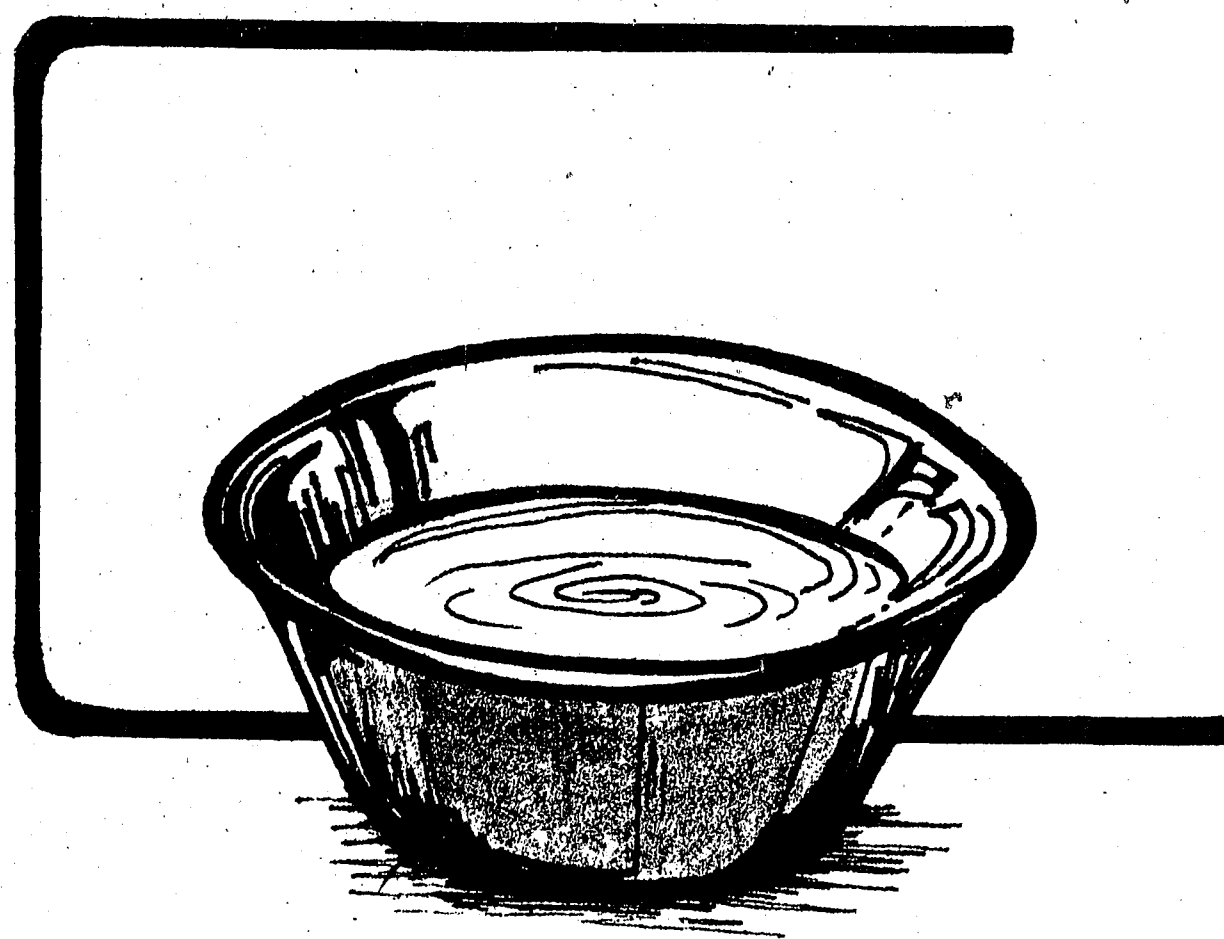


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TWO WASH BASINS

As we read of the last days of our Lord Jesus Christ we find in the account two wash basins. Each was used in a different way – one for actual cleansing and the other a ceremonial cleansing. From each of these we can find a lesson for ourselves today.

The first basin mentioned was at the last supper Jesus and the disciples had together. In those days sandals were the basic footwear. Now sandals and dusty roadways produced dirty feet. So, it was the custom to cleanse the feet upon entering the home or place of meeting, either on the part of the host or each other. The disciples had come together to celebrate the Passover. Luke tells us (22:24-30) they were disputing among themselves as to who is the greatest. Apparently they had not thought to perform the customary duties, for they were the ones who prepared for the supper. So Jesus did it for them. Having done so He reminded them of their failure in service, for if He, the Lord, rendered service so should they follow His example.

The other basin was as the trials came to an end and Jesus was about to be led away for the crucifixion. Pilate had endeavored to persuade the crowds that Jesus was not guilty of a crime that called for a death sentence. Finally he gave in to the people's demand. To use force to prevent the killing could have caused a mob riot. Pilate then took a basin (Matt. 27:24) and washed his hands, a ceremonial symbol of not accepting any further responsibility.

Now before we become too critical of either the disciples for their failure in service, or Pilate for giving up let us look at ourselves. It was neglect on the part of the disciples and near hopelessness on the part of Pilate. Some of our failures, or in giving up, may be for lesser reasons. As Christians we may let personal interests, or business, or disputes come in the way of Christian service whether it be in our witness, or service in the church, or concern for other people in our community and throughout the world. Then again, we may try to perform our responsibilities and become discouraged because we seem to be blocked by circumstances and are ready to give up.

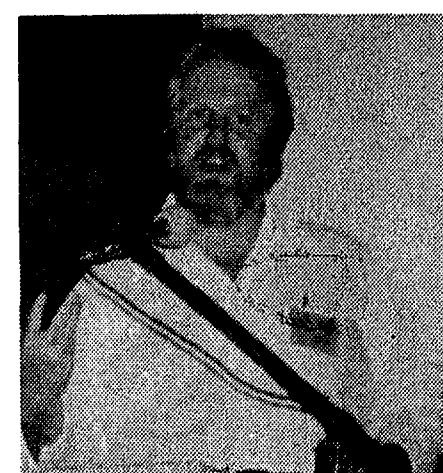
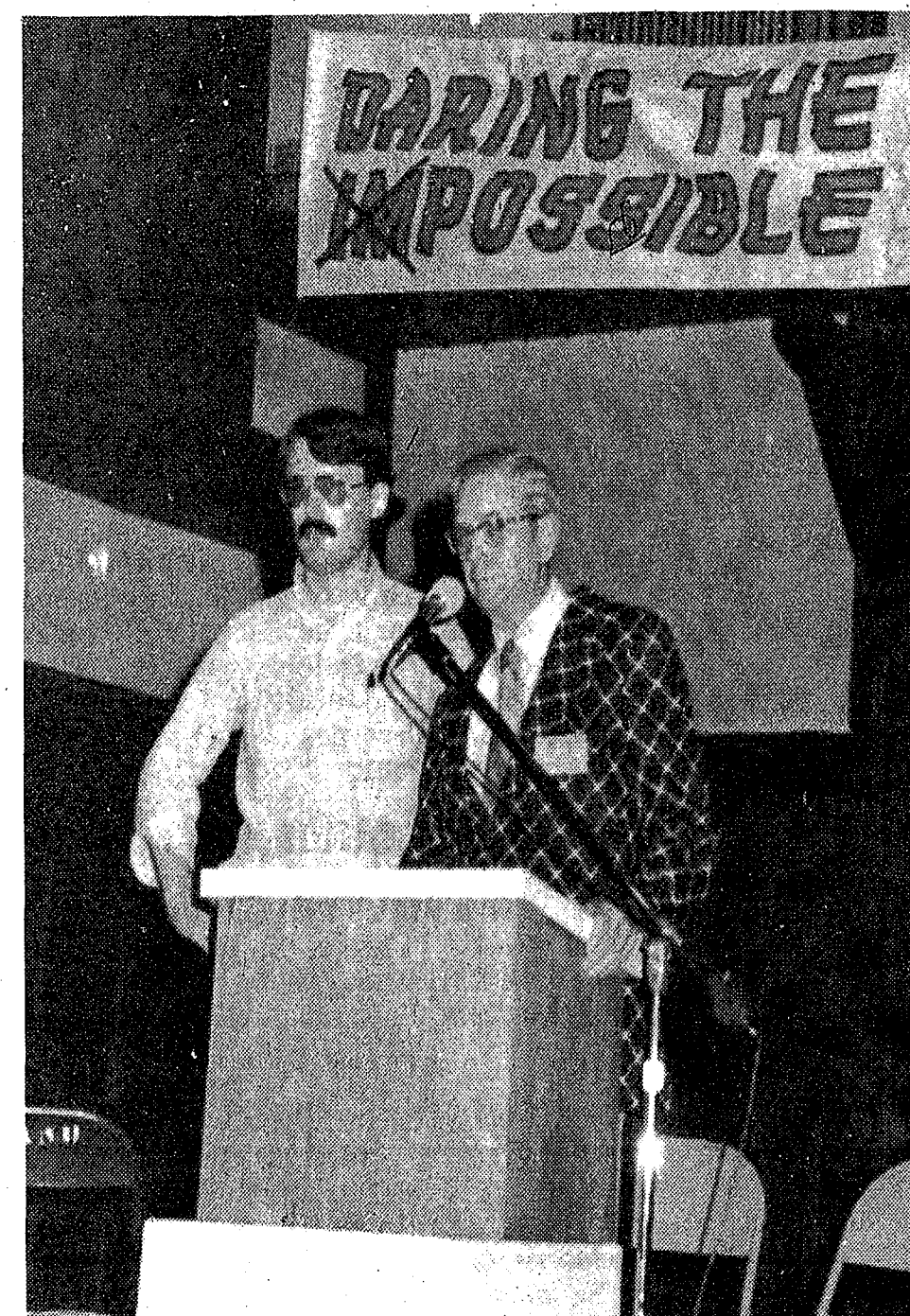
Which basin do we use – the basin of service or the basin of giving up? Remember, the Jesus who served the disciples – the Jesus whom Pilate had tried – is the Lord who gives power by the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is the power of love which comes from God the Father – the power of love to do our best by the accomplishment in service – the power of love which gives hope when we fail that in some way and at some time these goals or other goals may be reached. May the love of God enable us to use the basin of service. □

Background Scripture – Matt. 26:17-35, 27:24-26; Mark 14:12-25, 15:1-15; Luke 22:7-30, 23:1-25; John 13:1-38, 18:28-19:16.

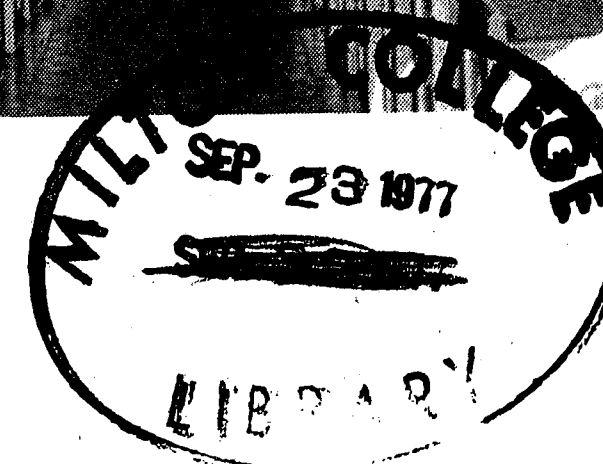
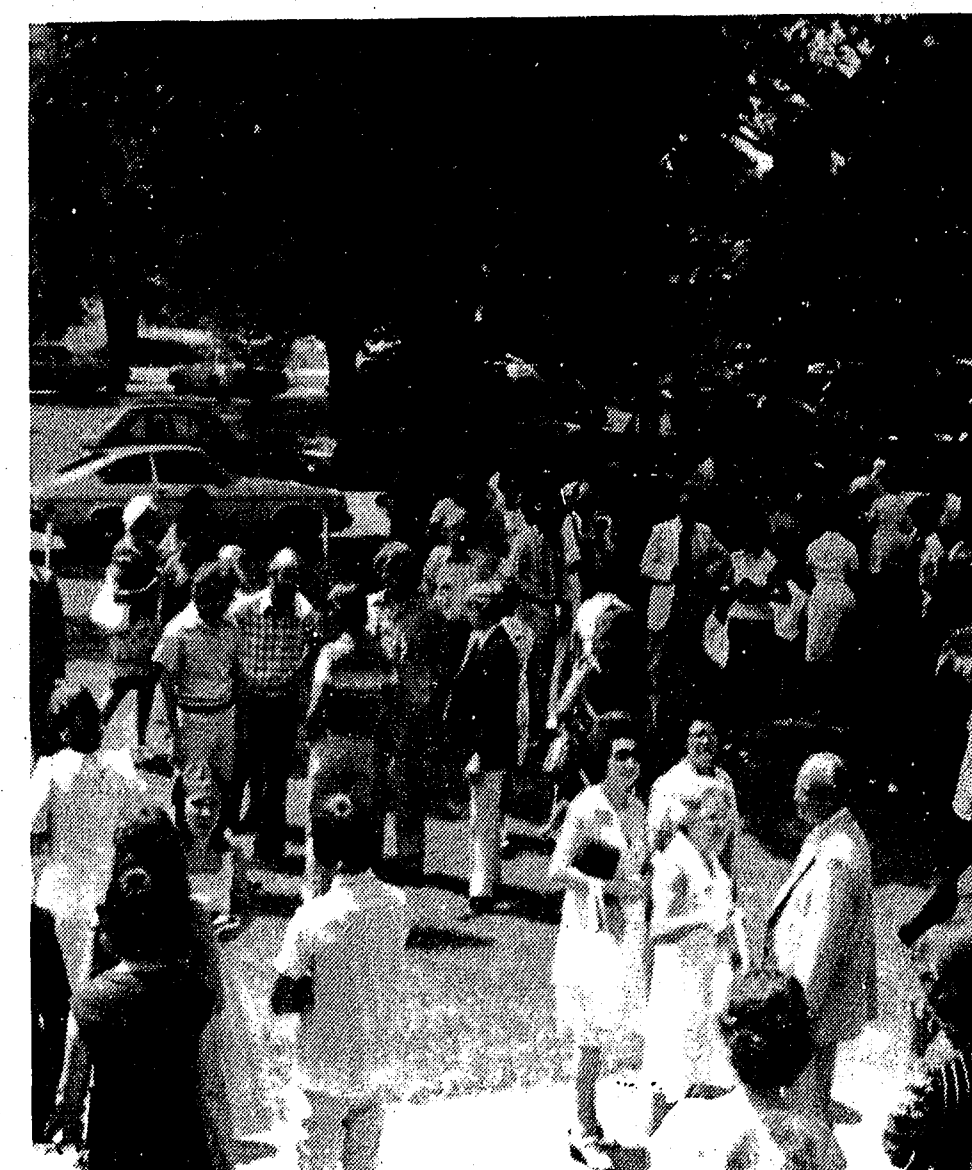
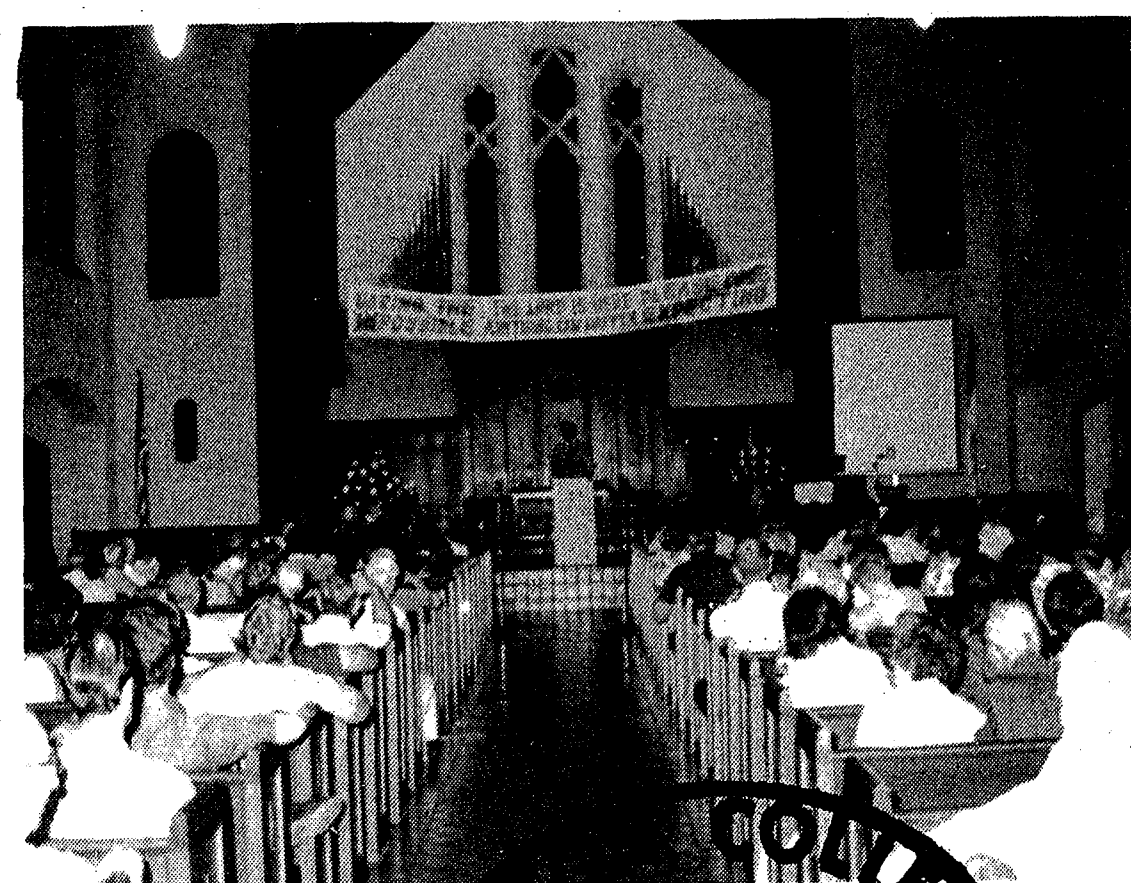
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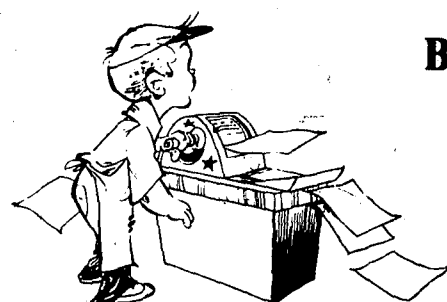
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Let's make Seventh Day Baptists visible. Surely we are not ashamed of the name of Jesus or of His commandments. A bumper sticker on your car or other personal property would proclaim those facts. Attractive stickers are available for \$1.00 each order from: Rev. Wayne Babcock, Dodge Center, MN 55927.

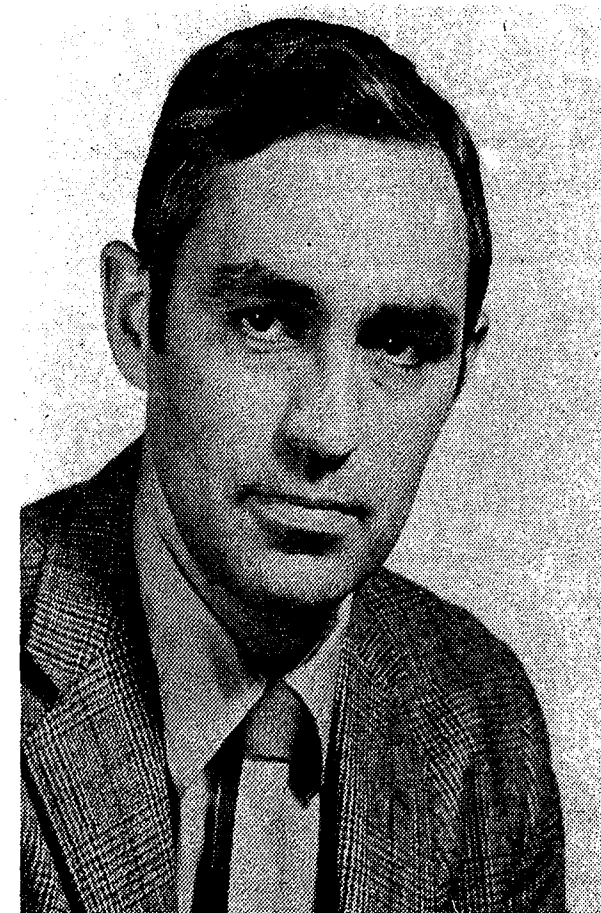
The Riverside, CA, church is seeking a large bell to install in their belfry. If you know where one is available please write to Miss Jackie Wells, Clerk, 4415 Lemon St., Riverside, CA 92501.

A medical doctor is needed in Adams Center, N.Y. For more information write Pastor Stephan Saunders, Adams Center, N.Y. 13606.

One handicapped person can relate well to another with a different handicap. That is why Roy E. Crandall, who is blind, will consider such a person as well as an unimpaired woman to read, cook, and drive his car (which has hand controls). All living expenses will be furnished plus a small salary. Mr. Crandall is willing to relocate if necessary. If you are interested in this position please call Mr. Crandall collect at (815) 722-0443.

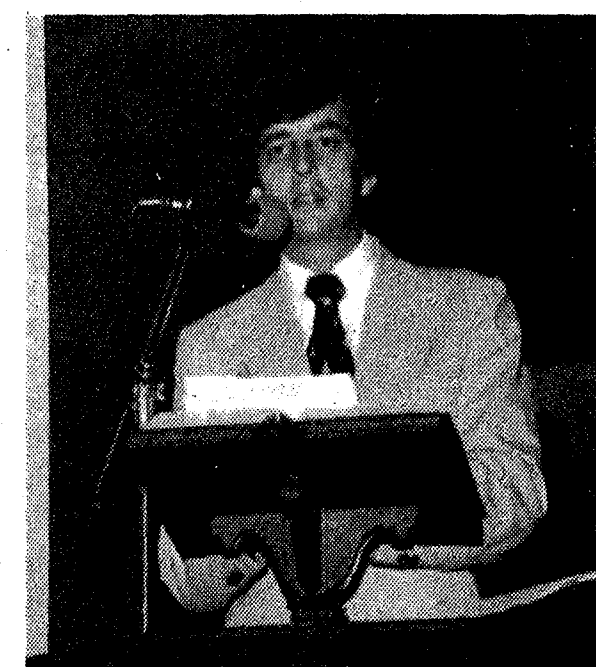
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"Bearing the Fruit" is the theme chosen by Conference President Richard Shepard.

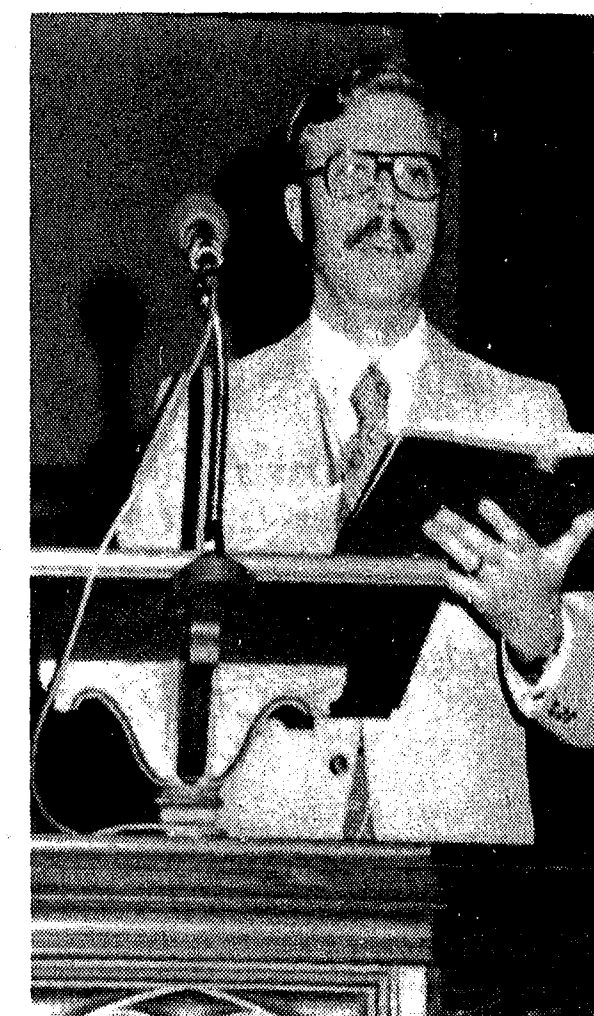
Rev. Rex Burdick and Rev. John Camenga led the Sabbath morning worship service "Daring the Impossible as a Servant People."



Rev. Glen W. Warner speaking on "Faith as Motivation for Growth."



Fraternal delegate Dr. Gerald L. Borchert, Dean, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, spoke for all the fraternal delegates on Tuesday evening.



Newly accredited pastor, the Rev. Robert Harris, led the Tuesday evening worship service.



Conference is always a good time for fellowship!



Greetings from President Carter- General Conference was privileged to receive letters of greeting from President Jimmy Carter and from Senator Jennings Randolph.

Two new churches: Sunshine Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church, Chatawa, Miss.; and First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, were welcomed into Conference membership.

President-Elect for 1978 is William R. Austin of Dodge Center, MN.

Rev. Duane L. Davis is the **new Commission member**-term expiring 1980.

OWM Budget for 1978 is \$294,504-Undesignated, \$194,179; Designated, \$100,325.

There were over 495 registered, with 350 delegates, many more came for the Sabbath services.

Conference voted to match funds raised by the youth up to \$2,500 for National Youth Leadership Training Labs.

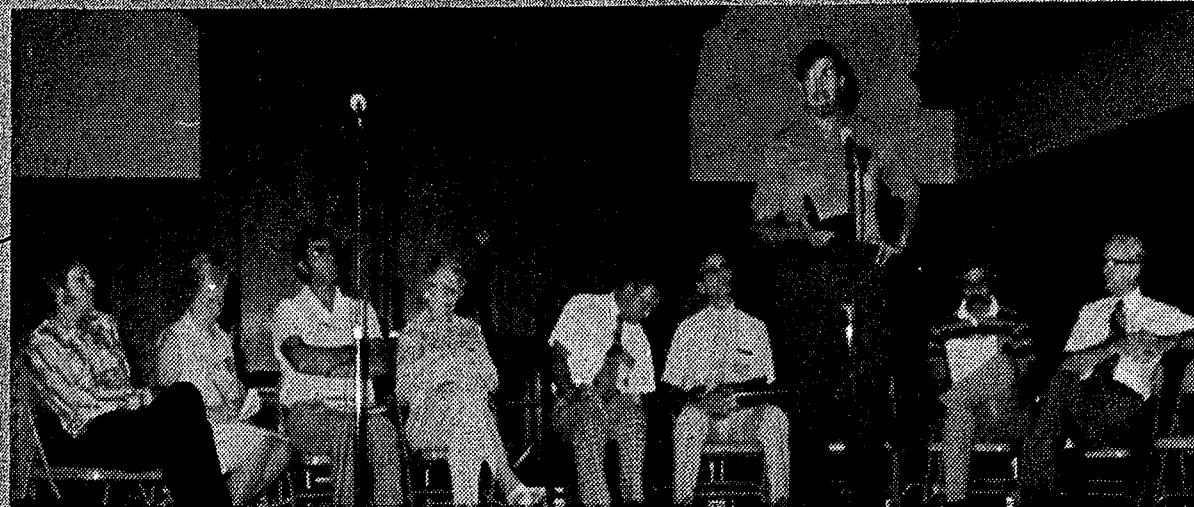
At the Youth Banquet on Wednesday night, the following were elected: President Elizabeth DeAnne Richards Vice-Pres. Karl Kilts Secretary Ronda Jacobson Treasurer Joanna Pearson

Reorganization-Conference voted to appoint a new committee to study reorganization for another year.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



These seven ladies served in SCSC directed by Gerry Van Dyke.



The report of the ad hoc committee on denominational reorganization.



Little children lift their hands in praises to God.

1977-78 OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Conference Theme Song

"NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE"

Words and Music by Eugene L. Clark

CHORUS:

Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God;
 Nothing is impossible when you're trusting in His Word.
 Harken to the voice of God to thee:
 "Is there anything too hard for Me?"
 Then put your trust in God alone and rest upon His Word;
 For ev'rything, oh ev'rything, yes ev'rything is possible with God!

1. I read in the Bible the promise of God,
 That nothing for Him is too hard.
 Impossible things He has promised to do
 If we faithfully trust in His Word.

CHORUS:

2. The Word of the Lord is an anchor secure
 When winds of uncertainty blow;
 Though man in his weakness may falter and fail,
 His Word will not fail us we know.

CHORUS:

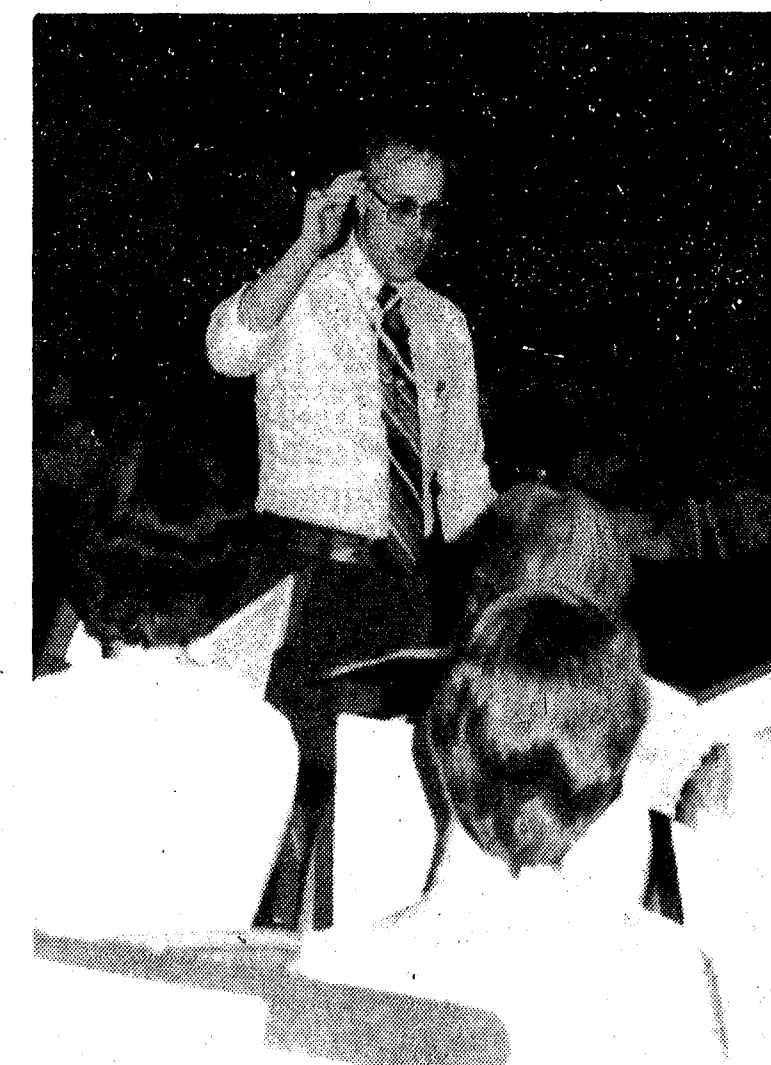
3. "All things are possible." This is His Word.
 Receive it, 'tis written for you.
 Believe in His promises, God cannot fail;
 For what He has said He will do.

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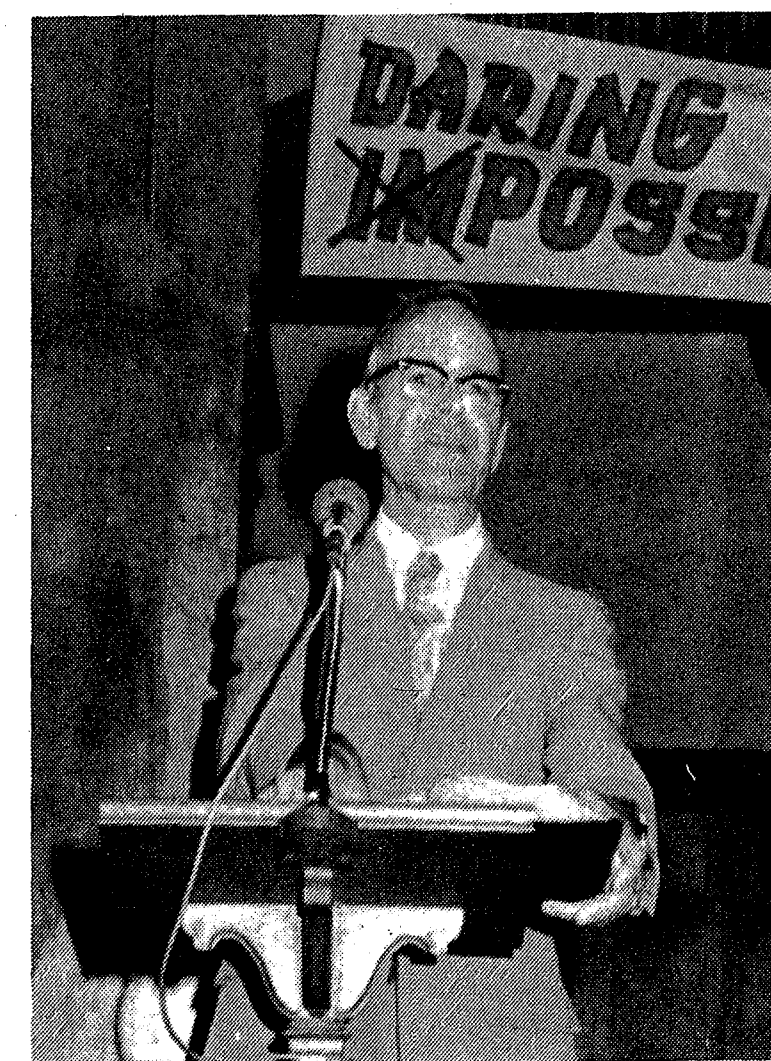
4. Creator of all things, with infinite pow'r,
 He spoke-they appeared by His mouth.
 Impossible things are not known unto Him.
 He made us, He ruleth the earth.

CHORUS:

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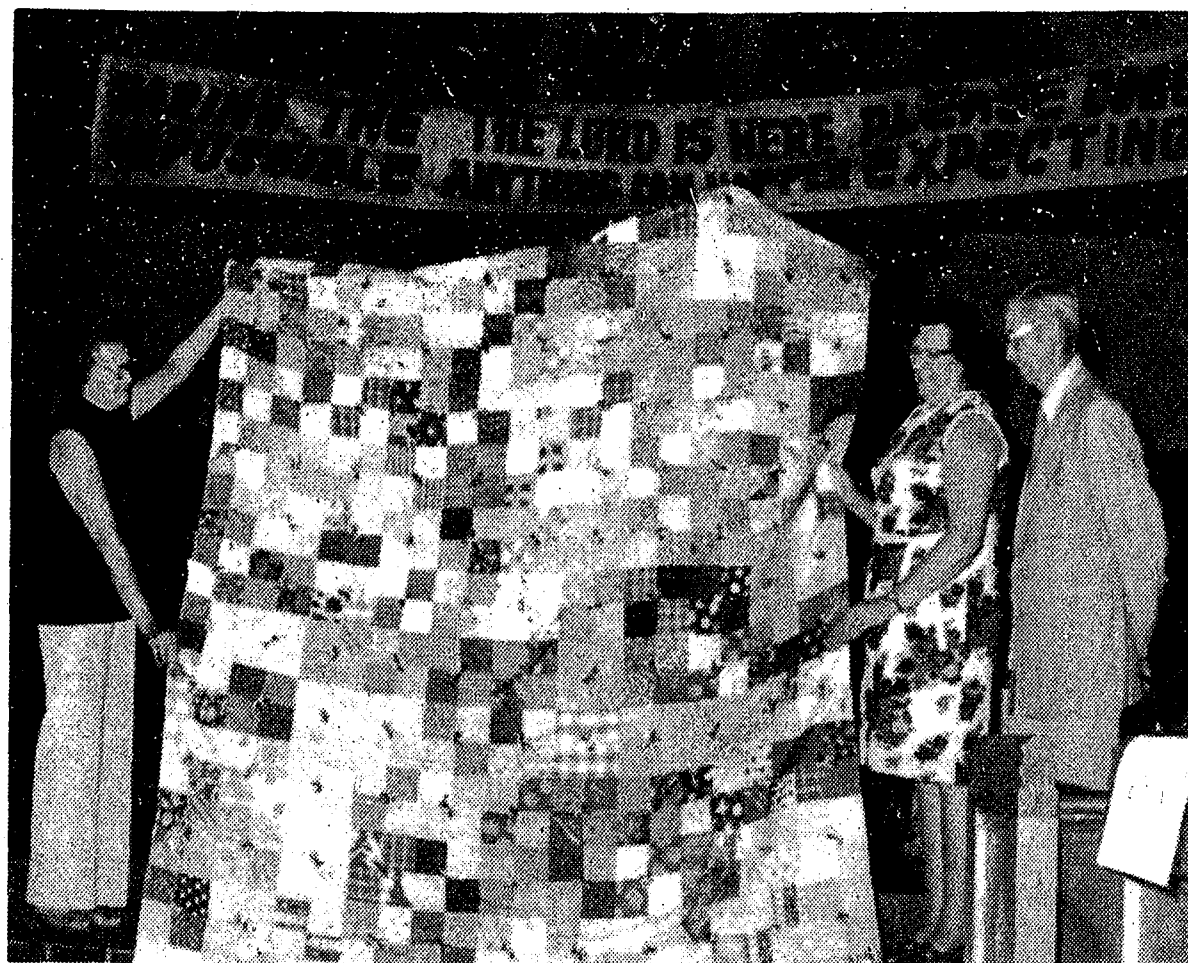
Wendell Thorngate directed the Conference choir.



Rev. Leland Davis speaking on "Daring the Impossible Through Prayer."

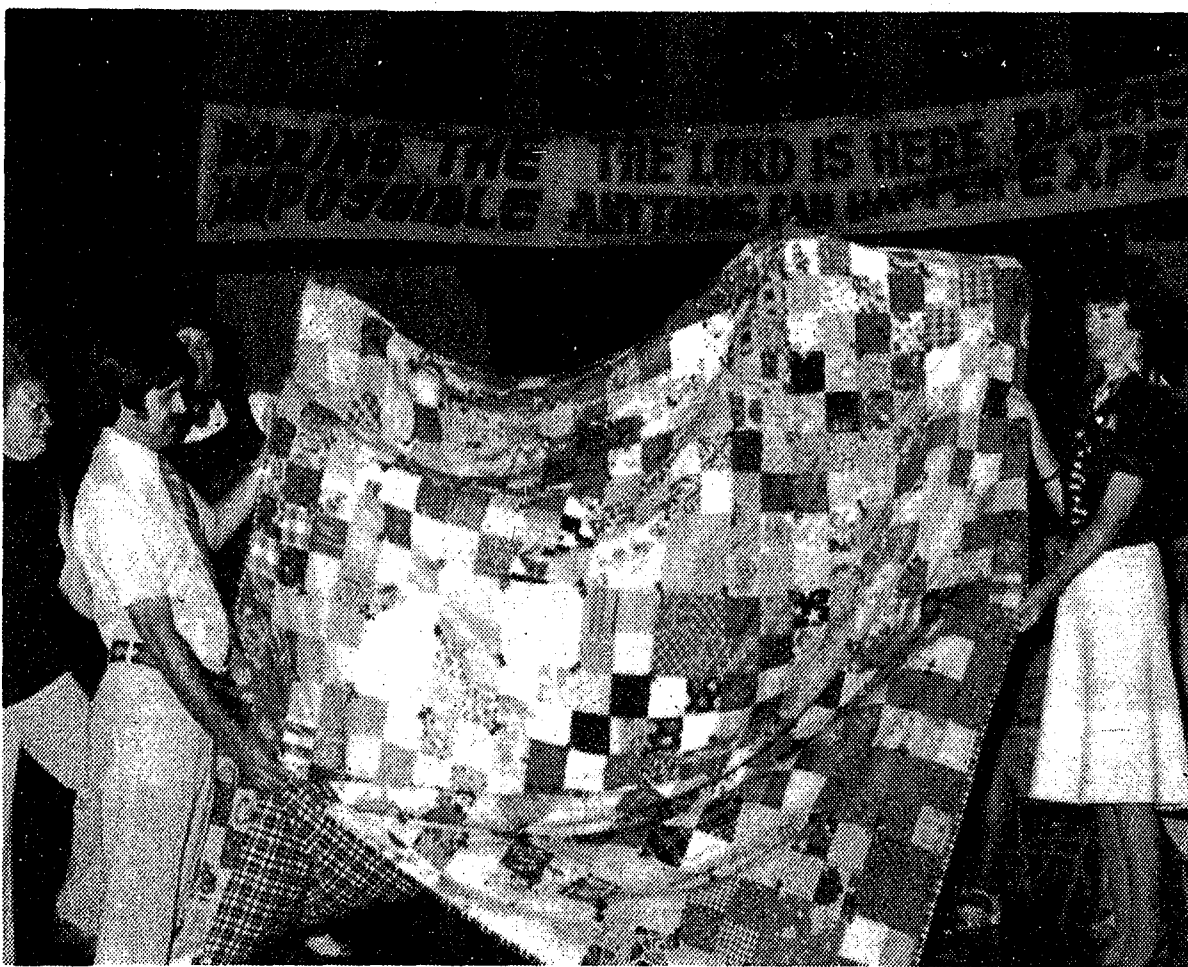


The young adult Pre-Con choir was directed by Denise Green.



A quilt, made by the various women's societies and put together by the Adams Center ladies, was presented to President and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn.

A second quilt was presented to Editor and Mrs. John Bevis to be taken to Holland by them in October as a "love gift" to the ladies of the Dutch Conference. The Haarlem church will celebrate its 100th anniversary on October 15 at which time the quilt will be presented.



The President's reception was also a surprise party in honor of the Van Horn's wedding anniversary.

The "Love Gift" as of this writing is \$1,617.80-\$700.00 from the Holland women and \$917.80 from the women of the United States. It will be used to buy a tape recorder and tapes for Sunshine Mountain, athletic equipment for Jamaica, promotional material for the Fellowship in Eastern Tennessee, and for the building fund in Malawi.

The newly-elected officers of the Women's Society are:
 President Mrs. Ada Davis
 Vice-Pres. Mrs. Barbara White
 Rec. Sec. Mrs. Xenia Lee Wheeler
 Corr. Sec. Miss Patricia Williams
 Treasurer Mrs. Jane Bottoms
 Editor Mrs. Madeline Fitz Randolph

President for 1977-78—Richard D. Shepard, 204 Raymond Dr., Monroe, OH 45050. Theme for 1977-78 "Bearing the Fruit" John 15:1-17. Emphasis will be placed on developing individual fruit, gifts of the Spirit, and the total care and tending of the vine.

Recognition of ministers. Four ministers were officially accredited they are: Rev. John H. Camenga, Little Rock, AR; Rev. Robert E. Harris, Paint Rock, AL; Rev. Melvin F. Stephan, Salemville, PA; and Rev. Socrates Thompson, New York, N.Y.

Headquarters Location Research Committee, a study committee to be chaired by Dr. E. Keith Davis, will be asked to report regarding the feasibility of the location or relocation of headquarters at the 1978 Conference.

Conference will be held August 6-12, 1978, at Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y.

The World Federation of Seventh Day Baptists will meet prior to Conference in 1978. Delegates are expected from our sister Conferences around the world.

Commission noted with appreciation the seven years of consecrated work given by the Rev. David S. Clarke as executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

Excerpts from:

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Robert H. Schuller, in his book *Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking*, identifies the possibility thinkers as those who

- .turn dreams into exciting achievements
- .turn problems into profitable projects
- .turn obstacles into rare opportunities
- .turn opportunities into rich enterprises
- .turn tragedies into inspiring triumphs.¹

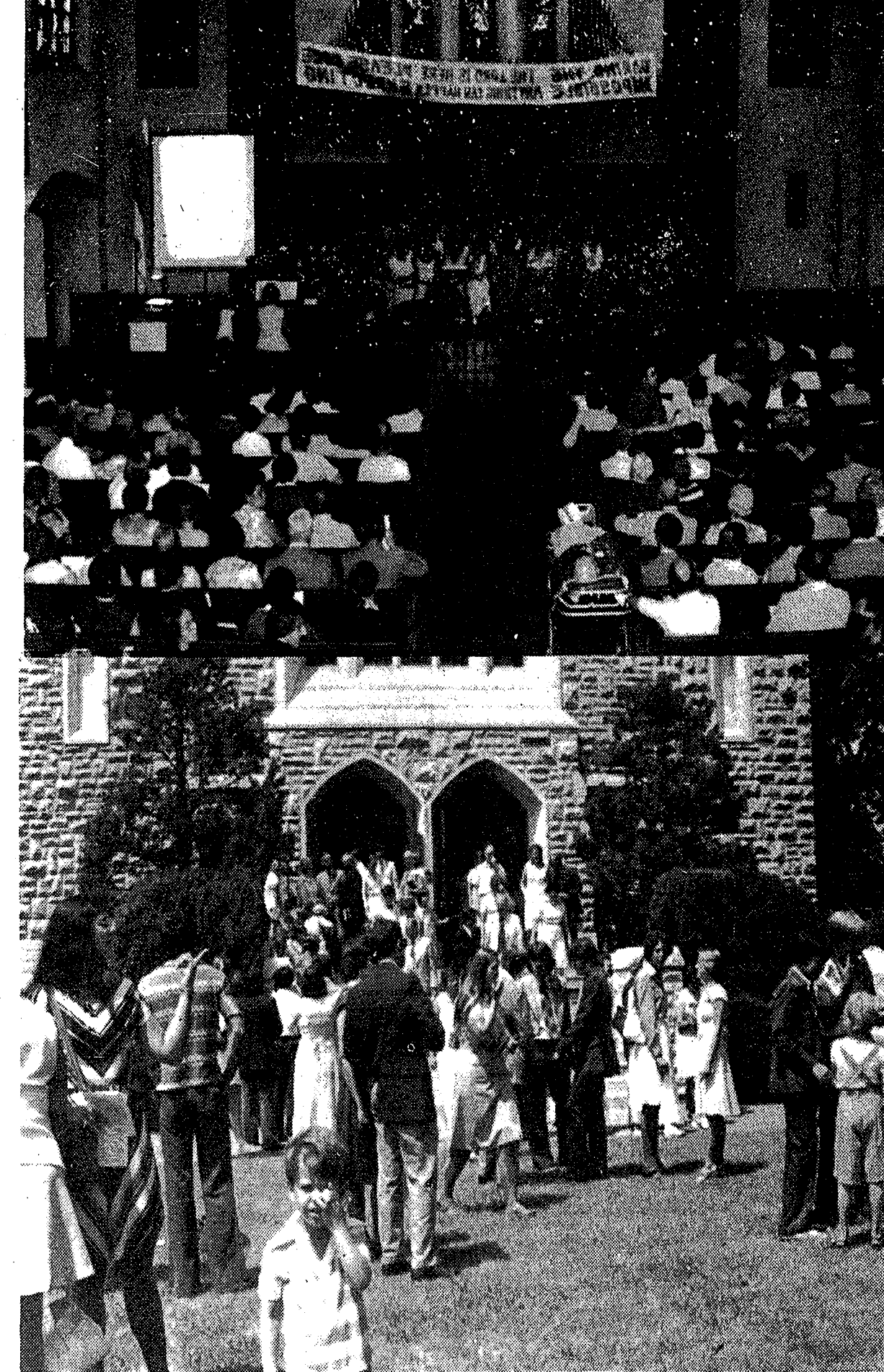
Your Commission, operating under the Conference theme of "Daring the Impossible," has been discovering the reality of what God can do among a people of faith. Some of the things which were only dreams a few years ago are in the process of becoming exciting achievements. Problems turned over to God in prayer become the seeds for profitable projects; obstacles, which at times have appeared insurmountable, have forced us to take stock of where we are as a people, thus providing those rare opportunities for directing full effort toward our primary goals for Christ.

We have, during this initial year of Commitment to Growth, seen new doors of opportunity open, revealing rich enterprises waiting to be harvested. Remembering that the very heart of the Christian gospel is the "triumph of the Cross." Seventh Day Baptists are at the point where the apparent tragedy of declining membership is, through that same Cross, being turned into inspiring triumph.

Commitment to Growth

The Commission is pleased to note the positive effect that Commitment to Growth has had upon the lives of Seventh Day Baptists as we have rediscovered the excitement of growing spiritually and numerically. The Missionary Society's recognition of the need for strengthening the "base of witness and the work on the home field," with its support and involvement in "Commitment to Growth," is gratifying. No other program, certainly in recent years, has so broadly captured the involvement and support of our people.

While this first year has been a time of equipping our church members in preparation for growth, the Commission has been pleased to note the high percentage of Seventh Day Baptist churches and people involved in the initial phases of the program. During this first year, the previous declining membership of the denomination has been reversed, and we have shown a growth of 133 accessions already this year in only 24 churches.



Move Ahead

Are our dreams too lofty? Are the problems too much for Seventh Day Baptists? Are there too many obstacles to overcome? Do we view the present and the future with tragic negativism? Do we really find too few opportunities for growth?

In the words of our Conference theme chorus, "Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God," Commission believes there are exciting achievements ahead; there are profitable projects challenging Seventh Day Baptists, and rare opportunities in rich enterprises which can lead to inspiring triumphs as we "trust in His Word." □

Commission members:
 Gary G. Cox, chairman
 Rev. Leland E. Davis
 Rev. Don A. Sanford
 Richard D. Shepard
 Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn
 Miss Lois M. Wells

¹Schuller, *Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking*, pub. Fleming H. Revell Co., N.J. c. 1967, p. 16.

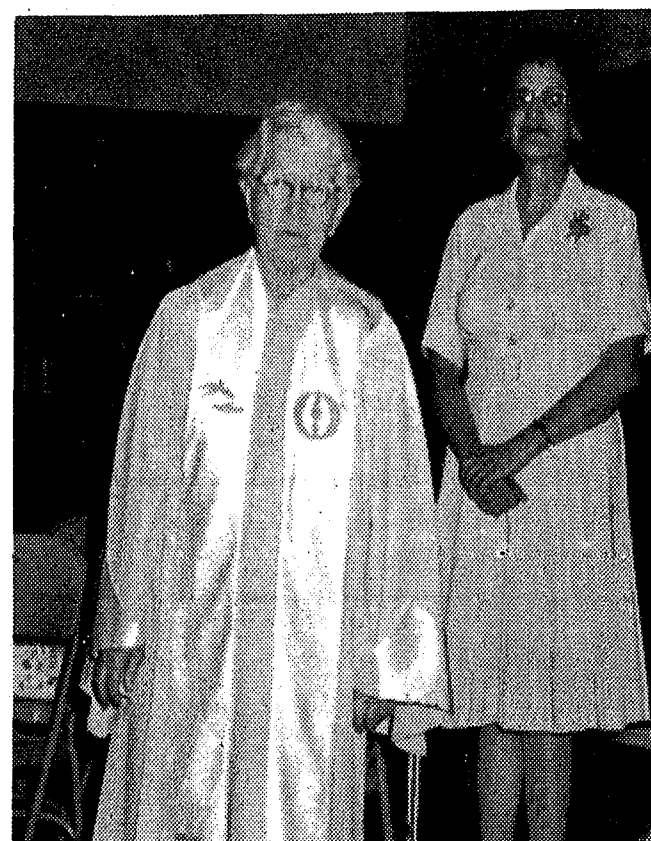


Mrs. Mary Hummel Wells of Boulder, CO, representing the Women's Board, assists Mrs. Clara Lewis Beebe during the presentation at Conference of the Robe of Achievement. Each year the robe is awarded to a woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Lord.

Robe of Achievement

--Clara Lewis Beebe--

WOMEN'S SOCIETY
Mrs. Madeline Fitz Randolph



Clara Lewis was born on a farm near Little Genesee, N.Y., March 19, 1897, a daughter of Clarence L. E. and Estelle Buten Lewis, the eldest of three children. At the age of thirteen she was baptized by her pastor, Erlo E. Sutton, and became a member of the Little Genesee church, continuing so, until about the time of her marriage.

When she was sixteen, her mother died, leaving her the care of her younger sister and brother. However, she was able to finish Bolivar High School at the age of eighteen years. She was helped during this time in many ways by her Aunt Florence (Mrs. J. L. Hull).

Later when the family moved to Alfred, N.Y., her father having a place in the local barber shop, she entered the New York State School of Agriculture (now Ag-Tech.), graduating in Domestic Science in 1919. After this she entered the University as a special student, but her course was interrupted by having to care for her Aunt Florence Hull at Little Genesee during her last days.

Through her Uncle J. L. Hull, (the founder and long-time pastor of the Little Prairie church), she

early gained an interest in the Southwest field, and when she was married to Clifford Beebe in 1922, they volunteered their services to teach a year in the Fouke S.D.B. school (the dedicated service of those days). This experience began a lifelong involvement in the Southwest, either in person, or by correspondence when called elsewhere.

Returning to Alfred with her husband, while he took work in the School of Theology, she reenrolled in the University, taking her degree in 1925.

In 1926 they were called to serve in Jamaica, but she felt that they were not ready to work in a foreign field, so they declined the call, thus opening the way for the work to which God had evidently called them.

Again turning their steps southward, they served a four-year pastorate at Berea, West Virginia. They made a good share of their living from the parsonage farm, as well as promoted the construction of the church building. Going from there they returned to the Southwest at Little Prairie, her Uncle J. L. Hull's former church.

There was a brief interlude during

the depression when they tried to make a living, with three small children, at a printing business in Eastern Arkansas, but finally returned to Clifford's old home in Pennsylvania, for the sake of employment. Here they made their home at Hebron, and Clara served as church treasurer.

Another call came from West Virginia, where they served another four years at Berea. During this time they began their work in the mountains which developed into the Crites Mountain Mission. After this they were called again to Arkansas, for the greater part of their life's work. There they became indelibly linked with the Southwest, serving in the pastorates at Fouke, Little Prairie and Gentry. While her husband traveled as field missionary in the Southwest, Clara took much of the responsibility at home for her family and for the church. They left this work in the fall of 1951 to go to the pastorate of the Putnam County church in Florida.

In the years since, she has worked beside her husband, as co-editor of a weekly newspaper in North Carolina, in mission work in the mountains of North Georgia and West Virginia, and on the Mexican border in Texas. They were also the first to visit our affiliated churches in Mexico. Since 1966, home has been at Paint Rock, Alabama....

Clara became interested in young people's work early, being active in the Christian Endeavor Society, and served as associational secretary for the Young People's Board in the old Western Association. She has helped promote young people's societies in the various churches where they have served. For a time she worked as a teacher in the public schools of Fouke following the closing of the Fouke S.D.B. Academy.

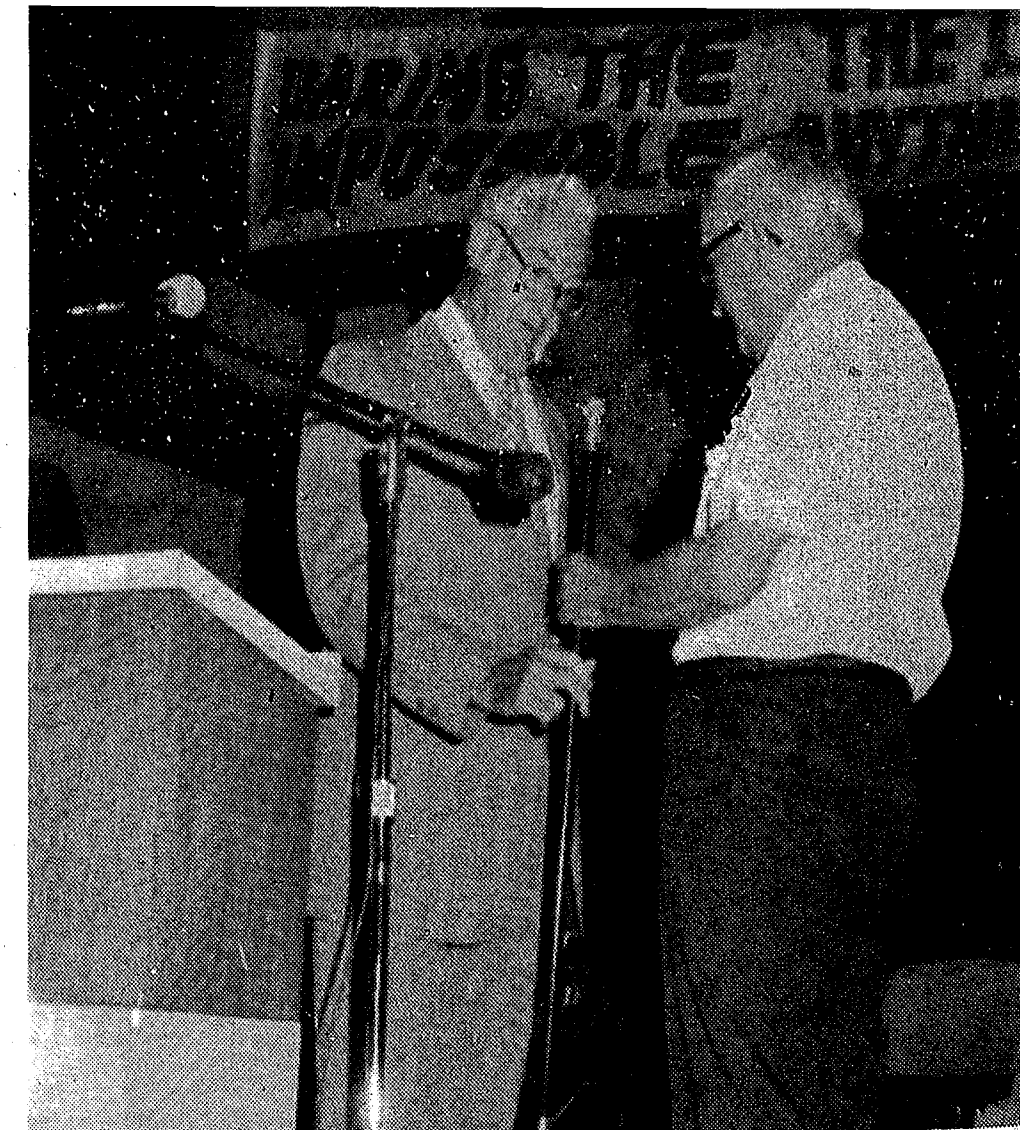
She was active in the beginning of the pioneer S.D.B. Camp, at Middle Island, W. Virginia, Camp Lewis in Rhode Island being the only one preceding it. This camp was the progenitor of the present Camp Joy. She was also active in the beginning of camps at Shinglehouse, Pa., and Y City, Ark., from which developed Camp Harley Sutton, and Camp Miles. For a number of years she served on the staffs of Camp Joy, and Camp Miles. She has been active for many years as a teacher and/or Christian Education Committee member in most of the churches where she worked. Her love and concern of young people, especially children, is evidenced by the many who flock to her to hear her tell about God's love for us and about Jesus Christ, His Son.

Since there has been little or no salary in most churches where they have served, she has had a struggle to provide for her family; a daughter, Anne, born at Berea, and twin boys, David and Paul, born at Little Prairie, yet she has taken into the home not only two of her grandchildren, but over the years quite a number of young people for the sake of educational advantages. Especially while on Crites Mountain, she made do with rather primitive conditions in order to carry on the mission work. It is significant that all three of her children have become active in church work. Anne is organist for the Daytona Beach church. David is pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Paul at the time of his early death, was field minister for the Paint Rock church and had served as pastor at Fouke and as a radio preacher.

For the past several years, Clara, has served as clerk of the Paint Rock church, as well as general secretary for the Southwestern Association. She is also a member of the Christian Education Committee of the church.

As a niece of J. L. Hull, the founder, she was chosen as one to offer the dedicatory prayer at the dedication of a monument placed by the S.D.B. Historical Society in 1971, at the site of the former Little Prairie church building. □

CLIFFORD BEEBE HONORED



Rev. Harmon Dickinson presented the gold-headed cane to Rev. Clifford Beebe as a recognition for his many years of service in the denomination.

Citation to accompany the presentation of a gold-headed cane to the Rev. Clifford A. Beebe by the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. Presented August 10, 1977, during the 165th annual session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, held at College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas:

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society is proud to recognize the Rev. Clifford A. Beebe for his continuing efforts to make use of the relevant values of history in today's society.

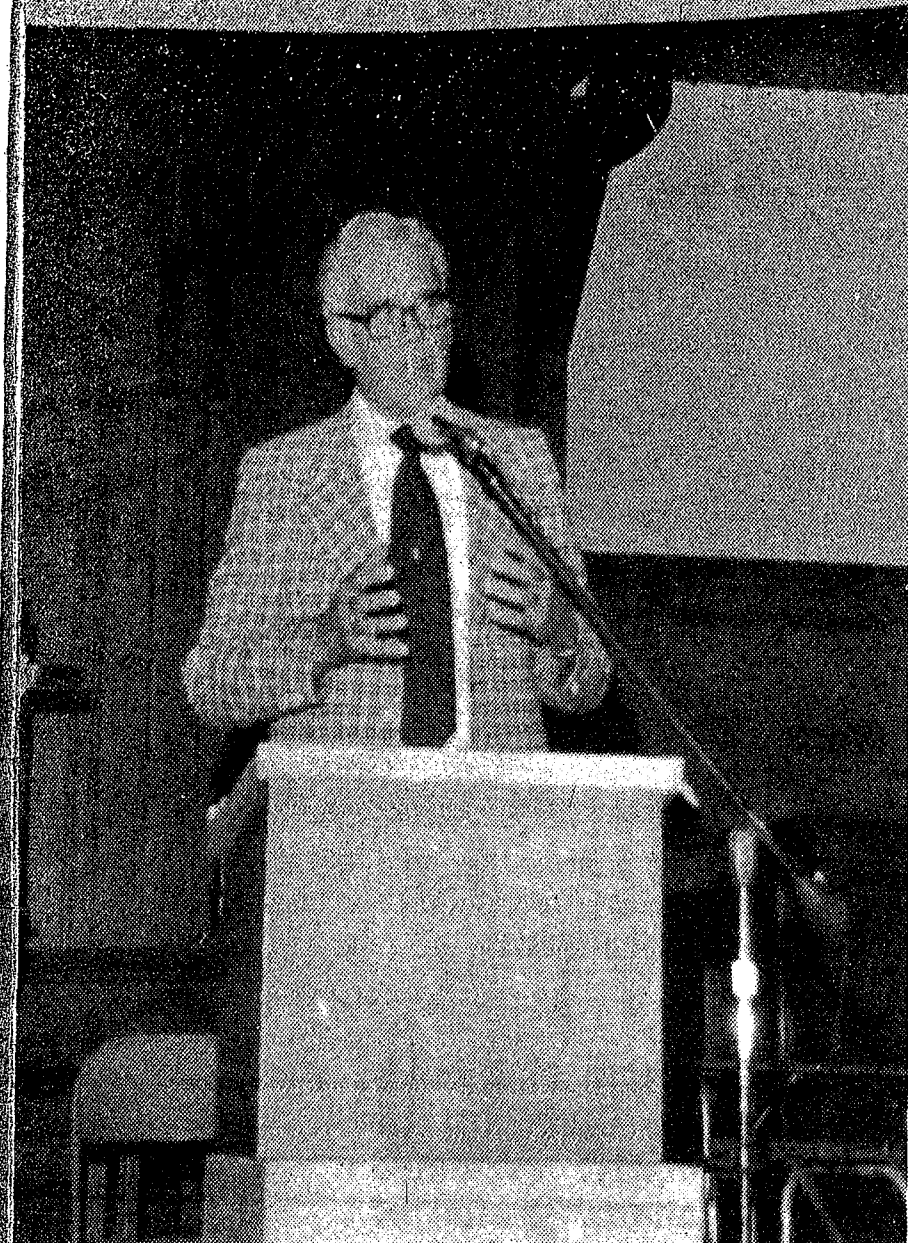
Clifford A. Beebe was born April 2, 1899, at Odin, Pennsylvania, the son of Victor L. and Estella Andrews Beebe. He married Clara Lewis. He received his bachelor of arts and his degree in divinity at Alfred University. He was ordained at the First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1926. He served pastorates in Fouke, Ritchie, Little Prairie, Hebron Center, Gentry, Palatka, Yonah Mountain, Crites Mountain and Paint Rock - some of them more than once. It seems especially fitting to recognize him at this Conference held in the Southwestern Association in which he has served as a leader for so long. In addition to his pastorates he has served as teacher in the mission school at Fouke, editor and publisher of a weekly paper, editor and publisher of *The Bible Witness*, and as official printer of the Southwestern Association since 1930.

His historical writings include *Reminiscences of Early Days in the Seventh Day Baptist Southwestern Association* (1975); sections of *Home Missionaries*; and research this past year on Col. Robert Crockett and the 90th anniversary of the Southwestern Association. His publishing of historical material includes *Seed Sown*, a history of the Southwestern Association by his late son, the Rev. Paul V. Beebe.

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society now recognizes Clifford Beebe's outstanding contributions to the understanding of our heritage by presenting to him for life the gold-headed cane given earlier to another. □

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Conference Echoes



Leland W. Bond

DARING THE IMPOSSIBLE IN SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Thursday Evening Message

Seventh Day Baptists, we're no different than any other Christians! We are facing an identity crisis. Condemning statements, aren't they? Let's quit kidding ourselves and take a look at our Sabbath observance. I believe that it leaves a lot to be desired. What would Christ think about the way that we observe it? I hope that my comments will set you to searching your heart about this vital question, one so important in Bible times that it was a matter of life or death.

I hope to present some ideas and concepts that will stand up against Biblical scrutiny and will be practical for today and the days ahead. I am aware that to some people my ideas may appear to be legalistic, and I am fully aware of the fact that legalism was the very thing that Christ was trying to overcome by the kinds of activity that He did on the Sabbath Day.

I would not be so naive as to believe that I have discovered something new about the Word, nor have I developed any dramatic new ideas, however, I do know that we had better take a good look at the shabby way in which we are keeping the Sabbath. Our actions may not

indicate to our family, friends, or neighbors that Sabbath is any different than Sunday. It might not be a bad idea to get back to calling the seventh day the Sabbath instead of Saturday which so many of us seem to be doing these days. I feel the use of the word *Sabbath* adds meaning and reverence to this special day.

Indications are that our Sabbath observance may be suffering from a common disease called S.S.S. - Sit, Soak, and Sour disease. Have you noticed any of the symptoms?

I have recently come to understand that the word *Sabbath* means a lot of different things to different people. For example, it might be a day of worship, or a day of rest, or a day of family recreation, or a day to catch up on all the odd jobs around the house, or even just another day of work. Others believe it is just a day that people observed in Bible times.

Seventh Day Baptists, how well are you founded in the Sabbath truths? No, I didn't say *founded*. When I was a boy we were concerned when cows or horses got into a lush meadow and ate too much. They would become *founded* and that

meant that unless proper steps were taken they might die. I don't believe that there is too much danger that many of us have *founded* by the lush word of truth, and especially the Sabbath truth. It is my contention that we need desperately to be founded in the truth of the Word.

Startling but true! A pastor told me recently how shocked he was while counseling a young person from an old-line SDB family for church membership to discover that he was not aware that the Sabbath begins on Friday evening at sundown and closes with sundown on Sabbath. What does this tell you?

Tip of the Iceberg

This example may only be the "tip of the iceberg," for I am certain that in many homes and churches throughout our denomination, little, if anything, is being taught about the Sabbath and its observance.

It appears to me that this may well be a matter associated with a lack of knowledge of the Word and how it relates to our lives. In my own life I know that this is true. Only recently my wife Lettie and I attended a family conference in Sandy

Cove, Maryland, and how surprised and impressed we were to meet so many people who could use their Bibles to relate to most any subject that was presented. We found our knowledge and use of the Word to be inadequate. SDB's have belonged to the "Bird Club" too long. All we want to do is "sing and eat." Let us learn to apply the Word so we can reproduce.

One of the major problems that we have to deal with is the attitude of indifference as it relates to the Sabbath - with the prevalent idea that it doesn't make any difference how or where we keep it. To find the answer to this problem it might be well to take a look at our "Statement of Belief" and ask ourselves: Do we really believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit? Do we really believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man, of which Jesus Christ is the Supreme Interpreter and that the Bible is our final authority in matters of faith and conduct?

I like what Psalm 12:6,7 has to say about the words of the Lord. "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." The Lord has preserved these pure words forever - for today - for tomorrow.

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Holiday or Holy Day?

A second problem that we have to deal with is the fact that we have allowed ourselves to observe the Sabbath in the manner other Christians observe what they call "The Lord's Day." Our loss of identity, alluded to in my opening statement, may well be accounted for by this fact. Our present day dilemma is no different than the one faced by the Israelites when they began to settle Canaan. There were still Canaanites in the land and as they mingled their cultures and as the memories of the Exodus and the difficult conquest faded, the people began to fall away from the Exodus faith. As SDB's have spread out across this big land of ours and mingled and married with others of different faith, is it any wonder that we have become like

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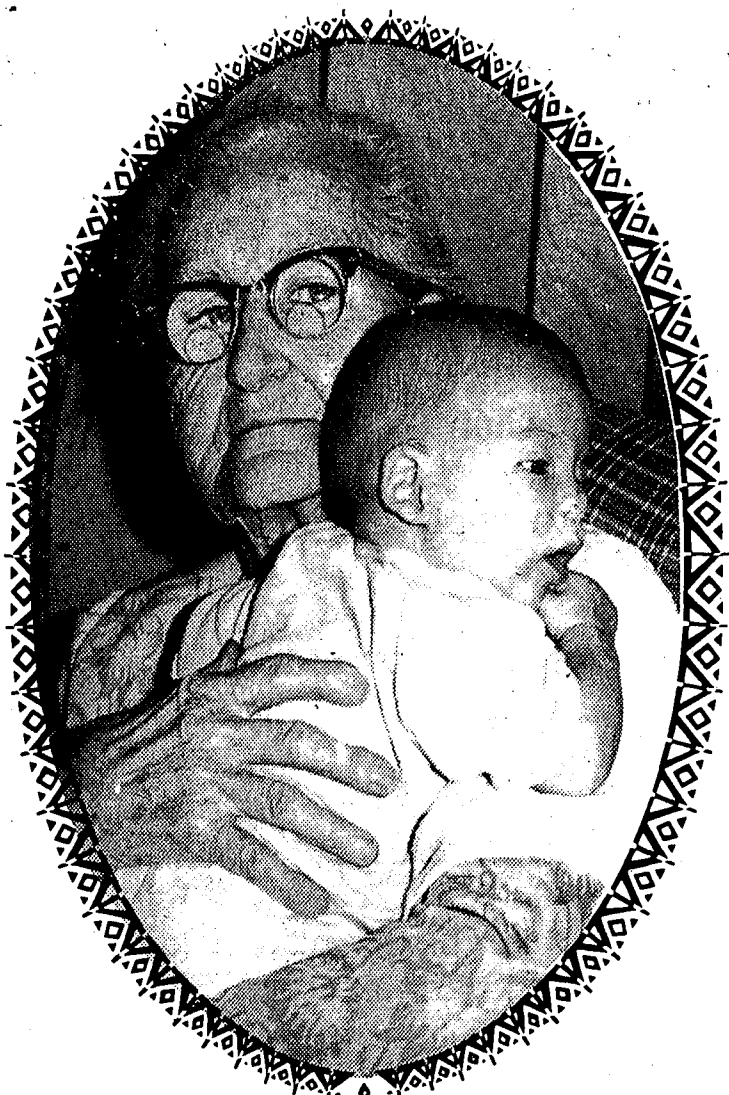
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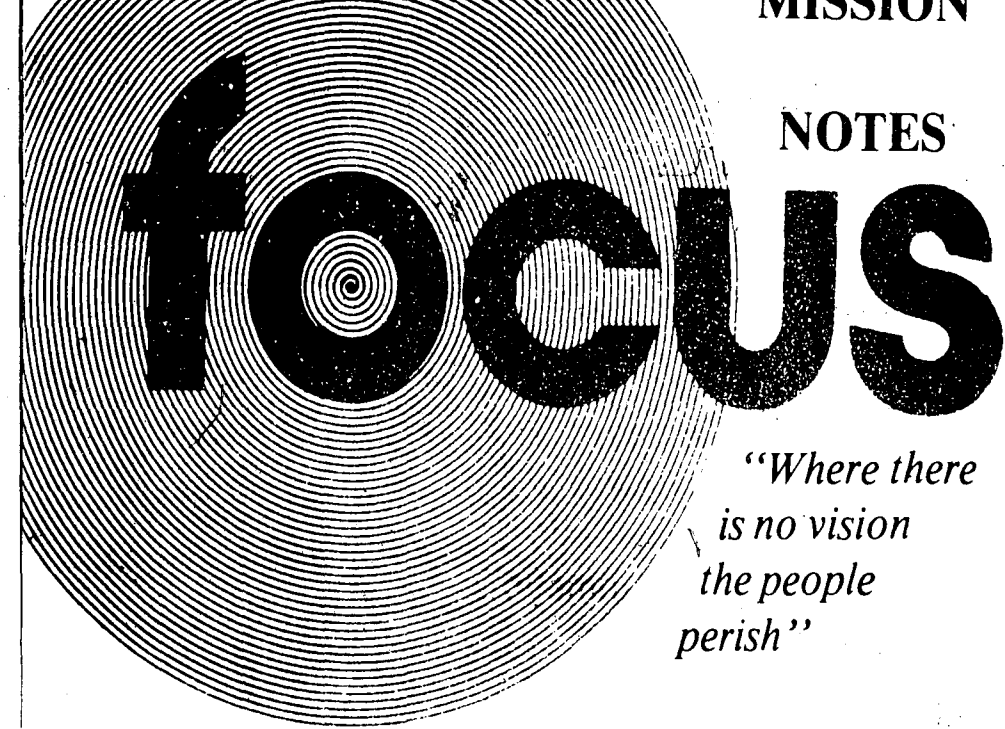
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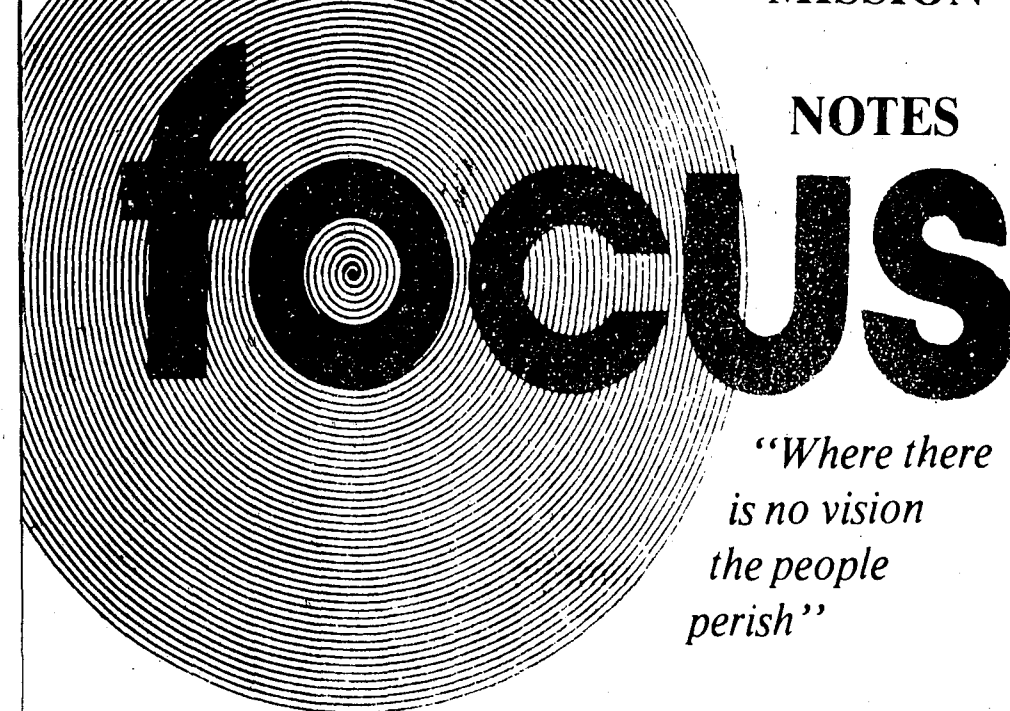
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by Pastor Leroy Bass

Lesson II: "What Is the Purpose of Jesus' Return?"

Introduction: Jesus once asked this piercing question: "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" He thus foretold that there would be much spiritual darkness in the last days. Today, many people inside and outside the churches are disbelieving, or scoffing, at the greatest hope of the ages, the return of Jesus. It is important that you know *why* Jesus is to come again. What is the purpose of His return? What will He do? Let's see what the Bible says about this; but first, will you say a little prayer?

1. What does Jesus bring with Him at His coming?
Answer: See Rev. 22:12; Matt. 16:27.
2. What did Paul say would be awarded to him at the return of Jesus? Answer: 2 Timothy 4:8
And also to whom else?
NOTE: Paul is not referring to death, but the great day of Jesus' return.
3. How will the return of Christ affect the dead?
Answer: 1 Thess. 4:16; John 5:28, 29.
NOTE: You see, Christ's second coming is as important to the world as His *first* advent. His *second* climaxes His *first*. His agony and death on the cross would be in vain unless He comes again to gather those who have been saved by grace. Real people will come out of real tombs. But they would remain there forever if Christ doesn't come back.
4. Is His coming the time when He will cleanse us of our sins, cure us of our ungodly ways, and take away our unruly tempers and dispositions?
Answer: See Revelation 22:1
How can verse 11, along with v. 17, be a help to you?
NOTE: The time of His coming will be too late to repent. This purifying from sin must be accomplished before He comes, even now! Read now 2 Cor. 6:2.

Now, while the Spirit of God is pleading with us, is the time to come to Jesus and receive help to overcome our sins. Overcoming is called our "works" of righteousness; however, we cannot make ourselves righteous by "works." It is a demonstration that *Christ* is at work *within* us. Would you like Him to be at "work" within you?

5. How will the return of Jesus affect the believers who are *living*? Answer: Phil. 3:20, 21; 1 Thess. 4:17.
and they will be _____
NOTE: Yes, the true living believers will be translated without first dying.
6. What wonderful bodily change does Jesus have for the saved, of all ages? Answer: 1 Cor. 15:44, 53.
From a _____ to a _____
This _____ must put on the _____ and this _____ nature must _____
NOTE: This is *not* the character change (of question 4), but a *bodily* change. These verses tell us that when we bear the image of the heavenly, we will still have *real bodies*. We will not be vague spirits sitting on pink clouds idly. "Incorruptible" (KJV) means our spiritual bodies will not be subject to sickness, disease, and decay. "Immortality" means we will not be subject to destruction, nor to death, but live forever. And through this miraculous change our original identity will be preserved. We shall always continue to know each other.
7. What farm word is used to describe what takes place at the end of the world? Answer: in Matt. 13:39; Rev. 14:15

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SEVENTH DAY WHAAAT??

The Seventh Day Baptist Church sponsored a booth at the Arkansas State Fair. It was an interesting study in human nature to watch passersby do a proverbial double take when they saw the sign over our booth. Most of them would walk nonchalantly by the booth. Then it would suddenly register. You could almost see them thinking, Seventh Day Whaaat??

In answer to their question and yours. BAPTIST — Seventh Day Baptists. The Seventh Day Baptists were the first Christian Sabbath-keeping church in America.

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We realize that with differing opinions that the nation does not always work together. However, when there is a crisis the nation pulls together. Pearl Harbor was just such a crisis. It was the cement that held the nation together during World War II.

Seventh Day Baptists may not all agree on every little point of doctrine, but we also have a Pearl Harbor — Jesus Christ and Him crucified. It is that fact coupled with God's Holy Spirit that allows us to worship and fellowship together in harmony.

We feel that anyone who believes in Jesus Christ or is sincerely seeking to learn more about Him and is striving to do God's will — to keep His commandments — is free to worship with us. Beyond those things, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" (Rom. 14:5).

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But does accepting Jesus and coming under grace mean that we can continue a life of sin — a life of breaking God's law (1 John 3-4)? Absolutely not! Or as the apostle Paul put it, "God forbid" (Rom. 6:1).

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We are told to put off the vices of the flesh and put on the virtues of Christ. In order to walk in such a manner, the believer must cultivate certain graces and virtues which can only be formed when we surrender ourselves completely, constantly, to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. This same Spirit works in us to stir our being to desire "His" kindness. It is a virtue to be sought after and frequently displayed.

Kindness isn't always a big thing. It is a warm smile toward a stranger, a word of comfort to one who is downhearted, friendship to one who is lonely. Webster's dictionary describes kindness as the act of being kind, being gracious, good-natured, helpful, cordial, etc. These are all admirable qualities and one possessing them would, no doubt, be a very likeable person. But what happens to such a person when he is not shown these qualities in return? It is easy to be kind to those we love and who love us. But it is very difficult, at times, to show that same kindness to those who abuse us.

True kindness is to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," even to those who are unkind. "Happy are the kind and merciful, for they shall be

shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7 LB). It expects no reward or praise, but brings joy to the giver by the mere act of being kind. It is extending one's self beyond that act of kindness to practicing tenderhearted mercy (Col. 3:12). Because of our being chosen by God to receive His mercy through Christ, we need not be kind to make a good impression on others or to obligate them, but to bring honor and glory to the Father, which is the purpose of the Holy Spirit. We are to be patient, willing to suffer unkindness silently and count it as a privilege to serve Him by showing kindness to all, freely and gladly.

Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, God is able to produce the "fruit" of kindness in us. Only when we allow the Spirit to control us completely can we feel true kindness; only then can we display true kindness. My wife, Margaret, has been a tremendous help to me in the preparation of this article and has written the following:

Kindness is holding a frightened child, wiping tears from a dirt-streaked face.
Kindness is holding open a door for a stranger in a busy place.
Kindness is a few friendly words to an old man alone in the park,
Kindness is finding a pathway secure for someone who's lost in the dark.
Kindness is running an errand downtown for a neighbor who can't get out,
Letting someone else take your place in line, that's what kindness is all about.

When you can take on someone's menial chores to free them to do other things,

And you smile all the while and you really feel joy, God's Spirit inside of you sings.

When you can be kind to someone who's cruel, overcoming evil with good,

Then you're giving your Lord first place in your life, being kind the way He says you should.

When you give of yourself and you keep on giving, expecting naught in return;

And God's lovingkindness is living inside you, His example you're starting to learn.

When strangers who come to be guests in your home feel like they've always been friends,

Praise God for the chance you've been given again to honor and glorify Him.

Give thanks to the Lord, He's loving and good, through His Spirit, be kind to each other,

Bless the Lord, praise His name, His kindness continues forever.

Let us strive to follow Christ's example. Let us take Psalm 136 as our guide and Praise The Lord. □



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- Parents are increasingly faced with the question -Christian school or public school? Throughout the country the Christian school movement is mushrooming.
- Some feel Christian schools are overprotective - leaving children unprepared for the harsh realities of life.
- Public schools vary their standards across the country, some are indeed good and have Christian influence, some do not.
- The question of public or private Christian education requires prayerful consideration by parents.
- The author shares her experience with Christian education in this article...editor.

THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: AN EXCITING POSSIBILITY

by Mrs. Eunice Barber

The year 1976 was an exciting year for us as a couple, and as a family as well. In March, God used a trip to a Laymen's Seminar at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to introduce us to a gal from Texas. She started us on a search for Christian education for our children!

In October, at the seminar "Design for Successful Family Living," we found definite answers to questions about life, and how to apply the Bible to everyday "nitty-gritty." (DESIGN emerged for Larry Coy while he and Bill Gothard worked together in the early 60's. Gothard's seminar: Basic Youth Conflicts).

During the seminar we learned many areas where we weren't following Bible principles. One of them was haphazard discipline of our children. We came home really excited, and began applying the principles we'd learned. We seemed to be making *some* headway, but mostly it was an uphill battle! Only then did we discover that the public schools were tearing down what we were trying to build.

We discovered that, as Christian parents, we were in the midst of a gigantic struggle. Control of our kids' minds was to be won either by God or Satan. At home, we taught God's authority. In school they learned that there is no authority beyond yourself: "I'll do MY thing. It's MY right. Don't tell ME what to do." The philosophy that has permeated public schools on this continent is secular-humanism. The word "secular" by definition means "without God"... same definition as atheism! Humanism, defined by THE HUMANIST Magazine, is "...man is a product of this world - of evolution and human history - and acknowledges no supernatural purpose." Secular education ignores or denies God. They are not *FOR CHRIST*; therefore, according to Scripture, they are *AGAINST CHRIST* (Matthew 12:30).

We attempted to give our children's minds positive, honest, pure things to think about in conversation, books, music, etc., and our high school assigned books for required reading that I would flatly refuse to read myself...let alone fill the minds of vulnerable youngsters! (Myrna, age 15,

who loves reading, even refused to read some of the books because they were so gross that they made her sick.)

We taught our children to rely on the Lord in prayer for answers to their problems in life, and read in the local newspaper that twenty-one teachers in a nearby school system are looking to Satan. They all enrolled in an extension course, "Introduction to the Occult."

We spent much time in prayer and searching for God's will in this situation, and finally purposed in our hearts to begin a Christian school...based on the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum we'd been exposed to by the little gal from Texas. As we endeavored to find support from a church and pastor in the area, we learned of an ACE school already in operation thirty miles away. Curtis Corner Christian Academy happily accepted our two sons the last week of April 1977, and we felt total peace.

Michael (11) and Max (9) went through two days of intensive testing

before they were placed at the proper working level. We transported the boys to school each day, and Denny's comment on the "atmosphere of the school" was this: "It seems like Sabbath School, Boy Scouts, and Vacation Bible School all rolled into one!"

The Academy has two classrooms, Grades K-3 and 4-8. Each student has his own "office" facing toward a wall, and shielded from other students by alternating red and blue dividers. The entire program is "individually oriented." Mike and Max happily went shopping for their new "uniforms" of blue pants, red or white shirts and navy ties. (Sure made it easy on "Mom" each morning!)

Students work through levels rather than grades. Each level, for each subject is divided into 12 "PACES." For each PACE there is a workbook that a child must master before going on to the next...achieving at least 80 percent on the final test. The school helps students set goals for themselves...learning to plan for their future. Each day, Mike and Max filled out a "goal card" for work they intended to finish the next

day. If it was accomplished, there was no homework. Students can work ahead quickly in their easy subjects, and in troublesome ones, tutoring is available. Material in the PACES is Bible-oriented... "God created" in a Science PACE for example.

The boys' attitudes and behavior became better at home, now that the discipline was consistent between home and school. During the first week, Max had to be paddled at school, for a bad attitude. He told us what had happened...the teacher spoke to him, telling him why he needed the discipline, paddled him, and then prayed with him afterwards. We expected resentment and reluctance to go to school the next day, but he was aware that he deserved the discipline, and was eager to return! Praise the Lord!!! From that time on, his performance has been steadily improving. (Doing very poorly in public school had become a habit. Through this new experience, he discovered potential he didn't know he had, and began to use it.) Both boys averaged around 90 for the two months of school, and in June, the Cal. Achievement Tests were taken. Max tested out one grade ahead of where he'd have been in public school next year, and Mike was right at the level where he belonged!

The average school day begins with the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, Bible reading and prayer. Each student is expected to memorize "chunks" of Scripture each month. Mike memorized ten verses, and Max eight the first week in school...to qualify for a field trip to Edaville Railroad. Students who "didn't bother" to learn their verses were left at school that day!

After the opening ceremony, students return to their "offices" to begin the day's classwork. The silence is almost unnerving. No student leaves a desk or talks to another student without permission. (It took Mike a little time to learn this, earning a number of "demerits" and time spent in "detention" after school). Students work in their offices approximately 1.5 hours in the morning, and in the afternoon. Otherwise, they have exercise breaks, group discussions, art projects, and a variety of other programs to add to the routine. (A study of Wisconsin led to making homemade ice cream.)

A.C.E. began in 1970, and now there are 2000 fully-accredited schools throughout the country. Seventy colleges and universities have accepted A.C.E. graduates, who are all doing well. All the staff, including the supervisors, monitors, principals and superintendents are born-again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We wouldn't consider having non-Christians teach our children in Sabbath School...why should we allow it in the 30+ hours they spend in weekday school?! Most parents are unaware of the devastating effect the secular system is having on their children, as it is a gradual process. The largest single professional group among the parents who send their children to Christian schools is public school teachers and principals. They *know* what goes on in the public school.

We think this is the best thing that has happened to our family, and praise God that He has allowed us to find such a school! All three of our children are enrolled in A.C.E. for next year! God seems to be leading us in the direction of being involved in the Christian school movement. We're not just sure where, or how, but we are waiting on His leading, and covet your prayers and support!

We would challenge you as individuals, parents, churches and *SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS* to again "move out" in the field of education....*Christian* education. God's *command* was to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:..." (Matthew 28:19,20). If you would like to get an A.C.E. school started in your community, please write or phone us right away! Churches with 75 members and \$2500 have begun schools with 17 students!!! Are you willing? Contact: Denison Barber, Stillman Road, RFD 2, Pawcatuck, CT 06379, Telephone (203) 535-2880. □

ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society for the election of members and officers of the Board of Trustees and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the society will be held in the Board Room at the Seventh Day Baptist Headquarters Building, Plainfield, N.J., Sunday, September 18, 1977, at 10:00 a.m.

The Church In Action

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

AN APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF ELAINE "JINX" STONESTROM

Elaine "Jinx" Stonestrom is an excellent writer, and she served most capably as editor-writer of the *HELPING HAND*. Her first production was printed for the March-May 1975 issue, and her final copy has been submitted for the September-November 1977 quarterly.

As a new seminary graduate, Ms. Stonestrom wrote with the soul of a Christian devoted to truth as she interpreted it. For her, the committed life should be practiced among all persons under all conditions. Her deep love for God and His total creation was made plain and flavored each lesson.

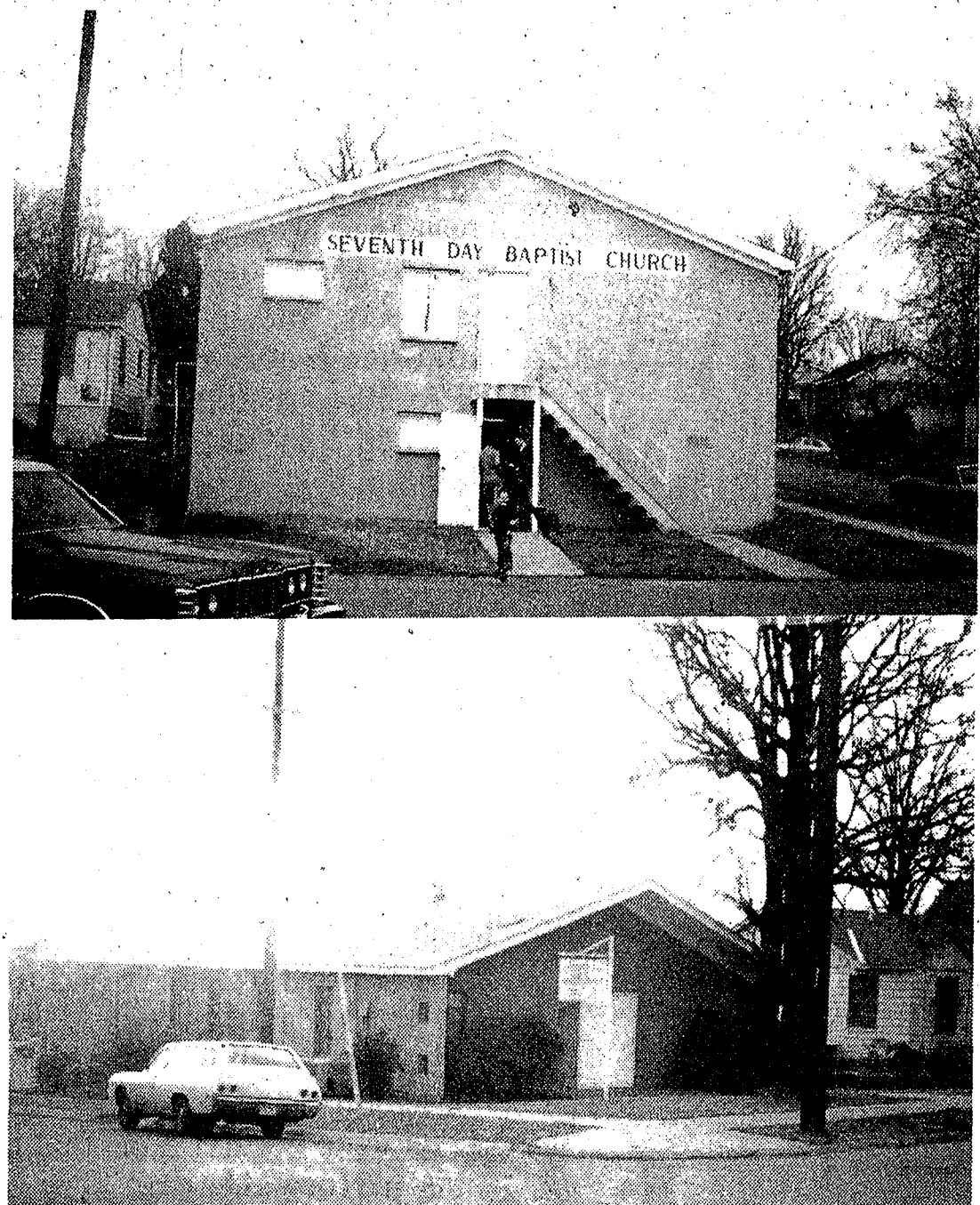
Those who studied with her have gained much in their understanding of what a working relationship really entails between a person and God, and a person and another fellow human being. And that is the "stuff" of which life is made.

We are grateful for the time, devotion, and inspiration so generously shared by one who really cares—Jinx Stonestrom. □

—Rex Zwiebel
Board of Christian Education



Elaine "Jinx" Stonestrom



Prior to Conference Commission and Planning Committee held their sessions at the Little Rock, AR, S.D.B. Church. Appreciation is expressed to those who hosted and helped in many ways to make the meetings successful.

FLORIDA CHURCH BAPTIZES FIVE

CARRAWAY, FLA.—Sabbath, July 16, was a great day for the Seventh Day Baptist church at Carraway, Fla. On Sabbath of Ministers Conference at Daytona Beach, a group of those present attended Sabbath services at Carraway. Pastor Jack Hays, by agreement of the group, brought a message directed primarily to the young folks, as a result of which several came forward to commit their lives to Christ.

As there was no immediate opportunity for baptism, arrangements were made for Elder Clifford Beebe to come from Paint Rock for July 16, when five young folks were buried with their Lord in baptism.

In the afternoon a meeting was held for licensing Joseph H. Price to preach and administer the ordinances, thus making official the position he has taken as acting pastor. There was a dedication service for a baby boy.

Dinner was served at noon at the old, small church building which is being fitted up for social purposes. The plan is to move it across the road next to the new church building.

Besides the local congregation, we welcomed Otis and Anne Lastinger from Daytona Beach, and Kathie Hester and children from Jasper, Fla. □

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION MEETS

The 86th session of the Southwestern Association was held with the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 16 through 19. Dan Butler was president. His theme was "Let Us Labor in Love," and the theme song was "To the Work."

Sessions began with Fifth Day night, and closed after the noon meal Sunday. The newly-completed kitchen of the Annex, a memorial to Mrs. Alice Bottoms, was used for preparation of meals.

Highlights of the meeting were the dedication of the Annex on Friday, in charge of Mrs. Henrietta Welch, the ordination of Pastor Robert Harris on Sabbath afternoon, and the acceptance of three new churches into membership in the Association.

Obtaining the Annex and equipping it was a dream of former Pastor Leslie Welch before his untimely death in January 1975. Thanks to a loan from the Memorial Board, and much volunteer labor, the dream is an accomplished fact.

Ministers and other delegates from denominational headquarters, Pastor Bob's home church, and other Associations took part in the examination of the candidate and the ordination. Pastor Bob's statement of

experience and belief was most concise and comprehensive. We are well pleased with Pastor Bob, especially his efforts at outreach.

Due to encouraging visits by Pastor Harris and the pastoral work of John and Ruth Anne Peil, as well as dedication on the part of the members, we have a Seventh Day Baptist church at Blountville, in East Tennessee. The fellowship at Houston, Texas, was also accepted as an organized church. Pastor Robert Babcock is working there in the RON project. The group at Chatawa, Miss. (Sunshine Mountain), also received recognition as an organized church.

In general, the churches of the Association show growth in spirituality, outreach, and numbers. We are saddened by the dissolving of the Hammond, La., church and the sale of the church building at Metairie, La.

The 87th session of the Association is planned to meet with the Little Rock, Ark., church at a date in June 1978 to be set by the Executive Committee. *George Johnson* of Little Rock is the new president, and *Clara L. Beebe* of Paint Rock is general secretary. □

—C.L.B.

THIRTEEN SENIOR MEMBERS HONORED

NORTONVILLE, KS.—On a trial basis and for the summer months, worship services have begun at 10:00 each Sabbath instead of 10:30. A baptismal service was held at the church May 7 with Bill Stapp and Jim Reddicker testifying.

Our church has been helping the Joe Helfrich family, Baldwin, Kans., since their home was completely destroyed by a tornado on May 4, one of a series of tornadoes in the Kansas-Missouri area. They are Sabbathkeeping friends who have worshipped with us many times. The church gave \$100 and \$100 was presented from personal donations. Also clothing, household linens, utensils, etc., have been collected for them.

A church picnic planned for a Leavenworth, Kans., park for Sabbath evening, May 21, was held in the church basement due to much needed rain and inclement weather. Panel games, community sing for both adults and children, and refreshments were enjoyed by the group. Gordon Lawton was honored in preparation for his departure for Ashaway, R.I.,

to assume that pastorate.

The Memorial Day service on May 28 honored our "Top Thirteen Senior Members." The subject of the message was "To Those Who Have Brought Us Where We Are." Those honored in length of church membership were Essie (Van Horn) Kenyon (72 yrs.); Alma (Maris) Davis, Esther Vincent, Inez (Stillman) Nixon, Viola (Stillman) Willis and Helen (Woolworth) Stephan (66 yrs.); Cora (Glaspey) Ferris (65 yrs.); Mary (Vincent) Ellerman, Myrle (Stillman) Milton, and Nellie Van Horn (61 yrs.); Edna (Lugibihl) Wheeler, Ruth (Stephan) Zeek and Esther (Coon) Bruns (59 yrs.). Each was presented a remembrance in honor of the occasion.

Our World Mission Sabbath on June 4 brought reports from home and abroad. A "New Fields" offering was taken.

Sixteen of our church group met with Trainer John Camenga of Little Rock for Workshop No. 3, June 4-5 on "Discovering Our Spiritual Gifts." Many are responsible for the success of the workshops donating baby-sitting, meals, beds, etc. After the workshop the entire church becomes involved so that even those who cannot attend share the "lessons learned" through reviews and reports.

Five young people (Todd Huston, Kathy Johnson, Mike Looper, Pam McClintock and Tim Osborn) spent a week (June 6-11) at Youth for Christ Circle C Ranch in Edgerton, Kans. Pastor Osborn with Dale Wheeler and Joel Osborn, attended camp at Camp Paul Hummel in Boulder, Colo., June 12-19.

A prayer workshop was held the weekend of June 24-26 lead by Mrs. Gerry Van Dyke, Denver, Colo. Workshop topics were: "Who God Is...an Experiment in Praise!"; "Christ's Perfect Prayer...Our Guideline!"; and "Learning To Pray Effectively." Small group participation followed the presentations. The final session "The Family Prays" was held at the Winston Wheeler pond at sundown. The meetings were well attended with the Kansas City church participating.

Day Camp for our children was held at Warnock Lake, Atchison, Kans., June 27-July 1. The group traveled fifteen meals to the lake each day for Bible lessons, songs, handwork and recreation. Three leaders, three assistants and twenty-four students shared a wonderful time together.

—Mrs. Merlin Wheeler

GRADUATES HONORED

MARLBORO, N.J.—The Bridgeton Ministerial Association planned an excellent service, meeting in the United Methodist Church of Bridgeton on Good Friday 12-3 p.m., portraying "The Seven Last Words of Jesus" by hymn singing and speakers.

Combined Easter Cantatas, "The Last Week," and "A Service of Shadows," were presented with Donna Harris as choir director, Claudette Ferguson, organist, Letha Miller, pianist, guitarist Leland Cobb, flowers, Donna Cruzan, reader, Barbara Froding.

Pastor Don Richards attended the Ministers Conference in Daytona Beach, April 27-May 3. Community night was observed with a cartoon, games and refreshments. Youth Retreat was held at Jersey Oaks Camp, May 13, 14, 15, for grades 7-12. Ron Bond, program coordinator, and Tom Merchant, resource leader, were Jersey Oaks Youth Retreat leaders.

Our group has missed the attendance of Deacon Fred Ayars, who has been hospitalized twice; and has been saddened by the loss of Harriet Cottrell Gilson and Harry Gatans.

The "Commitment to Growth" program is being studied by one group in the Sabbath School, led by Pastor Don Richards. Mother's Day and Family Day were observed. Children's Day was under the direction of the primary superintendent, Sharon Davis.

On June 4 graduates were recognized, College: Edna Ruth Richards, Glassboro State College (Dec. 1976) and Brenda Cobb, Salem Community College; High School: Francis E. Campbell and Ellen Davis; Eighth grade: Thomas Davis and Randy Hiles. A dinner was enjoyed and the choir director, organist and assistant organists, and pianists, and choir members were given thanks in appreciation for their excellent work.

On Memorial Day afternoon, a mini parade of bicycles, tricycles, express wagons, etc., was viewed followed by a picnic supper, after which a surprise anniversary celebration for the Richards' 25th took place. A money hanging basket arranged by Lucy R. Davis, program chairman, was presented to the happy couple. Appropriate poems followed, one of which was written and read by Letha Miller. □

—Mrs. Ella T. Davis

BATTLE CREEK ADDS 22 COMMITMENT TO GROWTH A SUCCESS!

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—We are growing! Our Evangelism Explosion program is really producing results we can measure. Two teams began follow-up visits to our church visitors the last of February. Since that time, 14 out of 45 different contacts have been baptized and joined the church. We've had three baptismal services since February and welcomed 22 new members. We have new visitors each week as church members invite their friends, and others come to see what we're all about. Last year our average church attendance was 88; the past few weeks we've had over 100 people in church, with a high one week of 121. Praise the Lord! It is exciting to see the congregation grow, not just numerically but spiritually.

Monthly testimonies during the worship service have been initiated by our Evangelism Committee. Also, it has provided greeters at the door of the church for visitors. Another innovation has been receptions planned to honor our new church members. The committee is now laying plans for our booth at the Kalamazoo County Faith, August 22-27. The Light Bearers are to be here that week of the fair.

Pastor S. Kenneth Davis has been preaching recently on spiritual gifts. To help each church member discover his spiritual gifts, the modified Hout's questionnaire, used in the Growth Force Workshop #3, was mailed out one week with the church bulletins. Instructions on how to use it were also sent.

Our second pictorial directory is to be available in early September. Pictures of church families, various church groups, and activities were taken in June. The directory company produces the directories free of charge; their costs are recovered in the extra pictures purchased by the families for themselves. The directory, which is like a yearbook, will help our new members and friends identify other church members by picture and name. Our last one was printed in 1972.

This year's camping program began on the Memorial Day weekend. Thirty-three campers were registered for a Family Retreat at Camp Holston. Activities planned by the director, Dorothy Parrott, included a Sabbath welcoming service, Bible simulations,

praise and vesper services, plus a hot dog roast and talent show on Sabbath night. A baptismal service was held there at the camp on Sabbath afternoon, followed by a simple Communion service. Gordon Lawton, visiting his grandparents here, assisted Pastor Ken in this Communion service.

We have been very busy with our regular camps the past few weeks. Bible Clubs were held in five different city locations the week of June 13-17 with Connie Coon in charge. Nineteen Senior Associational Campers were at Camp Holston the next week. Pastor Ken was the director, and the group studied spiritual gifts.

One hundred thirty-eight children were registered for Day Camp. This camp is a cooperative effort by area churches. Children are bused from the Bible Club areas and from the area surrounding the church. Our church provided the camp and many of the staff members for the Day Camp, including Pastor Ken as director.

Susan Bond from Columbus, Ohio, directed our Primary Camp here. There were 13 children enrolled for the three-day camp. Intermediate Camp was held the next week with Dorothy Parrott directing and 16 campers enrolled. Her theme was "Praise, Pray, and Give Thanks." July 18-24 was the week for Junior Camp, with 11 campers and Peggy Parrott directing. During the summer our camp is a busy place, as many other churches and outside groups use our camping facilities.

Our Youth Fellowship did very well raising money to send young people to Pre-Con and Conference this year. They raised \$860 of their \$1,000 goal and helped finance the expenses of nine youths going to Conference. Connie Coon will drive her van with twelve young people to Pre-Con and Conference.

Our church will be well represented at Conference. We will come close to meeting our quota of 27 delegates. See you in Arkansas!

—Karen Thorngate

TEAM SON KIST AIDS KANSAS MINISTRY

NORTONVILLE, KS.—During July Sabbath Eve fellowship services were held each Friday evening in Leavenworth, Kans., planned by Vivian and Kirk Looper of Leavenworth.

The Women's Missionary Society booklets have been made and

distributed to all of our ladies. "Bloom Where You Are Planted" is the slogan on the cover. The study this year is "The Fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-23) with a different "fruit" as the lesson each first Thursday of the month.

The Annual Church Business Meeting was held July 9 with quarterly and yearly reports. Officers have been elected and duly installed in the different church organizations and are at work on the coming year's programs.

As a result of the Prayer Workshop in June, emphasis has been made upon new prayer outlets. Some prayer programs now functioning are Prayer Partners, Prayer Chain, Prayer Groups and Men's Prayer Breakfast (Sunday morning). **GOD WANTS US TO PRAY!**

During worship services on July 8 the congregation participated in a Spiritual Gift Quiz. Guidance for the quiz was revealed by Pastor Paul Osborn as taken from Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12, and Eph. 4.

Remodeling work progresses at the parsonage. The old back porch is being replaced with a kitchen extension, utility room, and a second bath.

Our church family has been really blessed with TEAM SON KIST (Jo Anne Barber and Jeanie Fetrow) this summer. They have brought us a new message in song, helped in Day Camp, held Bible Story Hours in the Leavenworth Parks, led our youth activities, and spread good will and humor throughout the church. We will miss them both!

Seven young people with Pastor Paul and Muriel spent the week of July 17-24 at Camp Riverview, North Loup, Nebr. They reported attendance of 26 girls and 14 boys.

Our church has been actively involved in the "Perry Lake Ministry" for several years. Perry Lake is a huge watershed project located thirty miles southwest of Nortonville. Sunday worship at the lake is difficult for many churches to lead out. Pastor Paul and Ira Bond have lead the worship services there many Sundays.

A Hymnal Committee has selected "Hymns for the Living Church" to be purchased for our use. Memorials and donations have helped with the purchase.

Pastor Cliff Bond and Ira Bond have filled our pulpit during our pastor's attendance at summer camps. □

THREE ADDED AT ADAMS CENTER CHURCH

ADAMS CENTER, N.Y.—We of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church thought our many friends and associates might be interested in a brief report from our church, after a year of Stephan Saunders' tent ministry in our community.

Pastor Steve has been with us a full year now and we praise the Lord for his and his family's guidance and inspiration. He feels he has had a fruitful year.

We have lost and greatly miss two members who have moved away: Deacon Nathan Whitford, who had been a faithful attendant since childhood; and Deaconess Mildred S. Greene, who has generously supported the work of our church and left a speaker system and monetary memorial to help support our church, in memory of her husband Deacon Paul D. Greene and herself.

We have had three new members added to our church membership: Stephen Vout, a local young man who felt called of God to enter our church; Rebecca Saunders, the pastor's older daughter; and Susan A. Avery, a young lady who has grown up in our church. The Lord has richly blessed us in seeing these lives develop in their Christian growth.

Bible studies are being conducted regularly on Wednesday nights for people in their homes building up a closer fellowship. On Friday evenings we have vesper Bible study at the church. The pastor has spent many hours in counselling and prayer as well as visitations of both church members and people of the community.

During the year we have been blessed by visits from David Pearson, Leon Lawton, and the Light Bearers for Christ with Mynor Soper. Our church hosted the fall meeting of Central New York Association. Several members have actively taken part in our Commitment to Growth Plan and are now nearly ready to reach out with the next thrust of contacting more people moving into the community. Through the untiring efforts of Nellie Barbur we have continued to support our Community Board of Christian Education weekly, weather permitting, and in conjunction with our sister Baptist church have held special religious community services at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, when Pastor Steve directed the Gaithers' Alleluia Chorus at two different times. The offerings

from these were put in the treasury of our Community Board of Christian Education to cover any of the expenses of our D.V.B.S. directed by our local pastors.

Much time and money have been spent on the repair of the parsonage and much remains to be completed. The church is now being painted and made much more presentable as a witness to the public as a house of God.

We have called two more of our faithful few to the diaconate: Nellie Barbur and F. Chris Langworthy. We hope for an ordination service with churches of our Association the first part of September after several of our members who are attending Conference will then be home.

Pastor Steve has served as a pastor to our nearby Baptist church at Honeyville and been employed as study hall teacher at our local junior high, which has been a real financial help to him as well as getting him better acquainted with people of our community.

We would ask your prayers that we may grow more sensitive and understanding to each other's needs and to the needs of our fellow men in our community, our denomination, our missions and Christian service around the world — and may God bless. □

—Delberta W. Greene

NEWS NOTES

● Dr. Arthur Borden addressed the General Conference representing the American Bible Society. So far this year Seventh Day Baptists have given \$610.52 toward Bible Society work. When sending your gift be sure to identify it as S.D.B. or send your donations through Our World Mission to ensure proper credit. We should strive to raise at least \$1,000 for Bible distribution this year.

● Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. K. D. Hurley who recently celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their family in Salem, W. Va.

● Rev. James McGeachy, retired pastor of the Mill Yard church in London, England, recently had an article entitled "The Hope of Glory" published in *Jerusalem*, a journal which serves the Jewish-Christian community in England.

BIBLE SCHOOL SPONSORED

DERUYTER, N.Y.—Pastor Helen Green attended the Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference held at Daytona Beach, Florida, April 27 to May 3.

Our church was happy to entertain the 138th annual session of the Central New York Association, June 3 to 5. Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills wish to thank the Association for the "This Is Your Life" program given in recognition of their fortieth wedding anniversary and his more than forty years in the ministry.

Our Sabbath School sponsored a Bible School July 5-15 with an enrollment of 21 pupils from kindergarten to junior high age with an average attendance of 14.5. It was directed by Ruth Burdick and the Bible course was "Lord Jesus, Teach Me." Other teachers were Barbara Burdick, Martha Burdick, Pastor Green, Marian Brannon and Theresa Colflesh.

Theresa Colflesh of Sedalia, Missouri, was a guest of her aunt, Miss Helen Green from July 2 to 16.

On the afternoon of July 16 a baptismal service was held at the river near Cuyler, N.Y. Kenneth Brannon, Wanda Brown, and Raymond Brown were baptized by Pastor Helen Green and on the following Sabbath were received into membership of the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church.

On Sunday afternoon, July 24, Ernest Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graves, and Wanda Brown, daughter of Herbert and Gretchen Brown all of DeRuyter, N.Y., were married in the Seventh Day Baptist church with the pastor, Miss Helen Green, officiating. □

DELEGATES TO HOLLAND

American S.D.B.'s will be represented at the centennial of the Dutch S.D.B. churches in Haarlem on Oct. 14, 15, 1977. Editor John Bevis will bring official greetings from the Conference and lead in a discussion on Commitment to Growth and publishing concerns: On Oct. 8 a meeting will be held in London with our British Conference. The delegation consists of Mr. and Mrs. Bevis and Laura, Miss Florence Bowden and Mrs. Marie Kuyper, both of Shiloh, N.J. All will travel at their own expense except for the editor whose travel is being paid by the Tract Society and designated gifts. A full report of this mission to Europe will appear in the November issue of *The Sabbath Recorder*. □

BATTLE CREEK ADDS 22 COMMITMENT TO GROWTH A SUCCESS!

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—We are growing! Our Evangelism Explosion program is really producing results we can measure. Two teams began follow-up visits to our church visitors the last of February. Since that time, 14 out of 45 different contacts have been baptized and joined the church. We've had three baptismal services since February and welcomed 22 new members. We have new visitors each week as church members invite their friends, and others come to see what we're all about. Last year our average church attendance was 88; the past few weeks we've had over 100 people in church, with a high one week of 121. Praise the Lord! It is exciting to see the congregation grow, not just numerically but spiritually.

Monthly testimonies during the worship service have been initiated by our Evangelism Committee. Also, it has provided greeters at the door of the church for visitors. Another innovation has been receptions planned to honor our new church members. The committee is now laying plans for our booth at the Kalamazoo County Faith, August 22-27. The Light Bearers are to be here that week of the fair.

Pastor S. Kenneth Davis has been preaching recently on spiritual gifts. To help each church member discover his spiritual gifts, the modified Hout's questionnaire, used in the Growth Force Workshop #3, was mailed out one week with the church bulletins. Instructions on how to use it were also sent.

Our second pictorial directory is to be available in early September. Pictures of church families, various church groups, and activities were taken in June. The directory company produces the directories free of charge; their costs are recovered in the extra pictures purchased by the families for themselves. The directory, which is like a yearbook, will help our new members and friends identify other church members by picture and name. Our last one was printed in 1972.

This year's camping program began on the Memorial Day weekend. Thirty-three campers were registered for a Family Retreat at Camp Holston. Activities planned by the director, Dorothy Parrott, included a Sabbath welcoming service, Bible simulations,

praise and vesper services, plus a hot dog roast and talent show on Sabbath night. A baptismal service was held there at the camp on Sabbath afternoon, followed by a simple Communion service. Gordon Lawton, visiting his grandparents here, assisted Pastor Ken in this Communion service.

We have been very busy with our regular camps the past few weeks. Bible Clubs were held in five different city locations the week of June 13-17 with Connie Coon in charge. Nineteen Senior Associational Campers were at Camp Holston the next week. Pastor Ken was the director, and the group studied spiritual gifts.

One hundred thirty-eight children were registered for Day Camp. This camp is a cooperative effort by area churches. Children are bused from the Bible Club areas and from the area surrounding the church. Our church provided the camp and many of the staff members for the Day Camp, including Pastor Ken as director.

Susan Bond from Columbus, Ohio, directed our Primary Camp here. There were 13 children enrolled for the three-day camp. Intermediate Camp was held the next week with Dorothy Parrott directing and 16 campers enrolled. Her theme was "Praise, Pray, and Give Thanks." July 18-24 was the week for Junior Camp, with 11 campers and Peggy Parrott directing. During the summer our camp is a busy place, as many other churches and outside groups use our camping facilities.

Our Youth Fellowship did very well raising money to send young people to Pre-Con and Conference this year. They raised \$860 of their \$1,000 goal and helped finance the expenses of nine youths going to Conference. Connie Coon will drive her van with twelve young people to Pre-Con and Conference.

Our church will be well represented at Conference. We will come close to meeting our quota of 27 delegates. See you in Arkansas!

—Karen Thorngate

TEAM SON KIST AIDS KANSAS MINISTRY

NORTONVILLE, KS.—During July Sabbath Eve fellowship services were held each Friday evening in Leavenworth, Kans., planned by Vivian and Kirk Looper of Leavenworth.

The Women's Missionary Society booklets have been made and

distributed to all of our ladies. "Bloom Where You Are Planted" is the slogan on the cover. The study this year is "The Fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-23) with a different "fruit" as the lesson each first Thursday of the month.

The Annual Church Business Meeting was held July 9 with quarterly and yearly reports. Officers have been elected and duly installed in the different church organizations and are at work on the coming year's programs.

As a result of the Prayer Workshop in June, emphasis has been made upon new prayer outlets. Some prayer programs now functioning are Prayer Partners, Prayer Chain, Prayer Groups and Men's Prayer Breakfast (Sunday morning). **GOD WANTS US TO PRAY!**

During worship services on July 8 the congregation participated in a Spiritual Gift Quiz. Guidance for the quiz was revealed by Pastor Paul Osborn as taken from Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12, and Eph. 4.

Remodeling work progresses at the parsonage. The old back porch is being replaced with a kitchen extension, utility room, and a second bath.

Our church family has been really blessed with TEAM SON KIST (Jo Anne Barber and Jeanie Fetrow) this summer. They have brought us a new message in song, helped in Day Camp, held Bible Story Hours in the Leavenworth Parks, led our youth activities, and spread good will and humor throughout the church. We will miss them both!

Seven young people with Pastor Paul and Muriel spent the week of July 17-24 at Camp Riverview, North Loup, Nebr. They reported attendance of 26 girls and 14 boys.

Our church has been actively involved in the "Perry Lake Ministry" for several years. Perry Lake is a huge watershed project located thirty miles southwest of Nortonville. Sunday worship at the lake is difficult for many churches to lead out. Pastor Paul and Ira Bond have lead the worship services there many Sundays.

A Hymnal Committee has selected "Hymns for the Living Church" to be purchased for our use. Memorials and donations have helped with the purchase.

Pastor Cliff Bond and Ira Bond have filled our pulpit during our pastor's attendance at summer camps. □

THREE ADDED AT ADAMS CENTER CHURCH

ADAMS CENTER, N.Y.—We of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church thought our many friends and associates might be interested in a brief report from our church, after a year of Stephan Saunders' tent ministry in our community.

Pastor Steve has been with us a full year now and we praise the Lord for his and his family's guidance and inspiration. He feels he has had a fruitful year.

We have lost and greatly miss two members who have moved away: Deacon Nathan Whitford, who had been a faithful attendant since childhood; and Deaconess Mildred S. Greene, who has generously supported the work of our church and left a speaker system and monetary memorial to help support our church, in memory of her husband Deacon Paul D. Greene and herself.

We have had three new members added to our church membership: Stephen Vout, a local young man who felt called of God to enter our church; Rebecca Saunders, the pastor's older daughter; and Susan A. Avery, a young lady who has grown up in our church. The Lord has richly blessed us in seeing these lives develop in their Christian growth.

Bible studies are being conducted regularly on Wednesday nights for people in their homes building up a closer fellowship. On Friday evenings we have vesper Bible study at the church. The pastor has spent many hours in counselling and prayer as well as visitations of both church members and people of the community.

During the year we have been blessed by visits from David Pearson, Leon Lawton, and the Light Bearers for Christ with Mynor Soper. Our church hosted the fall meeting of Central New York Association. Several members have actively taken part in our Commitment to Growth Plan and are now nearly ready to reach out with the next thrust of contacting more people moving into the community. Through the untiring efforts of Nellie Barbur we have continued to support our Community Board of Christian Education weekly, weather permitting, and in conjunction with our sister Baptist church have held special religious community services at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, when Pastor Steve directed the Gaithers' Alleluia Chorus at two different times. The offerings

from these were put in the treasury of our Community Board of Christian Education to cover any of the expenses of our D.V.B.S. directed by our local pastors.

Much time and money have been spent on the repairs of the parsonage and much remains to be done. The church is being repaired and made much more comfortable as a witness to the power and love of God.

We have called two more of our faithful few to the diaconate: Nellie Barbur and F. Chris Langworthy. We hope for an ordination service with churches of our Association the first part of September after several of our members who are attending Conference will then be home.

Pastor Steve has served as a pastor to our nearby Baptist church at Honeyville and been employed as study hall teacher at our local junior high, which has been a real financial help to him as well as getting him better acquainted with people of our community.

We would ask your prayers that we may grow more sensitive and understanding to each other's needs and to the needs of our fellow men in our community, our denomination, our missions and Christian service around the world — and may God bless. □

—Delberta W. Greene

NEWS NOTES

●Dr. Arthur Borden addressed the General Conference representing the American Bible Society. So far this year Seventh Day Baptists have given \$610.52 toward Bible Society work. When sending your gift be sure to identify it as S.D.B. or send your donations through Our World Mission to ensure proper credit. We should strive to raise at least \$1,000 for Bible distribution this year.

●Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. K. D. Hurley who recently celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their family in Salem, W. Va.

●Rev. James McGeachy, retired pastor of the Mill Yard church in London, England, recently had an article entitled "The Hope of Glory" published in *Jerusalem*, a journal which serves the Jewish Christian community in England.

BIBLE SCHOOL SPONSORED

DERUYTER, N.Y.—Pastor Helen Green attended the Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference held at Daytona Beach, Florida, April 27 to May 3.

Our church was happy to entertain the 138th annual session of the Central New York Association, June 3 to 5. Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills wish to thank the Association for the "This Is Your Life" program given in recognition of their fortieth wedding anniversary and his more than forty years in the ministry.

Our Sabbath School sponsored a Bible School July 5-15 with an enrollment of 21 pupils from kindergarten to junior high age with an average attendance of 14.5. It was directed by Ruth Burdick and the Bible course was "Lord Jesus, Teach Me." Other teachers were Barbara Burdick, Martha Burdick, Pastor Green, Marian Brannon and Theresa Colflesh.

Theresa Colflesh of Sedalia, Missouri, was a guest of her aunt, Miss Helen Green from July 2 to 16.

On the afternoon of July 16 a baptismal service was held at the river near Cuyler, N.Y. Kenneth Brannon, Wanda Brown, and Raymond Brown were baptized by Pastor Helen Green and on the following Sabbath were received into membership of the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church.

On Sunday afternoon, July 24, Ernest Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graves, and Wanda Brown, daughter of Herbert and Gretchen Brown all of DeRuyter, N.Y., were married in the Seventh Day Baptist church with the pastor, Miss Helen Green, officiating. □

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BOOK REVIEW

NEW BOOK TELLS HOW TO HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND DEATH

"Discussing death with a child is so difficult that we naturally want to resist," admits Janette Klopfenstein in her new book, *Tell Me About Death, Mommy*.

"Yet we know that to wait until death occurs makes giving general explanations too unbearably painful. Ideally our child should have some concepts and answers to draw upon when he comes to a personal experience with death."

Janette writes out of personal experience, sharing what she learned following the sudden death of her husband, which left her with two young fatherless boys.

"Perhaps nothing can prepare a child for the emotional loss of separation from someone he loves," Janette concedes.

"However, by giving the child some basic concepts and by understanding his needs, we can lessen the trauma and help him better cope with death."

Her first book, *My Walk Through Grief* (Herald Press, 1976), concerns Janette's personal struggle with the death of her young husband. *Tell Me About Death, Mommy* grew out of an awareness that explaining death to a child and helping him handle a death crisis are difficult tasks.

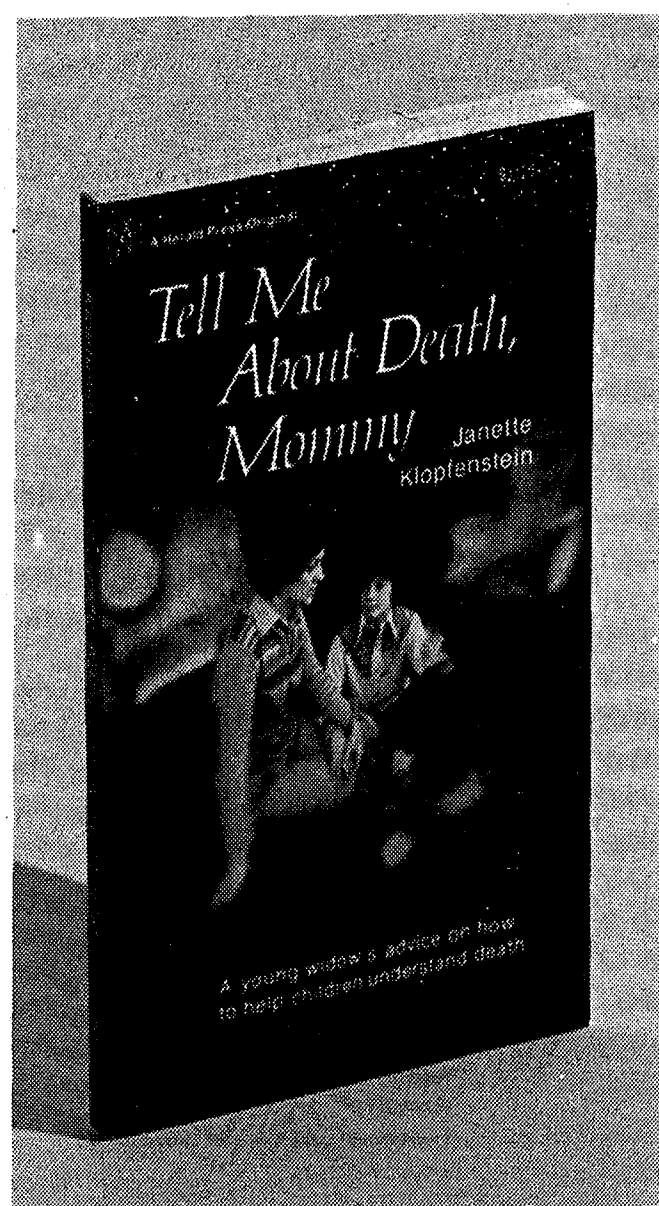
"*Tell Me About Death, Mommy* forced me to think through my own ideas and feelings about death," comments J. Lorene Peachey, editor of *Christian Living Magazine*.

"My children should eventually benefit. For before I can help them understand death, I must come to terms with it myself."

"For those who are young, death seems far away," Peachey observes. "Yet, from the moment of birth, it begins to touch our lives."

"What all of us must realize, and help our children to understand, is that only as we come to terms with death are we able to live. *Tell Me About Death, Mommy* helps us do both."

Janette (Rupp) Klopfenstein grew up in the Archbold, Ohio, area. She



holds a BA degree in language arts and has taught on the high school and technical college level. She has written several articles and has shared her experience with death with many groups.

Since writing her second book, Janette has married L. Douglas Yoder. She has moved with her sons, Chad and Derek, to West Liberty, Ohio, where Dr. Yoder has a veterinary practice.

"As a parent, I want my child to feel that nothing about death is unmentionable," Janette says. "Only by being aware of his needs and fears can we hope to guide him in his understanding of death."

The attractive cover of *Tell Me About Death, Mommy* features a full-photo of Janette and her boys by Dick and Dee Studio, Pettisville, Ohio.

My Walk Through Grief, featuring a photo by the same studio, was named as the best paperback cover of the year by the Christian Booksellers Association. The award was presented at their annual convention in Kansas City, Missouri, attended by more than 7,000 bookbuyers and publishers' representatives from more than 30 countries.

Tell Me About Death, Mommy, by Janette Klopfenstein, is published by Herald Press, Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, and Kitchener, Ontario. It is available in mass market paperback format in bookstores for \$1.75. □

THE PROMISED LAND

(Review of a play of early Brookfield, N. Y., and its settlers, as written and presented several times this summer in the area.)

by Albert N. Rogers

"Our Father in heaven, we ask Thy blessing upon this, our last meal together in our native land. Tomorrow if Thou art willing, my sons John, James and Eli, and myself, shall embark on what may be a two or three weeks journey into the wilderness of New York State..." So begins the story, as reenacted this summer by the Ecumenical Youth Group in Brookfield, N. Y.

It is a colorful and moving story of James Clarke and his family, written by Donna S. Tanney. Mrs. Tanney who recently joined the Brookfield S.D.B. Church, is the author of "The Eternal Hills" and collaborator in the publication of "Remembered Years" both of which deal with local history. The dangers of the trip, the uncertainties of the wilderness just after the Revolution, and the vigor of faith and ideals in those years are sharply portrayed. Correspondence back home is quoted authentically. Details of earrings and items of dress, foodstuffs and furniture are carefully researched. The dramatic death of Barbara Clarke, mother of the family, and the disappearance of the slave girl who "skipped out" to get married are woven into the story.

Brookfield is part of the Unadilla Country already claimed for Christ by Henry Clarke, pioneer pastor from First Hopkinton Church (Ashaway), Rhode Island. Eli Bailey feels a call to aid Clarke in evangelism and pastoral work in the new area. He was to serve in the War of 1812 and became a surgeon so that his M.D. diploma was filed in 1818. The earliest name of the village of Brookfield was "Bailey's Corners." Marcy, his wife, describes her delight in their new house which still stands. Amos R. Wells rides in as a travelling evangelist, and is welcomed for the news he brings from "down East" as well as his spiritual gifts.

The Clarkes, the Baileys, and many other families joined in building a house on Beaver Creek. By 1821 140 members had been added. An academy was established to provide

more advanced education than was available in the log schools. Later students from Madison University (now Colgate) at Hamilton would walk over for earnest discussions with Bailey.

Act IV, dated eighty years after the settling of the Beaver Valley, reports on William Newton Clarke, theologian and professor at Colgate University, Wait Clarke, assemblyman in the capital at Albany, et al. The earrings of Barbara Clarke are shown to have come down to Susan M. ("Susie") Burdick, Seventh Day Baptist missionary to China, 1888-1938.

It may be observed that central New York was the second step out of New England taken by our people, the first being the one to Berlin and Schenectady during the Revolution. The Babcock, Langworthy, Stillman and Whitford families, to name but a few, added strength to the mighty stream. The churches at Alfred and many other western New York places came a bit later, and by mid-nineteen century Seventh Day Baptists were established in the Middle West.

Mrs. Tanney is to be congratulated on making our history so fascinating, and helping the young people of her church and community learn the excitement of discovering "the promised land" for themselves. Proceeds from the presentations of the play on the County Fairgrounds and in Sabbath services were added to their camp fund. □

● Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Drake of Milton, Wis., who recently celebrated their fiftieth year of marriage.

MARRIAGES

BALOG-SKAGGS.—James J. Balog, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balog, and Lynne P. Skaggs, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Victor W. Skaggs, were united in marriage in the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 16, 1977, with the father of the bride, Rev. Victor Skaggs, officiating. They now reside in Las Vegas, Nevada.

FICK-JACOB.—Ewald August Fick, son of Mrs. Louise Fick of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Marion Ruth Jacob, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jacob of Pomona Park, Florida, were united in marriage at the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 23, 1977 with the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn officiating.

BIRTHS

BOWYER.—A son, Israel Paul, to David and Cheryl (Whitney) Bowyer of Ashaway, R.I., on August 2, 1977.

MORRIS.—A daughter, Christiana Sue, to Peter and Sue Morris of Los Angeles, CA, on August 5, 1977.

NEHR.—A daughter, Jacinta Helen, to Richard and Madelyn Nehr of Dodge Center, MN, on August 6, 1977.

STAPP.—A son, Ryan Matthew, to Bill and Mavice (Wheeler) Stapp of Nortonville, Kans., on June 14, 1977.

WILLIAMS.—A son, Seth Adam, to Merlyn and Colene (Vogeler) Williams of Cotesfield, NE, July 28, 1977.

OBITUARIES

DAVIS.—Bessie Babcock Davis, daughter of Justin E. and Metta A. Sweet, was born in North Loup, Nebraska, January 3, 1892, and was called to rest in her home in Riverside, California, July 11, 1977.

The commitment of her life to Christ and baptism were a part of her meaningful experience of early youth, and served well to help undergird her faith during the extended and ensuing years. After moving to Riverside, California, in 1913, she became a life-long member of the Seventh Day Baptist church there.

She was married to Robert L. Babcock on December 28, 1914, and he died March 14, 1964. Later she was married to Orsen E. Davis who passed away April 12, 1966.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Anne Elmer; a sister, Marie Rich; and three grandchildren, Karen, Kendall and Kevin Elmer.

A graveside service was conducted on July 13 by her pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was at the Montecito Memorial Park Cemetery, Colton, California.

—A.L.W.

MARTIN.—Alice Ames, 77, passed away June 24, 1977 at the Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y. She had been in failing health for some years.

Born in Westerly, R.I., on February 19, 1900, she was the daughter of Grant and Harriet (Coon) Ames. Her husband, Lyle Martin, died in 1959. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Carlton (Lucile) Shannon of Watertown, N.Y.; and two brothers, Mr. Arnold Ames of Preble, N.Y., and Mr. Elwood Ames of Binghamton, N.Y. She had lived in the Syracuse area for fifty-nine years, part of that time serving as a bookbinder for Gaylord Brothers. She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R.I., which she joined as a young person. For some years she had transferred her membership to a Baptist church in Syracuse, but once again, in later years, transferred her membership back to the church of her youth.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Neal D. Mills, retired Seventh Day Baptist minister, at Fairchild and Meech Funeral Chapel, Syracuse, N.Y., on June 27, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

—R.H.

LIPPINCOTT.—Herbert L., 80, son of Perry and Rebecca Lippincott, was born in Logan County, Ohio, October 14, 1896, and died July 16, 1977, in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich., where he had been a patient two days.

He was a resident of Battle Creek almost fifty-seven years and a veteran of World War I. He worked for fifty-four years as an auto mechanic, forty of those as owner and operator of Lippincott Auto Repair Shop. The business was sold in 1970.

Herbert was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church and served on various committees of the church, including the board of deacons, at the time of his death.

Surviving are his widow, the former Clara Mae Wood; a son, the Rev. Robert Lippincott of Peoria, Arizona; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and sisters: Mrs. Harry (Lulu) Strole of Bellevue, Mich., Mrs. Alfred (Gertrude) Van Noty of Mountain View, Calif., and Mrs. Lawrence (Fern) Stevens of Long Beach, Calif.

A funeral service was conducted at the Hebble Funeral Home by his pastor, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, with burial at Memorial Park Cemetery, Battle Creek.

—S.K.D.

REAMES.—Orland, 77, of Battle Creek, Mich., died July 21, 1977, in the Battle Creek Provincial House after a lengthy illness.

He was a long-time Battle Creek resident and a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church. He was formerly employed by the Battle Creek Box Factory and Franklin Electric Co.

He is survived by his widow, Rachel Reames, a patient in the Kimball Medical Care Facility.

Burial services were scheduled at the Bedford Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Royal Funeral Home.

—S.K.D.

SCHAIBLE.—Louis D., 69, son of the late George J. and Jennie Woodruff Schaible was born September 17, 1907 in Shiloh, N.J., and died suddenly of a heart attack on Monday, August 1, 1977, as he went about his business.

Mr. Schaible was a lifelong resident of Shiloh. He married Mildred Mickle Schaible, and the couple celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary this past June.

He was an active member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for over thirty years.

Mr. Schaible was self-employed as a poultry farmer for over fifty years and was greatly respected by all with whom he worked. He was very active in the state and county poultry organizations, having served as past president of the New Jersey Poultry Breeders Association, president of the N.J. State Poultry Association, New Jersey's delegate to NEPPCO, member of N.J. Agricultural Society, member of N.J. Chick Association, member of Cumberland County Board of Agriculture, and leading Rhode Island Red poultry breeder in the United States.

Surviving in addition to his widow are: a daughter, Miss Joan Schaible of Parsippany, N.J.; a son, David of Nobleboro, Maine; a sister, Miss Eleanor Schaible of Escondido, California, and several nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted from the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, by his pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, on Wednesday, August 3, 1977. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

—C.H.B.



**PRIEST-CONGRESSMAN
CALLS FOR END TO JOB
DISCRIMINATION FOR
SABBATHKEEPERS**

A Roman Catholic priest who serves in Congress is pressing for new legislation which would guarantee job security to workers who refuse to work on Saturdays because of religious convictions.

Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D.-Mass.) introduced an amendment to strengthen a provision in the Civil Rights Act adopted in 1972 by making it more difficult for employers to fire or refuse to hire such workers.

The 1972 measure was introduced by U.S. Sen. Jennings Randolph (D.-W. Va.), the only Seventh Day Baptist in Congress.

Randolph's language five years ago added religious discrimination to the list of protected categories by requiring employers to prove that "undue hardship" would result if they complied with Sabbatarian workers' request to have Saturdays off. The measure also required employers to make "reasonable accommodation" to such workers' religious needs.

Language in Drinan's proposed amendment would, according to a statement by the Congressman, "require an employer to respect the religious beliefs, practices and observances of its employees unless 'no accommodation for such employee's religious observances or practices is possible without severe pecuniary or other material loss to such employer.'"

The need for the stronger measure comes as a result of two Supreme Court rulings last spring upholding employers' dismissals of members of the Sabbatarian World Wide Church of God.

The court held that both Trans World Airlines and Parker Seal Co. had proven that "undue hardship"

would result if they made arrangements for Sabbath-observing employees to take off every Saturday. Both companies cited morale problems on their work forces resulting from such accommodations.

Congressman Drinan, in introducing his new measure, said the High Court misinterpreted the intent of Congress in the rulings by "striking the balance too far to the side of purported business interests to the detriment of religious liberty."

"In my view the balance should be struck more in favor of religious freedom than the court did in its recent decision," Drinan continued.

The decisions have been attacked by a number of religious leaders who agree with Drinan's assessment. Among those groups affected by the ongoing debate are Jews, Seventh-day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists, members of the World Wide Church of God, and others. -Baptist Press

**BAPTIST ALLIANCE SETS
OCTOBER 23 AS WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

The 29-million member Baptist World Alliance is asking Baptist Christians throughout the world to observe Sunday, October 23, as a Day of Prayer for Peace.

Robert S. Denny, the BWA's general secretary, said that the observance was authorized by the Alliance's general council at its July meeting in Miami Beach, in response to requests from people in many nations. More than thirty countries were represented at the Miami Beach meeting.

The Day of Prayer for Peace will be an annual observance, Denny said. October 23 was chosen for the observance because it is the Sunday preceding the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. Seventh Day Baptists will observe it on October 22. He noted that it is "a day of widespread international significance. Various other Christian families also will be observing this day as one to pray for peace."

In its vote at Miami Beach, the BWA council reaffirmed "that war is an unchristian way of seeking to settle international problems and disputes." It further expressed support for the ideals of "lasting peace, disarmament, and just relations among all nations."

A statement issued by the Alliance secretariat to executives of its 109 member bodies declared further that:

"Peace" has both spiritual and material meanings. We seek peace of mind and soul for all peoples, a peace we find in reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ and in faithful communion with our Lord. But it will rob our October 23 observance of its full meaning if we confine our prayers to those for spiritual peace. We must pray also for peace among nations and within nations.

"Peace is an affirmative concept, covering the achievement of harmony in relations among peoples," the statement continued. "Those who work for peace will work for the relaxation of tensions between nations, for better understanding and love between classes, races and tribes. Those who are fully committed to peace will seek nonviolent ways to pursue the aims of justice and freedom, even of liberation for the oppressed."

The statement concluded: "Let us listen to the Word of God on the subject of peace, and then let us pray earnestly that our God of history will enable us to enjoy peace in our time, and in the time of our children, and our children's children." □

-BWA News

PRESIDENTIAL GIVING

After President Carter made public his and his wife's joint income tax return for 1976, some reporters noted that he did not appear to be a tither. The return showed an adjusted gross income of \$54,934.79 and contributions of \$4,507.20—8.2 percent of the total. The President chose not to disclose a breakdown of the contributions, but about half went to the now-split Plains Baptist Church in Georgia, according to press secretary, Jody Powell. The couple's 1975 return showed an adjusted gross income of \$136,138.98 and contributions of \$6,161.11—a total of 4.5 percent.

Vice President Walter F. Mondale and his wife, both offspring of ministers, turned in a lower percentage. They listed income of \$64,021 last year and contributions of \$457 (.7 percent).

-Wesley G. Pippert
Christianity Today

THE SECOND COMING

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8. What effect will Jesus' return have upon all the evil-doers? Answer: See Rev. 6:15, 16; Matt. 13:40-42.

NOTE: His coming is certainly a judgment against all the unsaved.

9. What is the one outstanding fault that condemns these losers of eternal life? Answer: 2 Thess. 1:7,8 and 2:12; Romans 2:8

10. Where does Jesus take His resurrected and translated people? Answer: See 1 Thess. 4:17; John 14:2; 17:24. _____ the Lord is the _____, and to His Father's _____ where Jesus now is.

NOTE: Christ came the first time to point men from sin to salvation, a way of escape from the death penalty. He is coming the second time to take His people from a burning world of chaos (See 2 Peter 3:7) to a heavenly land.

11. What place will God perfect as the ultimate, permanent home and dwelling place for all the redeemed? Answer: 2 Peter 3:13; Matt. 5:5. _____

From this lesson, can you name aloud five purposes for the return of Jesus Christ? If you need help, see especially questions 1, 3, 5, 8, 10. □

Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible texts selected by pastors and ministerial students.



**John Rau
Ministerial Student**

● "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28 NIV).

● This verse has always been a delight to me for all the comfort and security it has brought. It has proved itself to be a most genuine promise of God many times over. There have been many situations in my life that I either did not like or did not understand. Knowing this promise did not necessarily make those situations any more likeable, but it did give me the assurance that there was a definite and constructive effect that would come out of them no matter how little I understood at the time.

It almost seems that the Lord had me in mind when He had the apostle Paul write that verse. As I look back on the past, and face the future, I thank Him for all the good He has worked in my life. □

ACCESSIONS

A growing church can consider itself big enough when it is effectively winning lost people to Christ, when it provides the range of services that meet the needs of its members, and when it is reproducing itself by planting new churches.

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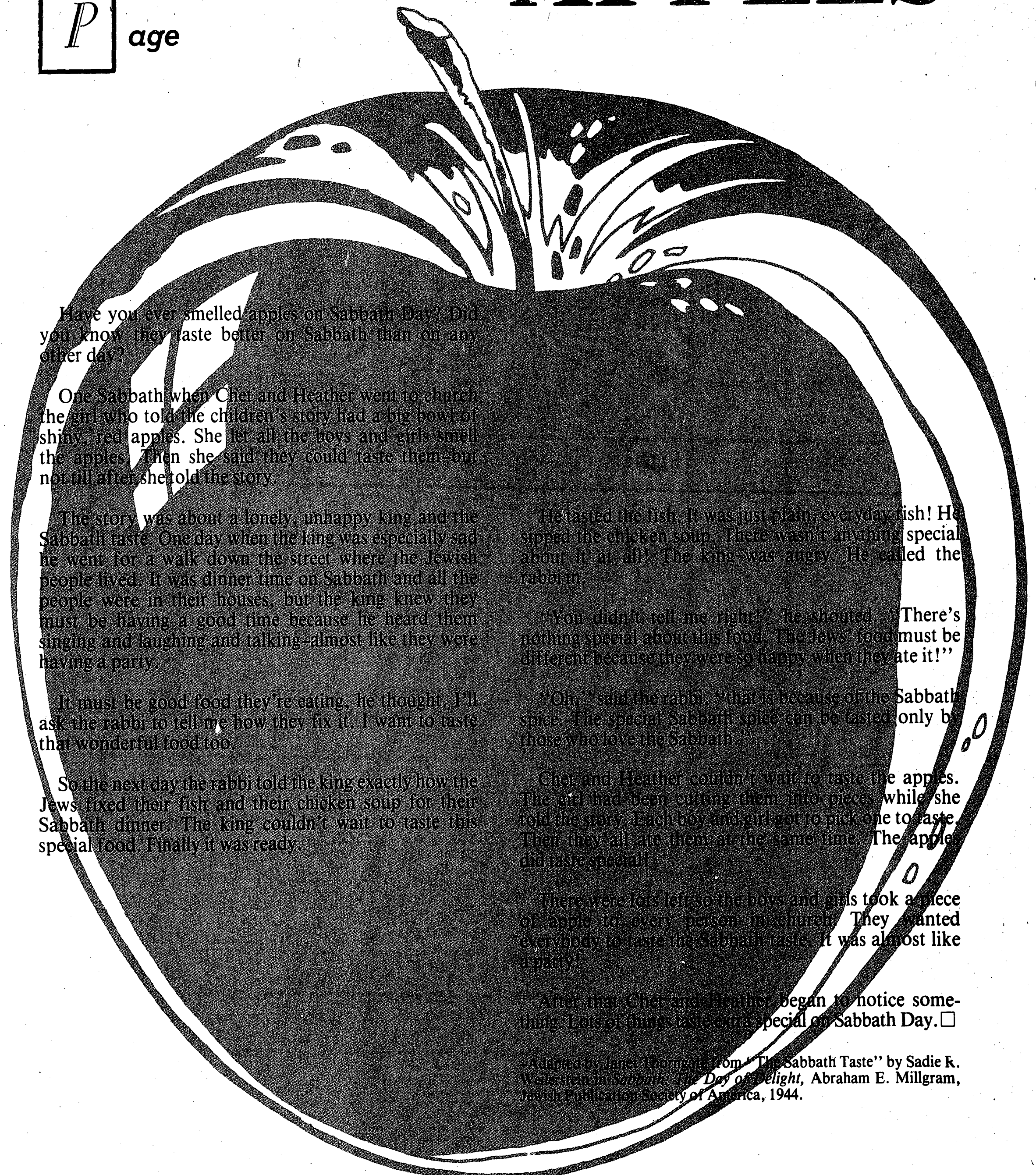
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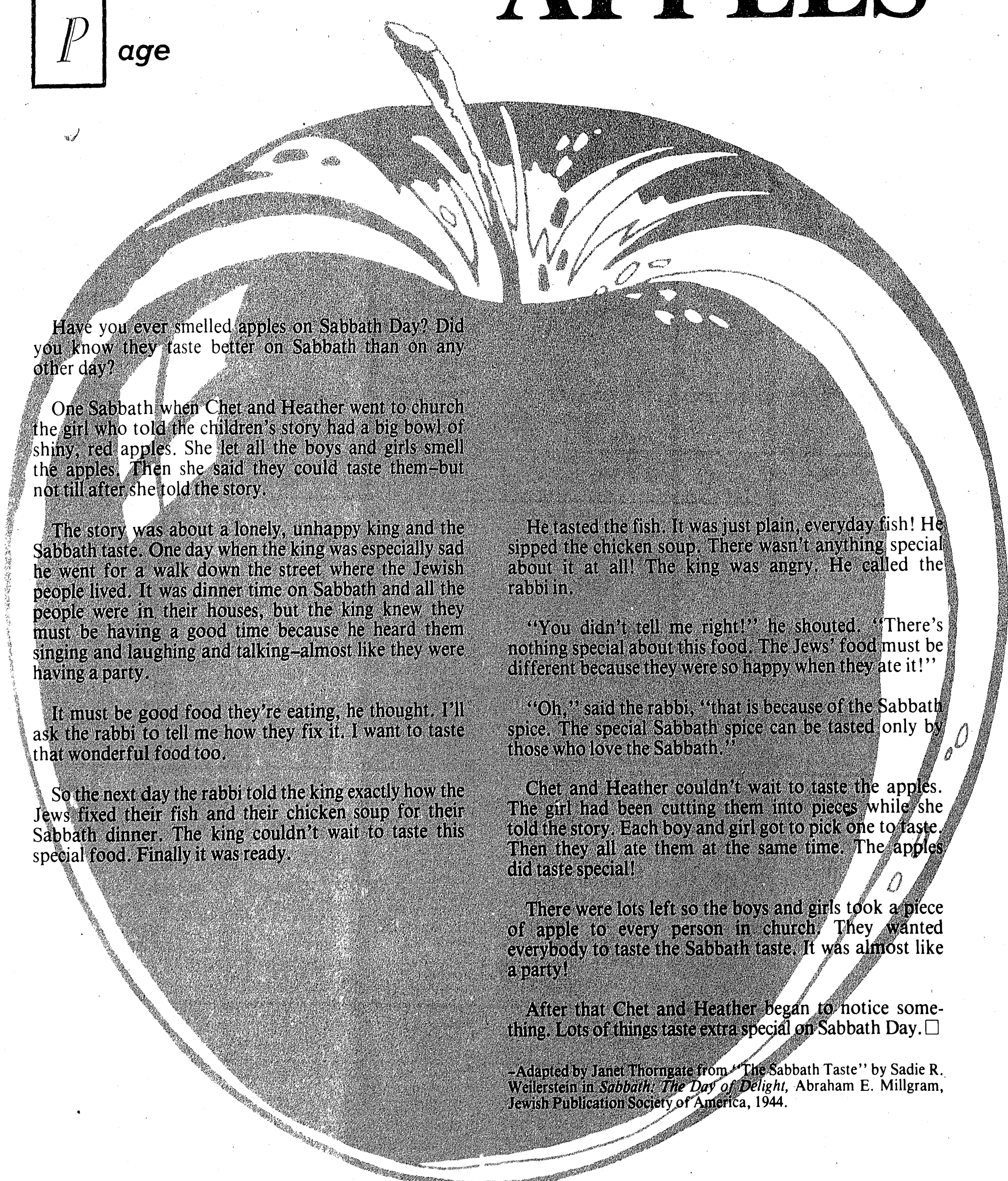
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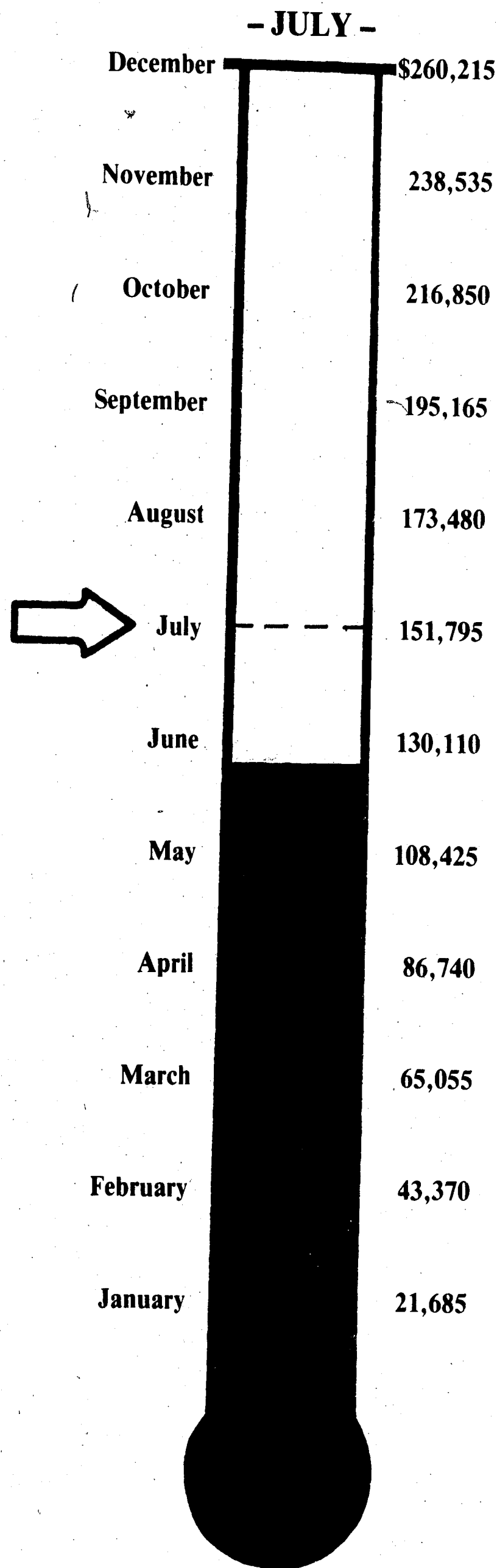
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\$18,636.86
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OUR WORLD MISSION

Budgetary Goals

Church or Group	Suggested "Target"	July OWM	7 mos. total OWM and Reported Bds.
Adams Center NY	\$ 1,500	\$ 465.04	\$ 860.14
Albion WI	1,800		614.69
Alfred NY	9,500		3,630.75
Alfred Station NY	6,000		2,140.02
Ashaway RI	7,600		3,040.11
Associations and Groups	8,000	241.24	6,324.53
Battle Creek MI	12,000	628.11	7,209.37
Bay Area CA	650	50.00	263.40
Berea WV	750	45.00	310.00
Berlin NY	4,000		1,369.03
Boulder CO	5,000	325.80	2,335.07
Brookfield NY	750		320.70
Columbus OH	4,500	400.00	1,818.80
Dallas-Ft. Worth TX			50.00
Daytona Beach FL	4,200	36.51	1,957.96
Denver CO	17,000	1,159.06	7,528.00
DeRuyter NY	2,300	105.00	1,189.20
Dodge Center MN	6,500	422.49	3,944.30
Farina IL	1,200		480.15
Fouke AR	1,800	300.66	711.56
Hebron PA	2,500	146.75	1,170.86
Hopkinton RI	350		180.00
Houston TX	1,000	170.20	853.20
Individuals	3,000	15.00	434.00
Irington NJ	2,500		2,850.00
Kansas City MO	2,000	220.70	724.91
Leonardsville NY	300		25.00
Little Genesee NY	3,200	265.41	2,630.57
Little Rock AR	1,200	68.33	451.01
Los Angeles CA	9,300	1,315.00	4,980.89
Lost Creek WV	5,000	1,080.00	3,344.54
Marlboro NJ	6,500	854.42	3,010.84
Middle Island WV	850	100.00	460.00
Milton WI	23,000	1,753.51	12,059.51
Milton Junction WI		130.00	414.00
New Auburn WI	2,500	85.97	705.44
New York, NY	1,500		750.00
North Jersey NJ	2,500	106.00	967.62
North Loup NE	8,000	450.00	3,523.06
Nortonville KS	4,500		2,182.45
Paint Rock AL	1,700	13.71	547.41
Phoenix AZ			225.00
Plainfield NJ	7,500	625.00	4,814.71
Richburg NY	3,250	191.50	2,199.33
Riverside CA	13,200	745.00	6,084.39
Rockville RI	700		120.00
Salem WV	7,500		1,721.79
Salemville PA	2,000		797.05
Schenectady NY	600		328.57
Seattle WA	3,300	133.34	999.58
Shiloh NJ	14,500		6,544.70
Stonefort IL	1,000	50.00	340.00
Texarkana AR	500	20.00	154.74
Verona NY	3,500		1,480.93
Walworth WI	2,200	200.00	1,431.00
Washington DC	4,500	470.00	3,217.50
Waterford CT	4,000		1,703.44
Westerly RI	8,000		2,754.68
White Cloud MI	1,800		732.63
Total Budget	\$255,250*	\$13,388.75	\$124,013.13
Non-Budget			36.57
Total To Disburse		\$13,425.32	

JULY SUMMARY

1977 Budget	\$260,215.00
Receipts for seven months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$112,866.62
Boards Reported	11,146.51
To be raised by December 31, 1977	\$136,201.87
Percentage of year elapsed	58.3%
Percentage of budget raised	47.7%
Seven months: Due	\$151,792.13
Raised	124,013.13
Arrears	\$ 27,779.00
Gordon Sanford, OWM Treasurer	

SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST SABBATARIANS

Some months ago we reported to you on the case of the Parker Seal Co. v. Paul Cummings (see December 1976 *Sabbath Recorder*). This case resulted in a 4 to 4 vote by the court with Justice John Paul Stevens abstaining. The tie vote was a victory for Cummings allowing him to demand Sabbath off from his employer, the Parker Seal Co., in Kentucky.

The court has now voted to overturn this case. In short the court in June ruled that companies may in fact dismiss or refuse to hire persons who refuse to work on the Sabbath because of their religious convictions.

Senator Jennings Randolph helped to sponsor an amendment to the 1972 Civil Rights Act that required employers to prove that "undue hardship" would result by allowing Sabbathkeeping employees to have off their day of worship.

Justice Byron White said in the majority opinion, "In the absence of clear statutory language or legislative history to the contrary, we will not readily construe the statute to require an employer to discriminate against some employees in order to enable others to observe their sabbath."

"All Americans will be a little poorer until today's decision is erased," said Justices Thurgood Marshall and William Brennan, both of whom voted against the ruling. They concluded that "the ultimate tragedy is that, despite Congress's best efforts, one of this nation's pillars of strength—our hospitality to religious diversity has been seriously eroded."

This decision will force many Sabbathkeepers to choose between their jobs or their religious convictions. This is a total reversal from the days of the court when headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren. The Warren Court ruled on numerous occasions that the free exercise of religious rights of individual citizens and minority denominations supersedes the convenience of employers.

Senator Randolph stated to the Associated Press that "our great tradition of religious freedom and our nation's accommodation of religious diversity have been severely damaged."

This case will affect thousands of Seventh-day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists and Church of God people who now must choose between, in many cases, earning a livelihood and worshipping according to the dictates of their conscience. Somehow we can't believe such a decision is fair or constitutional.

We urge our readers to write to their governmental representatives and share with them our concern in this matter. Let us pray for those who are and will be severely affected by this ruling, and let us give thanks for Senator Randolph as well as Justices Marshall and Brennan who stand for freedom of religion for all Americans.

This decision should shake us from our complacency - we cannot take our freedoms for granted. □

September 1977

EDITORIALS

CARTER NAMES ENVOY TO ROME

President Jimmy Carter has named David M. Walters as his personal representative to the Vatican, according to an announcement by the White House press room.

Walters, a Master Knight of the Order of Malta in the Knights of Columbus and a member of Serra International, is the first Roman Catholic named by an American President as an envoy to the Vatican. He succeeds Henry Cabot Lodge, who held a similar position under Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford.

Opposition to Carter's action came swiftly and sharply from three of his fellow Southern Baptists—Jimmy R. Allen, newly elected Southern Baptist Convention president; James E. Wood, Jr., of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and Foy Valentine of the SBC Christian Life Commission. All three have sent telegrams to President Carter.

Wood, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to which Seventh Day Baptists belong, reiterated the historic Baptist opposition to special recognition of a religious body by the government of the United States.

He blasted the appointment of Walters as an "ecclesiastical appointment." He pointed out that President Carter first cleared the appointment with the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"This, itself, reveals the ecclesiastical nature of the appointment and the concern of the President for ecclesiastical approval of the Roman Catholic to serve as an envoy to the Vatican," he said.

"In a personal interview with Mr. Walters," Wood continued, "the new envoy indicated to me that he saw his appointment as representing the concerns of our government for 771 million Roman Catholics throughout the world." He then reported that Walters saw his role as primarily with the human rights of individual Catholics rather than the ecclesiastical structure itself.

"Clearly the appointment does involve an official recognition and entanglement of the executive branch of this government with a particular church," Wood declared. "It also officially underscores the special concern of this government, to the point of preferential treatment, for one religious body not accorded any other church or religious body anywhere in the world," he said.

Wood stated: "The Vatican can communicate with the U.S. government in the way any religious group communicates with it; the Vatican maintains an apostolic delegate in Washington on Massachusetts Avenue in the manner of an ambassador; and since Rome is at once the capital of Italy and location of the Vatican, the U.S. has an embassy in Rome already."

The new Vatican envoy has served as a fund-raiser for both the Democratic Party and Catholic Church agencies. He was southern regional chairman of the finance council for Carter's presidential campaign and he is a member of the Democratic Party's national finance council. □

-W. Barry Garrett



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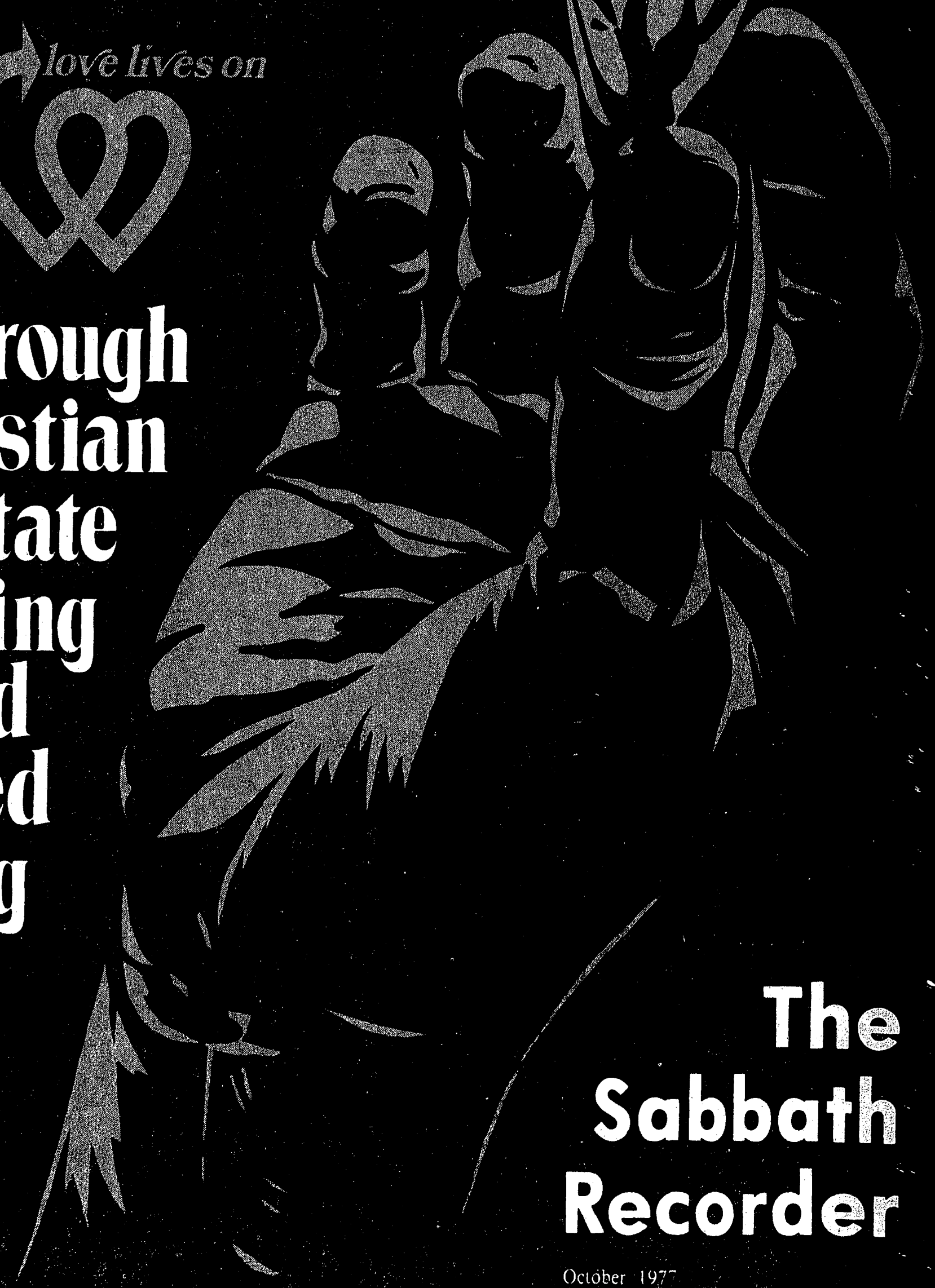
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