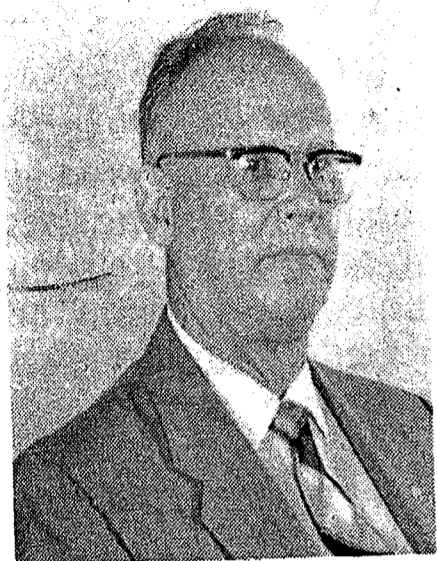
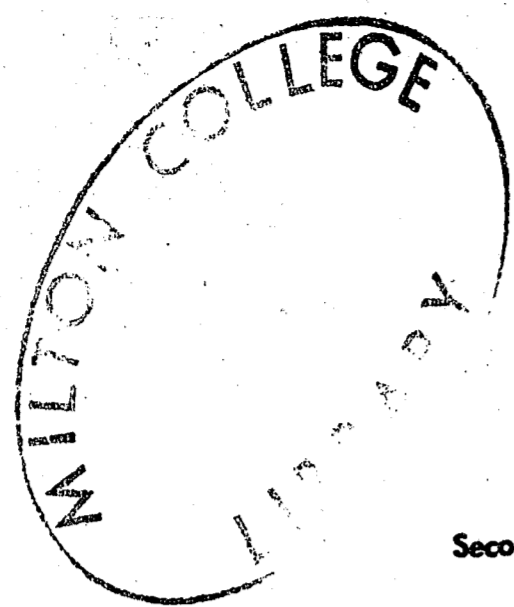


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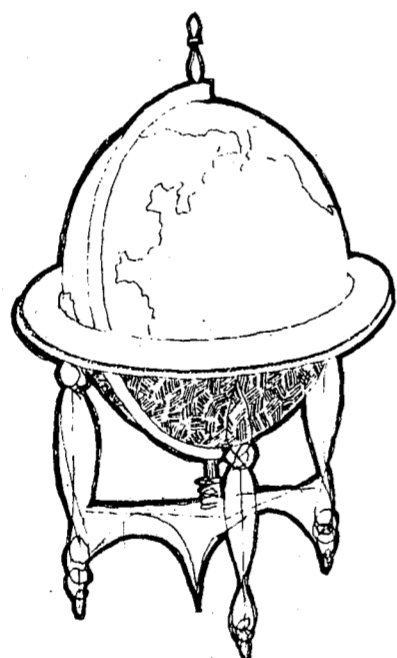
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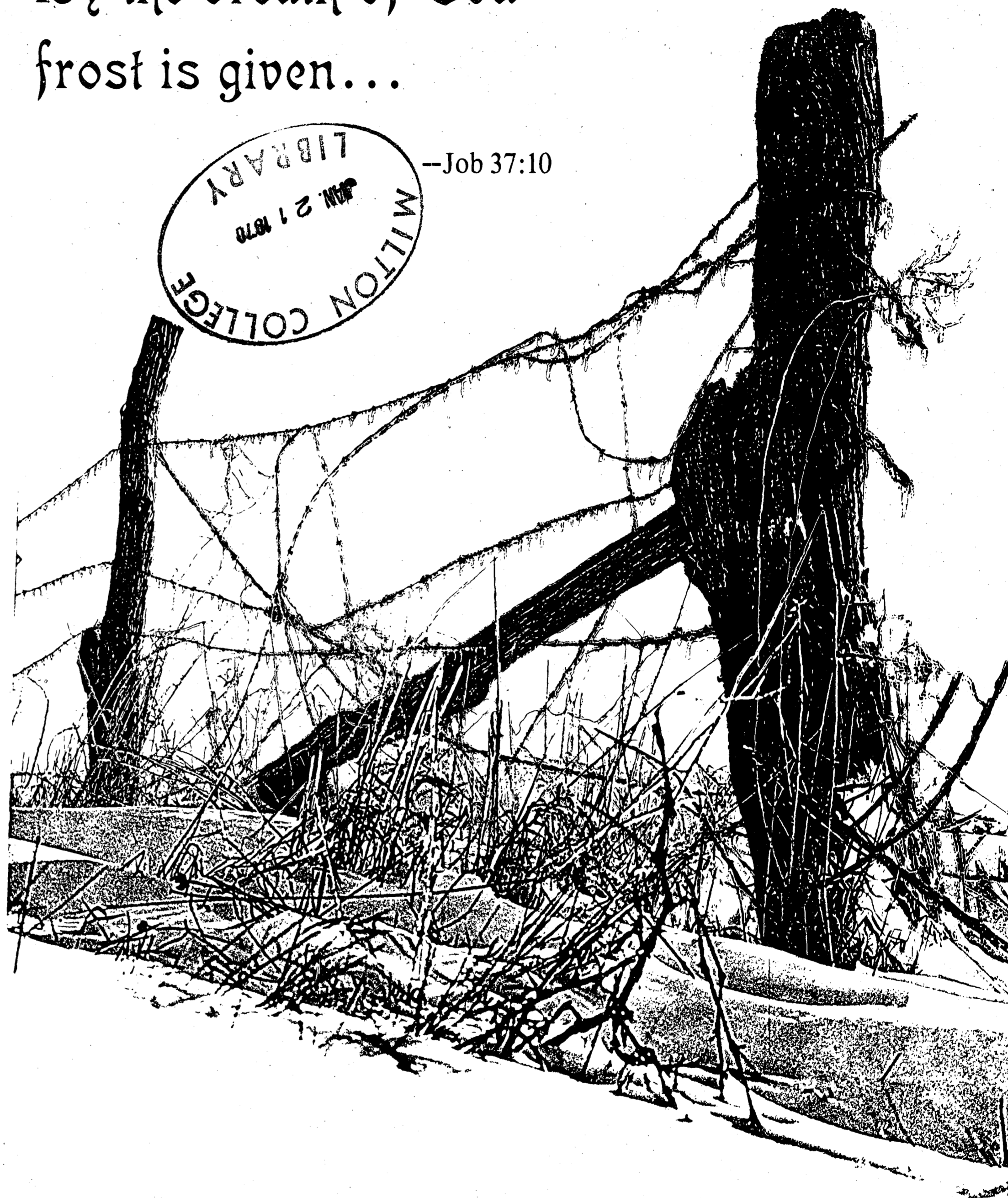
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—Job 37:10



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-Mrs. Terry Mendiola
Riverside, CA

I believe the time for expansion and commitment to growth for all SDB's is long overdue. As we take a new and inner look at ourselves, we all need new views and visions. Who has ever seen one hungry-looking, shabby appearing, unkempt SDB? I never have and I doubt if many SDB's can answer "yes" to this question...SDB's as a group have done much with little...They are also a well-educated people. However, if we are to grow in our denomination, we cannot bask in our own comfortable life styles. We must know what the needs of our neighbors and less fortunate friends are. While some will need food, clothing and shelter, others will have spiritual and personal needs. We need to dedicate ourselves in His service. May SDB's grow in the years ahead...

-Miss Susie E. Robinson
Friendship, N. Y.

"You are to go into the world and tell this Good News to all you meet. He who believes and is baptized will receive salvation, but he who does not believe will receive damnation" (Mark 16: 15-16).

This commission to proclaim the gospel was given just before Jesus ascended into Heaven (Acts 1: 8-9). It was given not only to the disciples then, but also to His disciples (followers) now.

Let us look at some examples in the New Testament of those who knew Jesus, and their actions following their encounter with Him.

John 1:37--Two of John's disciples heard him testify (witness 1:7-8) concerning Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world" (1:29). *This indeed was Good News!* The Bible names one of these men as Andrew (Simon Peter's brother), and the other is, in all probability, John (brother of James, son of Zebedee) because he writes of the exact hour of their abiding a while with Jesus (1:39). The remarkable thing about this is that upon returning to Bethsaida, their hometown (1:44) Andrew went to Peter and told him that they had found the Christ (1:40-42) and brought Peter to Jesus. There apparently was conversation between John and James because when Jesus later called them, they were ready and willing to forsake their business and follow Him (Matt. 4:21-22).

The next day (John 1:43) Jesus saw and called Philip, who also was from Bethsaida. Philip immediately shared this great discovery with Nathaniel (Bartholomew) saying, "We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the Prophets did write."

Jesus met the woman at the well (John 4:5-30) and told her about her life and who He was (vs. 25-26). She went into the city and told the inhabitants about Jesus.

When Jesus healed the demon-possessed man of Gadara, the man asked Jesus to let him come with Him, but Jesus told him to "go home to your friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5:1-20). He went into Decapolis and began to proclaim the Good New of Jesus Christ.

All of these at the very beginning of their experience with Jesus, told others of their wonderful discovery. **WE HAVE FOUND CHRIST!** Other accounts where people told others that Jesus was the Christ are given in the New Testament. The commission Christ gave to proclaim Him was not limited to just the twelve disciples, but to all who will follow Him.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me--" This was in conjunction with the commission, "YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO (for) ME-- He promised POWER for witnessing (Acts 1:8). "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). This promise did not end with the apostles and the early Church, but is unto them and their children "and to all that are afar off, EVEN AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL CALL" (Acts 2:39). Brethren, this is for us today! We are to witness, at every opportunity, of God's saving grace that transforms a person's life (Rom. 12: 1-2; 2 Cor. 5: 17-20).

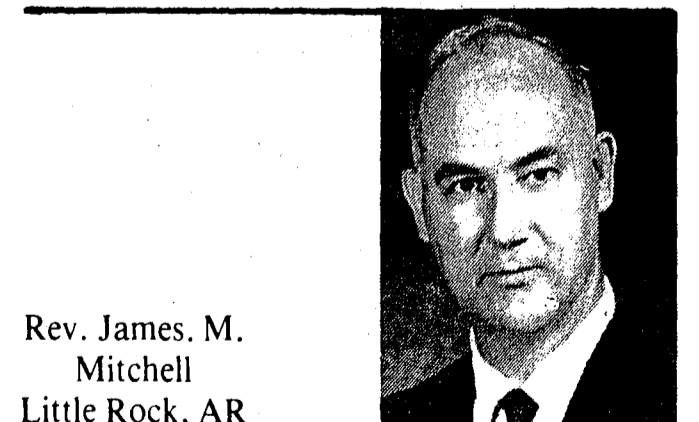
When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey (Luke 19:30-40) His disciples and the crowd began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; saying, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (v. 37-40).

Why should we, the redeemed of the Lord, hold back our praise and proclamation of Jesus Christ? So important is our telling what Christ has done and will do, if we fail to give witness, we lose out on a rich

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WHERE ARE MY WITNESSES?



Rev. James M. Mitchell
Little Rock, AR



1977 --

The Year of Full Disclosure:

Once more the restless earth has orbbed the sun, pirouetting in pristine splendor while increasing its payload by nearly three persons each second...172 each minute...10,000 each hour--240,000 new souls every time around.

This was the year when Esau and Jacob embraced, when Idi Amin executed, when women struggled for equality, and when traditionalism gained in its appeal to youth.

In 1977, 42 percent of all American adults were in church, and the Gallup Poll opined: "It could be said that we are at the beginning of a religious revival."

Newsmen demanding "full disclosure" touched Billy Graham, Bert Lance, Anita Bryant, corporations, sportsmen, and the CIA.

While "Star Wars" was mesmerizing America a pinpoint of light from a real heavenly body hitherto unnoticed moved among the static background of the spheres.

European Baptists called 1977 "The Year of the Bible." For the first time in centuries all three branches of Christendom--Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox--accepted a common version of Scripture (the Revised Standard Version, now published with the Third and Fourth Maccabees and the 151st Psalm in the New Oxford Annotated Bible, with the Apocrypha).

In 1977, deviant behavior patterns had instant support. Homosexuals openly took posts in politics, pulpits, and classrooms. A minority of Les-

bians tainted the government-sponsored National Conference of Women at Houston. Scientologists filed a \$1 million damage suit against the FBI following a Los Angeles headquarters raid. Courts pondered such unusual cases as reverse discrimination, illegal aliens, appropriated farm land and the outrage of preservatives that were giving food a shelf life up to five years.

The energy crisis waned in 1977. Crowding the headlines were such issues as industrial patenting of new life forms, the Panama Canal, abortion, deprogramming, the right to die, retirement beyond age 65, Christian yellow pages for "born-again advertisers only," and the quest for freedom from crime.

Denominations

The Salvation Army outstripped all religious bodies in growth this year. H.L. Mencken's Midwest "Bible Belt" shifted 1,000 miles to the south. Thirty million adult Americans claimed to have the born-again experience.

Expanding churches were hedged by dissent over the issues of women priests (in one case a lesbian), homosexual ministerial applications, IRS rulings narrowing the church's role as tax-exempt agencies, inerrancy views on Biblical doctrine, and the continuing charismatic cleavage.

Gallup pollsters predicted continued momentum for the evangelical movement which, the opinion samplers said, had "outlived the charge of being socially apathetic--more interested in winning souls than in social outreach." Martin E. Marty

called the born-again movement the strongest thrust in American religious history, one which "is not going to go away."

Reflecting the example of their Commander-in-Chief, Americans swelled the Sunday school. Missouri-Synod Lutherans said their schism actually strengthened the 2.8 million-member denomination. Merger plans between United and Southern Presbyterians waned. Protestant churches in England involved in an ambitious unity scheme failed, but Anglican scholars called for recognition of the Pope as "chief pastor" to heal the 400-year-old split with Rome. Episcopal scholars declared that the charismatic renewal is the ecumenical movement of the day, and a midsummer interdenominational gathering of 50,000 charismatics in Kansas City proved the point. David DuPlessis warned them not to organize a separate charismatic denomination.

Evangelicals were hailed by the American Jewish Congress as Israel's best friends and were found to make up 40 percent of all tourists to Jerusalem.

Church members in 1977 preached the gospel, fed the poor, collected and destroyed hand guns, plastered bumpers, gave \$10 million to build Garden Grove Community Church's glass cathedral, fought for human rights in Russia and other countries, prayed, picketed, and paraded while they looked for the fingerprints of God along the rapid stream of time.

by Norman B. Rohrer, Director
EP News Service

Religion in Review

Education

In the vanguard of religious education this year were the twin issues of prayer in public schools and tax credit for parents of parochial students.

From coast to coast, legislatures made room for classroom prayer and meditation, stressing the importance of teaching morality if not religion. A U.S. Senate bill sought unsuccessfully to end the Supreme Court's ban on school prayer. Daily prayer at public schools in Charlotte drew no protests. A moment of silent meditation was advocated "to restore order and calm down the students." New Jersey assemblymen voted the same, and so did Nevada, Rhode Island, California and other state legislatures.

New Jersey legislators ruled Transcendental Meditation unconstitutional as taught in public schools. A panel at the University of Connecticut found "no clear evidence" that TM has any therapeutic value.

Tax credit legislation, described by Congressmen as "a revolutionary concept in self-help education," sought to allow taxpayers to subtract one-half of the private school tuition they now pay, up to a \$500 maximum credit per student, directly from the income taxes they owed. The Iowa Roman Catholic dioceses petitioned a state budgetary committee to provide the 60,000 students in the state's non-public schools with free textbooks.

The American Humanist Association affirmed evolution as a basic principle of science in a widely cir-

culated statement, but evolution in most areas lost standing as an explanation of origins.

Surveys of high school leaders showed a high degree of religious commitment; 82 percent favored a traditional marriage arrangement and 89 percent did not use drugs.

Enrollment and financial support of evangelical colleges enjoyed surprising growth. Studies showed that co-ed dorms at church colleges were losing appeal.

Legal struggles continued between parents wishing to enroll children in unlicensed Christian schools and state departments of education which tried to outlaw the church-sponsored schools. Almost always, the parents won.

Mission

The global Protestant missionary front stood at 55,000 individuals, including 37,000 North Americans. On the year's first day, 8,604 young people among the 17,112 delegates to Urbana '76 signed cards pledging their consideration of missionary service abroad.

The innovative U.S. Center for World Mission opened in Pasadena. The nation's second most admired man led Billy Graham crusades in Asheville, South Bend, Cincinnati, Manila and in Gothenburg, Sweden. Evangelist Graham also preached in Budapest and discovered that "religion can flourish in a socialist society."

Day and night the gospel sounded forth. Among the evangelists were



Luis Palau, holding meetings at Cardiff Castle, Wales... in Buenos Aires... and throughout the Dominican Republic. Leighton Ford's four-week series in Sydney and Melbourne went to double services in the last four nights to accommodate eager and responsive crowds. The fourth World Conference on the Holy Spirit at Lausanne focused on the needs of Eastern European Christians and racial strife in South Africa. Stan Mooneyham saw more than 2,000 make a commitment to Christ in World Vision's Indonesian rallies.

The best known former Black Panther organized "Eldridge Cleaver Crusades, Inc.," at Stanford. Underground evangelism continued in communist countries, but were termed "counter-productive" by Christian leaders in those areas. Campus Crusade for Christ geared for phase two of "Here's Life, America," to involve 400,000 trained workers from 14,000 churches of all denominations.

Although the Good News appeared on cereal boxes, in books, magazines, TV, radio, and even on letters in the sky, two-thirds of the world's population still had not heard the message, said Gottfried B. Ose-Mensah, executive secretary of the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization. Missionaries and national workers were jailed, killed, tortured and deprived of property as they sought to carry out the mandate of their Lord.

Publishing

More than 2,000 new book titles were distributed this year as evangelists were

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Rev. David C. Pearson
Plainfield, N.J.

Fruit of the Spirit -- Self-control

Self-control is the last of the nine fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22,23. It was translated *temperance* in the Authorized Version, which frequently seems to connote nothing more than restraint or total abstinence in the use of alcoholic beverage. Consequently it appears wiser to use the more comprehensive term of self-control.

Even the term self-control is not overly desirable, because it seems to indicate that any person might choose to elect it as a self-improvement project, i.e., that anybody and everybody could successfully control the self. This view is not true to fact. Then, too, our subject deals with the fruit of the Spirit, not human effort towards self-improvement.

A policeman in uniform may raise his hand and hold back traffic for a mile or more. This is control, but not self-imposed. Whereas he may prove effective in dealing with all manner of traffic situations, he may be a failure when it comes to controlling his own private life at home. It is frequently easier to control others, than to control oneself. If self-control is one of the fruits of the Spirit, it is a misnomer and would better be called Spirit-control. At its best it belongs only to those born in the Spirit who live by the Spirit.

Notice in Acts 24:25 that the apostle Paul in speaking to Felix, procurator of Judea, spoke of "justice and self-control and future judgment." This solemn message caused the ruler to suffer alarm. Whereas Paul could preach, he could also practice what he preached. In 1 Corinthians 9:26,27 he said, "Well, I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified." This in the life of the apostle was self-control; yet it was only possible through the indwelling Spirit who filled Paul.

Samson was a man of great strength, and is regarded as a hero in many a small boy's mind. But of self-control he knew little or nothing, and suffered accordingly.

The bearing of fruit should be a most natural operation. A fruit tree never strains to produce its fruit, and the Spirit-filled Christian simply bears that which is most naturally produced inside by the Spirit of God. This is true of self-control, and it is not a matter of "I'll do it myself, even if it kills me," though actually in a spiritual sense, you will have to die to self in the process. This will be true if the Holy Spirit assumes control of your life.

As we continue to consider self-control, let us give attention to certain parts of the body.

The Hand

The use of the hand is well known. By it both good and evil are done. The same finger that is used in applying medication to those in need, the same finger that wipes away the tears from your baby's eyes, is the very same finger which may be used to pull the trigger of a gun.

Some of us find it relatively easy to control the hand, and the hand, however strong or skilled, is really only the servant of the mind. The Scripture does warn that rather than offend, it would be better to lose the hand, to cut it off, if by so doing one could gain victory over evil. Primitive justice in Africa used to take its toll in hands, which discouraged thieves in their dishonesty.

The Eye

The eye is precious, a priceless treasure. Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" His ready response was, "Master, let me receive my sight." The Lord honored his faith, and gave him his sight. The Lord be praised!

All of us love to see. The blind man longs for light. "Seeing is believing," and the eye can never have enough.

Whereas the eye has most necessary and legitimate use, it is also used for ignoble purposes. A second look as "beauty" passes might be thought innocent enough,

but beware. Recently a schoolgirl fifteen years of age, an acquaintance of Joanna, my daughter, who attended the same school, was murdered, presumably by one whose eyes could not be satisfied. A second look may be dangerous.

In Malawi the thought was expressed that "pretty clothes!" were part of the problem. Not long ago in the news there was a quite a furor when a judge failed to sentence a young man who had committed rape. The judge declared that the man had acted naturally, and pointed out that today's mode of dress tends to prompt such action. Perhaps the judge erred in failing to sentence the man, but he did make his point, loud and clear. The eye must be controlled, likewise one's mode of dress. How long is the church to remain silent on this issue? The Malawi Government has already taken firm action.

Scripture says, "If your right eye cause you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell." Plucking out the eye is not to be taken in a literal way. The point made is that drastic action is to be taken to bring the eye into control. Even blind men are known to fall to temptation. Like the hand, the eye is the servant of the mind.

The Tongue and the Ear

In radio there is a transmitter and a receiver; the tongue transmits, and the ear receives.

Anger, quarreling, reckless speech, and the like are all displeasing to God. Sometimes we say we are sorry, but the damage is already done. Whereas a man is not likely to beat his wife with a stick, he may think little or nothing of knocking her low with words.

Sometimes too, those familiar with Scripture use its terminology in a light, joking manner, an easy way

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personality profile

Pastor Cornelis Bosch

by John Farenhorst



Pastor Cornelis Bosch

"His life was Christ, to die in Him is victory." These words were written on the cards that were sent out to inform family and friends that God had called home Cornelis Bosch, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist church in Amsterdam, Holland.

Pastor Bosch died as the result of a traffic accident in downtown Amsterdam on November 9, 1977. He was returning home on his bicycle from a visit with his sister. He was used to riding his bicycle most every day even in rain, wind, snow and even ice. In the memorial placed in the newspaper by the church we read the words "His life was to serve."

No other words can explain better the way he served the church for many years as its pastor. At the age of 71 the Lord called him home to rest after a dedicated and sacred life.

Very often he told others about the love and peace of Christ and how he became a Christian. Christ meant so much to him that the words seemed to flow out of his mouth automatically. You could say one or two words about whatever subject but Oom (uncle) Cor would change the subject to the Bible. From him you could truly say that his life was completely linked with God.

As a young man he went to Sunday school and church, but religion was only a formality to him until the

Lord spoke to his heart through the Sermon on the Mount. From that moment Cornelis Bosch was on fire for the Lord and nothing in this world - sickness, the loss of a five-year-old daughter, and later the loss of his daughter Trudy, who died in a traffic accident - could put out his fire and love for the Lord. Christ was his strength and he often said that no matter what happened on the road, the road of the Lord was the best.

When he accepted the Sabbath his life became more and more difficult. During that period of time the five-day work week was unknown. Refusing to work on Saturday simply meant that you lost your job. During the depression in the thirties this was one of the worst things that could happen to a person, also there was no social security program or unemployment benefits then.

Cornelis was the first in his family to accept the Lord and others looked upon his religion as something that would go away sooner or later. When he lost his job because of the Sabbath belief he prayed that no one would offer him another carpenter job so that he wouldn't have to refuse it when the other members of the family had to support him.

In a very early stage in his Christian life Cornelis learned that prayer really works and that it changes situations that look dark and hopeless to us. The power of prayer became his motivation through the years. Besides being a carpenter

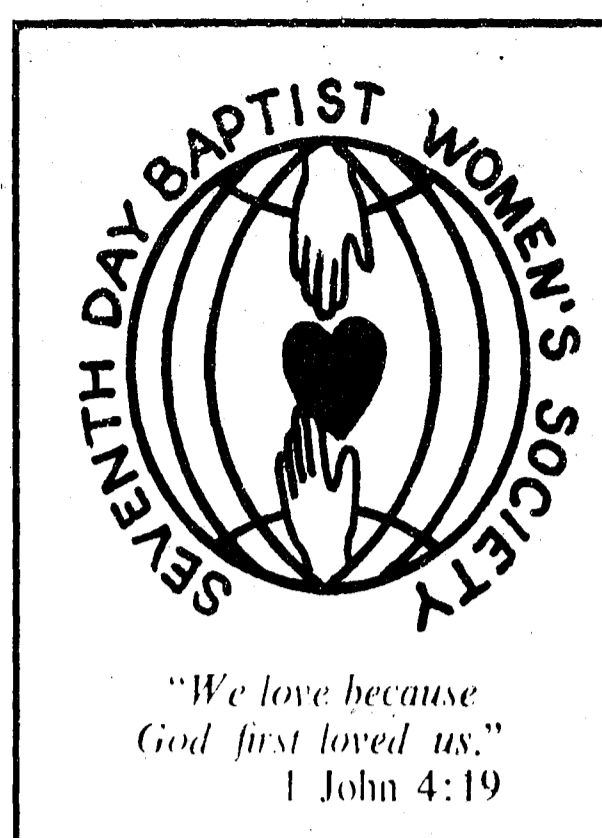
he worked as a door to door salesman and also as a grocery store-keeper. During his storekeeping time he had a period of prayer each morning with the owner of the shop, praying for the salvation of the entire family.

Together with his wife, Cornelia, he trusted God from day to day, and very often they literally prayed in money for their housekeeping. When the store closed down Cornelis became his own boss and opened his own carpenter business. One story that he often related was about the time when the landlord was due to collect the rent. With no money in cash Cornelis and Cornelia prayed to the Lord for help and just before the rent had to be paid they sold a wooden stepladder. When Oom Cor told you to pray for something it was because he knew from his own life that prayer could change the situation. To him prayer was truly telling everything to his heavenly Father; nothing was too small or too large to pray for. In his own simple language he told God the burdens that were on his heart.

He served the Amsterdam church as pastor for many years, and this was not always an easy task. The Lord did not reward him with large numbers but this was no reason to stop praying for new members and daily he took the church before the throne of mercy. We have lost a very dear and faithful pastor who served the church with his whole

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by Madeline Fitz Randolph

If you are the wife of a minister; if you are a female ministerial student or a female pursuing a Christian education course, or an exceptional case where a member of our board can attend a seminar, conference or course which will directly benefit our Seventh Day Baptist witness... remember our TUITION FUND.

Ministers and their wives are very prone to become "work-horses" who gradually become dried-out of inspiration. We all find ourselves in need of freshness of outlook and thought. We need change; new ideas; new methods; and to become inspired through some new activity having to do with spiritual enrichment.

It was meant to be a technique wherein our ministers' wives might find encouragement to attend available courses and studies of their own choice, and thus be more efficient and more self-confident. We are talking about the plan which was backed financially by our Memorial Fund, and promoted by our Board of Directors. Several have taken advantage of it throughout the past few years and some of the responses have shown just how valuable such a plan for study can be. One such is a report sent to our board by Mrs. Leland (Gertrude) Davis of Washington, D.C.

Gertrude attended a Seminar on Biblical Counseling; a twelve-hour course of study, led by Dr. Henry Brandt. The course was entitled: "Marriage and Family Problems and Biblical Solutions." We quote now from the letter sent to our committee:

An Important Reminder



"The first two sessions dealt with marriage problems. I learned again how important it is to know what kind of a person I am--in other words, locate myself. I must be aware of my whole self. I must be willing to deal with the negative in myself, my mate, and friends. The spiritual qualities in marriage and home depend only on you and God. He (Dr. Brandt) talked a lot to us about growing up and then growing up some more! Self-surrender is a continuous process. The secret of happiness can be obtained through a sustained prayer life and by taking the Bible as a guide to live by. Over and over we were helped to see how the Bible can be used to deal with problems. I cannot easily forget that we are to rejoice, pray, and be thankful--always!

"The second two sessions were on Parent-Child relationships. There were good question and answer times which were especially helpful to parents having problems with their children or with counselors wanting help right now! Some areas studied were: rebellion and ground rules for discipline. Forgiveness and how much do you take from whom. Temptation and the occult, the counter culture; music and sex. If so much is wrong, how do you start over? When police and law are involved, what then? Also roles and mission in home.

"In counseling, it is important to listen. Listening to a person long enough so that his conflict comes to your mind is of prime importance. Then you present your insight to him in the power of the Holy Spirit. Prov. 16:3, Ps. 37:4,5. Effective, comfortable decision-making depends on your condition with the Lord. If we want to help our family and others we need to be relaxed, comfortable and warm, satisfied and in love with life (Phil. 4:8,9).

"As you can see, I was given

much food for thought. I see many attitudes in my own life that need to be changed.

"I must close now but I want you all to know that I think you are doing a wonderful work for the women in inspiring and challenging us. We do not have a local society of women meeting in our church. However, we try to know what is going on by reading the Newsletter. Recently three of us attended a Seminar on Prayer led by Evelyn Christenson. We had read her book first. This workshop was held in the First Baptist Church of Wheaton, Maryland. I hope we will eventually see what our prime needs are here and how we can best fellowship with and help other women." Sincerely yours, Gertrude Davis.

A note accompanied this letter saying that the books and tape can be used for further study or as a basis for workshop or class material. They may be had for use by writing to: Mrs. Leland Davis, 4700 16th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011

UNDERSTANDING

Not more of light I ask, O God.
But eyes to see what is:
Not sweeter songs, but ears to hear
The present melodies;
Not more of strength, but how to use
The power that I possess:
Not more of love, but skill to turn
A frown to a caress:
Not more of Joy, but how to feel
Its kindly presence near
To give to others all I have of
courage and of cheer,
No other gifts, dear God, I ask,
But only sense to see
How best these precious gifts to use
Thou hast bestowed on me.

Author Unknown

Do you have a gift from God which you have not yet opened? Perhaps a seminar or study course will help you to open it. Think about it. □



Jersey Oaks Camp



*“What is so rare as that day in September
A dream come true--we will long remember;
As you walk among those stately oaks--to view
The beautiful lake--God's plan--then we knew.”*

When that dream became a reality, we truly knew God had definite plans for the members of the Shiloh church.

The deed to the 12.4 acre plot, located seven miles from Shiloh, known as Maskell's Mill Pond property, was presented to the church on September 13, 1959.

Jersey Oaks Camp was the name given by way of a contest within the Shiloh church, which ran for six weeks with 82 names submitted. Camp dedication was held on July 2, 1960.

Lakeview Lodge, which includes a beautiful fireplace made of Pennsylvania greystone, is the main building. It converts into the dining room at mealtime. Housed there is a well-equipped kitchen, and just off of it is a pantry for canned goods and the First Aid quarters.

The resident campers are housed in two barracks--one for the girls and one for the boys. Each barrack will sleep 32 campers, and just off the sleeping quarters are the restroom facilities with showers.

The grounds include two large fields on either side of the road as you drive into camp, providing plenty of space for all types of games and a fine parking area. The lake borders one side of our property and is fine for boating and fishing. The lovely shade trees around the buildings make the camp most pleasant.

Our camp functions include: Easter Sunrise Service, Youth Retreat, Camp Fellowship Day, All-Church Fall Retreat and Planning Session, Sabbath School Class activities, Family Reunions, etc.

July is designated as “Camp Month” with Midget Day Camp, Junior and Senior Resident Camps. The proposed camp dates for 1978 are:

- July 10-14 - Midget Day Camp (6-7-8 years)
- July 19-23 - Junior Camp (9-10-11 years)
- July 23-30 Senior Camp (12-15 years)

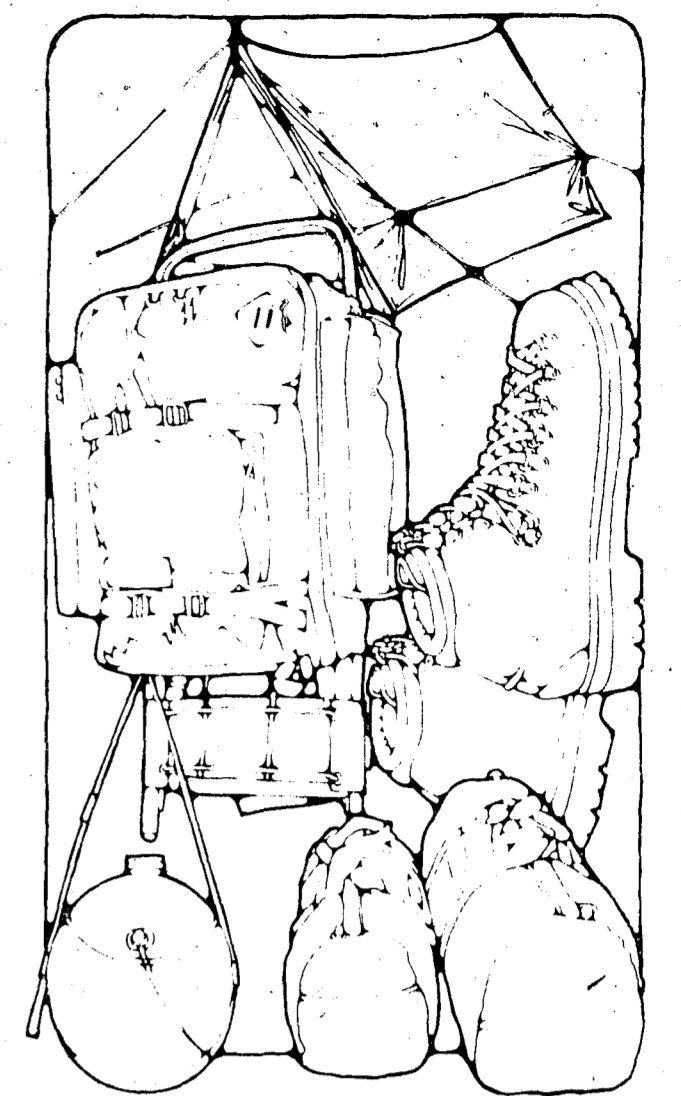
The late Thurman C. Davis served as chairman of the Building Committee, and gave inspiration to the dedicated workers of the church. The clearing of the land started in September, and after the Winter's work the three buildings were completed, with our camps being held the next summer. Those involved in it knew that a miracle had taken place with God providing good work Sundays all winter.

The camp is owned and operated by the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh with S.D.B. Churches of Marlboro and Plainfield cooperating in the Summer Camping program.

—Martie Hitchner

The Sabbath Recorder

Camper Exchange Program



“We fire questions at staff as well as campers who participate in the American Seventh Day Baptist Camper Exchange,” said a member of Camp Program Committee to the SDB Board of Christian Education who has sponsored the exchange for many years. “Too often the year passes and no one responds to our questionnaire, but this year we received some answers that will help everyone to appreciate more fully the value of the twelve Seventh Day Baptist camps in America and also the ones in Seventh Day Baptist Conferences overseas.”

Questions to the campers and their answers:

1. What benefits for your Christian experience did you gain in fellowship, inspiration, service, learning and earth stewardship?

1. *I learned that no matter where you are, if you are a Christian, you are accepted.*
2. *I grew a lot, learned a lot, and gained boldness in witnessing and sharing Christ. But most of all I found freedom in Christ that I never knew.*

2. What were your most meaningful experiences and why?

1. *Every evening Wesley Rice from Light Bearers spoke and he really was used in his speaking to reach the kids in a personal way.*
2. *The Communion and foot washing service, because it was just beautiful.*

3. What did you learn from the host camp's facilities and how they were used in achieving Christian camping goals?

1. *They had a very nice chapel where I went to pray.*
2. *That having a “Spirit filled” staff is the key. I felt the kids' working with the staff in recre-*

ation often is more of a witness than dull classes.

Questions to the directors and their answers:

A. List the benefits in your camp and church(es) from the camper exchange program this year:

It offers opportunity for our young people to experience what the Lord is doing elsewhere and to enlarge their circle of Christian friends.

It provides a sense of being a part of something bigger. A highlight of the camp is when the exchange camper brings ashes from his camp to put in our campfire and shares something of his experience in Christ, his camp, and his Christian friends.

The last two years, the exchange camper we have sent has had significant experiences in the Lord. In both years they committed their lives to Christ. In the one case, this has made for a notable change in behavior and partially as a result of this his whole family has become much more involved in our camping program in particular and the work of the Lord in general. In the other case, the camper was baptized while he was at camp.

In terms of the campers who have come here, they have become leaders in our camp and, as such, have had a tremendous influence on our campers. The fact that they come from such a distance makes their being there something special. The fact that they have exercised a committed leadership with Christ at the center has been a real leaven in the midst of our campers, many of them from broken homes and rough backgrounds.

B. Observations on participation and response of exchange camper in your program.

Enthusiastic! It is very important to the kids, and they consider it a real honor to be selected to be an exchange camper as well as its being something special to have an exchange camper among us.

C. How are the exchange camper and alternate selected within your camp and association setup?

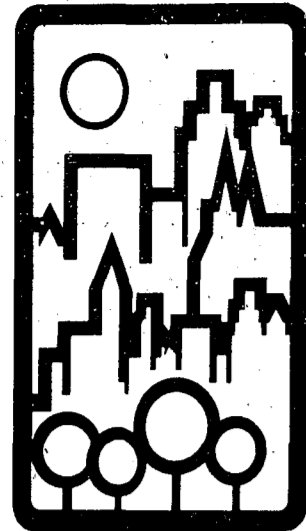
By a vote of the campers on the last day of camp for the next camping season. □

EXCHANGE CAMPER PLAN

The Camp Committee of the Board of Christian Education proposes the Senior High Camper Exchange rotation for the summer of 1978 should be as follows:

Pacific Pines send to Mid-Continent, Mid-Continent send to Southwestern Association, Southwestern send to Southeastern, Southeastern send to North Central, North Central send to Pacific Firs, Pacific Firs send to Pacific Pines, Allegheny-Central New York send to Eastern Lewis, Eastern Lewis send to Allegheny-Central New York, Jersey Oaks send to Eastern Lewis.

The camp director is again being asked to make direct contact with the Senior High Exchange Camper who will attend his camp. Further information concerning this exchange will be sent camp directors from this office. □



The GO of the GOspel

K. D. Hurley

As the new year begins, Seventh Day Baptists are on the move for Christ!

There is evidence in many parts of the denomination that church members have been inspired by last year's Conference theme and that they are *daring* to try many outreach activities which once were considered *impossible*.

Many new potentials are opening up for effectively proclaiming the Good News and building up Christ's Church.

Commitment to Growth

Major vitality for current developments comes from our Commitment to Growth plan. A relatively high percentage of churches and church people are involved; and in a good many areas of the country, the concepts are really "catching on."

Now we need to overcome doubts, where they exist; to counter negativism, if that should appear anywhere; and, most important, to do whatever proves logical and necessary to capitalize (with God's guidance) on the growth momentum established.

Evidences of Success in Outreach

In many ways we are aware of the impact currently being made by Seventh Day Baptists in their re-dedication to extended influences for Christ and His Cause.

Special chances (at meetings of the Baptist World Alliance and elsewhere) to witness for our distinctives have been provided in recent months by our "Quiet Saturdays" promotion. Hopefully, we can capitalize on the resulting study and reflection to strengthen pride, confidence, and joy among our people in living their convictions. At the same time, others will be given cause to evaluate the validity of Biblical Sabbath observance.

More frequent reports of new church members are being received from the churches. Several new churches have been formed; and there is currently the potential for additional ones.

As we plan for a pre-Conference meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation in August 1978, we are aware of the growing numbers of Seventh Day Baptists overseas (totally, almost ten times as many as in the USA). Hopefully, we will arrange for maximum utilization of the World Federation delegates before, during, and after General Conference to share the inspiration of our mutual faith around the world.

Fruitful church work is based on "going" and "doing," action which assures both qualitative and quantitative results. In his book, *Visions and Strategy for Church Growth* (Moody Press, Chicago, 1977), Waldo J. Werning quotes the church growth founder and leader, Donald McGavran, as "rightly emphasizing": "IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT THE CHURCH GROW-- THAT HIS LOST CHILDREN FOUND."

Then Dr. Werning concludes: "*The Good Shepherd, who gave life for the sheep, is pleased only when we watch and work for health and growth of the fold.*"

It is gratifying and exciting to note that Seventh Day Baptists are putting the GO into the GOspel. □



AVAILABLE!

Several of our pastors write material for the camp or class they direct or teach. Our thanks for the two who have graciously shared their work.

Russell G. Johnson prepared a study on the book of James for Camp Harley Sutton, 1977. The title is "How to Walk as a Christian: Getting Action and Ideals Together." Included is an outline of the book, types of Bible studies, about sixty suggested memory verses, and list of key chapters in the Bible with their significance.

Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn wrote for Camp Joy, 1976 a manual entitled "Fellowship in Light." This manual includes goals, stories, and suggested procedures for a Middler camp.

If you wish copies of these well-prepared manuscripts please write the Board of Christian Education, 15 S. Main Street, Alfred, NY 14802. □

Let's Get Acquainted with SDB's

The Board of Christian Education is involved in enabling a Loving Revolution, aimed at strengthening personal and church Spiritual Growth. Publications for which the Board selects and advises editors, writers and publisher are designed for this purpose. These include *The Helping Hand*, *The Sabbath Visitor*, graded resources (Sabbath Nurture Series in process), *The Beacon*, and youth and children's pages in the *Sabbath Recorder*. Selection of directors and supervision of Pre-Cons and Associated Conferences are made by the board.

Publications from various sources are continuously being reviewed in order to have updated material in our lending library. Board members are available to conduct Leader Labs for Camp, Youth Fellowship and Church personnel. Mrs. Mary Clare is interim executive secretary. □

The Sabbath Recorder

Commitment to Growth:

IS IT WORKING?

NO!

"Growth"? Where? We have only had a few join our church in 1977 and these came through normal methods, not any *Commitment to Growth* program. Thus it certainly has not worked in our church.

We had a Growth Force. A few joined with the pastor when they could. One complained about the high demand in reading. Also, it was inconvenient to drive to some of the workshops so information was received from those who did, I guess.

There is some suspicion about members of our Growth Force, too. Why are they so "exclusive"? While they seem to be enjoying their special meetings we do not know what it is all about. Except that chart they put on the bulletin board!

How could anyone expect us to grow with that chart? It (our membership) has gone downhill for decades and surely putting that up for us to see could not help. We all know what has happened. No need to remind us.

With all the special Growth Force meetings, the workshops and more recently the second ministers' meeting in 1977 (in addition to Association, Conference, camps and vacation) our pastor has been away so much he cannot do his regular work.

I sure hope these new ideas will soon pass so we can get back to normal and not have to waste time and money--that's another point. How much has it cost, anyway? Are there not better ways to spend our limited funds?

Well, thanks for letting me say my piece. I don't want to be negative, but from point of view is there any other way?

• What answer are you, and your church giving to this question--"Commitment to Growth: Is it working?"

YES!

Though the concept was different we had a committed Growth Force that "got into" the study books and learned much from the workshops during the past year. Their discoveries have been shared with the church but it was their personal enthusiasm that really carried the message. It has been a long time since we have such enthusiasm for the work of the Lord!

We are now prayerfully seeking ways in which we can relate in love and service to those in our community. We have some ideas but it will take time to get them going and see if they will in fact give us opportunity to reach and communicate God's love in Jesus in a way that will draw people to Him.

Perhaps the initial evidence is the change in attitude seen in our church. There is more harmony and concern and a sense of purpose we have not had for years.

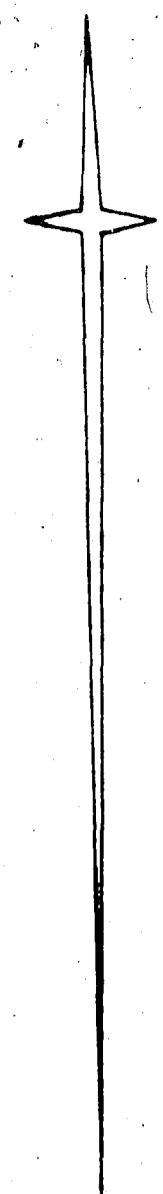
One Growth Force member spoke of new insights and ideas gained from their reading and the discoveries they have made about our community. We thought we knew about "home." But tremendous changes had come in recent years and we had not related to the many new people and their needs. We wondered why that new church was growing. Now we think we know. And, we feel we have great potential for growth too, if...

Our pastor must have received something challenging at Battle Creek, too. He came back to share a new commitment and direction for our ministry together. Though the closing weeks of the year were already filled with responsibilities, he has scheduled meetings with our advisory board to help them "see" possibilities he has discovered.

Growth? We have not seen that as yet in any dramatic way, but we have set some faith goals over the next few years and believe, with God's help, they can be reached and surpassed! □

SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF GROWING CHURCHES

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| 1. Bible preaching (people today are hungry for Biblical preaching). | the fellowship group. In growing churches, the fellowship circle is as large, or larger than the membership. |
| 2. Emphasis on evangelism (more than an attitude or rhetoric). | 4. Opportunities to commitment. |
| 3. Changing membership fellowship circle. (Many congregations can be described in terms of two circles. The larger outer circle represents membership... the smaller inner circle represents | 5. Imported leadership. |
| | 6. Specialities in ministry. |
| | 7. Minister who likes people. |
- Lyle Schaller



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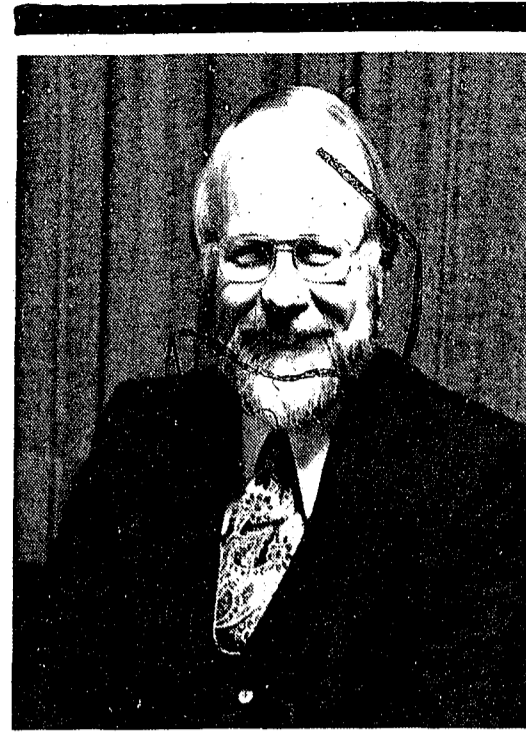
The Ohio Fellowship had just called a pastor (part time) and made the decision to organize into a church when they began participating in Commitment to Growth in 1976. While the growth force was involved in the first Bible studies and workshops attendance at worship and Sabbath School was averaging nineteen. Charter membership on organization day, December 11, 1976, was fourteen.

We had not yet done our work on gifts when the growth force suggested that we set measurable goals for our first year. But those of us with the gift of faith were already using it. To the rest of us the numbers they were suggesting looked humorous. Yet Jesus challenges us to make disciples. And we have made a covenant together as parts of His body.

So as one body we set the goals: average attendance of thirty-three and membership of twenty-eight by the end of the year and a budget of \$13,500. for 1977.

At the time of our first anniversary in December it appeared that we would exceed our financial goal. Attendance in November was averaging 25 and membership had increased by over 50 percent during the year. Of our nine new members, two were by baptism and four others had not previously been Seventh Day Baptists.

For the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Columbus, growing a church is what we are about. "There's a church within us, O Lord--not a building but a soul, not a portion but a whole. We are your church in the World." □



Pastor Dale Thorngate



New members of the Columbus church, Bruce and Kim Sautter, first found Seventh Day Baptists in a history book. Following a contact with headquarters for fresher information, they visited the Columbus and Battle Creek churches, then joined immediately after attending General Conference.

Reach Out Now HOUSTON ORGANIZES

HOUSTON, TX.-Sabbath, November 19, 1977, a new Seventh Day Baptist church was formed in Houston. The outgrowth of a fellowship that has received aid from General Conference through the R.O.N. (Reach Out Now) program, the group has been taking part in church growth studies.

The celebration began Sabbath Eve with a praise and prayer service led by the George S. Stillman family. Sabbath morning a challenging sermon by Rev. Mynor Soper called on the church to reach out in faith and retool for the work of discipling. A Communion message was brought by Pastor Floyd Goodson of the Fouke, AR, church.

A fellowship dinner was followed by the organization meeting, which included reading of greetings from sister churches and individuals who had previously had a part in Houston's outreach, a history of the fellowship written by Catharine Jacox, and the organizing business meeting

presided over by Moderator Stephen Pierce. The Covenant and Constitution for the church were read and approved.

A challenge to the new church, urging more visibility and outreach, was brought by George Johnson, of Little Rock, Southwestern Association president. Response of the church was by Pastor Bob Babcock. The prayer of dedication was led by Rev. Robert Harris.

An after-Sabbath social time, with good fellowship and singing, completed the inspiring time. Special music for the weekend was brought by Linda Harris, the Stillman family singers, and by Andy Stevens, who sang a hymn especially written for the occasion.

Participation in the celebrations by delegates from Fouke, Texarkana and Little Rock, Ark., and Paint Rock, Ala. churches, plus Keith and Janice Hopkins from San Antonio, was much appreciated by the Houston church.



Charter members sign the church covenant for the newly organized Houston, Texas, S.D.B. Church.
(Photos by Douglas Yarberry)

Charter members of the Houston Seventh Day Baptist Church are: Robert W. Babcock, Nelta S. (Mrs. Robert W.) Babcock, Catharine S. (Mrs. John) Jacox, Stephen J. Pierce, Andy Stevens, Carol (Mrs. Andy) Stevens, Larry Andrews, George S. Stillman, Joyce M. (Mrs. George) Stillman, Andrew E. Stillman, Ben S. Stillman, and Dan J. Stillman. □

-George S. Stillman



November 19, 1977--"a day of rejoicing and beginning." The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Houston (Texas) was organized! Together the fifteen new members signed their covenant as they were joined by friends from the other churches of the Southwestern Association and one from Mid-Continent Association.

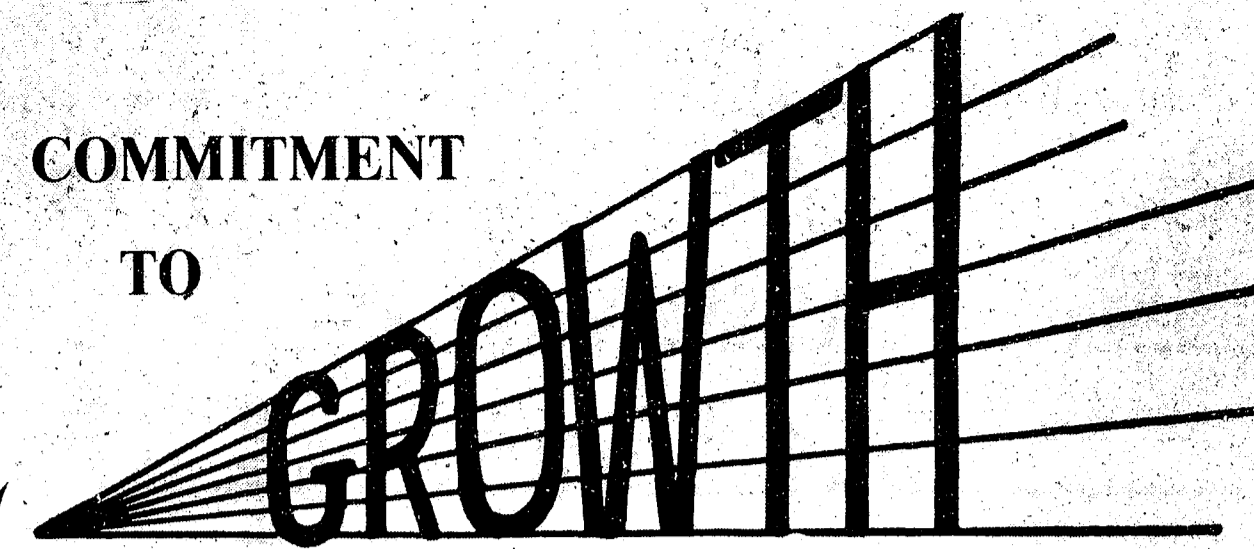


Church Extension Pastor, Robert Babcock, led the new church during the last year following through the Reach Out Now (RON) emphasis the previous year. While numerical growth has not been as rapid as hoped, there has been spiritual growth and commitment and faith that following organization there will be others who will join in their fellowship and ministry. They ask for the continued prayer support of all Seventh Day Baptists.

The days of the year
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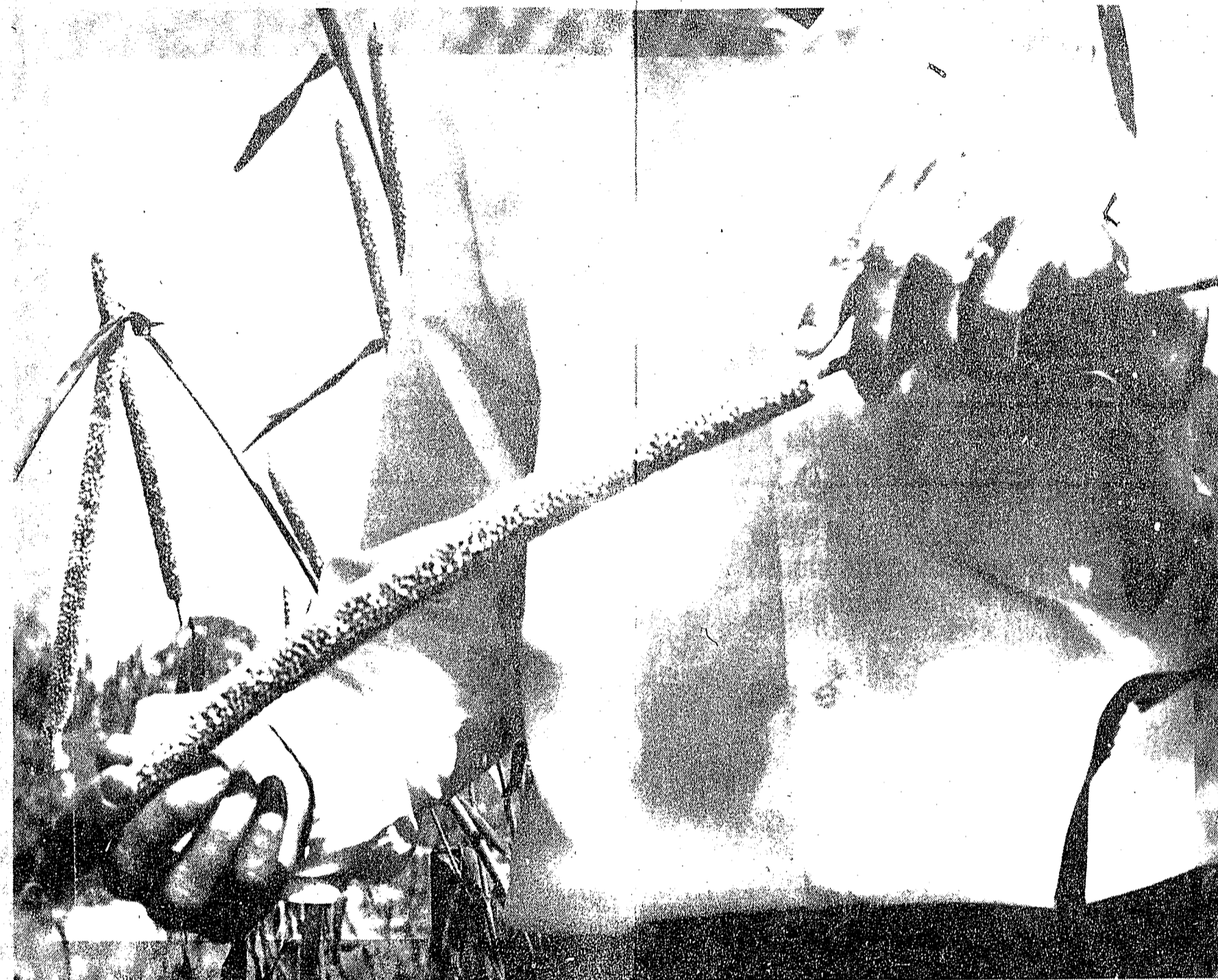
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Ephesians 5:15; 1 Peter 2:2;
2 Peter 3:18



"Teach us to number our days and
recognize how few they are; help us
to spend them as we should."
-Psalm 90:12LB



FBM-SBC-Photo by Eugene Grubbs

In the Koudougou area of Upper Volta, Africa, a missionary holding spikes showing very poor millet grain-on spike, indicative of severe drought.

The spiritual harvest suffers today as well! Shortage of God's Word, indifference by Christians, lack of missionaries dedicated to enter open doors, inadequate funds when there are workers--these and other reasons hinder the harvest!

In the days of this year will each who sees and reads these words help or hinder the harvest?

Jesus said: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

-Luke 10:2

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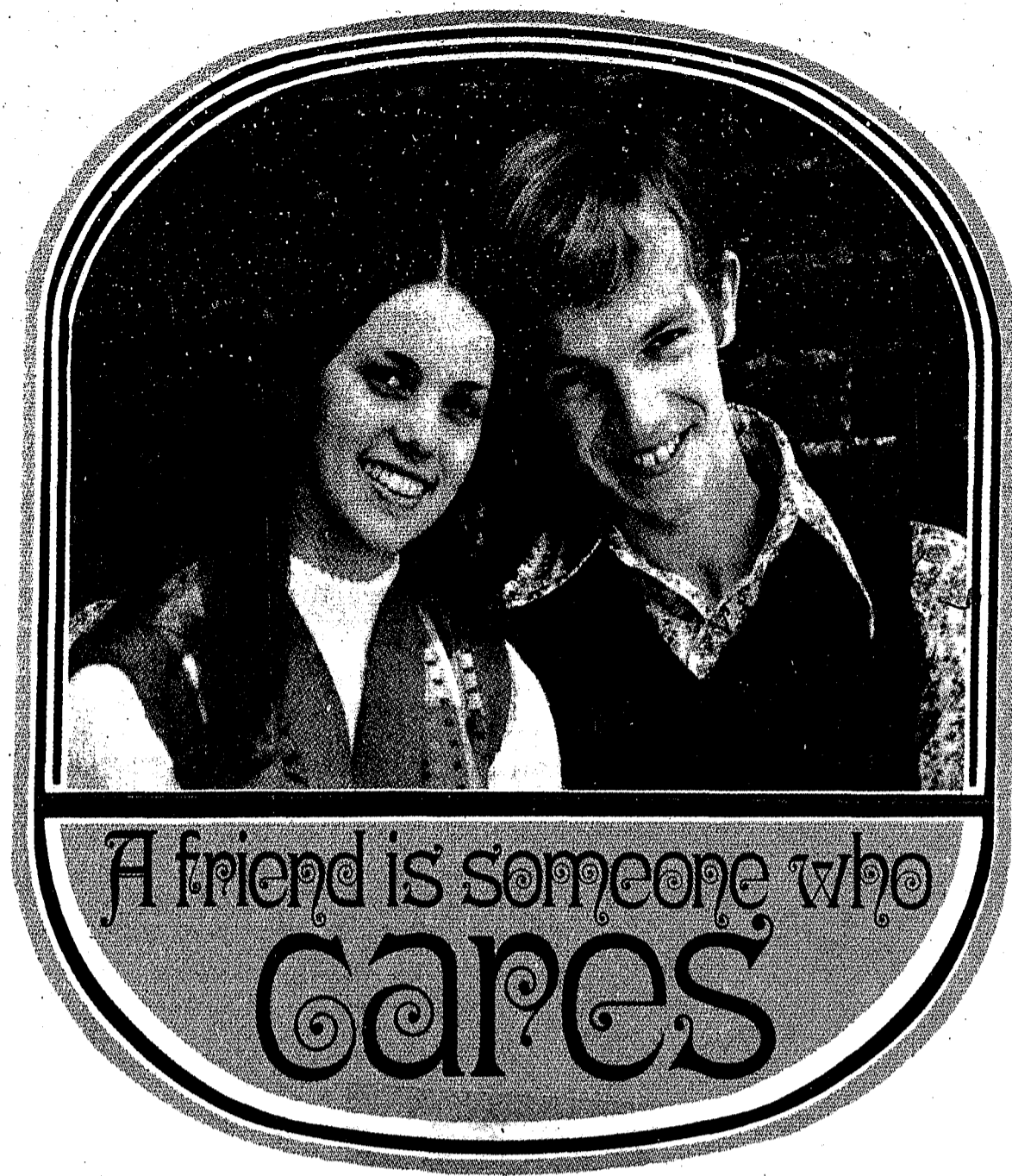
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A Summer For The Lord



by Gerry Van Dyke

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." God has a special plan for each one of our lives, and He is just waiting for us to ask Him what it is. Our world is in desperate need of a hope for the future, and it is in His plan for you to be a part of that future and that hope.

SCSC for many years now has been making it possible for young people to spend their summers getting to know God's purpose for their lives, and then giving them the opportunity to exercise the truths they have been learning. It is impossible to know people unless you spend time with them, get to know what their thoughts and feelings are, what their needs and wishes are, and what they need from you. SCSC provides a way for young people to know God personally, as Friend, Helper, Guide and Lord. It also provides a way for young men and women to know many people in a very intimate way, and to give many other people the opportunity to know, understand, and care about these special SCSC workers.

There are so many people in our world that are lonely, who do not seem to have even one friend; there are people of every age who do not even know about Jesus; there are communities that have no place for young people to sit and talk, or have fun; there are people that need someone to listen to them or read to them, or talk to them; there are youth groups that need revitalizing; there are older people who need someone to shop for them; there are churches that need help; there are windows that need washing, lawns that need mowing, typing that needs to be done, walls that need painting.

So many more things I have not been able to list. Can you do any of these things? Would you like to reach out to any of these needs? Then it might be that God has a future and a hope for you in the Summer Christian Service Corps.

If you are a young person, seventeen or older, and have completed eleventh grade by June of 1978, you might like to consider SCSC. Would you like to find out just what your capabilities are, and how you can use them to not only help others, but to increase and improve on what you already have? In SCSC you will be given the opportunity to take on real responsibilities in an atmosphere of acceptance. You will receive training and experiences that will prepare you for the world of getting along with other people. SCSC also gives you the opportunity to travel, meet other exciting and fun fellas and gals, and to really be on your own. If this sounds like something you might like to do, write for your application today. If you would like more information, just drop a line to Gerry VanDyke.

There may be many of you who are reading this article that are not in the age group for SCSC, but many of the needs I spoke about are needs that you see in your church and your community. Perhaps you have seen these needs in your church become greater, and yet have not found a way to fulfill them. Is this the year for your church to ask for a team to come and give you a hand? Have you grown upset because you see many young people turned off and disillusioned by the church? Then this might be the very year to reach out to the young people in your community, and the young people in our denomination, by having a team come to your church

to work hand in hand with you on a meaningful Christlike outreach.

Maybe there are kids that you know who need your encouragement and support in just being able to consider SCSC. If you are a parent, let me tell you how much I have seen young people change and mature, and become responsible in many fine ways as a result of their summer in SCSC. I can't encourage you enough to give your children support if they are considering SCSC. So you see, every one of you can have a part in this fine program. We need people who will provide real committed prayer support, and financial support, we need workers, we need projects and project directors, and others that just keep giving encouragement. If you have not been a part of SCSC up till now, please consider one of these areas.

Let me share just a few comments from former SCSC workers: "I have seen miracles, everyday miracles, and I know God is alive." "I have learned the true meaning of Christian Love." "It gave me many opportunities to grow and learn. Also, I am now more able to understand myself and relate to others."

May you have a blessed year, as you work towards the plan that God has for you. -Gerry VanDyke, SCSC Chairman.

Mail application forms to Executive Secretary Dr. K. Duane Hurley, 510 Watchung Ave. Box 868, Plainfield, N.J. 07061. Gifts may be sent to Mrs. Jane Bottoms, 1118 Ravenwood Rd., Boulder, CO. 80303. For information-Mrs. Jerome VanDyke, 12 Cornell Drive, Longmont, CO. 80501. □

In just six short months from now young people from all across the United States will be boarding airplanes, catching buses, or (for those who are close enough) driving to participate in the 1978 training session for SCSC!!!! YOU could be one of those young people. . . or be related to one. . . or one could be a member of your church. . . or (and this is the best part) your church could have the opportunity of working with one of the teams for the summer!

These young people receive intensive training, learning how to share their faith with others, learning how to cope with their problems, how to relate to other people and how to use their God-given gifts. . .

However, their education is only just beginning at the training session. They discover new truths about the Lord and about themselves with each passing day. We will take this opportunity to share just a few brief thoughts which have been shared with us by former SCSC workers:

"I have seen miracles, everyday miracles, and I know God is alive."

"I have learned the true meaning of Christian love."

"It gave me many opportunities to grow and learn. Also, I am now more able to understand myself and relate to others."

SCSC workers labor in love for their Lord in many of the following ways: working with youth groups (revitalizing some); shopping for an older person; listening, talking or reading to people; helping in the work of a church; office work; washing windows for persons who can't do it for themselves; mowing lawns for the elderly; working on renovation projects (painting, hanging wallpaper); working at church-sponsored fair booths, camp counsellors; teaching Vacation Bible School and many, many more. . .

If you are a young person seventeen or older (or are related to one or know one) who would like to have the opportunity to spend the summer in service for our Lord we would urge you to seriously consider Summer Christian Service Corp. Remember, there are only about six months left and now is the time to be thinking about what you will be doing when school is out. Also, it is not too early for you churches to think about the possibilities of having an SCSC team to work with you this summer. How can you serve as a member of a team or be served by a team? For more information write to Mrs. Gerry Van Dyke, 12 Cornell, Longmont, CO 80501.

"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

-Timothy 4:12

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MISSION NOTES

"Where there is no vision the people perish"

●MALAWI.-Pastor A. K. Harawa, director of the Northern SDB Association in Malawi writes that the MZUZU project is moving forward. The pastor's residence is to be completed by the end of the year. He wrote, "I (would) like to let you know that the bricks for the church (building) are now ready. The Christians in our churches have made 40,000 bricks and the Northern Association members are working very hard to see to it that the project is done this year if the Lord wishes so. I would like you to express my appreciation to the brothers in the States for their gifts to this project and all their prayers that they have offered for the project."

●PHILIPPINES.-Pastor David Yangco is now the radio speaker for Seventh Day Baptists in the southern Philippines at Dumageute City. He reports, "There are now many interests as a result of the radio ministry. We are now making a nipa and bamboo church here--Calo, San Jose, Negros Oriental. We received ₱ 500 from the conference fund as aid to our church project."

●U.S.A.-During November Director of Evangelism Mynor G. Soper and Leon R. Lawton were visitors to the fellowship at Blountville, TN. Their Praise and Prayer service continues to reach new people and progress is being made toward organization. They are praying for lay/pastoral leadership in the new year.

●KENYA.-To supplement the regular correspondence study by pastors in the churches in Kisii district, a week Seminar course was offered in December. Joel Omare wrote that there "are 35 pastors, preachers, youths and women" enrolled. In October the Gideons provided 20 Bibles for the youths. They have New Testaments but few have complete Bibles, especially in Swahili or Kisii.

●MALAWI.-Pastor G. P. Nantikwa, the recently elected corresponding

secretary of the Central Africa Conference, has served the Kasupe branch church. When he began there were seven members, "...but now since 1973 we have over 70 members. I thank the Lord that Muslims are receiving Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior and Redeemer. This district is the headquarters of the Mohammedans, yet the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of the people."

●U.S.A.-Some SDB churches and new fellowships that could develop and be organized into a local church need dedicated lay leadership. If you, or some member of your church is moving to a new location, why not consider one of the areas where they can continue service, worship and fellowship. Your Missionary Board office will be happy to correspond and supply information.

●PHILIPPINES.-Special Crusade meetings were held in Cebu City during November. One series was at the new church building and the second "near the wharf, pier 3." Brother Raymundo Zamora, the treasurer, wrote, "We are happy enough because our missionary work goes forward nowadays in Cebu City." He also asked, "I hope you will bring effort in your prayer there in your congregation every meeting."

●INDIA.-While early reports indicate large loss of life and destruction in the "worst cyclone in 113 years" in Andhra Pradesh, including some areas where there are reported SDB churches, no direct word on particular facts or need were in hand December 1. Church World Service reported a relief team in Guntur, AP, and supplies of clothing, food, water purification pills and funds in hand by the NCC of India. CWS was making no appeal at that time pending clarification of the Christian Service Agency released blocked funds in India.

PRAYER

CORNER

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

FEBRUARY 1978

Verse for the month: "But you, dear friends, must build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. Stay always within the boundaries where God's love can reach and bless you. Wait patiently for the eternal life that our Lord Jesus Christ in His mercy is going to give you." Jude 1:20,21 (L.B.)

- 1-Executive Secretary K.D. Hurley as he continues his work for the Lord
- 2-The editor of the *Helping Hand* as he compiles lessons for the coming quarters
- 3-My Sabbath School teacher as he/she prepares the lessons for Sabbath
- 4-Jeanne Wilhelm, dedicated worker, S.D.B. sound studio
- 5-SDB Camp of New England and Eastern New York, Inc., as it meets in Westerly, RI
- 6-The SDB Women's Board in Denver, CO
- 7-The witness of SDB's in Malawi and the need for a missionary there
- 8-New opportunities for sharing my faith
- 9-Mrs. Jean McAllister, Conference office secretary
- 10-The executives of the various boards and agencies as they carry out their ministries
- 11-New Auburn, WI, church
- 12-The ministry of L. Sawi Thanga to the churches in Burma
- 13-The newly opened Health Clinic in Thomasi, Malawi
- 14-Douglas and Jane Mackintosh as they witness of the love of God to the brethren in Jamaica
- 15-SDB's in Mexico as they continue in their witness and work for our Lord
- 16-The various committees appointed to serve in my church in 1978
- 17-Mrs. Ada Davis, president of the Women's Board
- 18-Your pastor as he leads the brethren in your church
- 19-Rev. E.O. Ferraren as he works with the people in our Philippine churches
- 20-Conference President Richard Shepard, as plans are made for the 1978 Conference
- 21-Those enrolled in our Bible course programs
- 22-Pastor Sam Peters, the field supervisor in Guyana
- 23-Our youth
- 24-The continued health and strength of our missionaries in Malawi, Audrey and Menzo Fuller
- 25-New opportunities to serve the Lord in our *Commitment To Growth*
- 26-Schenectady, N.Y., church
- 27-The leading of the Holy Spirit in the work in India
- 28-A heart full of God's love to share with others who come in contact with me

The Church in Action

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

YOUTH WEEKEND SUCCESSFUL

NORTONVILLE, KS. - Labor Day weekend was "Youth Emphasis Weekend." Our Youth Fellowship group was in charge, led by Dale Wheeler and Joel Osborn. The day brought a triple musical treat to our church. *The Spring Wind* (Brenda Abel and Joni Goodrich, North Loup, NE) brought us their message in music and song during the morning worship service, sharing their testimonies and experiences. During the joint Sabbath School hour, Joe Bochenek, Fullerton, CA, offered old and favorite hymn selections on his musical instruments--steel guitar, balajka, guitorgan, banjo and ukulele. He travels during the year behind the Iron Curtain singing and playing hymns and distributing Bibles to spiritually hungry people in Communist countries. He is able to get behind the Iron Curtain because he has no official church support. He showed slides and narrated his travels. We were quite taken with his music, Christian witness and sense of humor. An evening Hymn-Sharing Time led by *The Spring Wind* with Ruth Zeek at the piano was heartily enjoyed by all. Other activities for the day were the fellowship dinner for the adults, Youth Fellowship luncheon served at the Osborns and a hot dog roast in the church yard. During the afternoon *The Spring Wind* visited our local nursing home (Village Villa) to witness and share their message in song. To end the day's festivities, the youth gathered later in the evening at the Kirk Loopers, Leavenworth, for pizza. Offerings were taken for *The Spring Wind* and Mr. Bochenek.



A new series of pamphlets, entitled "The Bible Speaks," focuses on what the Bible has to say about ten current social issues. Prepared by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the series is designed to give Christians a Biblical basis for understanding and making decisions about family, race relations, hunger, aging, alcohol, citizenship, sex, war and peace, money and ecology. Copies of the new series have been sent to all churches by the American Sabbath Tract Society. Those who wish a set of the pamphlets may write to the Society and enclose fifty cents for postage and handling.

Several from our church attended the covered dish picnic supper at Village Villa Sept. 18. It was gratifying to see and visit with local elderly neighbors and friends.

Three "Sunshine Boxes" have been filled with gifts and good wishes and delivered to three of our ladies who have been ill in hospitals--Mary Van Horn, Bessie Babcock, and Naomi Stephan.

Pastor Paul had the devotionals on the local radio station KARE, Atchison, KS, October 3-8.

Our church was represented by twenty-two people in Denver, CO, for the Mid-Continent Association, Sept. 30-Oct 2. They report Spirit-filled meetings, good fellowship and beautiful country. We are glad all made safe trips.

For some years our Sabbath School was maintained a "Mite Box." The box was placed in the north room of our church for free-will offerings. At first it was sent to the mission fields. The past few years it has been sent to a student pastor and his family to be used wherever needed. We have been able to maintain an average of \$75 each quarter.

The fourth and last Growth Force Workshop led by John Camenga of Little Rock was held Oct. 14-15. The topic for study was Body Life! The group learned that the most growth is derived from personal contacts, and the small groups tend to reach out toward others more

than large, unknowing groups. So we'll always have small groups, just more of them as we grow! □

-Mrs. Merlin Wheeler

CHURCH CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY

BASKING RIDGE, N.J.-The North Jersey Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated its second anniversary with a special thanksgiving service led by Deacon John Bevis on Sabbath November 19.

Forty members and friends were present to give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings during the past year. Special music was provided by Mrs. Mary Jane McPherson as well as Mrs. Shireen Hurley of the Plainfield church. The newly-organized church choir, directed by Mrs. McPherson, presented its first selection. A very meaningful praise service was concluded by prayers of thanksgiving in German by Pastor John Schmid and in English by Mike Goulet.

Following the worship service a thanksgiving dinner was served in the dining room of the church. The members of the Irvington German church provided a lovely anniversary cake which was baked by Bob Fassbender.

We praise God for His guidance during the past two years and look forward to what He has in store for us as a church in the coming year. □

SDB LEADERS ARE VISITORS

PLAINFIELD, N.J.—About twenty visiting denominational leaders and other visitors attended our church service October 29 and heard Pastor Delmer Van Horn of Lost Creek, WV, speak on "The Biblical Basis for Change." The leaders were members of the Planning Committee and the Reorganization Group.

At our quarterly meeting October 9 we elected Dr. K. Duane Hurley as a deacon, John Tyler as a trustee in place of Phillip Van Horn, and Mrs. Bettie Pearson as church secretary in place of Mrs. Peg Van Horn. Ronald Maltby is our sexton in place of Phil. An enjoyable farewell party was held October 2 for the Van Horns, who moved back to North Loup, NE, and are greatly missed.

A men's prayer breakfast was held Sabbath morning, October 1, and another is scheduled for November 12. These are part of a series of breakfasts led by Dean Herbert Saunders. Prayer groups are meeting weekly at the home of Bob and Dorothy Pociatek on Tuesday evenings and at the Saunders home on Friday evenings.

Our Sabbath School picnic in September had to be held in the church on account of rain. A Pro-Con Group supper in October was enjoyed by eighteen adults. The bountiful meal was prepared by Mrs. Margret Armstrong, and the program was a description by Henry Poulin of his Normandy trip.

After our fellowship dinner September 17 a panel of members who attended Conference gave their impressions and answered questions. The next Sabbath morning our Growth Force, including the Van Horns, spoke on where we have been, where we are, the seven vital signs, and where we are going.

The sudden and unexpected passing of Mrs. Dorothea Clarke Paquette, just after she had attended Yearly Meeting at Marlboro and our quarterly meeting, was a great shock and loss to our church, as she was one of our very active members. We rejoice that she was such a devoted Christian and had contributed so much to our church life as well as to her family, who are all members of our church.

Pastor David Pearson has presented a series of challenging sermons on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, leading up to November,

Scripture Gems



Favorite Bible texts selected by pastors and ministerial students.

Rev. Russell G. Johnson
Alfred, New York

- "Well then, the man who knows the good he ought to do and does it not is a sinner" (James 4:17 NEB).
- This verse has come to stand out in my mind as one of the most important verses that a Christian can remember. There is a message of security, when we are seemingly overtired from doing good deeds and struggling to surrender our old natures completely to the Lord. There is a message of caution, when we are ready to say, "I can't possibly find the time to do that!" It is a message of flat rebuke to those that would only pay lip service to the gospel and never let it come alive in their work and lives. And it helps me to keep aware of the need to determine the greatest good that I know to do. The message that comes out is one of living faith, and it inspires me daily.

our witnessing month. Each of us is urged to contact five persons for Christ, keep a record of our activities, and share them with others. Beginning Sabbath, November 5, we are having preliminary services from 10:00 to 10:30 for music and sharing. May the Holy Spirit empower all of us and all Seventh Day Baptists! □

—Ruth Hunting Parker

BELL CHURCH HOSTS ASSOCIATION

SALEMVILLE, PA.—Greetings from the Bell Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salemville. Summer has ended and fall has taken over with its colorful leaves and coldness telling us winter is coming. Summer was filled with lots of extra activities. First of all, two of our young people: Jada Kagarise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Kagarise, and Rodney Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boyd, graduated from high school. We pray that no matter where they go or what they do that the Lord goes with them.

We hosted the Southeastern Association in June with the theme "A New Day Dawning," with Orlo Kagarise as moderator. During Association the ordination of our minister, Pastor Mel Stephan, was held.

Camps and Conference filled up the rest of the summer with many from the church attending. The new restroom addition has been completed and plans for new front doors for the church are in the making.

We've had one summer wedding and one fall wedding. On August 31, Miss Jocelyn Fletcher and Rick Wolfe were united in marriage. On October 1, Raymond Fletcher and Leslie Hensel were married. The church gives them our love and prays that their lives will be filled with love, the greatest gift God has given us all.

We look forward to the winter months with an active Youth Fellowship, fellowship meals, our Harvest Home Meal on November 5, and the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas.

May God guide us in everything we do now and for the future of His Kingdom. Amen. □

—Ruthanna Roberts

ORDINATION HELD AT SALEM

SALEM, W.V.—The Salem church had a rich experience as we observed Thanksgiving and Ordination Sabbath. In the morning service, licenses to preach were issued to Paul D. Davis and Paul B. McCoy. The Men's Chorus sang "Beautiful Savior," with Nellie Jo Brissey as alto soloist. Spotlight on "Mission in Motion" was given by Clayton and Leora Pinder. The children's story, given by Pastor Paul Green, was "The Thanksgiving Pie That Took a Thousand People To Make." The sermon was brought by Pastor S. Kenneth Davis of Battle Creek, Michigan, "On Being the Church."

The Ordination in the afternoon opened with the hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Scripture reading was Acts 6:1-7, telling of the first selection of deacons. A Prayer of Blessings was led by Melvin Nida. "Let Us All Praise God and Sing" and "Lift Thine Eyes," were sung by the Women's Chorus. Statements of Christian experience which really touched our hearts were given by the three candidates for ordination, Christine A. Sias, Dr. Fred M. Spencer, and Paul D. Davis. After the Men's Chorus sang, "Rise Up, O Men of God," the charge to the candidates was given by Deacon Leland Bond of the Lost Creek church. Charge to the Church was given by Pastor Kenneth Davis, father of our new Deacon Paul Davis. The hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was sung while the deaconesses, deacons and ministers came forward for the Prayer of Consecration, given by Pastor Paul Green. Welcome to the Diaconate was given by Deacon Stephen Rogers. Choral Benediction "Pax Dei!" was sung by the church choir. □

BLESSINGS EXPERIENCED BY ARKANSAS CHURCH

LITTLE ROCK, AR.—Opportunities and blessings have come to us many fold during this year. The *Commitment to Growth* program has brought to us Mrs. Dorothy Parrott, Battle Creek, Michigan, who has lead the training sessions here for this exciting workshop. These sessions have included those in neighboring churches who have come to share in this spiritual, challenging study. We have all been strengthened by their presence and participation here.

Little Rock was the home for the Commission and some members of their families during the week preceding Conference. Many contacts were made during the week which might have been impossible under other circumstances. The lives of many were enriched by the personal witness of these dedicated leaders with whom they became acquainted.

Conference in the Southwest again was a dream come true. Many in our area were privileged to attend Conference who had never attended before. Paul Campbell, Hammond, La., one of our new members, has spent many years in a prone position, unable to move without assistance, yet he has been self-supporting and has contributed generously to the church and has given time and energy during flood disaster by alerting people of conditions by radio. He attended Conference - a living example of *Daring the Impossible*.

Pastor John Camenga has been one of the Commitment to Growth leaders and has enabled us to keep in close touch with many of you and to feel your dedication to the work of the Kingdom. In his absence, Rev. James Mitchell has been in charge of the services and has responded in many ways to the tasks at hand.

As Pastor John was host pastor to the General Conference, many members were involved in meeting planes; housing arrangements before, during, and after Conference; registration and committee work. *Daring and Doing the Impossible* is our challenge. We thank God for the privilege of serving Him.

New hymnals entitled "Great Hymns of the Faith" were presented to the church by friends and relatives as a memorial to Dr. Lloyd Seager. His love of singing and appreciation of good music makes this an especially fitting tribute. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways during the year that we can continually rejoice in His goodness. □

—Oma Seager

● Congratulations to Roberta Clarke Ellis newly-elected tax collector for the township of Stephentown, N.Y. Mrs. Ellis is a member of the Berlin, N.Y., S.D.B. Church.

● Rev. Ronald Barrar of the Auckland, New Zealand, church spent a week in December meeting with Seventh Day Baptists in Australia.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT NORTH LOUP

NORTH LOUP, NE. - An early spring activity at our church was the Mid-Continent Association Spring Retreat. It was held at Freedom House in downtown North Loup the weekend of April 2, with a Fellowship Dinner at the church on Sabbath Day.

"Spring Wind"—A Light Bearers for Christ ministry—with Brenda Abel and Joni Goodrich in concert at Freedom House was an April 9 event.

Growth Force meetings were held regularly. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Austin of Dodge Center met with the group April 23 and again June 4.

Dr. Grace Missionary Society made and filled twenty May baskets and delivered them to elderly and shut-ins in connection with the regular May meeting. This year's study is the book "What Happens When Women Pray" by Evelyn Christenson. Worship services were held at Ord Rest Home and Parkview Village in Ord through April. One of the society's projects is quilt making.

Graduates were honored at the May 7 services and seated at a special table during the Fellowship Dinner. High school graduates were Joni Goodrich, Gerald Williams, Mynor Soper II, and Rex Clement of Kearney. Earlier college graduates Ivan and Sue Soper were also seated at the table. Other early college graduates, Patrick Skaggs, and Mrs. Bernard Keown, were absent.

The film, "The Secret of Loving," was shown at Freedom House in May. "Kings of Kings" was previously shown at the Community Hall.

We were happy to have Larry Graffius, a ministerial student, as assistant to our pastor, Rev. Victor Skaggs, during this summer. His wife, Jani, and little son, Scott, were welcome additions.

Joni Goodrich was a member of SCSC Victory Team at Westerly, R.I., and Waterford, CT.

Summer activities began with a camp program. Some of our youth attended Mid-Continent Association Camp at Camp Paul Hummel in Colorado June 12-19. Primary Day Camp was held at Camp Riverview July 11-15 and attended by 18 children. Larry Graffius was director. He was assisted by Jani Graffius, Jim Goodrich, Brenda Abel and Brooke Soper. Forty Junior Campers were at Camp Riverview July

17-24. The staff was comprised of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Osborn of Nortonville, KS, Pastor Victor Skaggs, Larry Graffius, and Brenda Abel. Mrs. Ron Cargill and Mrs. Larry Graffius were camp cooks.

One of our young senior members, Mary Davis, was honored at the July 9 morning worship service and given a corsage for her 89th birthday. We love Mary, the Whistling Lady; God bless her!

The annual Pop-Corn Days celebration found us busy along with others of the community. Our food stand was enlarged and serving was done cafeteria-style. A great improvement!

A Fall Planning Retreat began with a supper on Sabbath Eve, October 7. A prayer breakfast preceded the Sabbath morning worship and Communion service. A fellowship dinner at noon was followed by a planning meeting. The retreat closed Sabbath night. The two recommendations changing the workings of the church were approved at the quarterly business meeting the following week.

Open House and Dedication at Freedom House were held Sunday afternoon, October 16. Wesley Rice, formerly of Light Bearers for Christ, was M.C. Speakers were area pastors, Rev. Victor Skaggs, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Moorner, and Rev. A. K. Saul. Music was furnished by Spring Wind, other groups and individuals. Lunch, too, was part of it. Freedom House is a place for youth to study God's word and pray. It is non-denominational.

A new cassette recorder was given to the church in memory of Keith Hovey and son Mark who lost their lives in a mine accident in Nevada in August.

We welcome Phillip and Peggy Van Horn and little Heather into our midst. They are back home from Plainfield, N.J. □

-Bertha Clement

ACCESSIONS

BATTLE CREEK, MI
S. Kenneth Davis, Pastor

By Baptism:
Mrs. Cleveland (Marian) Richardson

HOUSTON, TX
Robert W. Babcock, Pastor

By Letter:
Nelta S. (Mrs. Robert) Babcock
Robert W. Babcock

Stephen J. Pierce
Catharine S. (Mrs. John) Jacox
Andrew Stevens
Joyce (Mrs. George) Stillman

By Testimony:
Larry Andrews
Carol (Mrs. Andrew) Stevens
Andrew E. Stillman
Ben S. Stillman
Dan J. Stillman
George S. Stillman

MARLBORO, NJ
Donald E. Richards, Pastor

By Baptism:
Thomas Davis
Juan de Jesus

By Letter:
Melvin R. Dickinson, Jr.
Mrs. Kathlene Findlater
Winsome (Grenyion) de Jesus

RIVERSIDE, CA
Alton L. Wheeler, Pastor

By Baptism:
Daliene Curtis

By Letter:
Christine (Mrs. Ronald) Davis
Ronald E. Davis, M.D.
Gladys (Mrs. Raymond) Young
Raymond Young

WESTERLY, RI
Russell W. Havens, Pastor

By Testimony:
Rebecca A. Eckels

MARRIAGES

BRUNDIGE-WESCOTT.-Clyde Brundige of Johnsonville, NY, and Linda Wescott of Valley Falls, NY, were united in marriage December 3, 1977, at the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's pastor, C. Rex Burdick.

DENHAM-KINNEY.-Randall E. Denham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Denham of Everett, Wash., and Renee Marie Kinney, daughter of Robert Kinney of Seattle and Mrs. Joseph Doyan of Edmonds, Wash., were united in marriage at the Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church by their pastor, Duane L. Davis, on November 5, 1977.

HODGES-GREENE.-Philip Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hodges, of Stephentown, NY, and Cynthia Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Greene, of Petersburg, NY, were united in marriage November 12, 1977 at the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor Emeritus Paul L. Maxson officiating.

THERNEAU-GREENE.-Terry Therneau and Kathryn Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Greene, were united in marriage on October 16, 1977, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dodge Center, Minn. The bride's pastor, Rev. L. Wayne Babcock, officiated.

●Seventh Day Baptists are now meeting weekly at Largo Senior High School, 505 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, MD. Sabbath School 10:00, Worship Service 11:00.

●The Little Rock, AR, S.D.B. Church has recently enrolled 141 in the home Bible course "Guide to Bible Understanding."

●Happy birthday to the Rev. Paul Burdick of Waterford, CT, who celebrated his 88th on November 28.

OBITUARIES

BONESTEEL.-Mary Alice, daughter of the late Reuben and Alice Palmer Graves, was born in Cohoes, NY, April 9, 1928, and died suddenly at her home in Petersburg, NY, November 7, 1977.

Mary Alice was reporter for several local newspapers at the time of her death, and had recently been named RECORDER correspondent for the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, a position which she had not had opportunity to fulfill. She had been a member of the Berlin church for one month at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Harrison; four sons, David, Russell, Allan and Robert, all of Petersburg; a daughter, Barbara, Bennington, VT; two sisters, Katherine Wells, Berlin, and Jane Hegeman, Colonie; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted from the Thomas M. Barber Funeral Home on November 10 by her pastor, C. Rex Burdick.

-C.R.B.

BOSCH.-Cornelis, son of the late Jan Hendrick and Geertrui Bosch, was born in Amsterdam, Holland, on May 2, 1906, and died there on November 9, 1977, after a traffic accident.

Cornelis Bosch served as pastor of the Amsterdam Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than thirty years. Amsterdam, the city and the church, were loved by this humble carpenter who did not lose many opportunities to speak about His Lord and Savior. God prepared him a place in heaven and he was ready to meet his Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Cornelia, two sons, two daughters-in-law, two brothers, three sisters, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jaap Nieuwstraten and Piet Homburg.

DAVIS.-Deacon LaVerne W., was born in Verona, New York, on July 4, 1903, and died at Oneida, New York, on November 24, 1977.

He was the son of Henry Eugene and Flora Williams Hyde Davis. On June 29, 1925, he was united in marriage with Ruth M. Sholtz at Oneida. He was a dairy farmer in the town of Verona and was active in many agriculturally-related activities in the area.

All of his life was centered around the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. In early youth, LaVerne accepted Christ as Savior and Lord and he was baptized and joined the First Verona Church in 1915. He served the church in many ways and was an ordained deacon for 32 years. In recent winters, he was also active in the Daytona Beach SDB

Church. He served for some time on the Central N.Y. Association evangelism committee and for several years on the General Conference Ministerial Retirement committee.

He is survived by his wife of Verona; four sons, Olin C. Davis of Oneida, the Rev. Duane L. Davis, Seattle, Washington, Kenneth W. Davis and Roger F. Davis, both of Verona; two sisters, Miss Ellen L. Davis of Oneida, and Mrs. Genevieve Stone of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and eleven grandchildren. Another son, Willis E. Davis, died in 1959.

Funeral services were conducted at the Verona church by the Rev. Glen W. Warner of Ashtabula, Ohio, with burial in the New Union Cemetery of Verona Mills.

HUTCHINS.-Floyd Parker, 80, son of Wesley T. and Grace Clement Hutchins, was born at North Loup, Nebraska, August 11, 1897, and died November 7, 1977 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He lived in the North Loup vicinity until 1955. While there he was engaged in farming and in the management of grain elevators. In 1955 he moved to Colorado where he worked under Civil Service at the Air Force Academy. Since his retirement in 1968, he has managed apartment complexes in California and in Colorado.

On February 24, 1917, he confessed his faith in Jesus Christ, was baptized and joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. On March 4, 1920, he married Miss Florence Andersen.

Surviving in addition to his widow are two sons: Lavern C. of Glendale, Arizona, and Donald L. of Fort Collins, Colorado; a brother, Clyde, of Fort Collins, Colorado; two sisters: Mrs. Gladys Christensen of Ord, Nebraska; and Mrs. Helen Louise Brennick of North Loup, Nebraska; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, on November 11, 1977. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

-V.W.S.

PAQUETTE.-Dorothea Clarke, daughter of the late Elvan H. and Ruby (Tappan) Clarke, was born in Battle Creek, MI, on December 30, 1922 and died suddenly at her home in North Plainfield, NJ, on October 11, 1977.

On July 2, 1953 Dorothea was married to Arthur J. Paquette, Sr., in the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a resident of North Plainfield for twenty-two years.

She was an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ in Plainfield, New Jersey, and the Women's Society, of which she was secretary at the time of her death.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur J., Sr.; three sons, Dennis, a freshman at Salem College, Douglas, a high school student living at home, and Arthur, Jr., who lives with his family in Laverne, Tennessee; two daughters, Debra who lives at home, and Mrs. Diane Kopsaftis of North Plainfield; a brother, Hubert Clarke of Florida; a sister, Mrs. Floy Wells of Dearborn, MI; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted from the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey, on Friday, October 14, with her pastor, Rev. David C. Pearson, and Dean Herbert E. Saunders officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, New Jersey.

-H.E.S.

SWINGEN.-Robert DuWayne Swingen, son of Thomas and Emma (Kopperwig) Swingen, was born in Cooperstown, North Dakota, September 14, 1919, and was called to rest on November 26, 1977, at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Fontana, California, following extended illness.

He was united in marriage to Corrine Stromme on March 14, 1942 in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Immediately thereafter he served in the U.S. Army and the following year he was given a medical discharge.

For the next twenty years he joined his father and his brother Alonzo in operating the T.M. Swingen Construction Company in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

In 1963 he moved with his family to Southern California and from 1965 through 1975 he was employed by the State of California Forestry Service until he was retired due to physical disability.

On November 16, 1963, his wife Corrine and he were baptized and became members of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife Corrine; three sons, Donald, Richard and Glen Swingen; one daughter, Marguerite Swingen; one brother, Thomas Swingen; and six grandchildren.

Services were conducted in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church December 1, 1977, with interment in the Green Acres Memorial Gardens, in Bloomington, California. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated.

-A.L.W.

WATERBURY.-Mary Saunders was born November 18, 1894 in Ward, N.Y., and died October 13, 1977 in Denver, CO. The following eulogy was prepared by Dr. E. J. Horsley.

"The first memory which my wife Ruth and I have of the Denver SDB Church--and it is a most vivid memory--was stepping into the Fellowship Hall on a bright wintry Sabbath morning. At the front was a dignified, silver-haired minister, Pastor Albert N. Rogers; on the rostrum was a choir with a rather boyish director; and a lady of mature years played the organ with obvious delight and with great gusto. Mary Waterbury was then in the late summer of life. During the succeeding years as we came to know and to love Mary we saw her move through the autumn of life, the colors of her life gradually changing as the season advanced and her hold upon the tree of life slowly becoming more tenuous. While other leaves were falling, Mary hung on until Thursday afternoon, Oct. 13, 1977 when her grasp was loosed and she floated to the earth, where we gently place her today.

"It was in Allegany County of New York state on Nov. 18, 1894 that Mary Emily arrived to join the Saunders family. Big brother Paul was already four and big sister Mildred was two. When Mary was nine the family moved to Boulder, Colorado, where Mr. Saunders involved himself in building construction. During her high school years they moved back east again where Mary followed the example of Paul and Mildred, graduating from Alfred University in 1917 with a degree in music and in ceramics.

"Music was central to her life and she taught music for years in the Pleasantville, N.Y., schools while giving private lessons in piano, organ, guitar and ukulele. For years she had sixty-five piano students and she was deeply immersed in encouraging them, in their

practice and in the numerous recitals. She also found time to continue her interest in art and ceramics. Mary maintained a special regard for poetry, enjoying the reading of others' poetry and writing her own.

"In September 1929 Mildred's home in Denver was the setting for Mary's marriage to John A. Waterbury but John and Mary promptly returned to New York City where John was employed for years by the U.S. Customs office. Mary continued with her teaching of music and her playing of the organ for various churches. No children resulted from their marriage but they were an adored Aunt Mary and Uncle John to ten nieces and nephews.

"In 1961 John and Mary retired to Denver and for years Mary played the organ and kept the treasurer's books for this church. John passed away in 1969 and as a memorial to him and herself Mary provided the crosses in our churchyard which were dedicated last Easter.

"So--Mary's autumn is ended and with the accumulated foliage of past generations she enters the winter of life--the season of rest and quiet. But 'if winter comes can spring be far behind?' Mary Waterbury joins the countless host who 'sleep in Jesus' awaiting the time when the trumpet shall sound, the Lord shall descend, and those who sleep shall arise to meet their Savior who is the Resurrection and the Life. And we know that Mary shall rise with them to start another springtime, the endless springtime of eternal life."

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Mildred Jeffrey, ten nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

-E.J.H.

WEST.-Miss Virginia, 70, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. West, was born in Salem, W. Va., July 14, 1907, died in Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., August 21, 1977.

Miss West graduated from Milton Union High School and attended Milton College. She was a member of Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by a brother, Rolland Davis of Portland, Ore.; and two sisters, Mrs. R. J. Grady of Spencer, W. Va., and Mrs. Chester Newman of Milwaukee, Wis.

Private committal service was in Milton Junction Cemetery by Pastor A. A. Appel.

-A.A.A.

WRIGHT.-Everett D., 82, son of Frank and Florence Green Wright, was born at Harrison, Nebraska, September 24, 1895, and died November 19, 1977 at Grand Island, Nebraska.

He attended schools at Harrison, and later moved with his family to North Loup. After a stint of service in the Army during World War I, he returned to Nebraska and married Miss Jessie Sperling at Kimball. The couple spent their active years farming in the vicinity of North Loup.

On February 11, 1911, he confessed his faith in Jesus Christ, was baptized, and joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his widow are four brothers: Ted of Escondido, California, Manly and Robin of Boulder, Colorado, and Max of Broomfield, Colorado; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Ord Memorial Chapel by his pastor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, on November 22, 1977. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

-V.W.S.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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to quench the Spirit in our lives. It seems also in style for even church people to joke about sex. Such talk grieves the Holy Spirit of God, and does not give evidence of self-control. James states that man cannot control the tongue, and he cannot.

The Mouth

Here consideration is given to what we eat and drink. The Kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but Christians do well to control their appetites, lest their appetites come to control them.

First Corinthians 6:13 says, "Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats; but God shall destroy both it and them." Not long ago while sitting at table, a tempting dish was passed, and reference made to that gospel song, "Yield Not to Temptation." How often we hear it said, "I really shouldn't, but I believe I'll have another piece." This is sin, not self-control. "But he who had doubts is condemned, if he eats, because he does not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin" (Romans 14:23).

Living on lower incomes may be blessing in disguise, for frequently the higher priced food items are not the best for us. Daniel "purposed in his heart," and discovered health in simple living. The mouth serves the stomach and the mind, and a modern writer reminds us that the fat is in one's head.

The Mind

Ah, the mind! It seems relatively easy to control one's deeds, more difficult to control one's words, but the thoughts are exceedingly difficult. Controlling the mind requires Divine help.

It is vital that an attack be made at this point, because the mind, if purified and effectively controlled, will bring the hands, the eyes, the tongue, et al into obedience. It is the mind--the heart--that is "desperately wicked," where sin is known to breed. Sometimes sinful desires lie dormant in the human heart, only to burst forth and surprise everybody. Actually, "the tree has only fallen in the direction in which it has leaned."

Sam Jones has said that the "first duty of every Christian man is to ignore himself, and crucify himself, and live only for the good of others."

Of the fruit of the Spirit--love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control--it is said "against such there is no law." Of course not, for these are among those things which true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. "Think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). □

WHERE ARE MY WITNESSES?

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spiritual blessing in our lives. Even the Psalmist David understood the duty as a man who trusted in God to "tell of all thy wondrous works" (Psa. 26:7). He even knew that God's creation constantly reflected God's glory and mighty works, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork" (Psa. 19:1). If the inanimate objects of God's creation proclaim His mighty works, how utterly ashamed we should be, who are created in His likeness, to be silent or reluctant to proclaim His wondrous saving grace to all we contact.

A closing thought--Maybe we witness only to the extent of His possession as Lord of our lives. Perhaps we are guilty of reserving our lives for ourselves. Those who were FILLED WITH CHRIST stated, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). How much do you know about who Christ is and what He does? Have you seen evidence of this work in your life and in the lives of others? If so, then tell those who do not know Him fully, or maybe not at all, about His desire to come into their lives and make it meaningful and give the peace and tranquility that is sorely needed. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isa. 26:3).

I pray that every child of God would experience the feeling that Jeremiah felt - "But His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with holding it in, and I could not continue to do so" (Jer. 20:9).

GO AND TELL WHAT GREAT THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU!!!! □

DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

JANUARY 1-7
SDB Week of Prayer

JANUARY 8
Memorial Fund Trustees
Plainfield, N.J.

JANUARY 15
Tract Society Board Meeting
Shiloh, N.J.

JANUARY 15
Board of Christian Education
Alfred, N.Y.

JANUARY 29
Missionary Society Board Meeting
Westerly, R.I.

BIRTHS

BOSS.-A son, Robert Jason, to Robert and LuAnn (Nelson) Ross, of Bridgeton, N.J., on October 6, 1976.

BROGLIN.-A daughter, Tara Rae, to Robert and Margaret (Gilson) Broglin, of Millville, N.J., on November 25, 1976.

FARKAS.-Kiersten Marie, born to Vincent and Nancy (Brannon) Farkas, Wheat Ridge, Colo., on November 27.

DICKINSON.-A daughter, Cynthia Joy, to Melvin R., Jr., and Betty Jean (Lawrence) Dickinson, of Bridgeton, N.J., on November 5, 1977.

DISCHER.-A son, Johannes Paul, to Michael and Marilyn (Bennett) Discher of Marshall, Michigan, on November 8, 1977.

DOOLEY.-A son, Nathan Grant, to Mike and Shirley (Vaught) Dooley of Milton, Wis., on September 20, 1977.

LAWTON.-A son, Benjamin Reece, to Duane and Cheryl Lawton of Troy, Michigan, born February 22, 1977.

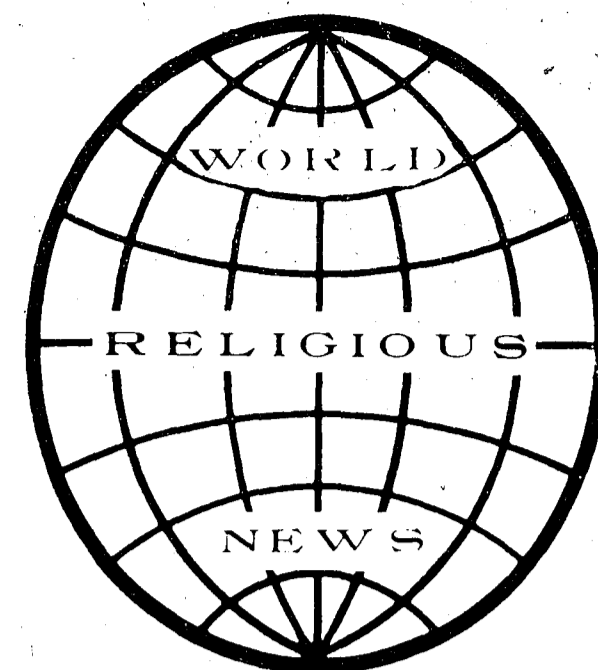
MATHIS.-A son, Steven Patrick, to James and Janice (Jacob) Mathis, on November 27, 1977, in Jacksonville, FL.

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"HUSTLED" FOR CHRIST by Orville Scott

Larry Flynt, publisher of *Hustler* magazine, says he had become a Christian and wants to turn his pornographic monthly into a Christian publication. The 41-year-old publisher, whose magazine is read by 15 million people a month, made the announcement during Sunday services in Houston and San Antonio churches.

The previous Friday he and Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen drew headlines when both urged a Texas legislative committee in San Antonio to seek stiff criminal penalties for use of children in pornographic literature and films.

Flynt said he did some serious thinking about his relationship to the problems of society and to Christ. The climax to his concern came when he called evangelist Ruth Carter Stapleton, the President's sister, who was in Houston to speak at the Braeswood Assembly of God Church.

Mrs. Stapleton said Flynt repeated over and over again into the phone, "Ruth, something is happening, something is happening..." Flynt said the prelude to his conversion began months ago--the night he spent six hours talking to the Stapletons in their home in Fayetteville, N.C. Mrs. Stapleton's husband is a veterinarian in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Stapleton, a Southern Baptist, said she and her family had exchanged visits with the Flynts a couple of months ago. She said she found him to be a very enjoyable person "and so full of love," but there was no indication of his real commitment until the phone call from San Antonio.

Flynt said his conviction and 25-year sentence for obscenity in Cincinnati had made him do some thinking. "I didn't know what I was

doing was wrong...all I started out to do was make money." said Flynt, who reportedly went from rags in east Kentucky to riches in publishing.

Flynt told the Houston Assembly of God Church that while doing research to prepare for his court testimonies, he asked a team to research the Bible and find some passages to support pornography.

Instead, the team came up with over 100 passages condemning it. Flynt said God led him to a missionary and in a conversation with him, Flynt became convinced there is a God and that he was working against God. Flynt said it was an awesome realization and brought him to a turning point in his life.

After Flynt made a public profession of faith in Christ on Sunday, he said he would change his magazine as soon as possible. He said it is already in pre-publishing stages that cannot be changed for the next four months. He said the transformed *Hustler* could serve as a "conduit to explain the position of the church."

That story needs to be explained to a lot of people, he said, including the 15 million readers of *Hustler*. Flynt's wife, Althea, who is assistant editor of *Hustler*, said her husband had undergone a religious conversion and that he intends to change the format of the magazine.

Flynt was to appear before the California legislature to repeat his plea for strong legislation against child pornography. □

-Baptist Press

SABBATH KEEPERS OUT, ALCOHOLICS AND DRUG ABUSERS IN

After the United States Supreme Court decided in June that employers could fire competent, law-abiding workers who conscientiously observe the seventh-day Sabbath, the U.S. Labor Department announced in July that employers holding federal contracts must hire alcoholics and drug abusers who are able to work.

"Employers who fail to consider qualified alcoholics and drug abusers for employment because of their handicap are clearly violating the Rehabilitation Act of 1973," according to Donald Elisburg, assistant secretary of labor for employment standards.

-Signs

WORLD PEACE TAX FUND SOUGHT

Taxpayers whose consciences rebel at buying neutron bombs and other nuclear weapons are being asked to join a nationwide write-in campaign calling for a law which would permit certain war taxes to be used instead for peace projects.

The campaign is sponsored by the National Council for a World Peace Tax Fund and includes the distribution of sets of five cards addressed to the President, one Representative, two Senators and the Director of Internal Revenue. Taxpayers are asked to mail these cards, or their personally written letters, at the time they file their income tax returns.

The text of the cards is: "We need a LEGAL alternative to paying war taxes. The World Peace Tax bill (HR4987/S.880) would allow people who are morally opposed to war to have that portion of their taxes which would normally go for military purposes used instead for peace-related purposes to benefit all."

The legislation is supported by national bodies of the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the Roman Catholic Church as well as by the historic "peace churches" - Brethren, Mennonite and Quaker.

Estimates of the fund this legislation would create range from \$200 million to \$4 billion annually. Senator Mark Hatfield, a sponsor of the Senate bill, described the value of such a fund in these terms:

"If the massive mobilization for war which drains our brightest minds, our most advanced scientific knowledge, and hundreds of billions of dollars were offset by just a small fraction of a similarly mobilized effort pursuing organized strategies of nonviolence, the results could be astounding. They could offer humanity the hope of lifting from its shoulders the crushing weight of its mushrooming arsenals of destruction."

Cards and further information can be obtained from the National Council for a WPTF, 2111 Florida Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008 □

PERSONALITY PROFILE

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heart. May the Lord give strength and peace to his wife and children in these difficult days.

Some time ago I was asked to write a Personality Profile of church leaders in Holland. Pastor Bosch was the first on the list but somehow the writing was delayed and delayed. Then this week only a few days after his death I wanted to make good this delay and although it is in a very sad and sorrowful situation and different than the original profile, I did it with great joy because I know to Cornelis Bosch the passing of the river was just another step towards his home in Heaven and he was ready to meet the Lord face to face. He was not afraid to die because he knew that Christ was waiting for him. I have shared with you only a few things that I remember by heart and it is impossible for me to tell you his complete story. Knowing him as uncle and pastor I can only tell you that he lived a holy life and was used as a very useful tool in the hands of the Master.

Why did the Lord take him home? Why was he not allowed to do some more work for the church? We will never know the answers on this earth but we do know that Pastor Bosch never asked the WHY question, he simply accepted God's will and had peace with it. In this spirit we try to think as we face moments of sorrow and when our hearts cry. Cornelis Bosch, you taught us to trust the Lord in all circumstances and when sorrow appears we will remember your lessons. Rest in peace until we shall meet again on the shores of Heaven where the angels sing and death shall be no more. Romans 14:7-8 □

RELIGION IN REVIEW

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gical publishing flourished. One million copies of the Good News Bible, published by the American Bible Society, were sold in its first month. A total of 7,298 registrants at the Christian Booksellers Association's July Kansas City convention made it CBA's largest.

Both the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times announced policies against accepting advertising for pornographic films.

Faith Today, monthly magazine for Canada, was launched in Toronto by Leslie Tarr and Barrie Doyle. The *National Courier* inked its last edition and ceased publication because its circulation of 60,000 could not support its costs.

Membership in the Evangelical Press Association rose above 300 and one of its periodicals, *Inspiration*, was headed for the newsstands with an evangelical message.

In 1977 Editor Larry C. Flynt of the girlie *Hustler* magazine surrendered to Jesus Christ under the ministry of Jean Carter Stapleton and said his magazine would be offensive no longer. Flynt had been arrested in January on charges of engaging in organized crime and selling materials judged obscene.

Broadcasting

The Christian Broadcasting Network this year began the first 24-hour daily religious TV service transmitted coast-to-coast via satellite. An average of six thousand letters a day continued to clog the offices of the Federal Communications Commission until Chairman Richard E. Wiley was able frantically to get out the word: "Madalyn O'Hair has not petitioned the FCC to curb religious broadcasting."

"Jesus of Nazareth," a special Easter telecast, received favorable reviews from secular and religious audiences alike. Senator William V. Roth (R-Del.) lost a legal battle attempting to clear the airwaves of "seven dirty words." ABC-TV, despite strong opposition from Christian leaders, introduced "SOAP," best described as a "30-minute dirty joke."

Television's poor programming was called "more serious than the quiz show scandals of the 1950's." FCC Chairman Wiley described U.S. audiences as "thirsting" for wholesome TV fare. Three of every five American homes owning TV sets switched this year to public television. Another Senate bill sought unsuccessfully to bar violence and explicit sex from TV. A teen-ager in Florida was convicted of murder after he confessed he got the urge and the

idea from television. The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled the FCC powerless to ban obscene language from radio and television, even in those hours when children would be listening and watching.

A thousand New York babies were born addicted to heroin; 600,000 drug addicts fed their habit; a mother on welfare offered to bear a child for a California couple to earn \$10,000; 1,914,000 unmarried adults shared living quarters; nuclear war was seen as "inevitable"...

But the salt had not lost its savor. "Religious" persons were found "more likely to offer aid in emergencies." An active Methodist lay woman was named National American Mother of the Year. Parental influence was found to be greater than most believed. A national Day of Prayer proclaimed by the President enlisted a nation's intercession.

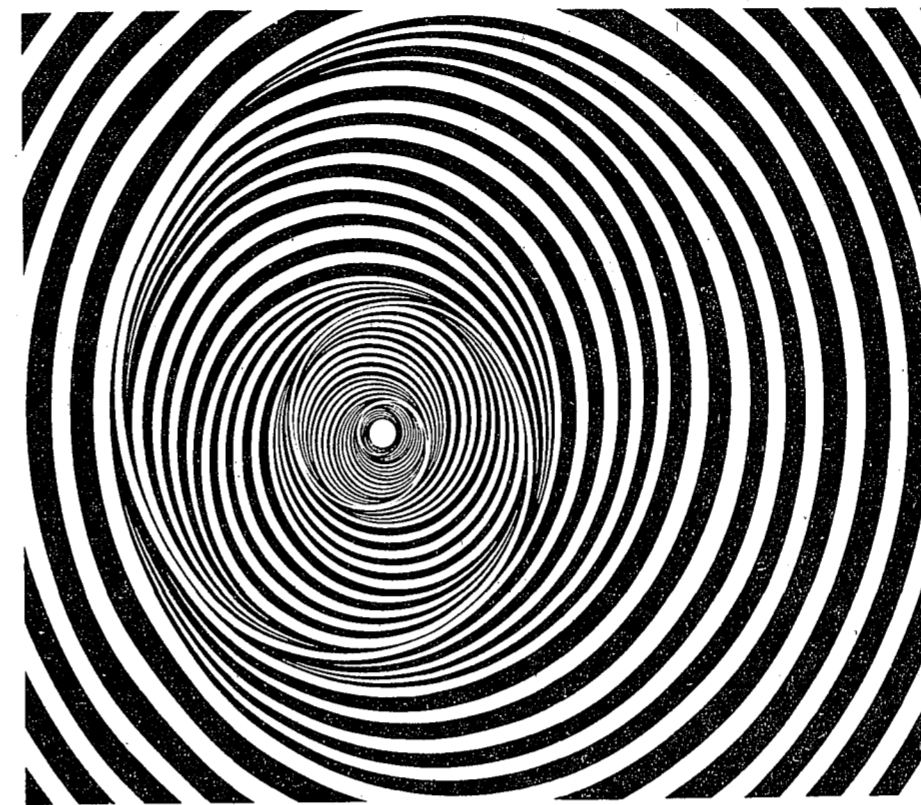
1977—a year of famine, affluence, fear and faith. It was the year of the world's shortest sermon ("Love"), and the world's longest stockpile of wheat. It was the year of child porn, Son of Sam and teen-age alcoholics, the year of E.R.A., the S.S.T. and EST. Floods and drought cohabited the land, like love and hate. Inflation slowed slightly, but God's people still gave only a small percentage of the total for charitable enterprise.

It is a year not even God can change now. Noble and ignoble deeds of mankind remain etched in time, one day to be blotted out by eternity. Those with hearts opened to God's love face the new year with hope.

*Some day He shall claim His own
Some day Justice sit upon the throne
Some day secret Truth be known
some day...* □

"Religion in Review," is a year-end feature of Evangelical Press Service furnished to member organizations such as *The Sabbath Recorder*.

Children's Page



How many times have you been scared? Were you ever afraid of the dark? Or afraid you did something wrong? Wondering what your Mom or Dad would do?

Last summer I was afraid of tornadoes. I was in Nebraska in Light Bearers. One of the first things they told me when I got there was what to do and the safest place to go if a tornado came.

The first time it rained there it really rained! The wind blew and did it thunder! They had storms often so I began to wonder. I sure didn't want to be around a tornado. As flat as Nebraska is I could blow away!

So every time it would storm I'd get scared. I felt better after Pastor Skaggs said if a tornado came I could come over to his house and stay in his basement. He had a mattress down there.

TORNADO

Then one week Mynor Soper and his son and I were going to Arkansas. While we were going through Oklahoma it was storming really bad. To forget about the storm I was reading my Bible (Psalms) when all of a sudden it stopped raining and thundering. Everything was still—really weird. Mynor said a tornado could drop from the sky any minute. I looked out the back window of the truck and sure enough there it was.

It looked like it was coming right for us. We were going to pull off the road but a big truck got in our way. So we started to speed up because the tornado was coming our way. I was watching it the whole time but I wasn't scared.

When it was safe we stopped and watched it for awhile. It had started to go the other way. I had never seen anything so great and powerful in my life.

But the whole time all this was going on I was not scared because I knew God would take care of me. While I was reading my Bible before it came I read Psalm 49:5-- "There is no need to fear when times of trouble come. Even though surrounded by enemies!"

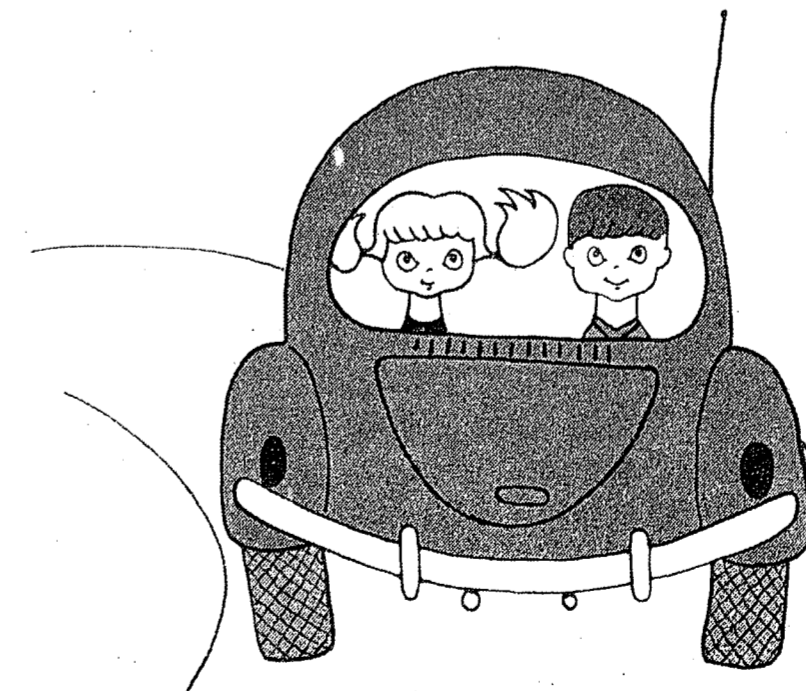
This tells us we don't need to fear or be afraid. God will take care of us. We are His children and He loves us. So if we get scared of the dark, or of thunder, or of a dog, we can ask God to help us. God loved us so much He sent His son Jesus to die for us. And if He loved us that much He surely can help us when we're scared. □

—Kevin Miles

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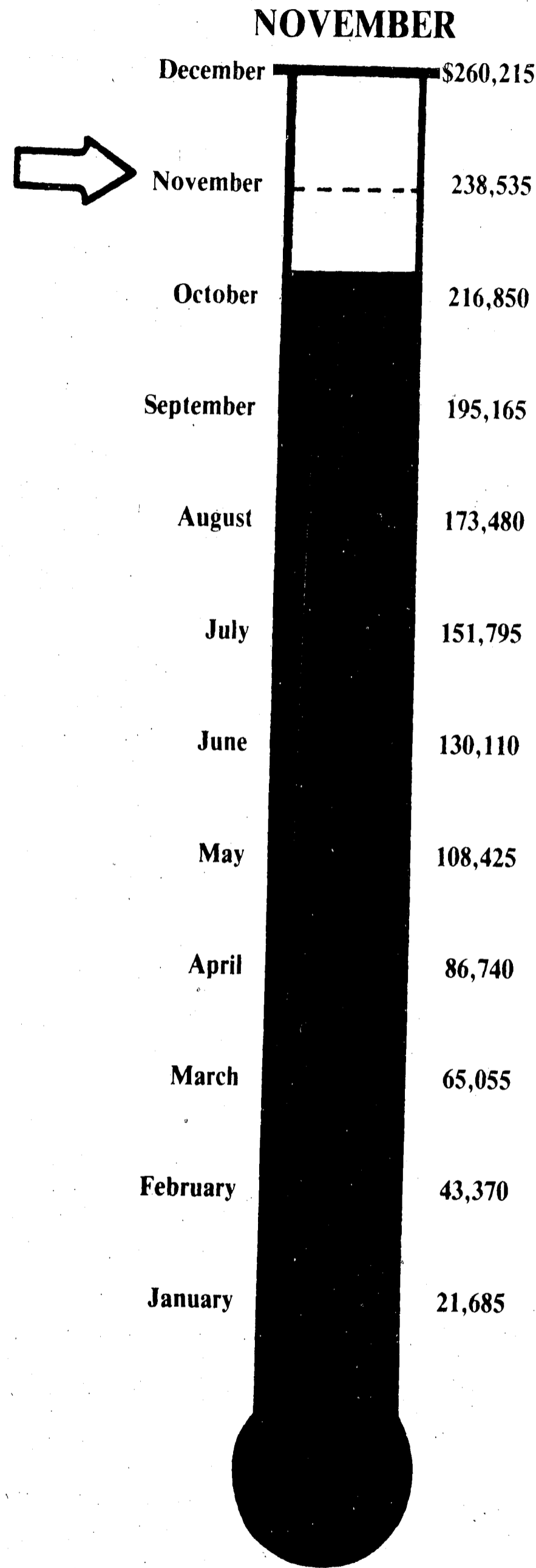
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Adams Center NY	\$	\$ 1,251.14
Albion WI	223.42	1,381.15
Alfred NY	463.25	7,403.20
Alfred Station NY	180.20	4,178.87
Ashaway RI	409.50	6,506.31
Associations and Groups		7,516.80
Battle Creek MI	859.28	12,603.39
Bay Area CA	65.00	444.40
Berea WV	60.00	470.00
Berlin NY	244.45	3,765.36
Boulder CO	412.58	4,884.17
Brookfield NY		537.70
Columbus OH	265.66	3,408.46
Dallas-Ft. Worth TX	50.60	188.36
Daytona Beach FL		3,730.44
Denver CO	1,061.57	16,513.62
DeRuyter NY	380.00	2,513.55
Dodge Center MN	430.95	6,191.00
Farina IL	76.05	937.87
Fouke AR	47.41	1,054.47
Hebron PA	231.26	2,017.42
Hopkinton RI	100.00	300.00
Houston TX	330.00	1,356.10
Individuals		2,460.76
Irvington NJ		3,550.00
Kansas City MO	154.43	1,461.84
Leonardsville NY	20.00	148.00
Little Genesee NY	354.59	3,996.14
Little Rock AR		886.11
Los Angeles CA	2,124.00	9,705.16
Lost Creek WV	560.00	5,379.75
Marlboro NJ	659.66	4,953.18
Middle Island WV	60.00	760.00
Milton WI	1,572.22	20,226.03
Milton Junction WI	23.00	522.00
New Auburn WI	175.91	1,521.13
New York NY	300.00	1,476.86
North Jersey NJ	164.95	1,633.21
North Loup NE		5,147.46
Nortonville KS	225.80	4,029.75
Paint Rock AL	124.27	893.67
Phoenix AZ		235.00
Plainfield NJ	1,047.42	7,576.59
Richburg NY	159.00	2,937.08
Riverside CA	1,938.81	11,141.78
Rockville RI	87.00	289.50
Salem WV	397.77	4,687.31
Salemville PA		1,172.20
Schenectady NY	127.50	481.07
Seattle WA	120.89	2,016.70
Shiloh NJ	694.57	11,894.27
Stonefort IL	30.00	647.84
Texarkana AR		490.33
Verona NY	577.00	2,845.81
Walworth WI	135.00	2,311.00
Washington DC	350.00	5,712.50
Waterford CT		2,800.57
Westerly RI	300.00	4,023.35
White Cloud MI	153.00	1,638.30
Budget	\$18,527.97	\$220,806.03
Non-Budget	105.00	
Total To Disburse	\$18,632.97	

NOVEMBER SUMMARY

1977 Budget	\$260,215.00
Receipts for eleven months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$207,438.37
Boards Reported	13,367.66
	220,806.03
To be raised by December 31, 1977	\$ 39,408.97
Percentages: Year elapsed	91.66%
Percentage of budget raised	85%
Eleven months: Due	\$238,530.49
Raised	\$220,806.03
Arrears	\$ 17,724.46

Gordon Sanford, OWM Treasurer

Camping: A Seventh Day Baptist Plus

All too often we think too small. Many have expressed the belief that because we are a small denomination we are hampered in what can be accomplished in missions, publications, and Christian education. However, this is not true. In recent months many of our fellow believers in other denominations have expressed amazement that we produce such a fine monthly magazine, they comment on our mission program, they are impressed by the quality of music and musicians in our churches, and are especially appreciative of our camping program.

Camping is a real plus among Seventh Day Baptists. For our size we no doubt operate more camps than any other denomination. Most of our camps have their own facilities and serve youth and adults of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds. Each summer, just prior to our General Conference sessions, the Pre-Con camps are held. Sponsored by the Board of Christian Education, Pre-Cons are especially valuable because they bring our people together from all parts of the country for fellowship, worship, instruction, recreation and the untold benefits of simply being together in a camping situation.

Several churches and associations operate camps. From California to New England, Seventh Day Baptist camps witness to the gospel message in a variety of ways. A listing of Seventh Day Baptist camps includes: Camp Harley Sutton in Alfred, N.Y., sponsored by the Allegheny Association; Camp Holston, sponsored by the Battle Creek, MI, church; Jersey Oaks Camp, sponsored by the Shiloh, N.J., church; in West Virginia the Southeastern Association sponsors Camp Joy in Berea; the churches in New England and Eastern New York state sponsor Lewis Camp; Camp Miles is sponsored by the churches in the Southwestern Association; Pacific Firs, one of our newest camps, is sponsored by the Seattle, WA, church; Pacific Pines Camp is sponsored by the Riverside church and serves the youth in California; Camp Paul Hummel sponsored by our Boulder and Denver, CO, churches is located on some 260 acres of beautiful mountain land overlooking the city of Boulder; Camp Riverview is sponsored by the North Loup, NE, church; the S.D.B. Council of New York sponsored a camp this year for people of all ages; the Milton, WI, church sponsors Camp Wakonda which also serves the North Central Association. Quite an impressive list we think!

Our Board of Christian Education offers leadership training and assistance in program planning. The board is to be commended for its diligent work in helping to ever strengthen our camping program. A successful camp is not based solely on entertainment and recreation, but rather is one that gives each camper strength in his Spiritual life. Over the years many campers have been influenced and strengthened in their service to God and the church because of dedicated camp personnel.

Quite a lot of work goes into the planning and operating of a successful camp. We appreciate the dedication of those who direct and work in our camps - surely they will have their reward!

Because we are so impressed with our camping program, because we wish to see it expand and prosper, and because we feel that many of our readers are not familiar with our camps; we are planning a series of articles on Seventh Day Baptist camps.

We hope to share with our readers the facilities, program, success, and problems of our camping program. Our first such article appears in this issue.

We will soon be approaching another camping season. Let us pray for those who are now involved in planning and preparation, let us pray for the campers who will come and let us pray that God will use this method of outreach and discipleship to His glory.

Camping is a plus for Seventh Day Baptists! □





In August Seventh Day Baptists will return to the campus of Houghton College, Houghton, New York, for 166th annual session of General Conference.

CONFERENCE '78

The host committee for General Conference, Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, chairman, is in the process of making plans for the upcoming Conference sessions August 6-12, 1978. Seventh Day Baptists will be returning to Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., site of Conference in 1976. Those who attended in 1976 recall the wonderful hospitality of the college staff and the excellent facilities made available for our use.

Two of the buildings are air-conditioned: the Science Hall, where the meeting rooms are, and the Campus Center which includes the dining area. Unless we have a terrific heat-spell, the auditorium and dormitories will be quite comfortable without air-conditioning. Summers in this part of New York state are usually quite mild.

The rates for meals, lodging, and registration will soon be announced. As usual, pre-registration forms will be sent to the churches in the Spring so that your registration can be back in the hands of the committee in July.

Conference President Richard Shepard is planning a program that will have something for every age, a program that will prove a spiritual blessing to all. Let us give him our prayer support as he seeks the leading of the Holy Spirit in the program plans that are now being finalized.

Make your plans now to be in attendance with Seventh Day Baptists from across the country at this Conference session. An added highlight this year will be the presence of delegates from sister conferences from around the world who will be attending the meetings of the World Federation just prior to Conference. Truly this will be a unique Conference - one you'll not want to miss. More information concerning Conference '78 will be shared in future issues of the *Sabbath Recorder*. □

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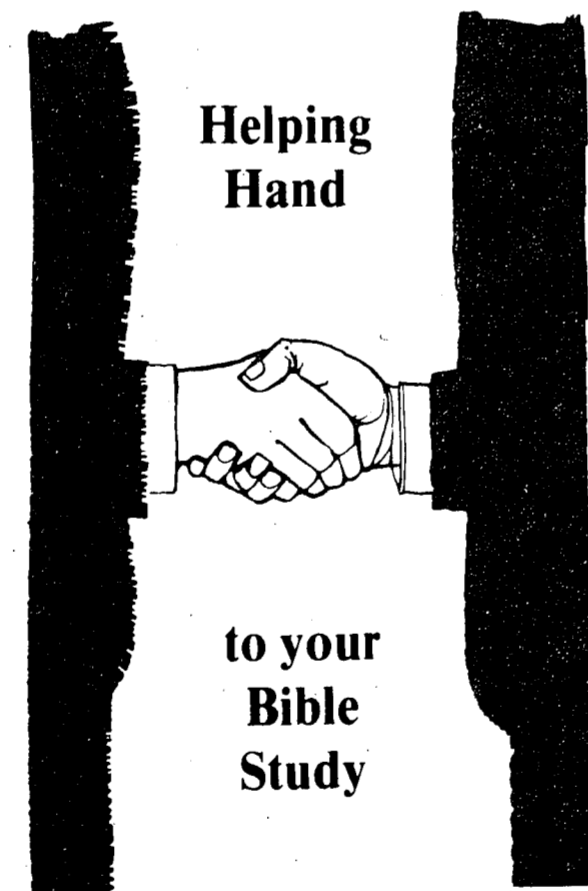
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