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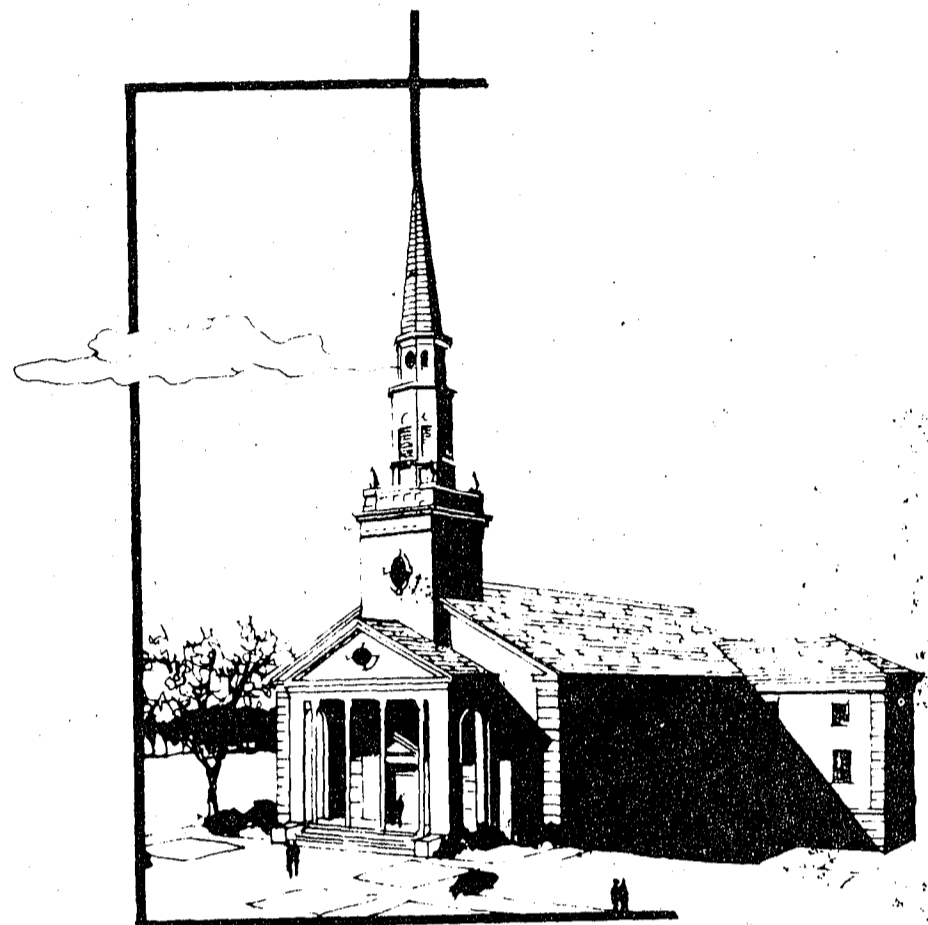
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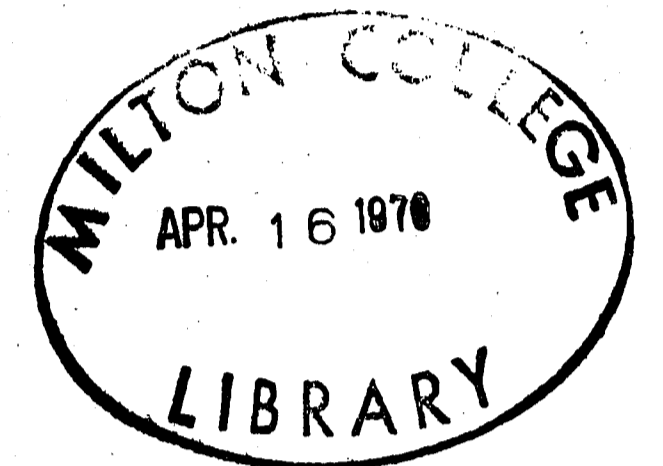
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## WE ARE

### CHRISTIAN.....

We believe each individual stands accountable before God and responsible to Him above all else. That a Christian, through personal faith in the work of Christ (His birth, life's ministry, death and resurrection), should grow and mature in faith, understanding and service.

We believe each local church is a body of Christ's followers and is organized to encourage growth, fellowship and service.

### PROTESTANTS.....

Seventh Day Baptists were among the most fearless dissenters who took part in the English Reformation. The oldest known English speaking Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized in London, England, in 1617 and is still there. The first Church in America was organized in Newport, Rhode Island, Colony in 1671.

### BAPTIST.....

We believe the Scriptures are a sufficient guide for man's faith and practice. We have no "leader" or "founder," looking to Jesus Christ alone as the Head of the Church.

We cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Freedom of conscience is enjoyed by churches and by individuals in all matters of religion.

### SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS.....

We believe the Bible is the inspired record of God's will to man. We are committed to keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath because God commanded us to do so; in so doing we commemorate God's work and completion of our revealed time sequence at Creation and because in following Jesus we, in love, must respect His practice of keeping the Seventh Day Sabbath.



*If the Son sets you free, then you will be free indeed.*

*John 8:36*

*Crusan*

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### 1 Samuel 3:10 by Gerry Van Dyke

How exciting it is to once again be laying the groundwork for the Summer Christian Service Corps program! Our committee always looks forward, with great anticipation, to the young men and women who will be deciding to give their summer in total commitment to serving Jesus, wherever He leads them to serve. We also feel a stir of curiosity as to the projects and the churches who are even now in the process of planning these projects.

How grateful we are to serve on this committee that relies on the faith of God's calling to provide more than we could ever hope or dream for. Our prayers are for those who hear God speaking to you, as He did to Samuel so many, many years ago, that you too will be obedient when He asks you to allow Him to use you this summer in a very special way. Whether He calls you to serve as a team member, or to plan and carry out a project, or perhaps to give generously to help fund this program, or to host the training, we offer you our encouragement and prayers.

For those of you who are not yet familiar with our Summer Christian Service Corps, this is a Women's Board sponsored program with a many-faceted purpose.

1. To provide an opportunity for young people, 17 (must have completed eleventh grade) on up through the 20's to study and then to serve in some area of dedicated service in a structured project for the summer.

## Speak, Lord, for thy servant is listening!"

2. The SCSC program strives to provide an atmosphere for young people to experience a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. To learn to know Him and His will for their lives.

3. To provide young people with an opportunity to study with other deeply-committed young people. Training gives excellent teaching in the areas of Bible study, Christian Education, sharing your faith, music, communications, learning to have self-worth, interpersonal relationships, leadership, learning to pray, and learning to be obedient to God's leading.

4. To provide young people an opportunity to live in a different geographical and cultural atmosphere for a summer.

5. To provide young people an opportunity to give willingly of themselves and to rely on God to supply their needs.

6. To provide churches the opportunity to help young people discover ways they can really live their Christian commitment on a daily basis, and to help young people discover just how they can best serve Jesus.

7. To provide churches the opportunity of having enthusiastic, well-trained young people help them with their special summer work, whether that might be Vacation Bible Schools, Summer Camp programs, Neighborhood Bible Clubs, clean-up paint-up campaigns for their church or for needy people in their community, building programs, secretarial work, or helping make new and current mailing lists, updating libraries, or starting new youth groups, or junior choirs. The program is limited only by one's ability to visualize great things.

8. To provide an opportunity for real Christian love to develop, crossing age and cultural barriers.

9. To provide individuals all across the denomination an opportunity to share in the financial support of this fine program.

10. To provide individuals an opportunity to become prayer warriors and people-supporters, to become personally involved in the lives of fellow Christians.

There are so many people just waiting to hear the good news that God loves them and wants them to belong to Him. This is an exciting time to be living, because the opportunity to tell others of God's love is all around us. But how can they believe, if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not told? And how can the message be told, if the messengers are not sent out? As the Scripture says, "How wonderful is the coming of those who bring good news!"

The SCSC committee urges you to allow God to use you this summer in at least one of these ways. Join us in a summer of dedicated service to the glory of God.

Gerry VanDyke  
SCSC Coordinator

Applications are available from your local pastor, or you may write to Neva Hunt, SCSC Coordinator, 10120 W. Exposition Drive, Lakewood, CO 80226. Financial support can be given through the Women's Board, just mail your check or money order to Mrs. Jane Bottoms, 1118 Ravenwood Road, Boulder, CO 80303.

Application Deadline, April 10.

Training Date, June 19-27 □



One of the first things that I check when I receive the Sunday newspaper is the comic section. Generally, that's the best part of the news. My favorite comic strip comes first. Lucy is behind her psychiatrist's desk. As you know, if you follow "Peanuts" very much, Charlie Brown seems to spend a good deal of his time in consultation. In this particular case he's sharing with her a continuing problem which he seems to have—that of depression. As Charlie shares with Lucy his loneliness and depression, she comes out from behind her desk and says, "Charlie Brown, you should be ashamed of yourself! You've got the whole world to live in. There's beauty all around you. There are things to do, great things to be accomplished. No man treads the earth alone. We are all together, one generation taking up where the other generation left off!"

Charlie thinks about that and says, "You're right Lucy. You've made me see things differently. I realize now that I am part of this world, that I'm not alone, that I do have friends."

Then Lucy, in her ability to somehow blow all this previous counseling she's done, says to Charlie, "Name one!"

Some of us laugh, probably because we identify with poor Charlie. But I wonder how many of us identify with Lucy? Charlie Brown wonders who his friends are. And Lucy tries, but somehow she seems to fall short.

#### LOVE AND CARING

There's a book I'd been putting off reading for some time. It's by Carl Menninger, a noted psychiatrist at a clinic in Topeka, Kansas. The title is *Whatever Became of Sin?* Now our subject is love and caring. Why should we be concerned with a book about sin? Somehow it's easier for us to understand the definition of a word like *love* if we see the opposite of that word. In this case it is not a four-letter word but a three-letter word called "sin."

Dr. Menninger discusses the seven deadly sins: envy, pride, anger, sloth, avarice, gluttony, and lust. A couple of these words we do not hear a lot; they may be the most significant ones for us to deal with. Menninger adds to the seven some that may not be new but that seem to be especially prevalent in the twentieth century: the sins of waste, cheating and stealing, lying, and cruelty. Let's look at avarice and sloth.

Avarice is the sin of affluence in combination with envy. It seems to be a preoccupation with possessions. As we practice the art of making ourselves rich we must of necessity be practicing the art of keeping our neighbor poor. An example is buying new automobiles or new clothes while there are those who cannot afford these. "I was naked but you would not clothe me."

The second sin, that of sloth, is apathy or indifference. We may describe it or understand it as selfishness, that is, not caring about others, thinking only of oneself. "I was sick and in prison and you would not take care of me." The Matthew 25 Scripture in which Jesus describes what behavior will be rewarded puts sin in a new dimension. We have often understood the definition of sin to be breaking of the law. But here sin is depicted as actions against people, not against rules. Or, more correctly, as failure to act in response to people in need.

#### SINNERS OFTEN NICEST PEOPLE

Have you noticed that some of the worst sinners are some of the nicest people? We usually speak about the sins of individuals, but I think we have with us a twentieth century dilemma, that I'll call corporate sin. We've become pretty good at it—at ignoring or committing this sin—because if we can make the group responsible then nobody is responsible. I don't have to claim any responsibility for cruelty towards others.

Some prime examples are war and slavery. When the fifth of August comes around each year few of us are aware it's the anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan—by some of the nicest people. We know them as Americans. But who was responsible? The government? The person who pulled the lever that released the bomb? We have a history in our country of taking land from the Indians. Our forefathers did it way back when we first came to the United States, but we're still doing it today in the name of free enterprise or the need for more natural resources so that we can continue to live in the manner to which we have become so accustomed. We see all around us uncontrolled technology, stockpiling of atomic waste that no one knows what to do with, but because we need the energy we continue to create it. Industry goes unregulated.

Recently I travelled from Columbus, Ohio, to Alfred, New York, in my automobile. I usually enjoy such drives. They give me time to think and to enjoy the countryside. But as I travelled through Northern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania the land was covered with smoke and pollution, and the beauty of the land was not evident. As I think about our sins I hear the Scriptures saying from Romans, "The wages of sin is death," and I begin to believe that that doesn't just mean for us as individuals but maybe for our civilization as well.

After some time with Menninger's book and such experiences observing, I felt like Charlie Brown. Depressed. God, you're asking too much! Often we feel guilty but don't know what to do or where to begin. As I think about my relationships, my life, and the people about me, it seems that sin is so natural. We don't often use the word selfishness, but we hear lots about self-direction. And there are other terms we hear brandished about: self-motivation, positive self-image, and self-assertion. We seem to have a preoccupation with individual rights—my rights, and our courts rule for the rights of individuals with seeming disregard for the whole society.

#### LOVING IS HARD WORK

Loving is hard work. Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved

you." And John says, "We love because God first loved us." It is presented to us as an imperative. The same Scriptures confirm our awareness that no one has seen God. We feel alone—depressed. I have four little books by Carl Burke, who was a chaplain in prisons. One is entitled *Don't Turn Me Off, Lord—and Other Jailhouse Meditations*. Included is a piece that addresses this issue of how we see God. It's entitled "Where Is God at?" Right away that raises up my English background, but I think the point is well made. A comparison is made between our seeing God and our seeing someone we love, pointing out that we have only seen the body in which they live. Have we ever seen their love for us, their thoughts for us, their purpose for us?

*In a world about us somebody caring for us; somebody doing something for you even though they didn't have to do it; or when you go out of your way to give a friend a hand, that is where God lives and how he shows himself.*

*When you think about it that way, you don't always have to think that God is up in Heaven.*

*Like the churches have been saying all the time, God is here now. He is around us and in us. He is even closer than breathing... Maybe that is why the Bible itself says that God is love!*

There are a dozen people in a lifeboat and it begins to leak. There's no doubt about who's responsible to do something about that leak. The first person who discovers it usually does what is necessary. But what if the person nearest says, "Well, I didn't make that hole. I'm not responsible." If he knows there's a leak and then doesn't do something about it, he might as well have put it there.

"What do we do?" I hear you say. I believe we begin by recognizing that selfishness is the great sin. Some call it alienation. A sociologist or a psychologist might call it egocentricity. Now, there's a good word. And we have called it separation. To be in a state of sin is to be in a state of separation from God, from other human beings, and from oneself. Jesus said, "Remain united to me." A modern day prophet, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, says, "Mankind's sole salvation is everyone (continued on page 26)

#### Points To Ponder

### GOD KNOWS

The Bible says, "YOUR FATHER KNOWS WHAT THINGS YOU HAVE NEED OF BEFORE YOU ASK HIM" (Matt. 6:8).

Does God know what we need before we ask? Sometimes we don't think so. Henry Ward Beecher tells the story of a woman in his church who prayed for patience, and the Lord sent her a stupid servant girl. To deal with such a girl she had to become patient.

Many of us pray for strength and God sends us difficulties to make us strong. We pray for wisdom, and God sends us experience. We pray for faith and God plunges us into some emergency.

It is a mistaken idea about prayer that attempts to make it a substitute for honest effort. It is safe to say that God makes no effort to answer a prayer that we make no effort to answer.

#### PRAYER

Father, show me how to work with you to answer my own prayer. I know that you gave me a mind and hands and feet. Give me the faith to believe that the answer is at hand when I do my part. And give me eyes to see the answer when it comes. Amen. ☐

Rev. Charles H. Bond  
Shiloh, N.J.



Rev. Charles Bond  
Shiloh, NJ

## Caring: Psychiatric Help —Five Cents

Rev. Dale D. Thorngate

# Jesus Christ Now more than ever



NAE PRESIDENT  
DR. CARL H. LUNDQUIST

## NAE CONVENTION

by Rev. Leon R. Lawton

The 1979 National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) convention theme, "Jesus Christ: Now More Than Ever," was explained in a position paper which included: "We affirm that the Christ of the Scriptures—and He alone—is the answer to the world's need today. He is the God-man and is the world's only universal figure. Being 'God of very God,' He has existed from all eternity and is the same yesterday, today and forever."

*"Now more than ever, the message of the changeless Christ must be proclaimed to a world searching for reality and certainty."*

*"Now, more than ever, the motive of the changeless Christ speaks to our lifestyle, to our stewardship in a world of poverty and riches, of inequities, of cries for compassion and justice."*

*"Now, more than ever, the method of the changeless Christ must be our method. 'There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved' (Acts 4:12)."*

*"We must seek those who do not know Him, not with the futile word of secular humanism, but with the word of amazing grace. Christ is the answer."*

Held at Orlando, FL, the NAE sessions were preceded by a day of Commission and affiliate sessions and programmed morning and afternoon workshops on various topics. Rev. Leon M. Maltby, a member of the Christian Social Action Committee of the SDB General Conference, especially related to those of the Evangelical Social Action Commission and World Relief, Inc. The executive vice-president of the SDB Missionary Society, Leon R. Lawton, attended sessions of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (EFMA), Evangelism and Home Missions Association and the Evangelical Churchmen Commission.

Subjects included: "The Bible and Minorities"; "Lifestyle, Justice and World Hunger"; "People Development: How It Happens"; "The American Indian Minority"; "The American Hispanic Minority"; "Materials and Methods for Effective Lay Involvement"; "Giving Securities, Life Insurance and Real Estate to Your Church"; "A New Approach to Self-Supporting Ministry Overseas"; "How To Grow a Church"; and "How To Share the Principles of Biblical Counseling."

Over twenty-five booths displayed resources, materials and services. The personal contact and conversation with Christians from most states and many churches offered new insights and understandings. Luncheon speakers included: Dr. Paul Freed, president, Trans-World Radio, who shared experiences and slides of his visit to mainland China; Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, speaking on "Evangelism Explosion and Television" and Rev. Jean-Claude Noel, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, giving facts on "People in Search of a Place: The Refugee Story."

Seventh Day Baptist attendance and participation was welcomed by Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, NAE president and president of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, MN, at the president's dinner attended by Leon R. Lawton. At the first evening service over a score of persons were recognized as those who attended the founding session of NAE in Chicago in 1943. Rev. Leon M. Maltby was one of these.

Dr. Stephen F. Olford, well-known expository preacher and radio broadcaster, has accepted the position of minister-at-large with the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). His responsibilities will include a weekly thirty-minute radio broadcast, seminars with pastors and seminarians, speaking engagements at NAE-sponsored events and some writing.

The 1980 annual convention will be held in Los Angeles, CA, in March. □

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

- A resolution supporting the Conable-Fisher legislation on charitable giving. That legislation, if made into law, would allow all taxpayers to deduct charitable contributions whether or not they itemize other deductions.

- A resolution urging the government to exercise reasonable restraint in the production and use of its military capability and to encourage other nations to the same was passed. "We also urge Christians everywhere to acknowledge that their trust is in a sovereign God rather than in any human agency, and to invoke His overruling providence in the affairs of nations so that His people may live in accordance with His commandments."

- Opposing those interpretations of equal rights which would force men and women into roles contrary to those specific and complementary functions based upon sex differences in the Biblical order. "God established equality of responsibility for man and woman in the specific functions that they were to perform individually and together. At any point where society moves to obliterate these sexual distinctions whether by political action, cultural practice or religious argumentation, the movement is contrary to the divine order."

- Calling for: (1) The conscience of world opinion to respect the right of the people of Taiwan to have the privilege of exercising human liberties; (2) The Congress and the President of the United States to support the preservation of the human rights of the people of Taiwan; (3) The Congress and the President to protect American citizens in Taiwan; and (4) The church in America to pray for and identify with our fellow Christians in Taiwan that religious freedom and spiritual opportunity be preserved.

- Calling upon each member of Congress to carefully consider the adverse effect that the Charitable Contribution Disclosure Act (opening church records to government inspection) and the Lobby Disclosure Act (making it virtually impossible for church groups to contact legislators without assuming an excessive administrative burden and registering as lobbyists) would have upon all philanthropic organizations and churches in particular. It further requested Congress to enact legislation that would clearly stipulate the limits of power which the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service could use against tax-exempt groups in the enforcement of social policy as distinct from the collection of taxes.

*"The Church is at the center of God's plan for the world. It is within the Church that leaders are prepared for ministry."*

*"It is through the Church that Christ's commands are obeyed."*

-Dr. Lois McKinney  
Executive Director  
Committee To Assist Ministry  
Education Overseas  
(CAMEO)

## CHURCH COVENANT

## RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



### Article I:

**We do solemnly covenant in the presence of God with each other, to serve the Lord in all things as His grace may enable us to do, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ.**

### Article II:

**We also covenant to keep up the appointments of God's house by a regular attendance upon the Sabbath service, also the covenant and business meetings, allowing no excuse to deter us that we do not believe our Master would approve.**

### Article III:

**We also covenant to do our part, as God may prosper us, in bearing the burdens of the church, such as helping the needy, caring for the sick, and meeting all financial expenses.**

### Article IV:

**And further, we covenant to watch over one another for good, to pray for each other, and if we see and feel the necessity of admonition to admonish in the spirit of Christian love and kindness.**

*"God has offered distinct promises to His children, such as supplying needs. But we tend to buffer God out of the material aspects of our lives and rely instead upon such replacements as Master Charge or Visa."*

*"Eighty percent of each day is spent making or using money. Christians can obviously not leave God out of that time and consider themselves totally committed."*

*"We never own anything. We are only God's stewards."*

*"And stewardship is a way of life."*

Dr. Larry Burkett  
Christian Financial Concepts  
Tucker, Ga.

*"The gospel is God's love being made visible. We have the responsibility of taking that love of God out into the world and proclaiming it; but we are also to be the manifestation of what the gospel can produce. Christians need to relocate themselves in specific areas of need (i.e., the inner city); reconcile themselves to all men; and redistribute God's abundance into those areas of need."*

-Rev. John M. Perkins  
"Voice of Calvary"  
Jackson, MS



## CLIFFORD A. BEEBE Memorial Home 1979

### Sunshine MOUNTAIN Dedication

by Shireen Hurley

Only those who have actively pursued the realization of a dream can know the frustration, discouragement and other despair which often accompany the endless effort—even a dream of worthwhile quality. *The need of it is so evident* that it seems that it should come to practical fruition overnight or, at least, in a short time and without difficulty. Sometimes the most worthy God-inspired dream fails because of severe stumbling blocks and the inability to overcome the obstacle or lack of faith in the task.

On Sabbath Day, March 10, 1979, such a dream, which had been subjected to much testing, was recognized in a dedication of the Clifford A. Beebe Memorial Home at Sunshine Mountain near Chatawa, Mississippi. Although the building was still incomplete and needing a few weeks more work to put on the finishing touches, the people who had gathered could see the quality of construction and imagine the beauty of the place as it will eventually look.

There are three other buildings at Sunshine Mountain in which several families are living and working. All are in a state of transition, but comfortable enough for basic living, while the main work of completing the Home for Retarded Children goes on. However, three handicapped people who are able to care for themselves basically, are already in residence: an elderly man, a posing young lady, and a brain-damaged woman.

Retarded children and adults are often pawns of chance, rarely cared for in a loving way by their family, but often being such a burden that they are shuttled off to the only available place, the mental institution, where they are doped in order to render them quiet, patients causing no problem to their keepers. There are a growing number of programs to educate these people, but not many to house them.

Sunshine Mountain, a dream of several years by Jack, Linda, and Ralph Hays, will fill this eventually for about thirty-six persons; twelve in this first home.

Several years ago Jack was declared disabled because of two accidents to his legs. He, Linda and their three children could have sat back and enjoyed the compensation granted him, with Linda probably caring for foster children or teaching in the public schools as she is trained to do. This would be a normal pattern for most people to follow. However, this couple felt that God was calling them to a more useful endeavor and that they had the vision of doing something for those less fortunate than they.

In the meantime, Jack's brother, Ralph—who is also an ordained SDB minister—had the task of finding care for his wife, Mary, who has suffered brain damage. The men decided that, with God's help, they would establish a facility where individuals like these could find loving attention. Now, after three

long, struggling years, using essentially their own meager funds, they are established at Sunshine Mountain with success for their dream in sight.

There is still much to do. More SDB's and others are beginning to help and there are numerous accounts of God's assistance and blessing in the work. In one instance, for example, Jack went to collect the cheapest ceiling tile made, but the merchant told him they did not have as much as was needed. And asked if he would accept a better quality for the same price! Also, there has been the idea that a resident nurse should be part of the plan, so the men prayed about this as they had done for everything. Rose Marie Deal, a member of the Adams Center SDB Church, where Ralph had been a pastor several years before, contacted them on another matter. Mrs. Deal is a nurse so she was asked to consider the position. On February 15 she and her daughters moved into one of the houses at Sunshine Mountain. Loretta and Cassandra are enrolled in the nearby high school.

A mere acquaintance of Ralph, Gene Menasco, read about Sunshine Mountain in a newspaper and decided that since he was between jobs he would go offer two days of labor. In prayers God had been asked to send a carpenter so completely on faith that they could pay him, Gene was asked to stay on. There have been times when there was not enough money to pay him until, at the last moment, money would come in the

mail or was given to Jack.

On his part, Jack has found a way to raise money, more than \$5,000 to date, by people pledging a certain amount for each pound he loses by next summer. Many newspapers in the area have run stories about the project so it is not unusual for a perfect stranger to meet him on the street and press money into his hands for their pledge or as a gift.

Not only is this bringing in financial assistance but helpful publicity to the SDB church and project in Sunshine Mountain. Ralph is continuing weekly broadcasts of services over a radio station in Columbia, a nearby town, and people have become interested in attending a small fellowship there. Some of them attended the dedication.

Gifts have come in today for a bronze plaque for the Clifford A. Beebe Memorial Home, but it had not arrived yet for installation. The living room, measuring 24 by 44 feet, lends itself well to gathering 75 to 100 people, so it will be used as a Sabbath Worship Center for Sunshine Mountain for the present. Jack and Linda will be the first house parents for a dozen children to be housed in the home and Jack will continue to direct the program and construction of two more homes to complete the dream they and Ralph have worked so diligently to bring to reality with God's help.

Rev. Jack Hays led the worship service on Sabbath morning and Rev. Ralph Hays preached the sermon on the theme of Keeping the Sabbath in Loving Obedience rather than Keeping It as God's Law as the Jews did. He also pointed out that, not boastfully, everything we saw there was an answer to their prayers. A solo by George Dillman of Houston, Texas, and a duet by K. D. and Shireen Hurley provided special music.

In the afternoon Jack presided at the dedication and the Executive Secretary, K. D. Hurley, gave the talk. Special music was sung by Gerald and Austa Coalwell of Metairie, Louisiana, and by Rose Marie Deal singing the Sunshine Mountain Song by Linda Hays. Mr. Floyd Goodson of Fouke, Arkansas, and Ralph Hays led in prayer. Mrs. Beebe or Clara, as she is known



This fish pond is adjacent to the new buildings at Sunshine Mountain. It will provide much recreation and enjoyment for the residents in years to come.

throughout the denomination, read a poem by Robert Browning and Scripture honoring her husband. She had been flown by the Coalwells from the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Florida.

George Dillman explained that, as an engineer, he had designed the foundation of the home to withstand any kind of stress and pointed out that Sunshine Mountain was also on a similarly strong foundation of God's love.

Others attending comprised a congregation of about fifty people, several from the immediate area, including Jack's and Ralph's mother. □



#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wm. R. (Bob) Austin

I want to share the excitement I have of a vision of the 1979 Conference program. Can you envision, with me, the thread of LOVE unwinding from the bobbin each day within the theme and sub-theme presentations? See it being woven into a colorful and beautiful fabric, that will be the uniform of His disciples.

Each evening beginning Sunday evening, the warmth of love will be felt in small group study and prayer in the several dormitory lounges, before people retire. For example, Monday's topic and sub-theme, Fruits of the Spirit, will be presented

Sunday Evening, as an orientation to Monday's total emphasis of LOVE as the greatest of the fruits, the color of the thread of the disciple's uniform. After a night of rest and reflection, conferees will arise to attend a stimulating morning devotion where the brilliance of praises and the Scripture lesson will instruct us how our Lord would have us go about our Conference business and committee work.

At noon, Pastor Gabriel Bejjani will lead and allow us to testify as to the useful application of this theme in our daily lives, in a personal sharing period. And once again in a worship experience in the chapel in the evening, the Conference speakers will challenge us to new experiences of being His disciples as we gain their insight of sharing God's love as a committed disciple.

Each daily topical sub-theme will be presented in this pattern to reinforce and strengthen the closeness of the tie between Love and Discipleship.

We will be blessed in our evening celebrations with the great music of the Conference choir, under the direction of Ann Williams. During the time spent in the auditorium each day, Rod Henry will lead us in songs of praise and schedule the special music as we feel God working through the Conference business sessions.

There are plans to have three or more seminars of three one-hour sessions to be given twice, during the days to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Topics will be: The Meaning of Stewardship, Human Relationships, Confident Decision Making, and Christian Financial Planning.

Let us prepare for a great spiritual kinship and celebration by sharing how we are His disciples; using the *Fruits of the Spirit, serving the Lord* through praise and song, finding our purpose and *Spiritual Gifts* to make the Body function in one accord, showing the Light of Love by *witnessing* to our fellowman in the world, being *obedient to God's command* to love one another and finally, sharing our Seventh Day Baptist distinctive with all people in Love as we rejoice in the Lord on HIS HOLY Day. □



"We love because  
God first loved us."  
1 John 4:19

Madeline Fitz Randolph

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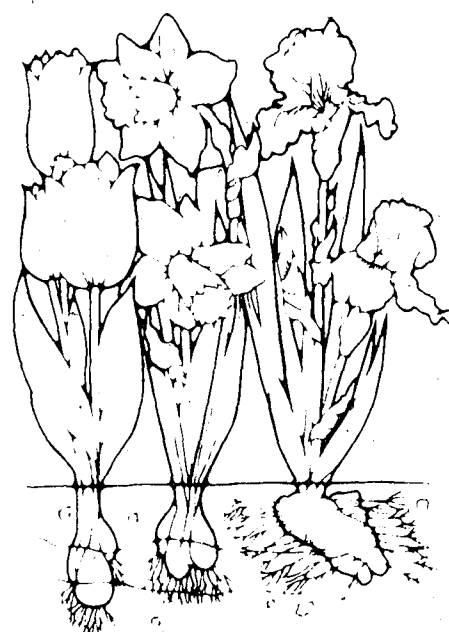
Does the above sound familiar? It should, for it is a sentence from the statement of purpose of our Women's Society. This statement is included in one of the new tracts and comes to us for distribution under the heading "Get Acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists," a publication we may distribute with pride, because it is attractively made up and succinct in the message. The message, however, is loaded with meaning and responsibility for each of us. **TO STRENGTHEN—TO REACH—HIGHEST POTENTIAL—** This is an overwhelming idea, but without this purpose, we are not in the least subscribing to what we say we believe.

We are indeed out on the "firing line" when we hear expressions of disappointment in those about us regarding the spiritual life. "There is something wrong with me, I just don't get anything out of reading the Bible, and when I pray, I don't feel as if anyone is listening." There are many "church people" who do not openly express this feeling, but it is a real factor in the lives of some of them. There is a lack of spirit in their participation in worship, a lack of "fire" in the Christian witness—summed up in essence—a lack of faith!

Part of our problem is that we are an "instant"-oriented generation. We have "instant" communication, "instant replay," "instant onions and potatoes" (add milk or water

and in twenty seconds you have something that looks like "real"). We attend worship services, sit passively and wait for the Spirit to come, and we find that there is no such thing as "instant faith." Faith is developed through experience, meditation, reading, and worship; it is not inherited from our parents; nor siphoned off from another person, it must be GROWN! A certainty of life, amid myriad uncertainties, is that we must be active in developing our relationship with the Holy Spirit, and prepare ourselves for becoming a "fit dwelling place."

What do we do when we have a friend or acquaintance who "doesn't feel anything" when reading the Bible or praying? We go back in our minds to research what we have learned; "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the conviction of (continued on page 26)



LET'S GROW  
FAITH  
THIS SPRING!

I've been exploring some thoughts about the similarity between the common candle and the Christian person. I'd like to share these thoughts with you.

The wax symbolizes man.  
The wick symbolizes Christ.

The wick runs through the center of the wax. It's there already. It's a part of the makeup of the candle. The wax can be all the way from simple and useful to elegant and beautiful to look at. Candles come in all shapes and sizes.

Most candles are beautiful to look at, even in their simplicity. But, they remain cold and indifferent until lighted.

Once lighted, activated, warmth and light radiate.

Faith is involved. Faith, activated, lights the wick. We know the wick will light and burn, but it is not until we activate that faith that the wick radiates.

The wick is the source of keeping the light going, but the wax is definitely needed.

The flame cannot burn without the candle giving totally of itself.

As the candle gives of itself, its form changes. Without the flame it remains cold and indifferent.

"You only believe that which activates you. Faith is active."

—Contributed by Jean Jorgensen

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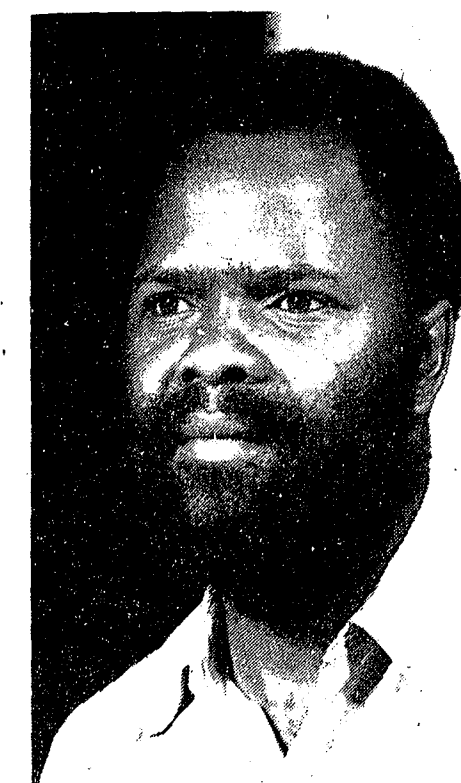
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VERSE FOR THE MONTH: "I  
LOVE THE LORD because he hears  
my prayers and answers them.  
Because he bends down and listens,  
I will pray as long as I breathe."  
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● **MALAWI**—Corresponding Secretary of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists G. P. Nantikwa writes, "Many parts where we have a good number of Christians are experiencing lack of rain this year. Maize crops have dried up, although the rain may come, it is already too late. Your prayers are badly needed in this country, but the Lord's work is progressing day by day although we are short of educated young leaders. However as the Almighty God promised us that I will never never forsake you. We believe He is with us always." Praise God for the faithfulness of the national leaders in Malawi and remember all of our brethren in prayer as they experience this time of drought.

● The Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly, R.I., will have an interpreter for the deaf on the first Sabbath of the month in April, May and June. Mrs. Peggy Petrone will be serving the church in this ministry as well as meeting with the sign language class of the church.



James Siwane, SDB theological student in South Africa, reports a successful term at Albert Luthuli College. Recent correspondence indicates the Lord is blessing in the work and witness of our South African brethren.

● **MOZAMBIQUE**—Brother Augusto Lopes Benesse writes, "On 29th November there were baptized nine converts in Nampula Province. In Zambeze Province there were baptized more believers than here..." Let us remember to pray for these new Christians in Mozambique, as well as in our churches here in the US and around the world.

● **USA**—"We are encouraged by the growth of the 'Lewis County Branch Church of Seventh Day Baptists' (Chehalis, WA) which organized in September." New churches are branching off from existing SDB churches and these branches are GROWING! The leading and blessings of the Lord are continuing to be known. What are the possibilities of your church branching out? Should this not be the goal of all our churches—taking the church to the people, rather than expecting the people to come to the church?

● **KENYA**—Joel Omare writes in a recent letter, "Here in Kenya the gospel is getting on well and I am getting on with the work. Last month I did not go out much but I was at home teaching the teachers what they are supposed to teach in the churches. I also thank the Lord for what he did for us to have these books and materials we are using for such time we need to train the leaders." Let us uphold these teachers in our churches in Kenya that they may speak the words which God has laid upon their heart and remember in prayer the people who will be listening to them as well.

PRAYER

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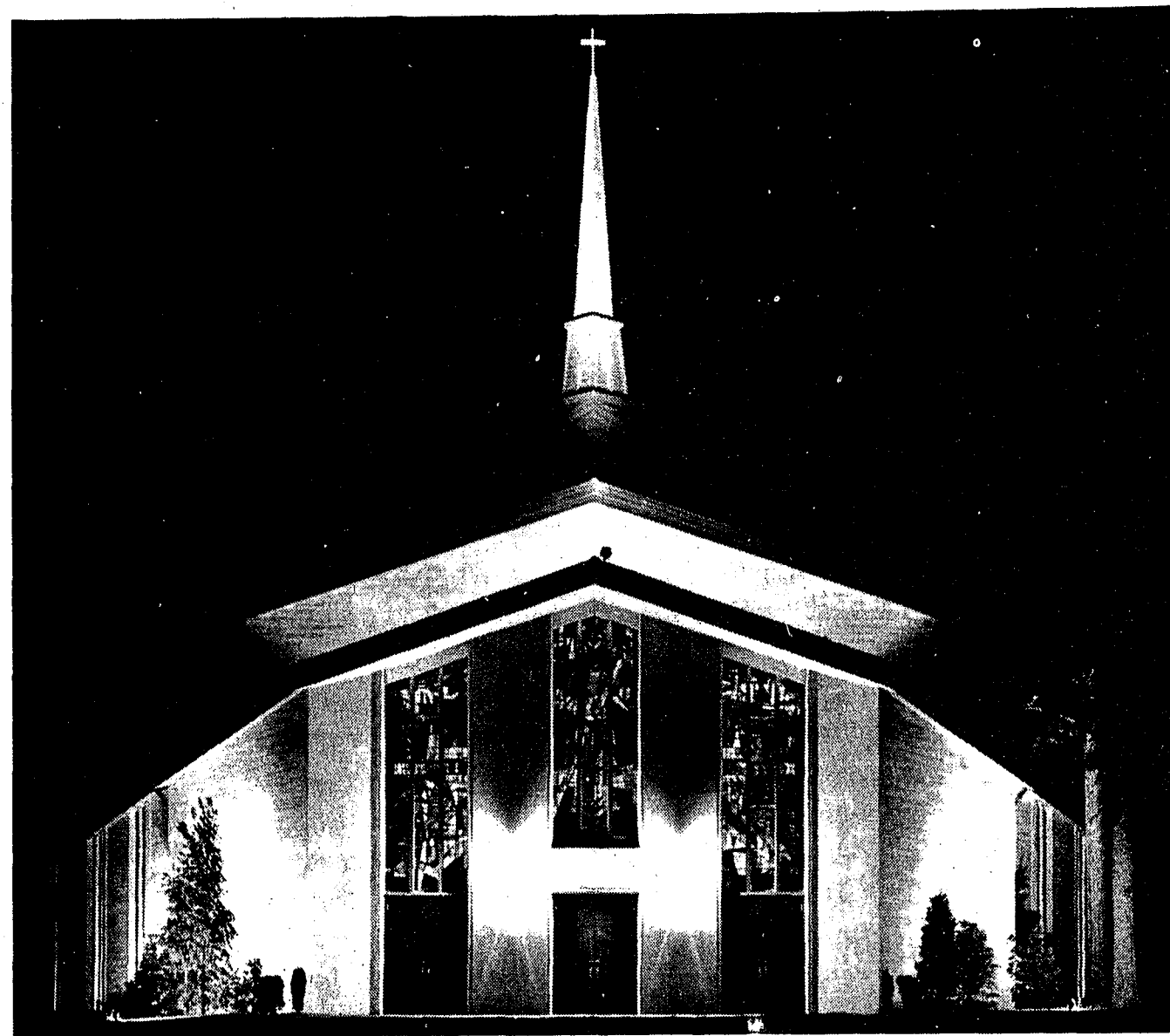
A Prayer Reminder  
for Each Day!!

MAY 1979

PRAY FOR:

- 1—Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson, Paint Rock, AL
- 2—Those traveling from Ministers Conference in Milton, WI
- 3—Missionary candidate Rod Henry as he finishes seminary shortly
- 4—SDB Camps of New England and Eastern NY, Inc., Youth Retreat, Ashaway, RI
- 5—Sabbath peace
- 6—Strength to begin another week of service to our Lord
- 7—Joel Omare as he ministers in Kenya
- 8—Executive Secretary K. D. Hurley and his special ministry
- 9—Missionary pastors and their work in the USA
- 10—Strength as I prepare for the Sabbath Day
- 11—More stations for the "Word of Truth" broadcast
- 12—A Sabbath CELEBRATION... REJOICE, YOU'RE A CHILD OF THE KING!
- 13—The Lord to raise up youth for the churches in New Zealand
- 14—Historian Tom Merchant as he prepares for the annual meeting of the Historical Society
- 15—Opportunities to speak out for the Lord and BOLDNESS to do it!
- 16—The Spanish-speaking church in Australia
- 17—"Word of Truth"—radio ministry of the Pawcatuck SDB Church
- 18—Eastern Association of SDB Churches meeting in Berlin, NY
- 19—Christians meeting around the world on this Sabbath Day
- 20—Annual meeting of the SDB Historical Society in Plainfield, NJ
- 21—My pastor as he plans the worship service and midweek meetings of the church
- 22—Plans for youth camps in Guyana and The Netherlands
- 23—COMMITMENT TO GROWTH—Did you make this commitment? Have you forgotten it?
- 24—Pastor Elias Camacho and the work in our churches in Mexico
- 25—Students at Crandall High School—that they may come to know and love the Lord
- 26—God's love to spill out of you onto others today
- 27—Missionaries Menzo and Audrey Fuller and the medical work in Malawi
- 28—Bob Austin as he continues to plan the Conference program for 1979
- 29—The willingness to "unwrap" the gifts God has given me and use them for Him
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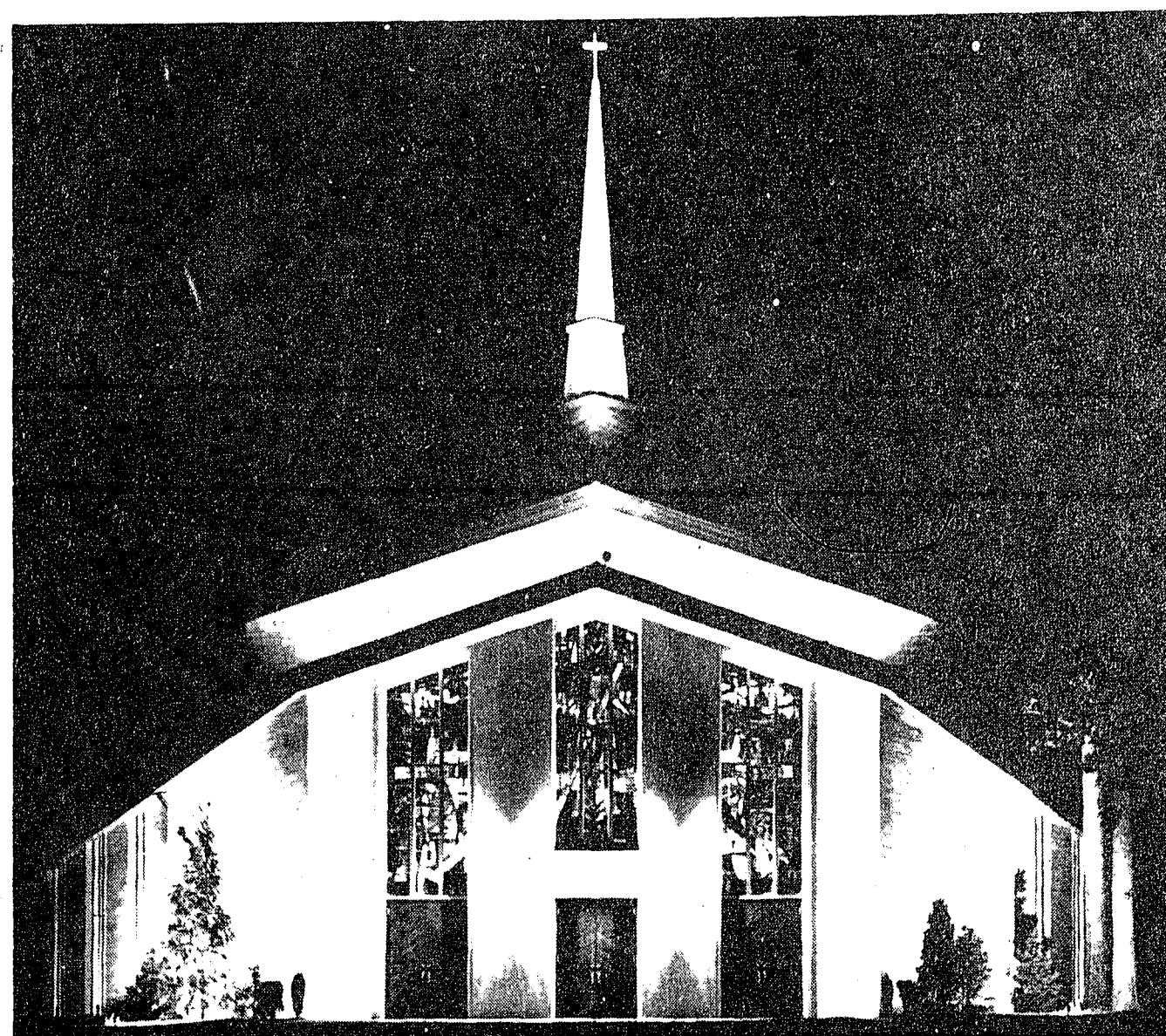
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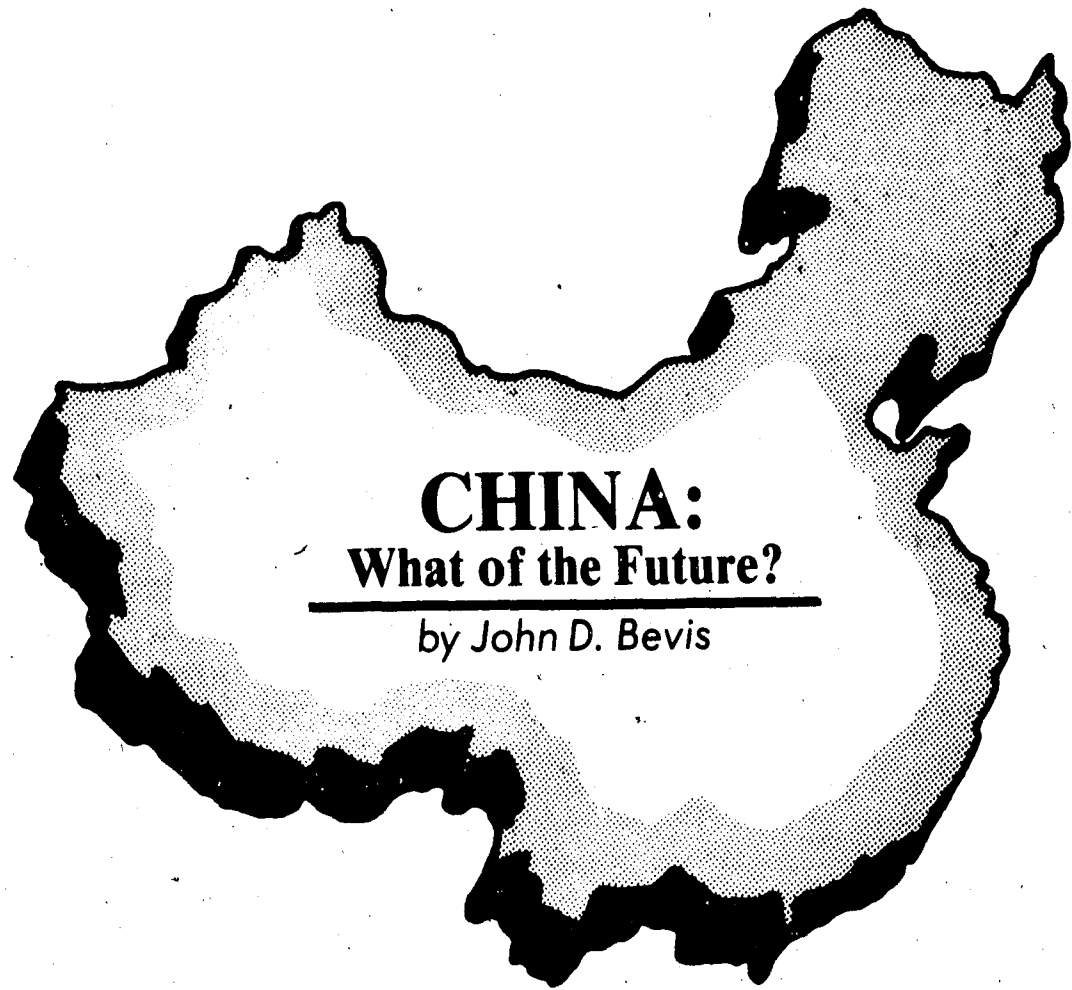
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## CHINA: What of the Future?

by John D. Bevis

The announcement regarding restoration of diplomatic relations between the United States and China has caught the imagination of the entire country. Certainly all Christians hope and pray that it may soon be possible again to reach out in the name of Christ to that vast land which comprises nearly one-third of humanity.

However, for the present it appears extremely unlikely that China will open her doors to the return of missionaries. The China question is being prayerfully discussed by almost every denomination including Seventh Day Baptists. At one time there may have been as many as three million Catholics and one million Protestants (including over a thousand SDB's) in China. In recent years there has been no way of knowing how many Christians there are or the extent of their witness.

Unfortunately, Christianity has been equated by many Chinese with Western politics. Dr. Eugene Stockwell, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ expresses it well: "While our Western image of Jesus is as the Son of God, the Chinese think of Jesus in terms of gunboat diplomacy."

Dr. David Wong, a native of China and current president of the Baptist World Alliance feels that the renewal of Christianity in China most likely will "come from the inside." He said that "God's hand is working in China" and that no doubt the Chinese will be watching visitors who profess Christianity to see what difference their religion makes in their lives.

"It had been a difficult and trying year for us," wrote Principal T. M. Chang on December 15, 1949, "but with God's unbounded mercy and loving care, we have gone through it, safe and sound. And although the immediate prospects are far from rosy and bright, yet I believe that with Him leading, we need not be discouraged." Such is the spirit of him upon whom Grace School administration largely hinges. □ Yearbook, 1950.



This photo of Anna Crofoot North and Eling Wang Sung was taken in 1912 near the SDB mission. Their friendship has continued through the years.



Mr. and Mrs. David (Eling Wang) Sung live in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. Members of the Milton, WI, church, they continue an active interest in the denomination and are faithful supporters of *The Sabbath Recorder*.

Seventh Day Baptists have a special interest in China, in fact we might say a deep emotional tie, due in part to the presence of scores of our missionaries over the past century. Our mission involvement in China began in 1847 and was centered in Shanghai. During the following century a very strong medical and educational work was established. Numerous American SDB missionaries gave of themselves in loving service to China. Historian Thomas Merchant has prepared a chart giving the names of those missionaries and their terms of services. In addition, he has consented to provide a series of articles on our mission work there which will appear in the next several issues of the *Sabbath Recorder*. I feel certain this will be something we shall all look forward to reading.

A few weeks ago it was my privilege, along with Anna Crofoot North (born to missionary parents in China) and Etta North O'Connor, to visit Mr. and Mrs. David Sung in their Wappingers Falls, NY, home. Mrs. Sung, the former Eling Wang, was adopted by SDB missionary Dr. Rosa Palmborg and later accompanied her to America. Following their marriage, David and Eling Sung made their home for a time in Milton, WI, and have in their retirement located near their son, Rodney. A daughter, Rosaline, lives with her husband in Taiwan.

As we enjoyed Eling's fine Chinese dinner, it was extremely interesting to hear her and Anna reminisce about their mutual childhood in China. Rev. and Mrs. Jay Crofoot went to China in 1899 where he took charge of the Boy's School. The

Crofoot family served the Chinese work 1899-1926 and again 1930-31.

### YOUNG ANNA IN CHINA

Young Anna Crofoot shared her experiences in China with American friends. She wrote: "Sabbath days are spent quite differently from ours here in America. During the regular morning chapel period the pupils study the Sabbath school lesson. Most of the pupils attend the Friday evening prayer meeting, and church attendance on Sabbath day is compulsory. This comes at two o'clock, followed by Sabbath school at three o'clock. The evening after the Sabbath is often filled with some social event. Since 1916 a fairly live Christian Endeavor society has been carried on."

Naturally, youthful Americans, as well as adults of the time, were eager to learn about Chinese eating habits and this Anna also described. "Of course every one knows that rice is the chief food of the Chinese people. For breakfast the girls eat rice alone, cooked very soft. For dinner they eat it cooked so that every kernel is separate. With this they eat vegetables and meat or fish. For supper they eat soft rice again, but with some sort of vegetable. Lately some of the older girls have been responsible for the catering, marketing, and cooking, and have thus gained some practical knowledge about such affairs."

### HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The Sung's expressed hope that there are Seventh Day Baptists remaining in China today. They believe that the resumption of normal relations between the two countries will ease many restrictions presently imposed on Christians. From their correspondence with friends and relatives in China they believe there will now be more openness in regard to Christianity and that eventually churches will be resuming services. A Methodist friend, recently back from China, reported to them that several "Methodist groups are meeting."

It was exciting to learn that there is recent word from T. M. Chang, former principal of Grace School. Mr. Chang was visited by his son, who lives in New Jersey, in 1978 and is reported to be in good health. He, we understand, hopes to be able

Dr. Rosa Palmborg died in Los Angeles, CA, January 13, 1953. She had been "solemnly set apart" at the General Conference at Brookfield, N.Y., in August 1894, and faithfully served as a medical missionary in China until conditions compelled her final return to this country in 1940. For forty-six years she gave unstintingly of her love and devoted service to her chosen people, the Chinese. She adopted Eling Wang Sung, rearing her as her own daughter. Her book, *CHINA LETTERS*, is still available from the Publishing House for \$2.50 postpaid. □



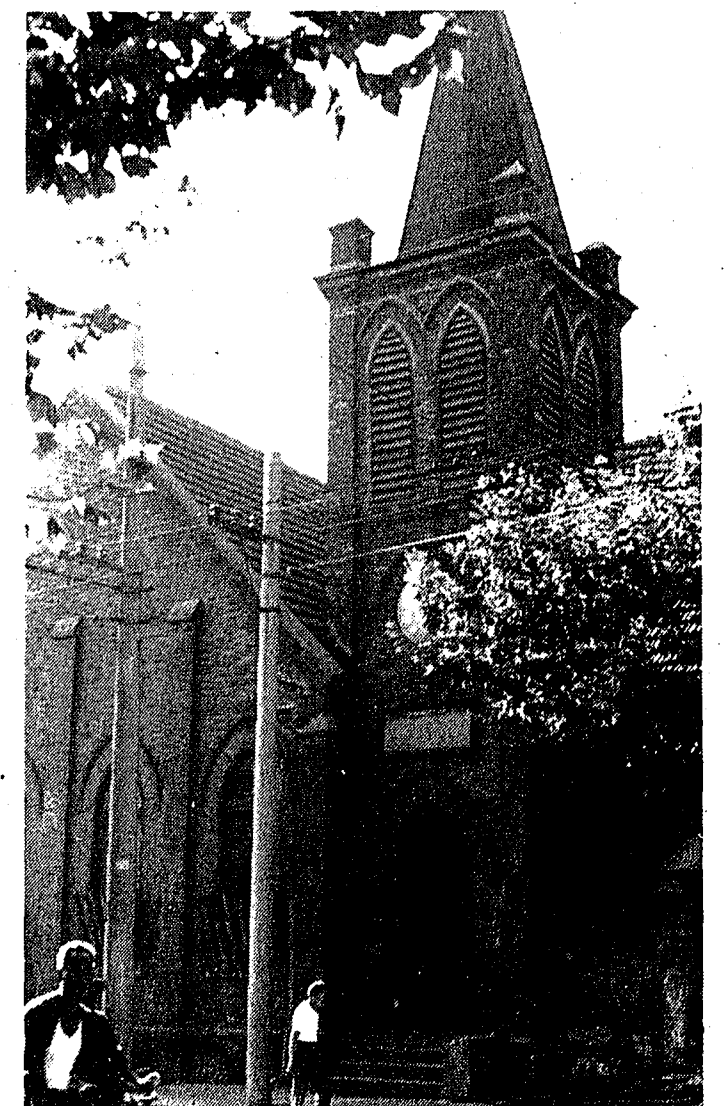
The 1975 photo of the T. M. Chang family was taken on the Great Wall. Mr. T. M. Chang (center) was visited by his son (third from left) who lives in New Jersey. It is hoped that Mr. Chang, former principal of Grace School, can soon visit the USA.

to come to America soon; some will remember that he attended Conference in 1947. We understand that our Missionary Society is making an attempt to find out more about the condition of our former property and is seeking to make some contact with those who were once active in the Shanghai church. To be sure, the *Sabbath Recorder* will seek to keep all informed regarding events of interest as they develop in China.

At this point the future of Christianity in China is at best uncertain. The hope among many is that if the Chinese are willing to let Coca-Cola and others symbols of the West in they may also be receptive to a greater degree of religious freedom.

We know that God has a divine plan which will be accomplished in His time and according to His purposes. However, we must be prepared to take advantage of any opportunity afforded as the Chinese door swings slowly open. May God give grace and wisdom to all who seek to share the good news of salvation and life through Jesus

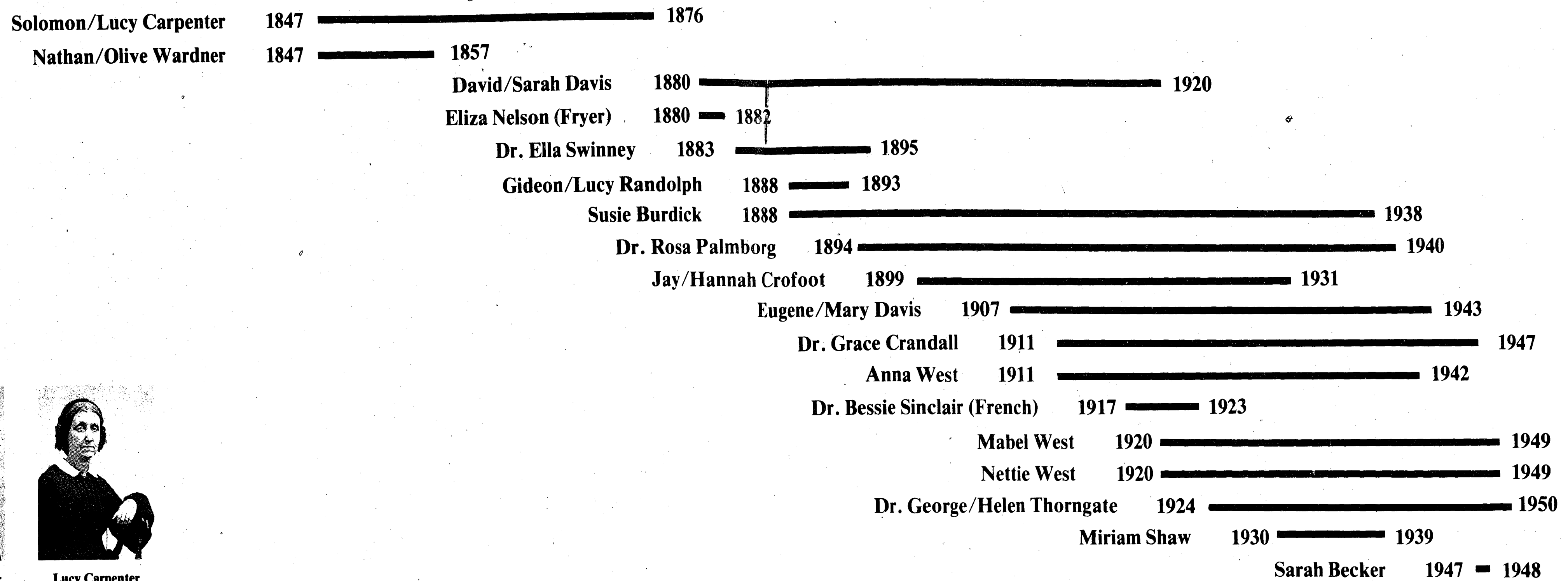
Christ with our Chinese brothers and sisters. □



The SDB church in Shanghai (1973 photo). In November 1949, Dr. George Thorngate wrote: "Our church building which holds around 350 persons is full every Sabbath." We understand the church is being used as a school by the Chinese government.

# “Our China Missions — A Legacy of Service”

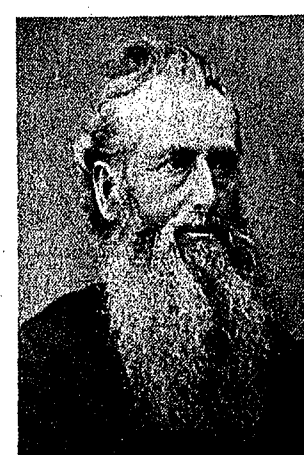
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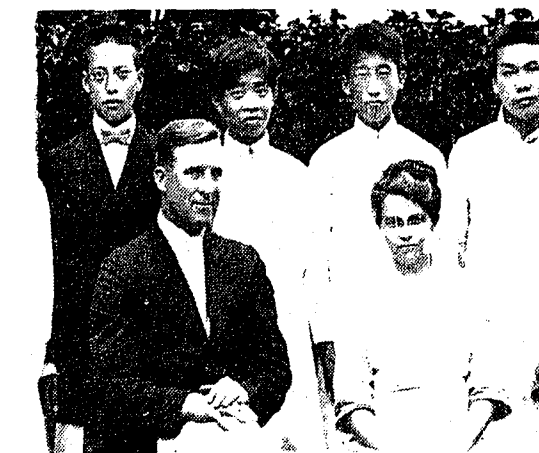
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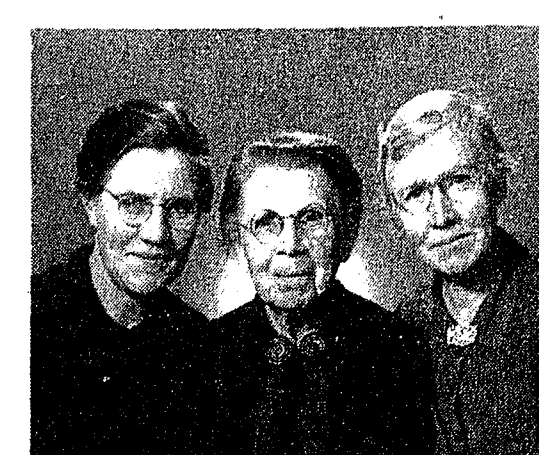
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Dr. Grace Crandall



Dr. Bessie Sinclair (French)



Anna, Nettie and Mabel West



Dr. George and Helen Thorngate



Miriam Shaw



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Thy Word is a light...

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Mrs. Mary Clare

### YOUTH CONCERNS

**PRE-CON!** A word to evoke memories--memories of times of high inspiration, memories of joyful commitment to God's work, memories of fun, fellowship and lasting friendships, memories of love begun.

**PRE-CON!** A word to elicit anticipation of great experiences to come.

Pre-Cons for 1979 will be worthy of the high standards set by previous directors only if there is complete cooperation between the directors and participants. Long hours of serious planning have gone into the programs. Late night extemporaneous and extra-curricular activities are unnecessary and unacceptable.

Stephen and Lisa Thorngate have accepted the responsibility to direct Youth Pre-Con to be held at Camp Hemlock, Quincy, Michigan, where Persus DeLand will reign supreme in the kitchen.

Kenneth Chroniger, director of Young Adult Pre-Con, has secured Dr. Paul Bassett, professor of Bible History at Nazarene College, Kansas City, to be the main lecturer and resource person. These sessions will be held on the campus of Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

Each of the Pre-Cons will cost \$50 per person.

The Family Pre-Con Camp will be directed by Mrs. Dorothy Parrott and Mrs. Lois Palmiter will be the cook. The cost of this camp to be held at Camp Holston has not been decided. □

### CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Philippians 4:4-13.

Make a list of the attitudes which the apostle Paul demonstrated toward receiving blessings.

Read and discuss Philippians 4:10-20.

How does giving generously affect receiving with joy?

Respond with a picture, poem or statement of the relationship between God, giving and receiving. Share with others in your group.

Choose an attitude you have studied which you need to develop. Work on it through the week and report the success at the next meeting. Close by giving someone in your group a personal item (you will get it back at end of the exercise). Tell him the significance of the gift. □

### THE DIRECTORS REVIEW QUARTER'S WORK

The Board of Directors has had a busy and rewarding quarter as reviewed in the January 21 meeting.

Preparing for children and youth activities at General Conference has taken many hours of consultation and letter-writing. The Host Committee has been most cooperative in finding locations and providing necessary information for Pre-Cons. The directors have been working to provide excellent programs. The exchange camper schedule has been developed and sent to camps wishing

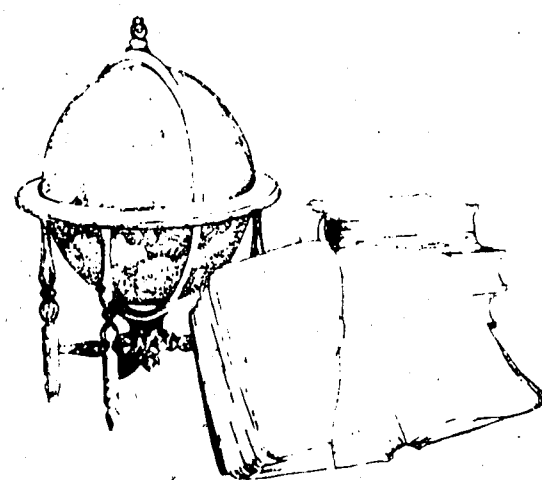
to participate. These schedules will be shared when information about camp dates has been received.

The children attending Associated Conference will learn by lesson and song about David the shepherd boy who was chosen by God to be king. We look forward to another concert by this talented group.

Ruth Peil has been hired to edit the *Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls* for 1980 and Rev. Albert Rogers will continue writing *The Helping Hand*. The Sabbath Nurture Series, Junior Lessons, have been published and are ready for distribution.

The board members are happy to note the growing number of children in Junior Youth groups. This has been accomplished by including non-Seventh Day Baptist children and by providing bus service for those children who are unable to attend otherwise.

Teachers and youth leaders are becoming more aware of the need to know more about the art of teaching. Churches are taking advantage of the opportunity to hold workshops directed by the board's executive secretary or obtaining material and holding their own workshops. Praise the Lord! As the calendar produced jointly by the American Sabbath Tract Society and the Board of Christian Education says, "SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST FAMILIES SEEK THE WILL OF GOD." □



The Sabbath Recorder

### WAS JESUS A PACIFIST?

Rev. Paul Burdick  
Waterford, Connecticut

Under the generally-accepted meaning of a "pacifist," he is a person who takes every situation in life in a calm, unruffled manner, never raising his voice in anger or his fist in self-defense, nor rushing to the defense of one who is being hurt or in danger.

If this is the true meaning of the term, then Jesus cannot be labeled in that fashion. He drove the traders out of the temple. He advised those who were to go out on a dangerous mission, to "sell their coats and buy a sword." So if He were to be called a pacifist, it must take on a much larger meaning. We note that in cleansing the temple, He used only a whip of "small cords." No one was killed, but apparently He spoke with such authority that men quailed before His moral courage.

In the matter of buying a sword, when the disciples said, "Here are two swords," He said, "It is enough." Two swords among eleven people, are not enough to start a revolution. Perhaps He meant it in a spiritual fashion, such as a "sword of the Spirit." Very soon afterwards when Peter used a sword to cut off a man's ear, Jesus said to him, "Put up your sword, for they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

We gather, then, that in its truest sense, a pacifist would not use a weapon to advance his own cause. In the temptation on the mountain, when Satan offered Jesus the kingdoms of the world if He would bow down and serve him, Jesus rejected the idea, saying, "You must worship God, and Him only shall you serve." Satan's promise must have meant the use of Satan's tools; armies and lethal weapons. Many others have gone down that road to destruction and death. But that was not the way for Jesus.

When the disciples urged Him to bring down fire upon the Samaritan village which would not receive them, Jesus replied, "The Son of man is come not to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

When Jesus was being led to the Cross, and saw women weeping for Him, He said, "Weep not for me but for yourselves and for your children..."



Pastor Watson Mataka of Malawi visited with Pastor Paul Burdick in August.

For we have come to that time when men are saying to the mountains, "Fall on us," and to the hills, "cover us," for the dangers that we face today. We are being told that we must be "second to none," and that no other nation shall exceed us in the power to kill and to destroy. We are told that if any nation shall exceed us in this lethal power, we must spend more money, call upon the highest scientific authority to develop something even more powerful. Is there no room for trust in God for our help? The prophet Elisha once prayed that God would open the eyes of the young man, his servant, so that he could see the hosts of God surrounding them to save them from the Syrians. We have the same God today, if only our eyes were opened, *that we could see!*

I have sometimes suggested that we cut down on our military budget by ten percent, to see if other nations would not do the same, and so year by year, do the same, until the great needs of hungry nations were met. Now we are surprised to learn that the Soviets have made *exactly the same proposal*. But some of our "leaders" have told us that to meet such a proposal leads to too many difficulties. "It is impossible," they say.

Life in Communist countries may be hard. There are so many laws and regulations. Especially so now that their people are urged to live in Spartan fashion through fear of the United States. For we do exceed them in Science and its power to create greatly sophisticated means of killing people. But they live, and live a fairly good life. I prefer to live here, but I would rather live in a Communist country than to be blown to bits in an atomic holocaust.

### THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Let us total up the circle of friends with which God has surrounded us. Japan is our friend, thank God. China may become our friend. The East European countries are held in thrall, it is true, but that is because Russia needs a hedge against a third invasion from the West. It is unthinkable that armies could be enlisted from Czechoslovakia, East Germany or Poland, who are already in partial revolt. No, the success of the Communists, if at all, will be in the realm of thoughts, rather than by armies.

Someone has said that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. Fear leads to the trusting in armies and navies that has always been the failure of the churches and missions. It failed in China when the Communists took over. It failed in Vietnam when we tried to contain Communism by arms and bombs. It will fail again in Africa, South America, or any country. It will fail again unless we have the pacifism of Jesus.

In 1905 in Russia, there was a peasants' revolt. It was put down with great bloodshed by the Czar's government, by means of the army, and backed by the church. Had they listened to Tolstoy, a Christian pacifist, who called them to listen to Jesus' words about doing justice, they might have avoided the revolution of 1917. The workers turned to Karl Marx, overthrew the government, established a Communist state, and put to death the Czar and the royal family. The Church is often the last body to put into practice the words of the Lord Jesus Christ. □



Faith Mission worker, Barbara Snyder, works closely with the editor in the preparation of copy for the *Sabbath Recorder*.

# MOVING!

## MOVING DAY MOODS

Moving can be quite an experience. I know, because we just moved from Alabama to Connecticut. Moving makes a person very tired, sometimes confused, sometimes happy and almost always sad. The tiredness comes from so much work to do. The confusion comes from not being able to find something you need, or figuring out what to do next. The happiness comes from the excitement of living in a new place. And the sadness comes from leaving behind good friends, a familiar house and all the places a person likes to go.

Andy felt all of these things, because it was moving day for Andy's family. His father had told him a long time ago that they would be moving. He had even packed all his own toys and had felt excited about the trip to their new home. But right now, all those things didn't matter. Andy was very sad, because he was sitting on the front steps thinking about all the people he would be leaving behind.

Andy's little brother, Jason, was only a year old. He was too young to know much about what was going on. He just liked to go exploring among the open boxes and unpack what somebody else had just packed. But he didn't know he shouldn't do that.

Susan, Andy's little sister, was four years old. She knew what was happening, because she had packed her toys, just like Andy. But, Andy thought, she doesn't have any friends from school because she isn't old enough to go to school.

Andy remembered all his friends at school, and his teacher, Mrs. Duncan. At first Andy didn't like Mrs. Duncan because she made him work so hard, but she would always help Andy when he didn't understand something. He realized now what a good teacher Mrs. Duncan was, and he knew he was going to miss her. Now he would have to get used to an entirely different teacher in his new school.

And what about all his friends from church? Andy thought about all the friends in his Sabbath School class. He would miss all of them, too, especially Tommy. He and Tommy not only went to the same church and were in the same Sabbath School class, but they did a lot of things together. Tommy lived just down the street from Andy, so they also went to the same school.

Andy was getting very wrapped up in his thoughts and was feeling very sorry for himself when his mother interrupted his thoughts. "The moving men will be here soon, Andy, and you will be in their way if you don't move."

"Okay, Mom. I was just thinking about all the friends I will miss when we move."

Mom sat down on the step next to Andy. "I know that you will miss all your friends. I'll miss a lot of the friends I've made, too. And even though we know that we will make new friends in our new neighborhood and church, that doesn't help the hurt that we feel right now, does it?"

"I know I'll make new friends, because you've told me that before. But I still will miss my old friends, even after I make new ones." Andy felt like he might cry.

Mom put her arm around Andy and said, "But there's one friend that we have who will go with us when we move. In fact, He is always with us. In Proverbs there is a verse that says, 'There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.' Do you know who that friend is?"

"It must be Jesus," Andy answered.

"That's right," said Mom. "He will be with you no matter what happens. Doesn't that make you feel better to know that?"

Andy nodded and Mom went on. "Now we'd better get out of the way before the moving men come. I think that it would be best if you took Susan and Jason down to Tommy's house so that they won't be in the way when the men are trying to get things packed. I talked to Tommy's mother and she said you could stay until we're ready to leave. I'll call you when it's time to go."

Andy went in the house to find Susan and Jason. He picked up Jason and held Susan's hand as they walked down the street to Tommy's house. He was glad for another chance to see his friend before they had to leave.

Andy turned up the sidewalk to Tommy's house. He put Jason down on the porch and let go of Susan's hand to knock on the door. Things seemed awfully quiet around here for some reason. Suddenly the door flew open.

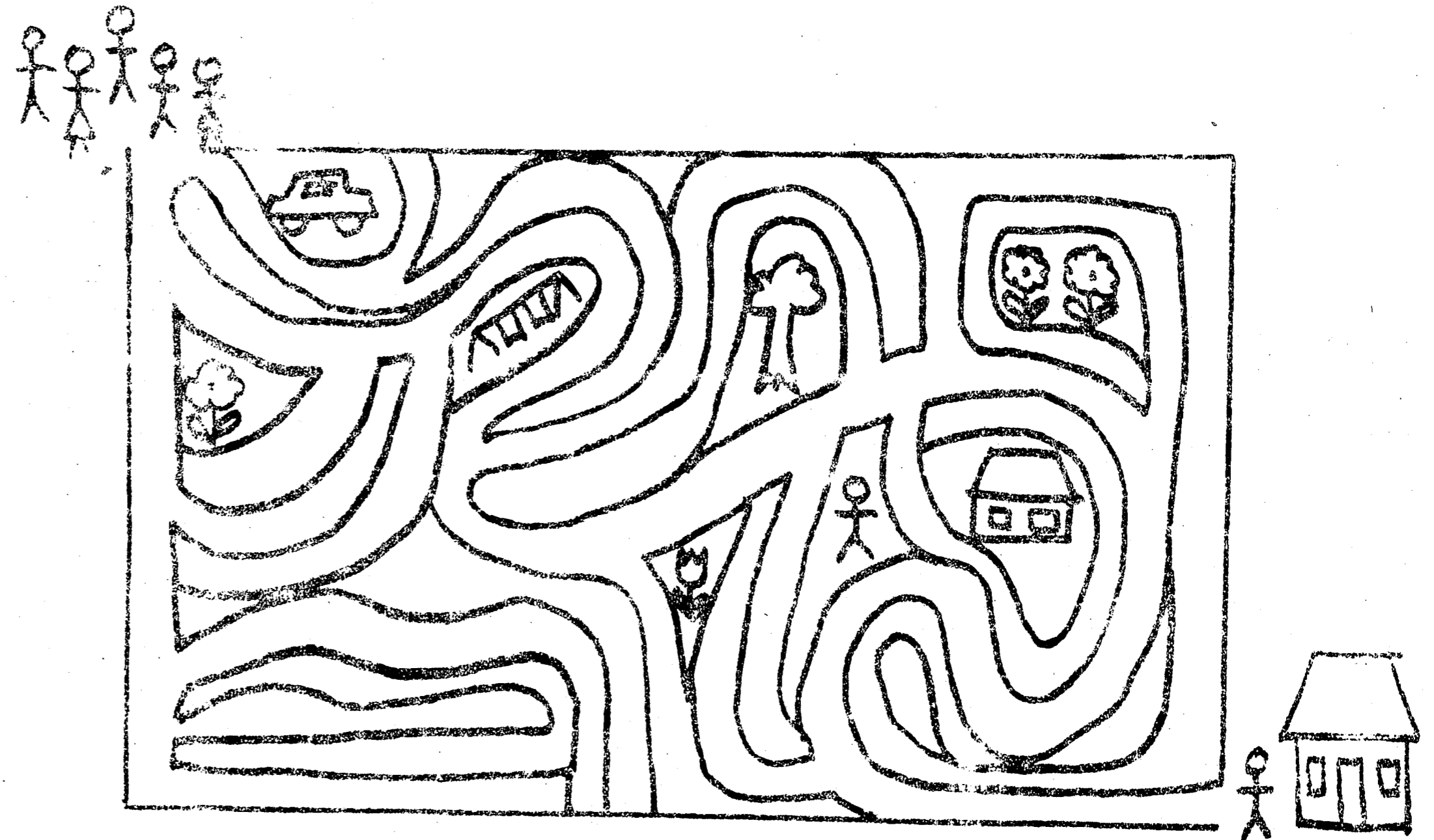
"SURPRISE!" There were all Andy's friends from school and Sabbath School. Even Mrs. Duncan was there. They were having a going-away party for him! Andy suddenly didn't feel sad anymore.

"I sure didn't expect this." All the children laughed. "I was feeling sad and lonely just a little while ago, because I thought I'd never see all of you again."

Tommy patted Andy on the back. "Sure you'll see us again. My mom says that our family can come to see you this summer and maybe we can bring some friends with us."

"That will be great," said Andy. "I really didn't have any reason to feel lonely, did I?"

You can learn the verse that Andy's mother told him for the memory verse this month. You'll find it in Proverbs 18:24. Then you can do the following puzzle. Help Tommy and his friends find their way to Andy's new house.



## WHAT IS EASTER?

Easter is when children and parents celebrate and color eggs. When they are all done they put them in a bowl or a basket. Then before the day is over they pray to God and give Him their appreciations for what He has done for them.

When morning comes they see that the Easter Bunny has left them things and before they begin to have fun they say their blessings to God. Then the kids and parents will start the celebration.

Felicia Hardney  
Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church

## SPRING

The best parts of spring to me are the animals and the flowers. The animals are interesting and practically all of the animals come out from hiding. The only part I don't like is the snakes which I don't like because they bite. But most animals I like and love. Animals add something to spring, they have babies which is new life.

The other part I like is the flowers. The part I like about the flowers is their colors, and more than that they add a brightness to our world. In the winter it snows and makes a beautiful sight. But when it stops snowing and the sun comes out again the snow melts and that ends the beautiful snow. It's still pretty, but not as pretty as when the snow was here because there aren't any flowers to look at and there aren't many animals. Spring is certainly a wonderful time of year.

Esther Wheeler  
Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church

# the CHURCH in ACTION

## SDB'S IN THE "LAND DOWN UNDER"

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA — Currently our meeting attendance is 22-30 people (adults) every Saturday evening, at 6:30 p.m. for evangelical meetings. On Wednesday, there are Bible studies and prayer meetings at 7 p.m. with about ten adult people. Saturday morning we have Sabbath School, with twenty-three children (a few adults have started to meet—slowly they are joining Sabbath morning meetings). We are enjoying our new musical group integrated by an accordian, piano, three guitars and two mandolins. In October about sixty-five adults attended a special evangelical campaign with Christian films about Paul and other apostles' lives. We also joined the Greek Nazarene Church and their musical group singing in Spanish, English and Greek!

On December 24, we met for a Christmas Eve dinner with thirty-six adults and thirty-two children. We spent \$137 for children's toys to share happiness and friendship with non-Christian people.

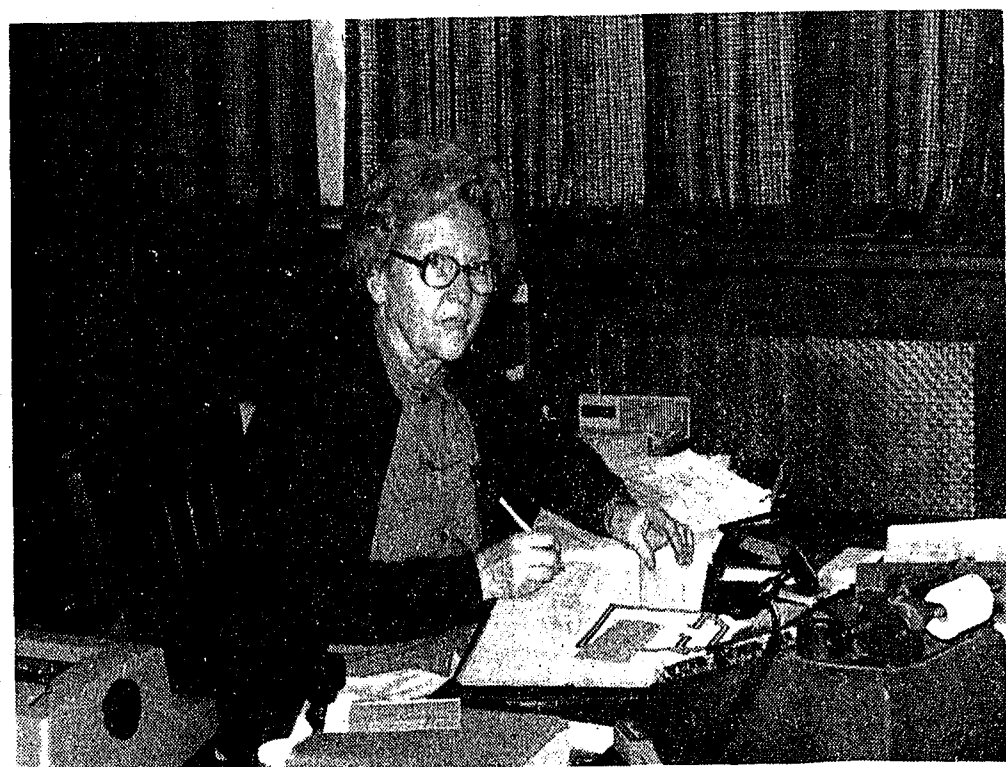
On December 30, the Lord greatly blessed us with four new people accepting Jesus as their personal Savior. Then on January 6, we were blessed with a wonderful experience of Pastor Ronald Barrar from New Zealand and Brother Mervin Rudd from Bundaberg visiting us.

I think despite our human faults our loving God is helping and blessing us, and I do believe that the kindness and humility expressed by Rev. Leon Lawton in his visit helped us to find the way to serve our Lord. I think our prayers have been answered, because in nearly five months since we've started our group here, it is growing and new souls are seeking the Lord's Kingdom.

Our later activity was an evangelical outdoor work joined by all the



SDB's meeting in Chehalis, WA, use the Salvation Army building.



Etta O'Connor, our efficient office manager, handles *Sabbath Recorder* subscription services. She has rendered loyal service to SDB's for a number of years.

families of our group on January 14. We went to a beach and sang and preached with our musical instruments. There were some Spanish-speaking families who listened to our message and many tracts were distributed. Our group is working very enthusiastically, and we are growing quickly. Our latest activity was a picnic on January 28, offering a good opportunity to bring new non-Christian people. Three new people were very surprised to find such good friendship. We are very thankful to our Lord because He is blessing our work here day by day. Please, we ask again for your prayers. □

-Joseph Alegre

- An article by Editor John D. Bevis, "Running the Gauntlet" was recently published in *The Sermon Builder*, a periodical for ministers.

- Dr. H. Laurence Burdick, family physician in Milton, WI, for the past thirty-three years, will be retiring June 1. He came to Milton to join in practice with Dr. Milton D. Davis in 1946, and is a member of the Milton SDB Church.

## CHURCH PLANS "DISTINCTIVES" WORKSHOP

WASHINGTON, DC—The Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church has voted to hold the workshop entitled "Seventh Day Baptist Distinctives" as outlined in the 1978 *Yearbook*. The workshop will be held at the church on May 6 at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Leon R. Lawton will direct the sessions.

The church has published a "Directory" for the new year which shows a gain of thirteen members.

We have begun a Wednesday evening "Bible Study" at the church, also, a Sabbath afternoon program for children, youth, and adults.

Our Sabbath Day attendance and collections have increased for which we are grateful. □

Alma Brissey

- The New Auburn and Dodge Center churches are sponsoring a SDB Fellowship in Menomonie, WI. There are about three families involved in this new group. Monthly Sabbath services are being conducted—pray for this new work.

## GERMAN SDB CHURCH GROWING

SALEMVILLE, PA—Following a warm weather season filled with fellowship meals and recreation (zealous volleyball!), our congregation has remained "involved" during the winter months. Two ladies' Bible Study groups recently completed an in-depth study on "Prayer" by making a Sabbath morning worship presentation on prayer and recommending that the church designate one Sabbath School room as a prayer room for ongoing use by individuals/groups. The room, though not yet completely furnished, is already in use by our Ladies Prayer meeting. Its walls will contain a new church library.

We continue to have an active Children's Church program and Young Adult Sabbath School Class. Since Thanksgiving, we have initiated two special church-wide food gathering efforts for those in need. We baptized four new members this past fall and are currently updating our membership roll. A special Sabbath afternoon Bible Study on the Revelation to John is under way. Barring *extreme* weather conditions, our average weekly church attendance has increased to between sixty-five and seventy persons in attendance, for which we praise the Lord! □

-Kent L. Martin

## EDITOR VISITS MARLBORO CHURCH

MARLBORO, NJ—For the past several weeks the children's message at Marlboro has been given by Miss Doneta Richards. She is a young woman with a special gift of understanding children and always holds their complete attention.

These children and several others from the neighborhood also attend our Marlboro Community Bible Club held Thursday afternoons at the church. There are two classes, age 3-5, taught by Diane Cruzan and grades K-3, taught by Barbara Froding and Jeanne Dickinson. Songs, stories, and crafts are used to help teach the children of God's love. A few of these children do not attend any church, so it is a real joy to share with them and see their minds and hearts open.

Sabbath Recorder Day, February 17, was a special Sabbath at Marlboro since we were honored to have the *Sabbath Recorder* editor, John Bevis,



## Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible texts selected by pastors and ministerial students.

Kenneth B. Burdick  
Morristown, N.J.

- Gal. 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (RSV).

- In this verse Paul says both "I have been put to death" and "I live." Is he then dead or alive? The answer to this question brings us to the heart of what it means to be saved: to end one life which was destined for eternal death because of sin, and to begin a completely new life with Christ. The old life dies with the surrender of "self," and the new life is born as God's spirit takes control.

It is all too easy for a Christian to turn again to a life centered in the "self." But "self" has earned God's wrath and is by His grace accounted "dead." This verse is a helpful reminder to me that I no longer depend upon my "self"—either for my salvation, or the direction of the life I now live. □

with us. Unfortunately, the weather was uncooperative, giving us freezing temperatures and extremely slippery roadways, so there were a few who were unable to attend. Mr. Bevis gave the morning message and after the fellowship meal, gave a short, interesting talk on our past, present, and future association in India and China.

Diane F. Cruzan

## BOOK REVIEW

QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK ABOUT TONGUES, BUT... by William L. Banks (AMG Publishers, Chattanooga, Tennessee, \$2.25).

For those of you confused about those who claim to have the gift of tongues, this book is for you.

Dr. William L. Banks, pastor of the historic Union Baptist Church in Philadelphia and weekly columnist for the *Philadelphia Tribune*, gives us a thorough analysis about what the Bible says about speaking in tongues. This noted Bible scholar presents his Scriptural interpretation from the original Greek in an easy-to-read question and answer format. He has developed a book of immense impact that is "must" reading for non-charismatic and charismatic alike.

Dr. Banks warns Christians to test the spirits and base their actions and beliefs, not on emotion and experience, but only on the Word of God. He presents it as an alternative to the hearsay stories and books on the market that are based merely on emotion and experience. □



Geraldine "Geri" Agurs (seated) is now giving secretarial assistance at Headquarters; John Bevis and Etta O'Connor are happily sharing some of the work load with her.

## DEACON IS ORDAINED

PLAINFIELD, NJ—Dr. K. Duane Hurley's ordination as a deacon on March 3 was a great occasion for our church. There were 108 present, including the North Jersey and Irvington churches and representatives from Ashaway, Westerly, Berlin, New York City, and Marlboro. Pastor and Mrs. Donald Richards of Marlboro drove up after their morning service. Pastor David Pearson led the worship services. Douglas Wheeler sang "Consecration," Deacon Frederik Bakker welcomed our guests, Pastor Socrates Thompson led the responsive reading, Pastor Kenneth Burdick offered prayer, Dr. Hurley told of his Christian experience in a most interesting way, Deacon Lloyd Coon gave the charge to the candidate, Elder Reuben Simons gave the charge to the church, Pastor Pearson offered the consecrating prayer, with the laying on of hands, and Deaconess Shireen Hurley welcomed her husband to the Diaconate.

Margret Armstrong was in charge of a fellowship dinner for all who could stay. In the afternoon, Pastor Russell Havens spoke on the four pitfalls of service found in the book of Haggai, and Dean Herbert Saunders conducted Communion with Deacon K.D. Hurley helping to serve.

At our quarterly meeting in January we accepted Pastor Pearson's resignation as of April 1 with regret and with appreciation for their dedicated service among us during the last two years. Pastor Pearson was also commended for his expert work on our outside bulletin board, new church signs, and parsonage renovation. He has accepted the call as interim pastor of the Paint Rock, AL, church. At a special meeting in February we voted to have an evaluation of our church made by an outsider, to precede calling a pastor.

Communion on January 6 was followed by a covenant renewal service, at which members came forward and signed the covenant. Week of Prayer services were held in six different homes. Our special offering for the World Federation amounted to \$100.

Two fellowship dinners in February were followed by interesting programs. Dr. Hurley recounted his trip to Europe and India, showing his slides, and Dean Saunders spoke about the work of the Center on Ministry and showed slides of our ministerial students, pastors, and churches.



Dr. and Mrs. K. D. Hurley

On two Sabbath afternoons several members distributed leaflets offering the Tract Society's free Bible course. This gave us a chance to talk with some of our neighbors about our church and our Christian faith.

The church voted to revise our Sabbath schedule again, with prayer time at 10:00, worship at 10:30, Sabbath School at 11:45, and singing and closing from 12:30 to 12:45. This plan is proving to be more satisfactory than the two preceding ones. □

-Ruth Hunting Parker

## NEW STUDENTS IN SEMINARY

**KIM SAUTTER**--Junior student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Kim is a member of the Columbus, OH, Seventh Day Baptist Church. He entered seminary in February. He recently attended the student weekend in Boulder, CO, and has just accepted the call to be the summer pastor of the North Loup, NE, SDB Church.

**ROGER CHENOWETH**--Junior student at the Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio in Delaware, Ohio. Roger is from Bridgeport, West Virginia, is married (Carol) and has an eleven-month-old daughter. He served for two years as a pastor of the Ritchie, (Berea) WV, SDB Church. His vocational goals are still being formed and he is looking to seminary to help identify and formulate them. He began his studies on March 21.

## DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

**April 26-May 2**  
SDB Ministers Conference  
Milton, WI  
Dean Herbert E. Saunders

**May 4-5**  
Robert Babcock Ordination  
Houston, TX  
Dean Herbert E. Saunders

**May 11-13**  
Allegheny Association  
Alfred Station, NY  
President William Austin  
Editor John D. Bevis

**May 19**  
Sabbath Renewal Day

**May 18-20**  
Eastern Association  
Berlin, NY

**May 27**  
Annual Meeting  
SDB Historical Society  
Plainfield, NJ

**May 24-27**  
Special Meetings  
Memphis, TN, Church  
Rev. Mynor Soper

**June 2-3**  
Central NY Association  
Adams Center, NY

**June 3**  
Anniversary Banquet  
New York City Church  
Editor John D. Bevis

**June 7-26**  
Summer Ministerial Institute  
"Sabbath Philosophy"  
Plainfield, NJ  
Dean Herbert E. Saunders

## WANTED

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# Church Bazaar— Fledgling Seventh Day Baptists Get National Church's Support

By MICHAEL CLARK  
Religion Editor

Memphis' Seventh Day Baptist community, though still in its infancy and predictably tiny, has been singled out for special attention by the denomination's national organization.

William Shoffner, the lay pastor who got Seventh Day Baptist meetings started here last year, has been granted the church's support as a part-time pastor under the city's designation as a new Reach Out Now (RON) project.

The major benefit of the designation is that Mr. Shoffner will be able to devote more time to spreading the word

about the denomination that he and his family discovered at the public library.

"The first thing that it does," he said, "is it puts someone here as a pastor—it'll give me more time to follow through on contacts."

Since a story about the church was published last July, the church, which meets at 2 p.m. each Saturday at Frayser Church of the Nazarene, has received a number of visitors and letters from as far away as Texas, Mr. Shoffner said. Regular attendance is still about 15.

Several church leaders have come down to visit the fledgling congregation, nevertheless, and the Shoffners (his wife, Sandra Shoffner, is very active) were written about in the denomination's Missions publication last November.

Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, dean of the Seventh Day Baptist Center on Ministry in Plain-

field, N.J., is scheduled to preach at the service on Jan. 27. Mr. Saunders, a graduate of Salem College and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, has headed the center, which coordinates and supplements seminary training for those who wish to be Seventh Day Baptist ministers, since 1975.

That kind of attention is heartening. "We've been blessed with how many people have come down here to help — really from just all over the country... They're a great, loving bunch of people. They come in and you feel like they're your brothers and sisters," Mr. Shoffner said.

They say they've been blessed in other ways, too. Such as the time they bought an ad without knowing how they were going to pay for it. Before they had to worry about it, here came a check from one of the church's missionary projects. As Mr. Shoffner said, "We've seen God's hand."

Neither is he worried that attendance has stayed at about what it was when they started holding services at their home last spring. Many of their visitors, Mr. Shoffner said, have been "staying back in the wings and seeing whether it's going to float. People have problems making commitments..."

"We feel that all of the work has been fruitful. We're kind of laying the foundation, planting the seeds."

He's convinced that it will grow even though it may take a year or two.

That seems particularly true of groups such as Seventh Day Baptists, a denomination with just more than 70 churches and fewer than 10,000 members.

But the church, which was founded in the mid-1600s in England, is trying. An RON project has been underway for some time in Houston, Texas, and the church's publication, The Sabbath Recorder, provides sound evidence of expansionist hopes for the denomination that

claims one member in the U.S. Senate, Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.).

A recent issue tells of new churches in Middletown, Conn., and Upper Marlboro, Md., as well as a mission effort in Melbourne, Australia, and an evangelism project the Los Angeles church has started to reach out to Mexican-American gang members.

Locally, the Shoffners plan to make some door-to-door contacts to help spread the word that the Seventh Day Baptists, who are essentially similar to other Baptists except in their belief that Saturday is the proper day of worship, are here.

A vacation Bible school is also in the works for next summer. "We feel we have to have a complete ministry."

As for himself, Mr. Shoffner, who was licensed to preach by the Little Rock congregation with which the local mission is affiliated, has not yet decided whether he will go off to attend seminary. It has been suggested that he take courses by mail "in order to keep myself available to serve, but I'm going to let the Lord lead me."

He knows, however, how preaching makes him feel: "I just come away feeling 10 feet tall..."

"I certainly need the Lord's guidance on it, and I'm open to serving whenever and wherever I can."

This article appeared in the Memphis, TN, newspaper, an example of good church visibility!

## GERMANY

by K. D. Hurley

Seventh Day Baptists in Hamburg, Germany, are committed to an outreach project through printing and distributing evangelistic tracts. Executive Secretary K. D. Hurley learned this when he visited the group on Sabbath Day, January 6, 1979. On the same weekend the Missionary Society's Executive Vice-President Leon R. Lawton met with church members from the Netherlands at The Hague. These en route contacts

were made as a part of the fact-finding and goodwill mission to India.

Nine persons were present in Hamburg, including Pastors Johannes Bahlke and Helmut Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. Mohr, Mrs. Borrmann, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Bruhn and daughter, Carola. The all-day meeting was held in an attractive and convenient multiple-purpose room, part of a large building on a street corner near the downtown area.

During the morning the group participated in a worship experience,

including hymn singing, Bible reading, prayer and reviewing worldwide Seventh Day Baptist activities.

At noon a fellowship luncheon was served, and during the afternoon, Executive Secretary made a detailed report regarding the work of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, as well as the current emphasis on growth among the churches in America. There followed extensive discussion as to the role of the Hamburg church in the total thrust for Christ and His cause among Seventh Day Baptists.

The common desire was expressed to be part of the evident advance and expansion taking place. It was decided that since the group is small, with few young people, a start would be made through a printed ministry.

The possibility of getting help from the American Sabbath Tract Society was suggested, with the advisability of either translating the tracts into German or taking the basic outlines and writing the material to correspond with the specific interests and understandings of the people in that country.

Using Ephesians 4 as background Scripture, Executive Secretary Hurlley in his remarks highlighted the essential "oneness" among Seventh Day Baptists: *Oneness* with Christ in His service; "oneness" with ourselves because of our faith; and "oneness" with others in accomplishing denominational objectives.

Admiration was expressed for the many years of faithful and dedicated leadership provided by Pastor Bahlke. In response, he voiced the wish that exchange visits could occur more often—and by whole delegations! Such interchanges across geographical and national boundaries "strengthen the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love." □

## CARING

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making everything his business." To transcend one's own self-centeredness is imperative. It's a saving necessity. For the wages of sin is death.

God sent His Son out of love, and we love because He first loved us. I am called to be Christ to my neighbor. Jesus said, "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink." But we fail, and Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you would not welcome me into your homes." And we ask, "How can I love my neighbor as Christ loved me?" The answer is not in "psychiatric help."

## GOD IS THE TRUE SOURCE OF LOVE

The sources of such love must be in God, not in me. "Dear friends,

let us love one another, because love comes from God." Yes, I'm called to be Christ to my neighbor but I also must recognize Christ in him. Were you able to see Christ in Charlie Brown? In Lucy? Are you able to see Christ when someone goes out of his way to do something for you? It is truly a commandment, a standard, an evidence of discipleship, that I love my neighbor. But it is not natural. And the cost is more than five cents. It is something we must be empowered by God to do, something we must learn to do, and it is not easy. It isn't even safe to love somebody. There are hazards and there are risks involved. In fact, to love at all makes me very vulnerable. It will mean that my heart will certainly be wrung, even be broken. But we have an alternative. It is stated quite dramatically in a book by Leslie Brandt called *Great God, Here I Am*. The meditation called "Mark of a True Disciple" ends thus:

There is an alternative.  
I may lock myself in the casket of my own selfishness.  
I would then never know the hurt of love rejected or spurned, or the pain and price of sharing myself with someone else.  
But never to know God's love or to express that love to others is the shortest and most certain road to hell.<sup>2</sup> □

<sup>1</sup>Burke, Carl F. *Don't Turn Me Off, Lord—And Other Jailhouse Meditations*. Association Press: New York, 1971. p. 110.

<sup>2</sup>Brandt, Leslie F. *Great God, Here I Am*. Concordia Publishing House: St. Louis, 1969. p. 21.

## WOMEN'S PAGE

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things not seen..." "By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear..." Recently, I heard a speaker describe it, "Faith is the safety net which gives us confidence, the trapeze we let go of to grasp another..." Helping to **STRENGTHEN—TO REACH HER HIGHEST POTENTIAL**... must certainly begin by helping that person to build a strong faith.

Christian love can bring about the nurture of faith, the planting, the cultivating and the growth. To be

involved in the life of one who "feels nothing" is to honestly care about that person; to desire for him the joy and peace which comes through union with the Holy Spirit. Such caring cannot be simulated—it must be the real thing. When we are really concerned, and "caring" we can lift that person up to God in our prayers, and things will happen then that will show the Spirit at work. (Perhaps the biggest change will be in our own attitude toward the one for whom we are concerned.) From this point on, without pressure, and with gentle caring, we can establish a partnership, a true friendship, where things of the Spirit are shared. To read and study the Bible, to discuss the wonder of God's love for all his children, all the while supplying the love of Christ, which is a real *agape* experience, is to open a new world for both yourself and your friend. There is real skill and patience to be learned while you work with Him by your side. **IT'S THE GROWING SEASON!** □

## PEACE STUDY URGED

Following the directive of Conference '78, the Christian Social Action Committee is taking up a work of alerting the churches on the subject of peace in the world. They are asking that the churches undertake the subject in classes, such as Sabbath schools, young people's societies or in special classes set up for the purpose.

Two pamphlets were sent to the churches, "At the Turning Point" and "How To Work for Peace." More are available if requested.

President Carter's patience, persistence and trust in God have been an inspiration to us all, as he has given his time and effort to bring about peace in the Middle East. Our prayers go with him, but shouldn't our prayers equally go toward seeking peace with Russia, or any other country that might get us embroiled in the process of trusting in arms instead of believing in the God Who watches over us all for good, and in Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace?

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## MARRIAGES

**LAWLER-BABCOCK.**—Rodney Lawler, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lawler, Turner, KS, and Katherine Babcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Babcock, Arlington, TX, were united in marriage June 22, 1978 in Edwardsville, KS. The bride's former pastor, Clifford Bond, officiated.

**SMITH-FETROW.**—D. Scott Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith of Topeka, KS, and Jean F. Fetrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fetrow of Waterford, CT, were united in marriage on Sabbath, December 23, 1978 at the meeting house of the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church, Waterford, CT. Pastor Dale E. Rood, pastor of the bride, and Dr. Kenneth Smith, father of the groom, officiated. The newlyweds are making their home in Topeka, KS.

## BIRTHS

**BEJJANI.**—A son, Joseph, to Gabriel and Hayat Bejjani, Riverside, California, on February 14, 1979.

**BOYD.**—A daughter, Betsy Jo, to Joe A. and Elizabeth (Randolph) Boyd, of New Enterprise, PA, on September 27, 1978.

**BUTLER.**—A son, Jason Robert, to Phillip and Becky Butler of Huntsville, Alabama, on December 5, 1978.

**EBERSOLE.**—A daughter, Heather Marie, to Wayne Lee and Pamela Jean (Kohler) of Holidaysburg, PA, on February 5, 1979.

**VOLK.**—A son, Daniel Robert, to Robert and Sherry (Butts) Volk, Alfred, NY, on February 5, 1979.

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Rudolfo Belasco

## WASHINGTON, DC

Leland E. Davis, Pastor  
By Testimony:  
D. Edith Towles

## OBITUARIES

**COON.**—Madge L. Muncy was born June 11, 1897 at Nortonville, Kansas, and died at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wisconsin, on February 24, 1979.

On May 19, 1918 she was united in marriage with Ralph H. Coon, pastor and teacher. He died at Salem, W. Va., October 16, 1961. To this union were born five children, all of whom survive her: Lloyd of Succasunna, N.J.; Doris (Mrs. Edward Rood) of Milton; Jean; Marian (Mrs. Mynor Soper) of Texarkana, Ark.; Ruth (Mrs. Ronald Krum) of Henderson, N.C. She is also survived by eighteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters.

Since 1962, she has made her home with her daughter Doris in Milton, Wis. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder, Colo., and an active member of the congregation of the church at Milton. Funeral services were held from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton on February 27, 1979 with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating. Burial was in the Lost Creek, W. Va., cemetery. —E.C.

**DAVIS.**—Sara Allen, 79, the daughter of the late Ford and Lillian Myers Allen, was born in Quinton, N.J., February 16, 1900, and died at the Cooper Hospital, Camden, N.J., on March 12, 1979. She had been in failing health for the past three years.

She was the wife of the late Thurman C. Davis, a prominent Shiloh businessman, who died in 1974.

Mrs. Davis was a school teacher and taught in the elementary grades of area schools including Shiloh before retirement in 1930.

She was an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh since her baptism in 1913. Only her heart trouble caused her to slow down. She worked also with the Benevolent Society of the church, and often talked of the work of the host committee, of which she was chairman, when the church entertained General Conference in 1937.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. William (Janis) Madara, Cherry Hill, she is survived by: a grandson, William Davis Madara; a

sister, Elma Pearson of Pennsville, and a brother, Frank P. Allen of Penns Grove. Funeral services were held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 15, 1979, with her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. —C.H.B.

**LARSON.**—Bertha Lucile, died February 8, 1979, in a San Pablo, California, convalescent hospital at the age of 81.

She is survived by her husband, John Larson, a member of the Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church, a son, John Stuart Larson, and four sisters, Mrs. John D. Smith, Mrs. Glenola Stanton, Mrs. Walter Crussell and Leslie Cronwall.

Mrs. Larson was born in Stanton, Iowa, and graduated from nursing school in Omaha in 1921. Her forty-year nursing career included work in Omaha and in the San Francisco Bay Area. She retired in 1962.

A sincere love of neighbor was evident in Lucile Larson's daily life. She was the epitome of a dedicated nurse with her patients, and when neighbors were ill she would visit them and offer helpful advice.

Funeral services were conducted February 12, 1979, jointly by Seventh Day Baptist Pastors Ted Hibbard and Jay Zarembo. —Iris R. Suhl

**SUTTON.**—Edna Ruth Sutton, daughter of Ary Thomas and Jewell Mason Bottoms was born September 22, 1911, in Cullman County, Alabama. She was educated in college degrees from Salem, West Virginia, and the University of Ohio. She became a home economics teacher and taught for forty years.

She was married to F. Orland Sutton on October 12, 1935 and had seven children. Edna joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Athens, Alabama, when she was about fourteen years old and was a lifelong dedicated member and a deaconess of the Paint Rock SDB Church. This church suffers a great loss for her love of others and her services were very much appreciated.

Edna was survived by her husband, Orland, and her seven children, James Earl, Richard Orland, Robert Thomas, Howard Cortiss, Charlotte Ann, Carolyn Sue, and Daniel Joe. Also surviving were fourteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Moore's Funeral Home at Trenton, GA, on September 21, 1978. The service was directed by Pastor Robert E. Harris. Burial was at Brown Gap Cemetery.

**VAUGHT.**—June Green, was born June 28, 1926 in Edgerton, Wisconsin, and died after a long illness on Jan. 11, 1979 at Community Hospital, Edgerton.

She was the daughter of Clinton and Myrtle McCarthy Green. She was married May 27, 1949 to Austin Vaught, Sr. She was a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church and was active in her church and the Missionary and Benevolent Society.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Jerry, Austin, Jr., and Norman; two daughters, Mrs. Michael (Shirley) Dooley, and Ida Gay, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were from the Nygaard Funeral Home in Edgerton, Wis., on January 13 with Reverend Norman Jole of Central Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery, Albion, Wis. —E.C.

## RESOLUTION

Whereas Elston Herbert Van Horn, son of the late Herbert Clarke Van Horn and Abbie Ila Babcock Van Horn, was born in Ashaway, Rhode Island, was graduated from the Lost Creek High School, Lost Creek, West Virginia, Class of 1930, Drake Business College, Plainfield, New Jersey in 1931 and Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, Class of 1935. He was employed by C. B. Cottrell and Sons (manufacturers of printing presses) as accountant and in the purchasing department.

He served the Seventh Day Baptist Causes as Treasurer of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, then as Trustee of this church, Westerly, Rhode Island, and as Treasurer of the Westerly Rhode Island Council of Churches, Westerly, Rhode Island, as President of the Eastern Association in 1946, a Member of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Westerly, Rhode Island since 1938, and as a Trustee of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund since 1966 until July 1978.

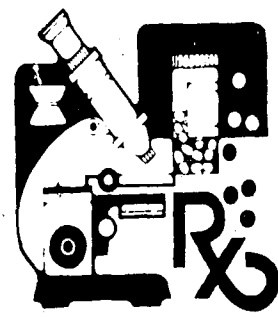
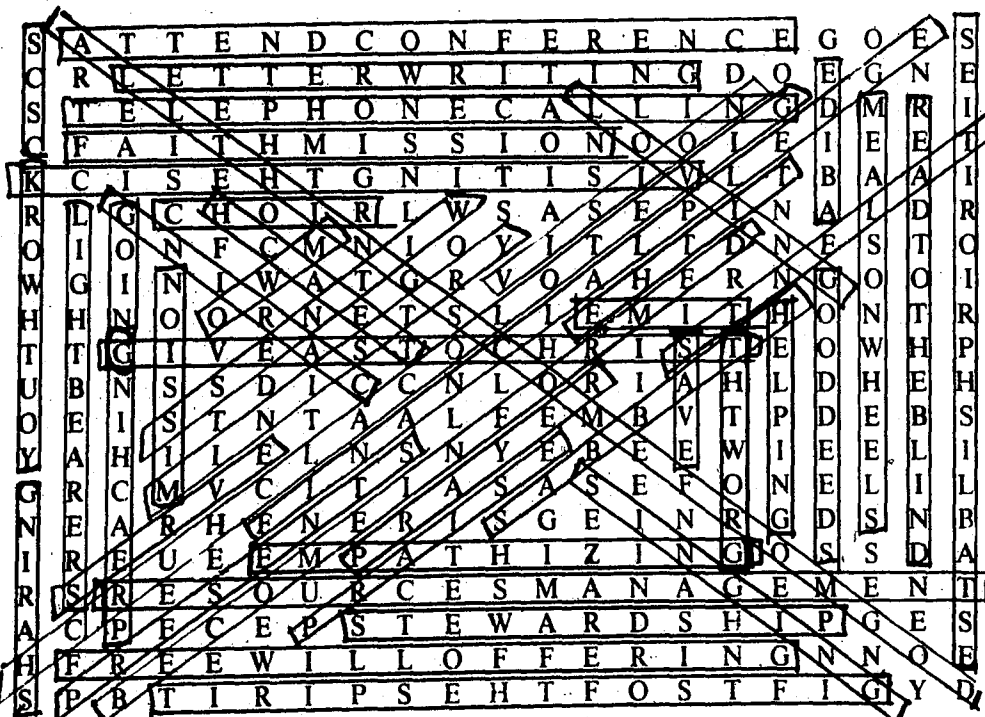
Other organizations to which he belonged were the Westerly (Rhode Island) Yacht Club, the Westerly (Rhode Island) Sea Scouts, and the Chicago Color Camera Club.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund express their appreciation of his twelve years of services on that Board as Trustee and for a time as Assistant Recording Secretary and that the members of the Board will miss his wise counsel and deliberations in Board Meetings.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board adopt this resolution, spread a copy thereof in the minutes of the Board, deliver a copy to him, deliver a copy to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society and print a copy thereof in the *Sabbath Recorder*.

The Board of Trustees of the  
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## PRESCRIPTION FOR ANXIETY

by Mayola Warner

"My grace is sufficient for you—" 2 Cor. 12:9

What is your greatest fear or worry? Is it what others think of you, the weather, choosing the right job or mate, losing your hair, health problems, getting old? What can we do about the many things that eat away at the peace that is supposed to be ours as Christians? I would like to share something I found that works.

We must define our worries, know what it is that keeps gnawing away at us, and then take authority over it in the name of Jesus. According to John 10:10, Satan is the great robber and will keep on stealing from us until he destroys completely. But, we as children of God, have more power than he does—through Christ. Thus, we have the authority to renounce that fear and command it to leave us. This is the first element of the prescription.

The second part has to do with trusting God. To illustrate this I would like to share a very real experience from my life. I used to always worry about the day death would claim any of my loved ones. It was so bad that I'd even dream about it—more like nightmares. When that day came and I was awakened in the middle of the night to learn that my mother had been shot by a stray bullet while sleeping in her bed, I found my worry was not justified. God gave me unforeseeable strength and peace! Oh, the wonderful grace of God! I felt something like a beachball buoyed up on the ocean waves of love and peace. I am sure that the prayers of many people were a very real part of that undergirding strength. Now I know that God's grace will be abundantly poured out when it is needed; that it is not something we have to hoard for emergencies.

Corrie ten Boom has so sweetly said, "Look around and be distressed, look within and be depressed, look to Jesus and be at rest!"

So, as God's children, we are entitled to this divine prescription, which can be refilled as often as needed. To put it simply: resist Satan, trust God.

Try it, I know it works. ☐



## O'HAIR MOTTO SUIT FAILS IN U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

WASHINGTON—Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair's suit seeking the removal of the phrase "In God We Trust" from U.S. coins and currency was thrown out by a federal court of appeals in New Orleans.

The Austin, Texas, based atheist leader, who has waged a long battle in the courts to have the trappings of religion removed from public life, was defeated earlier in her present suit when a Texas federal district court ruled that the challenged motto does not violate the "no establishment of religion" clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The First Amendment states in part that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

According to a spokesman at the New Orleans court, Mrs. O'Hair will appeal the lower court rulings to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Her suit was originally filed in 1977 with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. In a separate action, she unsuccessfully sought to have the same court halt the minting of the new Susan B. Anthony silver dollar until a ruling on her main complaint was issued. Her injunction was dismissed.

The motto "In God We Trust" has been used on U.S. coins and bills and currency only since 1955 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law a bill passed by Congress requiring the motto's use. The official U.S. motto or slogan is "e pluribus unum" (out of many, one).

Several years ago, Mrs. O'Hair was similarly unsuccessful in a federal

suit against the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) over the issue of Bible reading aboard American space ships. She was protesting the 1968 Christmas Eve reading of the Christmas story by astronauts aboard Apollo 8 as it orbited the moon. She claimed then that the government was establishing and financing religious exercises.

Mrs. O'Hair, who heads the American Atheist Center in Austin, is often incorrectly credited with single-handedly having prayer and Bible reading removed from public school classrooms in a pair of highly misunderstood Supreme Court decisions in 1962 and 1963.

Her case was actually one of three separate cases decided by the high court in the two rulings. Then Madalyn Murray and living in Baltimore, Md., she brought the case challenging a requirement that the Lord's Prayer be recited or that a chapter of the Bible be read in the city's classrooms.

The Supreme Court, in an 8-1 decision, sided with her and with a Pennsylvania man who is a companion suit challenged his state's requirement that the Bible be read publicly before the beginning of school each day.

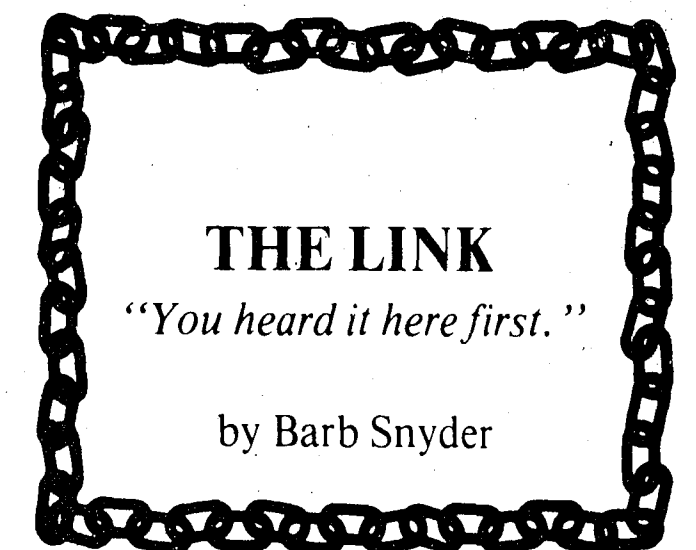
The year before, the justices had likewise declared unconstitutional a prayer composed by the New York State Board of Regents which was required to be read each day in every public school in the state.

In neither case did the high court ban prayer and Bible reading by individual pupils. On the contrary, several of the justices took pains to explain that their decisions were not intended to be anti-religious or to discourage the study of the Bible as academic material. What they did find unconstitutional were state-mandated devotional exercises.

Both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs went on record at the time in support of the Supreme Court decisions. The Washington organization, supported by Southern Baptists and seven other U.S. Baptist bodies, has since worked against repeated efforts to require devotional exercises in the public schools. ☐

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(answer on page 28)

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| Establish priorities     | Lightbearers    | Tithe    | Witness  |
| Give to local church     | Stewardship     | Teach    | Serve    |
| Become informed          | Empathizing     | Sabbath  | Save     |
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| Letter writing           | Loving          | Mission  | SCSC     |
| Visiting the sick        | Sharing         |          | OWM      |
| Read to the blind        | Caring          |          |          |
| Financial pledge         | Going           |          |          |
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## The Healthy Church

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HOW DO YOU measure the health of a church?

I think it is obvious that there are many facts a person should know before attempting to respond to a question like this. For instance, what is the situation of the church in its community? What is the heritage and history of the church? What is its reputation and image in its community? What are the resources in terms of human abilities the church has? What is the potential for ministry and growth within its community? What is the need for the church where it exists?

All these deal with specifics pertaining to a particular church. Here we must deal in a more general way with some guidelines that can be applied to any church.

What then are the signs of health within a church? I suggest at least seven.

1. The most obvious factor is that of some kind of growth in numbers, in activity, in finances, in support, in missionary outreach. If the trend here is upward it indicates there is something contagious about the spirit, about the vision, about the commitment of the people of the church. This is healthy.

2. A healthy church should be able to live with a diversity of its people in a harmony that recognizes individuality within the larger fellowship. No church should attempt to force all of its members into a certain pattern or mold. No church should expect uniformity among its members. God's dealings with His people are different, and His people know a diversity of relationships and experiences with Him. In this diversity there is a richness that benefits the total church. A healthy church learns how to live with this diversity in the harmony of Christian fellowship.

3. A healthy church knows how to make the stranger feel at home within the church. This ought to be a truism. However, it needs constant repetition. Churches need to discover anew the fine art of making the stranger feel right at home in the midst of the congregation the first time he attends. This can be done without embarrassment to the people involved. It demands a warmth in the church as well as a concern and a caring for people on the part of all the members of the church.

4. The healthy church has developed the ability to help

its people grow. The Christian nurture of its membership of all ages is essential. No one has ever completely "arrived" within the Christian fellowship. We are always learning. We are always growing. We are always maturing. We need the stimulation, the encouragement, the resources, the fellowship of the Christian church to help us grow. The healthy church is one in which the individuals within it are growing in their faith and in their experience.

5. The healthy church is one that has a vision of its own future and that communicates this vision to its people. In this way it motivates its people to a fuller participation in the life of the church. It should be a vision seeking to fulfill the basic objective of the church.

6. The healthy church is one that has the ability to remain true to its purposes in the midst of all the changes that go on within our society and in our world. It knows the difference between a stable faith and a stagnant faith. It has the ability to fulfill its purpose in mission, in worship, in nurture, in Christian fellowship. Thus it proclaims the word. It shares in the worship of

God. Its helps its people grow. It provides a supportive relationship for its people amid all the tensions of life.

7. A healthy church has developed the ability to evaluate its own life and program and ministry and has the willingness to do so. It realizes that changes in society and in the culture may demand a change in the way in which a church shares its vision with the world. It recognizes that, in spite of the core of reality, the church deals with things eternal. The application of the eternal to the timely reality of daily life may vary from year to year and generation to generation. It accepts the idea of evaluation as a learning process, a method of discovering how it can better minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

What is a healthy church? Here are some suggestions. Surely you can add to this list. Feel free to do so. Having done so, try to apply these things to your own church. Think about it.

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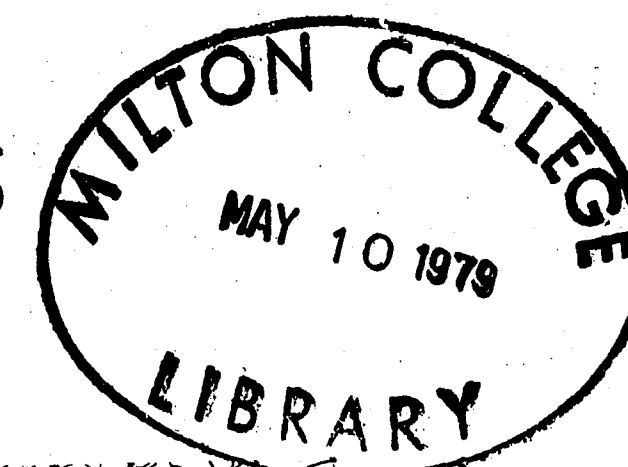
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