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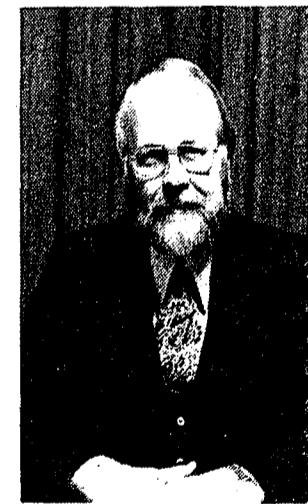
BEARING THE FRUIT



Monday evening's speaker is Dr. Edward Horsley, a member of the Denver, CO, church. He will be discussing preparation of the soil/planting the seed.



The watering/the growing will be the subject of tonight's sermon by the Rev. Russell Havens, pastor of the Pawcatuck Church in Westerly, RI



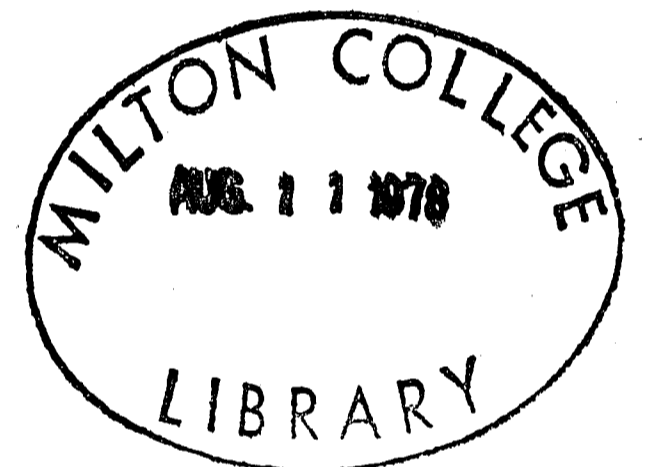
On Thursday evening the topic will deal with the cultivating of the plant. The speaker will be the Rev. Dale D. Thorngate, pastor of the church in Columbus, OH.



Speaking Friday night is the pastor of the church in Seattle, WA, the Rev. Duane L. Davis. His subject is "Bearing the Fruit."



The developing of the fruit will be the subject for Sabbath morning, presented by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the Battle Creek, MI, church.



*He waters the earth
to make it fertile.
The rivers of God
will not run dry!
He prepares the earth
for His people
and sends them rich
harvests of grain.
Psalm 65:9 LB*

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personality profile

CONZA MEATHRELL

by Bettie B. Pearson



Back in the hills of West Virginia, in a spacious old farmhouse, lives a special servant of God, Miss Conza Meathrell. Her very active life has been a blessing to many, filled with dedicated service to God and others. She has been able to accomplish a vast amount because she worked hard and moved fast. Pastor Donald Richards said, "She has one speed — fast."

Anyone who knows the community of Berea and the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church which is there, knows Miss Conza. To think of Berea is to think of her. She has allowed God's help to be released through her to keep the church alive and to assist the people in the community.

Conza has lived all her life in West Virginia. As a girl she became well acquainted with farm work. Her family's land produced their food. Wheat and corn were taken to the mill to provide flour and meal for bread making. Animals provided meat, milk, and eggs. A large garden provided vegetables, many of which were canned for winter.

The family was always regular in church attendance. They traveled to the meeting in a lightweight wagon with spring seats. Conza received Christ and was baptized at an early age, and then joined the church. Her baptism was in December, and the ice had to be broken on the creek for her immersion.

The old family farmhouse in which Miss Conza still lives with her sister, Mrs. Draxie Brissey, stands on the top of a steep hill a mile or more from the center of Berea. A river flows along at the bottom, between the hill and the country road which leads out to the rest of the world. To other people that bridgeless river might have presented a problem, but wading the river never seemed to be a barrier to the Meathrell family.

After completing school, Conza entered Salem College in 1905. She stayed with a great-uncle and worked to pay her room and board. After two years she took the teacher's examination and began teaching. Later she returned to Salem and by interspersing study and teaching, she received her AB degree in 1915.

"I have never known a more loyal alumnus," said Dr. K. D. Hurley, former president of Salem College, when speaking of her recently. She taught math and science in various high schools in that part of West Virginia for thirty-six years.

During her years of teaching, Conza was never too far removed from the Meathrell family home. At some places of employment she boarded in the area. At other places she was able to drive back and forth from home. During much of the winter it was necessary to leave her car at a friend's home down by the road, for the river would be too high to ford by car, but passable by wading. Most summers were spent helping at the farm, in the neighborhood and in the church.

When World War II came, many of Miss Conza's former students went into the service. She found a ministry in writing to them. She "kept in touch with and encouraged many a lonely boy who went forth to serve his country. These young men have been everlastingly grateful for such a friend. Many were able to return to their communities better men for having experienced the divine touch which Miss Conza and her sisters could foster through their love for their students and friends."¹

In 1948 she retired from teaching. Back at the farm, she shared the work and management with her brother Rupert and her sister Julia. Four years later she was called back to the Harrisville High School to complete the year when there was a vacancy left by death. This same situation occurred again five years afterward. Then, too, Conza willingly filled the need in her usual spirit of rising to serve in any emergency.

The Meathrell farm had a good reputation. The hired men of the community liked to work there because they were treated fairly and always were provided a good dinner in addition to their day's pay. However, the workers were always somewhat discouraged. No matter how hard they tried, the women would outstrip them in the quantity of work they did. As a senior citizen, Conza was second to none in her work and could give the younger ones a merry chase trying to keep up.

It had been policy of the church at Berea to supplement the payment of their pastor by a specified amount of local food. Much of that has been provided by the Meathrell farm.

"We closed most farm activities some five years ago," writes her sister, Draxie. "But we still plant, cultivate, and harvest a good garden in spite of coons, opossums, ground hogs, skunk, bugs and deer."

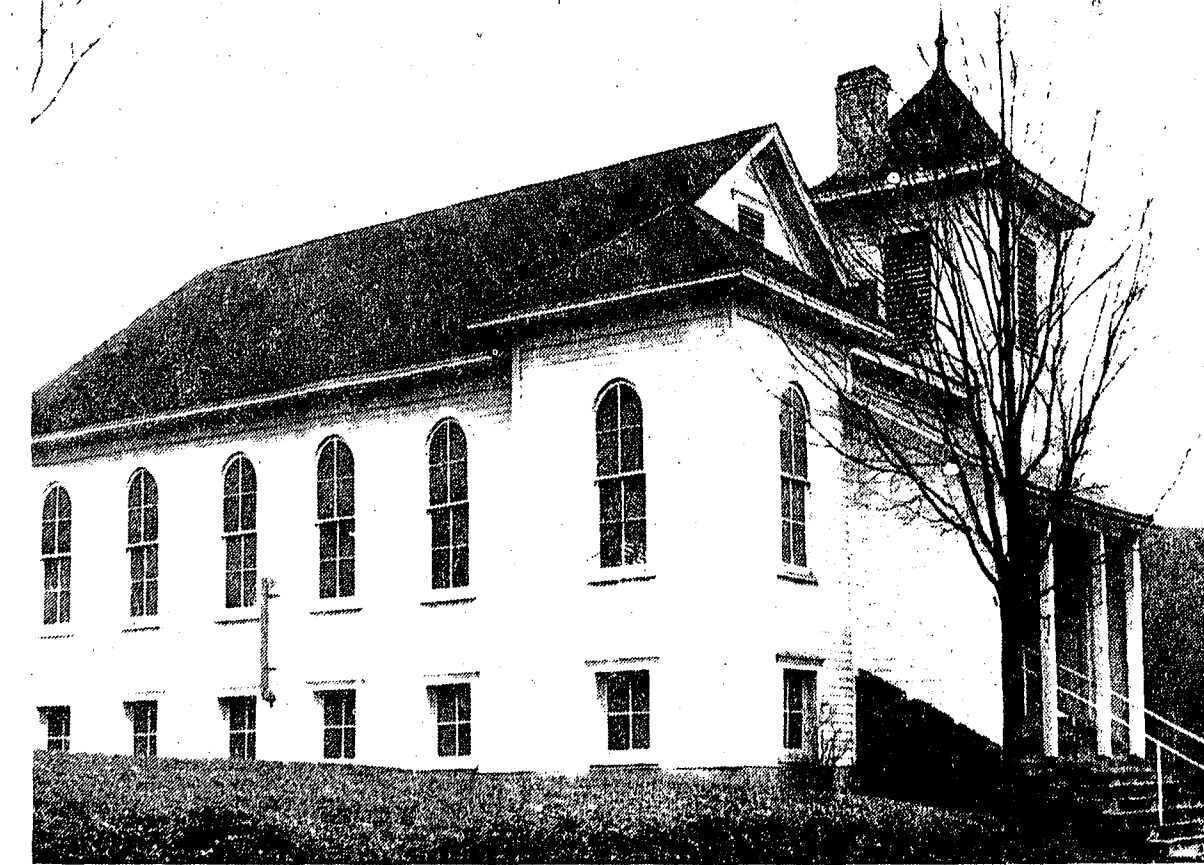
Innumerable times the Meathrell sisters had descended the hill and waded the river in hip boots to bring cheer to others, as well as to provide for their own needs. Christmas of 1954 was the last that Conza and her sister Julia forded the river to take Christmas boxes to the needy of the community. Their friends in Berea wanted to help these women who had helped others so much. So the following year the community people constructed a swinging footbridge over the river at the bottom of their hill. When the plans were being made, Conza objected to such an effort for them. She said that it wasn't necessary.

"You have done so much for all of us," their friends replied. "You have carried things from your farm, wading the river to help the community people in need. Now we want to do something for you."

"All right, but be sure to make it big enough for my little wagon, too," Conza replied.

Conza stands out in our minds as a person of tremendous activity, full of service to others. She is no less concerned about the salvation of their souls. She has a deep faith in the Word of God and its power for human lives, and in the Savior who is revealed on its pages. We are confident that her prayers have helped bring many to the Lord and have helped others in Christian growth. One of the church leaders has explained that when she had her doubts about God, Conza gave her reassurance and faith.

She has participated in community revival meetings whenever they have been held, often pleading with people to surrender to the Lord. She can discuss theological questions, present Bible studies, and discuss her minister's sermons, as well as put them into practice. One pastor of her latter years commented that she might appear to be asleep during the message, but could still tell him practically anything he said.



The Meathrell family has always had an important role in the life of the Berea, WV, Seventh Day Baptist Church. Conza Meathrell has allowed God's help to be released through her to keep the church alive and to assist people in the community.

Throughout her years she has served her church in most of the leadership positions of both Sabbath School and church. She has been a deaconess for many years and is also now secretary and treasurer of the Sabbath School.

Her service for the Lord, however, is not limited to her own community. Her prayers have served the work of Seventh Day Baptists in foreign countries, as her letters to missionaries have proved. After a theft at Makapwa Mission in 1963, she spoke out in need of support by writing a letter to the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*.²

Her church clerk, Miss Leola Welch, has written, "She never misses Sabbath School or church whenever there is a way for her to be there, even at age ninety-two. I have even known her to walk the two miles with snow on the ground since I have been a member."

May God crown her remaining years with His peace and love and hope. We thank Him for the privilege of knowing this extraordinary Christian. □

1. Daisy Summers, "Berea, W. Va., Community Blessed by Sister Trio," *The Sabbath Recorder*, May 6, 1957, p. 282.
2. Conza Meathrell, "Does Pity Have a Price?" *The Sabbath Recorder*, March 18, 1963, p. 14.

Scripture Reading:
2 Thessalonians 3:6-16

*Whatever your task, work heartily
as serving the Lord and not men.*
-Colossians 3:23



CHOOSING A VOCATION

by Rev. Don A. Sanford

The oft told story of the three stone cutters illustrates contemporary attitudes toward work as a part of one's life. When asked what he was doing, the first man remarked that he was chiseling a stone. He had been given a job to do and he did it, letting the chips fall about him till he saw little beyond the stone, his hammer and his chisel.

The second stonecutter replied that he was fitting a particular stone for a particular niche in the wall. He took great pains to see that his stone was the proper shape and size. Perhaps years later he would be able to point out to his children or grandchildren the very stones which he had cut.

The third stonecutter, when asked what he was doing, replied that he was building a cathedral. He could see himself as having a part in the construction of the whole, and undoubtedly his work was much more pleasing to him.

One of the tragedies of modern man in his industrialized society is the extent to which a worker has become detached from the finished product of his labor. The farmer as he harvests his grain can feel a certain pride in his work of plowing the soil, planting, and cultivating for he sees the end product. There is satisfaction in the work of raising a calf, watching it mature into a productive cow. But the average industrial worker loses contact with the finished product. If there were

any real sense of satisfied accomplishment in such things as the construction of an automobile, I doubt if one would see as many Fords parked in the employees' parking lot of a Chevrolet plant.

When the reward of satisfaction is gone from our work, the only real enjoyment that results is the spending of the money earned, and this can lead to grave injustices. Even this reward does not really satisfy, for it merely whets one's appetite for more.

Vocation — A Calling

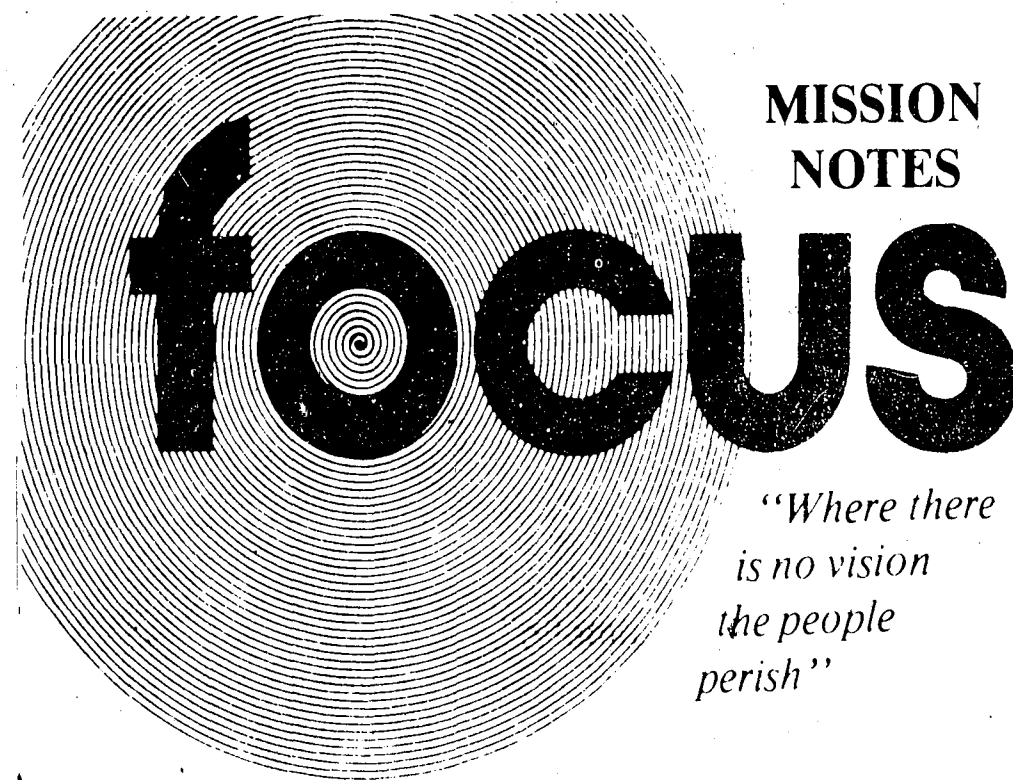
A great urgency of our time is the recovery of the original meaning of "vocation" as a calling. A Christian vocation is not limited to the ministry. Instead of speaking of full-time

Christian service, we would do well to speak of full-life Christian service, giving recognition to those who have made their daily work a Christian witness.

It is this sense of vocation which prompted Paul to tell the Christian slaves to work heartily as serving the Lord and not men. A vocational counselor with a rare sense of vocation advised a group of young people: "If you cannot glorify God in the work you are doing, change your work. You are called to a vocation, be it as a housewife, janitor, teacher, or farmer, and the main task in that vocation is to be Light. Earning a living is incidental."

It has been observed that a very small percentage of our young people make a deliberate choice in their life work. At graduation time in a local high school, the primary decision does not seem to be what profession to choose, but in what factory to try for a job as soon as one gets his diploma. Even with the many excellent guidance and interest tests available, most people choose their life work on two points: the available openings at the time, and the salary scale.

"The ultimate tragedy," writes Elton Trueblood, "is the tragedy of waste. It is terrible to waste food when men are hungry, and it is terrible to waste clothes when people are cold, but it is more terrible to waste a life when so much needs doing. It is a common characteristic (continued on page 24)



MISSION
NOTES

*"Where there
is no vision
the people
perish"*

Verse for the month: *"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."*

-Isaiah 40:28-31 (RSV)

● BURMA — In recent communications received from Rev. L. Sawi Thanga we learn the following: "At the last Burma SDB Conference annual session, held at Tahan, March 22-25, 1978, it was decided to withhold all payments to the workers during 1978 and put together all of our resources for the construction of the headquarters church at Tahan, Sanmyo. It was decided to undertake the work from April 1978... The door is wide open for witnessing for Christ in Burma. Opportunities for outreach are excellent." PRAY for the brethren in Burma as they undertake the project of construction in Tahan and as they go through the "open doors" and witness for Christ to the people of that land.

● SOUTH AFRICA — *Nine were baptized in the Swarkops River near Kwazakhele, Port Elizabeth, in March and in April members from four or more churches gathered for a special Communion service. Funds were sent early this year to aid James Siwani in his seminary training and for their church construction.*

● HOUSTON, TX — "The Lord seems to be blessing us here. Attendance for the last two months has averaged 20 percent, the past two Sabbaths 25 percent more with three or four regulars gone. It's a good feeling to see new faces and even more so to see new faces return. Praise the Lord!

● INDIA — SUMMER VACATIONAL PROGRAMS have been held in Peddapalli, Karimnagar Dt., and Madras. Rev. B. John V. Rao writes the following about the program in Pedapalli: "...the attendance by our members and public was very good. Our SDB members and the field officials spared no efforts to make the week a memorable. The gospel meetings, Bible classes, prayer meetings, tract distribution, etc., by our evangelical teams all followed a day-to-day time-schedule and everything was carried out smoothly and efficiently... The response from the general public was very encouraging and our people rose to the occasion and won more souls for our Lord. Despite the hot sun, our members worked among people visiting the villages and hamlets in and around Peddapalli, spreading the Word of God."

● MALAWI — A letter written by W. Aisa, treasurer of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, contains the following message for SDB's in the USA: "May I take a special time to thank you and brothers over there for the love and compassion that your show to us in many ways... I do realize that you have many things to do over there, but even so, but still you remember us... Your daily prayers have helped me very much, yes still I need your prayers..." Let us remember to daily uphold all of the brethren in the Central Africa Conference in our prayers.

PRAYER

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A Prayer Reminder
for Each Day!!

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PRAY FOR

- 1 — The pastor of my church as he makes final preparations for the Sabbath
- 2 — *The Sabbath School classes in my church and for God to speak through the teachers*
- 3 — Pastor John Rau as he begins his ministry in the Brookfield, NY, SDB churches.
- 4 — Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, as it begins another school year
- 5 — Those involved in tract distribution
- 6 — God to watch over the children as they begin another school year
- 7 — Our brethren in Nigeria and Ghana
- 8 — Rev. B. John V. Rao and the Seventh Day Baptists in India
- 9 — *Seventh Day Baptists around the world as they meet for worship and fellowship*
- 10 — God to touch the life of someone through you today
- 11 — Marlene Pagan, secretary, SDB headquarters
- 12 — The brethren in the Central Africa Conference
- 13 — Strength to "Give of Your BEST to THE MASTER"
- 14 — The work of Seventh Baptists in Burma
- 15 — The elderly in our churches
- 16 — *Make the Sabbath special — share it with a friend*
- 17 — Etta O'Connor, SDB Publishing House
- 18 — Pastor Sam Peters and the brethren in the Guyana churches
- 19 — Our women as they work in their churches
- 20 — Our youth
- 21 — Our brethren in The Philippines
- 22 — Greater vision
- 23 — *The time to enjoy God's Creation on this Sabbath day — PRAISE Him for it*
- 24 — Strength to serve God throughout this new week
- 25 — Seventh Day Baptists in Memphis, TN
- 26 — The deacons and deaconesses in my church as they serve God in this special way
- 27 — Richard Andrews, SDB Memorial Fund
- 28 — A closer walk with God
- 29 — Mid-Continent Association of Seventh Day Baptists, meeting in North Loup, NE
- 30 — *New England Yearly Meeting of SDB churches, meeting in Waterford, CT*



DEATH WITH DIGNITY

ABOUT EUTHANASIA

By Henlee H. Barnette

Euthanasia is a term derived from the Greek words "eu," good, and "thanatos," death, and means literally "good death." Simply put, it usually refers to a "deliberate easing into death" of a person afflicted with a painful and incurable disease or injury.

Euthanasia has long troubled the consciences of the physician and the public. It has become a critical ethical issue with the development of new technologies for prolonging life. Does a patient have the right to reject mechanical means such as the respirator which may prolong life a few more painful weeks or months?

Does such a patient have the moral right to choose the time and manner of death? These and other questions confront the Christian conscience in relation to euthanasia.

Euthanasia or the "good death" may be achieved by direct or indirect means. Direct euthanasia is a deliberate action to shorten or to end the life of the terminally ill person — for example, injecting air into the veins of a patient with cancer. Indirect euthanasia may be accomplished: (1) by stopping treatments that prolong the patient's life such as "pulling the plug" that keeps a life-supporting system operating; (2) by withholding all treatment; and (3) by giving the patient increasing doses of pain-relieving drugs until enough toxicity is built up to cause death.

Thousand of Americans have written to the Euthanasia Educational Fund in New York for copies of "A Living Will." The Living Will is a brief testament by the patient addressed to family, physician, lawyer, clergyman, any medical facility in whose care the patient may happen to be, and to any individual who may become responsible for the patient's health, welfare or affairs during an illness in which there is no reasonable expectation of recovery.

The statement is to be signed in the presence of two witnesses and copies given to four or five other persons such as a doctor and to those most likely to be concerned "if the time comes when you can no longer take part in decisions for your own future." The Living Will, however, has no legal weight and will not stand up in court.

In 1976, California passed the nation's first right-to-die legislation. It is called the Natural Death Act. The directive to the doctor applies only to the terminally ill patient in terms of the measures in the bill.

Bills are pending in other states for right-to-die legislation. Among these are Hawaii and Montana. Switzerland is perhaps the only country which has legalized euthanasia on terminally ill persons.

Arguments are presented for and against euthanasia. Some of the points debated pro and con are as follows:

- Con: Euthanasia is murder.
- Pro: But murder is unlawful killing of a human being with *malice* aforethought.
- Con: It violates the injunction, "Thou shall not kill."

Pro: But the commandment means "no murder." Those who justify an unjustifiable war and capital punishment cannot condemn euthanasia on this ground.

Con: God must decide who shall live and who shall die.

Pro: If this is true then it is also wrong to seek to prolong life.

Con: Suffering is a part of the divine plan and the terminally ill person should live through the pain until the end.

Pro: The Bible teaches "be merciful" and ending the life of an incurably suffering patient is an act of mercy.

Con: The sanctity of life forbids euthanasia.

Pro: The notion that life is absolutely sacred is not Christian. Some things are more valuable than life itself. Christian martyrs knew this. Life is not the highest good; the quality of life is more important than mere physical existence.

Con: One should do everything to save a life no matter the cost.

Pro: It is not right to bankrupt a family with hospital and medical costs when there is no hope of the recovery of the patient.

And so the debate goes on.

My own position is that neither indirect nor direct euthanasia should be absolutized. However, I feel more comfortable with the indirect method. The patient's wish that treatment be withdrawn should be honored. It is true that the conscious patient may make the decision impulsively or under extreme pain. But a safeguard can be established by requiring a time lag between the patient's decision and the withdrawal of treatment for a change of mind. If the patient is unconscious or in a coma, the decision could be made by the family in consultation with a team of doctors, nurses, and a clergyman.

Indirect euthanasia for the terminally ill person is morally defensible because it is in harmony with the Christian ethic of love. It allows the patient to die with a measure of dignity. Also it may save the family from bankruptcy due to the enormous cost involved in keeping the patient alive with a quality of life which is intolerable. □

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Fancy Dandy AND PLAIN JANE

I love yellow. Anything that is yellow I love. Most grown-ups don't like dandelions because they are weeds, not flowers. But this Spring when our yard was covered with yellow dandelions, I thought it was the most gorgeous sight ever. Lots of days when I went to school, I would pick a dandelion and take it to class with me. Then I would just feel it while the teacher talked. One day I picked two dandelions so that I could share the happiness they gave me with someone else. But when I offered one to the girl beside me, she said she didn't want it. I was surprised and a little hurt but I still kept loving dandelions.

Then one day I heard the dandelions in my yard whispering. Fancy Dandy was leading the conversation. She was pointing at the neighbor's yard. I looked to where she pointed and saw some tall skinny green things growing by the neighbor's house. Fancy Dandy was saying, "Look at Plain Jane over there with her sisters and brothers. She and her family sure don't have it when it comes to good looks. No pretty flowers or anything. That family of weeds should be kicked out of the neighborhood." Fancy Dandy got the other dandelions to stir up quite a fuss. They puffed up and showed off their yellow colors very proudly.

A few days later I noticed that the yellow of the dandelions had faded away and all that was left was a white fluffiness that blew away when the wind blew. I also noticed that walking on the grass in my bare feet wasn't as much fun because the grass wasn't soft anymore. The dandelions had taken over the yard and made it impossible for soft grass to grow.

Now it is summer and guess what happened to Plain Jane's family! God gave them some bright orange hats. They are tall and beautiful, and they give shade to the tiny flowers growing around them. God is full of surprises, isn't He? He taught me a lesson. He says that if we just look at ourselves and talk badly about others, He will show others that we aren't really as great as we think we are. But if we are patient and look up toward Him, He will make something beautiful out of our lives. It's too bad Fancy Dandy got blown away by the wind before she could get the chance to see how pretty Plain Jane had become. □

-by Susan Bond
dedicated to my dear neighbor
and friend, Beverly Searles.



Would you color Fancy Dandy and then color Plain Jane's hat and put it on her?

August 1978

As Jesus was sending His disciples out two by two to minister to people He reminded them, and us, that there is great need for those who willingly give of themselves for the ministry, when He said: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." We have been praying. Over the years we have wondered what God was going to do with us — whether or not He would feel that we were ready as a people to receive His commission and His trust to serve more and more people. The past few years have been an answer to our prayers. In the months of May through July one of the most significant events in the contemporary life of Seventh Day Baptists has occurred — the ordination to the pastoral ministry of five well-qualified, well-educated, and dynamic pastors: Russell W. Havens, of Westerly, RI; C. Justin Camenga, of Portland, Oregon; Gordon P. Lawton, of Ashaway, RI; Helen R. Green, of DeRuyter, New York; and Dale D. Thorngate, of Columbus, Ohio. Nothing of that magnitude or potential for Seventh Day Baptists has occurred in recent history.

A recent review of our history has produced some interesting statistics. In the decade from 1965-1974, Seventh Day Baptists graduated from seminary or added to the pastoral ministry a total of ten persons. Of those ten, five are today in active ministry, four in the pastorate and one in active service to the denomination. Since 1975, however, statistics show that nineteen persons have entered the active Seventh Day Baptist ministry. They are (in alphabetical order):

Robert Babcock, pastor in Houston, Texas
 Kenneth Burdick, pastor in Basking Ridge, New Jersey
 Kenneth Chroniger, pastor in Upper Marlboro, Maryland
 Charles Graffius, pastor in Los Angeles, California
 Larry Graffius, pastor in White Cloud, Michigan
 Helen Green, pastor in DeRuyter, New York
 Robert Harris, pastor in Paint Rock, Alabama
 Russell Havens, pastor in Westerly, Rhode Island
 Gordon Lawton, pastor in Ashaway, Rhode Island
 Kent Martin, pastor at German SDB Church in Salemville, Pennsylvania
 Peter Morris, associate pastor in Los Angeles, California
 John Peil, associate pastor in Los Angeles, California
 John Rau, pastor in Brookfield/Leonardsville, New York
 Stephan Saunders, pastor in Adams Center, New York
 Melvin Stephan, pastor at Bell SDB Church in Salemville, Pennsylvania
 David Taylor, pastor in New Auburn, Wisconsin
 Socrates Thompson, pastor in New York, New York
 Dale Thorngate, pastor in Columbus, Ohio
 Jay Zaremba, pastor in Bay Area, California

Students, too, are actively involved in ministry:

Gabriel Bejjani, associate pastor in Riverside, California
 Perry Cain, assistant pastor in Salem, West Virginia

Justin Camenga, pastor in Portland, Oregon
 Rodney Henry, assistant pastor in Los Angeles, California
 Jerry Vaught, summer assistant pastor in North Loup, Nebraska
 Others, Steve Crouch and Larry Watt, are working through the summer in order to complete their education in the fall. Two other students, Clifford Bond and Dennis Palmer, will be entering seminary in the fall. "And the beat goes on." It is interesting to note, also, that six of these persons are ministering in new congregations.

Which brings up another statistic. During the same decade from 1965-1974 two churches were officially organized, Seattle and Phoenix. Because of certain circumstances only one of those, Seattle, is still officially organized as a Seventh Day Baptist church. Since 1975, however, as you probably noticed in the last *Sabbath Recorder*, eleven churches have been organized and others, like students completing their education, are waiting in the wings.

What does all this mean? I believe it means simply this: God has seen in us as a people the desire to grow and to be faithful to the commission to "go into all the world and make disciples." He has observed that we are ready to sacrifice for the Kingdom of God. He has heard our prayers. He has noticed that we are not simply stating our desire but we are actively involved in church growth and evangelism. Whenever a people see the vision, God provides the opportunity, and that God is doing for us today.

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THE FUTURE IS UPON US

by Dean Herbert E. Saunders

SUMMER INSTITUTE



Dean Herbert Saunders

"Exhausting," was the way one of the ten students attending the 1978 Summer Institute conducted by the Center on Ministry, described it. Meeting together at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, New Jersey, students from all over the United States studied Seventh Day Baptist History and Polity. Because of the fact that polity is a historical matter, and church structure often emerges from the historical perspective of the people who use it, the two courses were combined. Historian Thomas L. Merchant and Dean Herbert E. Saunders lectured for the three weeks and intensive reading was done by each of the students. A comprehensive examination was held on the final day to determine the understanding of Seventh Day Baptist History and Polity.

A special word of thanks goes to Mrs. Barbara Saunders, who once again provided meals for the students, and to the members of the Plainfield church who provided housing, money, and food.

The ten students in attendance were: Dale Thorngate, Gabriel Bejjani, Jeanne Wilhelm, Steve Crouch, Stephan Saunders, Russell Havens, Rodney Henry, Perry Cain, Jerry Vaught, and Kenneth Burdick. □



Rodney Henry
California

Gabriel Bejjani
California

Dale Thorngate
Ohio

Jeanne Wilhelm
New Jersey

Perry Cain
West Virginia

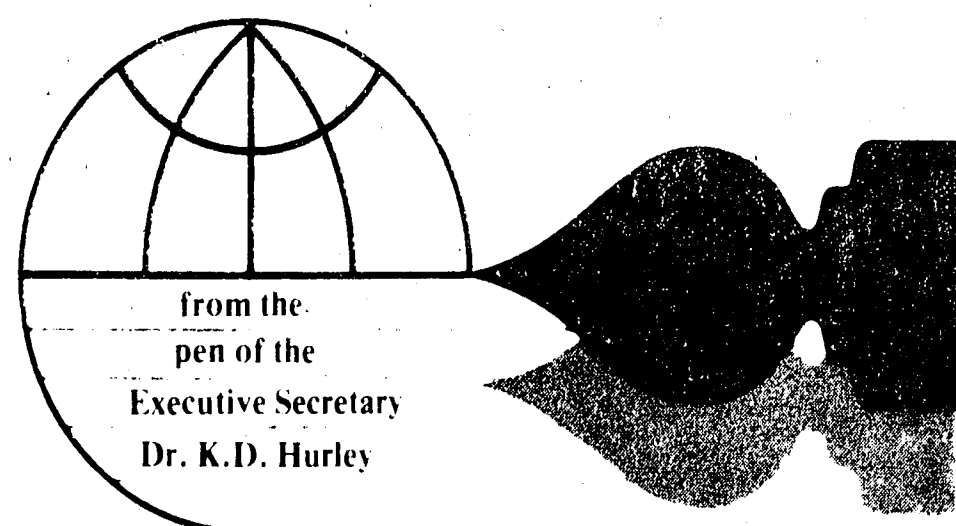
Russell Havens
Rhode Island

Steven Crouch
South Dakota

Kenneth Burdick
New Jersey

Jerry Vaught
Wisconsin

Stephan Saunders
New York



UNITY OF MISSION

These are exciting and encouraging and challenging days for our denomination — days of anticipation and change!

One important key to the future is to settle the matter of denominational structure so our complete attention and energies can be devoted to "Bearing the Fruit" — carrying out the Great Commission, our primary goal.

Although forceful and conscientious differences of opinion exist regarding organization, there is no reason why unanimity of action and spirit cannot be achieved. Seventh Day Baptists have harmonized many varying concepts in the past, and are stronger in their Bible-based freedoms of thought and conscience because of it.

As Dr. Wayne R. Rood, in his book "The Lesson for Tomorrow..." pointed out:

"Strength has been discovered in the flexibility of tolerance. The unity of the crusading purpose to discover and practice the will of God, and the devout purpose to worship the Father in the brotherly love that Jesus urged — these are the flexible but unbreakable bonds that preserve unity and permit the mobility of free thought that are traditional with Seventh Day Baptists."

Dr. Rood appropriately cautioned that "absolute unanimity of thought, however achieved, is no guarantee of unity of spirit."

Agreement regarding organization will not be found in that "absolute unanimity of thought" but rather by rallying around the common objective of sharing the Good News.

About theological disputation within the denomination in the early part of this century, Dr. Theodore L. Gardiner, former president of Salem College, as editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* wisely wrote:

"The more we can forget the controversial spirit, and the

more we can unite in the work of evangelism, the better it will be for us and the better it will be for our good cause in generations to come."

Later, in his editor's column (as Dr. Rood reports in his book), Dr. Gardiner confidently affirmed: "Seventh Day Baptists are not greatly divided. There are differences of opinion, but for the most part there is unanimity of action. United in love, sympathy and devotion we can and will go forward."

Again, in the modern day, we can and will go forward!

In the June 1978 issue of the *American Baptist*, a lead article begins with the following paragraph:

"STRUCTURAL REOR-

GANIZATION, PAINFUL AS IT CAN BE, BECOMES ONE OF THE MOST CREATIVE STEPS A DENOMINATION TAKES WHEN ITS OBJECTIVE IS THE EFFICIENT AND COOPERATIVE PURSUIT OF MISSION."

Having already completed an extended study and successfully established new structural procedures, our fellow Baptists give us a particularly pertinent and helpful clue to our future.

May God guide and direct in every way as we deal with our "problems," as we strive to grow and to reach out as individuals and as a denomination, doing all in Jesus' name and for His sake. □

REMEMBER THE SABBATH

Fanny J. Crosby

We thank Thee, O Lord, for a Sabbath of rest;
A day of all others the brightest and best;
A day that observed and respected should be,
'Twas made for Thy worship, 'tis sacred to Thee.

Remember the Sabbath, thro' out our broad land;
Remember the Sabbath, 'tis God's own command;
Transmitted from Sinai, in language divine;
"Six days shalt thou labor, the Sabbath is mine."

Our fathers rejoic'd in Thy Sabbath, O Lord;
They walk'd in Thy counsels, believed in Thy word;
They clung to the Bible, their staff and their guide,
And onward, and upward, our path we pursue.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for a Sabbath of rest;
A day that so richly Thy presence hath blest;
A day when our vigor and strength, we renew,
While onward, and upward, our path we pursue.

And when the last Sabbath shall fade from our sight,
Prepare us to enter the mansions of light;
And there, with the just and the faithful to spend
A Sabbath in glory, that never shall end. □



SCSC project directors Rev. Helen Green, DeRuyter, NY; Ralph Hays, Jr., Chatawa, MS; Linda Harris, Paint Rock, AL; Pastor David Taylor, New Auburn, WI; and Lisa Powell, Battle Creek, MI.



The Rev. Earl and Mabel Cruzan, representing the gracious people of Milton, WI, hosts for the training session.

SUMMER CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORPS 1978

Thirteen young men and women have said "I am your servant, Lord, and I'm waiting for your call," and the Lord has responded with a resounding call to come to Battle Creek, DeRuyter, New Auburn, Paint Rock and Sunshine Mountain where people are waiting to hear about the Good News that God is real and He is personal, and He yearns to have a relationship with them.

Just as the first disciples heard and answered Jesus when He said to them, "Come on along," so these thirteen young men and women have left home and family, have set aside as much as possible their own needs, and have come into a time of intense training, so that they might share with those they meet just who this Jesus is.

They found very quickly that to share Jesus and His wonderful love and good news with others, they must first experience it for themselves. So part of training was a quest to know and understand God through His Son, Jesus. They also learned that in order to teach others to love and be loved they had to learn to love each other and learn how to allow others to love them.

So these thirteen workers and four trainers came together in Milton, Wisconsin, to teach and to learn.

We were aided by the loving Pastor and Mrs. Earl Cruzan and a host of generous, loving people who provided us transportation, housing, and delicious meals day after day under the able direction of the Women's Society of Milton. And we had our first lessons in learning how to accept the love of others.

A staff of "almost strangers" met in an airport and found that God had been preparing us to be of like mind. How amazing to discover that you can be of such different

backgrounds, ages, interests, and still have the same goals and desires and the same plans for a group of people you are yet to meet. Yet this is what happened to Mary Clare, Doreen Sanford, Dale Thorngate and me as we met in our pre-training staff meetings. A bond of love and oneness of purpose began to develop in us almost immediately, and it grew stronger and more intense as the days of training went by. And we were aided so much by Pastor Earl Cruzan and Don Sanford.



The entire Summer Christian Service Corps — director, trainers, and workers. The group this year was called "Power."



Mark Jacob
Pomona Park, FL



John Lima
Milton, WI



Rachel Drake
Shinglehouse, PA



Annmarie Johnson
Milton, WI



Lesa Williams
North Loup, NE



Doreen Sanford of Milton, WI, Co-Project Director & SCSC Worker



Jo Anne Burdick of Boulder, CO, Co-Project Director & SCSC Worker



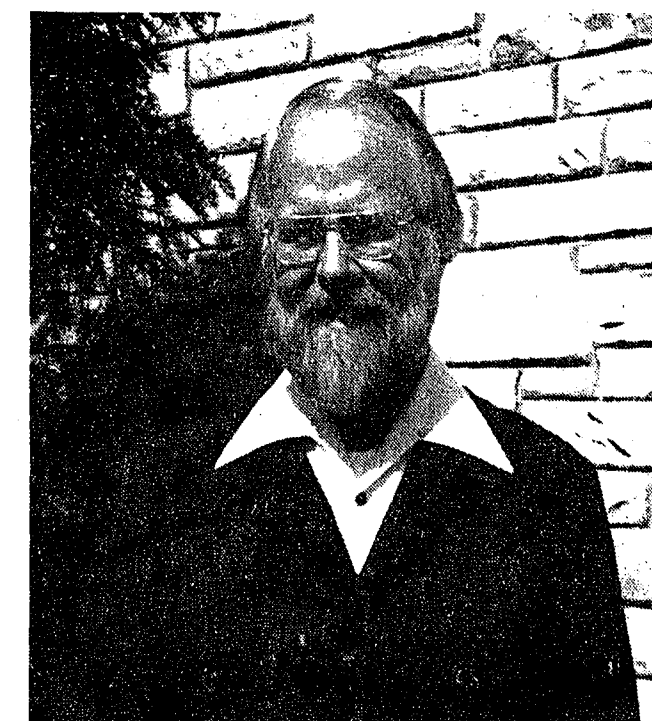
Rev. Don Sanford of Milton, WI, chapel leader and all around helper, par excellence.



Gerry Van Dyke of Longmont, CO, SDB Women's Board, Training Director for SCSC.



Mary Clare, Executive Board of Christian Education, Alfred Station, NY, training staff.



Rev. Dale Thorngate of Columbus, OH, training staff.



David Thorngate
Columbus, OH



Christina Boyd
Salemville, PA



Doneta Richards
Bridgeton, NJ



Lori Mares
Chetek, WI



Laurie Horton
Alfred, NY



Andy Williams
Houston, TX

SCSC

We decided upon six specific goals for training, and when our workers arrived they added four more. I can add with full confidence that these goals were met, and more.

Goals for SCSC Training

1. To provide workers and staff with leadership skills.
2. To provide workers with quality materials for teaching VBS and summer camps.
3. To provide workers and staff with a deeper faith.
4. To provide workers and staff with a deep desire to serve others in any situation.
5. To provide workers and staff with a genuine confidence in their abilities, through a realization that the Holy Spirit will aid them in all they do.
6. Teach workers and staff ways to communicate with others their faith and love.
7. Teach communication skills, how to listen, and how to express oneself with others.
8. Fellowship with each other.
9. Learn ways to bring about desirable changes in individual personality.
10. To experience having fun being a Christian.

A day in the life of an SCSC worker goes something like this: Rise about 6:30 or 7:00, depending upon your time slot in the shower; then be at church by 7:45 for the day's orientation; a half-hour of joyous song to help get the blood circulating; Bible study, followed by a personal time of searching the Scriptures and listening to God; then a time of sharing; class time in one of these areas; Christian Education, sharing our faith, interpersonal relationship; then chapel with Don Sanford, or Pastor Cruzan; then lunch; free time followed lunch, which might consist of volleyball, playing in the park, sharing with a new-found friend, or catching up with happenings with an old friend, or maybe having a short nap or practicing the piano, or running a few miles; an afternoon class would follow, then time for sharing. Music class always gave us new energy, so that we could prepare

for dinner, and then eat all that delicious food; evening class and a special prayer and praise ended the scheduled day's activities, but then of course many of us would spend another hour or two sharing, studying, writing letters or just reflecting on what we had learned, and how to put it to work in our lives.

It is a very intense kind of training. I have often wondered if many of the feelings experienced at training might have been experienced by Jesus and His disciples. There are times of great love for one another: there are feelings of frustration; there is fatigue at sitting in hard chairs; there are heavy eyes that are hard to open; there are things you would like to express, but no way to put it into words; there are times of feeling so close to God that it is almost scary, and other times of feeling on the outside looking in; there are fun and

fellowship and just plain silliness; there are feelings of longing to be obedient, and there are times of rebellion; there are times when you are sure you can win the whole world for Jesus, and there are times when you are so scared you wonder what you are doing here. Surely these things were all experienced by those first twelve and all those down through the centuries who have chosen to be a servant of the Lord. But what a great way to live. It's just got to be the best!

The last three days of training were some of the most exciting days that have been spent in SCSC because for the first time in the history of this program the project directors were with us, helping us to see their vision for the summer. It was a time of learning how to communicate with each other, and of finding out how to really pray in one accord.

It was a time of looking into God's word together, and offering to one another the truths He revealed to us as individual children of His. It was also a time of fun and fellowship, a time to pray for one another, a time to see each other's special gifts, and finally a time to share our Lord's Supper together, and to wish each other well.

Last but not least was the time to say farewell for awhile and to go about the special work God had chosen for each of us to do this summer. How great to be a servant!

I want to leave you with a personal note, to say how much my life has been enriched since I have been in the SCSC program. I have been inspired by the quality of teaching that occurs at training; at the love of people wherever we stay; at the sensitivity and joy each young person

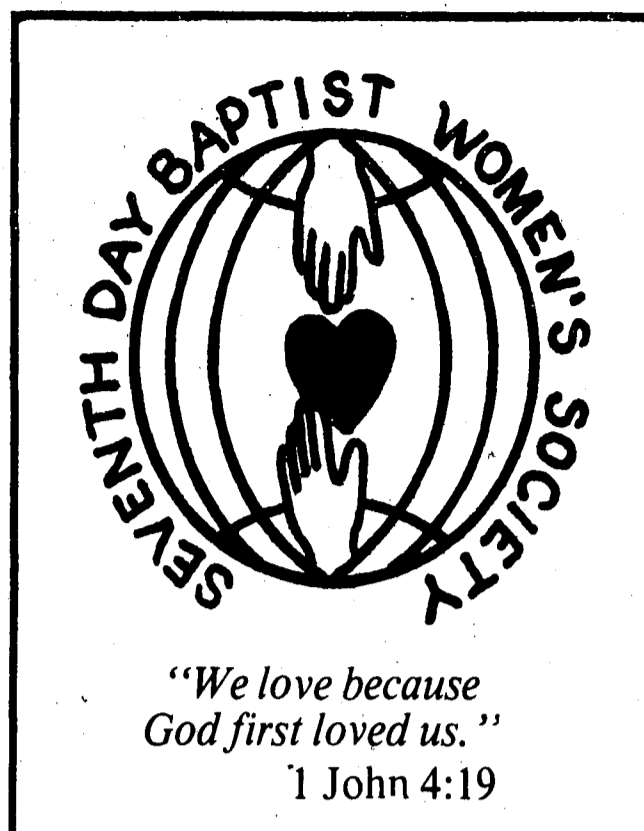
has brought with him/her; at changes that have taken place in each of us as we work and play and struggle together in our desire to be a joy to God. I am amazed at the good that is done in each project, and I am inspired by the lasting good that comes through SCSC. So many of our lay workers and pastors who are working so hard right now to bring God's love to a dying world are former SCSC workers.

You can also experience this inspiration if you will find time to share with these young people personally, and allow them to bring their exuberance and expertise into your churches. Please help them to continue the good work that God has begun in them.

The Lord said, "In full view of all your people I will do such miracles as have never been performed in all the world, or in any nation. All the surrounding peoples shall see the work of the Lord, for fearful is that which I will do for you."

Exodus 34:10

In Christ's Love,
Gerry VanDyke, SCSC Chairman



by Madeline Fitz Randolph

"MOM'S" — "MORNING OUT FOR MOTHERS" — a plan shared with your representatives to the Executive Committee meeting in Kansas City in May — comes to us from the Baptist Women of Western Canada. Originating in the Avalon Church in Saskatoon, it is spreading throughout this part of Canada, and is now in use in various forms in many communities.

The purpose of this idea is to draw non-working mothers to the church and to Christ. Such an idea seems to be very much needed in many areas, and in some churches might be used to great advantage for all. Geared to the needs of pre-school children and their mothers, it can be appealing to all homemakers. She (homemaker) receives stimulation through new skills which help her to appreciate more her role in the home. This motivates her to take more active interest in child and home development; provides social opportunities for both mother and child; provides opportunity to share common problems and concerns.

Spiritually, "MOM'S" is a fine method of outreach, for in most communities there are "new" young wives and mothers who attend no church. It provides a positive relationship for the church in the community by providing a *much needed service* (remember John Wimber). The mother is the key to the family and by reaching her, doors will be opened to the whole family. Included in the program is a Bible study, learning about Christ and His love. The purpose of the program for the "established" women of the church is to SHARE — not babysit or serve coffee. As many as possible should be available to make friends with the "MOM'S."

THE PROGRAM provides *separate* programs for mothers and their children. Children are divided into separate age groups for their program. The mothers are in groups for exercise or crafts, and together for Bible study, or speaker. Coffee time is a transition period between sections of the program. During this time a "Thought for the Day" part of the plan could be presented...Be sure that a Christian perspective is always presented. Here we will use the example given by originator of the plan:

Topic	Thought for the Day
Beauty Care	Inner Beauty
Interior Design	Principles of design in the person Balance, Harmony, Proportion
Toymaking	Putting the pieces of our lives together to make a meaningful whole.

Talks should vary in styles of communication and be presented as informally as possible. For variety these could be used:

- dialogue
- dramatization (group involved) or role-playing
- discussion — poetry — recordings

Limit talk to five minutes and be fully aware of the response of the girls and their needs.

SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSION PERIOD

Research your community for outstanding people in their fields; be sure topic is one which answers needs of your group. Be sure to alternate "heavy" topics with "lighter" ones.

Suggested topics for this part of program: homemaking skills, family life psychology, personal care, etc. It is possible that thirty minutes for this section followed by guided discussion would be adequate. It would depend upon your group, their needs and your available resource people.

"Specials" are optional, but they sounded so good, I am putting them in for your consideration. First was suggested a mother-child workshop where the mother is doing creative things *with* her child. (Drawing, finger painting, weaving, etc.) Second suggestion draws in the husband with a couples' potluck at least once during the eight-week session with ice-breaker games.

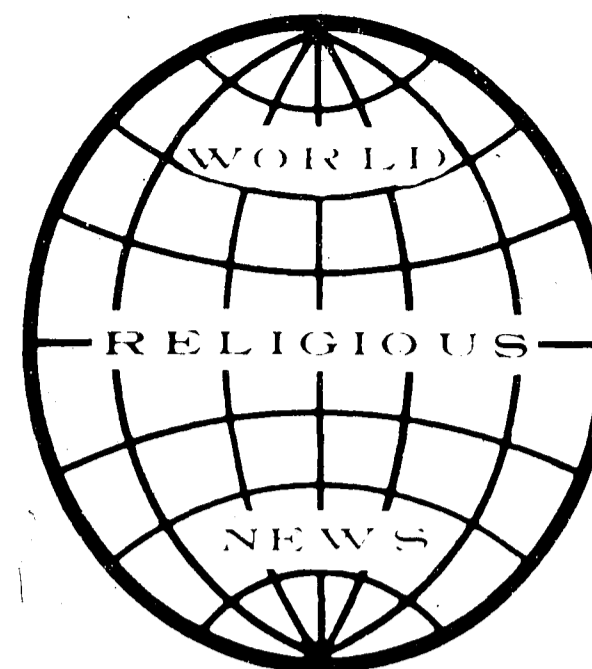
Under "details, details" is a very important item: **MAKE SURE YOUR LADIES ARE GETTING TO KNOW THE MOMS AND MAKING FRIENDS. ALWAYS USE NAME TAGS;** these might be placed on a special board and returned there at the close of each session.

Exercise program for those not "crafty" and vice versa!

You may find that there are those who prefer Bible study in lieu of *either* crafts or exercise. However the needs seem to be, it would be very interesting if one or more of our Seventh Day Baptist groups of women would adapt this program — and **ADOPT** it!

THINK ABOUT IT FOR FALL and if there is a need and request, I will send a sample program with complete list of suggestions and even time schedule. There is also a complete suggested plan for **ORGANIZATION FOR MOM'S GROUP.** This includes job responsibilities as well as instructions for children's program set-up and **YOU NAME IT** — it is all here.

For more complete plans, write to your Editor: Madeline FitzRandolph, 1648 9th St., Boulder, CO 80302. I will also bring some copies to Conference. □



BWA PLANS CAMPAIGN AGAINST DISEASE

In developing countries less than ten per cent of the 80 million children born each year are being immunized against childhood diseases. The common killers — diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, measles, poliomyelitis and tuberculosis — can all be prevented.

The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) is planning to help finance an immunization campaign against these six major childhood diseases. Six pilot projects will be conducted as a first step. In Africa, the President of Liberia, a Baptist minister, has invited BWA to immunize some 200,000 children under the age of four. Although further arrangements are not complete, BWA hopes that other pilot projects will be conducted in Ecuador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Haiti. An Asian country has yet to be selected.

The work will be carried out by the Brother's Brother Foundation in coordination with the World Health Organization. Last year's World Health Assembly committed WHO to providing immunization to all children of the world by 1990.

The BWA is committed to raising US\$1 million for this programme, but at least US\$4 million will be needed no later than 1980. Religious bodies and other agencies wanting to join in this campaign should write to: Dr. Robert A. Hingson, Director, Brother's Brother Foundation, 824 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15211, USA, or Dr. Carl W. Tiller, Staff Executive, Baptist World Relief, 1628 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, USA. □

GARNER TED ARMSTRONG EXCOMMUNICATED BY FATHER

Internal power struggles within the Worldwide Church of God (Sabbatarian) have culminated with the excommunication of Evangelist Garner Ted Armstrong by his father, church founder Herbert W. Armstrong. In recent years Garner Ted became widely known across the country for his radio and television programs for which he reportedly earned some \$85,000 in salary. The elder Armstrong, now in his eighties, has evidently chosen Stanley R. Rader, a Beverly Hills attorney, as heir to the leadership of the church which includes Ambassador College in Pasadena, CA.

Garner Ted Armstrong told the *Los Angeles Times*, in a published interview, that the church is a "house divided" that has its 65,000 members "shot through with fear." He predicted a downfall of the religious empire built by him and his father.

In 1972 Garner Ted was banished from his duties in the church; he was reinstated several months later. During this time a major division occurred within the church with some thirty-five ministers withdrawing. Since that time the church has suffered financial reverses. It has been reported that income recently had dropped from its high of some \$65 million per year. Herbert Armstrong has also announced that Ambassador College would eliminate its undergraduate liberal arts program and would become a small ministerial training program of some 250 students.

In a letter to church members announcing the excommunication of his son, Herbert Armstrong warned the membership "according to Christ's command" to "refrain from contact with" Garner Ted, stating that there was now harmony, unity, and trust at the church headquarters for the first time in years. He urged the members to rally behind Christ and "his apostle" and get on with the work of the church. □

NEW SABBATH LEGISLATION COVERS FEDERAL WORKERS

WASHINGTON — Federal employees whose religious obligations require them to miss work from time to time would be allowed to work overtime under a provision of the Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedule Act of 1978, which passed the House of Representatives.

Present policy does not allow such compensatory time because the time-and-a-half pay rate for overtime is too expensive. Under the new law the overtime pay for work to make up time lost for religious obligations would be at the normal pay rate.

The amendment which provides for this overtime work was introduced by Rep. Stephen J. Solarz (D-N.Y.). Solarz noted that "members of minority faiths must either choose between reduced incomes or diminished annual leaves if they are to abstain from work during certain periods of time, as they are required to do by their religion."

Rep. Gladys N. Spellman (D-Md.) said that many people have very little vacation time because it is used up a few hours at a time throughout the year. This is true of Jews who must get home on Friday before sundown, she pointed out. At present, that time is deducted either from the employee's salary or annual leave time.

The Solarz amendment would allow employers to provide overtime work at a normal pay rate on days when an employee has no religious obligations. The law would not require that such overtime be provided.

Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D-Mass.), a Roman Catholic priest, introduced a bill last year which would have provided much more sweeping protection of minority groups' religious rights. That measure would have required an employer to respect religious beliefs, practices, and observances of employees unless such accommodation would cause "severe pecuniary or other material loss" to the employer.

Drinan's bill has not been acted on by the House. In the meantime, Solarz' more limited measure will go next to the Senate. (BP) □

RECENT SEMINARY GRADUATES

- Kenneth Burdick, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, M. Div.
- Kenneth Chroniger, Nazarene Theological Seminary, M. Div.
- Larry Graffius, North American Baptist Seminary, M. Div.
- Peter Morris, Fuller Theological Seminary, MA in Missions.
- John RAU, Fuller Theological Seminary, M. Div.
- Dale Thorngate, Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio, M. Div.
- Jay Zaremba, Pacific School of Religion, M. Div. □

the CHURCH in ACTION

MILTON SPONSORS BIBLE CLUBS/ CAMP

Bible Clubs for children age 5 through 10 were sponsored by the Evangelism Committee of the Milton church at the homes of Doris Rood, Phil Burrows and Leland Skaggs. An enrollment of thirty children was reported. Serving as leaders for the Bible Clubs were Doris Rood assisted by Michelle Van Horn, Carol Crandall, assisted by Harriet Burrows and Adam Crandall, and Lois Green assisted by Maureen Geske.

Day Camp under the direction of Ruth Van Horn enrolled 30 boys and girls from age 4 through 8 for the week of June 19-23. Campers left the church at 9:00 each morning and returned at 2:30 except for Thursday when those 6-8 were given an overnight at camp with their parents' permission. Afternoon activities included movies and games. In the evening there was a vesper service at the cross planned by the classes and a campfire. The roasting of wieners and marshmallows

and the eating of watermelon provided the supper meal. On Friday morning Rene Ochs prepared a sumptuous breakfast for the entire group. They returned to the church about 9:30 on Friday morning. Many of our young people are receiving leadership experience through the Bible Clubs and the Day Camp programs where they give able assistance to the teachers. □

-Earl Cruzan

PASTOR GORDON P. LAWTON ORDAINED

ASHAWAY, R.I. — Gordon P. Lawton, pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway, R.I., was called to ordination by that church and duly ordained to the Christian ministry as a Seventh Day Baptist minister in fitting services held in the church on June 9 and 10, 1978.

Delegates from sister churches of the Eastern Association and denominational representatives, as well as designated members of the local congregation, made up the examining council which convened on Sabbath Eve and Sabbath morning. After the vote to proceed with ordination, Rev. Donald E. Richards gave the "Charge to the Church" at the Sabbath morning worship service.

The "Ordination Service" was held on Sabbath afternoon, June 10. The "Charge to the Candidate" was given by Rev. Leon R. Lawton, father of the candidate. During the ceremony of "Laying on of Hands," the "Prayer of Ordination" was offered by Rev. Dale E. Rood.



Rev. Gordon Lawton

This was followed by Rev. Russell W. Havens giving the "Welcome to the Ministry." A reception was held in the Rev. Lawton's honor preceding the Vesper Service at the end of the Sabbath which brought to a close a day of very meaningful and forward-looking services.

Several years of Pastor Lawton's life as a young person were spent in Jamaica, W.I., where his parents served as missionaries. After returning to the United States he attended the University of Denver graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science and Business Administration. Following graduation he was employed for a time at the Seventh Day Baptist denominational headquarters in Plainfield, N.J.

Feeling the call to become a minister, he continued his training at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, KS., graduating in May 1977, with a degree of Master of Divinity.

He was called by the Ashaway church to serve as their pastor, beginning services as of June 1977. The ordination of Rev. Gordon P. Lawton as a minister is a stepping-stone to future growth both to the church and pastor. □

-Mrs. Helen Waite



Sabbath services are conducted in Columbia, MS, near Sunshine Mountain, by Rev. Ralph Hays. Four of those pictured have recently united with SDB's. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless this new witness.



Seventh Day Baptists in Birmingham, England, worship in this lovely church. Lay-leader, Brother Owen Lynch, reports that the building is for sale and that their church hopes to purchase the facility.

AN UPDATE REPORT FROM SUNSHINE MOUNTAIN

The aerodynamics expert will tell you that it is scientifically impossible for a bumblebee to fly. The bumblebee doesn't know that, so he flies anyway. Christians must be like the bumblebee — ignoring the advice of the world, telling us, "It can't be done," and flying with faith in the Word of God which states, "With God all things are possible," and, "All things are possible to him that believeth." At Sunshine Mountain the "impossible" is being accomplished. Glory be to God!

Picture a gently sloping, grassy hilltop with a backdrop of trees overlooking a little bluff along whose base ripples a clear, shallow stream. Such is the building site for the first Children's Home at Sunshine Mountain. Now picture a large, gleaming white block and brick house, 36' x 96', built on a concrete slab. Picture wide eaves shading the windows, a pillared front porch welcoming you at the entrance. Impossible? We believe not!

When people have a mind to work, things happen. Thanks to the dedicated service of a number of men the construction of the Children's Home is under way. George Stillman (Houston) and Dick Shepard (Columbus) have given professional advice in engineering and drawn plans and blueprints as consulting architects. Ed Johnson (Kansas City) and Leigh Stewart (St. Louis) are at Sunshine Mountain now and are giving months of dedicated labor on the construction

of the Home. Things are happening — a caterpillar cutting down the hill-top and levelling the site; a back hoe digging sewerage and water lines; trucks with tons of washed gravel; forms for the slab; plumbing connections installed. By the time you read this article the slab should be completed and the walls rising.

Everyone concerned with this project, from K. D. Hurley on down through Shepard, Stillman, Johnson, Stewart and Hays, agrees that this building must be of high quality, first-class construction and appearance. On previous buildings we have settled for the most economical materials and have made do with less than the best, or sometimes less than was needed, in order to put as much of our resources as possible into the Children's Home. The special children are, after all, what Sunshine Mountain is all about, and they deserve the best.

Inflation is taking a big bite out of our building fund, as prices of materials have increased substantially, and some materials, such as insulation, are difficult to locate. A year ago 5 yards of washed gravel cost \$12; today the price is \$98 for 14 yards. Concrete that once cost \$13 a yard is now \$25 per yard. We have stepped out on faith believing that with God it is possible to complete this building. Ed and Leigh and an SCSC team have dedicated their summer to the project. It would be a shame to have to halt the work in the middle of July because we'd run out of money. If 5000 Seventh Day Baptists gave just 200 pennies each, it would

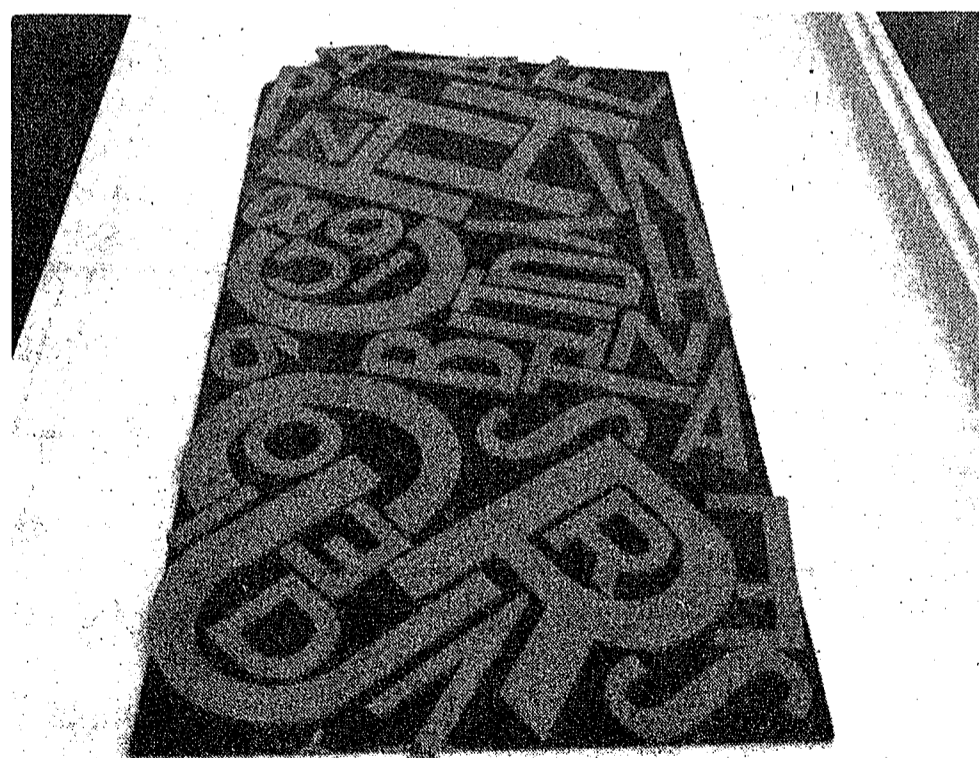
increase the building fund by \$10,000.

One important feature of the Children's Home will be a 24' x 44' living room. This room can serve as a meeting place for church services until a conventional church building is possible. While Sunshine Mountain residents have been meeting daily for prayer and Bible study, we have had no place to hold a formal worship service. This has deterred us from making an active effort in seeking new members in the immediate area. With such a room for meetings, we can increase our outreach program locally and welcome visitors with pride.

Another step of faith was to make a bid of \$500 per acre on a 23-acre plot directly across the road from the original Sunshine Mountain property. The owner had been asking \$1,000 per acre, but he accepted our bid. Praise the Lord!

We invite your concern for and interest in Sunshine Mountain. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive our monthly newsletters, send your name and address to us at P.O. Box 37, Chatawa, MS 39632. We seek to help children who cannot help themselves. You can help, too, with prayer and with financial support for a square of roofing, a bag of nails or a can of Spam. "All things are possible to him that believeth." □

-Linda B. Hays



ALPHABET SOUP? Not exactly — these scrambled letters became a new church sign in Farina, IL. Deacon Leigh Stewart is to be commended for his work in an attractive sign for his home church.



What condition is the sign for your church in — do people driving past know that you have an active SDB church?



Edgar F. Wheeler
Denver, CO

Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible texts
selected by pastors
and ministerial students.

● *"Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2, 3).*

● This passage has often restored my spiritual vision and aspirations when my vision of the Christian life and hope have dimmed. It has reminded that God is by no means done with me yet, strengthened my personal resolve, and helped me to keep my eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith. My life is richer and my expectations higher because of it.

NEW CHURCH PLANS, CELEBRATES, GIVES THANKS...

BLOUNTVILLE, TN. — Since its organizational meeting March 4, the Upper East Tennessee church has been busily making plans and setting up definite goals for the next year.

We continue to take turns as worship leaders, an experience we look forward to, resulting in spiritual growth, strength, and creativity. It has been, at times, challenging and adventurous.

On May 27 Charles Thomas led the services at the Jacobs Creek Campground. It was a welcome change to worship in the midst of the Lord's handiwork, using His props for illustrating Biblical truths.

On June 17 a "Celebration" service was led by Barbara Wright. We discovered that there are several ways we can celebrate our Christ — within a group or as an individual.

A march of banners, which the young people had made, started off the celebration, which continued in song, dance, instruments, drama, Scripture, interpretive reading, art forms, giving and in prayer. It was an exciting way to strengthen our bond of fellowship with everyone taking a part.

We look forward to July 15 for a service of baptism and new member, followed by an afternoon of fellowship, fun and games and a barbecue. On August 19, Pastor Bob Harris will be here to bring the morning message.

A teacher training workshop by

Mary Clare and David Clarke is scheduled for Sept. 20-23. We just thank the Lord for giving us so many opportunities for renewal and fulfillment. □

-Barbara A. Wright

OUTREACH AT COLUMBIA, MS

Greetings from Columbia, Miss. The Sunshine Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church is pleased to announce an outreach project at Columbia. Working with some dedicated Christian people it has been possible to start holding regular church services. The guiding efforts from the local community have come from Lorenzo and Bill Johnson, Mrs. William and Mrs. Pittmann.

If you're in the area we invite you to drop by the church for services which are held every Sabbath day at 2:00 p.m. The location is the intersection of Highways 13 and 35 in Columbia. We hope to charter a church by September. In the meantime, Rev. Ralph Hays is acting pastor.

Newspaper notices are being carried in the Columbia Progress and a half hour radio program is carried over WFFF each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance at services is running from ten to fifteen people. James Reynolds has asked for baptism and membership. A summer revival is being planned. Pray that this effort in Christ grows to be a beacon of hope for Columbia and south Mississippi. □

OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BIRMINGHAM CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND — Greetings to all from the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Birmingham. Isn't it wonderful that although we are literally thousands of miles away, of different earthly nationality, in different countries, yet we are brothers in the Lord.

The building we have been meeting in for some years is now for sale and we hope, with the Lord's help, to purchase it. It has a seating capacity of 200 on theatre-style chairs. It is well furnished with pulpit furniture, piano and electric organ. To the right of the church is a small hall which can be used for Sabbath School classes, committee meetings, etc. We are attempting to raise funds for the purchase of this lovely and much-needed facility and are nowhere near our target at the moment.

We have printed several tract titles, 25,000 copies, and hope to have a large-scale tract outreach in the area. The titles printed are: *From Death to Life, Come to Sabbath School, Time's Running Out, and It Is Your Decision.* Pray for the work in Birmingham and all of England that the message of hope and peace may be shared with many. □

-Owen Lynch

85TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Greetings from Boulder, Colorado! We have new hymnbooks! Several families provided funds for this project. The Melvin E. Stephan family donated fifty of the books as a living memorial to Frances' mother, Mrs. Nella Hammond. The hymnals, "Hymns for the Family of God," were dedicated on Sabbath, May 13. They contain a fine selection of gospel, traditional, and contemporary music, along with many inspirational readings. Such a fine worship aid is a real joy.

The Boulder church observed the 85th anniversary of its founding on May 20. The Rev. Elmo and Madeline Fitz Randolph were in Westerly, Rhode Island, that weekend for the ordination services of Pastor Russell Havens. They were official delegates from our group to that gathering, and our pastor also preached the ordination sermon and presented a

"white stone" to the new Reverend Havens on that occasion.

Pastor John Conrod led the service in Boulder that weekend, preaching on the subject of "The Essence of Eternity." His wife Joyce gave a wonderful children's talk on an African fable.

We are sad to have lost the Don and Joan Hedghes family, but are glad they will be in Seattle, where they can fellowship with SDB's there. A farewell party was held in their honor on the evening of May 20. They have served faithfully in this church, and will be greatly missed.

A garage sale on Memorial Day Sunday and Monday netted a good profit for the support of World Federation Delegates to Conference.

Our *prayer chain* continues to be strong and provide a channel for many blessings inside and outside of our group.

May God's blessings go with us all as we seek to do His will. □

-Mrs. Cathy Buchanan

NEWS NOTES

● Dean Herbert E. Saunders attended the biennial meeting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada June 20-22, 1978, in Toronto, Canada. This was the first opportunity for the Center on Ministry to participate in the ATS program since it was given affiliate status in December. Almost three hundred presidents, deans, and administrative officers of the some two hundred member schools were present. President of the Association was Dr. David A. Hubbard of Fuller Theological Seminary. The new president of the Association is Dr. James I. McCord of Princeton Theological Seminary. The Association is the major accrediting agency for theological schools in North America.

● Pastors Justin Camenga and Duane Davis were guest speakers at the Portland, OR, Adventist Academy at three religion classes on May 19. They were invited to speak about Seventh Day Baptists.

● Two members of the Riverside, CA, church are bidding for a place on the Republican Central Committee of their county — Dr. Lewis May in Los Angeles County and Dr. Ron Davis in San Bernardino County. Everyone would agree that we need more Christian influence in politics.



Rev. Helen Green was welcomed to the ministry by her brother Rev. Paul Green.

PASTOR GREEN ORDAINED

DERUYTER, N.Y. — On Friday evening and Sabbath Day, June 16 and 17, three beautiful and inspiring services were held in the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church in connection with the ordination of Miss Helen Green to the ministry.

All of her immediate family plus nieces and nephews, an aunt from Glens Falls, N.Y., and three couples from Trumansburg, N.Y., friends of the family, were present as well as Dean Herbert Saunders of the Ministerial Training Center with his family, Dr. K. Duane Hurley, Rev. and Mrs. David Clarke, and pastors and members of other churches of this Association.

Among these were many fine musicians who gave a beautiful, sacred concert on Friday evening which presented the message of God's redeeming love through song, Scripture and instrumental music. There were portions of Scripture and prayer by Dr. Hurley, solos, quartets, duets and readings by the members of the Green and Saunders families and a violin and piano group by Tammy and O'Deanne Mickel of Clinton, N.Y.; also a splendid men's chorus.

On Sabbath morning Dr. K. Duane Hurley opened the service with Scripture reading and prayer. The DeRuyter choir sang an anthem and Dean Herbert Saunders preached the ordination sermon. A male quartet consisting of Paul, Jr., and Frank Green, K. D. Hurley and Steve Saunders sang the spiritual, "Creation," by Eva Miller.

A delicious fellowship dinner was then served in Fellowship Hall to nearly a hundred people. At this time a beautiful cake was presented to Paul and Elizabeth Green in honor of their golden wedding anniversary.

After the election of Barbara Burdick as moderator of the ordination council at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Hurley offered prayer and Miss Green gave her statement of experience and

belief. The council voted unanimously to ordain her. Then Pastor Steve Saunders of Adams Center, N.Y., led a brief worship service and sang "There Is a Balm in Gilead," a favorite of our pastor. Dean Herbert Saunders gave the charge to the candidate, Rev. Neal Mills gave the charge to the church, Rev. Russell Johnson of Verona, N.Y., led in the consecrating prayer, and Helen's brother, Rev. J. Paul Green, Jr., gave the welcome to the ministry. The service ended with a hymn and the benediction by the Rev. Helen Green. □

● Pastor Duane Davis has completed his interim work as acting chaplain at Goodwill Industries in Seattle. He has been leading worship services for Goodwill employees for several months.

DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

SEPTEMBER 2
Editor John D. Bevis
Pine St. Gospel Chapel (SDB)
Middletown, CT

SEPTEMBER 2
Concert-Dinner
SDB Church
Toronto, Canada

SEPTEMBER 17
American Sabbath Tract Society
Annual Meeting 10:00 am
Quarterly Meeting 1:00 pm
Plainfield, NJ

SEPTEMBER 29-30
Yearly Meeting SDB Churches
Berlin, NY

SEPT. 29 - OCT. 1
Mid-Continent Association
North Loup, NE

OCTOBER 4-6
North American Baptist Fellowship
Toronto, Canada
Dr. K. D. Hurley

OCTOBER 7
Dr. K. D. Hurley
SDB Church
Toronto, Canada

OCTOBER 6-8
North Central Association
Dodge Center, MN

OCTOBER 8
Memorial Fund Trustees
Plainfield, NJ

YOUTH ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT CHURCH MINISTRY

FOUKE, AR — Since Pastor Floyd L. Goodson is also a teacher in the local high school it seems the life of the church goes along with the school year. One of our members, Rochale Goodson, graduated from high school this year. She plans to begin this Fall at Texarkana Community College.

Church attendance has increased to 34.5 per Sabbath which is above the 1977 average of 29.7. We pray that attendance rises even higher this year. Our main evangelistic effort at this time is a weekly fifteen-minute radio program over KALT in Atlanta, Texas. The American Sabbath Tract Society has assisted with support for this outreach effort.

Our weekly worship services center about the Sabbath. We have a prayer meeting on Friday evening at 7:30. Sabbath School is at 10:00 a.m. followed by Sabbath morning worship at 11:00. The first Sabbath of each month we have a fellowship day. Sabbath afternoons are devoted to Bible study; currently we are studying First Corinthians. Cottage Bible studies are scheduled by the pastor for Wednesdays.

The community service offered by our church is centered in our youth center concept. We no longer have use of the old skating rink, so we hold our classes in the school, parsonage and church. We offer activities which the local school cannot or does not offer.

Our judo club has some twenty members. The club has earned thirteen trophies in competition this season. There has been renewed interest in our girls gymnastics since Kathy Johnson, an international competitor, came and gave us an impressive demonstration.

Mrs. Goodson continues to teach a class in arts and crafts. There are about ten who are learning to communicate with the deaf through sign language. Mrs. Merlene Murray teaches this class. In addition there is a guitar class taught by John D. Whitehead. The youth center is sponsoring a Babe Ruth baseball team this year. So far their record is 0-3, but the coach, Ernest Orgeron, says they are improving.

The *Red River Valley Times* is doing well. A new editor has been appointed and plans are to continue a monthly publication of local news. Pray for us that what we are attempting will be to God's glory. □

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CHURCH SERVICES

PLAINFIELD, N.J. — We were happy to welcome the ministerial students to our homes and to our church June 13-29. On June 17 Steven Crouch conducted our service, Jerry Vaught gave the children's message, and Rodney Henry preached a sermon on Abraham, "Where is the Lamb?" He said that God helps us meet His "unreasonable demands" through His Holy Spirit. The next Sabbath the Rev. Herbert Saunders conducted the service and Jerry Vaught gave a sermon on Peter (John 21), "God's Love and Man's Love." He said our love must be expressed in our actions. Seven students were present at the home-made ice cream social at the Saunders home June 25, with Barbara Saunders and Margret Armstrong in charge.

Other pleasant events this spring have included two Pro-Con suppers and programs; an informal reception for Menzo and Audrey Fuller, with pictures of Malawi; a Church Women United May Fellowship Day luncheon; the musical "Celebrate Life" produced at the North Branch Reformed Church and directed by Barbara Saunders, with a number from our church taking part; a "Try God Get-Together" presented by the Walter Hoving Home for girls who have been addicts; the Eastern Association meetings in Westerly, R.I., enjoyed by fifteen from our church; the Women's Society annual meeting and supper at the home of Shireen Hurley; and our fellowship dinner June 17 followed by Tom Merchant's interesting Historical Society program on the history of our church.

Two children's films and a Bible club have been held for neighborhood children. The Jet Cadets and junior choir have met Sabbath afternoons during the adult Bible reading sessions. For two months the Youth Fellowship, led by Diane Merchant, met at the same time, and on May 13 they attended the "Jesus '78 Rally" at the Meadowlands Stadium.

Our high school graduates this year are Antoinette Duryea and Joanna Pearson, who was valedictorian of her class in the Timothy Christian School. Her address was a fitting testimony to her faith.

Many of us anticipated attending the Pre-Con Retreats, the World Fellowship sessions, and General Conference. □

-Ruth Hunting Parker



Rev. Victor Skaggs, pastor of the Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., churches edited a special edition of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Conference was held at California Baptist Seminary in Covina under the direction of the Rev. Earl Cruzan, president.

The OUR WORLD MISSION budget was 90,000.00.

Plans were being made for the 250th anniversary of the founding of the First Hopkinton SDB Church in Ashaway, R.I. The celebration was held in September.

Missionary nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement were present at Conference prior to their return to Makapwa Mission in Malawi in September.

ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society for the election of members and officers of the Board of Trustees and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the society will be held in the Board Room at the Seventh Day Baptist Headquarters Building, Plainfield, N.J., Sunday, September 17, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. □

THE SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS MEETS

The 87th annual session of the Southwestern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches met at the Little Rock, Arkansas, church on Thursday night, June 22. George Johnson, of the new Christ SDB Church in Little Rock, presided over a helpful and spiritual program.

President Johnson's theme was "Go Ye into All the World," and his theme song was of the same title. Scripture chosen was Matt. 28:19-20. This theme of "Go ye..." was carried out in our worship services, led by Mrs. Marjorie Bond of Alfred, N.Y. (representing Eastern, Central New York, and Allegheny Associations), by George Stillman of Houston, Tex., by Calvin Babcock of Dallas-Ft. Worth, Tex., and by President Johnson.

Doug Yarberry of Texarkana, Ark., preached on Friday morning, and Jack Hays of Sunshine Mountain (Chatawa, Miss.) delivered the Sabbath morning sermon.

On Sabbath Eve, Jim Garrett of Christ Church presided over a beautiful Sabbath Welcoming Service, planned mostly by Linda Van Horn Camenga. The children sang several motion songs like "This Little Light of Mine" and recited Scripture verses. Elaine Mitchell Garrett sang an original song about Love, Joy, Peace and Faith, with Bible verses between stanzas read by her husband, Jim Garrett.

At the close of the Welcoming Service each one was given a candle. We formed a Friendship Circle around the sanctuary. It was thrilling to see the candle lights come on in the dim room. May we all let our lights shine for Him, as did those candles enliven the darkness.

Other highlights of the session were an old-fashioned prayer, praise and testimony meeting on night after the Sabbath, conducted by Evangelist Jim Mitchell, and the good special music. Pianists were Linda Camenga, Austa Coalwell, and Dianne Seager, and organist Winnie Monroe. The organ and piano prelude "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" on Sabbath morning was soul-inspiring. Dinner on Sabbath was a picnic at Boyle Park with 68 present.

On Sabbath afternoon, Mrs. Mary Clare, representing the Board of Christian Education, presented a seminar on Sabbath School work.

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She also told about the S.C.S.C. training session at Milton, Wis., which she helped conduct.

Besides the spiritual blessings received, many noteworthy actions were taken by the Association. The new Christ SDB Church of Little Rock was accepted, unanimously, as a member of the Association. Metairie, now disbanded, was dropped from the roll. A daughter church of the new Little Rock church is being formed in the Memphis area. Other recently organized churches are Upper East Tennessee at Blountville, Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Chatawa (Sunshine Mountain). Each of these churches is the result of outreach and dream on the part of dedicated Christians.

Although numerical increase in the Association is not great, increase in answer to Christ's command to "Go ye..." is really noticeable.

The next session of the Southwestern Association is to meet in June 1979, with the Fouke, Ark., church, at a date to be announced.

-Clara L. Beebe, General Secretary

CAMPING SEASON UNDER WAY

BATTLE CREEK, MI. — Our camping season is well under way. For the second year a Family Camp was held over Memorial Day weekend with Dorothy Parrott directing. Neighborhood Bible Clubs were held at different city locations the week of June 12-16. Some of the thirty-five children attending the clubs were enrolled at our week-long Day Camp the next week. Pastor Ken and Sue Bond directed that camp. This year we did not join other area churches for an ecumenical day camp as we had the last few years. Previously,

we had supplied the camp, a bus, our pastor as director, and the majority of the teachers for the cooperative day camp, but had not seen measurable benefits for our own church. Of course, our Day Camp enrollment this year was less, but the teachers were able to spend less time disciplining and more time teaching.

June was an especially busy month for us. Our graduates in their caps and gowns were honored on Sabbath, June 3. Christy Cavinder, Jan Davis, Robert Noel, and Pam Spells all graduated from high school, and Kenneth Davis graduated from Western Michigan University. They were also the guests of honor at an open house brunch at the parsonage on Sunday, June 4.

The Y.F. held a car wash on June 11 as their last money-making project for this year's Conference Fund. During their April Spring vacation week, the young people had a series of three bake sales in different downtown locations. These sales, plus earlier sales of candy and candles, and the spaghetti suppers held, netted the group a sizeable sum again this year to assist some members of the group to attend Pre-Con and Conference.

The Light Bearers were here Friday, May 18, and gave an evening concert in our church sanctuary. They also performed at the Sabbath morning worship service, despite their colds, and then gave two concerts for 250 inmates at the Kalamazoo County Jail. Sunday they sang at a Methodist church in Williamston, near Lansing. It was especially good to see our own Nick Fatato and his friend, Bryon Beard, with the group.

Our church continues to distribute New Testaments through the World Home Bible League's "Project Philip" plan. It is estimated that we place 1,000 Bibles a year, the majority through a Kalamazoo hospital. Few persons send for the Bible study lessons suggested in the flyers placed in the Bibles, but we have experienced a "first" with this project. This Spring, a Bible recipient, who had completed a series of Bible studies and received counseling, requested baptism and was baptized in our church sanctuary. The baptism took on an added significance to the candidate because it was conducted on the anniversary date of his suicide attempt. Praise the Lord for this new Christian! □

-Karen Thorngate

CHOOSING A VOCATION

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of all high moments that one choice inevitably eliminates others....Every positive decision is also a negative decision; when we choose our work we are voluntarily eliminating from our experience many lines of endeavor in which we might have been successful."¹

There undoubtedly are many people whose lives are all but wasted because of the choice of occupation. Many of these could have been a great success in other fields, but because of a sense of insecurity and the difficulties involved in changing jobs after they have become established, especially with the responsibilities of a family, they have become as a cog in the wheel of commerce.

But not being in our most fitted place, does not preclude a life of devotion in our daily work. One of the great lights of the monastic orders was Brother Lawrence who developed what he termed the art of "Practicing the presence of God," as he scrubbed the pots and pans in the kitchen of a monastery. "The time of business," he said does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of the kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament."

The ultimate question is not what one does, but how he does it. The inner attitudes of the spirit are more important in our work than the particular routine that we may do. Some of the happiest, most Christian people are those who perform the most uninteresting jobs. This inner poise and contentment in one's work comes through the proper perspective of seeing one's self as a worker with God.

PRAYER

O Master Workman of the race, who at an early age was about Thy Father's business, may all of our labors be consecrated to Thee. Give us the satisfaction of accomplishment that we may appear as builders of cathedrals rather than chisellers of stone. Amen. □

¹ Elton Trueblood, *The Common Ventures of Life* pub. Harpers & Bros. 1949 p. 92.

FEAR NOT LITTLE FLOCK

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smallness. They are small, but very effective in their sphere of influence.

So, friends, God has preserved us all these years for a special task to be done. We are to be proud of our church. Our smallness in numbers must be a motivation for growth instead of a hindrance. God is not concerned with our quantity, but with our quality. God wants to change our attitude of defeat. We are gifted; we are on a winning team; we can grow and will grow. Thus, friends, let us claim God's promise to us; He wants to give us a new heart and a new spirit. So, let us make ourselves available to God and He will carry out His promise. "Fear not, little flock," for if God is with us, who can be against us. □

Gabriel Bejjani, a native of Lebanon, is the assistant pastor of the Riverside, Calif., SDB Church. This past year he has been enrolled at Fuller Theological Seminary. In addition to many other duties he teaches a growing Sabbath School class in Arabic at the Riverside church.

THE FUTURE IS UPON US

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I was asked when I accepted this responsibility for Seventh Day Baptists in 1975: "What are we going to do with all the students that are entering seminary?" In 1976 and 1977, people wondered out loud why the Council on Ministry and the dean were so active in recruiting Seventh Day Baptist ministers. God saw the vision before we did. He has worked through us to provide the leadership that will ultimately lead us more and more into extension evangelism, into new church growth, and into a vital, active, and influential place in the Christian community. Five ordinations in only a month-and-a-half are but a foretaste of the wave of the future for us. What excitement that generates! What joy that brings! New pastors, new churches, but more importantly, new Christians — brought to a knowledge of Christ's love for them — that is what is on the horizon for Seventh Day Baptists. The future is upon us. □



Brother Keith Brown is the lay-leader of the SDB witness in Wolverhampton, England.

ENGLISH LAY-LEADER RECEIVES DEGREE

WOLVERHAMPTON, ENGLAND—Seventh Day Baptists have been meeting as an organized group for a couple of years in the city of Wolverhampton, north of Birmingham. The lay-leader of the witness there is Brother Keith M. Brown who has lived in England for some ten years.

During these years he has worked in various voluntary organizations doing generic social work in London and in the West Midlands. He attended Dudley Technical College and Bristol Polytechnic College where he read social sciences. He has now obtained the diploma in Applied Social Studies and the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work (SOSW). He is now employed by the Wolverhampton Local Authority.

Brother Brown is the main worker for Seventh Day Baptists in Wolverhampton and we offer him our sincere congratulations. May God continue to bless his efforts to extend the SDB witness in the Midlands. □

-Rev. A. L. Peat

VOCATIONS BULLETIN BOARD

We invite our readers to share job opportunities, desires, items of interest, etc., through our Vocations Bulletin Board.

Wanted: Christian lady as companion for elderly lady. Must be in good health, capable of doing light housework. References required. Telephone (417) 876-3771, El Dorado Springs, MO.

I am now available for evangelistic (series of revival services) or pastoral work. If interested please contact Pastor Gordon David Oliver, 213 Terrace Lane, Texarkana, TX 75503 (214) 794-6065.

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MARRIAGES

CAIN-ROGERS. — Perry Lee Cain and Christina R. Rogers, both of Salem, W. Va., were united in marriage at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 28, 1978 by the Rev. J. Paul Green.

CUSHMAN-MENZIE — Kenneth Paul Cushman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cushman of Pittsfield, Mass., and Karen Ann Menzie, daughter of (Ret.) Col. and Mrs. William R. Menzie of Maitland, Fla., were united in marriage May 20, 1978 in the First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Fla. Their home is in Colorado Springs, Colo.

JOHNSON-JENTOFT. — Glen S. Johnson, son of Robert and Barbara Johnson of Milton, Wis., and Vicki L. Jentoft of Beloit, Wis., were united in marriage at Camp Wakonda on June 24, 1978 with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating. They are making their home in Beloit, Wis.

LIPPINCOTT-NESS — Jerry N. Lippincott, son of Wayne and Ernestine Lippincott of Milton, Wis., and Becky Ness of Janesville, Wis., were united in marriage at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 10, 1978 with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating. They are making their home in Janesville, Wis.

MEATHRELL-PARROTT. — Carl Richard Meathrell and Margaret Mae Parrott, both of Salem, W. Va., were united in marriage at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer in Salem, W. Va., on May 20, 1978 by the Rev. J. Paul Green.

WENDLAND-BOND. — Curtis Wendland and Faye Bond of Fargo, N.D., were united in marriage on May 28, 1978, in Dodge Center, MN, by the pastor of the bride, Rev. L. Wayne Babcock.

BIRTHS

BARNES. — A son, James Randall, to James and Vickie (Ash) Barnes of Salem, W. Va., on March 3, 1978.

FALKENMEYER. — A son, Adam Benjamin, to David and Diane (Warner) Falkenmeyer of Verona, N.Y., on May 17, 1978.

JENSEN. — A son, Christian Gabriel, to Jack and Blanca Jensen of Riverside, Calif., on May 28, 1978.

JOHNSON. — A son, Geoffrey Philip, to Kenneth and Valerie (Crane) Johnson of Milton, Wis., on June 6, 1978.

WARNER. — A son, Jonathan Curtis, to Wayne and Constance Warner of Verona, N.Y., on June 14, 1978.

OBITUARIES

BOND. — E. Howard Bond, 82, died May 25, 1978 at Northcrest Nursing Home in Napoleon, Ohio.

He was born May 10, 1896, in Farina, Illinois, the son of W. H. and Clara (Green) Bond. His wife, Irene K., preceded him in death on November 9, 1977.

He was a retired Henry County Agricultural agent for 32 years and former director of the Community Bank. He attended St. Paul United Methodist Church in Napoleon. (He was a member of the Farina, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church.) He was a veteran of the United States Army of World War I. Mr. Bond was a member of the Liberty Center Blue Lodge #518, the Scottish Rite Valley of Toledo and the Bert G. Taylor Post #300 American Legion of Napoleon. He was a former member of the Napoleon Kiwanis Club, the Napoleon Water and Light Board and the Henry County Planning Commission. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he taught and coached for four years in Illinois. He then moved to Henry County, where he taught three years in the Liberty Center School system. In 1925 Ohio State University appointed him one of the early county agricultural agents in Ohio, and he served as Henry County Agent until retiring in 1957.

Surviving are one son, W. Howard Bond, Ann Arbor, Michigan; one daughter, Mrs. James (Meriel) Feller, Camarillo, California; two sisters, Mrs. John (Laura) Metzger, Wood River, Illinois, and Mrs. Gilbert (Hazel) Baugher, Alton, Illinois; and seven grandchildren. Preceding him in death were two brothers, Merle in 1925 and Wallace in 1978.

Funeral services were held May 27 at 3 p.m. at Walker Mortuary in Napoleon. Officiating was Reverend Norman Newman. Interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon. □

MARSDEN. — Lawrence W., son of Horatio and Eva Collins Marsden, was born February 8, 1893, in the Town of Albion, Wis., and died June 25, 1978, after a long illness.

Lawrence graduated from Edgerton High School and University of Wisconsin, Madison, agricultural short course. He was married in May 1916, to Ella Lintvedt. They farmed one year at Horicon and then returned to Albion. He farmed in the Albion area for many years and was employed as a salesman for Farmwell Spray Chemical Co. until his retirement. His wife, Ella, died in February 1946. He was united in marriage to Evelyn Slagg August 13, 1947, in Albion.

Mr. Marsden was a member of Albion and Milton Grange, Royal Neighbors, Albion Civic Club, Albion Historical Society and was a former member of the Albion School Board. He attended the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; two sons, Stanley and Duane, both of Albion; three daughters, Dorothy Fritz and Laurel Katz of Albion, and Barbara Newcomer of Broadhead; sixteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Roy of Cedarburg, and Kenneth of West Bend.

Funeral services were held in the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church June 27, 1978, with the pastor, Rev. A. A. Appel, officiating. Burial was in Albion Prairie Cemetery. Song service by Roselyn Geske, organist, and Gretta Bjornstad, soloist.

-A.A.A.

Seventh Day Baptist Ministries and Outreach

OUR WORLD MISSION

Budgetary Receipts for June 1978

Church or Group	1978		6 mos. total OWM and Reported Bds.
	Suggested Goals	June OWM	
Adams Center NY.....	\$ 1,698		\$ 413.50
Albion WI.....	2,038	106.85	930.23
Alfred NY.....	10,754	696.50	3,611.05
Alfred Station NY.....	6,792	509.04	1,834.42
Ashaway RI.....	8,603	472.80	2,773.57
Associations and Groups ..	9,056	290.19	6,387.15
Battle Creek MI.....	13,584		3,634.25
Bay Area CA.....	736	38.40	233.40
Berea WV.....	849		440.53
Berlin NY.....	4,528	230.50	1,482.68
Boulder CO.....	5,660	345.81	2,947.03
Brookfield NY.....	849		111.00
Central MD.....	2,547		300.00
Christ AR.....	679	114.90	394.59
Columbus OH.....	5,094		1,451.22
Dallas-Ft. Worth TX.....	276		113.28
Daytona Beach FL.....	4,754	360.83	2,270.07
Denver CO.....	19,244	1,112.84	5,822.62
DeRuyter NY.....	2,604		760.30
Dodge Center MN.....	7,358	1,474.40	2,818.16
Farina IL.....	1,358	52.81	352.81
Fouke AR.....	2,038	63.68	320.87
Hebron PA.....	2,830	303.97	1,151.97
Hopkinton RI.....	396		40.00
Houston TX.....	1,132	75.00	2,008.40
Individuals.....	3,396	200.00	573.10
Irvington NJ.....	2,830	1,050.00	2,275.00
Kansas City MO.....	2,264	89.75	422.33
Leonardsville NY.....	340		63.50
Little Genesee NY.....	3,622	756.75	2,078.67
Little Rock AR.....	679	15.00	103.17
Los Angeles CA.....	10,528	752.00	6,552.00
Lost Creek WV.....	5,660	540.00	2,220.00
Marlboro NJ.....	7,358		3,819.10
Middle Island WV.....	962	10.00	310.00
Milton WI.....	26,036	1,720.55	9,329.21
Milton Junction WI.....			321.00
New Auburn WI.....	2,830	196.86	657.29

New York NY.....	1,698		300.00
North Jersey NJ.....	2,830	221.06	845.45
North Loup NE.....	9,056		2,994.77
Nortonville KS.....	5,094	461.90	2,141.97
Paint Rock AL.....	1,924	5.00	368.54
Phoenix AZ.....	379		40.00
Plainfield NJ.....	8,490	1,315.85	4,281.87
Putnam County FL.....	849		
Richburg NY.....	3,679	188.25	1,683.58
Riverside CA.....	14,942	1,104.34	6,039.25
Rockville RI.....	792	61.00	198.75
Salem WV.....	8,490	378.16	3,065.54
Salemville PA.....	2,264		120.00
Schenectady NY.....	679	10.00	159.18
Seattle WA.....	3,736	128.48	955.11
Shiloh NJ.....	16,414	1,993.71	5,086.66
Stonefort IL.....	1,132	30.00	190.00
Sunshine Mountain MS.....	57		20.00
Texarkana AR.....	566	57.71	220.89
Upper East Tenn. TN.....	375	52.37	165.58
Verona NY.....	3,962	245.00	1,529.30
Walworth WI.....	2,490	100.00	710.00
Washington DC.....	2,547	127.00	1,032.00
Waterford CT.....	4,528	155.00	1,078.75
Westerly RI.....	9,056		2,538.59
White Cloud MI.....	2,038	155.14	988.60
Budget.....		\$18,480.40	\$108,081.85
Non-Budget.....		46.50	
Total To Disburse.....		\$18,526.90	

JUNE SUMMARY

1978 Budget.....		\$298,504.00
Receipts for six months:		
OWM Treasurer.....	\$94,942.27	
Boards Reported.....	13,139.58	108,081.85
To be raised by December 31, 1978.....		\$190,422.15
Percentage of year elapsed.....		50%
Percentage of budget raised.....		36.2%
Six months: Due.....		\$149,251.99
Raised.....		\$108,081.85
Arrears.....		\$ 41,170.14

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

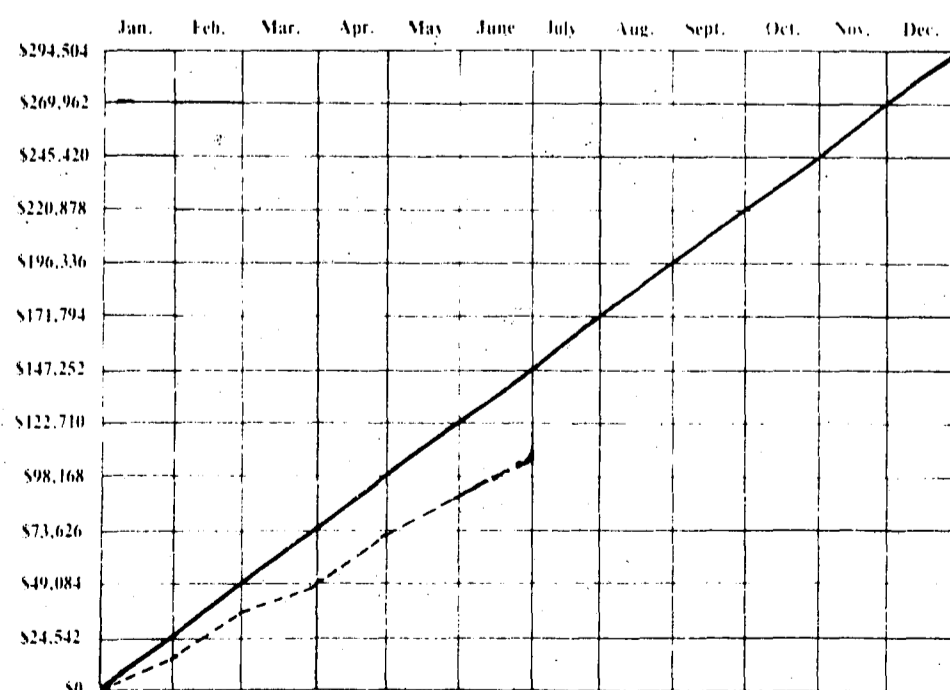
We began the year of 1978 with an air of expectation. We want to bear fruit. We are encouraged by new churches, new ministries, the number of newly-ordained ministers. We look forward to fellowship and an enlarged vision through the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation meetings.

YET, WE ARE HANDICAPPED!

We are the runner running toward the finish line. This finish line, this goal is dependent upon our meeting the financial obligations of Our World Mission established last year at Conference. And we are handicapped. We have not provided the sustenance which is needed. We have placed a weight upon our runner because we have not provided adequate financial support. We can free him of that weight by giving freely, perhaps sacrificially. May our Conference offering remove the ball and chain that is holding our runner back so that we move forward to the "glory of God." IT DEPENDS UPON YOU!

Will you give "an over and above gift" substantial enough to meet our goals, to enlarge our vision and to enable us to move forward "To Bear Fruit" for Christ and His Kingdom? □

-Earl Cruzan



Editorial

PRAYER POWER HOUR

You know it and I know it — we do not spend enough time in prayer! We are told in James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Moffatt translates this verse, "the prayers of the righteous have a powerful effect."

When you pray do you really spend time pouring out your heart before God's throne? Well, perhaps we all do when faced with a crisis situation, but probably most of us would admit a certain laxness in prayer during good times. Do we pray fervently — seeking power from God? We are told that our fervent prayers have a powerful effect. No doubt we would all agree that we need power in our lives, more power in our local church, power and greater vision across the denomination. If that is our need then let's join together to seek it — praying fervently.

Prayer is indeed a powerful weapon against the forces of discouragement, apathy and evil. E. M. Bounds in his book *Purpose in Prayer* writes: "The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil everywhere. Prayer, in one phase of its operation, is a disinfectant and a preventive. It purifies the air; it destroys the contagion of evil. Prayer is no fitful, short-lived thing. It is a voice which goes into God's ear, and it lives as long as God's ear is open to holy pleas, as long as God's heart is alive to holy things."

We know there is power from people praying together for a special blessing or for a specific request. God has always heard the prayers of His people and continues to do so today — but we must seek Him.

Perhaps it is good to restudy those passages that serve as guides to prayer.

How To Pray

Luke 18:1
Matthew 7:7,8
Ephesians 6:18
Matthew 26:41
1 Peter 4:7

Conditions for Answers to Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:14
Proverbs 28:9
Psalm 37:7
John 14:13
Hebrews 11:6
Mark 11:24
1 John 5:14, 15

God Is Able To Answer Prayer

Hebrews 7:25
Ephesians 3:20
Philippians 4:19

Jesus' Prayer for You and Me

John 17:1, 3, 15, 16-26

Let us make prayer a priority in our daily lives as we seek a fresh infilling of God's power. Furthermore, we would invite you to join our denominational headquarters staff in our Prayer Power Hour each Monday morning at 10:00 EST. Compare your time zone with that in the East and plan your activities so that you can have a few moments to join with us and your brothers and sisters across the country as together we seek the leading of the Lord for ourselves, our local church, and the denomination.

You may wish to send in a specific prayer request and we invite you to send it to any denominational executive here in Plainfield or just to Prayer Power Hour, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, N.J. 07061. God will bless His people as together we seek His blessing and leading. Pray for Power! □

SELECTED PRAYER THOUGHTS

Count it a blessing when God delays the answer to your prayer in order to enlarge your capacity to receive.

The equipment for the inner life of prayer is simple. It consists of a quiet place, a quiet hour and a quiet heart.

I judge that my prayer is more than the devil himself; if it were otherwise, Luther would have fared differently long before this. Yet men will not see and acknowledge the great wonders or miracles God works in my behalf. If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith. -Martin Luther.

I believe that the old cliché, "God helps those who help themselves," is not only misleading but often dead wrong. My most spectacular answers to prayers have come when I was so helpless, so out of control as to be able to do nothing at all for myself. -Catherine Marshall.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. -1 John 5:14, 15.

You know the value of prayer: it is precious beyond all price. Never, never neglect it.

-Sir Thomas Buxton

WHEREAS: The ministry of the American Sabbath Tract Society could not be effectively accomplished without the assistance of those who voluntarily give of their time and energy in service to the work of the Lord, and,

WHEREAS: certain members have completed twenty years or more of service to this Board; Charles F. Harris — 36 years; Charles H. North — 30 years; Anna C. North — 28 years; Charles H. Bond — 20 years; and

WHEREAS: all of the aforementioned individuals have distinguished themselves by their commitment to Christ through Seventh Day Baptists by participation in service to this Board, to their local church, to the denomination as well as in loving service to their Master,

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that this Board express appreciation to Charles F. Harris, Charles H. North, Anna C. North and Charles H. Bond for their faithful service and commend them as they continue to serve. We praise God for their dedication and pray His richest blessings upon them.

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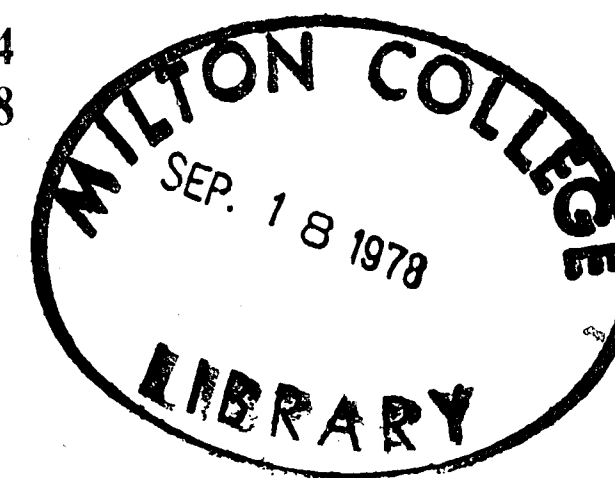
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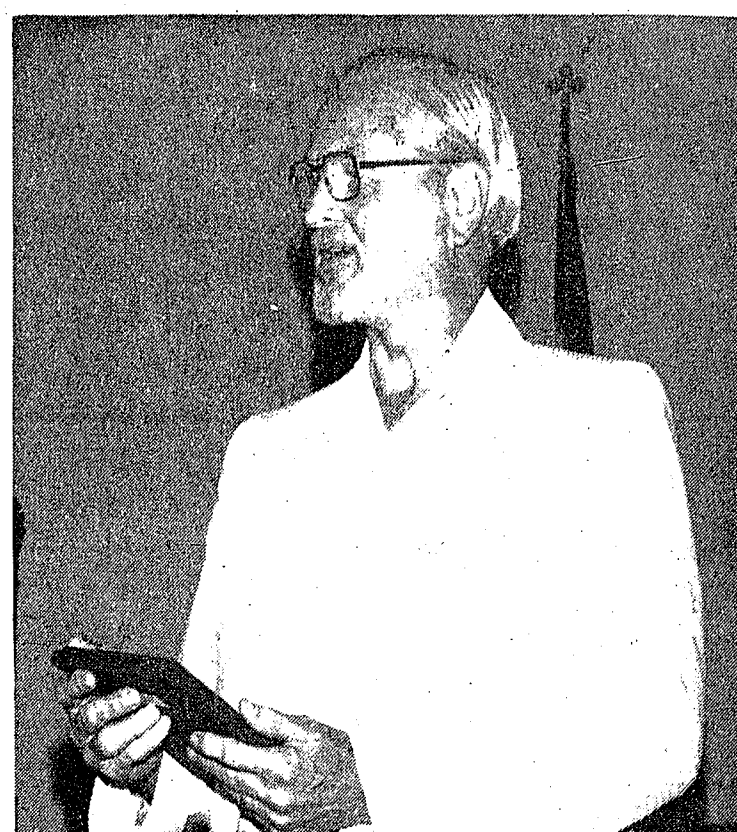
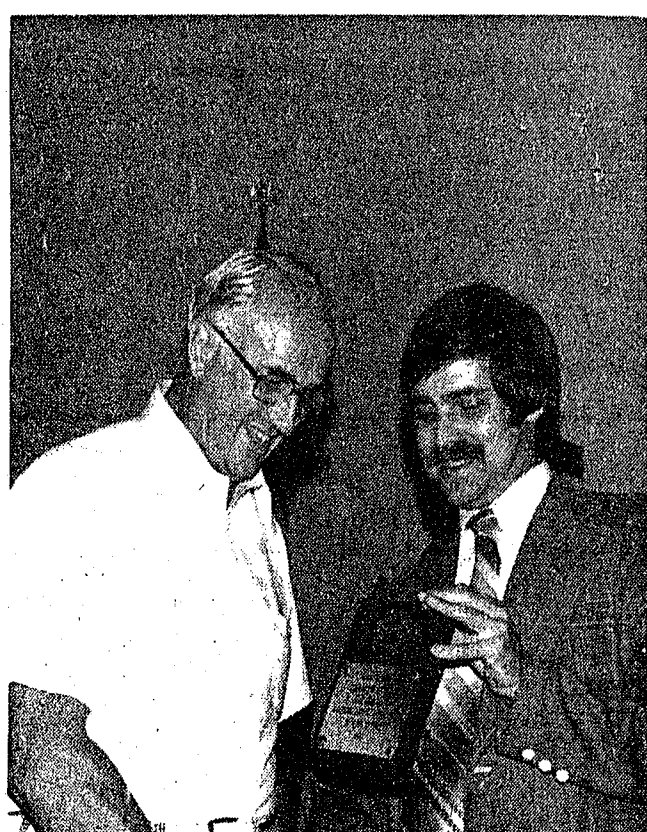
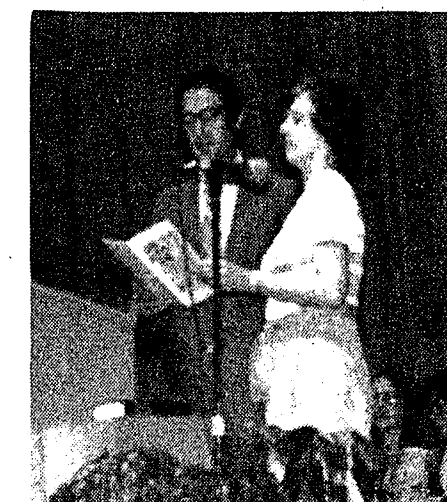
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At the July 16 meeting of the Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society, four were honored for service to the publishing work of Seventh Day Baptists. The four have a combined total of 114 years service! The board passed a resolution of appreciation in services held at the Marlboro, NJ, SDB Church.

Publishing Director John D. Bevis presented awards to Charles F. Harris, Charles H. North, Anna C. North and Charles H. Bond. Charles Harris and Charles North both have served the Board as president, Charles Bond is current president. Anna North is chairman of the publications committee.

