear. Such an approach is aided by quick denials that truth can be

others. Not all criticism is true, but all criticism has a truth about us some place within itself. This is the reason that we should ferret out any and all truth in such an encounter. In the same manner before a person becomes a Christian, a need must be admitted. And before a person can grow as a disciple, he must admit that there is room for improvement. Criticism brings us face to face with areas of needed improvement.

The proper beginning point is to talk it over with the Lord, and ask that we may have His wisdom, and that the truth may not be concealed from us. We must realize that we may not fully understand what is meant and why a criticism was offered. Even if it is fully true, and you know that it speaks to a personal concern, it should never be assumed that a full understanding is obtained from an initial comment. The actual criticism might

as a message and insight from God, regardless of the motivation prompting the criticism.

Such discussions should give answers to questions such as: What actually is the criticism? What led to the place that such a criticism could be made? What does the person wish to do by uttering this remark? And, as I am with them to better understand their views about me, how can I best enlist and use their aid?

Having admitted that a criticism was offered, and having talked both with God and the concerned persons, the crucial question comes up . . . how much of it is true? Not how much can be rationalized away, but how much is centered in fact? That consideration must take in not only our own feeling, but the view from the other person's shoes. If even a shred of truth can be dug out, then we as followers of Christ cannot disregard

ultimate result of a successfully pursued criticism.

Probably the biggest pitfall is to leave God out of the deliberations. He's the one you should first consult when things like this come up. He's the one you should finally work things out through, and He's the one to thank for the criticism. After all, all things *do* work together for the good of those that love the Lord.

Now let's sidestep, and consider a situation in which there is no truth in the criticism. Maybe someone said it in spite, or a joshing remark was overheard and exaggeration became fact through the rumor process. No matter what the intentions of the people, even if they truly are out to get you, Christ admonished that we forgive and love them. Persons that give false criticism need love from both God and you. If they have said it in some attempt to hurt you, they

comment is an attack on the ego; so dedication is likely to grow as the ability to deal with criticism develops. We must guard against the natural tendency to insulate our hearts to the hurt criticism initially brings. The surgeon's knife must sometimes destroy in order to allow lasting healing to begin.

To summarize, all Christians go through stages of facing criticism. Stage I is the carnal man who uses all means to avoid criticism (rationalizing, ignoring, discounting, laying it to projection of guilt feelings, laughing it off). Stage II is the carnal man under conviction. He has an uneasy awareness that criticism may be valid, but is not able to face it and use it. Stage III is the natural man who desires to honestly deal with criticism in spite of unpleasantness and risk . . . but it is a transient concern with little real lasting impact and development showing for the experience. Stage

vacillate here for awhile. But when they become on-fire-witnesses for the Lord, living in the full power of the Spirit, they move easily into stage IV, looking lovingly and expectantly to the perfection of stage V in God's own time. If there is to be growth in a Christian's life, then level IV must be the measure of our maturity in the Lord. This is true for personal relations, and also in the Church's dealings internally and externally.

In conclusion, criticism is pointing out the wrongs that need to be righted, and while it is good that people point out our strong points, there is also a need for critical introspection brought about by the Spirit through the living Word and through people.

Certainly there is a risk! But all of life is a risk, so stick your neck out for the right reasons, and if those who would be critical cut your head off, let it be to God's



# A CRITICISM

found in the criticism; simply turning down the volume so that we never even hear the thought; and also by rationalizing everything away (after all, I'm *only* human). Then, too, we can lash out and seek criticism to hurl back at the persons who so dared to threaten us; the more unfair and malicious the criticism we use, the greater the self-vindication appears to be. Rather than these, the better alternative is an attempt to handle the criticism by honestly facing the issues; determining motives, merits, and faults within such suggestions. It is through this means that the Christ-person can reach some decisions regarding the appropriate line of action to be taken.

To square off on the issues, the toughest step is to determine and ADMIT the truth of a criticism, not only to ourselves, but also to

be only indirectly indicated, and a far deeper concern that the person is unable to initially to talk about, or may not realize themselves, may lie back of the statements. At this point, in the spirit of Christ and in the humility of the Holy Spirit of God, we should go to the person or persons who have spoken, and ask for their aid in getting a clearer view of ourselves.

We go to them seeking a fuller relationship and understanding as the attempt is made to face the validity of the point and follow through on the changes in our lives. Through this experience all persons involved will be better people for the encounter. The only dampers on the depth of understanding are personal willingness to listen and personal desire to seek out the truth. If that understanding points out truth, then we must honor it

the criticism. And we must not rest until we have made every attempt to make it right with both God and man. Even if the criticism is one hundred percent wrong, we need to thoroughly scrutinize how the criticism came to be. We may learn that we have not always avoided the appearance of evil in our lives. At that point, we need Paul's thought and care so that we guard against leading weaker brothers astray, guarding daily conduct from any appearance of wrongdoing.

There is at least one thing more to be learned from criticism received: We should humbly learn from our own reactions to being criticized the ways suggestions may be offered to others, and the ways and types of criticism that may easily offend. A general increased sensitivity to others' feelings is the

# OR TWO

By Rev. Russell G. Johnson



need a lot of T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care, and True Love from Christ). If they were sincere, but sincerely mistaken, then recognize the courage that it took to say anything, and see that they must care or they would not have shared. They need the assurance of our continuing love, and we, as Christ's followers, should give and give freely.

Criticism is a big threat to the ego, not just to the selfish view of our personal self importance, but also to the viewed image of self with Christ on the throne. It is a challenge sometimes to the realities of a faith in us. (Are you sure you are a Christian? You surely don't act like one.) But the abilities to accept criticism and to conquer ego are closely tied together. The biggest obstacle to dedication is ego, and a critical

IV is the spiritual man struggling to conquer self and glorify the living God. Every avenue of possibility and every challenge is viewed as a privilege sent from God, to grow, and attainable through the power God has given to us as His children. Criticism is not pleasant to the spiritual man, but he squares off to handle the need. Stage V is the glorified, perfected state that we look forward to with eager expectation . . . where criticism is no longer possible. For that is when we are in God's presence, and all things are clear. There is no longer any need for criticism. This is one of the greater joys of life after death.

I would venture to suggest that the majority of Christians move quickly from stage II to stage III when they become disciples. They may rapidly move on, or they may

glory. If your heart and mind are God's then no one can take your life from you by criticism. By graciously admitting and removing the sources of criticism from our lives, we may fully bring the reality of our faith and the power of the Word back to their own lives. So they and we may have more abundant life. □



—The Rev. Johnson is pastor of the Alfred, N. Y., church.



# The Fifth Commandment

**EXODUS 20:12 —  
"HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER"  
—THE HOME IN THE FULNESS OF LIFE**  
by Rev. Earl Cruzan

**W**hat does this commandment have to do with life today? Is this something out of the past and no longer relevant? We see so much disrespect for parents today. Along with it we see a lack of respect for all authority. Why is this so? We could give many sociological answers to this.

God intended that man (we use the word man in a generic sense, not gender) should have fulness of life; yet life for many people is empty. It is empty because man has sought to fill it with things and activity whereas fulness comes from relationships.

For fulness of life, God established the home. "It is not good for man to be alone."

Primary relationships need to be within the home and the value of relationships must be established there. It takes longer for a human being to reach maturity, to learn the principles of life and survival, than any other creature that God has created. The home is the primary unit of any civilization. If it fails to fulfill its purpose civilization will suffer from that failure.

Homes — parents, children, relationships: these are the most essential factors in the stability of civilization to progress and growth which builds rather than breaks down.

This Fifth Commandment sets the family off from other institutions in the matter of relationships and life. The first four commandments deal with our relationships to God. The last five have to do with our general attitude toward all people. The fifth takes parents from the general category of people and gives them an honored place in society.

There is a great deal of emptiness in life today. One reason for this is that the goals of life, those things for which adults, parents, will give their strength and energy for at the cost of being the primary unit of civilization have left an emptiness in the lives of many in the NOW generation. That which the home should provide has often been

neglected. The home should provide a surrounding and encircling of love with its security, the sense of belonging, the teaching which carries with it an awareness of interdependence and mutual helpfulness. This has often been neglected in the adherence given to the gods of self, expressed in material goods and social life.

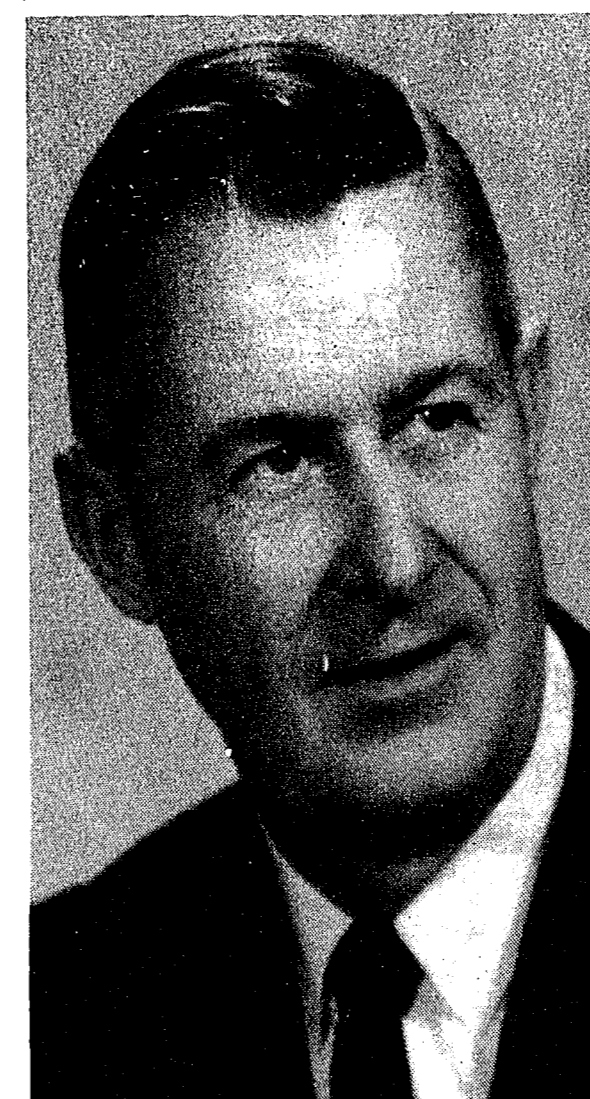
The home should be a place of protection, of provision, of care, undergirded by love and understanding. Youth must be taught the primary relationships in the home. The ways of living, the attitude toward life, toward values, toward respect and concern for other people are primarily taught in the home. Respect for personhood is vital and important. Never do we find fulness of life when we seek to dominate or to exercise authority.

Yet, there must be authority and authority must be respected. This will be true when authority is used in an atmosphere of love and concern. Such authority will command respect and honor which will last a lifetime.

There is honor given to the ones whose love is deep enough and understanding enough to know that character is not developed by itself—that running free without training and support will result in ugliness and chaos. It is necessary to teach and train so that when adulthood is reached the responsibilities of adult life are not frightening so that they may be faced squarely, honestly and forthrightly.

For there to be honor for parents it means that in the home there is an understanding of the principles of life itself. There must be a relationship between parents and children which is undergirded with understanding and which at the same time expects and creates a respect for the judgment and authority of the parents. There must be a firmness in decisions made.

We find many things trying to disrupt the family in our day. We see people trying to establish other patterns of living relationships. One reason for this is that the family has been derelict



Rev. Earl Cruzan

in its primary responsibility for creating an atmosphere of love and understanding, accompanied by the necessary discipline and expectation which enables one to grow into mature adulthood.

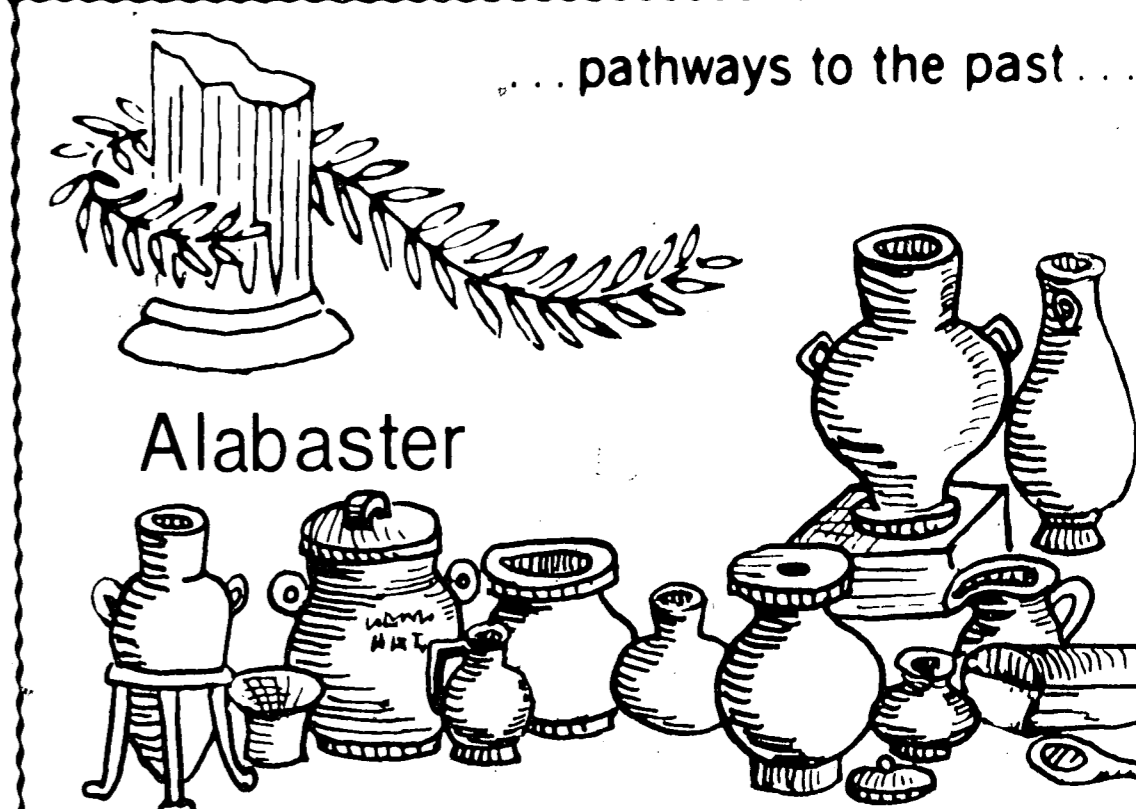
When children see the goals of a family centered around money and the things which money can buy with relationships bypassed for material things, the resultant emptiness of their parents' lives and of their own tells them that this does not lead to the fulness of life which all people seek. They may try other patterns of living relationships. These too will result in emptiness, for fulness comes only in relationships which have a continuing depth of meaning and which result in honor which lasts a lifetime.

As parents we can demand and receive a certain amount of outward respect. We stand in a position of authority to demand certain things of our children. We can have that kind of respect, but if it comes out of fear, it is hollow. It has meaning only when it is undergirded with love.

We can have honor which is a deeper and more abiding attribute than respect. Honor carries with it a meaning that respect does not. Honor comes out of love. It is a quality which endures. The honor accorded to parents and to the aged is a real criteria of the depths of any civilization.

The honor which we have for God and the things of God will also determine the honor which we receive as parents. If our children see us respecting the teaching of God out of our reverence and love for Him, we will find a greater response to us and to our teaching.

The home is the greatest blessing that God has given to mankind. The need of the child for love and care and protection is seldom fully realized. Honor of parents requires on the part of parents the recognition of the growing maturity of their children and on the part of the children a love and consideration which recognizes the love of the parents for them. □



Alabaster

This material was so named from the town of Alabastron, in Middle Egypt, where there are quarries of this fine-grained, pink colored gypsum. It is not clear, but colored in stripes, much varied in width and tint—very near the tint of fingernails. It was made into cups, boxes, etc. for holding perfumes, ointments, and other precious articles. Boxes for the same uses of any substance—wood, glass, stone, metal—were also called alabasters.

—Matthew 26:7, Mark 14:3, Luke 7:37

## DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

**MAY 16-18**

**Eastern Association**  
First Hopkinton S.D.B. Church  
Ashaway, R. I.

**MAY 17**

**Sabbath Renewal Day**

**May 24**

**Rev. Leon Lawton**  
S.D.B. Fellowship  
New York City, N. Y.

**MAY 25**

**S.D.B. Historical Society Annual Meeting, Plainfield, N. J.**

**JUNE 6 - 8**

**Central N.Y. Association**  
President Kenneth Davis  
Adams Center, N. Y.

**June 12-15**

**Southwestern Association**  
Metairie, La.

**JUNE 22-30**

**SCSC Training Sessions**  
Salem, W. Va.

**JUNE 27 - 28**

**Southeastern Association**  
President Kenneth Davis  
Lost Creek, W. Va.

In the summer of 1925, I joined with three other Milton College students, Paul Ewing, Paul Green and Carroll Hill, to form an evangelistic quartet to serve with the Rev. Claude Hill and the Rev. Ellis Lewis at Stonefort and Farina, Ill., and Garwin, Iowa. Mr. George Sayre, Milton, Wis., arranged for us to have the use of a two-seated Model T Ford equipped with side curtains and one running board converted into a luggage carrier. Before reaching Stonefort, the Ford had acquired the well-deserved name of "Leaping Lena." Although it presented some problems, it was invaluable in our visitations in the communities and in providing transportation for many to the nightly meetings at the churches. Later in the summer, it was the conveyance to Conference for the quartet and a Mr. Barthoff of Chicago. Though three of us had to get out and help her over some of those West Virginia Hills, she brought us to Salem in time for Conference.

The summer was full of rich experiences. Though numerical additions to the churches were disappointing, there was an important impact on the quartet members themselves. Recent events have convinced me, however, that much seed was sown that has continued to grow during this half century.

Stonefort was as full of Lewises as Shiloh and Salem were of Davises. The families of Albert, Ellis, Ira, John, Oliver, and Ralph provided some thirty-five children and teen-agers. There were also Appels, Johnsons and McSparins. Many were the visits to the homes, many were the outings with family groups or groups of boys, and many were the athletic games, swimming contests and hikes. I well remember how Leland Lewis, a student in

high school, almost beat me in the 100-yard dash and how Bill and most of Ira's boys could outswim me.

Though a chapter could be written about each of these families, I will focus this report on the family of Dolly and Ira Lewis and their seven sons. Theirs was a home with a truly Christian spirit, and the qualities of womanhood expressed in Proverbs 31:25-28 were well exemplified. This couple played an important part in the nightly evangelistic meetings with their prayers and testimonies. The boys were eager to attend church, and all but the younger ones listened attentively; little Phil, Al, and Murray, however, were usually stretched out on one of the front pews sleeping soundly during the preaching of Claude Hill or Ellis Lewis that kept most of us on the edge of the seats.

Though I followed with interest reports on the Lewis family, I seldom saw any of them until Alfred,

# LEAPING

# LENA!!

by Dr. Lloyd D. Seager



"Leaping Lena" and a load of Lewis boys.

a retired Lieutenant Colonel and now a successful business man, moved to North Little Rock a few years ago. He and his wife Betty, Pam, Greg, and Cathy joined the Seventh Day Baptist church here. He has played an active role as treasurer, moderator, and trustee of the church.

Like most families of this era, the Lewis boys had become widely scattered. Four years ago, for the first time in thirty-two years, they were all able to get together at the home of their mother at Stonefort. In the summer of 1973, Alfred and Betty arranged for a reunion at their home in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Sabbath morning service of August 20 was in charge of Alfred Lewis, and featured his mother and her seven sons. The mother, Dolly Lewis Appel (83), brought the message. It was an inspiring sight to see the seven stalwart sons sitting together on the front row listening to their mother as she reviewed the story of Christ and His message to mankind. She also sang a solo as



The Lewis family reunion was held in August of 1973 at the Little Rock, Ark., S.D.B. Church. Front row: Alfred, Dolly Lewis Appel, Ford, Paul. Back row: Murray, Phil, Norman, and Sam.

part of the message. Scripture was read by Paul Lewis, the children's message was given by Ford, and Norman, Samuel, Phil, Alfred and Murray participated in testimony and song and the responsive reading. The group sang several songs which had been favorites of their parents, the choice one being, "In the Garden." Mrs. Phil Lewis provided the piano accompaniment.

Especially impressive were the testimonies of the sons about their parents and their life at home — the sterling qualities exemplified; and their mother's concern for them through the years was expressed. Again Proverbs 31:25-28 comes to mind: "Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the needs of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed. A woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised." Prov. 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

At the conclusion of the service, a receiving line was formed at the front of the church, and the congregation went forward to greet Mrs. Dolly Lewis Appel, Mr. and Mrs.

Paul Lewis, Marlboro, N. J.; Dr. Ford Lewis, Sacramento, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lewis, Kendall Park, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Samuel Lewis, Marietta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Lewis, Lewisburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lewis and children — Pam, Greg, Cathy and Jeff, North Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lewis, with daughters, Melena and Cindy, Riverside, Calif.; Dorothy, the daughter of the late Ellis Lewis, and her husband, John Carrel, Springdale, Ark.; Mrs. Grace Lewis, Siloam Springs, Ark., and Rev. Irl Bridenthal, North Little Rock, Ark., whom the Lewis boys had as a teacher when they lived in Gentry, Ark.

The church dinner which followed was a heart-warming experience. A few of our members knew some of the members of the family well when they were attending Salem College, so reminiscences were legion. For this correspondent, it was a rare pleasure to visit and try to catch up on nearly half a century of news about each of them. It seemed incredible that those little barefoot boys whom I carried around on my back in 1925 had grown to be such men; but to quote Orville Bond: "Boys will be men" and this means more than just size. □

## HOMEMAKING AND SABBATHKEEPING

by President Kenneth Davis

May brings the celebration of two of God's first ordinances—the Sabbath and the family — Sabbath Renewal Day and the Festival of the Christian Home. It is more than coincidence that these are found together.

God tied them together in the Levitical Law (Leviticus 19:3). In Isaiah 56:3-7 we get deeper insights into God's plan. There are no strangers in the family of God who understand the Sabbath's significance. Far above the blessing of having children is the acquiring of God's name, being a part of God's family, which is contingent upon Sabbath observance. So much so that in the Gospel of Thomas (logion 27) Jesus said, "If you keep not the Sabbath as Sabbath, you will not see the Father."

Far closer earthly families, far more blessed relationship in the heavenly family for far better understanding the implications of keeping God's Sabbath.

Please see your April *Sabbath Recorder* for suggested Bible study and sermon topics in May.

For June the following suggestions are presented.

JANUARY TO AUGUST  
How Far Better Men

**JUNE—In Ordering Priorities**

**June 7—**

Priorities of Life—Matthew 6:25-34; Ecclesiastes 7:1 ff; Daniel 6:3; 1 Peter 2:1-5

**June 14—**

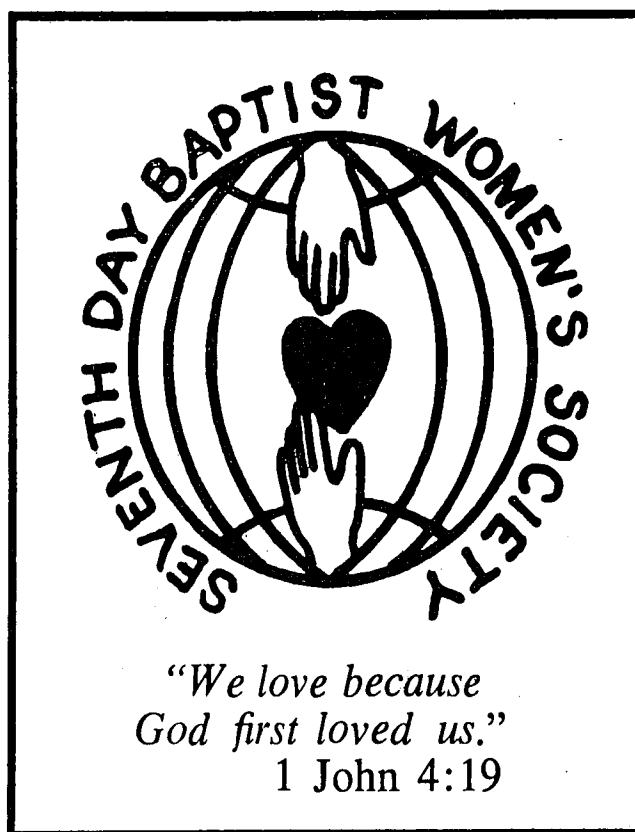
Priorities in Christian Ethics—Matthew 5:38-40; Luke 6:27, 35; 1 Thessalonians 5:15

**June 21—**

Priority in Forgiveness — Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25; Colossians 3:13

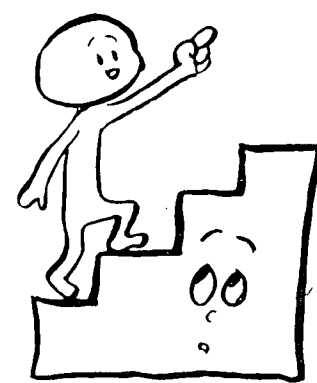
**June 28—**

Priority in Use of Time and Talent — Matthew 7:6; Ephesians 5:16; 1 Corinthians 7:31; Ecclesiastes 3:1-11. □



by Madeline Fitz Randolph

## WHEN YOU LOVE, WHAT DO YOU COMMUNICATE?



a desire for a means to get something you want

It's that time of year, when the classified section of our newspaper features Seeds and Planting . . . Landscaping . . . Remodeling . . . Repair and Repaint . . . we want to rejoice at the coming of spring, but how can we rejoice when there is so much to do?

### WHY REJOICE?

I have loads of work to do.  
Our home needs repair and redecorating.  
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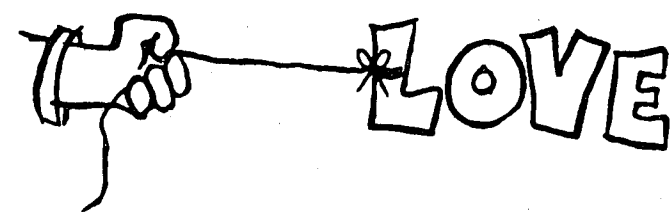
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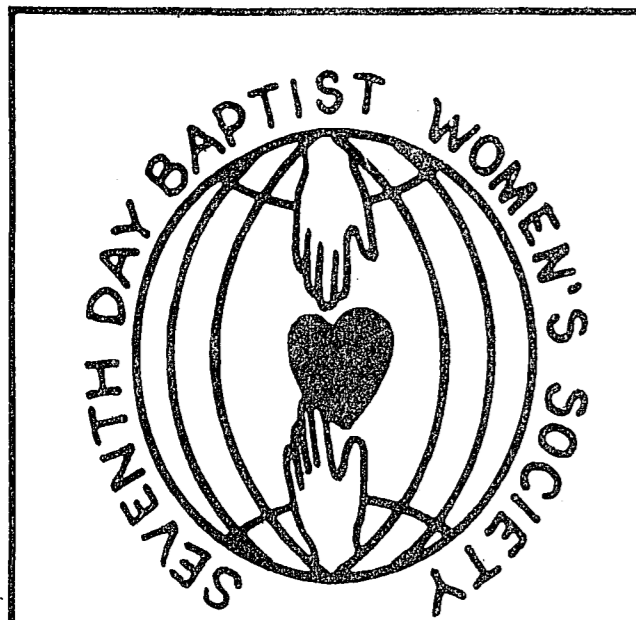
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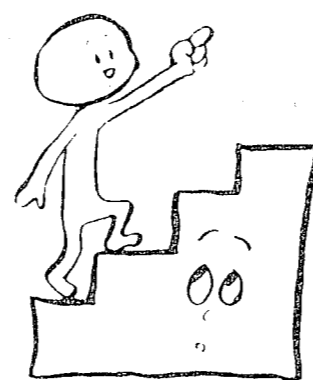




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by Madeline Fitz Randolph

# WHEN YOU LOVE, WHAT DO YOU COMMUNICATE?



a desire for a means to get  
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It's that time of year, when the classified section of our newspaper features Seeds and Planting . . . Landscaping . . . Remodeling . . . Repair and Repaint . . . we want to rejoice at the coming of spring, but how can we rejoice when there is so much to do?

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## Legend of the Return

The day the Lord returned to heaven the angels gave Him a fantastic welcome. Gathering around Him they asked questions about His death, resurrection and ascension.

"What is it all about?" they asked.

"The redemption of the world," He replied.

"But you have come back here. How will the world know about it?"

"I have trained my men

"To evangelize the world?"

"Yet indeed, every corner of it."

"How many men did you train for such a mammoth task?"

"A handful."

"A handful? But what if they fail?"

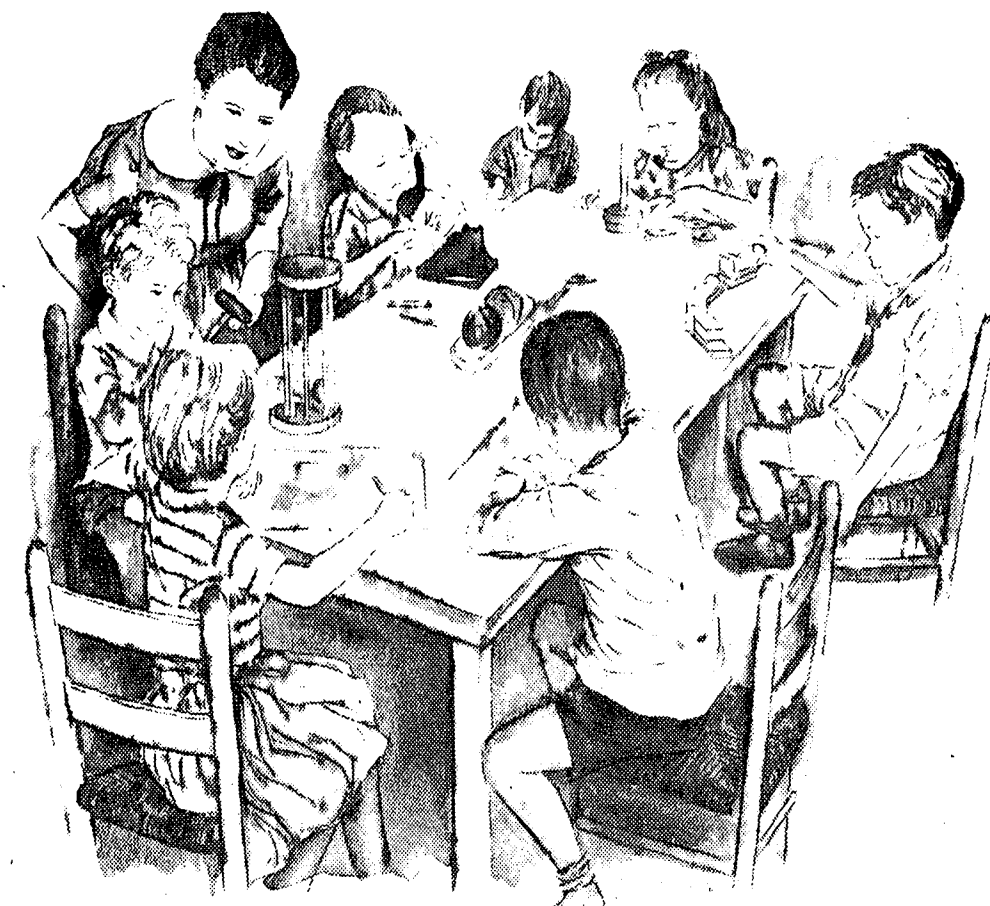
"If they fail, I have made no other plans."

"But is that not a great risk to take?"

"No. They will not fail!"

Author Unknown  
— as told by Corneil Boom

# SABBATH SCHOOLS: The Way of Growth and Development



By Doris Van Horn  
Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church  
Hebron, Pa.

I have just finished reading the book *Henrietta Mears and How She Did It* by Ethel May Baldwin and David V. Benson. I am convinced that if we would put into practice the principles and ideals she used, we would see our Sabbath Schools grow spiritually and numerically, and we ourselves would gain a great blessing. As I view it there were at least six emphases in her life work that she constantly lived:

1. A vital prayer life
2. A deeply committed devotional life
3. A steadfastness for the simple gospel
4. A deep understanding of the Bible
5. A will to work
6. And a good way of training others for leadership.

Miss Mears first became involved in writing Sunday School materials because she was challenged by a young man in college who said, "Miss Mears, what's wrong? I have gone to Sunday School all my life, and yet if I had to pass an examination on the Bible, I would flunk." Then a junior told her, "I don't want to go to Sunday School any longer, it just gets dumber and dumber." So she determined to write her own curriculum which would teach the Bible and be Christ-centered throughout all lessons. Out of this beginning grew the Gospel Light Publications, whose literature has done so much

to save many Sunday Schools from compromising or destructively liberal Sunday School study books. Henrietta Mears' principle at work is "Give them something to come for and they will come miles to get it." Always seeking to build a BETTER Sunday School, and not a BIGGER one, the matter of what the pupil was learning became pre-eminent.

All this energy was activated by a dynamic faith in the power of God. "If a church is really determined to increase its Sunday School, to quote her, "it will find ways and means to accomplish its purpose. *The need is primarily for a greater faith in a wonderful God.* Jesus said that he could not do many things among those of His day because of their unbelief. The building of a Sunday School is a long road, and there are many turns and climbs, but the rewards are worth the effort."

Dr. Mears' favorite text in dealing with young people was "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). This question implied the absolute commitment to the Lord Jesus which she considered to be the necessary ingredient for spiritual success. This surrender must be in every area of life; nothing can be withheld from the Savior's control.

Surrender also meant WORK for Christ. Salvation as an end in itself had no meaning for Henri-

etta Mears. Frequently, she would ask Sunday School workers at training conferences, "What is the goal of your Sunday School?" Almost invariably someone would answer, "To lead boys and girls to Christ." "No!" she would reply emphatically to her startled audience. "That, of course, is part of it, and you know the emphasis I place on evangelism; but if your task stops there, you will never be successful. *Our job is to train men and women, boys and girls to serve the master. They must feel that there is a task for them to do; that there is a place marked 'X' for every person in God's kingdom. Here is my 'X.' No one can stand on the place but me. Now I must help others to find their place. God has a job for every Christian, and no one else can fulfill it.*" Growth comes quickly in new Christians when these ideas take hold.

*Absolute surrender* to the influence of the *Holy Spirit* was a cardinal factor in Miss Mears' life. She believed that men and women should be won to Christ one by one. Her devotion to Christ was the essence of her personal work, and she radiated Him to those about her. She knew that it was not some THING they were looking for in which to believe, but some ONE.

There were three fundamentals underscoring Miss Mears' classes:

1. A personal worker must thoroughly understand what the gos-

pel is, and is not. "A religion," she would say, "is what a man does for his god; Christianity is exactly the opposite: it is what God has done for us." To emphasize her point, she would expound the doctrines dealing directly with salvation: The holiness of God, the effect of sin, the atonement of Christ, faith, regeneration, etc. She did not want people going out as personal workers who had an inadequate comprehension of what they believed. "Christians are salesmen for Christ. A salesman must know his product."

2. The personal worker must be absolutely committed to God. He must be a channel through which the Holy Spirit can flow. "God converts people: the personal worker is merely His instrument."

3. The worker must have confidence in his product. "If I put wheat into the ground, I must have confidence it will come up; so I must believe that if I put the gospel into a pair of ears, it will bring forth its fruit." One of her picturesque illustrations was, "If you come into a room and sneeze, everyone will get your germs. The gospel is contagious; go out and 'sneeze' it in people's faces." *Faith in the effectiveness of God's Word was at the heart of her work.*

The reason Miss Mears' Sunday School classes were growing lay in the high standard of excellence she demanded of her teachers. The training of the teachers became one of the compulsions of her life. "I have learned that I can teach mere facts to any boy and girl — that's not hard at all. But the only way I can lead a child to Christ is to show Christ living in me. God cannot work through lifeless, loveless, listless Christians. Before He can use us to kindle the hearts of others, we have to be burning with a passion for His cause."

A man's greatest talents are not in how much he has been able to do alone, but in how effective he has been in getting others to work with him. A good leader leads men; a great leader trains other leaders.

Leadership begins with Christ. No matter how brilliant a youth may be he must experience the regenerating power of the resurrected

Christ before his real potential can be liberated. Statistics can be exciting if behind them are seen transformed individuals. "Our chief business as Christian educators is to help our students know God and His Son Jesus Christ to the point where their lives are transformed."

"You will discover that if boys and girls are *coming to Christ and finding purpose God has for them*, you will never want to stop teaching. Teaching God's Word will become the most exciting adventure of your life. If we are vehicles of the Spirit of God, He will perform miracles. In myself I can do absolutely nothing, but in Him all things are possible." □

## CONSTRUCTIVE FORCES WITHIN THE FAMILY

Christian Family Week will be observed in Protestant churches across the U.S., May 4-11, 1975. The Life Ventures Committee of the Board of Christian Education is sending out resources in mid-March to help family groups explore relations and renewal of Christian powers inside and out of the family. "Speaking the truth in love" from Paul's Epistles will be the focus of some dialogue on using speech, persuasion, discipline in loving ways.

A "Young Adult Survey" will be sent to churches to help reap ideas for the Life Ventures Committee in ministering to the vocational and family needs of SDB's in the USA. We hope that most of our young adult members will study the survey sheet and return by May 31 as many answers as possible. We will be extremely happy with completed survey sheets, including essays on the last five questions. We will be quite happy with returned surveys with several good ideas and most of the blanks checked. We will be happy for responses of only a few ideas.

Your young adults may want to get together to fill out the surveys, discussing as you move through the evaluations. However you do it, may God grace your personal and family experiences as maturing adults, living in an explosive world of good possibilities—and impossibly bad threats! □

## SELF-EVALUATION FOR ENABLERS

Because we believe the church school teacher often may feel the need for personal enrichment that is not measurable in terms of teacher-training or conferences attended, we have adapted a "check-sheet for teachers." We offer our searching, dedicated, growing teachers in Sabbath School, Vacation Bible School, camps, study groups, etc., a "Self-Evaluation for Christian Educators (Enablers)."

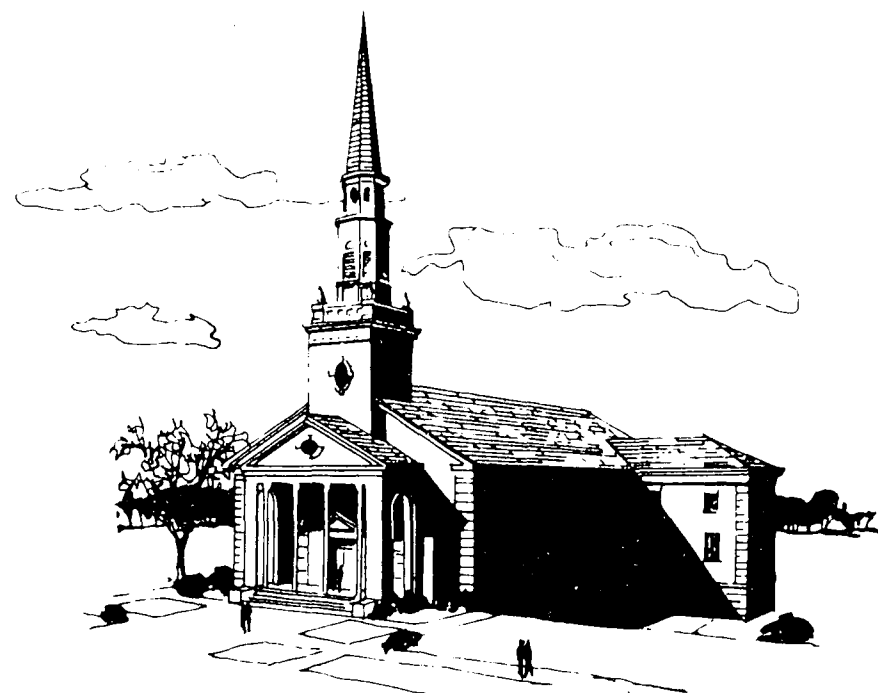
Our job is to encourage growth in "enabling the loving revolution" of Christ-centered faith and outgoing life. So we present this "Self-Evaluation" to give a means of teachers' reviewing their commitment, their energy-stewardship, their outreach. It is planned that users will annotate or adapt the groupings and ideas on the sheet. We would urge a dating of each self-evaluation, and that the process be repeated at intervals appropriate to the teachers' needs. It is probable that some Christian education teams (either the elected committee and teachers, or just the teachers) may want to share some of their self-evaluations.

If you do not find copies in the hands of pastor, clerk, Christian Education keyworker or Sabbath School superintendent in your church, write to the Board of Christian Education, 15 S. Main St., Alfred, N. Y. 14802.

A "Leader Profile" is another tool of enriching one's own teaching awareness and mission. Anne Carrier has presented some ideas that may lead teachers to assume she's convinced a certain style of teaching is "THE way." We believe you will be happily surprised to find this candid Christian leader emphasizing in this Leader Profile that teachers need to be "warm, interesting, informed" leaders regardless of method, rather than proficient leaders but "lacking kindness, patience and knowledge." □

**First talk to God about your children — then talk to your children about God.**





## THE LOCAL CHURCH IN GOD'S MISSION

### Evangelism and Education Plus!

"Every Christian considers herself or himself to be an expert in the area of the parish, and in a sense, everyone is, because we all know our abilities and strengths, and perhaps, weaknesses," Mr. Forbes probes our inmost thoughts on learning to be outreaching Christian church members.

"There is a natural tension, which has a creative potential to become defensive in thinking about the ways we have 'done mission' in the world," he continued. "Since we realize that we always could have done considerably more, we feel vaguely guilty and become protective about putting ourselves, our lives of witness, on the line . . . we will defend most forcefully our lifestyles and modes of mission in which we have participated. Not to do so would be a denial or rejection of our life as a Christian up to this time and place.

"Anyone who has ever read the book of Acts or has worked for any length of time at the parish level is aware of what a tremendous, dormant reservoir for action exists at the congregational level." Forbes comments after reviewing some of modern dismay at institutional honesty that has rubbed off on denominational missions in form of reduced support.

"The key to involving the congregation is an intense feeling of purpose, reinforced by a series of

experiences, needs fulfilled or whatever . . . a commitment, a step of faith. Most necessary to move a congregation out into the world as an agent of change . . . would be intense dedication to the Christian faith . . . . The only purpose a denominational structure can serve is extremely limited until this metamorphosis takes place at the local level.

"A successfully involved congregation in God's mission provides very definite opportunities for 'fellowship' early in its development and, as long as the group continues to be an entity with a 'growing edge' (doing mission) it continues to provide such opportunities . . . Experiencing Christian fellowship in the context of a believing worshipping community is one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," Mr. Forbes affirmed. "Long-term involvement locally, regionally, nationally or globally, cannot occur without this essential ingredient."

Mr. Forbes was talking to the point of preparing a manual for local churches on education for mission, and stressed that "those who know that commitment precedes mission involvement don't need such a book, and those that don't appreciate commitment preceding mission probably can't be taught through a book."

Putting his points in capsule form:

—"The congregation, the fellowship body has to have an intense feeling of commitment.

—From there it can grow into a worshipping community.

—It must become aware of needs in the community, the world.

—Get out of the church building — that includes the study-group which started it all!"

Arleon Kelley spoke to the same Task Force on Local Church Mission Education and ended his remarks: "The congregation which is in mission in God's world is one which:

—is equipping its members for participation in the ongoing change process, in its community and societal corporate life throughout the world;

—is ecumenical so that it is involved with other churches in mission at each level of societal life—neighborhood, community, area, region, nation, world;

—is a receiving as well as a giving church; and

—is a church with a vision of the future which frees it for participation in the present."

(Excerpted from talks by Rev. Arleon Kelley and Rev. William Forbes to the Task Force of the Education for Mission unit of the Education for Christian Life and Mission Commission in which the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education cooperates. We urge all phases of S.D.B. education to keep these principles in mind in planning curriculum, church school worship and study . . . and in participating in local church evangelism and stewardship.) □

# IN QUEST OF MINISTRY:



Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, R.I.

# PASTORS TODAY

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# Interviews with 100 pastors show clergy are now enthusiastic about the local church.

by Dennis E. Shoemaker

A United Presbyterian minister, Dennis E. Shoemaker is executive secretary of the Associated Church Press, an organization of 169 Protestant and Roman Catholic publications.

In 1963 a New Jersey Presbyterian pastor broke into print in the old *Saturday Evening Post* with news that he was leaving the pastorate. He was disillusioned with his congregation, he said, because the people were not responsive to his leadership. He was one of many pastors who, just a decade ago, decided to give up their charges. "Not relevant," they said. "The local congregation is not where the action is."

Now there are signs that pastors are thinking more positively about the local church. From the more than 100 pastors interviewed in the preparation of this report, it seems clear that clergy who once looked away from the local church in search for a place to carry out their ministries are now finding new satisfaction in their pastoral roles.

Even those damning words, *irrelevance* and *inaction*, words once used by pastors themselves to pan and even punish their congregations, have begun to lose their negative prefixes. "The local church is the most relevant institution in America today," says a 38-year-old pastor of a growing suburban church. "This is where the action is today."

## The changed mood of the '70s:

### "Halt the marches; save the church"

The mood has changed today—this is the subject of hard recollection by George Otto, conference minister in Colorado for the United Church of Christ. "During the 1960s a new breed arose in the churches and took power," he says. "They were the first wave of reformers in the modern reawakening of the church in America. They spoke for social change and they also believed that the church was a primary instrument to accomplish their purpose."

Otto is convinced that the 1960 reformers were wrong in their thinking about the church. "The gospel is an instrument of social change, but not the church," he contends.

"As an institution, the church is wedded to the status quo. Pastors who could not accept that during the 1960s are no longer with us today. They became, some of them anyway, dissident voices, a vocal minority who added to the current of unrest already mounting within society and the churches during this turbulent period."

"It was not the threat of revolution, which some ministers openly spoke for, that created the unrest," Otto continues, "but the danger they posed to

the church as an institution. As they saw it, the causes for which they sought institutional support outweighed in importance the institution of the church itself. If the church collapsed in pursuing the cause, it meant that the church was not being obedient to the claims of the gospel. And such a church did not deserve to live anyway."

But churches, like all institutions, do not die easily. Their drive toward preservation in the end is stronger than the desire for social change. Thus whether because of fear, tiredness, boredom, or a change in the national temperament, the causes of the 1960s gave way and the reformers themselves became obsolete.

Thus, as Otto sees it, a change had to take place, a change both of mood and order that directly affected the pastor. The first wave of reformers gave way to a second. Another new breed arose and took power not only in the churches, but also in the universities, in government, and in business.

More conservative in mood, the leaders saw clearly that institutions were and are important in themselves. Still concerned with social change, they nevertheless understood the need for institutions in its creation. What is required is their transformation and renewal, a rebuilding from within.

"And that," says Otto, "is what the ministry is about today. To understand the state of the ministry is to understand the time we are in. It is a time of waiting, but it is also a time of rebuilding, of coming together as a people who have become estranged from each other. It is, therefore, a time when the pastor who knows the art of healing can be at his or her best."

**God is always lifting up  
leaders for the church.  
Many "tent-making" ministers  
are effective, essential.**

Abraham K. Akaka  
Kawaihāo UCC, Honolulu, Hawaii

## The pastorate's real tough, but . . . "I wouldn't do anything else"

Clergy morale is up. It is easy to argue that point. Oliver Powell, United Church of Christ association minister in the Boston area, tells of the sense of loneliness, isolation, and sometimes alienation pastors share with him.

"I wouldn't do anything else even if I had the opportunity," was the chorus-like response that ran through the interviews.

"It's a whole new ball game," said John Van Zanten, a veteran United Presbyterian pastor who took six years out to direct the continuing-education program for pastors in his denomination.

His return to the pastorate four years ago brought him to Englewood, New Jersey, a community undergoing considerable change. The older elite was beginning to die out, and the newer people, less caught up in the aristocracy of that community than their predecessors, were at the same time confused about what the church should be doing and what they were doing in it.

"It is a time of questioning," says Van Zanten, "a time when people want to think through what the issues of faith are. They want to find their roots again."

Van Zanten does not claim to have changed his style much over the years. As a one-time professional actor, his interest in the theater has led him to look for signs of the gospel in contemporary drama and also to discover the dark and heavy questions that do not allow for any easy answers.

**I have learned that people  
are more important than  
doctrine; now I befriend  
rather than correct them.**

Richard W. Blice Jr.  
Westminster Presbyterian, Greensburg, Pa.

"I try to preach on Biblical texts," he says, "but I do not suggest there is any panacea in the gospel. I'm not into solving personal problems. I try instead to raise them up, to help people see what their real questions are."

Judging by the response of the congregation, his approach appears to be working. Following each Sunday morning's service, the congregation is invited to stay for lunch and for follow-up discussion on the theme of that morning's sermon. People often remain for several hours.

"They talk," says Van Zanten, "not so much about the details of the sermon as about themselves. What happens is that I get to preach on Sunday mornings, and the people get their chance after lunch."

What is new about this, Van Zanten finds, is the fresh interest people have in the search for a faith to sustain them.

That point was made repeatedly. Bruce MacKenzie of Boulder, Colorado, was active as a social-justice crusader during the civil-rights struggle, "I was something of a social prophet then," he says, "but I wouldn't do that today. Now I work more carefully with the congregation, trying to discover what their needs are. I still raise issues, but I am cooler about that now. I'm satisfied to allow an issue to percolate for a time."

One test of the style of ministry is the public response. For MacKenzie there are some clear results. Four years ago there was but one child enrolled in the church nursery. Now, despite the near zero rate in population growth, there are more than seventy. Also, there are prayer meetings and discussion groups on the meaning of faith, a possibility MacKenzie admits he could not have envisioned a few years back. Robert Oerter, a neighbor of MacKenzie's in Boulder, tells a similar story. In his six years as pastor there, membership and church attendance have nearly doubled.

In the near future his church will begin a \$1.8 million expansion program to accommodate the crowds. Why the sudden burst of new life?

"Everything else—all our public institutions—are facing bankruptcy today," says Oerter. "The Church is one institution people are willing to believe is not bank-

rupt, which is a basic reason why they support it. Another reason is that the church is one of the few remaining places in our society where people can get in touch with each other. Our people experience a lot of joy. They look forward to coming here on Sunday and throughout the week."

The pastor who sees the job as building up the local flock, caring for the sheep in the manner of a shepherd who knows what a rod and staff are all about, can be having a good time in the ministry today, whether liberal or conservative.

**It's hard to preach if  
you don't believe in God;  
hard to be a pastor if  
you don't believe in people.**

Garry A. Scheuer Jr.  
First Congregational UCC, Des Plaines, Ill.

Robert Schuller, pastor of the Garden Grove Community Church in southern California (Reformed Church in America), represents this view most successfully.

Less than 20 years ago Schuller began a new ministry in the Orange County area by holding services in a drive-in theater. His message then, as now, was patterned after that of Norman Vincent Peale.

Emphasizing "possibility thinking," Schuller has built a congregation of 7,000 members and today telecasts his message to an estimated two million people weekly.

"I stay away from the controversial," says Schuller. "There's no room for that in the pulpit. In the same way, I make sure that my sermons do not increase the guilt of those who listen to me. People feel guilty enough already. I think of them as lost sheep who need to be found."

"Stay away from social conflict situations," he preaches, "and direct your energy to the unchurched people of your community. Get to them with the good news that God really loves each one of them."

Less dramatic manifestations of the Schuller principle may be found elsewhere. "What people are searching for is the joy of the Christian life," says a Pennsylvania pastor who works closely with the Faith at Work movement. "People are tired of being scolded, of being told they are doing wrong or that they aren't doing the right thing. They want to believe that Christianity can be a positive force in their daily lives."

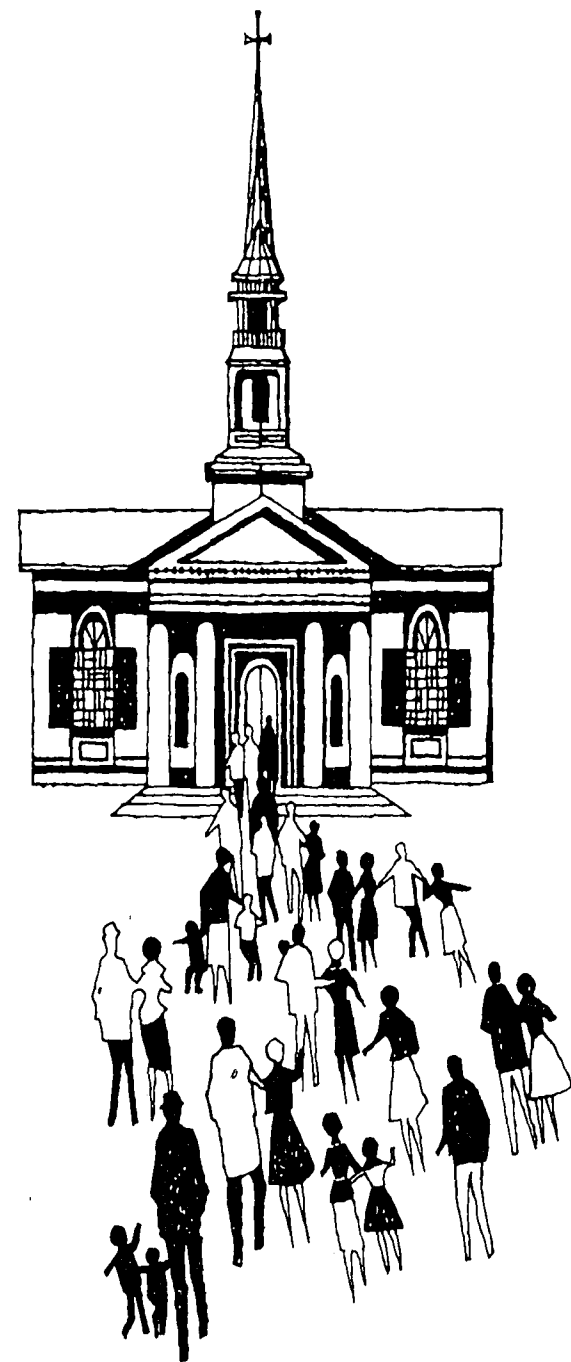
Personal renewal takes other forms as well. Small contract groups, sensitivity groups, encounter groups, transactional-analysis groups, and human-potential groups proliferate in the church today and occupy more and more of the pastor's time.

Whether fed by an evangelical spirit or something more secular, eye-balling, encountering, meeting one another at depth levels is a priority in the ministry today.

If a consensus is possible, it is at this point. There is, to be sure, a detectable uneasiness among pastors, because the church seems to be backing away from social issues. But few differ on their own priorities.

"To be effective today, you do what is feasible, which means giving primary attention to the personal needs of people," says United Presbyterian Art Hall, another Washington-area pastor.

"The mood is inward. The traumas of our times have pushed people to look again at the needs of the spirit, to rediscover values, and to rethink what Christian living is all about."



**There's nothing more exciting than leading another person to Christ.**

Robert S. Lutz  
Corona Presbyterian, Denver, Colo.

the process, administration as a pastoral function is gaining a new and better stature.

Once thought of as a bothersome detail of the ministry, new and sophisticated procedures adapted from the business world have given the function of administration new meaning.

To make the planning process work, the pastor must first agree to surrender some of the authority traditionally associated with the calling and office. To make it work, the pastor becomes, in effect, a manager or pastor-director who participates within the congregation as an enabler.

If this is done successfully, some of the tension that normally exists between pastor and congregation disappears, because he or she is no longer the supreme leader who really does know what God wants. Rather, the "enabler" pastor is something of a hired executive, employed to give a sense of direction to the whole planning process.

**In the churches,  
people come first;  
"Theology is an  
afterthought"**

If a term must be found for it, theological thinking in the pastorate today could be called "the theology of the feasible."

The relevant question is not so much the nature and character of the Christian faith, but how the church may become a community of "accepting people" who gather to affirm each other.

"Doing theology," whether expressed through worship, teaching, or administration, is the practical consideration of meeting people's needs. However this happens, systematic speculation about the relation of the divine to the human is not a vital part of that consideration.

Evangelicals represent something of an exception to this broad statement. The greater the interest in personal salvation, the less confusion appears. There the inherent question is human sin, and the answer is as clear as the question. Salvation is the forgiveness of sin by God's act in Christ. Nothing more, nothing less.

The church as a community of accepting people is understood as the result rather than the means of spiritual wholeness. Forgiven sinners are born again and enter into the life of the Spirit, which by definition is the Christian church, the community of believers.

**I could not stay  
in the pastorate without  
the loving ministry to me  
of the people of the church.**

John M. Fife  
Southside Presbyterian, Tucson, Ariz.

**People come to hear  
thoughtful preaching. It's  
not trite to say, "There  
is a hunger for the Word."**

Fred C. Allrich  
St. Lucas UCC, St. Louis, Mo.

That the clean and simple line of the sin-salvation-sanctification theological program is enjoying a revival of interest, there can be no doubt. One of the most fascinating illustrations of that may be found in the Corona United Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colorado, of which Robert Lutz is the pastor.

Lutz is an old-line evangelical, and has been for the thirty-eight years of his ministry in that church. Something of the style of this quite remarkable man came through during a telephone conversation at the time of my visit. I heard him say: "Oh good! Praise God!" A woman had called to say that an acquaintance of hers had just accepted Christ. She wanted to share her joy immediately, a joy that the pastor quite naturally then shared with me.

The Corona church is unusual. Located in an area that is changing from affluence to middle and lower economic strata, Lutz has managed to attract blacks, Egyptians, Koreans, and members of several other minority groups.

"What do you want to do when you retire?" I asked him. "Same as I'm doing now," was the reply. "There is nothing more exciting than leading another person to Christ."

**Many things distract us  
from our primary mission of  
relating people to Jesus  
through personal experience.**

Horace C. Lukens  
Vienna Presbyterian, Vienna, Va.

## SDB Ministerial Students

- Robert Babcock  
North American Baptist Seminary  
Sioux Falls, SD
- Justin Camenga  
Western Conservative Baptist Seminary  
Portland, OR
- Kenneth Chroniger  
Nazarene Theological Seminary  
Kansas City, MO
- Helen Ruth Green  
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Oak Brook, IL
- Robert Harris  
Ashland Theological Seminary  
Ashland, OH
- Gordon Lawton  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary  
Kansas City, KS
- Kent Martin  
Wesley Theological Seminary  
Washington, DC
- John Peil  
American Baptist Seminary of the West  
Covina, CA
- John Rau  
Trinity Theological Seminary  
Deerfield, IL
- Melvin Stephan  
Wesley Theological Seminary  
Washington, DC



"Nothing personal . . . nothing personal . . . nothing personal . . . nothing personal . . ."

## WHEN TO CALL YOUR PASTOR

by Gordon H. Schroeder

### 1—When you are facing a serious problem.

Most ministers have been trained to help people with their personal, family, and business problems. The impartial judgment of a spiritual leader, together with his prayers for divine guidance, will enable you to face your difficulty with confidence. Don't allow your problems to get too big for you.

### 2—When someone is interested in the church.

You will meet young people and adults who are new in the community, and others who have not united with the local church. Put in a good word for your church and tell your pastor about these prospective church members.

### 3—When there is illness.

Your pastor is as near as your telephone. His presence, counsel, and prayer will be helpful. Your pastor will appreciate your phone call when you, your loved one, or friend is ill or going to the hospital.

### 4—When there is death.

Your pastor should be notified immediately when there is a death in the family. He can give comfort and counsel at this difficult time. It is proper to consult him before funeral arrangements are made.

### 5—When you must make an important decision.

If you are a young person and face a decision about going to college, arranging your course of study, or choosing your life work, make an appointment to see your pastor. The viewpoint of your spiritual advisor should be considered.

### 6—When there is to be a wedding.

Your pastor should be consulted before the wedding day is set. Since you will undoubtedly desire to have one or more conferences with your pastor, it is advisable to contact him well in advance of the wedding.

### 7—When someone desires to become a Christian.

Happy, indeed, is the pastor who is asked to talk with someone desiring to become a Christian. Tell your pastor about friends of yours who are interested in knowing more about the Christian life.

### 8—When you have a spiritual problem.

Many Christians have questions and fears that bring no little discomfort. Your pastor is your spiritual advisor. He can help you overcome your fears and solve your problems.

**Your pastor is always as near as your telephone!**

## SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CENTER FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

### Events and Services

The 1975 Summer Institute on Seventh Day Baptist History will be held in Plainfield, N. J., on June 9 - 26. The Rev. Albert N. Rogers, historian, will be the lecturer for the sessions. Visits are being planned to Newport, R. I., and Ephrata, Pa., during the three weeks.

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Correspondence courses in Seventh Day Baptist History, Seventh Day Baptist Polity, and Sabbath Philosophy are available through the Center. The cost for the course is \$10.00. Those enrolling in the correspondence course are loaned the reference material needed. Apply to: SDB Center for Ministerial Education, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

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It is anticipated that there will be a post-General Conference Retreat for the enrolled students in place of one of the weekend sessions in Plainfield. The retreat will be held in California at a place to be announced later.

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The Council on the Ministry met in Salem, W. Va., on April 10-12 to discuss matters relating to the Center program and the new dean. Items related to summer institutes, weekend conferences, student aid, dean's job analysis, and future services offered by the Center were discussed.

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The Center provides a theological lending library, providing books on a one-month loan basis for anyone. The books are sent to those requesting at no charge, except the return postage to the Center.

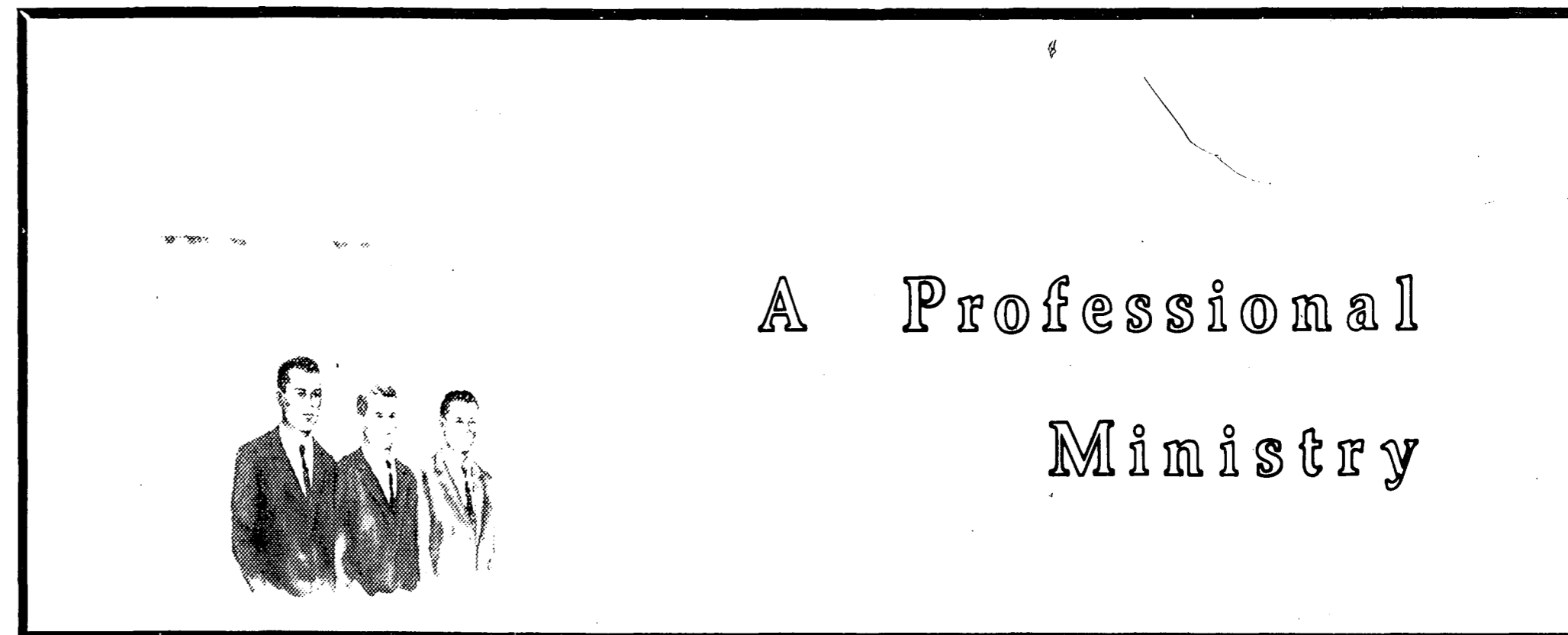
Also included in the lending library are theological cassettes, namely, CATALYST and THESIS. These are loaned to interested persons for one month, also for the cost of return postage to the Center.

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Recent accessions to the library:

*Person and Profession: Career Development in the Ministry* by Charles W. Steward; *The Pre-Parish Planner* by Manfred Holck, Jr.; *Your Pastor's Problems: A Guide for Ministers and Laymen* by William E. Hulme; and *The Empty Pulpit* by Clyde Reid.



## A Professional Ministry

by K. Duane Hurley, Chairman  
Council on the Ministry

The S.D.B. Council on the Ministry provides a mechanism for achieving pastoral professionalism within the denomination.

According to definition, a profession is "a calling requiring specialized knowledge and often long and intensive academic preparation" and is characterized by "conforming to technical and ethical standards."

No doubt about it, the ministry is the greatest profession of all. The minister has the most important message to *profess*—that of redemption and salvation through Jesus Christ the Savior — and certainly his special work is a *calling!*

Sometimes, it seems, ministers rely too heavily on just "the calling" to prepare them for service. That sense of dedication to the cause is imperative; enthusiasm coming from conviction is of vital importance; inspiration cannot be discounted as an important ingredient.

But when dealing with the most basic elements of human and spiritual experience and when competing with highly specialized and perfected techniques in other professions, how imperative it is for the minister to be not only called but formally trained in his profession!

To highlight this is a fundamental objective of the COM (Council on the Ministry). Its mandate includes the recruitment of theologs, enhancing their sense of calling; encouraging and assisting students with proper technical preparation; helping to inculcate in them the highest ethical standards; and assisting them in placement — the right minister in the right church.

A part of COM's responsibility is to help churches and parishioners to understand that professional performance on the part of the minister demands a professional response on the part of the people as it relates to personal relationships (mutual respect, dignity of action, and teamship) as well as to adequate compensation.

The COM has General Conference-assigned re-

sponsibility to operate the Center for Ministerial Education at denominational headquarters and is very gratified by the quality of leadership which has been available since its inception.

A new dean is just now starting his tenure. The Reverend Herbert Saunders is unusually well prepared for the position and brings to it sincere dedication, a wealth of varied pastoral experiences, a youthful and innovative enthusiasm, an enviable record already of research and publication, along with high scholastic standards.

He has under his charge a gratifyingly large number of young people committed to professional preparation for full-time Christian service. The number will undoubtedly grow under his guidance.


Simultaneously with the beginning of the new regime at the Center, a reevaluation is being made of overall denominational leadership. A fresh look is being taken at the job descriptions for the dean, the general secretary, and other denominational leaders, with the intent of realigning assignments (if necessary) and utilizing manpower to the best advantage.

Certainly, the members of the COM are anxious to coordinate their efforts with this overall evaluation and will continue to work toward true professionalism in the ministry — beginning with headquarters-level leadership.


Personnel requirements are great at all levels. As older ministers retire, replacements are needed for the churches. As assignments change among Board and Agencies, new recruits must be found. In every case, an increasingly high level of professional preparation and professional performance is required.

The COM is committed to the task of providing really professional leadership for the denomination. We earnestly seek the prayerful support of all Seventh Day Baptists. Our needs are admittedly enormous, but the potentials for advancement are limitless — with God's guidance! □

"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH"



## MISSION NOTES



IN THE INTEREST OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONS

—Rev. Lal Enga was elected president of the Burma Seventh Day Conference at their annual meeting in Tahan, Chin Hills, in March. Rev. L. Sawi Thanga continues to serve as their general secretary. It is reported that *income* from the local churches *nearly doubled* during the last year. Several other workers were given field assignments.

—The *Farina, Ill., SDB Church* has called *Ken Chroniger* to be their summer pastor beginning in May 1975. His work last year brought new encouragement and was followed by special work and meetings in the fall. Pastor Chroniger, a seminary student in Kansas City, Mo., will begin his service on May 17.

—A *mobile clinic* — four-wheel drive LandRover—held two days each week, *began* in the *T. A. Thomas area* of Thyolo district, *Malawi* on *March 5* with a medical and spiritual ministry. This is the basic medical service for about 35,000 people in that area. Pray that funds will soon be available for construction of needed dispensary buildings. Missionary Menzo Fuller drives the LandRover and assists in the clinic duties.

—*Pastor Duane L. Davis* of the Seattle Area, Wash., SDB church is visiting the *Portland, Oregon, mission* regularly to aid in outreach and leadership. Meetings are being held each Sabbath in the home of Justin and Sue Camenga — the "SDB Meeting House."

—*Praise the Lord* for answered prayer at *Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica*. Students have been open to the Word of God and a special *Bible discussion time* has offered opportunity to apply the gospel to individual lives. Pray for Jane Mackintosh who meets with the students seeking such understanding and making decision.

—The *Summer Christian Service Corps training session* will be hosted by the *Salem, W. Va., SDB Church*, June 22-30. The later date allows graduating seniors to fully participate. Pray for SCSC workers, local projects and the necessary financial support!

—The *Sandama SDB Dispensary*, just a few miles south of Makapwa Medical Center in *Malawi, Africa*, has a growing number of patients and is now *open regularly*. A small room for an office was "built in" on the Khondi (porch) of the building furnished by an Indian merchant for dispensary use. This gives the medical assistant (MA) needed room. The blocks for the room were given by a manufacturer in Mozambique, nearby.

—*Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler*, pastor of the First Hopkinton SDB Church, Ashaway, R.I., was elected *president of the SDB Missionary Society* at the annual meeting in March. A member of the Missionary Board since 1958, President Wheeler has served as vice-president and chairman of several standing committees previously.

—*Thank God for answered prayer!* Pastor Jacob Tyrrell and family have moved into rented quarters near the Georgetown SDB Church in Kitty, Guyana. They were in temporary quarters for several months.

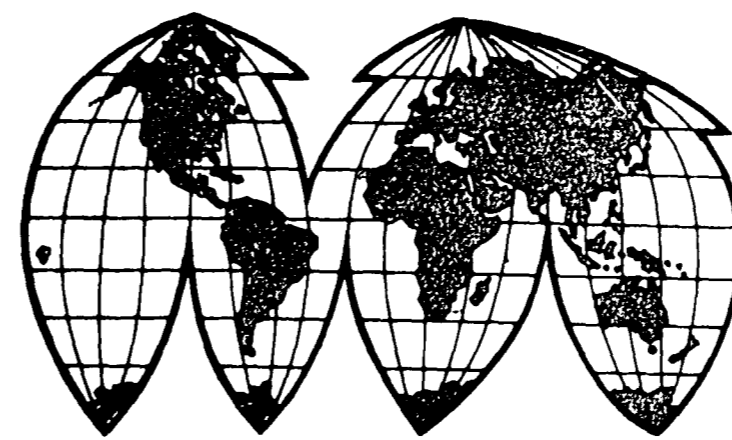
—*Rev. B. John V. Rao* wrote: "After several months of ceaseless labour of our SDB-Venkateswara mobile (medical) unit and religious persecution, our SDB conference has been able to win six villages from paganism to His vineyard, *baptized 241 people* and the inmates of nearly thirteen villages have begun to evidence keen interest in the call of the Saviour." The SDB hospital is located at *Tangutur, South India*.

### A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!

JUNE 1975

Verse for the month: . . . . .  
 "Don't be weary in prayer; keep at it; watch for God's answers and remember to be thankful when they come." — Col. 4:2 LB

- 1—Pastor Ken Chroniger, Farina, IL
- 2—David and Bettie Pearson, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa
- 3—L. Sawi Thanga, Rangoon, Burma
- 4—Toronto, Ontario, Canada, SDB Fellowship
- 5—Sec. Alton L. Wheeler, Plainfield, NJ
- 6—Pastor Sam Peters, Georgetown, Guyana, SA
- 7—Spiritual renewal in my life/church
- 8—For outreaching VBS in our churches
- 9—Summer Institute at Plainfield, NJ
- 10—Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX, SDB Fellowship
- 11—T. A. Thomas Clinic, Thyolo, Malawi, Africa
- 12—For love to my "neighbor"
- 13—Pastor Antonio Barrera, Curitiba, Brazil
- 14—Your pastor as he preaches
- 15—Summer Camp Ministries of Outreach
- 16—Lansing, MI, SDB mission satellite
- 17—Editor John D. Bevis, Plainfield, NJ
- 18—Menzo and Audrey Fuller, Makapwa, Malawi, Africa
- 19—Praise God for answered prayer!
- 20—Director of Evangelism, Mynor G. Soper
- 21—for VBS/Camp teachers and staffs
- 22—for SCSC training session, Salem, WV
- 23—Douglas and Jane Mackintosh, Kingston, Jamaica
- 24—Pastor B. John V. Rao, Nellore, India
- 25—Ambassadors Charles and Anita Harris, USA
- 26—Pastor Watson Mataka, Kisii, Kenya, Africa
- 27—Dean Herbert Saunders, Plainfield, NJ
- 28—SABBATH SCHOOL MISSION OFFERING
- 29—Kenneth Burdick, CHS, Kingston, Jamaica
- 30—Pastor Gordon D. Oliver, Texarkana, AR



MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

### THE GUIDELINES FOR OUR HOME MISSIONARY TO KENYA

We the members and friends of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists seek to send our brother and pastor, W. Mataka, to go and live among those of like precious faith in the Kisii area of Kenya.

We send him forth in the name and spirit of our Lord to represent us in the task of carrying out the Great Commission. It is our desire that he go forth full of hope and love, eager to serve in ways large and small as the spirit of God shall direct . . . .

Hopefully he will soon be able to set up a schedule and programme of work among people there, allowing ample time for his own physical rest and spiritual nourishment. Discussions, Committee Activity, Classes and Public Services will all find a place in the carrying out of his mission . . . .

Pastor Mataka will need to promote local stewardship among the people there. Teaching is required on the stewardship of life, time and means. Under these headings one may well consider the need for conversion, commitment, service, Sabbathkeeping, and tithing. Although we wish to encourage and assist our friends in Kenya, the financial initiative and burden will be theirs. This, they must shoulder.

Requests for financial assistance may be made from time to time, and these will be considered, but we are offering no promises at the present time.

Pastor Mataka hopefully will be able to help them in organizing their work and relating it to the Central Africa Conference. He should seek to see to it that demo-

cratic principles are enforced, and that too much power or authority is not vested in any one individual. The leader should be appointed by the people. He should be called upon to serve for a given period, after which he may be reappointed or dismissed at the will of the people. Though selected as the leader, he ought only to proceed on the advice of an advisory committee. This is what we mean when we say democratic principles . . . .

It is hoped that all teaching will exalt Christ and be Christ-centered. This is not easy to ensure and the Devil will seek to make such emphasis unlikely or impossible. The Sabbath should be discussed in its various facets, and be presented as the will of God for man, but it is never to be understood as a means of grace. Purity of doctrine should be maintained and error repudiated.

We, of the Central Africa Conference, encourage our brother in his difficult mission. We advise that he care for his body as best he can, allowing sufficient time for rest. He will need to secure sufficient food, apart from which sickness may readily result and our mission fail. Medical advice should be sought and followed closely . . . .

We commend the Mataka family, each one of them, to the grace of

our loving Heavenly Father, that each may be kept alive and secure in Him through the months of separation which lie ahead.

The Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists offers its prayer. □

—Rev. Otrain B. Manani, secretary Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists

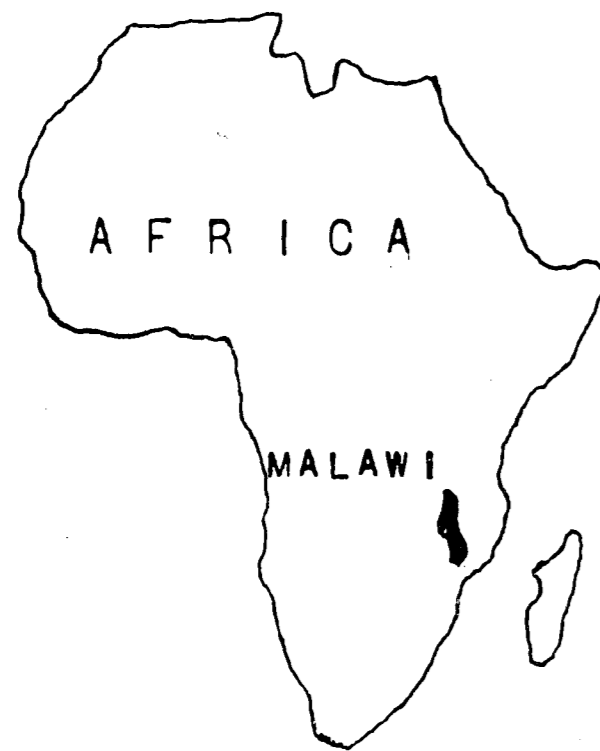
### Missionary Society Meeting

The Annual Missionary Society meeting was held on March 16, 1975, at the Pawcatuck SDB Church. Applications of sixty-seven new voting members were approved, bringing total voting membership on that date to 294. The Statement of Condition by Treasurer Karl G. Stillman showed an increase in total assets of \$25,997.84 during 1974.

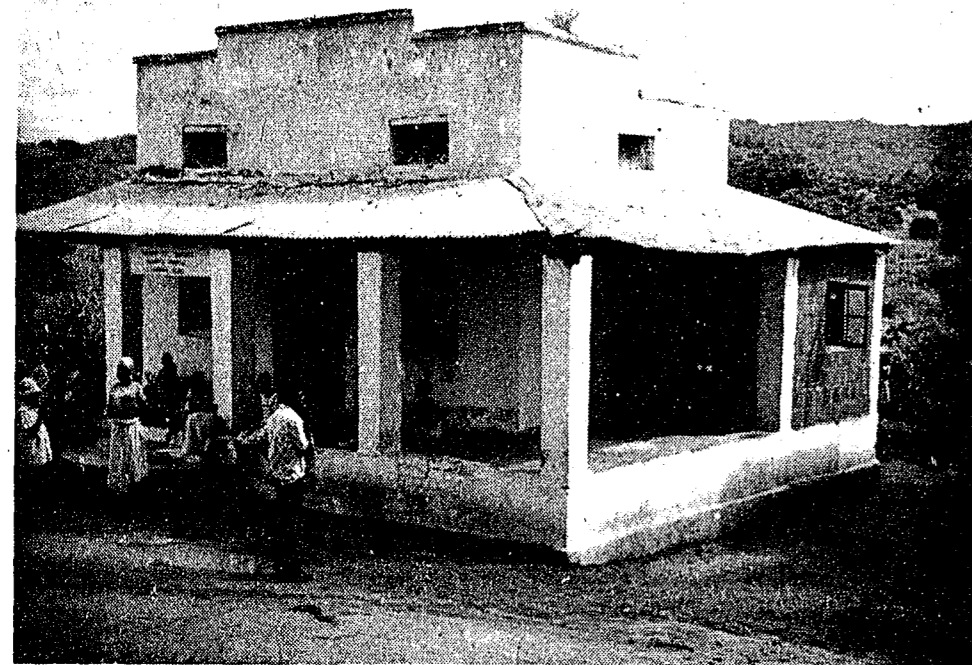
The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was presented by Executive Vice-President Leon R. Lawton. This detailed the work being done on fields at home and abroad, and will be published for distribution to all voting members and presentation at the 1975 General Conference session. □



L to R — Village Headman Mpenda, Tribal Authority (T.A.) Thomas, the governing person for the vast area, Mr. Mbawa the medical "dresser" and Evangelist Mhezuwa. Missionary Menzo Fuller drove the "new" Land Rover and M.A. (medical assistant) F. S. Msowoya was in charge.



### MEDICAL SERVICE EXPANDS



SANDAMA CLINIC a few miles south of Makapwa Medical Center opened in late 1974. It now has regular hours with a growing outpatient load. The clinic building is made available by an Indian merchant. The small office on the right, built by inclosing part of the Khondi, offers needed space.



Rodrick Nsembe, dresser as work in the Sandama Clinic, with Mr. Matado looking on.

This woman was down with malaria for one week before the first clinic was held. She could not sit up alone. M.A. Msowoya writes: "When we came we visited her at her home and prayed for her and gave her treatment. The next morning she sat up alone and this picture was taken. We thank the Lord for answering prayers so quickly to enable our church and medical work advance in this area."



## ANNUAL REPORT

### THESE TIMES

These are times in which our nation, and the world, faces energy, character, economic, and moral crises. These are heightened by our instant awareness of man's problems shared "up-to-the-minute" by the electronic media. To these must also be added the very real spiritual crisis—not always communicated as vividly, but nonetheless seen on individual faces and in individual lives around the world.

These are times in which our Savior, Jesus Christ, has called His brethren to live for Him—to be agents of reconciliation, to share good news of God's love for all persons, to minister to the persons for whom Christ died.

These are times of need and times of opportunity—a challenging time to be a follower of Jesus Christ! It is a challenging time to be committed to reaching others with the gospel of Christ, across the homeland and to the ends of the earth!

These are times when your Missionary Society has sought, to the best of its ability, to equip and send workers into the harvest fields. The faithful prayers and responsible stewardship of Seventh Day Baptists have made this possible.

In an "Era of Action" — the 70's—we lift up the challenge to **EXTEND NOW**. By God's grace we will!

### 1974

The year 1974 has been a good one. We have not realized all we would like, but new forward steps have been taken, souls brought into the kingdom, fellowship with those of like faith made personal, vision of open doors and unfinished tasks laid on

our hearts. We have seen individuals, lay and pastoral, step into new roles of witness and responsibility. We have had the joy to associate ourselves with dedicated and committed persons who have known God's hand on their lives and who have responded to His call.

Our report for 1974 will only give general/surface facts. The untold stories, heartaches, overflowing joy, needs unmet, could fill many, many pages. But, enter into this account with thanksgiving. Rejoice with us in praise. Let your heart be burdened. Prayerfully uphold workers and work, that the Holy Spirit might continue to move — empowering, guiding, inspiring, teaching, — that greater victories may be our experience to the glory of our God.

### —Decisions and Goals

As individuals, families, churches, associates and a General Conference, we are daily standing at a crossroad. Two, or more, ways are before us. Only one is God's way! "There is a way which seems right to a man, but . . ." (Prov. 14:12).

If we are to know the true Christian walk we must choose daily to follow our Lord. "We can make our plans, but the final outcome is in God's hands. Commit your work to the Lord, then it will succeed" (Prov. 16:1, 3 LB). The clear decision is ours!

So that our Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships may be growing spiritually and numerically during the coming year, a list of twelve goals has been prepared. These are suggested as targets toward which we would be aiming. These hopefully implement the will of God for you, your church and our Christian fellowship as SDB's. It would be well for church leaders to check these goals more than once during the year to note the progress being made.

The list of suggested goals follows:

- 1—Every family and individual having daily Bible reading and prayer.
- 2—Every church creating an evangelistic atmosphere that will encourage commitments to Christ, to the pastoral ministry, and to missionary service.
- 3—Every organization and individual in the local church seeking to win souls for Christ.
- 4—Every church enlisting a group of lay workers for regular visitation evangelism.
- 5—Every church working toward at least a 10 percent increase in church attendance over the previous year.
- 6—Every church finding each year a number of new prospects equal to at least 10 percent of its membership.
- 7—Every church promoting at least three evangelistic/lay witness mission activities during the year, such as: evangelistic preaching, lay training and visitation, vacation Bible school and youth camp outreach to new children and families, outreach projects in community and/or association such as satellite mission meetings, and other appropriate ways to outreach —Extend Now.

These are times of need and times of opportunity  
—a challenging time to be a follower of Jesus Christ! It is time to reach others with the gospel of love and peace.

- 8—Every church seeking at least one service project in the local area where the love of Christ can be expressed in meeting human need.
- 9—Every church giving no less than 25 percent of total receipts to Our World Mission and setting a goal for reaching 50 percent in regular planned steps.
- 10—Every home receiving *The Sabbath Recorder* to enable understanding of our work and witness as Seventh Day Baptists.
- 11—Every Sabbath School participating in the Sabbath School Mission Offering, each month, in support of New Fields.
- 12—Every church participating in the SDB Week of Prayer, the first full week of January.

### —Now Is the Time

Many may applaud the placing of a director of Evangelism on the field. We earnestly hope and pray that God will grant an outpouring of His Spirit upon our churches and upon each of us. In this way we will be more united in our witness and more effective in His service.

The providing of leadership through a director of Evangelism seems greatly needed. But we need to search our hearts and motives in this matter. If there any desire to shift the burden of evangelistic outreach to some "responsible" person, so that we, ourselves, can be set free from the necessity to go to work and witness for Christ right where we are? Along with the appointment of the director of Evangelism must go our willingness to pray, witness, and give more.

There is urgency in the Lord's work. We are stewards of the gospel. We are of those who have heard the good news and have accepted the Savior to the cleansing and forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, we now have a message to share and there is urgency in sharing it. As stewards of the gospel we will be expected to give an accounting of the faithfulness with which we have witnessed for Christ. It is no simple thing to be holding this treasure in earthen vessels (2 Cor. 4:1-10). Our Lord calls on all to work while it is "day" for the night is coming when no man can work. *Today* is the acceptable time.

In behalf of and approved by  
the Board of Managers,  
Leon R. Lawton,  
Executive Vice-President □

# The Church In Action

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

## TIME OF SERVICES CHANGED AT WATERFORD

WATERFORD, CONN. — The Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church is making a change in the time of its worship services. Instead of having Sabbath School after the morning worship service, we are putting the Sabbath School first, that is at 9:55 a.m., then the morning service at 11:00 instead of at 10:30. The congregation seems to be enjoying this change.

Our church has been involved in several new projects this past year. Together with several other New England churches, we are discussing the purchase and developing of camp property to take the place of the old Lewis Camp. We began fellowship dinners, but are changing these to suppers, as more convenient for the congregation, and these on a bimonthly schedule. Our Christmas Eve vespers, as planned by the choir, included the singing of Christmas carols, and closing with a candle-lighting. This has become an annual event.

Evangelist Mynor Soper's visit to us in early October took the nature of informal teaching sessions on "Victorious Christian Living." This form of teaching took the form of workshops, opportunity for individual counseling, especially for members of our congregation.

Our acquaintance with Brother Soper began a year ago (Oct. 1973) when he came here for evangelistic meetings, and was assisted by the Light Bearers for Christ. We would welcome a return of both Evangelist Soper and of the Light Bearers.



Alfred Station, N. Y., S.D.B. Church

## NEW YORK CHURCHES MERGE

The Independence, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church has merged with the Alfred Station, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church. A formal service where the merger became final was held during the Sabbath morning worship at Alfred Station, March 29, 1975.

The Independence church was constituted in 1834 — the first church of any denomination to be established in the Independence area. When the Andover, N. Y., church closed its doors in 1952, many of its members joined in with the Independence folk, and increased activity resulted.

After serving the Andover and Independence communities for over 140 years the remaining members voted to merge with the Alfred Station church, effective February 1, 1975.

All of the Independence church's physical property had been sold to a church of another denomination, so the Christian witness will be extended through the use of the refurbished "little white church in the valley" in the town of Independence.

The cherished name will no longer be listed in the Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook, but under the new name, Alfred Station SDB Church, the Independence church lives on as a vital part of the Kingdom of God. By His grace it will produce fruits of the Spirit to His glory for generations to come.

For the listing of the members who have joined the Alfred station church, see the Accessions listed elsewhere in this magazine.

—R. E. Z.

## MEATLESS MEALS

A cookbook of meatless recipes is used by the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Michigan, USA, to encourage people to use less meat, and thus make grain otherwise used to fatten cattle available to hungry people. The book can be ordered from the church (300 Willits, Birmingham, Mich. 48009) for 25 cents; and income is contributed to Baptist World Relief.



PASTOR SWING ACCEPTS CALL

DE RUYTER, N. Y.— In January we hosted a young adult weekend gathering. The three workshops — Communication, Group Identity and Involvement, and Creative Worship stimulated sharing, productive ideas and closer bonds of friendship. This was the origin of the Associational Young Adult Action group.

In February the AYAA met in Oneida for a grand time of fellowship. We spent the afternoon tobogganing followed by a light buffet with lots of singing and visiting. Our next activity is a weekend retreat in April to get some ground work laid. The theme will be "Our Children — The Future Church."

One Sabbath we joyfully worshipped with the Brookfield church, met their vivacious new pastor, Jim Cross and his family, and celebrated in song in the afternoon following a fellowship dinner.

While we have been without a pastor, Pastor Mills and fellow lay people have volunteered to lead the services. The services have included studies on Micaiah (1 Kings 22), the Sabbath, Knowing God, Moving On and Up, and Encouragement vs. Discouragement. We have also begun the delightful habit of a coffee-social time directly following the church service. Several times we have had fellowship dinners which are enjoyed by everybody.

At present we are thankfully preparing for the coming of the Swings to become a part of our fellowship

group again. Pastor Charlie will enthusiastically guide us as our pastor.

Tuesday nights are set aside for an enriching Bible Study in De Ruyter on the Book of Matthew. On the following night, in Ithaca another Bible study is held in various homes of our people. Preceding the Sabbath service at 11:00, the choir joins in preparation for our Easter music, and works on special music for various services.

## DAYTONA BEACH CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.— This has been a busy winter for the people of the Daytona Beach, Fla., church. We have appreciated the many friends from more northern churches who have joined us in worship and fellowship. We are especially grateful to Loyal and Lucile Todd of Milton, Wisconsin, who have lived in the parsonage during the winter months. They served as caretakers of the parsonage, hosted guests, and took a very active part in the entire church life.

We became better acquainted with Editor John Bevis and his family in December. After our monthly church dinner, he shared slides and brought us up to date on the *Sabbath Recorder* and other denominational interests.

We celebrated Christmas with a meaningful pageant written by Iris Maltby, with many members participating. Nathalie Davis was guest organist.

Social events have included a housewarming party for the Van Horns in their new home, and a well-attended all-church game night.

March 7-9 we celebrated the forty-third anniversary of the reconstitution of our church with our annual Homecoming. (The original organization took place in 1884, the Sabbath School having begun in 1875.) During Sabbath School a special historical skit was presented. Dr. Ruth Rogers, Frances Spencer, Mary McFall, and Velma Maxson prepared this presentation. In addition to our regular services there was a dinner Sabbath noon, followed by movies and slides. On Sunday, many enjoyed the annual church picnic at nearby Hollyland Park.

—Janette Crouch

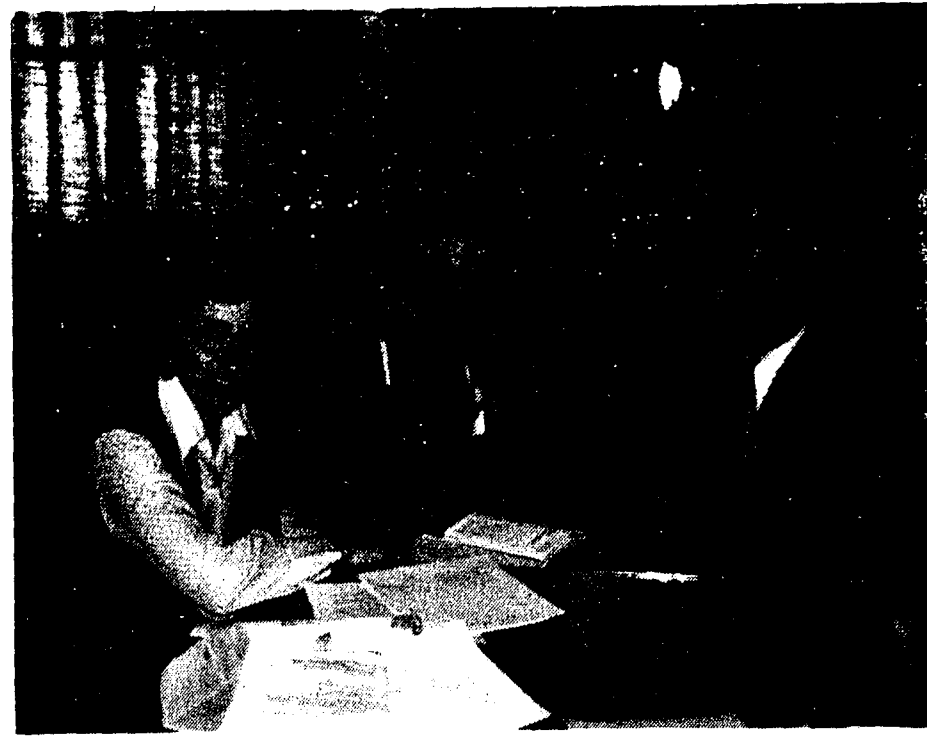
## SALEMVILLE YOUTH SPONSOR BUS TRIP TO CONFERENCE

The Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship wants to sponsor and help organize a charter bus or buses and/or group airplane charters to Pre-Con and General Conference at Azusa, California, August 6-16, 1975. We are prepared to serve as the clearing-house to form such charters.

We have discovered the following facts: 1. Groups of twenty-five or more can fly at reduced rates. The quoted rate from Eastern Airlines round trip is \$266.27 per seat. This compares to \$330.00 regular fare. This is subject to tariff changes, but will be very close to actual cost. Blocks of seats, twenty-five or more, may be reserved now until June 15, with a \$50.00 deposit. Any church or group of churches clustered around a given airport may make such plans.

2. A round trip bus ticket from Salemville for a chartered bus will cost \$140.00 per seat. Added to this expense would be meals and accommodations. We would hope to make selected connection stops such as camps or churches where we might make substantial savings yet contribute a minimum amount to cover incurred costs. This charter would be on the road for six days minimum on each side of Pro-Con and Conference. This would necessitate leaving July 30 and returning August 22. An extra day is planned so that we may tour Grand Canyon.

3. We propose that any person interested in going to Pre-Con and Conference consider one of these options: A. Round trip air flight; B. Round trip by bus; C. Out by bus and back by plane, or out by plane and back by bus. Please indicate your interest immediately so we may have time to formulate plans. This is not to be construed as a commitment on your part unless you so indicate. Remember we made it to Denver and those who went were blessed. For more information or to indicate your preference: Write, Salemville S.D.B. Youth Fellowship, c/o Pastor Melvin Stephan, R.D. 1, Box 105 A, New Enterprise, PA 16664 or telephone (814) 766-4321. □



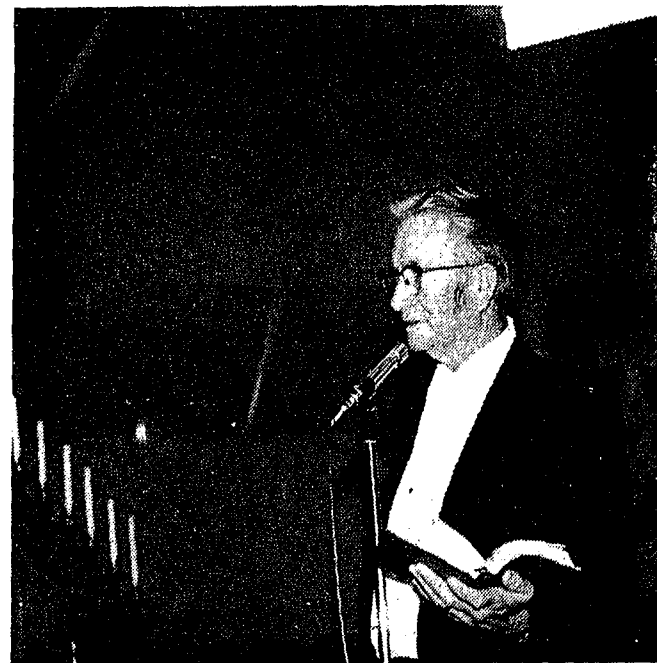
The new editor of the HELPING HAND, Ms. Elaine Kuehn Stonestrom, recently visited Plainfield to confer with Printer Phillip Van Horn and Publishing Director John Bevis on layout and publishing procedures. The 1975-76 winter issue (December, January, February) will be the first edition by the new editor.



Some 250 friends attended a reception in honor of Miss Florence Bowden on her seventy-fifth birthday at the Shiloh S.D.B. Church, Sunday, April 20. A dedicated Christian, Miss Bowden serves on the Tract Board and the Council on Ministry, as well as teaching a Sabbath School class at the Shiloh church. Pictured are Mrs. Helen Ellzey, hostess; Miss Bowden, and Mrs. Florence Sheppard Moncrief, Miss Bowden's namesake. We praise God for Florence's life of dedication and service. Best wishes from the entire RECORDER staff.

### VERONA CALLS PASTOR

The Seventh Day Baptist Church at Verona, N. Y., has called John Peil of Los Angeles, Calif., to serve as pastor beginning in the summer. John will graduate in May from the American Baptist Seminary of the West at Covina. We pray God's blessings on John and Ruth as they assume their duties in Verona.



### OLIVER ACCEPTS TEXARKANA CALL

The Rev. Gordon Oliver has accepted a call to serve the Texarkana, Arkansas, S. D. B. Church beginning in July. Pastor Oliver is currently serving the Schenectady, N. Y., church and has also served the church in New Auburn, Wis. Let us pray for God's guidance on the Oliver family as they enter this field of service. □

### Accessions

- ALFRED STATION, N. Y.  
Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, Pastor
- By Merger:  
Mrs. Ella Bassett  
Mr. Carrol Burdick  
Mrs. Carrol (Meribah) Burdick  
Mr. Charles F. Clarke  
Mr. Decatur Clarke  
Mrs. Decatur (Naomi) Clarke  
Mr. Gerald Clarke  
Mr. Maxson Clarke  
Mr. Robert Clarke  
Mr. Stephen Clarke  
Mr. Wallace W. Clarke  
Mr. Wally Clarke  
Mr. William Clarke  
Mr. Wayne Crandall  
Mrs. Wayne (Katherine) Crandall  
Mr. Kenneth Crandall  
Mrs. Joan Crandall  
Mrs. Dawn Gugino  
Mrs. Mildred Leon  
Mrs. Grace Spicer  
Mrs. Mary Vincent  
Mrs. Doris Clarke (Associate mem.)
- By Baptism:  
Pamela Jo Chapman  
Ralph G. Chapman  
Mark Allen Mix  
Donald R. Mix  
Craig E. Mix  
Terri L. Sutton  
Wendy Sutton
- By Letter:  
Bertha B. Drake
- By Testimony:  
Etta Willard
- DENVER, COLO.  
Rev. John Conrod, Pastor
- By Baptism:  
Rodney Cox  
Michael Cox  
Renee Varga  
Michael Conrod
- By Letter:  
John A. Conrod  
Joyce L. (Mrs. John) Conrod

### VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are happy to provide space for those readers who wish to share vocational opportunities near their church/community and for those readers who desire to relocate. This will be a monthly feature.

#### MD Position Open

For any qualified and interested general practitioner who feels lead to change location there is an opportunity in the village of De Ruyter, New York, to take over the practice of the present doctor who will be retiring in November. For further information concerning the position contact:  
Mr. Winslow Skeele  
West Lake Road  
De Ruyter, New York 13052

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### NEWS FROM MARLBORO

Marlboro, N. J.— Week of Prayer was observed in church and homes during January. The annual church business meeting and dinner were well attended. Joint Communion with Shiloh at Marlboro with the Rev. Charles H. Bond giving the message "The Promises and Purposes of Prayer" was also very well attended. Pastor Richards was on Station WSNJ as guest speaker—"Windows of Christian Living."

On February 1, Youth Sabbath, a fine original program was given. Many verses of Scripture were read and a spiritual response followed. Myron and Mary Jane McPherson made birthday-anniversary calendars for the church members which were much appreciated. Marlboro won the banner at the West District Hymn in February.

The Rev. and Mrs. Alton Wheeler visited our church. The Rev. Wheeler's message was "The Urgent Now." A covered dish dinner was served after which the guest speaker talked on denominational concerns. James Davis has edited and published the new Church Directory for each family and it is very much appreciated. Although it rained, Sunrise Service was held at Jersey Oaks Camp. Pastor Bond gave the meditation. Refreshments were served.

Pastor Don Richards has been giving us very interesting, informative, and soul-searching sermons on "Far Better Men." So many of our group have been sick, some hospitalized, Pastor Richards has been kept very busy in visitation. We appreciated having Evangelist Mynor Soper with us February 14, 15 presenting the message on Sabbath Day. He talked on Evangelism in the morning following by a fellowship dinner.

We were glad to welcome Myron McPherson into our church membership by letter from Seattle, Washington, church. The Junior Choir presented the cantata "Follow After Him" directed by Mrs. Jeannie Dickinson, written by Ethel T. Rogers. Tanya, daughter of Howard and Becky Miller was dedicated in a recent service and her parents rededicated.

On March 28 we were saddened by the death of Harry Ansink, deacon for many years. Our loss is in Heaven's gain.

—Ella T. Davis



The new Light Bearers for Christ team recently conducted training sessions and evangelistic meetings in Texarkana, Arkansas. The team consist of Dawn Soper, Evangelist Mynor Soper and Pattie Lawton. (D. Yarberry photographer)

### PAINT ROCK CALLS PASTOR

The Paint Rock, Alabama, S.D.B. Church has called Barry Clapper of Salemville, Pa., to serve as pastor beginning in May. For several months Barry served in the Light Light Bearers for Christ team and thus is known to many people across the denomination. He has recently assisted in the services at the Snow Hill (German) church in Pennsylvania. We pray God's blessings on Brother Clapper and the Paint Rock church. □

### WAKONDA MEMOIRS

Reminiscences and history of Camp Wakonda from its founding in 1950 to 1966. This book will certainly have the interest of campers and staff members who camped here. All who are interested in camping programs will benefit from this book. Price \$1.75. Order from: Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, 1648 9th Street, Boulder, CO 80302. □



Five were baptized in Texarkana at the conclusion of the evangelistic services. Pictured are: Rev. Ralph Soper, Kenny Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Eddington, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Upchurch and Evangelist Mynor Soper. (D. Yarberry photographer)





### PREMIER OF SOUTH AFRICA CONSULTS WITH LIBERIAN PRESIDENT

The prime minister of South Africa flew to Monrovia, Liberia, to hold secret talks with Liberian president William R. Tolbert, who is also a Baptist minister and former president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. Tolbert has developed a reputation as peacemaker in Africa, and Mr. Vorster sought the Liberian president's influence for conciliation in South Africa's relationships with blacks of its land and with other nations.

Mr. Vorster took with him his foreign minister as well as the secretary for foreign affairs and the head of South Africa's bureau for state security.

It is "rally time" in the world, London and Cape Town papers reported the Liberian president as saying — a time for all nations and people to come together in peace rather than in confrontation and work together for the good of all.

Dr. Tolbert identified himself with the desires and aspirations of African people to enjoy human dignity, justice and respect. They wish to seek solutions through mutual talks, he continued, only on a basis of equality. This situation in South Africa, he said he had been brought to believe, was abhorrent to others. Specific questions discussed by the state leaders included those of Namibia (Southwest Africa), Rhodesia (where Dr. Tolbert urged the removal of South African troops) and other countries.

Upon his return to Cape Town Mr. Vorster told the South African parliament that he had been well received by Dr. Tolbert. □

—EBPS

### HUMANITARIAN AID URGED BY RANDOLPH

WASHINGTON — U. S. Senator Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.) has urged the President to "appeal to the United Nations for prompt humanitarian aid for those persons whose lives have been torn by the tragedy in Indochina."

In a telegram to the President, Randolph said that citizens generally are concerned over the human suffering in Southeast Asia and the problems faced by the millions of refugees, orphans and civilian casualties. He pointed out that Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has indicated that aid could be channeled through the U. N. High Commission for Refugees, "which has programs of humanitarian assistance on both sides of the conflict."

Randolph said he believes we have the "moral responsibility to urge all countries to act immediately through the United Nations to lessen the massive problems connected with the movement of refugees, relief personnel and supplies." We should advocate intensified efforts within the U.N. to develop solutions to this critical issue, Randolph told the President, adding that the President's strong leadership "would be a compelling force in bringing cohesive action." □

### SOVIETS JAIL BAPTIST LEADER

Georgi P. Vins, leader of a dissident group of Soviet Baptists, was sentenced to five years in prison to be followed by five years in exile on a charge of damaging the interests of Soviet citizens under the "pretext" of religious work. Very little attention is focused on the plight of Christians in Communist lands by the press or most world religious organizations. Let us pray for our brethren in Soviet Russia that God will keep them faithful and will bless their efforts to advance the Kingdom of Christ even in trying and difficult times. □

### Congressman Killed

Republican Congressman Jerry Pettis, 58, a Seventh-day Adventist leader from Loma Linda, California, was killed when his light plane crashed into a mountain in Southern California. □

### NAE PRESIDENT APPEALS TO BREZHNEV

WHEATON, ILL.—In the wake of reports of increasing harassment and arrest of Christians in the Soviet Union, the president of the National Association of Evangelicals wrote to Leonid Brezhnev, appealing for just and fair treatment of Christians in his nation.

"It is of great importance to us," the letter stated, "as we hear of fellow-believers being put on trial, apparently because of their faith."

Pointing out that the Russian constitution provides for religious freedom, Dr. Paul E. Toms, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, called on the Soviet leader to uphold the rights of Christians in Russia.

"Evangelical Christians in America are deeply concerned" for the plight and conditions of fellow-Christians, Toms asserted, "and we do earnestly plead for the observation of these rights on their behalf."

In a previous resolution, the voting members of NAE had affirmed their "moral and humanitarian concern" over the plight of Jews and "other deprived religious groups" in the Soviet Union. The National Association of Evangelicals is a voluntary organization whose membership represents some sixty denominational affiliations. □

### AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

ORADELL, N. J. — One hundred and fifty years of publishing and circulating nondenominational religious tracts is being celebrated by the American Tract Society, Oradell, N. J., during 1975.

According to ATS president and general director, Philip P. Gammon, the Society's original charter prescribes that its mission should be to spread the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior and "to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality by the circulation of religious tracts." Gammon further noted that this purpose has never been compromised though the country has gone through both civil and world wars and numerous periods of national stress. □

## PENTECOST 1975

### Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches

The Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches will meet this year in Nairobi, Kenya, November 23 - December 10. Its theme is "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites." As presidents of the World Council of Churches we ask you to pray with us on the Day of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit may lead all of us and our churches in the preparation for this Assembly and during the Assembly itself.

We live in a world where technology is offering freedom from limitations under which men have suffered in the past. But our economic problems, and very especially the fact that millions of people are hungry, demonstrate that we are slaves rather than masters of the material world. We will meet in a continent where in the last fifteen years political freedom has come with great rapidity for many people. But there as elsewhere many do not yet enjoy this freedom and are deprived of basic human rights. Similarly we are made aware in innumerable ways of the need of unity for mankind, but we do not seem to be able to overcome the forces making for conflict and war.

What is the meaning of these things? What does Jesus Christ say to us about freedom and unity? These are the questions to which we will be seeking answers.

Jesus promised His disciples that the Spirit would lead them into all the truth. We must be aware of the ways by which the Spirit works. What can we learn from the story of Pentecost?

At the direction of Jesus, the disciples waited in Jerusalem. There were many other important things they might have been doing, but prayer came first.

When the spirit came upon them they shared the good news and did so in words all could understand. They felt impelled to communicate their faith and were given the

ability to do it.

The Spirit spoke to them when they were together. They heard Him as a community of believers bound together by word and sacrament. They listened to Him and to one another.

They were led to share their material resources so that none in the community of believers should go hungry.

The Spirit at times required of them surprising and unpredictable action. They found that through the Spirit the Lord inspired them to act boldly and imaginatively.

There was given to the community of believers the various gifts of the Spirit which enabled them to be effective witnesses at each time and place.

Led by the Spirit, the community succeeded in carrying its witness to Jerusalem, to Judea, to Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

The Spirit had prepared the way. Thus, the very life, witness and service of the community, the Church as the Body of Christ in history, depended and depends on the continual invocation of the Holy Spirit.

In our ministry to a world which seeks freedom and unity, we need the leading of the Spirit. On this day let us covenant together to pray and wait, to listen to the Spirit and to each other, to witness and act as the Spirit directs, and to trust the result to Him who is preparing the way. □

—The Presidents of the

World Council of Churches:

- Hon. President: (Rev. Dr.) W. A. Visser't Hooft — Geneva, Switzerland
- (Dr.) Kiyoko T. Cho — Tokyo, Japan (Patriarch) German of Serbia—Belgrade, Yugoslavia
- (Bishop) Hanns Lilje — Hannover, Germany
- (Rev. Dr.) Ernest A. Payne — Pitsford, England
- (Rev. Dr.) John C. Smith — New York, USA
- (Bishop) A. H. Zulu — Eshowe, South Africa



*The Enchanted Years* by Carroll Cartwright, Exposition Press, \$10.

Mr. Carroll Cartwright, a member of the Alfred Station, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church has written this most interesting book. For anyone who is acquainted with the "Genesee Country" it will bring back many memories of fond relationships and happenings. Once you start reading it, you do not want to stop. The jacket of the book describes it as "A vivid recollection of horse and buggy days in upstate New York . . . *The Enchanted Years* offers a wonderful backward look to a time when life was simple, wholesome and rewarding—a rare treat for today's jaded reader. Don't miss it!" I am in complete agreement. The narratives move along smoothly without any extra adornment, yet with a generous mixture of the cliches of the day.

Not yet widely distributed, copies may be purchased from the E. W. Crandall Book Store in Alfred or from the Alfred Station S.D.B. Church. It will make a tremendous gift for anyone who has any connection with upstate New York's southern tier. We are justly proud of this accomplishment of Mr. Cartwright.

—Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel

### YEARBOOK ERRATA

Please make the following addition to your copy of the 1974 YEARBOOK, under Commission of the General Conference, term expiring 1977: Rev. Leland E. Davis, 4376 York Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90041. Tel. (213) 257-3291.

Statistics for the Plainfield church should read: Mem 100; I. Let. 4, Death 1, D. Let. 2, Dis. 1.

Copies of the YEARBOOK may be secured from the Publishing House. The price is \$3.00 per copy.

## HELEN SHAW THORNGATE: A TRIBUTE OF LOVE

Adapted from a biography written  
by her husband and read at  
her memorial service

Helen Shaw Thorngate always liked to say that her birthplace was Friendship. As a daughter of the pastor there, later moving to New York City, Plainfield, N. J., and North Loup, Nebr., her growing up was somewhat fragmented. But she was a good student, a joy to her teachers, a fast runner and the best player on the basketball team. She was also valedictorian of her high school class.

At Milton College Helen was an outstanding student, active in music and dramatics. Upon the return of her fiancé from World War I service, they were married and she became active participant in his medical training at Madison, Wis., and Cleveland, Ohio. Together they volunteered for service as China missionaries.

Arriving in Shanghai, the couple spent a few months in studying the Chinese language and then went out into the country which had recently been ravaged by civil war. She aided her husband in rebuilding the Liuhu Hospital. In wisteria time she had her second son, the first having been born during medical school. The third son seems to have been an event in himself not otherwise associated, but their fourth son arrived during the first Japanese invasion. On furloughs she did volunteer home nursing, acted as PTA president, and shared the anxieties of Navy wives whose men were at sea. Back in China she and her husband were interned more than a year by Communists. (The last recorded minutes of the China Mission are written in her hand.)

When she came up to bat in baseball, she could sock the ball. She always gloried in the interesting and exciting events that took place. Mrs. Thorngate was the office manager and treasurer when her husband and sons set up a group practice — a stern accountant and rigid upholder of standards. She was a person whom everybody loved and respected.

See obituary notice for other information.

## Marriages

**Crouch - Davis.**— Steven Crouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crouch of Milton, Wis., and Rebecca Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davis of Fouke, Ark., were united in marriage on March 29, 1975, in the Fouke S.D.B. Church with the Rev. Mynor Soper officiating and the Rev. Floyd L. Goodson assisting.

**Green - Carey.**— Clinton J. Green of Edgerton, Wis., and Doris E. Carey of Madison, Wis., were united in marriage March 3, 1975, by their pastor, Rev. A. A. Appel, in the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church parsonage.

**Radliff - Fetrow.**— Roger Radliff, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Radliff, Sr. of Waterford, Conn., and Janette Fetrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fetrow of Waterford, Conn., were united in marriage March 8, 1975, at the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church by their pastor, the Rev. Dale E. Rood.

**Webb - Murray.**— David Andrew Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb of Texarkana, Ark., and Wanda Kathleen Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard V. Murray, members of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church, were united in marriage on March 8, 1975, in the Fouke, Ark., S.D.B. Church with the Rev. Floyd L. Goodson performing the ceremony.

## Births

**Kagarise.**— A daughter, Danielle Lee, to Bob and Donna Kagarise of New Enterprise, Pa., on Jan. 26, 1975.

## Obituaries

**BAUER.**— Fred O. Bauer was born in Germany, February 19, 1903, and died in the Medic-Home Health Center in Inverness, Florida, February 28, 1975, where he was a patient for twenty-seven months.

He came to this country from Germany in 1925 and settled in Long Island, N. Y. He moved to Beverly Hills, Le-canto, Fla., five years ago, and was a retired tool and die maker.

He was married to Helen Lehmann Kern in our Plainfield, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 20, 1967 and attended the German Seventh Day Baptist Church with his wife whenever possible. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior about three years ago.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Roger Bauer of Lindenhurst, N. Y.; one daughter, Marilyn Beyer, stationed in Korea with her husband, Lt. Col. Alfred Beyer and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were held by the Rev. Bobby Musselwhite of the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, Florida. Interment will be in the family grave in Germany. —J.S.

**CRANDALL.**—Alvera Bell Hunter Crandall was born in Utica, Ill., on January 10, 1915, the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Bell Hurd Hunter. She passed away in sleep at her home in Farina, Ill., the evening of March 31, 1975.

She is survived by her husband, Roy E. Crandall, whom she married on August 3, 1968; one brother, Laurence Hunter of LaSalle, Illinois; and five stepchildren. She was a member of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church. Services were held in the Stonecipher Funeral Home on April 3, 1975, with burial in the Farina Cemetery. Services were conducted by Reverend Everett Gott and Reverend Marvin Schrolucke.

**DAVIS.**— Ethel Celestia, age 81, of Fouke, Arkansas, died at her home after a long illness. She was born March 3, 1893 at Farnam, Nebr. and had lived in Fouke most of her life. She was the widow of Edgar Stillman Davis and was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1906.

Survivors include two sons, Glen Davis of Fouke, Ark., and Gilbert Davis of Texarkana; two daughters, Mrs. Lena Mae Slaton of Fouke, Ark., and Mrs. Esther Iris McWilliams of Texarkana; three sisters, Mrs. Neva Jensen and Mrs. Pansy Green both of Milton Junction, Wis., and Mrs. Hazel Robertson of Fouke, Ark., nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and other relatives. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Ralph Soper assisted by Rev. Floyd Goodson. —F. L. G.

**THORNGATE.**—Helen Shaw Thorngate, wife of Dr. George Thorngate, III, died March 29, 1975 at Carmel, Calif. (See tribute in this issue.)

Born at Friendship, N.Y., April 1, 1897, she was a daughter of Rev. George B. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw. After graduation from Milton College she was married and assisted her husband in medical school. With one son she accompanied him to China for service in the Seventh Day Baptist Mission at Shanghai and Liuhu in 1924. Three other sons were born and reared there. After the closing of the China Mission in 1950 they served briefly in Indochina.

A person of charm and zest, Mrs. Thorngate added greatly to whatever she did. The Robe of Achievement was awarded to her by the Women's Society of General Conference in 1966. A sister, Miss Miriam Shaw, also served as director of nursing at the Liuhu Hospital for a period of years.

The memorial service was conducted at the Chapel by the Sea, Pacific Grove, Calif., by the Rev. Wayne R. Rood. Survivors include her husband; four sons, Dr. George Thorngate, IV, Dr. David Thorngate, Dr. Stephen Thorngate and Dr. Philip Thorngate; two sisters, Mrs. Hannah S. Burdick and Mrs. Catherine S. Jacox, Alfred, N. Y.; and nieces and nephews. —A.N.R.

## OUR WORLD MISSION

### OWM BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR MARCH 1975

|                           | Treasurer's |          | Boards'  |          | Treasurer's                    |                    | Boards'            |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                           | March       | 3 months | 3 months | 3 months | March                          | 3 months           | 3 months           |                   |
| Adams Center NY ...\$     |             | 264.60   |          |          | Shiloh NJ .....                | 1,728.39           | 2,431.37           | 50.00             |
| Albion WI .....           | 20.24       | 96.63    | 60.00    |          | Stonefort IL .....             | 30.00              | 90.00              | 10.00             |
| Alfred NY .....           | 731.82      | 1,638.32 | 110.00   |          | Texarkana AR .....             | 20.00              | 20.00              |                   |
| Alfred Station NY .....   | 295.38      | 887.99   | 40.00    |          | Verona NY .....                | 191.00             | 536.00             | 20.00             |
| Ashaway RI .....          | 690.58      | 1,402.52 | 135.00   |          | Walworth WI .....              | 100.00             | 300.00             |                   |
| Assns & Groups .....      | 359.24      | 4,815.59 | 405.09   |          | Washington DC .....            | 400.00             | 608.00             | 430.00            |
| Battle Creek MI .....     | 1,208.92    | 1,640.52 | 40.00    |          | Waterford CT .....             | 497.15             | 718.62             | 60.00             |
| Bay Area CA .....         |             | 80.00    |          |          | Westerly RI .....              | 100.00             | 738.00             | 178.81            |
| Berea WV .....            | 115.00      | 115.00   |          |          | White Cloud MI .....           | 102.64             | 269.76             | 10.00             |
| Berlin NY .....           |             | 342.23   |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Boulder CO .....          | 158.68      | 412.04   | 30.00    |          | <b>Totals</b> .....            | <b>\$16,571.29</b> | <b>\$36,778.78</b> | <b>\$3,435.65</b> |
| Brookfield NY .....       | 30.00       | 108.50   | 10.00    |          | Non-Budget .....               | 130.00             |                    |                   |
| Buffalo NY .....          | 112.00      | 237.00   |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Dallas-Ft. Worth TX ..... | 9.00        | 76.10    |          |          | <b>Total To Disburse</b> ..... | <b>\$16,701.29</b> |                    |                   |
| Daytona Beach FL .....    | 346.00      | 528.82   | 20.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Denver CO .....           | 1,205.41    | 1,875.44 | 150.00   |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| De Ruyter NY .....        | 170.25      | 462.50   | 20.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Dodge Center MN .....     | 435.75      | 1,027.05 | 80.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Farina IL .....           |             | 12.50    | 30.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Fouke AR .....            |             | 246.77   | 10.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Hebron PA .....           | 118.55      | 301.15   | 35.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Hopkinton RI .....        |             |          | 20.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Houston TX .....          | 142.02      | 242.02   |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Individuals .....         |             | 60.00    |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Irvington NJ .....        | 110.00      | 310.00   |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Kansas City MO .....      | 113.20      | 214.81   |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Leonardsville NY .....    |             | 60.00    |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Little Genesee NY .....   | 227.30      | 608.03   | 5.00     |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Little Rock AR .....      | 29.84       | 60.02    |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Los Angeles CA .....      | 525.00      | 1,575.00 | 20.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Lost Creek WV .....       | 600.00      | 1,215.00 | 50.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Marlboro NJ .....         | 849.75      | 1,302.01 | 10.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Metairie LA .....         |             |          |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Milton WI .....           | 1,400.65    | 2,662.86 | 170.00   |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Milton Junction WI .....  | 109.20      | 234.20   | 30.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Monterey CA .....         |             |          |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| New Auburn WI .....       | 206.47      | 250.72   | 30.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| New Milton WV .....       | 80.00       | 160.00   |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| New Orleans LA .....      |             |          |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| New York City NY .....    |             |          |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| North Loup NE .....       | 400.00      | 650.00   | 115.00   |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Nortonville KS .....      | 270.93      | 672.93   | 50.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Ohio Fellowship OH .....  | 63.00       | 163.00   |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Paint Rock AL .....       |             |          | 39.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Plainfield NJ .....       |             |          | 623.00   |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Richburg NY .....         | 516.53      | 673.03   | 62.75    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Riverside CA .....        | 1,080.00    | 1,630.00 | 140.00   |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Rockville RI .....        | 58.00       | 96.00    | 42.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Salem WV .....            | 503.38      | 1,175.25 | 85.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Salemville PA .....       |             | 200.00   | 10.00    |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Schenectady NY .....      |             | 29.25    |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Seattle WA .....          | 110.02      | 224.63   |          |          |                                |                    |                    |                   |

### MARCH 1975 DISBURSEMENTS

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Board of Christian Education .....   | \$ 1,440.97        |
| Council on Ministry .....            | 922.02             |
| Historical Society .....             | 9.94               |
| Ministerial Retirement .....         | 1,683.61           |
| Missionary Society .....             | 6,405.66           |
| Tract Society .....                  | 2,183.33           |
| Trustees of General Conference ..... | 9.94               |
| Women's Society .....                | 293.32             |
| Council on Ecumenical Affairs .....  | 99.69              |
| General Conference .....             | 3,652.81           |
| <b>Total Disbursements .....</b>     | <b>\$16,701.29</b> |

### SUMMARY MARCH 1975

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1975 Budget .....                       | \$210,030.00 |
| Receipts for three months:              |              |
| OWM Treasurer .....                     | \$36,778.78  |
| Boards Reported .....                   | 3,435.65     |
|   | 40,214.43    |
| To be raised by December 31, 1975 ..... | \$169,815.57 |
| Percentage of year elapsed .....        | 25%          |
| Percentage of budget raised .....       | 19.14%       |
| Three months:                           |              |
| Due .....                               | \$ 52,507.50 |
| Raised .....                            | 40,214.43    |
| Arrears .....                           | \$ 12,293.07 |

Gordon Sanford  
OWM Treasurer

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*Salvation is...*  
**To BE LOVED  
To BE SET FREE  
To BE MADE ALIVE**

**BAPTISTS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Seventh Day Baptists as well as all Baptists in the United States have long cherished and defended the principle of religious liberty. Baptists initiated the efforts that eventually placed guarantees of religious liberty and freedom of dissent in the constitution. Throughout the years since they have defended these principles whenever they have been challenged. In keeping with this tradition, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, to which we belong, issued the following recommendation:

"Recognizing religious liberty to be one of the cardinal principles of Baptists and a major contribution of Baptists to North America, the Baptist Joint Committee recommends that serious consideration be given by each of its member bodies of Canada and the United States to the designation of Religious Liberty Sunday, the second Sunday in June of each year, or such other Sunday as may be worked into the denominational calendar." Seventh Day Baptists would be invited to observe this on the second Sabbath in June.

We agree that there is great potential value in setting aside a special time to consider the great principle of religious liberty, especially as we celebrate this nation's bicentennial.

Events of the past weeks and months reaffirm that social justice, political freedom and religious liberty are not realized in many parts of the world. And we in the United States must ever be on guard against those who would undermine the great principles on which this country was founded and deprive us of religious and political freedoms. Observance of Religious Liberty Sabbath can do much to deepen our appreciation and understanding of the principles we have long maintained. □

**THE TRAGEDY OF VIETNAM**

Each day through the news media we are witness to the continuing tragedy in Vietnam. Our hearts ache as we see the misery of the thousands of refugees who are fleeing southward in a seemingly vain search for safety and peace. In spite of all the claims of Hanoi, once again as in East Germany, Hungary, Korea, and Poland, the people are voting with their feet. The mass exodus from the areas occupied by the North Vietnamese cannot be interpreted as anything but a condemnation of Communist rule.

Americans are especially concerned over the plight of the some 200,000 orphans, many fathered by American servicemen. President Ford dramatized the airlift of the orphans to this country by personally greeting one plane and assisting in

taking the children to awaiting ambulances. Americans should help these orphans. It is our responsibility. The mixed children left behind by American G.I.'s are subject to teasing, ridicule and neglect. They grow to feel, as one mother put it, "sad about themselves." Many mothers find their mixed children become signs of disgrace and they often suffer economically from the rejection. Because economic hardship and family pressure many of these children are abandoned.

These little children, helpless victims of the war, often display a painful ambivalence about their own physical characteristics. Unfortunately many of the mothers do not know how to handle the hostility and hurt that writhe inside these little ones. The effect of the war on these children will be a continuing tragedy long after the last gun is silenced.

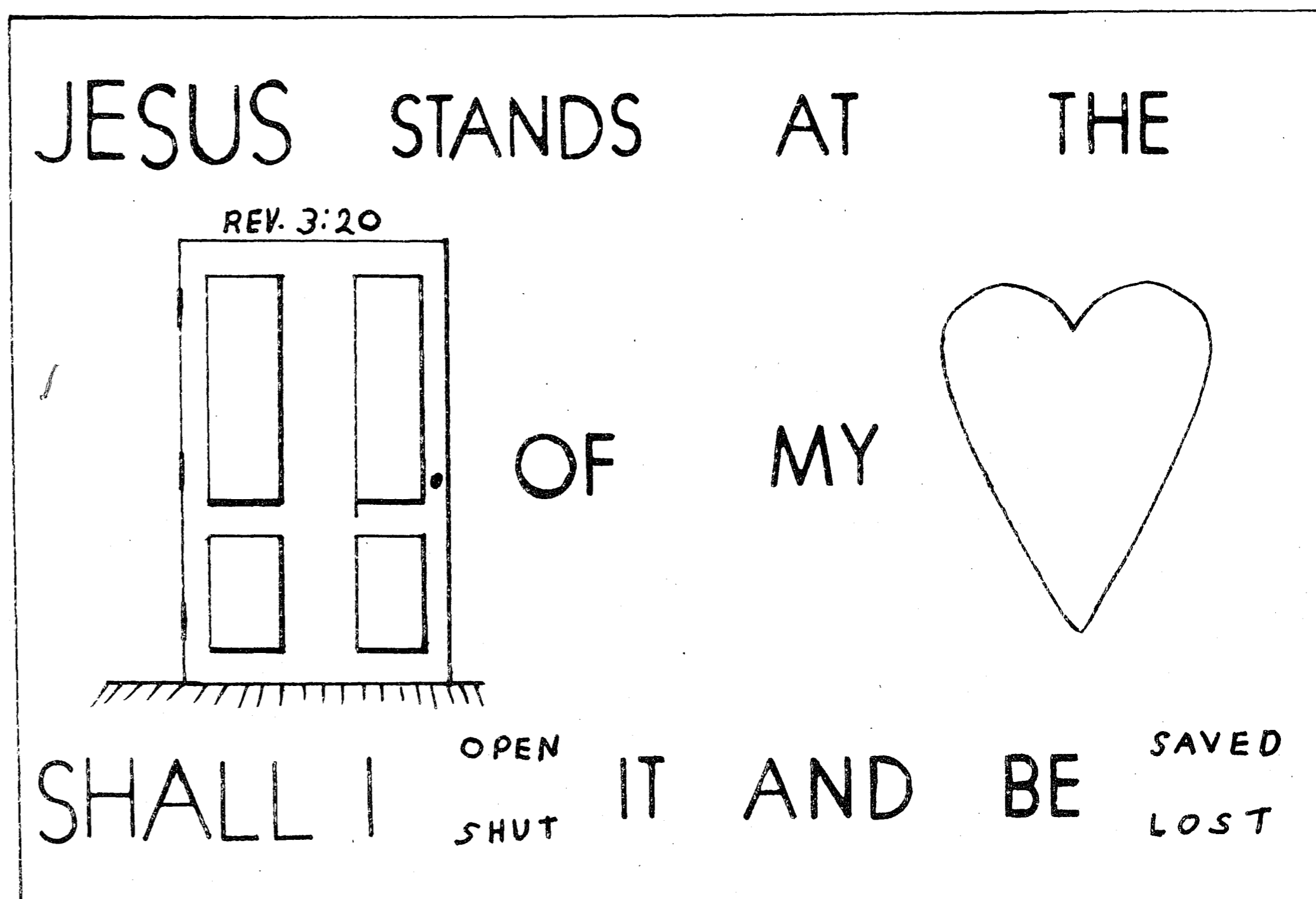
"To save a child is to save the world." □

**VIETNAMESE CHRISTIANS SUFFER DEATH AND PERSECUTION**

In a special press conference, it was reported by officials of the Christian Missionary Alliance and the National Association of Evangelicals' World Relief Commission that, aside from the unknown fate of missing American missionaries, at least five national Vietnamese pastors have now been executed by North Vietnamese forces. "As word trickles south from refugees," said Dr. Nathan Bailey, president of CMA, "We hear that pastors and community leaders are being publicly shot as an example of future action against those who they feel could influence the public in opposition to the atheistic and political control of occupying forces."

Field director for the WRC, Stuart Willcuts, reported that refugees told him in Vietnam before he left, that they were fleeing from the potential bloodbath which would occur in each local community of those who had had any degree of contact with Americans or who occupied leadership positions. "The fate of the Christian church is very uncertain," he said, and "there is need for a great deal of prayer for the safety of national pastors and their families, especially those who have purposely remained to offer spiritual help and guidance to their fellow countrymen in these days of tremendous danger and upheaval." □

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Jesus talks about our life as if it were a house into which He would like to enter and live as if He were a guest. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" (Rev. 3:20). YOUR HEART IS THAT DOOR. Did you ever think that the Savior stands there waiting for you to open the door, so that He may come in and abide and live there? Now, when some friend comes and knocks at the door of your house, you or some one runs to the door to let that friend come in. You do not keep your friend standing and waiting very long, if you can help it, but you open the door wide just as quickly as possible. Well! How about our Savior, the Lord, Jesus Christ? How do you treat Him when He knocks at the door of your heart? Don't you recognize him as your very best friend?

How would your friends feel if they knew you were listening to their knocking, and yet you would not let them come in? I'm sure they wouldn't feel very good about it, and wonder what they had done to make you act that way. Do you not think that Jesus, our Savior, would feel much the same way when He knocks at your heart's door, and yet, you won't run quickly to the door and open it, and let Him come in? Jesus is the very best friend that a boy or girl can ever have! He isn't like

our "fair-weather friends" who like us when we have something that they want, and go off and leave us when we are in trouble.

Happiness is when you let Jesus come into your heart and life and stay with you. When He knocks at your heart's door, quickly let Him in, and He will forgive all the bad things (sin) in your life, and make you happy. Jesus gives you life with Him forever, if you will let Him come into your heart.

When Jesus knocks at your heart's door, you can so easily say:

**"Into my heart, into my heart;  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Come in today, come in to stay;  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."**

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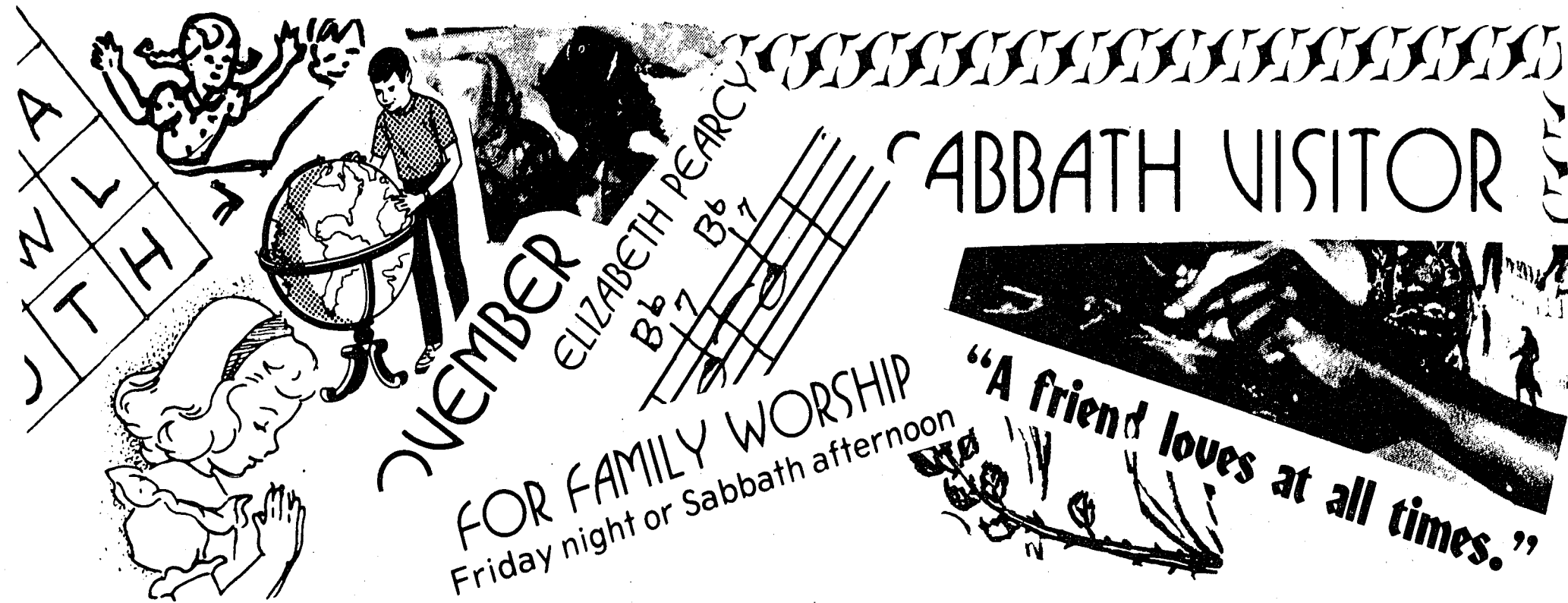


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