

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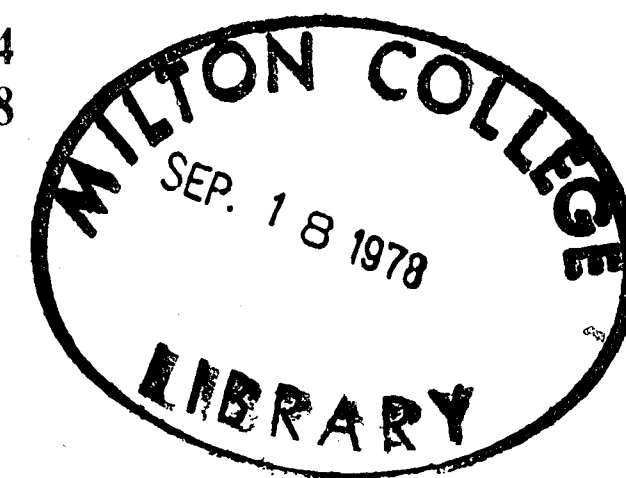
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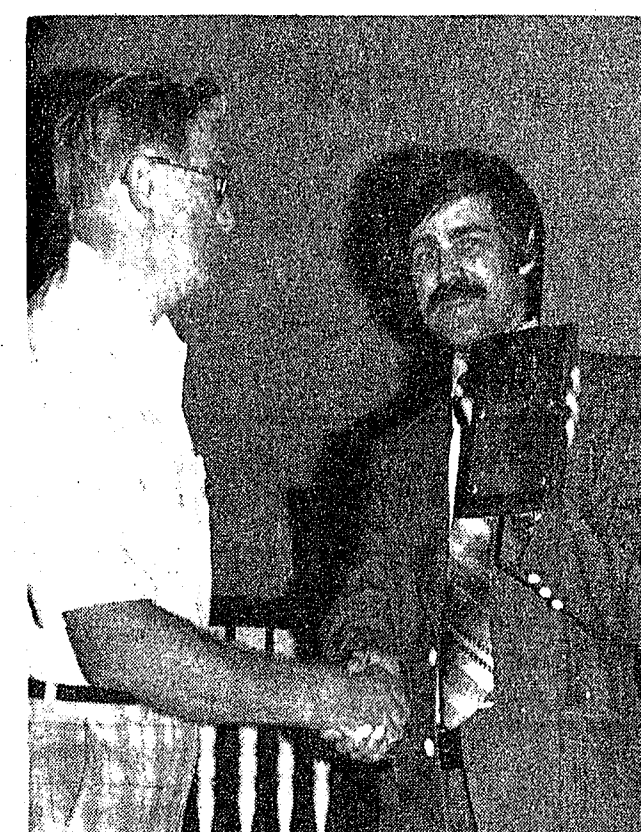
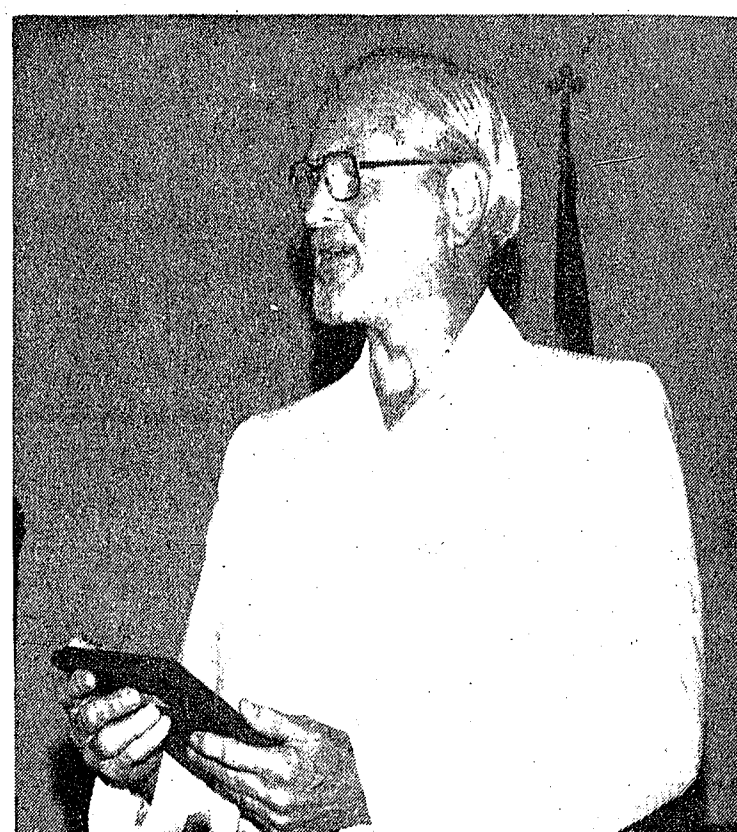
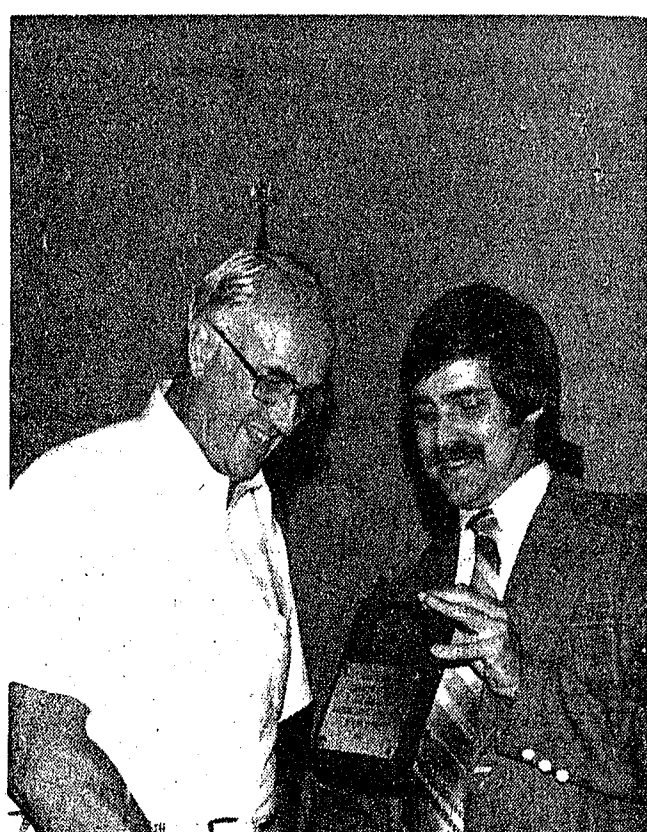
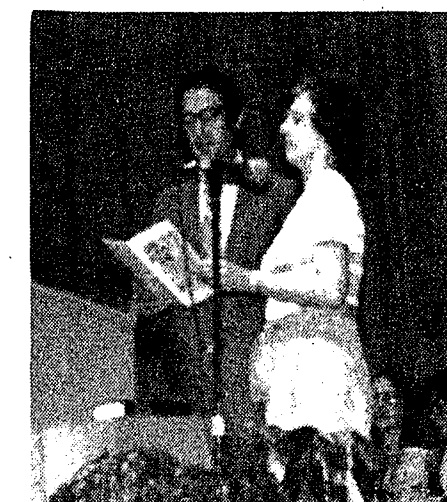
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At the July 16 meeting of the Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society, four were honored for service to the publishing work of Seventh Day Baptists. The four have a combined total of 114 years service! The board passed a resolution of appreciation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



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### VOCATIONS BULLETIN BOARD

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

**NEEDED:** Physician to take over established family practice, rural community near military base, 20 miles north of Memphis, Tenn. Opportunity to relate to new Seventh Day Baptist witness in the Memphis area. Contact: Mrs. Jennie Munn (901) 872-8577.

### PRAYER POWER HOUR

We invite you to join in our Prayer Power Hour held each Monday morning at 10:00 EST at denominational headquarters in Plainfield, N.J. If you have a specific request you would like to share with our headquarters staff please send it in. Whether you are in California, Texas, Minnesota, or Rhode Island, you can join us in prayer where you are in your own time zone. Let us pray for power in our own lives, in our local church situation and across the denomination. May God bless and guide as we seek a new filling of His spirit. □

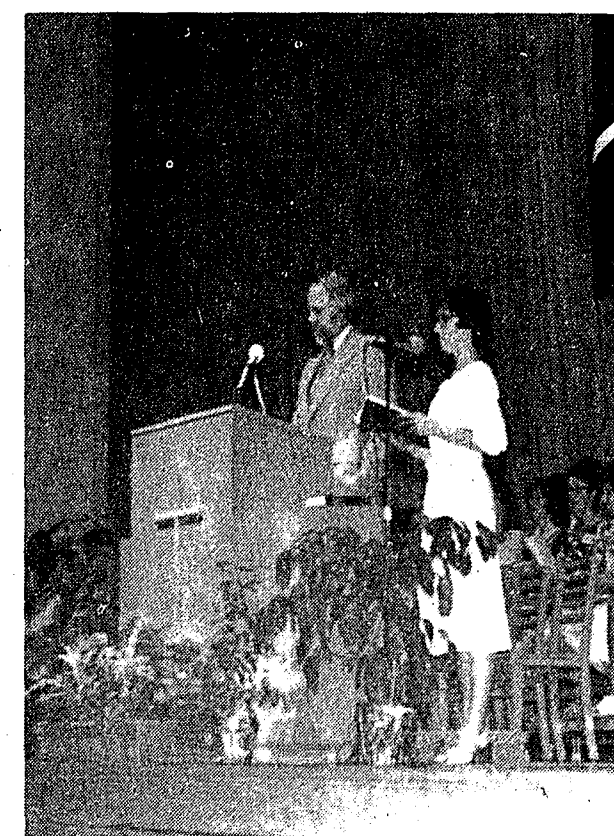
# 166TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## HOUGHTON COLLEGE HOUGHTON, NEW YORK



The opening session included an inspiring parade of flags from 22 nations where SDB's have a witness.

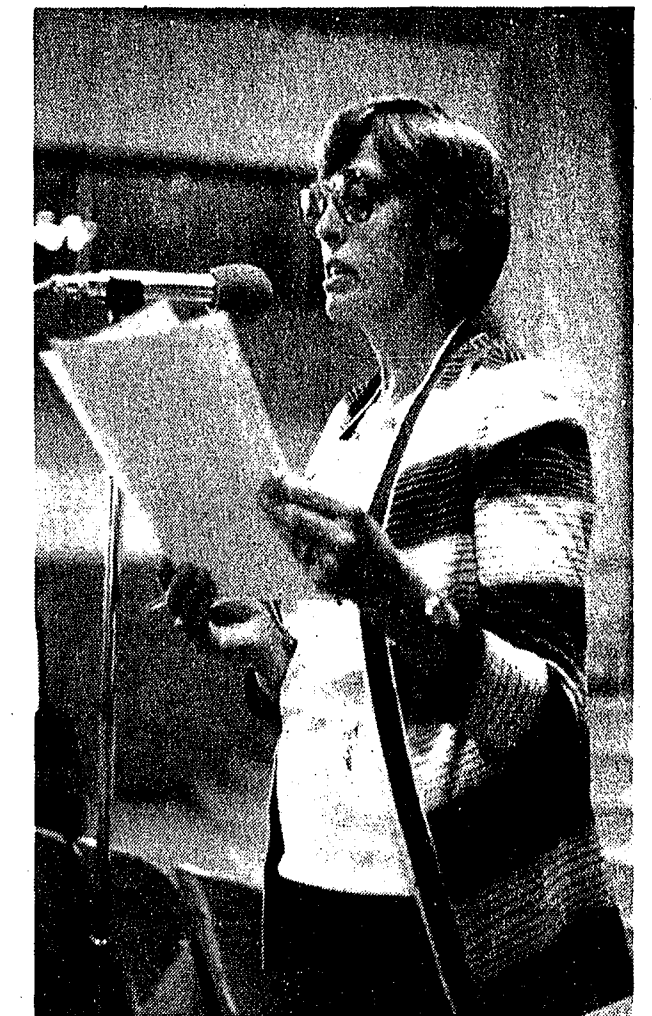
Rev. Dale D. Thorngate, assisted by his wife Janet, conducted the Tuesday evening worship service.



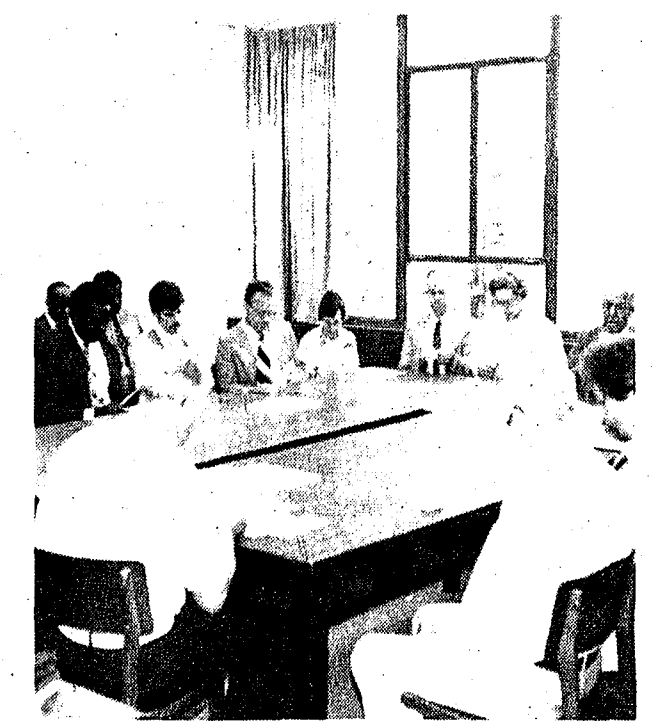
Music is always an important part of Conference. The Dutch delegation presented several songs in Dutch and English.



Rev. and Mrs. John G. Schmid are shown ready to enjoy another delicious Houghton College meal.



Mrs. Mae Lewis of Alfred Station, NY, served as recording secretary. Keeping exact records of the proceedings is an important job.



Conference interest committee sessions were always opened with prayer.

Dr. Edward J. Horsley, Dr. Carl George, Dr. Kenneth E. Smith and President Richard D. Shepard made presentations the first day of Conference.





- Foreign delegates and returned missionaries participated in the Sunday evening parade of flags from twenty-two nations.
- Gary Cox leads the singing under the banner prepared by the ladies of the Denver, CO, church.
- Pastor Edward Barrar of New Zealand confers with former *Sabbath Recorder* editor Leon R. Maltby.

The following churches were welcomed into Conference membership:

1. First SDB Church of Upper East Tennessee, Blountville, TN.
2. First SDB Church of Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX.
3. First SDB Church of Houston, TX.
4. Pine Street Gospel Chapel (SDB), Middletown, CT.
5. Christ SDB Church, Little Rock, AR.
6. Central SDB Church, Upper Marlboro, MD.

Conference voted that the Headquarters Location Research Committee, chaired by Dr. Keith Davis, should be retained as a vehicle through which "further input can be channeled, and which could act as a screening committee for any potential location which might become available."

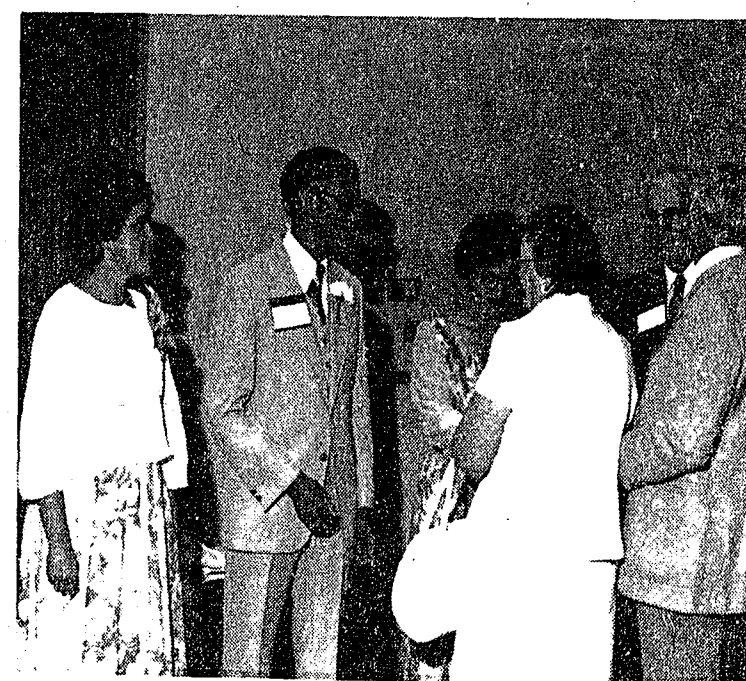
Dean Herbert Saunders reported some interesting statistics regarding our ministry. Since 1975, SDB's have had nineteen new pastors. Five new pastors have been ordained in the past two months, six new pastors are serving in six new churches. This past year there were fourteen students in seminary; seven have now graduated.

The following pastors were accredited by the General Conference this year: Rev. Gordon P. Lawton, serving the First Hopkinton Church in Ashaway, RI; Rev. Helen R. Green, serving the De Ruyter, N.Y., church; and Rev. Dale D. Thorngate serving the Columbus, Ohio, church.

Scott Smith served as a very capable editor of the *Crier*, Conference news publication. Scott and his staff are to be commended for a job well done.

Seminars were conducted on four subjects and proved to be popular with Conference-goers this year. Administration — Bob and Lorna Austin; Faith — Dorothy Parrott; Leadership — Charles and Anita Harris; Giving — Dick Shepard and Ernest Bond.

Copies of "Bearing the Fruit," the Conference theme song with words by Janet Thorngate are available by writing to the Publishing House.



## LOVE GIFT

The Women's Society Conference "love gift" offering was some \$1,250.00. The allocation has been made to aid three projects: one-half will go to Sunshine Mountain; one-eighth to the Baptist World Alliance program for the immunization of children against disease; and three-eighths will go toward special projects in our newly-organized churches in the U.S. □

On the night after the Sabbath President William R. (Bob) Austin presented the theme for 1978-79, "If you have love, all men will know that you are my disciples." The theme verse is John 13:35. Mr. Austin will be sharing his plans and goals for the year through the pages of the *Sabbath Recorder* and by visits to churches and associational meetings. Let us pray that God will continue to guide Bob, and his wife Lorna, as they lead us in coming months.

Conference voted to accept the plan proposed by the Committee on Support and Retirement (COSAR) that the present retirement plan for ordained and unordained be changed to an annuity plan with the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund on January 1, 1979, contingent upon a two-thirds majority approval of the churches as churches by November 1, 1978. COSAR was charged to develop a method of assuring equitable retirement for ministers of smaller churches.

An Our World Mission budget of \$325,000 was approved for 1979. However, since the current year's receipts are greatly in arrears the following was voted: "If the OWM budget for 1978 is not satisfactorily met as determined by the General Council, an alternate budget of \$302,915 will be implemented by the General Council on January 1, 1979."

In addition to our World Federation delegates several fraternal delegates were present at Conference: Dr. Lee B. Satterfield, president of the North American Baptist Men's Fellowship; Elder C. Dunbar Henri, Seventh-day Adventists; Dr. Arthur C. Borden, American Bible Society; and Mr. Gilbert Sanford, *The Sabbath Sentinel*.

## OFFICERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

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## NEWLY ELECTED TO GENERAL COUNCIL

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 Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn, Coudersport, PA

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Terms expiring 1981 — George Cruzan  
 — Charles F. Harris  
 — Garth Warner

## COUNCIL ON MINISTRY

Terms expiring 1981 — Leland W. Bond  
 — Rev. C. Rex Burdick

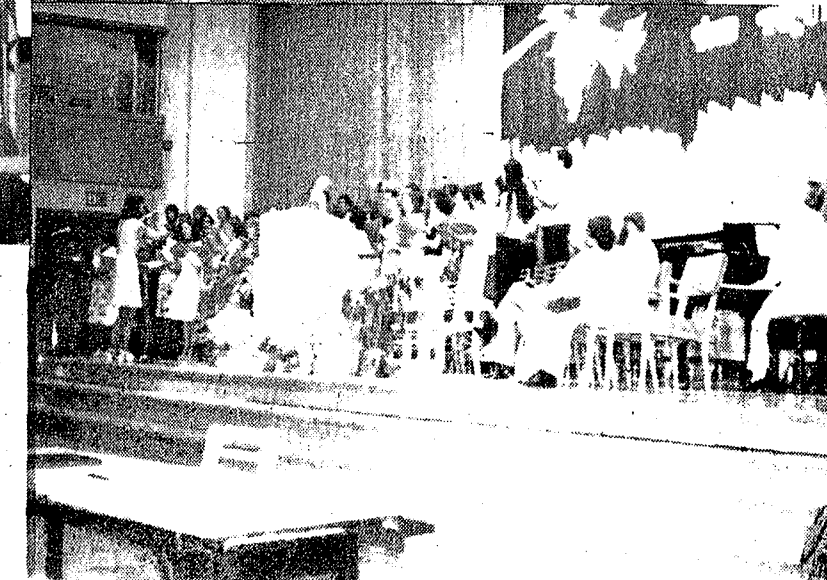
The Women's Society reception honored the foreign women as well as Mrs. Agnes Bond.



Rev. Leon Lawton welcomes missionaries to Malawi, Audrey and Menzo Fuller. The Fullers plan to return to Africa later this month.



The Conference choir was ably directed by Miss Ann Williams of Madison, WI. Special selections were presented each evening with a concert on Saturday evening. The choir was composed of members from churches all across the country, Holland, and Germany.



Dr. Carl George

# THE DEVELOPING CHURCH

by Rev. S. Kenneth Davis

At the end of his ministry, during his imprisonment in Rome, the apostle Paul wrote (and, personally, I think he was a little amazed himself), "I can do all things God wants me to through Christ who keeps pouring his power into me." He had found the source of inexhaustible power. He had discovered in all sorts of conditions and circumstances in life — including being left for dead — that he had grown in Christ to the point that Christ in him was equal to every situation. He triumphantly witnessed to the immeasurable resources that were his when he was totally Christ's — once he had grown to that point. He gave due credit for that invincible ability to live and serve contentedly and usefully and victoriously. But he did *not* have these resources until he had pressed on, until he had run with patience the race set before him, until he had plenty of exercise in following and serving.

God's grace is sufficient to do whatever He wants us to; and the grace grows and our strength grows and the assignments grow in direct proportion to our willingness to develop. You and I both know that spiritual development is requisite, both personally and in the church, to the fullness of joy that Jesus wanted us to have. We know, too, that spiritual development is the only way to the peace that passes understanding. And we know that spiritual development is a mandate from our Lord and points us toward a quality of life and victory in life that glorifies and pleases God — and ultimately can be measured in quantitative growth in the church.

I believe those are axiomatic. The problem is that *talking* about development does precious little toward arriving at the goal. A strong, healthy body is not the product of *wishing* for a strong, healthy body. It is, rather, the by-product of a way of life that includes proper food, plenty of rest, and proper exercise. Drinking soda pop and slouching in

front of a TV set — even if it's Jack La Lanne that's on TV — will never produce an athlete's body.

That's the biggest problem — paying the price. Yes, I want a body like that. No, I am not willing to pay the price, for it comes only through discipline and work and perseverance.

The other problem is that development comes so slowly and quietly — almost imperceptibly. And it is easy to get discouraged. The Holy Spirit works within the Church the same way fruit trees grow. You don't say in the Spring, "Looks like we're going to have a good season. I can hear the fruit trees clapping their branches together and jumping around." No, we know the fruit is being produced because we see steady, silent growth of buds and then blossoms and finally, after lots of rain and sunshine, after hours of careful cultivating and pruning, with no evidence of fruit but lots of evidence of blisters and callouses, at long last appear tiny, green, insignificant bumps that will one day be lucious fruit.

I wonder if every young child has not had to go through the experience of planting a seed one day and then digging it up the next day to find out why it hasn't blossomed. How often that is repeated in the church.

A member of one of our Sabbath School classes commented some time ago that she couldn't see that the church was growing — in spite of the fact that there are new members in her Sabbath School class, church attendance is up, and the membership has increased. I gave her a special invitation to attend the reception of three new church members two weeks ago, but she declined. I expressed surprise. "You're not going downstairs to greet the new members of our family?" I asked.

"There goes *my* family," she

retorted, pointing to her young child walking out the door. And she followed him.

Requisites to developing are to want enough to invest yourself in it and then being willing to recognize development when you see it.

## THE LESSON FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Granting that much, I would like to share with you the first twelve verses of Ephesians 4. I am sure you have plowed this ground more than once during our years of emphasis on church growth and spiritual gifts. Nevertheless, perhaps we'll turn up some buried treasure if we plow it once more.

Ephesians 4: 1-12.

The development of the church (as well as of the individual) may well depend on the degree to which we apply this Scripture. Paul has been describing in the previous chapters in glowing terms the calling that is ours. Here he gets to the nitty gritty — the obligations (or privileges, if you like that better) that are ours because of that calling. Notice that he does not say we are to be worthy of that vocation. There is no way we can *be* worthy. But we *can walk* worthy of it.

## DEVELOPING A CHRISTIAN WALK

How do you walk worthy of being the "King's kid"? What kind of pomp-and-circumstance stature would you need to portray? When I graduated from high school we spent considerable time practicing how to walk in half steps in order to give proper dignity to such an auspicious occasion in recognition of our noble achievement. So, what kind of airs and arrogance are proper for the "King's kid"? How do we show that we are a cut above the rest of the world? I suppose we should have been ready for the response since Paul had parenthetically



Rev. S. Kenneth Davis



Going to worship in the college chapel.

mentioned being a "prisoner of the Lord," but it still comes something as a shock that the *first* qualities mentioned should be lowliness and meekness. But Paul knew that they were as essential to the healthy development of the church then as they are now. Our unity in the Holy Spirit comes closer to being sabotaged by pride and self-conceit than by any other cause. If you, at any point in your committee deliberations this past week, began to wonder about the unity that is ours because of strife or debate or taking sides or pressure to belong — think back: wasn't the basic cause pride? In Galatians 5:20, enumerated among the sins to avoid are: "constant effort to get the best for yourself, complaints and criticisms, the feeling that everyone else is wrong except those in your little group." That's the way the Living Bible's paraphrase states it. And there is nothing that keeps the developing church from developing faster more than these. Little wonder, then, that Paul in our Scripture started with lowliness and meekness. The evil tendency to divide the church into parties was evident almost from the beginning. Christians were saying, "I'm of Cephas." "I'm of Paul." "I'm of Apollos." "I have a spiritual gift and you don't." In the developing church there is no room for vainglory. Insofar as it intrudes upon our motives, it destroys the visible unity that is all that the world sees of the spiritual unity that the Holy Spirit has so carefully given the Church. *We* know the unity is there and, after all is said and done, we know the Holy Spirit will keep that unity, but it is nonetheless up to us to keep it in the bond of peace so it will be easily recognized as unity. "See how those Christians love each other!"



Pastor Davis urges the Sabbath congregation to work toward the full development of the church.



## DEVELOPING PRIORITIES

Notice, too, that the *first* emphasis in this Scripture is on fruit of the Spirit — love, peace, long-suffering, patience, meekness. The spiritual gifts come a little later. We have been working diligently at discovering our gifts, exercising our gifts, trying to understand Paul's lists of those gifts and whether the list is exclusive or inclusive and if they are rightfully divided into types and if some were meant for all or whether the Spirit just distributes them as He wills. But when the Holy Spirit's ministry in the area of gifts is perverted by being kept separate from the fruit, in that moment we discover that the gifts themselves can be disruptive

and divisive. "I got an electric train for Christmas. You mean yours only winds up?"

One dear old saint in commenting about her pastor's sermons remarked, "I believe every word he says, but the way he says it makes me wish I didn't." It is possible to possess spiritual gifts and still be next to impossible to live with. What is missing? The fruit of the Spirit. And while gifts differ from Christian to Christian, *every* Christian is expected to exhibit the fruit. Paul's famous love chapter, the "more excellent way," is found right in the middle of a discourse on gifts.

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## SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

### Introduction

Over a century and a half ago, Seventh Day Baptists migrated into the peaceful valleys of the Appalachians in one of our greatest periods of growth. New churches were planted wherever families settled and shared their faith and convictions with their neighbors. A by-product of this migration was the establishment of General Conference which, as Henry Clarke wrote in 1811, was a renewal of yearly meetings "to enlarge our charity and strengthen the bonds of union and fellowship." This effort was "an attempt to make them more useful and methodical by giving them a degree of order and consistency."\*

Today, among those same hills, Seventh Day Baptists have again assembled to enlarge charity, and to strengthen bonds of unity and fellowship. We have again entered into a period of increased emphasis on growth and the planting of new churches in areas where a new type of migration has called a mobile society into new homes where once again our distinctives may be shared.

In our deliberations the voice of the past has been echoed in the present as one of our newest ministers, Rev. Dale Thorngate, has observed that the successes of previous times of growth came when five essential elements were present:

1. VISION  
of what is to be done
2. LEADERSHIP  
with authority, to carry out the Vision
3. FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
4. Ability to COMMUNICATE  
the Vision
5. Proper TIMING

Commission meeting in session in Little Genesee, N.Y., July 30-August 4, 1978, has attempted to react responsibly to the visions of church growth which many have caught throughout the land.

In accepting the responsibility delegated to Commission by the General Conference bylaws to "provide creative leadership and initiative for Seventh Day Baptists," we have become increasingly aware that to deal with priorities and to channel resources efficiently into effective programs, the decision-making process must be vested with denominational leadership which is attuned to God's direction and sensitive to individual needs.

Our stewardship commitments in the preparation of a unified budget have led us to an awareness of the need for translating vision into the response which will provide the necessary financial base for enactment.

A very necessary role of Commission is as a communicative agent in providing liaison between General Conference and related agencies as well as to represent the General Conference as a whole. We have further envisioned communication to be both internal and external involving all Seventh Day Baptists in making our name and mission known in an ever-enlarging field of witness.

We are convinced that the proper



Lightbearers for Christ Team

time is already upon us to proceed full steam ahead in the further implementation of our Commitment to Growth through a unified program projected for our denomination.

### Seventh Day Baptist World Federation

Commission welcomes the delegates of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation to the 1978 annual session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, U.S.A., and commends its officers for effecting this year's meeting of the World Federation held at Alfred, New York, August 2-6, 1978.

May our common love of Christ and of His Kingdom work be the bond which results in a feeling of concern and brotherhood that unites us in carrying out more effectively "the Great Commission." We trust God will continue His blessing and guidance that the World Federation organization may continually grow stronger, the number of member conferences increase, and each member conference be blessed both in spiritual and numerical growth.

### Consideration of Reports

Through the perspective of Commitment to Growth, Commission has reviewed denominational correspondence and reports as well as the overall work of the officers of General Conference and the related agencies. We rejoice in a number of areas where the vision of outreach, nurture, and support have been made which contribute to Commitment to Growth priority. We encourage a continuation of these as well as exploration into additional new, imaginative and creative avenues which will lift up and challenge both individuals and churches to greater commitment. □

\*Clarke, Henry: *A History of the Sabbatarians or Seventh Day Baptists in America*, 1811, p. 68f.

## A Step Toward Reorganization....

# GENERAL COUNCIL FORMED

For some time Seventh Day Baptists have been involved in a study of their organizational structure. Many plans and ideas have been studied as to how best to accomplish the work of Christ through His Church at this point in time. Last year at Clarksville, Arkansas, a "Study Group" was organized to continue to work of the "Task Force" in the development of at least initial steps in denominational reorganization. A very complete study was made and written reports mailed to every Seventh Day Baptist as well as copies to each church. This "Study Group Report" at the Houghton Conference was given to the Committee on Reference and Counsel. Their report follows:

"As the Committee on Reference and Counsel discussed the report of the Study Group and observed actions of the General Conference taken in recent years, it appears to be the desire of the Conference to move toward a more unified form of denominational organization."

"Although we agree in principle with the proposed plan of the Study Group, the committee feels that the General Council as proposed by the Committee on Reference and Counsel would be a more effective and economically practical body."

The following recommendations were then passed by the delegates representing the member churches of the General Conference.

Conference approved changes in the bylaws, as proposed by the Study Group, deleting the sections dealing with the composition of the General Council.

The following was then voted in regard to the composition of the General Council.

"There shall be a General Council of the General Conference herein

called the General Council, which shall be composed of twelve voting members. They shall be the president, president-elect of General Conference and four additional members elected at large, the executive vice-president of the Missionary Board, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, dean of the Council on Ministry, publishing director of the American Sabbath Tract Society, historian of the SDB Historical Society and president of the Women's Society. (Article VII, Section I.)

### Election of General Council Members (Article VII, Section 2)

"The executive vice-president of the Missionary Board, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, dean of the Council on Ministry, publishing director of the American Sabbath Tract Society, historian of the SDB Historical Society and president of the Women's Society are members ex officio. Six members at large, including the president and president-elect, would be elected for three-year terms or until their successors are duly elected. Two members shall be elected each year and hold office for three years, or until their successors are elected, so that the terms of two members shall expire each year. No elected member may serve longer than six consecutive years. Vacancies of the at large members which may occur because of death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled for the unexpired term, either by the General Conference in regular session or by the General Council ad interim. The at large members consisting of clergy and laity shall be as widely distributed geographically as may be practicable."

At this time the president called for the vote by churches, with each church having opportunity to cast its quota of votes. With 520 votes "Yes" and 81 votes "No," the bylaw changes were approved.

## EXECUTIVES TO LOCATE AT HEADQUARTERS

Conference then voted approval to relocate all paid executives to the national headquarters. The approved motion reads: "In order to facilitate more effective administration, communication and planning, we recommend that the General Conference in cooperation with the affected boards and agencies make plans to locate the principle office of all salaried executives of the denomination at denominational headquarters with a target date of January 1, 1980 for completing the transition."

The recommendation "that General Conference ask related boards and agencies to consider their constitutions and/or charters and bylaws in light of this Conference action and to make changes to conform to this concept" was approved.

### FULL-CIRCLE STUDY

The recommendation that "General Conference endorse the concept of 'Full Circle' administration by related agencies and that the General Council begin planning its implementation with a target date of January 1, 1983 for completion of reorganization."

The president clarified that this recommendation would direct the General Council to begin planning its implementation of "Full Circle" administration, and plans made by the General Council have to be brought to General Conference for approval by a two-thirds vote before they could be implemented. □

### YOUNG ADULT PRE-CON CHOIR

On Tuesday night after the worship service, the Young Adult Pre-Con Choir presented a concert. The thirty-five young people were very capably conducted by Stephen Thorngate II in a wide variety of classical and contemporary music.

The majority of the pieces was from the early American period with two powerful numbers: "Let Thy Holy Presence" and "Salvation Is Created," by Russian composer Tschesnokoff. Other pieces were: "In Remembrance" from *Celebrate Life*, "Easter Anthem," by William Billings, and others. The service included Scripture readings, poetry and a testimony by Lisa Powell. □

-Crier.

## TRACT BOARD MEETS AT MARLBORO

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met July 16, 1978, at the Marlboro, N.J., Seventh Day Baptist Church. The committees dealt with various items of business at 10:00 a.m. A special meeting was called by Publishing Director John D. Bevis at 11:30. At that time four members were honored for their service to the board: Charles F. Harris — 36 years; Charles H. North — 30 years; Anna C. North — 28 years and Charles H. Bond — 20 years. All of these individuals have given much of their time and energy to the publication work of Seventh Day Baptists over the years. Charles F. Harris and Charles H. North are former presidents of the board; Charles H. Bond is the current president and Anna C. North is chairman of the publications committee. In the afternoon meeting the board voted a resolution of appreciation (see August *Sabbath Recorder*).

The publishing director reported a very active quarter with 18,380 tracts distributed and 127 enrolled in the Bible courses. He reported extensive correspondence totaling 367. Newly-published items included the Week of Prayer booklets for 1979 and a directory of churches and fellowships in the U.S.

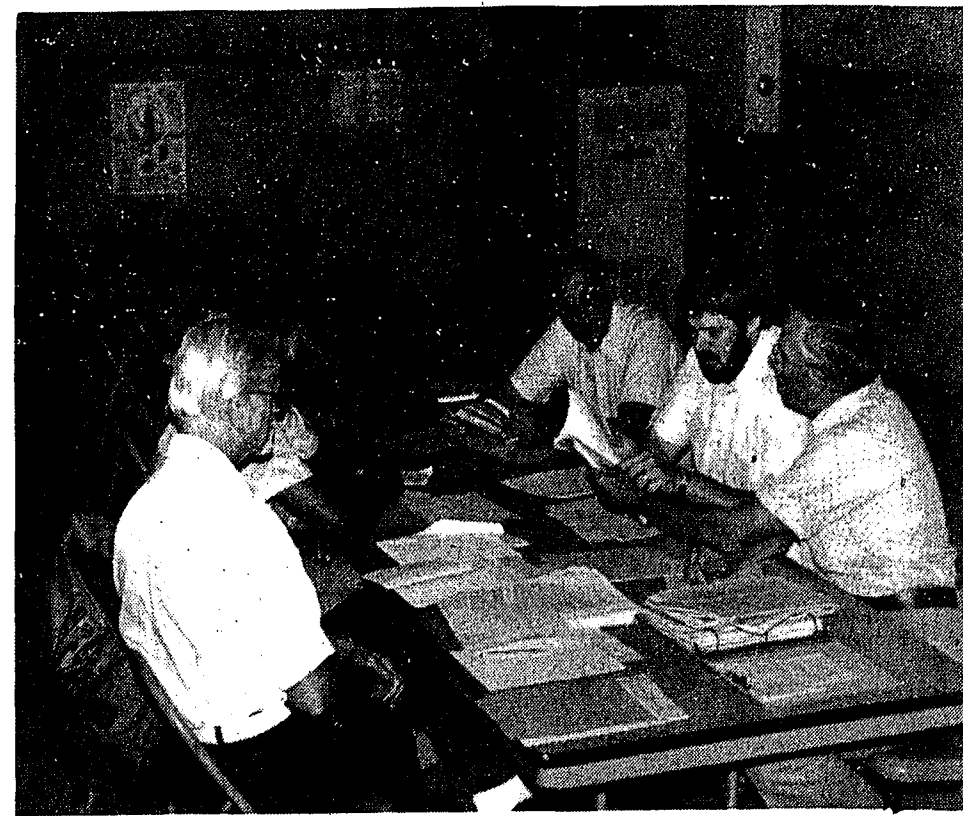
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Considerable time was spent in the field working with SDB churches and individuals in Basking Ridge, N.J.; Irvington, N.J.; New York City, N.Y.; Alfred Station, N.Y.; Westerly, R.I.; and Upper Marlboro, Md.

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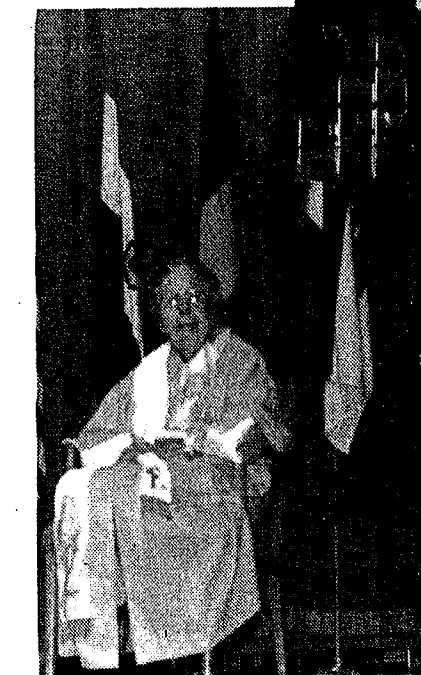
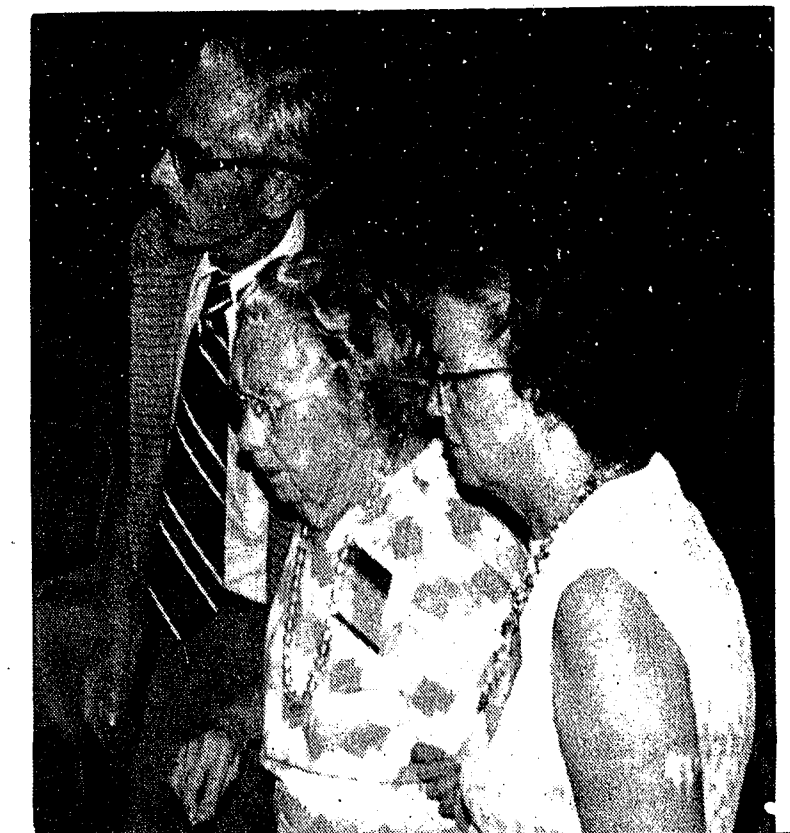
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The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met July 16, 1978, at the Marlboro, N.J., Seventh Day Baptist Church. The committees dealt with various items of business at 10:00 a.m. A special meeting was called by Publishing Director John D. Bevis at 11:30. At that time four members were honored for their service to the board: Charles F. Harris — 36 years; Charles H. North — 30 years; Anna C. North — 28 years and Charles H. Bond — 20 years. All of these individuals have given much of their time and energy to the publication work of Seventh Day Baptists over the years. Charles F. Harris and Charles H. North are former presidents of the board; Charles H. Bond is the current president and Anna C. North is chairman of the publications committee. In the afternoon meeting the board voted a resolution of appreciation (see August *Sabbath Recorder*).

The publishing director reported a very active quarter with 18,380 tracts distributed and 127 enrolled in the Bible courses. He reported extensive correspondence totaling 367. Newly-published items included the Week of Prayer booklets for 1979 and a directory of churches and fellowships in the U.S.

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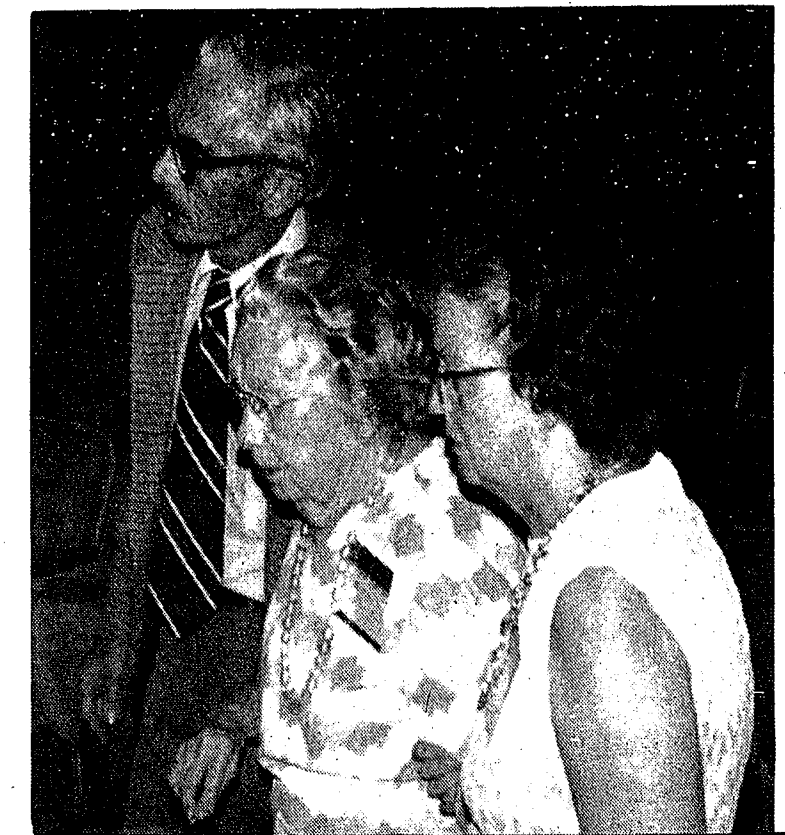
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"Where there is no vision the people perish"

Verse for the month: "As the rain and snow come down from heaven and stay upon the ground to water the earth, and cause the grain to grow and to produce seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry, so also is my Word. I send it out and it always produces fruit. It shall accomplish all I want it to, and prosper everywhere I send it."

-Isaiah 55: 10, 11

● **JAMAICA** — Missionaries Douglas and Jane Mackintosh returned to the USA in July, 1978. The new principal for the Crandall High School is Mr. Ron Smith and the new financial controller is Mr. Maurice Smith. Let us remember these men, national workers, as they begin their vital ministry to the work of Crandall High School.

● **U.S.A.** — One of our pastors writes, "I am thrilled beyond words with how the Lord is beginning to work in and through our church. The drought has subsided — Praise God for Living Water!" Can any of you say "AMEN" to that statement? What is God doing in and through your church? We would welcome reports of your programs for outreach and these might possibly be shared in the future issues of the RECORDER. Send these to: SDB Missionary Society, 401 Washington Trust Bldg., Westerly, RI 02891.

● **GUYANA** — A special Bell and Howell export model (1680) projector was purchased for the work in Guyana. The purchase of this projector was made possible through the designated gifts of some of our churches, however, more funds are still needed (We received \$304.60 and the total price of the projector

was \$645.38). We felt it wise to purchase the projector so that it could be taken back to Guyana by the representative to the SDB World Federation meeting and will trust the Lord to provide funds for this. If your church...sabbath school... youth group...women's group...or you as an individual feel that you would like to contribute to this project your gifts can be sent through the OWM treasurer or directly to the Missionary Society treasurer.

● **THE PHILIPPINES** — Rev. Cristobal Cabasa, secretary, and Eliodoro Saubon, a lay missionary, both from Mindanao represented the SDB Philippine Conference at a meeting of the International (Baptist) Mission Secretaries in Manila, July 11 and 12. Eight national Baptist groups had leaders present to share the history and work being done in their nation by these Baptist bodies.

● **KOREA** — Jin Sung Kim continues his lay ministry for a fifteenth year. He has seen several come to Christ and the Sabbath but because they are so scattered only small home meetings are maintained and no organization has yet been possible.

● **MALAWI** — Missionaries Menzo and Audrey Fuller will be returning to the field about the end of September to carry on their ministry with the Central Africa Conference. Building projects and possible new centers for outreach ministry will be a part of their work.

● **AUSTRALIA** — Mr. and Mrs. Jose Alegre in Melbourne are seeking to bring together Spanish-speaking Sabbathkeepers into a new fellowship. They are from Argentina and are in contact with the church in New Zealand. One of the members of the Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia, SDB group visited them in August to offer encouragement and fellowship.

## PRAYER

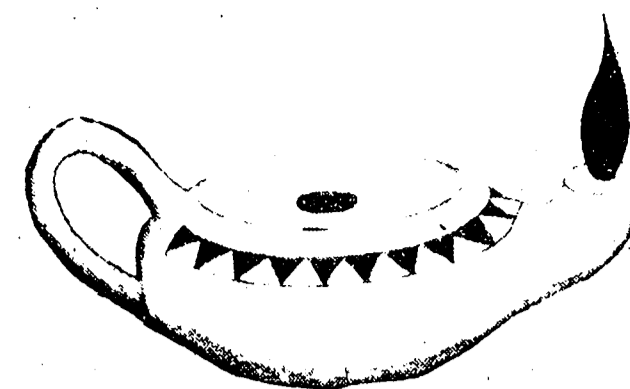
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A Prayer Reminder for each day!!

OCTOBER 1978

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- 2-Women's Board meeting in Denver, CO
- 3-Ron Smith, the new principal of Crandall High School
- 4-North American Baptist Fellowship as it meets in Toronto
- 5-The work of the Board of Christian Education
- 6-North Central Association meeting in Dodge Center, MN
- 7-The grandparents in your congregation — how can you make today special for them?
- 8-Gordon Sanford and his special ministry to the denomination
- 9-Our retired pastors
- 10-Pastors Ronald H. F. Barrar (Auckland) and Edward Barrar (Christchurch), New Zealand
- 11-SDB Historical Society and its ministry of preserving our heritage for future generations
- 12-SDB Memorial Fund as it seeks to administer what has been entrusted to it
- 13-Fall meeting of the Allegheny Association meeting in Richburg, NY
- 14-Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptists
- 15-Board of Christian Education and its ministry to the needs of our youth
- 16-Greater vision
- 17-Dean Herbert Saunders and his ministry to the students considering the call to the ministry
- 18-The churches and groups of SDB's in Australia
- 19-The new work in Memphis, Tenn.
- 20-Editor John Bevis and the work at the Publishing House
- 21-Those who may be alone this Sabbath Day
- 22-Christian Social Action Committee as it seeks to administer to a world of needs
- 23-SDB witness and outreach programs in the Philippines
- 24-New churches and groups in the USA — how can we encourage them?
- 25-Evangelist Jin Sung Kim and the faithful believers in KOREA
- 26-District Conference in Zonuan Village, BURMA
- 27-Open eyes to see the needs in my community — open arms to reach out in love...
- 28-The pastor of my church as he leads the congregation in worship and delivers God's message
- 29-Board of Managers of the SDB Missionary Society, meeting in Westerly, RI
- 30-The vision to see what God can do in my life if I will let Him
- 31-Praise God for meeting my needs... ALL of them!



BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Mrs. Mary Clare

Thy Word is a light...

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS' DEDICATION

As a new year begins it is well to recognize, by a service of dedication, those special persons who will carry on the Christian Education programs in our Sabbath Schools.

This suggested service may be used for dedication and installation of the Committee for Christian Education, the teachers and church school staff.

A small gift might be presented each participant; flowers from members' gardens for each person and/or for teachers, packets of mounted pictures for use in the classroom; for officers and committeemen, small cakes made by women of the congregation. These gifts made by members of the congregation strengthen the bond between them and the Christian Education personnel. Present gifts at time of each group dedication or end of service.

### A SERVICE OF DEDICATION AND INSTALLATION

**LEADER:** The Church is a body of believers in Christ Jesus, bound together by a common loyalty and love; we have come at this time to rededicate ourselves to the work of our Lord and His Kingdom.

**LEADER:** Read Ephesians 4: 1-10. The Committee for Christian Education will please stand.

To you has been the responsibility to see the Christian Education goals of this body are carried out; to promote new programs and to assist the teachers in all ways possible.

Will you accept these responsibilities?

**Committee:** We will.  
**LEADER:** We accept this pledge; may God bless you in these responsibilities and make you fruitful in all your service.

**LEADER:** The teachers and officers please stand. Read 2 Timothy 4: 1-8. Will you accept the challenge and responsibilities of bringing our children to Jesus Christ?

**TEACHERS:** We will.

**LEADER:** With the Lord's help may you ever keep in mind you are teaching children,

not material, awakening and inspiring them to grow, as Jesus grew, in wisdom and in stature.

The parents please stand. The privilege and responsibility of guiding these children and young people in the Christian way of life is not the duty of the church alone. These teachers and officers have promised to do what they can, but their best efforts will fail if they are not supported by you in your homes.

Recognizing that the primary responsibility for the Christian upbringing of your children rests with you, will you now join these teachers and officers in rededicating yourselves to God, and to this task and its faithful fulfillment?

**PARENTS:** We will.  
**LEADER:** Members of the church school (and congregation) stand.

You have witnessed the pledges of our committeemen, our teachers and officers and parents, on our behalf this day. Will you show your appreciation of their efforts by determining to do your part: to be regular in attendance, attentive in interest, and to help in every way to make our Sabbath School a happy place of learning.

**STUDENTS:** We will.

### PASTORAL PRAYER OR OUR LORD'S PRAYER

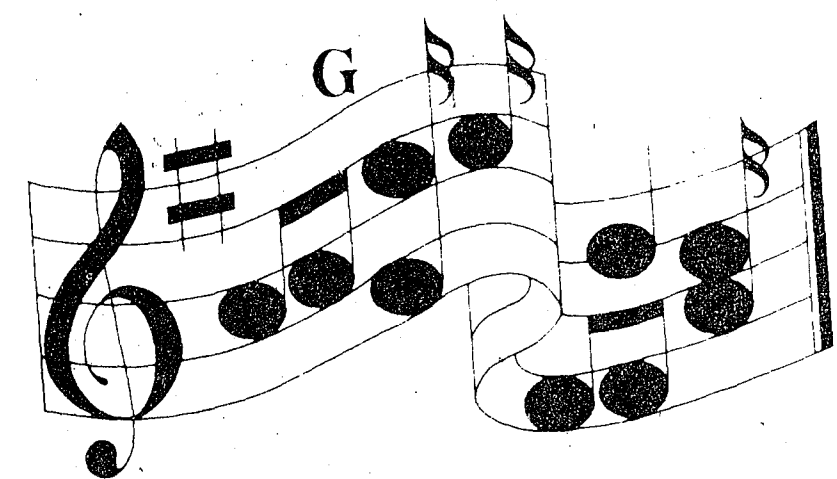
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK is September 24 — October 1, 1978,

The theme is "CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Creating Our Future."

May our future be bright through planning and bringing those plans to fruition. □





## THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Pearl Nagel

"It is too often overlooked that the choir as an identified component of an assembly in formal worship antedates Christianity. A choir occurred as a component of ancient synagogue worship, it being made up of those who by vocal or more literate capabilities were able to lead the congregation in Psalms and ritualistic responses. The choir was a part of the laity and assisted them by strengthening their vocal participation to the end that the congregation spoke as a unit. The earliest Christian service of worship was but an extension of the contemporary synagogue worship — an extension in that a new dimension, the celebration of the Christ event, was added to the traditional service. The choir, therefore, was retained and continued to perform its ancient role."<sup>1</sup>

For several centuries this remained the role of the choir as leaders for the congregation. However, clergy and others in monastic roles began to replace the functions of the lay choir and by the time of the Reformation of the sixteenth century, the lay choir had virtually disappeared. Little sacred music other than chants had been composed. With the Reformation the people once again were able to express the joy and response of man to the gospel story.

Inspired composers wrote Masses, Requiems, and Cantatas. Many of us are excited to hear music by Bach, Beethoven and Brahms as well as many others. Anthems have been written as inspired music and words. Many of these works are too difficult for congregations to sing as a whole. They also require considerable rehearsal. Therefore, singing schools, special choirs and

other groups have prepared these works. There is no doubt that much of this music reaches many people where often the spoken word cannot or does not. Would we suggest that music is on a par with preaching and reading? The reading of the gospel, the explanation of God's truths is certainly critical to our development as Christians. But to ignore that there are many languages through which we understand or can share God's word would be to ignore the gifts that God has given to each of us.

It is hoped that much of the music that is produced today is in keeping with the theological principles of the Church. The role of the musicians is then very delicate in the proper selection of music to be shared by the choirs with the congregation. We also try to make sure that the music fits in with the Church's liturgical season as well as the Scripture lessons. Many times, this cannot be done exactly. However, you will note that the music is in keeping with the general theme.

It helps us all to examine what the choir means to each of us — those that participate and those that are listening. Does the choir appear to be offering to God in behalf of the congregation? Does the choir lead the congregation in its singing and responses? Does the anthem help to emphasize some portion of the worship service through praise, prayer, or statements of thought that is shared in the lessons or sermon? Is the overall effect of the choir's participation significant in your confrontation with God? Has the participation in the choir helped both children and adults integrate

in their lives meaning in this act of worship?<sup>2</sup>

These and other questions cannot be answered by a speaker for all people in the congregation. They can only be answered by each individual as it applies to each. For many of us it has never occurred to us to look at the choir or the functions of any role in the service other than the usual or traditional way. When we examine how some role functions or how it can be improved to enhance our worship, then we can also find additional ways to increase the depth of our relationship with God.

Take time, then, to reflect on your participation either as a choir member or listener. Take time to tell your choir how you feel and what they could do to improve your worship experience. □

<sup>1</sup> "The Choir — Why? What? Where?"  
by Milton L. Grigg, F.A.I.A.

<sup>2</sup> *Protestant Worship and Church Architecture*,  
Dr. James F. White



Pearl Nagel uses her talent to the glory of God!



# SPEAKING FOR TEENAGERS

by LOLA M. WILLIAMS  
St. David, Ill.

**H**ER SHARP VOICE invaded my thoughts, as she announced to her friend in smug tones, "The young people in this church are headed straight for hell." Her tone seemed to say, "And I'm glad of it."

I clamped my mouth shut and gripped the pew tightly. I knew if I didn't get myself under control, I would walk to the back of the church and say things that would only add fuel to the fire.

I had gone early to the sanctuary before Sunday school that morning, so I could let the atmosphere of the quiet church permeate my soul and help me be in a more worshipful mood. Now it had all been spoiled by her strident manner.

There were so many things I wanted to say to her in the heat of emotions, but I said nothing. Now, after several years, I've had time to think about it. Here are some things I would like to have said to her that day.

When was the last time you really put yourself out to help a troubled young person? Have you forgotten what it's like to be young and faced with questions and temptations on every hand?

When was the last time you fasted a meal and spent that time praying for them; or spent a night in prayer for them? By prayer, I don't mean telling God how to make them over to your specifications; but real, earnest prayer for them as they struggle to grow to adulthood in a world that doesn't care.

When was the last time you really listened to what they had to say? Young people often have some good thoughts if we would give them a chance to express them, without criticism or the folded arms and complacent expression that tells them we've already got our minds set like cement.

Benjamin Disraeli said, "Almost everything that is great has been done by youth." This lady would have had a hard time accepting that statement.

Some of the more common indictments against young people are: They are disrespectful to their elders, have bad table manners, are lazy, and chase

around at high speeds. There are others, too, but I would like to deal with these four.

Young people disrespectful to their parents, teachers, and others in authority over them? Yes, we see this in some young people, but where did it get its start? Did we laugh at them when they first began to assert themselves, because we thought it was cute? A little girl barely old enough to talk learned to say "shut up" to people. Her parents and grandparents laughed at her. They said she was too young to know what it meant. Later, when she had grown into a hateful, foul-mouthed teen, they were no longer laughing. Now they're pleading, "Pray for her." Yet it all started right back there in the home.

Bad table manners? Have we taken the time to make mealtime a meaningful family experience where our offspring can learn good manners? In too many homes, meals are little more than a series of quickie lunches gulped down at different times by the family members on their way to more pressing activities.

Lazy? We've taught them to expect to be pampered, petted, and partied. Teens can do many kinds of work for the church. They can do chores at home, if they know it's expected of them. Are we sometimes too impatient to teach them to work because it's easier and less messy to do it ourselves? Our young people will generally act just like we expect them to. But don't expect perfection. They still have much to learn, but they have the potential for being useful members of society. What they will be, they are now becoming.

Chasing around at high rates of speed? Who invented the powerful engines in the first place? Not teenagers. True, they need to learn a good healthy respect for driving at safe speeds, but so do many adults. Don't believe it? Drive down the highway at 55 m.p.h. and count the cars that pass you which are driven by adults!

What kind of guidance have we given young people? Albert Schweitzer in *Memories of Childhood*

and Youth said, "One other thing stirs me when I look back at my youthful days, the fact that so many people gave me something or were something to me without knowing it."

A number of years ago at a P.T.A. meeting, a child psychologist stated that we should strive to bring our children up so that at the age of 18, they would be prepared to step out on their own. Start early by giving them little freedoms at a time, but with those freedoms expect responsibility for their actions. Over the years the freedoms mount up, but so do the responsibilities and the ability to handle them, until one day that young person will step forth an adult we can be proud of.

We need to challenge our young people to give of their best. Billy Graham said, "Young people will respond if the challenge is tough enough and hard enough. Youth wants a master and a controller. Young people were built for God, and without God as the center of their lives they become frustrated and confused, desperately grasping for and searching for security."

David was talking to God, but I would like to borrow his words to speak for young people to adults, when he said, "Do not remember the sins and offences of my youth, but remember me in thy unflinching love" (Psalm 25:7, NEB). □

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GOAL SETTING

by Mary Clare

Church effectiveness is relative to its Christian Education goals and teachings. Only when they are directed toward developing individual growth in Christian faith and practice will our congregations become a body of witnessing, reproducing Christians.

Not only Sabbath School teachers but also every other member of the church should become involved in the process of goal setting. They should become active in developing these goals into a viable program for the church and community.

Before setting goals it is important to understand the needs of the church members and of those people in the community.

Some questions that need to be answered as the Goal Setting session begins:

What are the age groups involved? What are their handicaps? Their strengths and abilities? What background learning do they have or need to have? What is the purpose of the study or program? What is the time needed to carry out this goal (short term or a lifetime)? When, how and by whom will the aim be promoted and carried out?

Suggested objectives for the church's Education ministry are: That all persons be aware of God through His self-disclosure. Especially His redeeming love as revealed in Jesus Christ. And enabled by the Holy Spirit, respond in faith and love. That as new persons in Christ they may

Know who they are and what their human situations mean.

Grow as sons of God rooted in the Christian community.

Live in obedience to the will of God in every relationship.

Fulfill their common vocations in the world.

Abide in Christian hope.

Remembering it is important for all church members to cooperate in the development of Christian Education goals and programs, be sure the aims are well known and understood.

The times and places for sharing information concerning the development of goals vary between congregations. In some churches, meals-of-sharing with a presentation followed by question-and-answer time work well. In morning worship the sermon could prepare the congregation to action; an every-member mailing of the description of the year's program is less personal but reaches a greater number of people.

After the goals and programs for one, two or five years (or whatever time practicable) are set, involve as many people as possible — only by working together will a real sense of community come. □



Conference included activities for boys and girls. Christian Education involves all age groups in the church, but perhaps the training of our youth should be a priority in our plans.

### ACCESSIONS

#### ALBION, WI

A. Addison Appel, Pastor

By Baptism:

Peggy Ann Oren

Warren E. Rinker

#### BAY AREA, CA

Jay Zaremba, Pastor

By Letter:

Jay Zaremba

Teresa (Mrs. Jay) Zaremba

By Testimony:

Mrs. Iris Suhl

#### BOULDER, CO

Elmo Fitz Randolph, Pastor

By Baptism:

Jami August

By Testimony:

Edward Creason

Pamela Haller Creason

#### CENTRAL CHURCH

UPPER MARLBORO, MD

Kenneth Chroniger, Pastor

Charter Members:

Pratt Chroniger

Rose (Mrs. Pratt) Chroniger

Earl Hibbard

Diane (Mrs. Earl) Hibbard

Ernest Bee

Barbara Lacey

Marsha (Mrs. Errol) Billington

Errol Billington

Donald Chroniger

Kenneth Chroniger

Barbara (Mrs. Kenneth) Chroniger

Kevin Chroniger

By Letter:

Mrs. Pearl Nagel

#### HEBRON, PA

Kenneth B. Van Horn, Pastor

By Testimony:

Barbara (Mrs. Robert) Hutsler

Robert Hutsler

#### LITTLE GENESEE, N.Y.

Kenneth B. Van Horn, Pastor

By Testimony:

Mrs. Pauline Perry

#### LOS ANGELES, CA

Charles Graffius, Pastor

By Testimony:

Mrs. Enid Murphy

Othneil Murphy

Mrs. Mary Nicewarner

Mrs. Marjorie Gfeller

By Letter:

Rev. Charles Graffius

Ann (Mrs. Charles) Graffius

By Baptism:

Anna Lowe

Steve Lowe

Norman Murphy

Wanda (Mrs. Reuben) Ortega

Reuben Ortega

#### NORTH JERSEY

BASKING RIDGE, N.J.

Kenneth B. Burdick, Pastor

By Baptism:

John Irving McBride

#### NORTH LOUP, NE

Victor Skaggs, Pastor

By Testimony:

Dennis L. Palmer

#### STONEFORT, IL

Carlos McSparin, Pastor

By Baptism:

Kim Bethel

#### SUNSHINE MOUNTAIN

CHATAWA, MS

Ralph Hays, Pastor

By Testimony:

John Wagley

#### UPPER EAST TENNESSEE

Blountville, TN

By Baptism:

Mrs. Pearl Bostrom

### BIRTHS

BAUM. — A son, Jeremy Crandall, to Wayne and Judy Baum of Milton, WI on June 29, 1978.

BURDICK. — A girl, Talissa Beth, to Richard and Linda Burdick of DeRuyter, N.Y., on December 12, 1977.

GOULET. — A son, Timothy Michael, to Karen and Michael Goulet of West Caldwell, N.J., on July 27, 1978.

LOONEY. — A daughter, Erin Irene, was born July 29, 1978, to Timothy and Diana Looney of Claredon, Arkansas.

MACKINTOSH. — A daughter, Heather Michelle, born to Ralph and Denise Mackintosh of Los Angeles, CA, on June 3, 1978.

ORTEGA. — A daughter, Cheryl Amanda, born to Reuben and Wanda Ortega of Los Angeles, CA, on May 29, 1978.

WILLIAMS. — A son, Jeremy Allen, born to Steven and Robin Williams of Buena Park, CA, on May 9, 1978.

VAN HORN. — A son, Daniel Phillip, to Peggy (Williams) and Phillip D. Van Horn of North Loup, NE, on July 17, 1978.

### MARRIAGES

PROBASCO-MINKLEI. — James W. Probasco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Probasco of Shiloh, N.J., and Rosemary Minklei, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Minklei of Bridgeton, N.J., were united in marriage July 8, 1978, at the home of the bride, Bridgeton, N.J. The Rev. William J. Rosevear, Jr., pastor of the bride, and the Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of the groom, officiated.

SERMERSHEIM-FOGG. — Stephen Allan Sermersheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Sermersheim, Sr., of Louisville, Ky., and Mary Rebecca Fogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fogg of Shiloh, N.J., were united in marriage July 15, 1978 at the home of the bride. The Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of the bride, officiated. The Sermersheims will reside in Louisville, Ky., where he is a teacher.

VENDERLIC-SPENCER. — Dennis L. Venderlic of Wauchula, Fla., and Kristianna D. Spencer of Salem, W. Va., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer, were married July 22, 1978 at the Salem SDB Church.

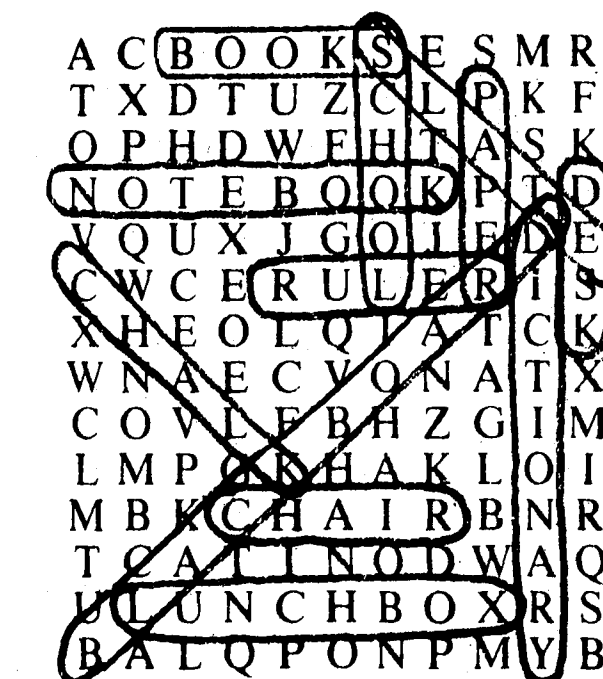
### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH TO BE CONSTITUTED AT MOSCOW

MOSCOW — The "Second" Baptist Church of Moscow is to be constituted at Mitischi, a suburb on the circular highway which rings the capital city.

The new church, which has received approval for registration as a congregation of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the USSR, has about 200 members. They have applied for a building permit to construct a 400-seat chapel.

Mitischi is about 30 minutes away, by tram or bus, from the Central Baptist Church (First Baptist) which also houses the AUCECB offices. The new church is a "daughter" congregation of the Central church. □

—European Baptist Press Service



# the CHURCH in ACTION

## GOD AND COMMUNITY AWARD PRESENTED AT SALEM

SALEM, WV — After over a year of dedicated work, Laurie Green and Cheryl Van Horn were presented the God and Community Award, July 1, 1978, during the regular Sabbath service at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church where both girls are members. The God and Community Award is offered by the Charleston (WV) Church Women United through the Girl Scouts.

Before the presentation the girls led in pledges to the Christian and American flags. Velma Clary, Girl Scout Troop leader, led a responsive reading as part of the presentation. Pastor Green then asked the girls' mothers, Denise Green and Terry Van Horn, to pin the medals on their daughters.

Special guests there to congratulate the girls were Richard Shepard, SDB Conference president and Dr. K. D. Hurley, executive secretary of the denomination; as well as Velma Clary of the Girl Scouts.

To earn the award Laurie and Cheryl studied this nation's religious history, the history of the Seventh Day Baptist church, and early Christianity. They also learned about the structure of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination today. Other projects they were involved in were helping flood victims at Williamson, W. Va., decorating the church for Christmas, making posters to illustrate Junior sermons, and pasting new hymns in the hymnbooks.

Laurie is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Green. Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Van Horn. Both girls are members of Girl Scout Troop #4003, Salem. □  
-adapted from the Salem Herald-Record



Pastor Green, Laurie Green, Cheryl Van Horn, and Velma Clary participated in special award services at the Salem church in which two girls were given the God and Community Award.

## SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION HELD IN MARYLAND

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. — The one hundred-second session of the Southeastern Association was held at the Largo Senior High School, meeting place of the Central Seventh Day Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro, Md. The sessions began on Friday evening, June 23, with a hymn sing led by Robert Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va. The program featured well-known speaker and writer, Dr. Henry Brandt who spoke on "A Look at Yourself." Members of the Association were joined by community residents for the weekend presentations of Dr. Brandt.

On Sabbath morning Dr. Brandt spoke at the 9:00 session on the subject of "A Look at Your Marriage." The regular worship service featured Conference President Richard Shepard; assisting in the service were Robert Van Horn, Earl Hibbard and the Rev. Leland Davis.

The afternoon schedule again featured Dr. Brandt concluding his morning presentation and touching briefly upon "A Look at Parenthood." The following workshops were scheduled for the young people: "Develop Your Testimony" — Pastor Ken Chroniger; "How To Witness to Parents Without Saying It" — Robert Van Horn; "How To Love the Lord When You're Not Feeling Romantic" — Tom Merchant; "Never-Never on Sabbath" — Doug Rausch.

An afternoon presentation by the American Sabbath Tract Society featured a movie on the Sabbath and a slide presentation by Miss Jeanne Wilhelm on a current look

at SDB's. The evening meal was served in a nearby park.

Donald Chroniger presented a musical concert during the evening session. Following his program there were special youth activities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Chroniger.

In the Sunday business meeting Mrs. Nellie Jo Brissey of Salem, W. Va., was elected as moderator for 1979 with the sessions to be held at the Salem church. □

## MARLBORO NEWS

MARLBORO, N.J. — In April the Light Bearers gave a concert. Friends and neighbors were invited to hear the talented group. A benefit dinner for Faith Farm was held to aid the Building Fund. Our Pastor Don Richards is a trustee. Mother's Day or Family Day was observed with the dedication of parents and children.

The Ladies' Aid sponsored a Mother and Son Banquet in the church basement with about seventy-five attending. A spirited program followed under the leadership of Mrs. Francis Campbell.

A Spiritual Preparation Rally was held at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton and one in Shiloh for a week for the coming of Bill Glass Crusade and helpers to be held in Bridgeton High School Stadium. Eastern Association May 19-21 in Westerly, R.I., was enjoyed by several attending from Marlboro.

May 23 a community fellowship dinner by the Helping Hand Class was given after which Jack Ward gave a talk on "Home and Personal Security."

On June 4-11 nightly, the Bill Glass Crusade was overwhelming in its results. Many came to Christ as a result of preaching and others' testimonies, and a choir of over 150 voices participated, led by Ron Patty with Carolyn Patty as accompanist. Families came to the altar and many renewed their obligations to Christ.

Sabbath Renewal Day was observed. A fellowship dinner was served following Sabbath School in recognition of three high school, also two college graduates (Donna Harris and Winnie Bradford). A Commissioning Service was held for Doneta Richards who is to become an SCSC worker. Frank Cruzan, Dan Cruzan and Wesley Davis had charge of the program. A gift was presented to each one showing our appreciation for individual work and accomplishments.

The children presented special music on Children's Day under the direction of Sharon Davis, Primary Supt. □

-Ella T. Davis

## SEATTLE SPONSORS OUTREACH IN CENTRALIA-CHEHALIS, WA

CHEHALIS, WA — The Seattle Area SDB Church which recently sponsored a new church in Portland, OR, is now reaching out to the Centralia-Chehalis, WA, area, almost midway between Portland and Seattle.

Each Friday for at least six weeks, the *Daily Chronicle* of Centralia is carrying a four-inch ad, offering the GUIDE Bible course. The address of the Seattle church and a local phone number in Chehalis are also listed.

The brethren in the far west are praying that many people will respond to this ad and that this will provide an opening for follow-up. The ultimate aim is the establishment of a work in the Centralia-Chehalis area. "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6: 9). Your prayers will be appreciated. □

● Camp Wakonda, Milton, WI, reports an enrollment of 14 in senior camp with Steve Thorngate, director. Directing the Junior Camp with 17 campers was Pastor Dave Taylor. There were 23 campers in the Intermediate Camp directed by Pastor Earl Cruzan.

## DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

OCTOBER 4-6  
North American Baptist Fellowship  
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, N.J.

OCTOBER 13-14  
Allegheny Association  
Richburg, N.Y.

OCTOBER 13-14  
Central New York Association

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

OCTOBER 21  
American Bible Society Sabbath

OCTOBER 29  
Missionary Society Board  
Westerly, R.I.

OCTOBER 25-30  
General Council Sessions g  
Plainfield, N.J.

## CHURCH SPONSORS SABBATH MEETINGS IN OGALLALA

NORTH LOUP, NE — A community presentation of "The Messiah" was given at the Catholic Church in Ord on Sunday afternoon, March 19. Members of various choirs, including burs, participated.

A joint Good Friday Service was held at the United Methodist Church with Pastor Skaggs as speaker. An Easter Sunrise Service was held at Happy Jack.

Our quarterly business meeting was held April 2. Among other items of business it was decided to meet with Sabbath-keeping groups during the summer. We also voted to send financial aid to a mission project in Mexico. A caravan of seventeen people went to the Ogallala area in Western Nebraska May 13. Services were held at the Chapel in Arthur, Nebraska, with Sabbath-keepers in that part of the state. A second group met with them June 10.

A preaching mission was held at our church April 20-26 with Dean Herbert Saunders of Plainfield, New Jersey, as speaker. This included evening messages with special music by soloists and groups, a Sabbath morning sermon, a presentation of Holy Land experiences and pictures, a reception, and an afternoon women's tea. Sermon topics were "Satisfaction Guaranteed; Conversations with the Lord; Taking Delight in Riding the Heights; It's Where Jesus Walked" with Holy Land

## LEISURE ETHIC?

by Arthur Bell

For thousands of years man has been told that work is good, that the "Devil finds work for idle hands." The Bible says it often, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider its ways and be wise" (Proverbs 6:6). Medieval monks believed that work is worship—"To work is to pray."



In all time work was necessary for man's survival. And to make it more acceptable, man made a virtue of necessity. Now, with more and more Americans gaining leisure time, we are faced with the problem of finding virtue in leisure.

A beginning in this direction came early in observance of the Sabbath. The Lord himself labored only six days in Creation. Did He "recreate" on the seventh day?

Creative leisure is the key—time in which the individual can reflect on his existence—an acceptance of creation and celebration of it. Alexander Pope was more direct when he wrote, "Now and then be idle; sit and think."

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Seventh Day Baptists in Bundaberg, Australia, sponsored a stand at a local fair. They were able to distribute a lot of literature as well as enroll several in the *Guide* Bible course. Mrs. Mavis Rudd is shown in the stand, notice in the close-up photo the copies of the *Sabbath Recorder*, SDB books, and tracts. Pray for this growing witness in Australia.

Mr. Mervyn Rudd is pictured with his Sabbath School class of children at the Seventh Day Baptist church in Bundaberg, Australia. There is now an average of 15 children attending two classes at the church.

pictures; "Facing Full-Dimensional Faith; Life's Inevitable Question;" and "This is Your Life." At the women's tea "Do you remember...?" was heard during the week that Herbert Saunders was here. He was a boy when he lived in North Loup during his father's pastorate in the early 1950's. It was good to have him here. It brought back memories.

We have had Menzo and Audrey Fuller with us at times and thank God for their return home, even though it is only for a short time. They presented a program of slides of Malawi and told about their work the evening of April 26. A social time followed.

May baskets were filled at the May Dr. Grace Missionary Society meeting. These were delivered to the elderly and shut-ins of the village. Quilt making is still a project of the society. Officers for the year are Collette Soper, president, Marge Goodrich, vice-president, Luella Williams, secretary, Iva King, treasurer. Alice Maxson heads Courtesy and Sunshine Committee; Shirley Severance, Program Committee; and Leona Babcock is the keyworker.

We had two weddings at our church this spring: that of Colleen Keown and Robert Riechert on May 6, and of Pamela Geiger and Stanley Soper on June 18. Seven of the ten Light Bearers of 1976 when Stanley was in that group were present at the Geiger-Soper wedding.

Graduates honored at the May 27 fellowship dinner were Lesa Williams, high school; Larry Graffius, theological seminary; Bernard Keown,

medical school at Omaha; Terry Keown, University of Nebraska at Lincoln; and Jerry Van Horn, Kearney State College.

Jerry and Martha Welch Vaught arrived here in May. He is our summer assistant pastor. That should ease the load of our beloved Pastor Victor Skaggs. Mrs. Vaught is no stranger as she was an SCSC worker here a few years back.

Lesa Williams is in SCSC this summer. Camp program at Riverside Camp starts July 9. □

-Bertha Clement

● Norman R. Burdick, Racine, WI, is the author of an article published in the Spring issue of "Western Journal of Speech Communication." Norm is a doctoral candidate in the department of English at the University of Wisconsin.

● The Battle Creek, MI, church sponsored a meal of sharing to benefit the American Bible Society. Bob Austin, Conference president-elect, was the speaker.

**ATTENTION YOUTH**

Suggested topics for Youth Fellowship Study

**STATEMENT OF BELIEF OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS**

Scripture references as listed in tract.

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## Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible texts selected by pastors and ministerial students.



**Pastor Larry E. Graffius**  
White Cloud, MI

● "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (NASB 2 Cor. 5: 17).

● I really get excited about this particular verse because it has such expansive force. My definition of being a Christian is simply a completely new set of relationships. First, to be "in Christ" means I have a new relationship with God: through Jesus Christ. And being a "new creation" means I have a new relationship with myself: self-esteem, acceptance; and a new relationship with others: love. When a person becomes a Christian his whole personality is revolutionized. The old nature is now suppressed and the "new things" are evidenced as the Holy Spirit takes control.

### "NEW LOOK" AT WORSHIP SERVICES

NORTONVILLE, KS — Our "new" look — Sabbath morning service is divided into three sections — **CELIBRATION** — Our Worship; **CONGREGATION** — Our Fellowship (Greetings, Children's Songtime and Sabbath School Opening Assembly); and **CELL** — Our Nurture and Growth (small groups — Sabbath School classes for all).

Continuing the importance of the work of the disciples and its application to our lives, during April Pastor Paul Osborn centered his sermons on Discipleship — in prayer, to Creation, the Law, the Prophets and the Church. The Principles of Discipleship (Matt. 16:24-25) — if anyone wants to come with me, he must forget himself, carry his cross, and follow me.

Each night after Sabbath during April special activities were planned. April 1 — Old Fashioned Hymn Sing and Social Time; April 8 — Sabbath Vespers and Quarterly Business Meeting; April 22 — Bill Gaither Concert in Kansas City, MO; and April 29 — weiner roast and "Spring Fling" with fun for all ages sponsored by the Whirlybirds. Everyone enjoyed the song time, games, contests, gong show contest and refreshments. April 29 in the afternoon the Nortonville/Kansas City churches hosted a Commissioning Service for Ed Johnson in Nortonville in preparation for

his participation this summer in the building program at Sunshine Mountain.

May was **FAMILY MONTH** with sermons and music geared to that theme. May 5, "How to Have a Happy Home" with special music by a mixed quartet of Bill Gaither hymns "Getting Used to the Family of God" and "Come, Holy Spirit." May 13, Mother's Day, "What Liberation Did for Mama." All mothers were honored and plants distributed. Modern day problems were presented — but ERA didn't liberate mama — **CHRIST DID!** May 20, Honoring Our Graduates — Cliff Bond brought the message "The Spirit Is Our Friend" — all hymns were selected by the graduates. Pastor Paul presented each honoree with an appropriate book. May 27 was Conference Emphasis Sabbath. Bob Austin was presented during worship services and then spoke further during the afternoon. Sermon topic "Bearing the Fruit of Love" stressed John 13:34-35 — "He loved them to the end" with the words service, sacrifice and suffering of the Master for His disciples. The Conference theme song was sung by the congregation.

The Nortonville Alumni Banquet is always held the Sabbath night of Mother's Day so we happily welcomed many friends and relatives here for that occasion to our morning worship services. The Youth Group and sponsors attended Youth for Christ

in Kansas City to see the film "A Distant Thunder" the night of May 13. Pastor Paul was speaker at the 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Services at the Nortonville Cemetery. He cited the Biblical reference to the first cemetery plot and first grave marker — while reminding us that it is right and worthwhile to commemorate the day and honor these people but that neither should be idolized.

June 2 was **OUR WORLD MISSION Sabbath**. Our worship service was divided into three parts: The Message of Missions (What Christ has done everyone should know); The Method of Missions (Person to Person — ambassadors/heralds); and The Motive of Missions (Christ's interest at heart). Facts and Figures of OWM were presented in New Churches, New Buildings, New Pastors and SDB World Federation. As always, all undesignated offerings went to New Fields. In the afternoon the Nortonville and Kansas City churches gathered in Kansas City to hear the Fullers' Mission Report.

All of our pastors were "out and about" June 17: Pastor Paul at the Kansas City church, Dr. Ken Smith at the Denver church, and Cliff Bond brought our morning message — his farewell sermon to us for a while as he and his family prepare to move to Atlanta, Ga., where he will attend Candler Theological Seminary at Emerson University.

The annual Sabbath School picnic was held at the Winston Wheeler Pond on a hot Sunday afternoon June 18. Games, visiting, covered dish supper, and homemade ice cream were enjoyed by the group.

June 23 was Sabbath Renewal Day stressing use, meaning, and blessings of the Sabbath. The choir selection "The King Is Coming" added to the service.

Summer Day Camp was held at the church June 26-30. An average daily attendance of 22 studied five "GIANTS" (Fear, Anger, Self, Selfishness and Disobedience) with daily memory verses, Bible characters as examples, and how these "Giants" affect OUR lives. A concentrated study of the Ten Commandments brought a closer meaning of them and what they mean to us in our daily lives. Special music and choruses stressed the studies. Arts, crafts and water sprinkler fun were enjoyed by the children for recreation. Pastor Paul was director — with Muriel Osborn, Vivian Looper and Billie Wheeler as his staff. □

-Mrs. Merlin Wheeler

**PASTOR DALE THORNGATE  
ORDAINED**

COLUMBUS, OH — Just as God chose Moses to lead His children to a new land, so God chose Dale D. Thorngate to lead His children of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Columbus to new heights in their relationship with Jesus and in service to God. Christians from near and far, some seventy-two in number, gathered on July 8, 1978, to join with God in the ordination of Pastor Dale. The following Seventh Day Baptist churches were represented: Albion, WI; Battle Creek, MI; Columbus, OH; Daytona Beach, FL; Lost Creek, WV; Milton, WI; Plainfield, NJ; Salem, WV; White Cloud, MI; and Washington, D.C.

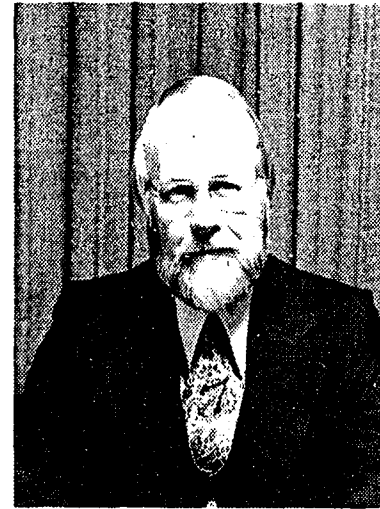
Spiritual preparation for the special day began on Sabbath Eve with a vesper service. Pastor Marion Van Horn recited poetry that brought to life some gorgeous slides of God's creation. His wife, Erma, who showed the slides, had put the service together, and we were thankful for the inspiration we received. We were further blessed by Pastor Dale's solo and by the Battle Creek men's quartet consisting of Ellis Johanson, Arthur Millar, Wendell Thorngate, and George Parrish.

The sun was shining Sabbath Day without and within. A colorful bouquet of wild flowers and cattails picked by Erma and Janet seemed to shout for joy. The council was convened by Vice-President Richard Bond. The council elected Kim Sautter as chairman and Mary Shepard as secretary. Then we met for worship and listened to a powerful message from Dean Herbert Saunders reminding us of our call to service.

Following a delicious meal served at the Trinity United Church of Christ by their ladies, we all returned to our church for the ordination service. Pastor Dale shared his experience in Christian growth and God's calling him to the ministry. He also gave a thorough presentation of his beliefs after which Kim Sautter opened the floor to questions.

After several questions had been satisfactorily answered the council met to vote. Following prayerful consideration and open discussion, it was unanimously voted that Dale D. Thorngate be ordained.

Music filled the air in harmony with the joy in our hearts as we celebrated that special moment. The men's quartet sang "He Plans My



Rev.  
Dale D.  
Thorngate

Life" and the Columbus choir sang "To Be Used of God."

The charge to the candidate, given by Pastor S. Kenneth Davis, emphasized three major points: that Pastor Dale remember his calling, that he take care of himself and his family, and that he love the church.

Executive Secretary K. D. Hurley delivered the charge to the church stressing the importance of remaining as enthusiastic in our attitudes and service in the years ahead as we were the day the church was first organized.

The Holy Spirit spoke to each heart as we united in prayer for Pastor Dale, and as Pastor Delmer Van Horn led the other ordained ministers present in the laying on of hands. Pastor Marion Van Horn with deep affection welcomed Dale, his son-in-law, into the ministry.

We thank God for the high point this day provided in the life of our church and we look to whatever lies ahead, knowing that a God who can move mountains can move this church to do great things for His glory. □

-Susan Bond

● Seventh Day Baptist Council of New York State Fall Retreat will be held at Vander Camp (Rome area) Cleveland, New York, October 20-22, 1978 with Rev. and Mrs. David Clarke, as directors.



The "King Singers" of the Dodge Center, MN, church will be featured in several meetings of the North Central Associational meetings Oct. 6-8, 1978.

**DODGE CENTER TO HOST  
ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING**

DODGE CENTER, MN — The 1978 sessions of the North Central Association will be held October 6-8 in Dodge Center, MN. "Serving God and His People with Love" will be the theme which will tie in with the 1979 General Conference theme.

Guest speakers from the denomination will be Thomas L. Merchant, historian; also making a presentation will be Bob Austin, Conference president, who is from Dodge Center.

The schedule of events begins with the Friday evening service in which Pastor David Taylor of the New Auburn, WI, church will be the speaker. On Sabbath the worship leader will be Pastor Wayne Babcock of the host church with Mr. Merchant speaking. Sabbath afternoon services will begin with a singspiration followed by "Conference Preview" panel and discussion led by Bob Austin. The speaker Sabbath evening will be Pastor Dale Thorngate of the Columbus, OH, church. The Sunday morning devotions will be led by Pastor Ken Davis of Battle Creek, MI, after which the business meeting will be held.

The Dodge Center church is proud of the King Singers, a group of eight of their young adults, who will be featured at several of the meetings. The Associational Youth Committee is contemplating a retreat for the youth to be held the same weekend in Dodge Center.

The host church extends a hearty welcome to the other Associational churches and hopes to have scores of guests in attendance. The Dodge Center members will be housing the guests in their homes. Come help us enjoy our 3,500 square feet of new addition to our church! □

**OBITUARIES**

**COOPER.** — Laura Jeffrey Eckles, 94, died July 5, 1978 following a brief illness. Her parents were James R. Jeffrey and Alice Compton Jeffrey.

She was a member of the church in Nortonville, Kansas, where she was married to Tom Eckles in 1910. Five years later following the death of her husband and infant daughter, she came to Los Angeles where she made her home for a time with Rev. and Mrs. George W. Hills, her former pastor and wife. In 1926 she married Frank Cooper who died in 1946.

During the fifty-nine years she was a member of the Los Angeles church she was active in the work of the church. She was a trustee and member of the diaconate at the time of her death.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. James R. Jeffrey of Battle Creek, Michigan, a nephew, Dr. William G. Jeffrey of St. Petersburg, Florida, and a niece, Virginia (Mrs. Albyn) Mackintosh of Los Angeles.

-C.G.

**LEACH.** — Pearl Adele Randolph was born January 19, 1897 at Utica, Wis., and died on May 14, 1978 at Garden Grove, Calif., after a long illness. She was married to Roy Leach on Jan. 9, 1921, who survives her. For many years she lived in the Milton-Edgerton area and for a number of years has lived in California. She is survived by two sons: Donald of Garden Grove, Calif., and Lawrence of Milton, Wis.; one daughter, Mrs. Beverly Miller of Evansville, Wis.; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Lyman Russell of Lake Mills, Wis. Funeral services were held from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton by Pastor Earl Cruzan on May 18. Interment was in Milton Junction Cemetery.

-E.C.

**NORTH.** — Kittie Marie Cole North died July 24, 1978 at Knapp Haven Rest Home in Chetek, Wisconsin, where she had resided since November, 1977.

She was born June 28, 1890 to Franklin Bond Cole and Katie Wittenberg Cole. She was married to Arthur M. North on April 5, 1914 in Milton Junction, Wisconsin, by the Rev. L. C. Randolph. They resided in Dodge Center, Minnesota, until 1915, when they moved to the Anderson Farm in the town of Sampson (Wisconsin).

A member of the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1918, she was church organist for twenty years and was active in Ladies' Aid and Women's Club.

After the death of her husband, she moved to New Auburn, where she lived until last Fall. She is survived by five sons: Duane of Bullhead City, Arizona; Rodney, Douglas, Norris (Ike) and Warren of New Auburn; twenty grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held July 28, 1978 at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Auburn with Pastor David L. Taylor officiating. Interment was in the New Auburn Cemetery.

-D.L.T.

**THE DEVELOPING CHURCH**

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**ONE STEP AT A TIME**

One thing ought to be said about walking worthy. Walking requires just one step at a time. When we have developed far enough, it becomes second nature. But for the baby Christian each step is a conscious effort and he will fall flat on his face many times before he gets his act put together. And at that point our reactions are extremely important. If we laugh, if we say "Dumb kid," if we try to ostracize him because we don't act that way, then his growth is retarded, or worse, he may run away from home.

With the church growth we have been experiencing, we have been anticipating the day when we will have so many capable people to do all the many tasks involved in a healthy body that those who have been carrying primary responsibilities for many years can rest on their laurels. One faithful saint has even suggested that the true criterion for measuring church growth was having plenty of volunteers for every task. He may be totally disillusioned with church growth when he discovers that all it means in that regard is that there are going to be more tasks to do. If you have sextuplets you don't figure on one third as much work as if you'd had twins. Rather, you can predict three times as much work, and then count yourself fortunate if it isn't quite that bad. Developing is not an answer to a desire to do less work. Developing is only an answer to the Great Commission. It probably means *more* work.

**DEVELOPING DEPENDS ON  
HEALTHY WHOLENESS**

It will help us in developing if we understand a little more the nature of our unity. A good case can be made for the argument that "unity" does not exist among things that are the same, but rather among things that are *dissimilar*. There is no "unity" among the grains of sand in a sand box. There's just a collection of them. There is no "unity" in a flock of sheep. If you

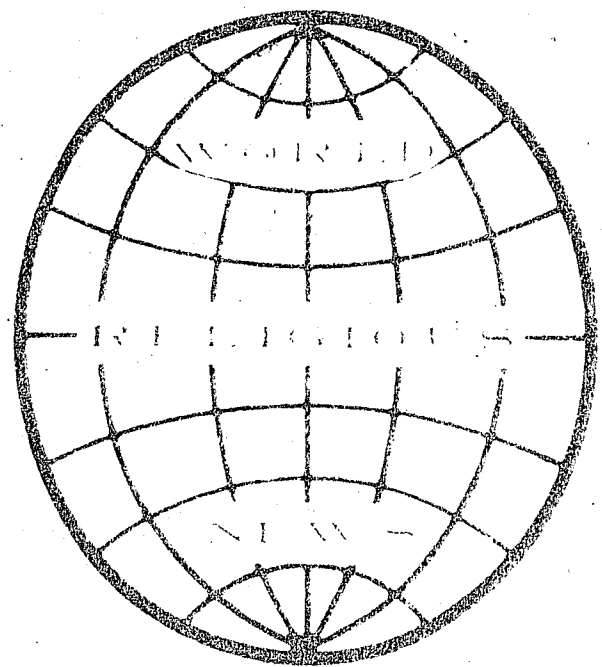
divide the flock in halves or thirds or any other division, you still have flocks of sheep. You haven't done anything to destroy their unity because there wasn't any. But the body is different. Just because every part is different, and *no* part is able to perform its function independently of other parts, just for that reason it is a unity. Without the differences there would be no interdependence and hence no unity. It becomes readily apparent, then, that if all the members of the church were so similar that they all had the same views, all spoke the same words, all viewed truth from the same perspective and all exercised the same gifts, you wouldn't have a unity at all. You'd be back at the sand box, expecting every grain of sand to blow the same way. Sometimes "of one accord" is interpreted to mean that the pastor or moderator ought to be able to speak for the whole church without even consulting the body, but to say that is to misunderstand the nature of the church, the functioning of the church and even the mission of the church.

The saints have a ministry if the body of Christ is to be edified. Every member has something to do. Every Christian is to be a channel of blessing to others. Every variety of gift implies in some sense superiority, and in another inferiority because it means there is some other gift the recipient does not have. In this we are blessed. Who would wish for mere uniformity? Who cannot see that to mutually minister to each other in our areas of respective abundance and lacks is far more rewarding and satisfying than to be a self-contained, self-commissioned, self-satisfied ambassador of egocentrism?

When we learn to appreciate our diversity and organize those differences for the edification of the body, then the energies of the church are concentrated on the growth, the development of the body and the perfecting of the saints and the equipping of those saints for the work of the ministry.

There's plenty of room in the family for all manner of gifts. □

*This message was delivered on Conference Sabbath at Houghton College, N.Y. before an audience of some 1,000 Seventh Day Baptists. Rev. S. Kenneth Davis is pastor of the church in Battle Creek, MI.*



**SBC MESSENGERS FIELD  
A VARIETY OF RESOLUTIONS**

By Stan Hastey

ATLANTA — Women's issues, church-state problems, and arms control were among the resolutions adopted at the 121st annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Georgia World Congress Center.

After spirited discussion, the convention adopted resolutions opposing extension of the ratification deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment, reaffirmed its previous stance on abortion, and commended Anita Bryant's opposition to homosexual rights.

In other actions, messengers adopted a resolution on child abuse, declined to go beyond the convention's 1963 statement on the authority of the Bible, expressed opposition to pending tuition tax credit legislation in Congress, asked the state of Israel to respect the religious liberty of Christian missionaries, and condemned political terrorism, racism, pornography, and alcoholic beverages.

On ERA, the convention adopted a substitute resolution presented by Charles Stanley, pastor of Atlanta's First Baptist Church, calling for rejection in Congress of proposed legislation to extend the March 22, 1979, deadline for ratification. When Congress passed ERA six years ago, it gave the states seven years to ratify the controversial proposal.

Besides rejecting its resolutions committee's report to take no specific action on ERA, the convention also adopted an amendment to Stanley's substitute denouncing agencies of the federal government for boycotting states which have yet to ratify.

In its action on abortion, the messengers refused to go beyond 1976

and 1977 Convention actions affirming the "sanctity of human life" and condemning abortion-on-demand. The convention turned back a determined effort by two messengers from St. Lewis, Mo., to endorse the drive for a constitutional amendment to ban abortions.

The SBC position on abortion acknowledges the "limited role" of government in regulating abortion and "support(s) the right of expectant mothers to the full range of medical services and personal counseling" in decisions relating to abortion.

A resolution on multilateral arms control called on the government "to move in imaginative and reconciling ways" to seek arms limitation and reduction agreements with other nations. It also urged "our own nation and the other nations of the world to shift funds from nuclear weapons systems to basic human needs." Another portion of the resolution declared: "We confess we have not pursued peace with full Christian commitment, and we commit ourselves to pray for peace in our churches."

On foreign affairs, the convention expressed "confidence in the commitment of the state of Israel to religious liberty" but asked the government to rescind a December 1977 law calling for fines and imprisonment for those found guilty of offering "material inducements" to convert from Judaism to another faith and condemned political terrorism such as that used by Ugandan dictator Idi Amin.

The resolution on racism called attention to "new expressions of racism" which have blunted the thrust of progress in race relations during the 1970s. The statement mentioned specifically severe unemployment of up to 40 percent among young blacks and discrimination against minorities in employment and housing. "We seek to purge ourselves and our society of all forms of racism," the resolution concluded.

In other actions adopted with little or no debate, the convention condemned pornography as a "tool of Satan" and a "growing detriment to the moral climate of our nation and world" and reaffirmed Southern Baptists' traditional opposition to alcoholic beverages, calling on Congress to forbid all advertising of such products and urging the surgeon-general to declare that "alcoholic beverages are a hazard to health."

-Baptist Press

**SABBATHKEEPER MUST  
BE ACCOMMODATED**

The New York State Division of Human Rights' Appeal Board has ruled that a Rochester hospital must accommodate the religious practices of a Sabbath observer on its staff.

The Sabbath observer, Sally Rappaport of Rochester, N.Y., was represented in her complaint against Genesee Hospital by Stephen M. Jacoby, staff counsel for the American Jewish Congress, and Robert E. Ganz, a Rochester attorney. Mrs. Rappaport was one of five persons in the x-ray technology department of Genesee Hospital, a private facility.

Commenting on the decision of the Appeals Board, Mr. Jacoby declared that the decision is "significant for Sabbath observers in New York State," because the board "tacitly rejected" arguments for a narrow interpretation of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *TWA v. Hardison*, in which the Court rejected an employee's contention that TWA had failed to make an appropriate accommodation to his religious needs.

Mr. Jacoby noted: "Genesee Hospital had argued that to accommodate Mrs. Rappaport's need to be relieved of non-emergency work on Saturday would have created undue hardship due to loss of morale among co-workers."

"The Appeal Board rejected the 'morale' argument, holding that there was 'simply no evidence in the records on which to make such a finding.'

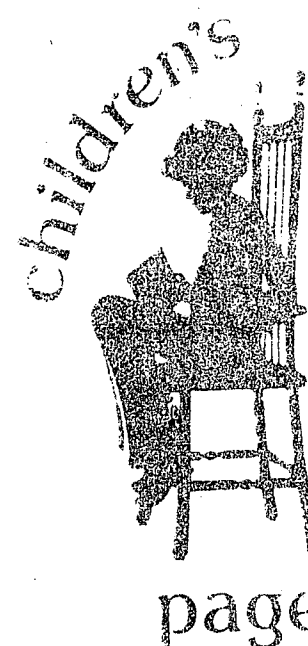
"The board has ruled, in effect, that mere speculation as to possible repercussions from the accommodation of Sabbath observers will not exempt the employer from such accommodation."

-American Jewish Congress.

**NAZARENES RESPOND TO  
NEEDS OF TIMES SQUARE —  
NEW YORK**

The Church of the Nazarene in New York City's Times Square area has raised \$84,000 to begin a program to provide "redemptive care and rehabilitation" for female prostitutes and runaways. The prostitution problem is an ever-growing one in New York and the Christian Church has made little response to meet this challenge. The estimated cost of the Nazarene program will be \$250,000 per year.

-Baptist Press



**THE  
LAST-DAY-  
OF-VACATION  
BLUES**



Circle the following words in the puzzle. They go across, down, or diagonally. The answer is on page 17.

- blackboard lunchbox
- books notebook
- chair paper
- chalk ruler
- desk school
- dictionary slate

A C B O O K S E S M R  
T X D T U Z C L P K F  
O P H D W F H T A S K  
N O T E B O O K P T D  
V Q U X J G O J E D E  
C W C E R U L E R I S  
X H E O L Q I A T C K  
W N A E C V O N A T X  
C O V L F B H Z G I M  
L M P G K H A K L O I  
M B K C H A I R B N R  
T C A T I N O D W A Q  
U L U N C H B O X R S  
B A L Q P O N P M Y B

Memory verse: "Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life — guard it well."

Proverbs 4: 13 TEV

(Younger children may memorize just the first sentence.)

Kim sat on the front steps of her house. Her skates sat next to her on the steps, and Tabitha, her cat, sat on the other side. Kim slowly stroked Tabitha as she was deep in thought.

"Hey, what are you doing, Kim?" Kim's new neighbor, Vicky, skated up the sidewalk toward Kim and turned to stop before she got to the steps. "Want to go skating?"

"Nope, I'm thinking," Kim replied.

"Thinking about what?" Vicky sat down on the steps next to Tabitha.

"About school. About how I don't want to go tomorrow."

"You've got the last-day-of-vacation blues," joked Vicky. "I used to get them every year, too."

"Used to get them?" questioned Kim.

"Yup, I used to dread going back to school in the fall every year. I couldn't stand the thought of summer vacation being over."

"But you don't feel that way anymore, huh?"

"No," replied Vicky, "because I learned a good lesson about going to school."

"What was that?"

"Well, a couple of years ago, I got real sick. I had pneumonia and I couldn't go to school for a long time. I couldn't even do make-up work for several weeks while I was in the hospital. I got so behind that when I got home, I had to have a tutor come and help me catch up on my schoolwork. But I was still pretty weak and I couldn't study or listen to the tutor for very long."

"You had it pretty rough, didn't you, Vicky?" Kim said.

"Yes, I sure did, Kim."

"But how did that help you get over the last-day-of-vacation blues?" wondered Kim.

"Well, I had said many times to myself, 'I would be so happy if something would happen so that I wouldn't have to go to school.' But I was so miserable when I had pneumonia and couldn't go to school, I regretted saying that. I asked God to help me learn to like school better, and He has helped me learn to like school a whole lot better since then."

"Well, I never thought about it that way," said Kim, "but I can see that you're right. I'm going to ask God to help me like school better right now." Kim and Vicky bowed their heads and Kim said a short, simple prayer.

"I feel better about school already, Vicky. Let's go skating." Kim quickly put on her skates and, arm in arm, Kim and Vicky skated down the sidewalk.

-Linda Harris

## OWM "Targets"

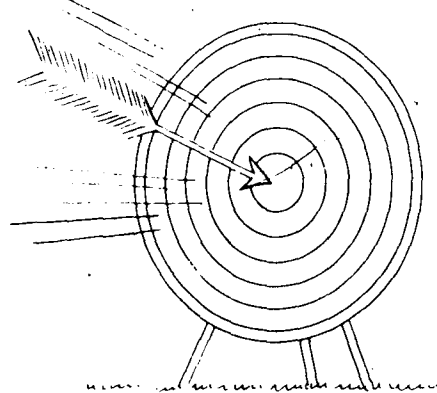
— for 1978

Churches Suggested

Adams Center NY	\$ 1,698
Albion WI	2,038
Alfred NY	10,754
Alfred Station NY	6,792
Ashaway RI	8,603
Associations and Groups	9,056
Battle Creek MI	13,584
Bay Area CA	736
Berea WV	849
Berlin NY	4,528
Boulder CO	5,660
Brookfield NY	849
Central MD	2,547
Christ AR	679
Columbus OH	5,094
Dallas-Ft. Worth TX	276
Daytona Beach FL	4,754
Denver CO	19,244
DeRuyter NY	2,604
Dodge Center MN	7,358
Farina IL	1,358
Fouke AR	2,038
Hebron PA	2,830
Hopkinton RI	396
Houston TX	1,132
Individuals	3,396
Irvington NJ	2,830
Kansas City MO	2,264
Leonardsville NY	340
Little Genesee NY	3,622
Little Rock AR	679
Los Angeles CA	10,528
Lost Creek WV	5,660
Marlboro NJ	7,358
Middle Island WV	962
Milton WI	26,036
Milton Junction WI	
New Auburn WI	2,830
New York NY	1,698
North Jersey NJ	2,830
North Loup NE	9,056
Nortonville KS	5,094
Paint Rock AL	1,924
Phoenix AZ	379
Plainfield NJ	8,490
Putnam County FL	849
Richburg NY	3,679
Riverside CA	14,942
Rockville RI	792
Salem WV	8,490
Salemville PA	2,264
Schenectady NY	679
Seattle WA	3,736
Shiloh NJ	16,414
Stonefort IL	1,132
Sunshine Mountain MS	57
Texarkana AR	566
Upper East Tenn. TN	375
Verona NY	3,962
Walworth WI	2,490
Washington DC	2,547
Waterford CT	4,528
Westerly RI	9,056
White Cloud MI	2,038

GOALS give us incentive!

Some churches in years past have appreciated being given suggested "budgetary targets"; others have felt it was presumptuous. All have been pleased when OWM was oversubscribed.



Thanks to a very generous General Conference offering (over \$27,000) we are now well on our way toward balancing this year's budget; and, therefore, being able to continue our various denominational ministries in full fashion.

The amount necessary through OWM giving to balance this year's budget is approximately 13% *more* than the amount required in 1977. Accordingly, the individual church GOALS have each been increased by 13% over last year's figures.

*Of course, the GOALS are simply suggested targets, based on the membership, average church attendance, number of wage earners in the congregation, past giving record, and so on, of each church. The GOALS give some idea of how the total amount needed can be divided equitably among all of the people in the churches making up the General Conference, which officially adopted the OWM budget.*

At Conference this year, a budget for 1979 was approved, reflecting a total of \$324,249 needed from designated and undesignated OWM giving in order to carry out the "ministries" as outlined by the related agencies.

*The Budget and Finance Interest Committee, in recommending the proposed budget, added a reluctant word of warning: namely, that if the OWM Budget for 1978 is not satisfactorily met as determined by the General Council, a limited "Alternate Budget" of \$302,915 be implemented on January 1, 1979.*

In concluding its report, the Budget and Finance Interest Committee highlighted the following concepts:

**"We must recognize that mission is an integral part of our dedication to the Lord. 'Commitment to growth' has challenged us to face the new opportunities of growth and visibility....As we read in Luke, 'for if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure. Whatever measure you use to give — large or small — will be used to measure what is given back to you!'"**

**"VISION MUST LEAD TO COMMITMENT!"**

With a little *extra* stewardship effort during the rest of the year and with each church voluntarily contributing at least its "share" of the total budget, we can undoubtedly still raise the \$294,504 necessary to maintain our programs of outreach — and continue into next year with the preferred *full program budget* as adopted!

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### GUEST SPEAKER URGES SDB'S TO "WORK, WORK, WORK, WORK, WORK"

On Wednesday evening the Rev. Clifford B. Coleman was the guest speaker at the special invitation of Conference President Richard Shepard. Presently director of Mission for the Scioto Valley Association of Southern Baptist Churches in Ohio, Rev. Coleman was President Shepard's chaplain in the naval reserve.

In sharing his testimony the speaker told of an early life of alcoholism and a path of self-destruction. Through the persistent invitation of a fellow serviceman to attend his local Baptist Church, Cliff Coleman came to a personal commitment to Christ. The effective way in which his friend brought him to the moment of decision was given as an example that persistent work and loving fellowship can succeed in reaching the lost for Christ.

"Seventh Day Baptists can grow!" Pastor Coleman insisted. "Have trained teachers and lay leaders ready. Then go and fetch them. You have to work — work — work — work — work!"

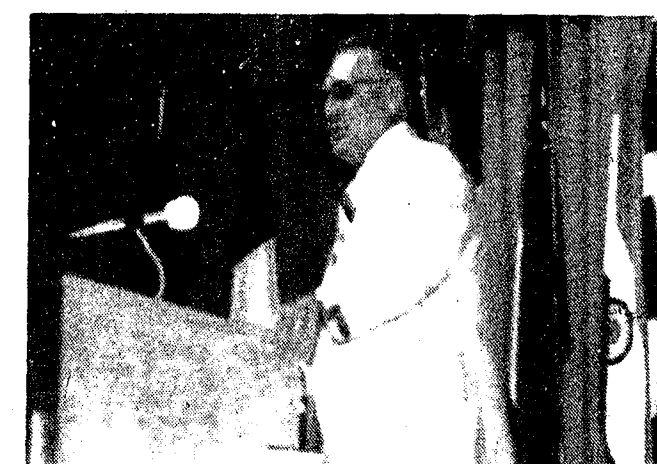
Citing the growth of small congregations meeting in schools, garages, attics, basements, etc., he urged that the Sabbath School should receive the first attention in a program of growth. Seventh Day Baptist churches are located where there are people, and that's all you need if you really have the desire to grow. Train, fetch, teach, and work — work — work! □

-Crier

### ROTATION OF BOARDS AND AGENCIES STUDY URGED

Commission sees the importance of having Seventh Day Baptist churches and their members in all parts of the country involved in denominational planning and programming. In order to assure this procedure and to provide fresh perspectives and new input from time to time, Commission encourages investigation of the possibility of occasionally rotating and exchanging board and agency locations and responsibilities. □

-Commission's Report.



Rev. Clifford B. Coleman

### RECOGNITION OF NEW CHURCHES

In its final report to Conference, Commission expressed thanksgiving for the number of new churches that have been organized over the past two-year period. Because Seventh Day Baptists have changed their philosophy about establishing new churches as they have learned principles of church growth, new guidelines are needed to assist those churches seeking Conference membership.

The following guidelines, suggested by Commission, were voted by Conference. "In accordance with Article 2 of the Bylaws of the SDB General Conference, each church applying for membership in this Conference shall present the following credentials."

- A statement of the factors leading to the organization of the church;
- A copy of the minutes of the organizational meeting;
- A list of the officers and constituent members;

- A copy of the constitution and bylaws;
- A copy of the Covenant and Articles of Faith;
- Evidence of the holding of regular Sabbath Services for approximately one year.
- Recommendation by a member church. □

### OCTOBER ISSUE TO FEATURE WORLD FEDERATION

We have attempted to get the September issue in the mail as soon as possible following Conference. Our October issue will contain more news of Conference as well as a special section dealing with the meetings of the World Federation and introducing you to those foreign delegates who were able to be present.

We plan to have a series of articles over the next few months entitled "Conference Echoes" which will feature the messages given by the Conference speakers.

Our audiovisual department is busy at the present time preparing cassette orders (over 400 of them!). If you would still like to have a part of the sessions on tape you may still send in your order to the Tract Society office in Plainfield.

This year was a very good Conference and we have much to report. Watch the *Sabbath Recorder* for more news and inspirational actions of this past session.

Pray for God's guidance on President Bob Austin and the General Council as they hold their first meeting in late October. □

### FUTURE CONFERENCE SITES

August 5-11, 1979	Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan North Central Association
August 10-16, 1980	Loretto Heights College Denver, CO Colorado churches
August 9-15, 1981	Southeastern Association
August 8-14, 1982	Pacific Coast Association
August 7-13, 1983	Southwestern Association
August 5-11, 1984	Allegheny/Central N.Y. Associations

☆ "The GOAL of Christian giving is to serve the purposes of Christ. This GOAL is realized as the contributions of believers are used to meet human needs, to strengthen the Christian fellowship, and to support the gospel ministry." Cecil A. Ray



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# BEARING THE FRUIT

Janet Thorngate, 1977  
Unison  
Traditional Gaelic melody  
Arr. by David Evans, 1927

1. I am the vine loved and you are the branches.  
2. You have the vine and now live in that branch.  
3. He is the vine and we are in that branch.

You live in me, I'm living in you.  
be- ing dis- ci- ple, ser- ving your friends.  
liv- ing in Him, He's liv- ing in us.

God is the gard'ner prun- ing the branches.  
I'll send the spir- it; fol- low His lead- ing.  
lov- ing and shar- ing; listen- ing and car-

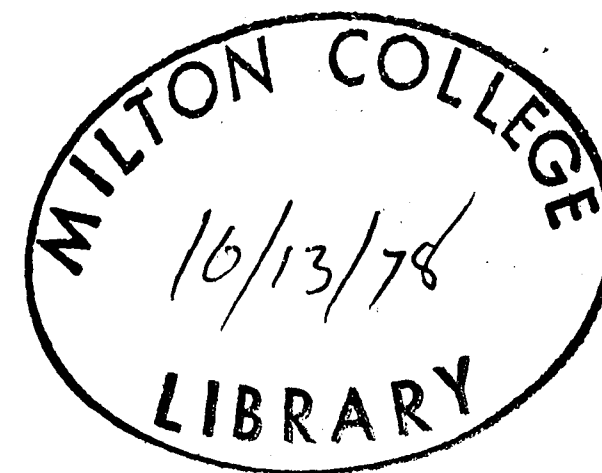
mak- ing you stron- ger, your joy is the fruit.  
My joy is in you; your bear- ing is the fruit.  
learn- ing o- bey- ing; ing the fruit. Amen.

Based on John 15.  
Theme song for Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, 1978.

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Put in the sickle,  
for the harvest is ripe.

Joel 3:13

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