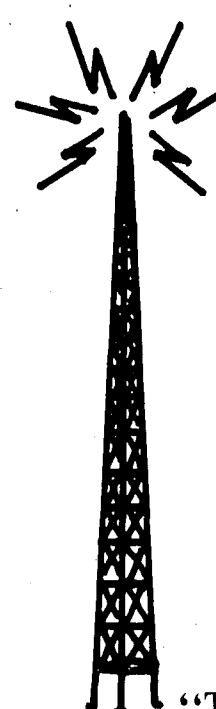


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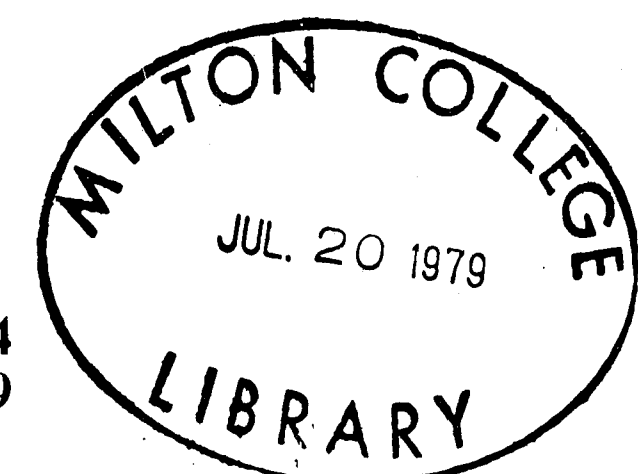
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"CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES FEATURED SPEAKERS"

In announcing the featured speakers and daily themes for this year's General Conference, President William R. (Bob) Austin has said, "The thread of love weaves its way through these themes in the same way that it must compose the fabric of our lives if we are to be recognized as Christ's disciples."

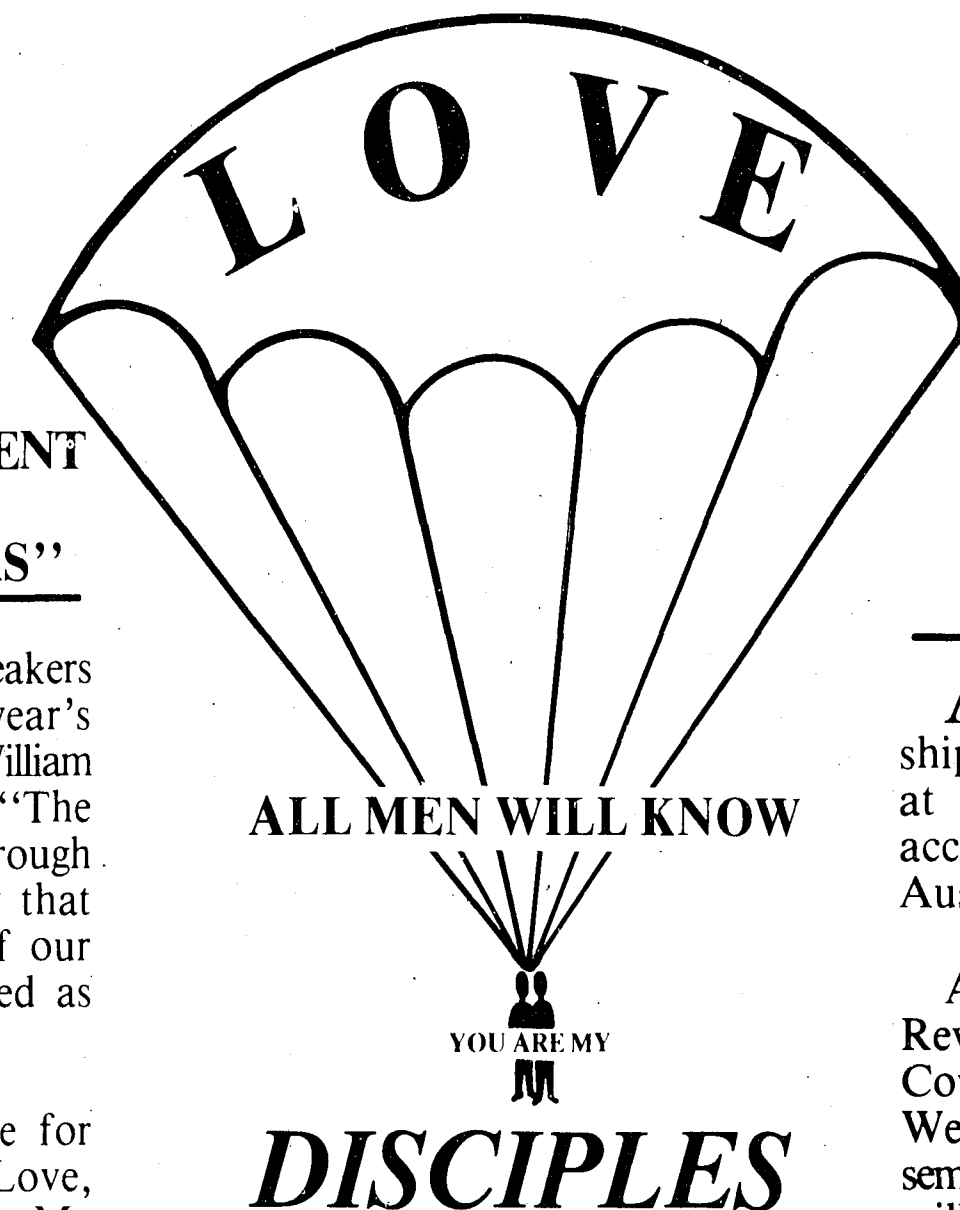
Taking as the overall theme for Conference, "If You Have Love, All Men Will Know You Are My Disciples" from John 13:34-35, Mr. Austin has scheduled the following speakers:

for Monday evening, August 6, *Steven P. Crouch*, recent graduate of North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and new pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Genesee in Little Genesee, New York, and Hebron in Coudersport, Pennsylvania; Mr. Crouch will speak on "Fruits of the Spirit," taking as his text, Galatians 5:22-23;

the *Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn*, pastor of the Lost Creek, West Virginia, Seventh Day Baptist Church and 1977 Conference president, will speak Tuesday evening, August 7; his theme will be "Serve the Lord with Joy," from Psalm 100:1-2;

Wednesday evening, August 8, will feature a guest speaker, the *Rev. James R. Tozer*, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette, Indiana, and nationally recognized authority in the area of discipleship; Dr. Tozer will speak on "Spiritual Gifts," using as his text, Ephesians 4:11-15;

another new pastor, *John A. Rau*, now spiritual leader of the First and Second Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Brookfield, New York, and recent graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, will speak Thursday evening, August 9, on "Witnessing," from Mark 16:15;



AUTHORITY ON DISCIPLESHIP TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE

A national authority on discipleship will be a special guest speaker at General Conference this year, according to William R. (Bob) Austin, Conference president.

At Mr. Austin's invitation, the *Rev. James R. Tozer*, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette, Indiana, and author, seminar leader, and Christian diplomat, will address Conference Wednesday evening, August 8.

Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian since he founded the church twenty years ago, Dr. Tozer is also the author of *How Not To Be Uptight in an Uptight World*, and has just completed a second book, *Discipleship: a Call to Growth*.

As a seminar leader Dr. Tozer has participated with James Kennedy in his Evangelism Explosion training at Coral Ridge, Florida; with Robert Schuller in his Institute for Successful Church Leadership at Garden Grove, California; and with Francis Schaeffer in his Biblical studies at L'Abri, Switzerland. Dr. Tozer also has conducted his own seminars on discipleship, most recently in the Seattle-Portland area in the autumn of 1978.

In April Dr. Tozer and his wife Vivian were members of a delegation of Protestant leaders who visited President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachim Begin of Israel in an effort to bring about peace between their two nations. Dr. Tozer also has been a guest on Robert Schuller's "Hour of Power" television program.

A graduate of Lake Forest College, McCormick Seminary, and Christian Theological Seminary, Dr. Tozer received his doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree from Northwestern University in Intellectual History. He and his wife have two teen-age children. □

the *Rev. Earl Cruzan*, pastor of the Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church, will lead a communion service Friday evening, August 10, and speak on "Obedience;" the Conference choir under the direction of Ann Williams of Madison, Wisconsin, also will be featured Friday evening in a special concert focused on the same theme, taken from John 15:10;

and speaker for the Sabbath morning worship service, August 11, will be the *Rev. Herbert E. Saunders*, dean of the Seventh Day Baptist Center on Ministry, whose topic will be "True Disciples," from John 13:15.

Noting the relationship among the daily themes, President Austin said, "My belief is that love must be fully prevalent and recognizable in all of these areas of an individual's life and ministry for him to be 'certified' by God and identified by others as one of Christ's disciples." □



The eleventh chapter of Hebrews has been called "The Gallery of the Heroes." And with good reason, for these people were not asking the world to stop so that they could get off. They were people that "mixed it up" with the battles of life—taking risks, facing "hopeless situations" in order to stand for right, laying their lives on the line, living sacrificially for causes and hopes that were not fulfilled in their time; suffering and dying, as well as in other cases being delivered from harm.

The "Gallery" includes Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab the harlot, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets; plus unnamed heroes and heroines who experienced God's gracious hand of deliverance, and who in the same faith bowed to torture and death, suffering and persecution. For they knew that God was faithful and their cause was not vain.

Communist propaganda may label religion "the opiate of the people."

Skeptics may declare that it is a "crutch" to help the timid and the weak, but that the "strong" don't need it.

But this honor roll of the faithful, and time and our own experience and observation, will confirm beyond argument that true religion has its foundation on a dynamic power that actually transforms mere men into stalwart sons of God who can face fear, danger and the spirit of self-preservation in the cause of Truth. Those persons of renown, that ever-growing roll of faithful heroes, became heroic because of their faith in God. Faith is a giant word that speaks of giant possibilities.

Hebrews 11 begins with a definition of faith. All the rest of the chapter draws upon history to verify its power in life under the blessing of God. "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what ancients were commended for...And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (Heb. 11:1, 2, 6 NIV).

Faith is well-founded confidence in God that will sustain life and purpose. It is "betting your life" on God and His way revealed in Christ—building your life and actions on this.

The author of this Epistle declares that faith accepts it that the visible creation was the act of God who spoke it into being from nothing that was visible or material. He adds that faith believes in a God who is Spirit, and in His character—a faithful, loving God who responds to those who earnestly seek Him.

He is not stating that we should imagine such a God into being. He is saying that the living God deliberately leaves "footprints" everywhere, and He wants to be "caught." Faith is an openness and perception that sees and acts upon these evidences of God. The Scriptures confirm the deliberate evidences that God has given us:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

"Ever since God created the world, his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and his divine nature, have been clearly seen; they

Rev. Edgar Wheeler, Pastor
Denver SDB Church

*"These people all trusted God
and as a result won battles,...
ruled their people well, received
what God had promised them"*
(Heb. 11:33 LB).

are perceived in the things that God has made" (Romans 1:20).

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son. He is the one through whom God created the universe, the one whom God has chosen to possess all things at the end. He reflects the brightness of God's glory and is the exact likeness of God's own being..." (Hebrews 1:1-3).

So you see, faith in God is not blind assumption. To NOT believe, in the light of all the evidence for faith, is blindness. Faith is normal. The problem is that sin has blinded men to God, and we must deal with it. That is why God gave us the gospel of salvation through Christ.

Faith in God which recognizes His existence, His holiness and faithfulness of character is essential to pleasing God. Only with this kind of faith will we subject ourselves to Him and walk in harmony with Him. This kind of faith is like a child who says, "I believe in my parents." He is not saying, "I know that my parents exist." That much is obvious. He is really declaring, "I trust my parents' wisdom and love for me and therefore will regard their judgment and guidance." The consequence of that action is a warm relationship, happiness and security. That is also the result of the kind of faith that believes that a holy God made and orders this world, and so lives in obedience to God and His revealed will.

Faith, then, is a giant word because it visualized what God intends to do. This has always been charac-

teristic of the heroes of faith. They have not always been able to fully perceive where God was leading and what He was going to accomplish—but by faith they have been able to visualize it so that it became a goal toward which to work in obedience. This was true of Abraham who had a call to a strange land and to become a spiritual blessing to all nations; it was true of Moses who was called to the "impossible" task of delivering a whole nation from bondage in a powerful nation.

The heroes of faith have believed that God is a God of justice and action. While the world at large has drifted aimlessly with no moral direction, blind to sins and injustices, utterly unaware of its lost condition and need for salvation from on high, people of faith have thought with God.

They have reached out to a lost and dying world with the gospel of hope and salvation.

They have seen that man's moral corruption is not God's final plan.

They have been unwilling to accept moral corruption, oppression, injustice, as inevitable and therefore to be ignored.

Because they have been convinced that living in obedience to God and His holiness is not in vain, they have responded to that vision with action.

Faith is a giant word, too, because it is the vital link that joins us to the Infinite. Abraham was a supreme example. Called to go to an alien land, assured that he was to be a father of nations and a spiritual blessing to the whole world through his offspring—yet he had no children at an age when people expect to have children. And when he had an only son, he was tested in being asked to sacrifice that son.

There is no question that he had his doubts at times, but he did not attribute them to God. He obeyed God, giving his finite, human life to God, and found that with God's help these promises came to pass. Faith, in the final analysis, is obedience to God.

God has great things He wants to do—in our lives and through our lives. Therefore, it is inevitable that He calls us to do the impossible, humanly speaking. He calls us to render service to others that we feel we do not have resources for; to confront and finally conquer our besetting sins; to witness for Christ and His gospel in order that sinners may be reconciled to God; to stand for right and to oppose the evil that seems to be forever entrenched in humanity and in our society.

And in one way or another, good is accomplished. You will remember that this chapter tells us that though Abel was killed for his righteousness by a jealous brother, he continues to speak to us of God and righteousness.

Faith is a giant word because it gives the believer the courage to follow Christ. Someone has said, "A coward can praise Christ, but it takes a man of courage to follow Him."

Oh, we all need the comforts and consolations of knowing God is with us. We all experience fear, conflict, loneliness. And one of the functions of faith, or the rewards of faith, is the comfort it gives. Praise God that we can know we are safe "in the hollow of His hand."

But faith in its maturity comprehends that the human spirit, made in the image of our Divine Creator,

cannot be wholly passive, nor can it be content with merely "playing it safe." There must be the challenge of nobleness, of doing the will of God, of ministering to the spiritual needs of the world and leaving our mark for good. These are utterly basic to purpose and fulfillment in life, and they will not be satisfied by making comfort our chief pursuit.

Paul broadens the concept of faith as a shelter from all harm, to an understanding of it as confidence in the faithfulness of God as revealed in Christ that will not be defeated by whatever extremities we face in our life of obedience. "We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose...Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger, or poverty or danger or death?...No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us! For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death, nor life..." (Romans 8:28, 35, 37).

God's people find courage and comfort in knowing that God is faithful, and that obedience to Him will never be in vain. Hebrews 11 tells us that because of this faith-born courage God's people make His things happen. We can be of that kind of force today, too.

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Reflections on Psalm 122:1

**"I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord."
So says the psalmist.
But I wonder how many of us
Are actually glad when we go
Into the house of the Lord?
Many go because they think
They should, or because
Their parents force them.
But going to the house of the Lord
Should be, I think,
A joyous time,
A time for fellowship and communion
With God.**

-Myrna Barber
Berlin, N.Y.



Madeline Fitz Randolph

All things were green and flowering. The magnolia trees were full of the fragrant blooms, and roses were perfuming the air. It was early summer in May in Waco, Texas, when the Executive Committee of the North American Baptist Women's Union met for the annual business meeting. Even though your President, Ada Davis, and your Editor, Madeline Fitz Randolph, arrived quite late in the evening, we were met by our hostess, Mrs. Marie Mathis, at the Waco, Texas, Airport. Marie had been meeting planes all day, and taking committee members from all over the North American Continent to the Old Main Lodge, where she had reserved rooms for all of us. Everything had been done for our comfort and convenience. Our lodgings were situated quite near the Student Union Building of Baylor University, so that only a short walk was necessary to get to our meeting place.

The campus of Baylor University is a lovely place. Even though there is a large student enrollment, this happened to be exam week and we found that the student union was almost deserted by the students. Everyone seemed to be studying very hard to finish the school year. Now and then we would see a student sitting under the trees, or on a swing or bench, engrossed in books and writing papers.

The Student Union is a beautiful edifice built in typical southern style. Elegance of decor which might be suitable for a Governor's mansion was found by those of us who were

visitors. We could scarcely believe that students used this building, for all was in beautiful order, with beautiful paintings and statuary and other precious mementoes from all over the world decorated the rooms. Just being in the building was to be inspired by the beauty of the place.

We were called to order by President Marena Williams, in a lovely conference room. We sat around a long table and as we surveyed the faces of those present, we saw that there were old friends, people we have known before and grown to love, as well as some new faces. We were a unified committee, all of us were there to share our own goals; telling of our progress and to listen to each of the others. What a high purpose was ours! The theme selected by our President was "Oneness in Christ—Essential." John 17: 11, 21, 22. Worship was an integral part of our meetings—we sang, prayed, read from the Bible



Our Hostess, Mrs. Marie Mathis, President Women's Department, Baptist World Alliance



Our President, Mrs. Marena Williams North American Baptist Women's Union

and studied it—together. Each of our half-day sessions was opened and ended with worship. As we heard the various women lead in worship, we were moved to reflect upon the ease and skill with which each of them led us to God in thought and prayer. Each was a true servant of the Lord, concerned and loving, as well as experienced in leadership.

Roll Call, "Getting To Know You," was a relaxing and informative time. We had our memory refreshed as to the location of the members; we learned of the vocation, husband's occupation (many were wives of ministers), children, and their achievements, and even about the grandchildren. Some of our members had received honors. Ferne Levy, President of the United Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the Atlantic Provinces of Canada was delayed in her attendance because of speaking to the graduates of Arcadia University, and in turn receiving an Honorary Doctor's Degree.

A time of sharing was led by the Presidents and Executive Secretaries of each conference and it was during this time that we were inspired by the accounting of activities taking place in the Baptist Women's groups all over the continent of North America. We heard from Harriet McDonald of the Bahamas, representing the National Baptist Women's Convention of the Bahamas; Edna May McKoy of the Jamaica Baptist Women's Federation; Norma Cadette, from the West Indies, for the Trinidad Baptist Women's League. The scope of our groups swept the

United States and covered Canada. From our great neighbor on the North, women represented the Baptist Missionary Societies of the Atlantic Provinces; the Baptist Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec; the Baptist Women's Union of Western Canada and one member-at-large, Miss Frances Wallace, who is leaving our committee this year.

It was significant that a great many of our goals are the same or nearly so. We wish to mention a few of the many ideas which were presented, showing not only a oneness of purpose, but a deep-rooted desire to share our findings with each other. For the American Baptist women, President Dorothy N. Ogrea gave an open invitation to all of our conferences to attend the Annual Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 28 to August 4, the theme "Claiming God's Gifts." This promises to be an opportunity for training in leadership and personal growth for any who wish to attend.

Director of the Baptist General Conference, Dorothy Dahlman, and Carolyn Carlson reported that the focus of the Women's Ministries is on the Christian Woman; helping her see and develop the potential that God has given her; helping her mature in Christ; and helping her in ministry to people as an integral part of the total church program. Target groups of people are defined in this program: Young women, single adults, including the never-married and formerly married; career women, "empty-nesters"; senior adults; women with needs. All are served by Program ministries, Missions ministries, Girl's Club ministries and Service Ministries.

Dorence Walth, president of the North American Baptist Women's Missionary Union, stressed that they are trying to reach the "moving target" (to aim where women are going, and recognize the changing role of women in our present-day society).

The Lott Carey Baptist Women's Auxilliary was represented by Louise Slater. The center for this work is in Washington, D.C., and has "Missions" as its middle name. The mission fields include Liberia (the women are helping build a library there) Haiti, Russia, Nigeria (a Bible school and orphanage are being built there) and in Delhi, India, and Long Creek,

Guyana, there are clinics. "Our witness will continue to go on and on, for there are many needs... our concern should be that of neighbor reaching out to touch another neighbor with the blessings of our Risen Savior...Black Americans and Black Africans have a bond that should never be broken, but as Christians we should become color blind in our witnessing and sharing God's love."

Jamaican Baptist women, represented by Edna McKoy, have as their continuing aim: to have a branch (a society) within each church. (We would wish the same for SDB women also!) Unique to this culture, and a beautiful part of the program of Jamaican Baptist women is the Biennial Festival of Culinary Arts and Handiwork. Judging of exhibits takes place on the parish level, and later in the year, there are All-Island finals at which trophies are awarded to the most outstanding branch and the parish gaining the

most points. Special emphasis is placed on recycling of materials and use of local products.

Helen Fling, our NABWU Treasurer, representing our largest member body, the Southern Baptist Convention, made available to us a publication, "Prayer Group Guide." This is a valuable tool to use in training leaders in the art of intercessory prayer.

One very important item of business was the motion to recommend that the NABWU use \$5,000.00 of the Baptist Day of Prayer offering to aid the program of the Baptist World Alliance Immunization for Children. This brings us to the matter of the Baptist Day of Prayer program, written this year by Miss Dorothy Dahlman of the Baptist General Conference, the theme, "Together in Prayer," says for all Baptist Women all over the world that we really are together in goals and in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. □

MISSION TO CHINA

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In 1893 the Davises returned to China; Dr. Swinney journeyed to the United States to visit her aged mother; and the Randolphs—sensing a lack of support among Seventh Day Baptists for a larger mission but the need for a replacement for the increasingly frail Dr. Swinney—permanently departed the China field. Fortunately though, the Randolphs' missionary zeal was not lost to Seventh Day Baptists, as they figured prominently in home missions in the years to come.

Christian Endeavor groups were organized among school children; the Shanghai church formed a missionary society to help support the evangelistic work of the mission; and Davis began his long and distinguished involvement in the translation of Scriptures and related works into the Shanghai vernacular.

Although Dr. Swinney returned to the mission in 1894, she was forced by failing health to leave permanently one year later, just months after the arrival of her replacement, Rosa Palmborg, M.D., of West Hallock, Ill. The mission

also suffered the temporary loss of Miss Burdick, who accompanied Dr. Swinney to the United States. Nathan Wardner, the last living member of the China mission's founding foursome, passed away in 1894.

After visiting many churches in the United States to rally support for the mission, Miss Burdick returned to China in 1897 to resume her leadership of the girls' school. In 1899 Jay and Hannah Crofoot of Alfred, N.Y., traveled to China to assume responsibility for the boys' school. A Young Men's Christian Association was formed in the boys' school, and a new "Anglo-Chinese" day was organized.

As the world entered the 20th century...as the mission completed its 50th year...as the Davises began their third decade, Susie Burdick her second, and the Crofoots their first...there were many changes yet to come for our mission to China, but the Davises and Miss Burdick had firmly planted "the Schools."

(NEXT MONTH—
"The Lady Doctors") □

—second in a series on our China Mission
by Tom Merchant, historian



Miss Susie Burdick

MISSION TO CHINA THE SCHOOLS

In 1876, when Solomon Carpenter was forced by ill health to permanently vacate our China mission, it was left once again without missionary supervision for several years. During this time the little Shanghai congregation of about ten families was shepherded chiefly by Le Erlow and Dzau-Tsung-Lan, elders, and Zah-Tsing-San, a blind deacon with a great zeal for preaching.

After several unsuccessful attempts to call missionaries, our Missionary Society finally secured three in 1880: David H. Davis, then pastor in Shiloh, N.J., and his wife Sara, and Eliza Nelson, a teacher from Alfred, N.Y. The Davises spent the better part of the next thirty-five years in China, and although their work was extremely varied, they are to be remembered most for their establishment of "the Schools."

Although their first priority was to become familiar with the Chinese language, by 1882 our missionaries had established three day schools with a total of more than fifty students. In that same year Miss Nelson became the wife of John Fryer, a professor in China, and although she ceased full-time employment with our mission, she continued to assist in worship services, prayer meetings and other activities of the mission for as long as she and her husband resided in China.

In 1883 land was purchased and construction begun for a boarding school for about fifty boys and girls. Also in that year, the mission was reinforced with the arrival of Ella F. Swinney, M.D., of Smyrna, Del., and Shiloh, N.J. During the next twelve years, Dr. Swinney planted and expanded the first Seventh Day Baptist medical mission. Her story, although concurrent with the establishment of the schools, is part of a separate chapter, "the lady Doctors."

By 1885, just five years after the Davis' arrival, there were more than 100 students in the day schools, and the girls' boarding school was open with nine residents. Four boys also boarded at the mission, but they took their classes in one of the day schools.

As the Davises neared the end of their first decade of service, their tract publication and distribution ministry was assisted by the establishment of their own printing facility; their evangelistic efforts began to bear fruit in

baptisms; and most significantly, their educational program began to take full shape.

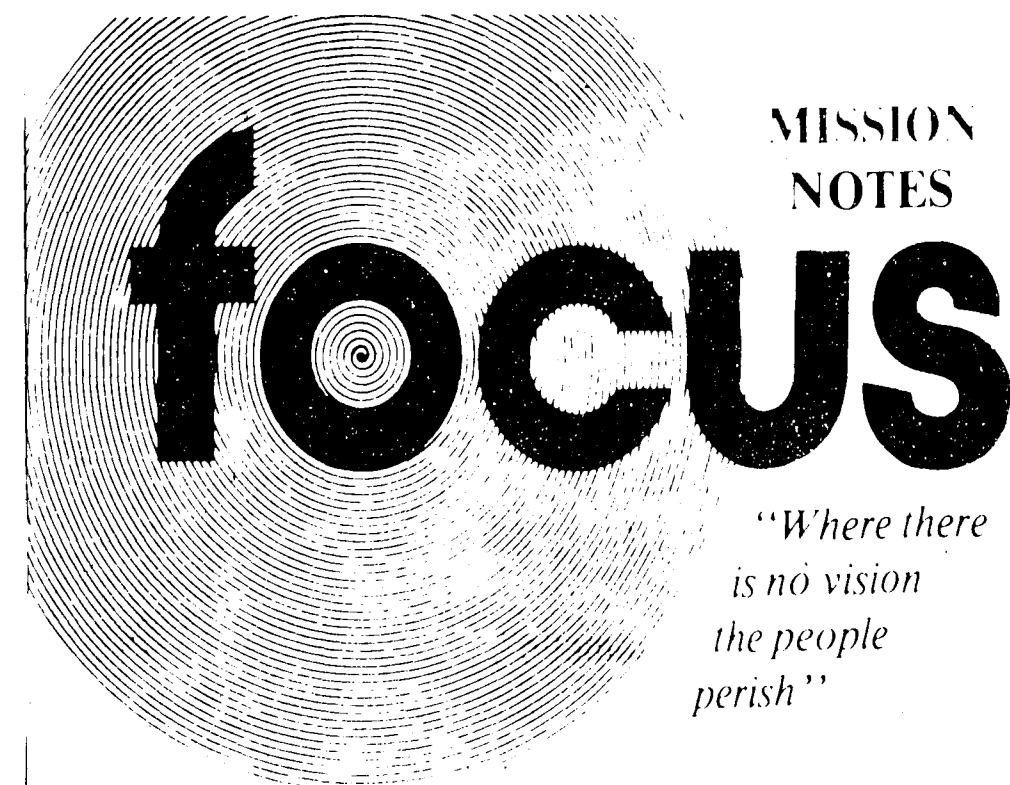
With the arrival of Gideon Randolph, pastor in Independence, N.Y., and his wife Lucy in 1888, and Susie Burdick from Alfred, N.Y., one year later, the boys' boarding school was opened at last, and the schools were properly staffed. The Randolphs supervised the boys' school and taught courses in English there; Mr. Davis offered the boys instruction in Chinese; and Miss Burdick began her long principalship of the girls' school, with teaching assistance from Mrs. Davis. Miss Burdick, whose support was a project of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board, also was beginning her record fifty years as a missionary, the longest term of missionary service of any Seventh Day Baptist.

Olive Wardner, one of the founders of our China mission, passed away in 1888; another of the pioneers, Solomon Carpenter, died in 1891, the same year that the Davises, after eleven years overseas, returned on leave to the United States for the first time. Although their visit was saddened by the death of their sixteen-year-old daughter just months after she had been baptized by her father in China, and just months before she was to start school in the United States, the Davises continued to serve the mission by their attendance at Conference, numerous associations and dozens of churches to promote the cause of missions.

Meanwhile, in China the native Seventh Day Baptists organized their first Sabbath school, and the women formed a Dorcas Society, with sewing one afternoon a week.



Rev. and Mrs. David H. Davis with daughter.



"Where there
is no vision
the people
perish"

Verse for the month: "Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Anyone who seeks, finds. If only you will knock, the door will open. If a child asks his father for a loaf of bread, will he be given a stone instead? If he asks for fish, will he be given a poisonous snake? Of course not! And if you hardhearted, sinful men know how to give good gifts to your children, won't your Father in Heaven even more certainly give good gifts to those who ask Him for them?" -Matthew 7:7-11

● MALAWI, AFRICA: Mr. F. F. Makatanje has been appointed to write the quarterlies for Sabbath Schools in the Central Africa Conference. Pastor W. Mataka reports holding special classes around his churches (he serves at least 10!) and he has baptized a number of new believers.

● WASHINGTON, DC: Church attendance during the first quarter of 1979 has shown a marked increase with an average of 43 persons. A year ago for the same quarter average attendance was only 23, while the average for 1978 was 31. March of '79 was the best month with an average attendance of 51. Visitors have swelled our attendance (From report by Leland Davis).

● OPEN DOOR! Though western missionary personnel may not be able to enter CHINA for some time, there is request for thousands of teachers of English. This summer the US Center for World Mission will offer a course in "Dimensions in Chinese World Development" and an MA and certification program is planned for teachers of English as a second language (TESL). Anyone interested? Contact your Missionary Society office (401 Washington Trust Bldg., Westerly, RI 02891)!

● BURMA: "The dedication (opening) ceremony of Seventh Day Baptist Church at Tahan was held on March 21, 1979 at 4:00 p.m., a few hours before the 1979 official meeting of the Burma SDB Conference annual sessions. Leaders of friendly churches and People's Council officials and important elders were invited. After dedication ceremony all guests were entertained with dinner." "About 100 Seventh Day Baptists, including children, came and attended 1979 annual session from various villages." "It was decided to employ Rev. Paluaia as full-time worker from April 1979, the financial year of Burma SDB Conference...he will visit all of our churches frequently and help them build new churches whenever possible." These are excerpts from a letter written by L. Sawi Thanga. Let us continue to hold the work of the SDB's in Burma in our prayers and especially remember the field worker, Rev. Paluaia.

● SEATTLE, WA: "Seventh Day Baptist Informational Meetings" were held in the Seattle SDB Church on April 30-May 5. These meetings were for the purpose of "letting others know about our Seventh Day Baptist Distinctives and Beliefs..." How many individuals are there in your community who do not know what SDB's are and what they believe? How many have never heard of Seventh Day Baptists? For example...one individual in an area where there are five active SDB churches thought that we had picked up the idea of Saturday (Sabbath) worship from the Catholics! Let's join forces with the Seattle church and make individuals...community leaders...pastors of other churches...neighbors...aware of who we are and that we do exist! How about scheduling some "SDB Informational Meetings" in your church!

PRAYER CORNER

A Prayer Reminder
for Each Day!!

AUGUST 1979

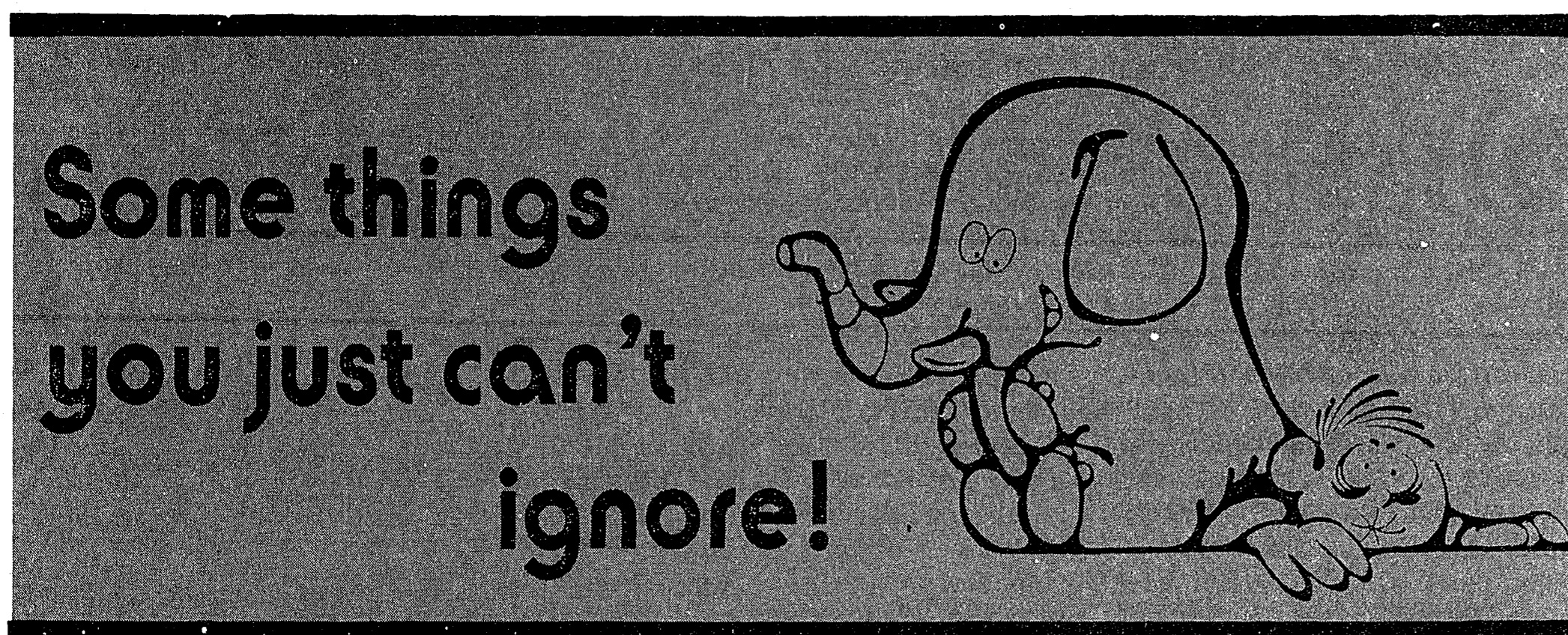
PRAY FOR:

- 1—Pre-Cons which will begin today
- 2—Those who are making final plans for Conference programs
- 3—Those who will be chairing Conference Interest Committees
- 4—Those who are on the road this day
- 5—General Conference sessions, President Bob Austin, and Conference Host Committee
- 6—Directors of Associated Conferences
- 7—Special speakers at the General Conference Sessions
- 8—Fraternal delegates who will be at General Conference this year
- 9—Guidance in completing General Conference business
- 10—Lone Sabbathkeepers
- 11—Special Conference Offering for OWM—pray for leading in your own giving
- 12—Journey mercies for those leaving Conference today
- 13—Pastor White Aisa as he continues his role as treasurer for the Central Africa Conference
- 14—Crandall High School Board as it plans for the 1979/80 school year
- 15—My pastor as he ministers to the people
- 16—Strength in preparing for the Sabbath
- 17—For our new Conference president, as he assumes his new duties
- 18—Joy in Sabbath Celebration
- 19—Small congregations desiring to grow
- 20—Brethren in Burma as they continue to build new church buildings
- 21—Special evangelistic endeavors in Brazil
- 22—Mrs. Inez Peters, treasurer of the Guyana SDB Conference
- 23—Brethren in Nigeria as they seek to contact new Sabbathkeepers
- 24—New school in Matamoros, Mexico
- 25—Those empty spots in your congregation today—visit folks who aren't able to be with you
- 26—Tract printing and distribution project in Hamburg, Germany
- 27—Eyes to see people as God sees them—each one precious and valuable
- 28—New churches struggling to become firmly established
- 29—Students preparing to enter college for the first time that God may keep them strong
- 30—The brethren in India as they seek to rebuild their homes after the cyclone
- 31—The willingness to reach out to lonely persons today, making them feel a part

COSAR RECOMMENDS

(Committee on Support and Retirement)

IT WAS VOTED TO RECOMMEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE AN INCREASE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE OLD PLAN TO \$5.75 PER MONTH PER YEAR OF SERVICE, AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 7.5 PERCENT. THIS IS THE FIRST INCREASE SINCE 1974.



If the above recommendation is passed at General Conference in August, a pastor who has served 40 years will receive \$230 per month. For some of our pastors, this is their only source of retirement income.

This recommendation applies to pastors 55 years and older covered by the old plan. In addition to those already retired, the following people will be eligible:

Addison Appel
Charles Bond
Earl Cruzan
C. Harmon Dickinson
Elmo Randolph

Victor Skaggs
Delmer Van Horn
Kenneth Van Horn
Rex Zwiebel
Alton Wheeler

These pastors have served you for over 3 1/2 centuries!

From New Testament times the church has recognized an obligation for adequate support to free those who give their lives to serve and to preach the gospel. Need for support extends beyond active service days to retirement, or disability, or when care must be provided the surviving widow and children.

Retirement support becomes a continuing "thank you" to your pastor for his years of service to you. You can help by approving—or better yet, increasing—COSAR's recommendation at Conference. (A special contribution is always appreciated.)

For further information, contact Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, 510 Watchung Avenue, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. □

General Council Report Proposal for Implementing Full-Circle Administration

This proposal for denominational reorganization, prepared by the General Council, is published here so that all may be aware of the plan before the Conference vote this year. Copies of this proposal have been mailed to all members. You are urged to prayerfully study this proposal as it represents a major change in denominational structure.

I. PURPOSE

To establish departments of Extension, Nurture, and Supportive Services within the guidelines of "full-circle administration" but expanding the base of operations into larger segments of decision-making responsibilities than department directors.

II. REASON

To respond to the mandate of General Conference by the development of "full-circle administration," but expanding that concept to include a wider range of ideas and creativity, from a larger segment of the denomination.

To verify the validity of the boards and agencies, but realign responsibilities into more viable groups.

To give policy-making and program responsibilities to a representative group charged with specific roles in Extension, Nurture and Supportive Service.

III. METHOD

A. The current boards and agencies shall voluntarily merge into departments of Extension, Nurture, and Supportive Services for the purpose of realigning functions, with divisions developed for programming.

The three departments shall be legally established so that the annual meetings of the departments may be held in conjunction with the sessions of Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, U.S.A.

The divisions may be located in different regions of the country and charged with their own responsibilities. They shall be responsible to the director and to the department. The liaison between the divisions shall be the director of the department.

1. The functions for extension of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, the American Sabbath Tract Society, and the standing committee on Christian Social Action shall be combined into a *Department of Extension*.

The following divisions may be considered:

Division of National Missions
Division of International Missions
Division of Church Growth
Division of Publications
Division of Christian Social Action

2. The functions for nurture of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, the Council on Ministry, the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, the Women's Society, the standing committee on Faith and Order, and the Men's Fellowship shall be combined into a *Department of Nurture*.

The following divisions may be considered:

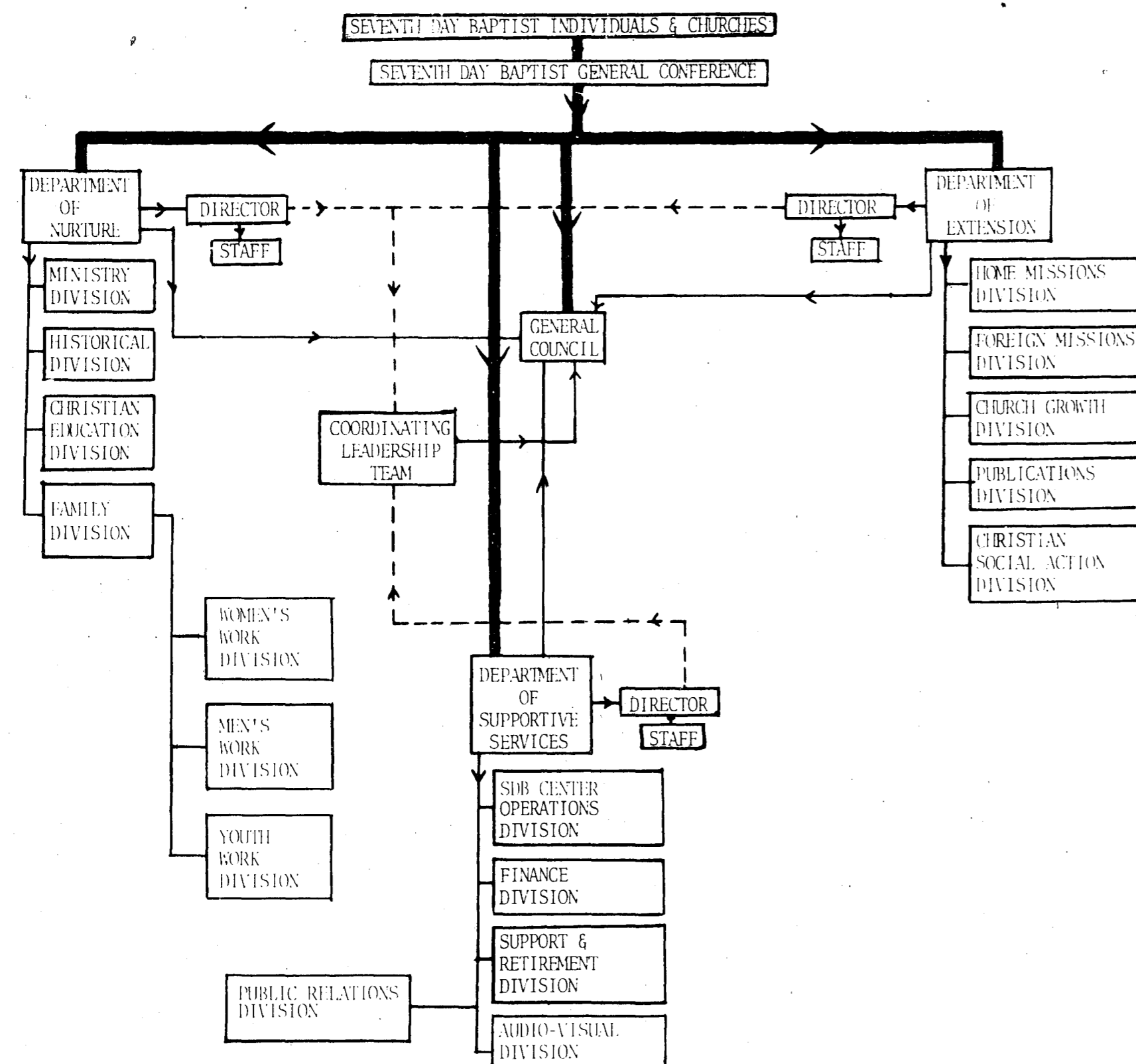
Division of Ministry
Division of Christian Education
Division of History
Division of Women's Work)
Division of Men's Work) Family
Division of Youth)

3. The functions for supportive services of the American Sabbath Tract Society, the Memorial Fund, the standing committee on Support and Retirement, the General Conference Office and other agencies shall be combined into a *Department of Supportive Services*.

The following divisions may be considered:

Division of Seventh Day Baptist
Center Operations
Division of Finance
Division of Support and Retirement
Division of Audiovisual Services

4. The functions of coordination of the program of Seventh Day Baptist public relations, ecumenical affairs, and overall administration of Seventh Day Baptist program and ministry shall be the responsibility of the Coordinating Leadership Team consisting of the directors of the departments alternating chairmanship.



B. A General Council shall be established to coordinate the program and ministry of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, set policy in areas of administration and organization, and act as liaison between the departments.

1. The membership of General Council shall consist of two representative trustees of each of the three departments, and six elected persons from the annual General Conference, including the Conference President and President-elect. The department representatives shall be selected for two-year terms by the departments, and the General Conference elected representatives shall serve for three years. No person shall serve more than six consecutive years. The General Council shall then consist of twelve members with the department directors as consultants.

2. The Council shall meet at least semiannually.

C. The departments shall be established by the election of sixteen trustees each at constituting sessions held at General Conference.

1. The trustees are to have responsibility to implement programs created and established by the departments and General Conference. At least four association areas should be represented, with a core group of at least eight in one general area.

a. The election of department trustees shall be for four-year terms, four persons elected each year. No person may be elected for more than two successive terms within a department. A person may be reelected to that department again after four years. The rotation shall be determined the year the departments are organized.

b. In the event of death or resignation, the General Council shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of office.

c. No trustee shall serve in more than one department concurrently.

2. The trustees of the departments shall seek to select division chairmen in areas where interest and resources permit location of a division.

3. In every case, the chairman of the division shall be a trustee of the department to which the division is responsible. At no time shall a division chairman serve in that capacity for a period of longer than eight years (two four-year terms).

D. The annual meetings of the departments shall be open to all Seventh Day Baptists. The annual meetings shall be held at General Conference

to elect the trustees of the departments, officers of the departments, and carry on such responsibilities as are necessary for incorporated agencies. The departments shall provide a list of nominations.

A quorum for these annual meetings shall be seventy-five individuals representing at least ten churches.

Review, creative thinking, and recommendations in the areas of nurture, extension and supportive services necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the divisions shall be considered in appointed interest committees of the General Conference as is now the case. The responsibility of carrying out the suggestions and recommendations in each area shall be delegated to the responsible division.

E. The General Council will receive and review applications for the position of department directors, and submit names to the department trustees for selection. Prior to employment, the General Council shall confirm appointment.

The trustees of the departments shall have the responsibility to employ and supervise the director of the department. They shall consult with the director in the employment of such other personnel as may be determined necessary for program implementation. The director shall have supervision over staff personnel.

F. The directors' offices shall be located at the Seventh Day Baptist Center.

G. Invested funds of existing agencies and boards shall, where legally permissible, be transferred to the holding agency of the Department of Supportive Services, i.e., the Division of Finance, which shall have responsibility for the investing and distribution of funds to the departments involved. If necessary, this agency shall be incorporated independently for the purpose of investment and distribution, but its trustees shall be elected by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

H. The department shall project its program budgets to the General Council which shall, in consultation with the Division of Finance, prepare a budget for presentation to General Conference.

I. In areas of reporting, the following procedure shall apply:

1. Staff reports to Directors
2. Divisions report to Departments
3. Directors report to Departments and General Council
4. Departments report to General Council and General Conference
5. General Council reports to General Conference

6. General Conference reports to the Churches.

J. General Conference shall be held annually. The program of the General Conference shall be arranged by the Conference President, one elected representative from each of the departments and the President-elect, as a Conference program committee. The program shall include the annual meetings of the departments and program developments.

Points to Ponder:

THE INCIDENT THAT GAVE ME AN APPRECIATION OF THE BIBLE



By Jennings Randolph
United States Senator from West Virginia

"Each for the other and both for God."
Those words, inscribed by my mother on the fly leaf of the Bible she gave me as a graduation gift, strengthened the meaning which the Book had always held for me.

In this brief entreaty she crystallized in my thinking its two most basic teachings—the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

The Bible has supplied this understanding since I first came to it in my youth. Therefore, it is difficult to locate one event in the process of growing awareness when the Book as a whole came to convey more to me.

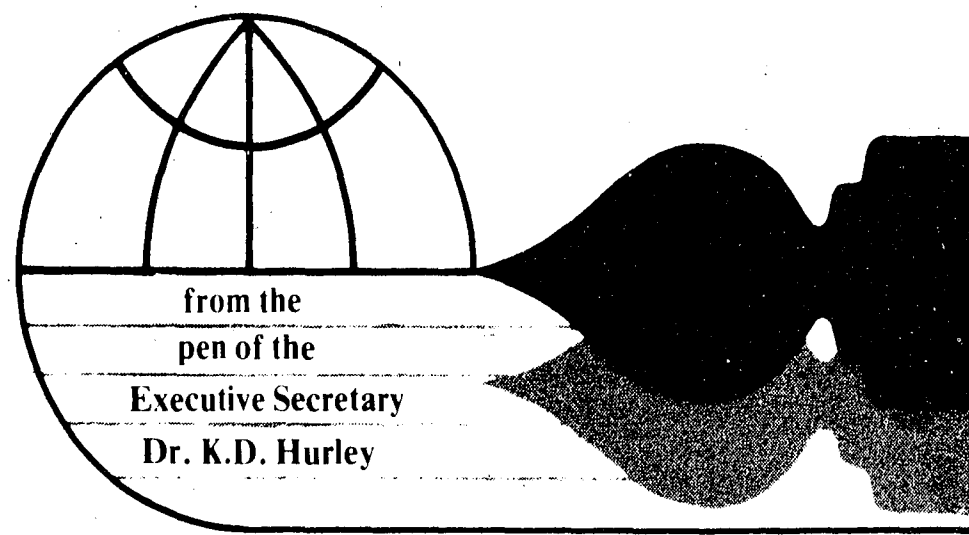
However, the day my mother penned those beautiful and reassuring words was a memorable one.

I recall, too, when the certain guidance in the Bible heightened my consciousness of life and of the application of the Scriptures to living. It was unfolded, when reading the Proverbs as a young man, in the truth of the passage, "Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24).

I believed this and have since attempted to apply it in my life, that one should search out the worthwhile qualities in our fellow citizens, rather than play the role of detractor and faultfinder. This does not imply a surrender of one's values to mere flattery; it does not deny the existence of injustices that must be redressed.

It states simply a rule of life: That religious and ethical ideals will best be served by appealing to the infinite good in men and women instead of flaying what we presume to be or hear to be their faults. For "he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth" (Isaiah 11:3, 4). □

-The Evening Star (Washington, D.C.) 3-30-60



DEEP CONCERN

"You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds" (1 Peter 3:8 LB).

"I am deeply concerned" said one participant in a recent discussion about denominational organization.

From the content of his thoughts, the intensity of his comments, the earnestness in his facial expressions, it was evident that he wanted our denomination to succeed in its mission, and he was searching for the *right* answers, whatever they might be, rather than maintaining some predetermined point of view. He showed great love for Christ and compassion for fellow Christians. His was truly *deep concern!*

Seventh Day Baptists have two major issues with which to deal at the present time: the Decade of Discipleship and Full-Circle Administration. Both merit careful, open-minded consideration, but the more controversial item relating to structure should not be allowed to overshadow the more important matter of church and personal growth.

Evangelistic Perspective

The writer of a recently-published article entitled "You Can Have a Growing Church" highlighted the appropriate perspective when he declared:

"Evangelism is not everything; it is the only thing. Every other task derives its life from soul winning."

Another Biblical scholar captured the same truth for individuals when he stated:

"If Christ becomes the starting

point in our life, He will bring with Him a different life-style."

It is that different *life-style*—"loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds"—that I hope we can bring to our General Conference discussions and decisions in August.

Let us get over the structure hurdle without further delay. Let us not continue to "spin our wheels"; to dissipate our energies and resources on basically non-productive activity.

Beginning with the Task Force studies several years ago, a step-by-step analysis of denominational organization has been made. Recommendations have been considered and revised by duly appointed committees. All segments of the denomination have participated in revamping the ideas. Most recently, the newly-activated representational General Council has conscientiously worked out a proposal for taking the first steps in implementing Full-Circle Administration, in keeping with General Conference directives.

The Voice of the People

That is the key to the situation: General Conference ("the voice of the people") has expressed the need for change in administrative procedures. A number of reasons have been voiced, but probably the most compelling is that we have not grown as a people. In fact, we have noticeably declined numerically, and probably spiritually, over a good many years.

To voice dissatisfaction with results is not to condemn those who have labored diligently in the past nor to criticize the present boards or agencies.

It is simply—with *commendation* for many evident accomplishments—to express a desire to do better in the future, building on strengths and eliminating weaknesses.

In regard to General Conference action, an analyst of Baptist-type polity has characterized "the delegate body" as the "highest authority." His analysis reads, in part, as follows:

"The processes whereby the church expresses itself through its delegates is most interesting and unique. There is a Biblical basis for the gathering of representatives of the body (the church) to discuss matters of importance to the group and to arrive at a collective decision that will guide the body in future actions..."

"The debate and the voting on Conference issues, within an atmosphere of prayer and sensitivity and listening, is seen as a means of discovering the will of God for His body the church..."

*"Throughout the whole process is the need for a sense of submission to the will of the body. This becomes, perhaps, the most difficult part of the whole process. Even though persons who have spoken enthusiastically on the side of the minority point of view may not have changed their minds very much, they still need to feel a support and love for the church as it has spoken..."**

My conviction is that we can achieve General Conference-mandated changes in organization, by continuing to work together—"like one big happy family"—constantly seeking God's guidance and moving ahead with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. So far what has happened might be characterized by the follow-

ing words, purloined from another organization's report: "Motion, no momentum; activity, not action!"

Development of Departments

The development of departments concept, though undoubtedly not yet perfect in every detail, can provide a number of features widely advocated as important:

- *With current boards voluntarily "merging" into the proposed new legal bodies, the experienced personnel currently serving, can carry over their vitally important expertise into the realigned areas of work: extension, nurture, and support services.*
- *The new boards will be elected by General Conference, with all regions of the denomination represented and with terms of service specifically delineated. In that way, direct, broad, grass-roots participation is provided on a rotational basis and ultimate responsibility remains in the hands of the people at large.*
- *The directors of the three departments will each be employed by the respective board; therefore, the lines of authority are clear and accountability is assured.*
- *The directors become a Coordinating Leadership Team based at denominational headquarters, with the chairmanship exchanged among the members according to a predetermined schedule. The responsibilities presently carried by the executive secretary of the General Conference would be appropriately assigned to members of the CLT and others. Thus, it would be guaranteed that no denominational dictatorship could be established—a condition feared by some and abhorred by all liberty-minded Seventh Day Baptists. Tenacious individualism can be maintained without unbridled autonomy.*

These, and other advantages, could accrue out of initiating the proposed Full-Circle Administration with whatever modification may result from deliberations at General Conference. Eventually, additional refinements assuring more and more efficient and effective denominational management can evolve as the needs are felt and made evident and requested by the people.

In the meantime, we will have started on the "road of progress" taking a bold step into the suggested ten-year period of specific advance, intending to double—yes, multiply—our ministries. It can be a giant leap into the Decade of Discipleship.

Discipling—The Prime Focus

That is where our prime focus of attention should be—on *discipling*: strengthening ourselves spiritually as individuals in order to share God's way contagiously and compellingly with others. That is what Christian commitment and church membership are all about—serving rather than being served; telling and selling the story of Christ's love and saving power.

All that we have studied in church growth literature substantiates this point of view:

—*Rev. Ken Parker, pastor of the Berean Church in Spokane, Washington, writes: "Evangelism is the cornerstone of the local church. It is not some optional plan, but an essential priority."*

—*Dr. Robert Schuller states, while he condemns divisive competitive practices, he works "as if our church were the only church in a population of a half million, and we are responsible for the salvation of all the people there." No wonder his church has grown enormously.*

—*Dr. Donald McGavran, chairman of the Board of the Institute for American Church Growth, points out that "what is demanded is that every church seek to be a better church—to have more Biblical teaching, warmer fellowship, more Christian love, more concern for social justice, and more effective evangelism of the lost."*

In 1975, one respondent to the Task Force study, asserted: "I doubt that a denominational trust can be made for Christ until the Holy Spirit strikes all of us!"

Optimism About the Future

Evidence is that "we have been struck." Praise the Lord! There are many encouraging signs that Seventh Day Baptists have "turned the corner" back into Evangelism Street.

Some of the churches have begun to grow; new churches have been established; and denominational leadership is thinking about the future with confident expectation.

The Coordinating Leadership Team has made long-range planning a specific agenda item for each meeting. The members have agreed to "dream dreams" and then share their "hopes and expectations" with each other, with the General Council, and with denominational membership through *Sabbath Recorder* articles and other means.

There has been evident willingness on the part of board and agency representatives to consider seriously the proposed new administrative procedures.

The General Council, at its April meeting, reviewed the ten-year growth plan and enthusiastically endorsed inclusion of the following statement in the preamble: "We praise God such optimism is prevalent today."

In the minutes of the April General Council meeting, special mention was made regarding "the harmony and cooperative spirit displayed in the working out of the proposed development of departments, with appreciation for a sense of God's guidance."

My fervent prayer is that we will continue to seek and follow Divine leadership; that localized vested interests, if such still exist, will give way to *deep concern* for the welfare of denominational work as a whole; that the promotion of the Cause of Christ will replace endless discussion of mere mechanics of organization; and that, without going back over all the ground already covered, we can move forward in simply adjusting structure from time to time to make it what we need and want—as revealed by the Holy Spirit—in order to carry out the Great Commission with greatest effectiveness.

May we constantly pray that God's way will be our way and that His will will be accomplished through us.

Won't you join me in this "*deep concern?*"

*William R. Eberley, director of Environmental Studies at Manchester College and moderator of the Church of the Brethren's Annual Conference.

CHRISTIAN CAMPING

Several members of the staff for the 1979 summer session of Camp Holston met the weekend of May 5-6, 1979 for a workshop. Rev. Dale Thorngate of the Columbus, Ohio, church was director of the workshop. Mrs. Mary Clare, executive director for the Board of Christian Education, was the resource person.

Among the subjects discussed was the philosophy of camping.

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Camping is a popular form of recreation in today's society. Families camp together for vacation, and/or as a means of inexpensive travel. Children and youth camp as Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, 4H, Boy Scouts, and YMCA or YWCA. Some youngsters are sent to camps to get them out of the parents way for the summer.

Each of these experiences meet the needs of campers to be in a healthy atmosphere, to have programs geared to their age and abilities, to associate with others of their own age; but the basic philosophy and programs are quite different from church camps.

Outdoor education is properly referred to as *Christian education* when several conditions are fulfilled:

1. When outdoor experiences are related to ongoing experiences in other parts of the church's program.
2. When mature Christian leaders guide the activities and share their faith in God as Creator.
3. When the purpose of the outdoor learning opportunities is the Christian growth and understanding of the girls and boys and their leaders.
4. When questions about life and its meaning are welcomed and discussed freely in relationship to Biblical teachings.
5. When worship is encouraged and openly expressed.
6. When love, acceptance, and concern for one another characterize the relationship between the girls and boys and their leaders.

The focus of the camp is on the camper, what he is, what he needs, what he may become. Every element of the person is involved and is changed by the camping experience: physical, mental, spiritual, emotional. The sense of community in the camp should bring about a healthy relationship with others in the camp. The camper should better understand himself, be able to accept his handicaps and develop his talents so they may be used to the glory of God both in camp and in the wider community outside camp. The camp program should fulfill the camper's need for fun and adventure by providing several exciting new experiences.

The true strength of Christian camping is the staff-camper relationship. The counselor is the key figure in achieving camp objectives. Therefore, it is important that each staff person has a firm spiritual foundation, an assurance of personal salvation, an established devotional life (including Bible reading and prayer). All staff should recognize their work is the ministry for God, that what He is, the camper may become.

The cook is one of the most valuable members of the staff. If campers are not well nourished and enjoy the meals, the chances are that they will give a poor report of the camping experience.

A happy camper is the best publicity for the next season.

Philosophy

Each camp should have a philosophy and goals defined in such a way that all directors and staff can work within those concepts to reach the goals.

The philosophy and objectives of Camp Holston, Battle Creek, Mich., have been established as follows:

Christian camping is a unique opportunity to minister to the whole person in terms of his acceptance of himself and his relationship to God and to others. Awareness of the presence of God and time to contemplate the nature of God and the purpose of life combine in the camping situation where one is away from the pressure of the world of things and time schedules. Camping is an extension and vital part of the Christian education program of the church. It is a time when many individuals will make their first commitment to their Lord.

Goal of our camping program include:

- (1) One-to-one counselling with campers as individuals in regard to their own spiritual development;
- (2) Encouraging spiritual decisions at the level of their individual readiness;
- (3) Establishing good habits of Christian living—prayer, Bible study, worship, fellowship and witnessing;
- (4) Giving campers practical experience in leadership and service;
- (5) Establishing good health habits—proper diet, adequate rest, wholesome exercise and treatment of the body as the temple of God;
- (6) Learning to have fun and use time creatively without dependence upon TV and other creations of the industrial age;
- (7) Developing the ability to relate to others in wholesome, satisfying ways; to meet and work out real life situations and be ready in attitude and skill to face life's problems. □

NOTICE TO ALL CAMP STAFF MEMBERS AND THOSE INTERESTED IN CAMP LEADERSHIP: The president of General Conference, Bob Austin, has assured me we will have a quiet space for lunch discussion at Adrian. Please plan to join us at 12 noon on Wednesday, August 8, 1979. □

NORTONVILLE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR NATIONAL SDBYF—1979-80!

President: Joel Osborn—18—Will be a Sophomore at Sterling College this fall. Joel has been president and treasurer of our local Y.F.; was on the Growth Force; and sings in the church choir. He played trumpet in band in high school. At Sterling, Kansas, he is majoring in computer science and math.

Vice-President: Dale Wheeler—17—Will be a Senior at McLouth High School. He has served as vice-president of the local Y.F. and is an active member of the 4-H Club. Dale plays the guitar, dulcimer and mandolin.

Treasurer: Tim Osborn—15—Will be a Junior at Jefferson County North High School. He is president and treasurer of our local Y.F. Tim is in the band and choir at school and a member of the local S.E.A.R.C.H. Club.

Secretary: Kathy Johnson—16—Will be a Junior at Atchison County Community High School at Effingham. She is secretary of our local Y.F. She has had typing and choir at school.

All of these young people have helped plan and conduct the two Year-End Youth Conferences held at Nortonville in 1977 and 1978. □

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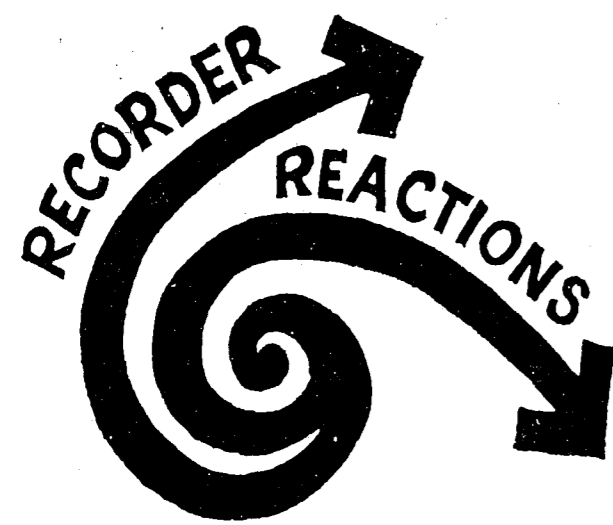
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As Faith without works is dead we therefore believe it to be the duty of the members of this Church in Prayer and Conference meetings to bear their part by publicly speaking or praying.



Can we trust the USSR? That is the question that has occupied the minds of the leaders of our government as we have met with leaders of the Soviet government. We, with them, are trying to set a limit on the amount of killing power each one has as compared with the other. As followers of Christ, the thought of wiping out a city and its inhabitants should be abhorrent. Under a similar situation Jesus said to His disciples, "The Son of man came to save men rather than to destroy them."

But the question of whether we can trust the USSR is matched by the other question as to whether they can trust us. The matter of the Bay of Pigs and the ousting of President Allende of Chile are matters that they might bring up.

But here is an offer that should not be overlooked. Since 1973, the Soviets have been offering to cut down their military budget by ten percent, giving one tenth of that saving to poorer nations, if other great nations will do the same. The nations referred to are those who belong to the UN Security Council—the US, the USSR, Great Britain, France, and China. Those who signed such a treaty would not have to be monitored. The results would show in the improved life of the poorer nations. Bodies fed, wells dug in drought-stricken nations, better seeds and agricultural tools. These could not be hidden, but would show up in a matter of days. I have written to several senators and to President Carter, urging that our government take a positive attitude toward this offer of the Soviet Republic for a real reduction in military budgets, including the power to kill and to destroy. □

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Waterford, CT

More information based upon specific facts presented honestly, clearly, and lovingly might help unenlightened laymen (er—laypersons) like me to understand why radical changes in our denominational structure are being pursued. I, for one, would like such specific and straight answers to several simple (even simplistic?) questions:

1. What, precisely, is wrong with our traditional structure that would be cured by the proposed structure? How?
2. When it is hard to meet the old budget, what assurance is there we would be able to raise more money to meet the financial demands of the new set-up?
3. How does this new structure give promise of deeper spirituality, growth, and/or commitment? (Harmony?)
4. Is it possible that we might jostle ourselves into making a change-for-change-sake that would be unjustifiable, unprofitable, or misguided?
5. It is understandable that we should wish to grow materially, numerically, and spiritually. Why should we feel that we must destroy the old structure, tho' it is not perfect and run the risk of irreparable damage to our democratic ideals or basic tenets?
6. If we are the jury, responsible for the fate of a non-perfect denominational structure, shouldn't it be wise to vote for rehabilitation, rather than for capital punishment? Do the charges justify the severest penalty?

-Velma Maxson
Daytona Beach, FL

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?

The average American over 18 spends his time during the 168 hours available each week as follows:

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Listening to Radio	21.3 hours
Newspaper	4.2 hours
Magazines	3.3 hours
Records and Tapes	1.3 hours
Movies, Sports & Cultural events	18 minutes
Reading books	12 minutes
All other activities	24 hours

Why not keep a record for one week and see where all your time went. How much time does Christ and His church get? □



SDB'S IN NEED

Please help! a cyclone (hurricane) brought damage, disruption and death to southeastern India early in May. Seventh Day Baptists in India are directly and seriously affected. The strong winds, rain and flood waters destroyed or damaged the homes and churches of many of our fellow SDB's. Some of them have died. If such a storm had struck a region of the U.S. where SDB's are concentrated, say in Western New York, I'm sure our response would be generous. Can we also care about SDB's whom we do not know in their time of need?

Let B. John V. Rao, executive secretary of the SDB Conference of India, speak directly to you (through letters shared with me by Leon Lawton): "A stiff breeze broke out, and flood waters raged and the wind whistled all the night and day through, along with storm. It was now indescribable agony to face such severe cyclone...The main roads and lanes of Nellore city and other places were damaged and are over knee-deep with rain water. All sorts of service have been dislocated. The water washed away the thatched houses, huts, cattle, sheds, and crops...We have received the reports from several fields of our denomination seeking urgent help. The coastal districts where many of our SDB Fields are existing are very badly affected."

In the Nellore area, according to Rev. Rao, 18 SDB churches and about 1,000 SDB houses and huts were washed away. In another region 27 SDB's were killed. In a certain village, 200 SDB families lost everything, including their church. Similar reports came in from several other villages. "We pray God to help us to find funds..."

Make checks payable to "SDB United Relief Fund" and designate them for "India Relief." Our Christian Social Action Committee has already given \$3,000 from the United Relief Fund for this purpose. Please help add to the total. □

-Alan Crouch, chairman CSAC

The Sabbath Recorder

HURLEY AWARDED DOCTOR OF DIVINITY DEGREE

Dr. K. Duane Hurley, Salem College President, delivered the Salem College Baccalaureate sermon May 5, 1979, at Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. This year's Salem College Baccalaureate began a tradition of holding the ceremony in various churches in the community.

Dr. Hurley, who served as president of the college for twenty-three years, from 1951-1973, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Joining him for the weekend college activities was his wife, Mrs. Shireen Hurley, who is a Salem graduate, former teacher of organ at the college. She is also known in the Salem area for her work with the Salem Herald.

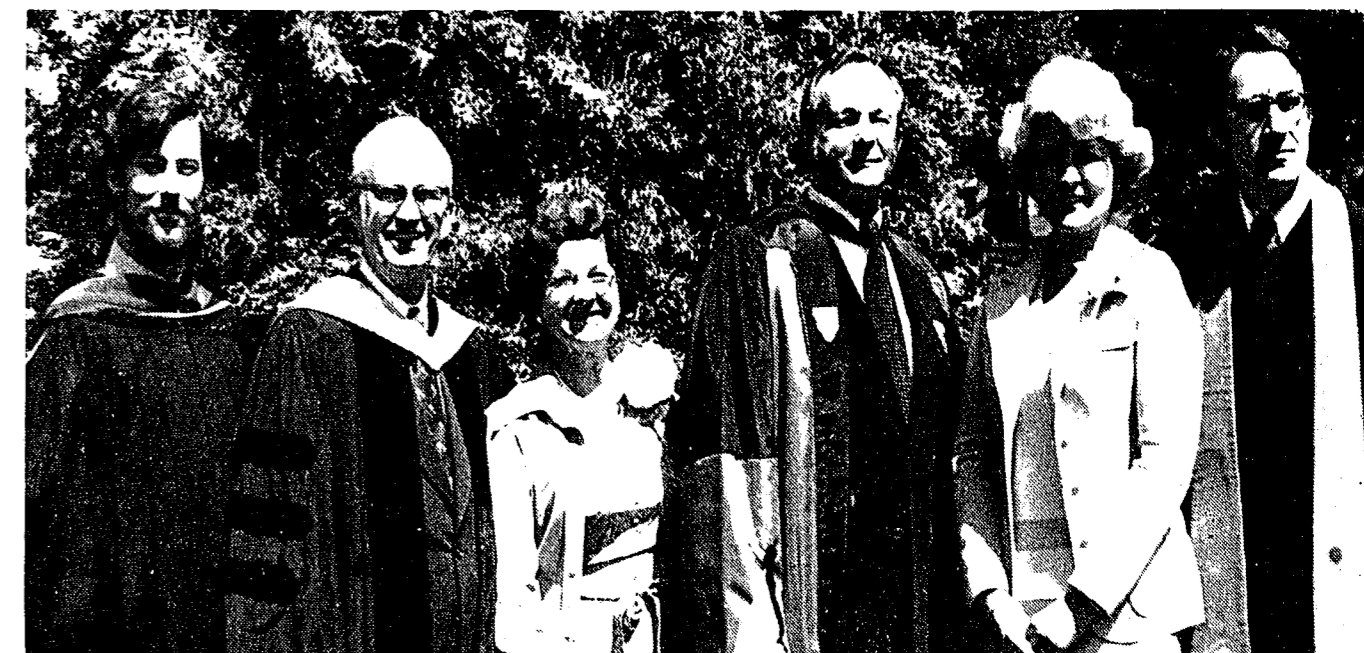
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A native of California, K. Duane Hurley is a Salem College graduate, earned his MA at the University of Southern California, and holds honorary degrees from Alderson-Broadus College, Southeastern University, Milton College, and Waynesburg College.

Before being named Salem president, he had been a teacher and editor of *The Sabbath Recorder*. Dr. Hurley was named executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in 1975 and continues in that post at Plainfield, New Jersey.

During his 23 year term as college president, the institution expanded in enrollment, physical growth and national reputation. The enrollment increased under his leadership by 500 per cent, the new Salem campus was constructed and Salem received full accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Among Dr. Hurley's most notable achievements was the founding, in 1956, of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, which he served as president. He also served as president of both the West Virginia Association of Colleges and Univer-



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WHY GO TO CONFERENCE?

When I attempt to explain the SDB Conference experience to someone outside our denomination, I fumble around with phrases such as, "It's like a friendship/college/family reunion, all rolled into one," or "It's a combination of church business, musical vacation, and spiritual retreat." —All quite inadequate, as Conference regulars will perceive at once.

Whatever Conference means to each of us is unique. However, it must mean an experience we value highly, or there wouldn't be so many individuals and families traveling so many miles to devote so many hours to business meetings, study meetings, and worship meetings.

Whatever Conference means to you, if you didn't attend, you know you would miss that marvelous renewal of your personal faith and your bond of love with other Seventh Day Baptists.

In short, we need Conference, but Conference needs us, too. There are important decisions to debate, exciting plans for the future growth of the denomination to discuss, lay leaders and pastors to exchange ideas with.

Previous articles on Conference '79 have discussed the practical aspects. Claire Merchant wrote about camping and recreational possibilities in Michigan's "Water Wonderland." George Parrish described the beautiful campus at Adrian College and the financial picture. Even though costs are higher (what else?), General Conference is still a great bargain. Where else could you get all the combined joys of Christian fun and fellowship?

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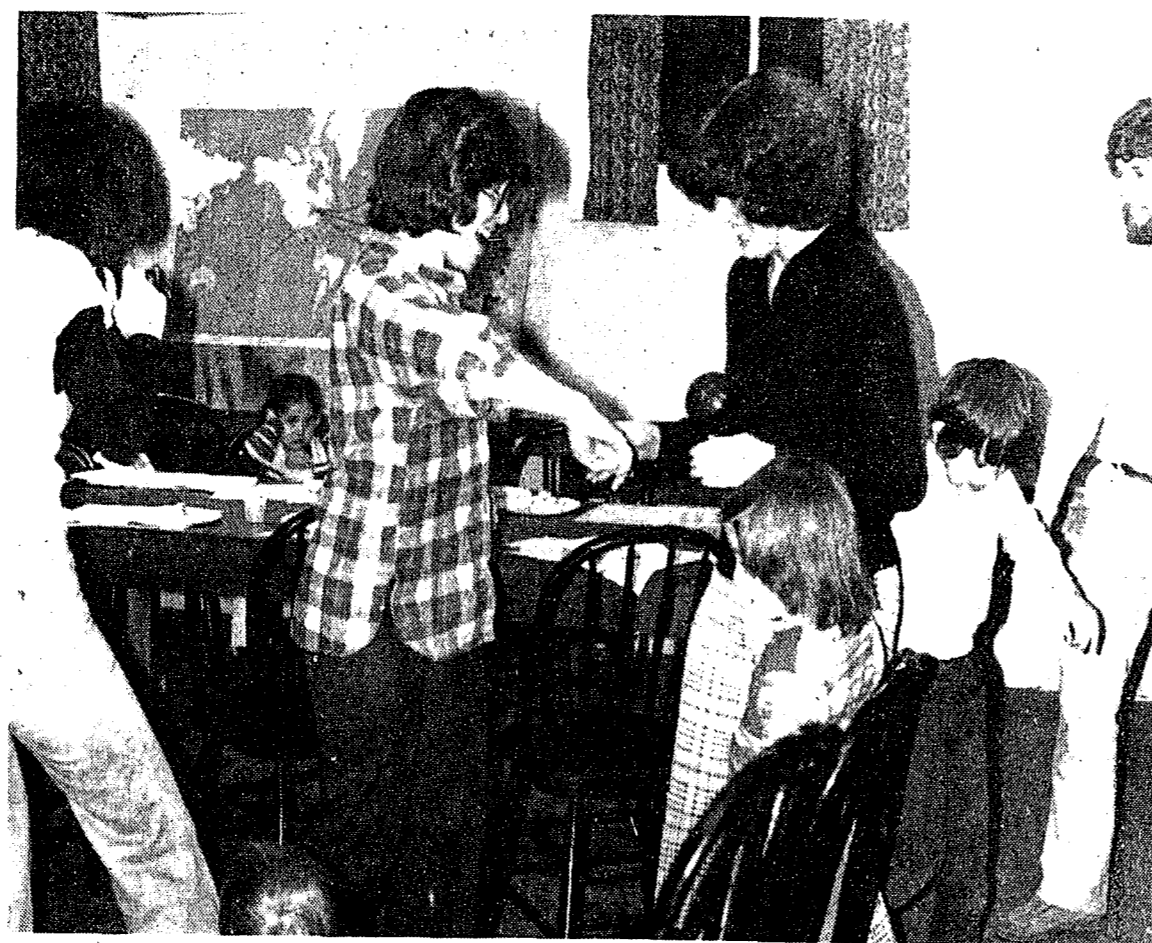
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At our annual meeting Jeanne Wilhelm was elected administrative assistant for a year and was licensed to preach. She is conducting services, preaching once a month, and supervising publications, programs, schedules and visitation. She hopes to resume her seminary work in the fall. Barbara Saunders is our newly-elected moderator.

On April 7, Barbara Snyder, our faith mission worker, a member of the Alfred SDB Church, was received as an associate member. She is now our church secretary and chairman of the Discipleship Committee.

Pastor Kenneth Burdick of our North Jersey church gave the sermon that same morning. Following a fellowship dinner Conference President Bob Austin spoke on the coming General Conference and led a discussion period. Other outside speakers have been Rev. Leon Lawton and Rev. David Hannon, a local pastor.

The Junior Sabbath School Class conducted a Bible memorization project by which they raised over \$60 for our Malawi mission.

Questionnaires on ten different areas of our church life were distributed to members of how we are doing. They will be summarized by the special Evaluation Committee. We ask your prayers as we carry on the Lord's work without a pastor. □

-Ruth Hunting Parker

GRAFFIUS CALLED TO ORDINATION

The White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church has called its pastor, Larry Graffius, to ordination. The service will be in the White Cloud church on July 28, 1979.

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-Mabel B. Babcock, Clerk



Dr. Samuele Bacchionchi is shown visiting with Janis Cruzan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cruzan, following the morning worship service at White Cloud, Michigan, on April 14.

BACCHIOCCHI SPEAKS AT WHITE CLOUD

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CHURCH "PRAYING FOR PEACE"

WATERFORD, CT—The Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church has received permission to improve or rebuild the old shed behind the church. The men of the church are already at work on it to make it a useful annex to the work of the church.

Meetings for home Bible study have become a means of spiritual growth and have involved most of the members of the church.

In the interest of following after the things that make for peace, a group is meeting once a week with the purpose of "Praying for Peace." □

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ACTIVITIES EMPHASIZE CHURCH GROWTH

WASHINGTON, DC—Rev. and Mrs. Francis Saunders, of Berea, W. Va., visited our church April 7, with Rev. Saunders giving the morning message, and a slide presentation on Camp Joy on the Move in the afternoon. On April 14, Deacon Oliver Dickinson led the service and gave the Easter message while Pastor and Mrs. Davis visited his family in Ohio. The Verona, New York, church Youth Fellowship and their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis, were our guests April 21. Mr. Davis spoke briefly and brought greetings from the Verona church.

May 5 and 6, we were privileged to have Rev. Leon R. Lawton, executive vice-president of the Missionary Society, share the morning message, "What Matters Most—The Keeping of God's Commandments." 1 Corinthians 7:19. He also showed us slides of his recent visit to India. We appreciate his time of sharing with us. Also May 6 we had a workshop on "Seventh Day Baptist Distinctives." The panel participants were as follows:

1. Heritage
Mrs. Alma Brissey
2. Individualism
Rev. Grover S. Brissey
3. Covenant People
Mr. Philip Hazen
4. A Congregation of Equals
Mrs. Ruth Hazen
5. Involved but Separate
Mr. Don Harris
6. The Lord's Supper
Deacon Oliver Dickinson
7. Baptism
Deaconess Lillian Crichlow
8. Sabbath Distinctive
Mr. Douglas Rausch
9. The Bible
Mrs. Leland Davis
10. Music in the Church
Mrs. Marie Bee

William R. Austin, president of General Conference, was our guest speaker Sabbath morning, May 19. He enlightened us with his plans for General Conference in Adrian, Michigan, August 5-11. □

-Alma Brissey

CHURCH SPONSORS SERVICE PROJECTS

SHILOH, N.J.—The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh has been richly blessed during the first part of 1979 with a variety of activities in the areas of worship, service and fellowship.

Weekly Friday night and Sabbath morning worship services have been enriched by frequent "specials," including several films ("Pilgrim's Progress," "God of Creation"); a delightful presentation of the gospel in music, skits, and puppetry presented by Proverbs 3, a professional evangelistic foursome; and a one-act drama entitled, "The People Versus Christ" skillfully performed by Tom and Diane Merchant and Herbert Saunders.

Easter services included a baptismal service, a three-hour Good Friday cooperative service, Candlelight Communion, "The Easter Story" cantata arranged by Mary Hitchner, Pastor Bond's arrangement of "The Testimony of the Eleven" in which eleven specially-selected "disciples" convinced doubting Thomas (Assistant Pastor Don Chroniger) that Jesus is alive, and a sunrise service at Jersey Oaks Camp.

Service projects include monthly visits to Cumberland Medical Center, continuing sponsorship of a youth center for community teens, participation in the Bloodmobile program, and weekly friendly visitation to area residents. Individual classes have raised funds for the church budget and special projects by serving dinners, holding yard sales, and sponsoring bake sales. Of special interest was a piano-organ concert given by David Russell, one of our new members, with a love offering being taken for the William Lupton Fund (a fund maintained to help pay expenses of a brain-damaged three-year-old member of the church family).

The Session Room in the Fellowship Hall, commonly referred to as "the pink room," will now have to be called the "panelled room," thanks to the Memorial Committee and volunteer help. Besides panelling, the face-lift also included a dropped ceiling, new light fixtures and new furnishing to be given in memory of loved ones.

Fellowship activities have filled the calendars of many of our families, with regular cooperative ventures such as West District Hymnsings

and the church basketball league, and special events such as Family Night when the children's and youth groups shared their activities with families after a covered dish supper.

Class socials included a wide variety of programs ranging from Valentine scavenger hunt to Italian smorgasbord and Chinese dinner to a '30's party at which those who don't remember the 30's identified pictures of those who do. □

-Donna Bond



Dr. and Mrs. Forrest M. Branch
Dr. and Mrs. H. Laurence Burdick

CHURCH HONORS TWO

MILTON, WI—The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton honored Forrest M. Branch, D.D.S., and H. Laurence Burdick, M.D., for their many years of professional service to the Milton Community at a reception held on June 10, 1979.

Dr. Branch practiced dentistry in Milton from 1941 until his retirement in 1978. During that time he has taken an active part in the community activities, serving on the Board of Trustees of Milton College for twelve years, three of which he served as chairman; was a member of Kiwanis for twenty years, serving as president; was active in Boy Scouts for ten years, serving as Cub Master, president of Indian Trails Council for one year; and served as treasurer for the school board for the grade school. He served as president of the Bank of Milton for seven years, and both he and Mrs. Branch have been active in the local AFS chapter since 1966.

He has also served the Milton church in many capacities. He is a member of the diaconate and has served as trustee, superintendent of the Sabbath School, as a teacher of the college age class and in the Junior High department. He has served on a number of committees among which were the camp committee and the investment committee.

Dr. Burdick began his practice with Dr. Milton D. Davis in 1946 and retired from practice the end of May 1979, having served the community for thirty-three years. He has also been active in community affairs, serving for many years on the Board of Trustees of Milton College, serving as secretary for twenty years. He was honored as a Pillar of Milton. He has served the church in a number of ways, most recently as chairman of the investment committee for several years. □

ACCESSIONS

ADAMS CENTER, NY
Stephan F. Saunders, Pastor

By Baptism:
Benjamin Roberts
Katrina Saunders

BAY AREA, CA
Jay Zaremba, Pastor

By Testimony:
Martin Aho

HOUSTON, TX
Robert W. Babcock, Pastor

By Baptism:
Joan (Mrs. Stephen) Pierce

NORTH JERSEY
Kenneth B. Burdick, Pastor

By Baptism:
Carolyn (Mrs. Steve) Weber

PLAINFIELD, NJ

Associate Member:
Barbara Snyder

TEXARKANA, AR

By Testimony:
Ellen Lyddane

MARRIAGES

DAVIES-CAMPBELL.—Donald Edmund Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davies of Hanover, Wisconsin, and Beth Marie Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elnoe Campbell of Janesville, Wisconsin, were married April 21 in the Plymouth Methodist Church with the groom's pastor, Rev. Richard Davis, officiating. They are making their home in Janesville.

RICE-LOSEY.—David R. Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice of Auburn, Wash., and Esther Mae Losey, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Losey of White Cloud, Mich., were united in marriage on May 26, 1979, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Seattle, Wash., by the bride's grandfather, Rev. Charles D. Swing of Albuquerque, N. Mex., and their pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, Seattle.

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† BIRTHS †
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LOOFBORO.—A son, Jared Parker, to Neil and Sue Loofboro of Milton, Wis., on March 20.

LUEBKE.—A son, Daniel Curtis, to Gerry and Ann Crouch Luebke of Brooklyn, Wis., on March 23.

ROESSLER.—A daughter, Heather Lynne, to Rodney and Cathy (Thorngate) Roessler of Salem, Ohio, on May 4, 1979.

ZAREMBA.—A daughter, Lindsay Marie, to Pastor Jay and Terri (Defrese) Zarembo of Concord, Calif., on May 20, 1979.

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† OBITUARIES †
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DAVIS.—D. Morton, son of the late Eber M. R. and Elizabeth Clausen Davis, was born in Hopewell Township, N.J., on September 26, 1883, and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peterson on March 3, 1979.

On April 5, 1904, he was united in marriage to Mabel Harris, who preceded him in death on March 5, 1974, after 68 years of living and working together on the family homestead.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Davis had no children of their own, they raised two girls from childhood, Mrs. Thomas (Marian) Peterson, and Mrs. Frank (Ruth) Cruzan, of R.D., Bridgeton, and Morton D. Allen of Elmer. Additional survivors include a brother, Frank G. Davis, R.D. 1, Bridgeton, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Davis was baptized and joined the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church March 6, 1897. He was active in the life and work of the church as long as health permitted, and he enjoyed attending General Conference sessions.

Funeral services were held March 30 from the Garrison-Sray Funeral Home, Bridgeton, with his pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Richards, officiating. Interment was in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church Cemetery.

-D.E.R.

DAVIS.—Jonathan B., son of the late Thomas M. and Elizabeth Henderson Davis, was born April 20, 1900 in Shiloh, N.J., and died in Bridgeton Hospital May 14, 1979, following several months of failing health.

On September 10, 1922 he was united in marriage to Lucy Rainear. The couple celebrated their fifty-fifth anniversary last year.

Jack, as he was commonly known by many friends, was employed by Shoemaker Dairy for forty years. He was interested in many community affairs, and served as past president and secretary of the Shiloh School Board.

He was baptized and joined the Marlboro SDB Church in January 1913. Having proved his leadership and spiritual maturity of judgment, he was ordained to the diaconate in November 1958. He accepted his God-given responsibilities serving with grace and sensitivity.

Surviving in addition to his wife are: two sons, James R. of Bridgeton, and Raymond M. of Milwaukie, Ore.; five

daughters, Mrs. Francis (Marion) Campbell of Shiloh Pike, Mrs. Lorenzo (Lenore) Moncrief of Shiloh, Mrs. Hartley (Frances) Hiles of Bridgeton, Sharon Davis of Millville, and Allyce Davis, at home; a brother, R. Wesley Davis of RD 3, Bridgeton; six sisters, Mary H. Green and Mrs. Charles (Bessie) VanMeeter, both of Bridgeton; Mrs. Edward (Lucy) D. Rainear of Orelan, Pa.; Mrs. Lester (Julia) Rainear of Penns Grove, Ida Green of Fortescue and Mrs. Earl (Mabel) Cruzan, of Milton, Wis.; seventeen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 17 from the Marlboro SDB Church with his pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Richards, officiating. Interment was in Shiloh SDB Church Cemetery.

-D.E.R.

GREEN.—Lyle Joseph, son of Louis J. and Lydia Beeman Green, was born May 18, 1916, in Albion, Wis., and died May 5, 1979 at his home in Albion where he was born.

Lyle graduated from Edgerton High School and was a sheet metal worker all his life until his retirement.

He was married to Mary Jessie Jackson in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, June 28, 1941. They made their home in Albion except for the time from 1943 to 1946 while he worked on the building of the Oak Ridge Atomic Plant near Knoxville, Tennessee.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Albion and the Masonic Lodge. His grandfather, William Beeman, was Worshipful Grand Master of the state of Nebraska, and his great-grandfather, Duty J. Green, was one of the earliest settlers to Albion.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Mary Jessie, are: a son, Richard of Edgerton; a daughter, Mrs. Ross (Barbara) Slagg of Milton; six grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Willis (Adalene) Stillman of Edgerton; two brothers, Clinton J. of Madison and Lowell of Cable.

Masonic rites were conducted at the Nygaard Funeral Home, Edgerton. The funeral services were held May 8, 1979, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Albion, with his pastor, the Rev. A. A. Appel, officiating.

-A.A.A.

KAGARISE.—Raymond F., a son of Jerome and Belle (Frederick) Kagarise, was born at Salemville, Pa., on August 15, 1894, and died at age 84 following an extended illness in Nason Hospital in Roaring Spring, Pa., Sabbath, May 12, 1979.

On September 16, 1921, he was married to Emma A. Baughman who survives along with one son, Robert W., of Fredonia, Pa. Five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive along with a sister, Mrs. Nettie Boyd, of New Enterprise, Pa.

Mr. Kagarise was a member of the Bell (English) Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salemville and a retired carpenter.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon in the German Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor Kent Martin and Rev. Melvin F. Stephan, officiating. Interment was in the Salemville Community Cemetery.

-M.F.S.

OCHS.—A. Henry, was born Oct. 7, 1883 at Omaha, Nebr., and died at Eau Claire Manor Nursing Home, Eau Claire, Wis., on May 12, 1979. On Jan. 17, 1910, in Jackson Center, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Ida Mae Lippincott.

To this union were born two sons, Theron of Eau Claire, and Kenneth of Milton.

They moved to Milton in 1931 and Henry operated first a grocery store and then a clothing store until he retired in 1964. His wife preceded him in death. He has lived the past ten years in Eau Claire near his son, Theron. He was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and had served on the Board of Trustees.

Funeral services were held from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 15, 1979, by his pastor the Rev. Earl Cruzan. Burial was in Milton Cemetery. He is survived by four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren besides his two sons.

-E.C.

PALMER.—Josiah C., 79, was born March 18, 1900, and died March 31, 1979, at the Westerly Nursing Home, Westerly, R.I.

He was a member of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rockville, R.I. He served as moderator of the church from 1970-1977 and was upon retirement from that office appointed Moderator Emeritus. He is survived by his wife and a number of children and grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Hope Valley, R.I., Mr. Palmer's former residence, by the Rev. Russell W. Havens of Westerly. The Rev. Paul Burdick, a former pastor of the Rockville church, also took part in the services. Mr. Palmer was buried in Rockville Cemetery which he had superintended for many years.

-R.W.H.

ROENNEBURG.—Janet L., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walden Lippincott of Milton, Wis., was born August 20, 1942 and died in an automobile accident on May 6, 1979.

Janet was united in marriage to Richard Roenneburg on Sept. 30, 1960. To this union were born four children: Diane, Douglas, Dawn and Derrick, who survive her.

Funeral services were held from the Newcomer-Silverthorn Funeral Home, Orfordville, Wis., by her pastor the Rev. Earl Cruzan on May 9, 1979 with burial at the cemetery at Brodhead, Wisconsin.

-E.C.

WHIPPLE.—Bernice E., 94, was born February 7, 1885, and died May 12, 1979, at Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R.I. She was the oldest member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly.

Born in Hallock, Illinois, the daughter of Joseph Henry and Ella (Hammett) Whipple, she moved to Westerly with her family when only a year old. She grew up in Westerly, graduating from Westerly High School in 1903. She then attended Alfred University, graduating in 1906. She taught Latin, Greek, and Spanish in Canojoharie, N.Y., in Puerto Rico, and in New Jersey, before spending twenty-seven years at the Julia Richman High School in New York City. She retired in 1944, returning to her home in Westerly where she continued to live until her death.

Miss Whipple was a member of the Pawcatuck church from the age of thirteen, serving as assistant Sabbath School superintendent, teaching several classes, serving on the church's music committee and on the Pastor's Advisory Committee.

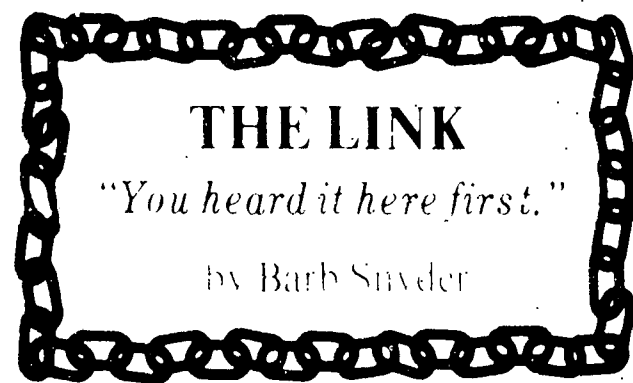
She was a member of the Phebe Greene Ward Chapter of the D.A.R., serving as

auditor and in other offices over the years. She was a direct descendent of Gen. George Potter, Sr., an officer of the Revolutionary War, George Potter, Jr., and Rev. Joshua Clarke.

Miss Whipple was a very noble lady, suffering various ailments over the long years of her life in such a quiet way that few were aware. She traveled extensively around the world, yet loved her home very much.

A graveside tribute was offered by the Rev. Russell W. Havens at River Bend Cemetery where she was buried.

-R.W.H.



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**SOCIETY EXPRESSES
CONCERN FOR
HISTORICAL
TRUSTEESHIP**

by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers
Historical Society president

Concern for the continuity of the Historical Society's trust in the care of irreplaceable documents, church records, and artifacts was expressed at the annual meeting of the society held May 27 at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, N.J.

The importance of knowledgeable and committed salaried and volunteer personnel also was underscored as the General Conference "Full-Circle Administration" proposal was considered. Just one case in point is the need for careful administration of the Julius F. Sachse Collection of German Seventh Day Baptist materials, which were obtained more than sixty years ago with a contract agreement stipulating that they never would be dispersed. A memorandum on these concerns of trusteeship is being prepared for Conference leaders and committees on behalf of the society's trustees.

Thomas L. Merchant, historian, was reappointed for another three-year term. He was first named to the post in 1975. His annual report showed a series of twenty-one lectures on Seventh Day Baptist history prepared for ministerial students in training at the Center on Ministry in addition to twelve major program appointments in churches and at Conference during the year.

The Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, dean of the Center on Ministry, spoke of the close working relationship between himself and the historian, and proposed a study of further cooperation in the administration of the libraries of the two agencies. K. D. Hurley, Conference executive secretary, acknowledged the teamwork of Mr. Merchant and urged the society to join other denominational boards and agencies in a review of their executives' salaries and benefits.

Microfilming of the society's pre-1790 manuscripts by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission was approved. The historian will personally accompany the documents

to Princeton University and back for this purpose.

It was announced that the Rev. Everett T. Harris, first vice-president, of Westerly, R.I., had asked to retire after twenty years as a trustee and officer of the society. Appreciation was expressed for his valuable service. Wayne C. Maxson, chairman of the society's advisory committee and a university librarian from Philadelphia, Pa., was elected to succeed Mr. Harris.

Mrs. Anna C. North of Plainfield, N.J., was welcomed as a new life member of the society. Other new members are: Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong, Kenneth B. Burdick, Donald F. Carringer, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, and the Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Zwiebel. The deaths during the past year of two active members, Mrs. Lyra B. Irish of Rockville, R.I., and the Rev. Clifford A. Beebe of Paint Rock, Ala., the most recent recipient of the society's gold-headed cane award, were noted with regret.

The trustees of the society—the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N.Y., president; the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, North Loup, Nebr., second vice-president; Frederik J. Bakker, Scotch Plains, N.J., secretary; and the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Richburg, N.Y., treasurer—met before and after the annual meeting.

A buffet luncheon was served to all by Mrs. Diane Merchant, assisted by Mrs. Janette Rogers, Mrs. Shirley Bakker, and Mrs. Shireen Hurley, at the Merchant home. □

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CARTER: FAMILY IS 'BEDROCK' DESPITE CHANGING SEX ROLES

WASHINGTON—While acknowledging that "we live in a time of transition for the American family," President Carter declared his 1979 Father's Day proclamation that "the strength and stability of a healthy, loving family life continues to remain the bedrock on which our society is organized."

The President's message, designating the traditional third Sunday in June as Father's Day, declares that "the evolving roles of men and women" in American society "have posed new challenges and opened new opportunities, for fathers as well as mothers.

"To the degree that mothers are assuming a more active role in the nation's workforce, fathers are being asked to play an even greater role in the upbringing of their children," the statement continued.

"At the same time, they continue to carry out their traditional duties of helping to support their families financially, emotionally and spiritually."

Father's Day is an occasion "to reflect on the sacrifices our fathers have made on our behalf" and a time for fathers "to receive that most precious gift, the love and gratitude of those they have nurtured and protected for so many years," the President concluded. □

-Baptist Public Affairs

ERRATA NOTICE

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PRAY FOR CHINA

LIBERTY CORNER, NJ (MNS)—The Evangelical China Committee (IFMA/EFMA) meeting here May 5, 1979, called upon Christians in North America to be alert to the changing situation in China and to pray for their fellow-believers there.

With increasing communication and contact between the people of North America and the people of China, Christians will have opportunities to extend friendship to travelers from China. North Americans (Chinese and non-Chinese) should seek opportunities to introduce visitors from China to life and culture here.

Christians in North America and around the world are urged to pray for China, establishing specific times

and securing reliable information to make prayer meaningful.

Praise God that despite great hardship and suffering, there are still believers in China who have remained faithful in their witness.

Pray that all interested parties will be sensitive to the precarious situation of the believers in China and will avoid actions, statements or programs which will be detrimental to them.

Pray that additional communications and fellowship can be established by China's believers with Christians in other parts of the world.

Pray that believers in China will continue to be kept by God's power and that they will find greater freedom to serve Christ as China moves along in its modernization program. □

URBANA '79

Deciding One's Role in Missions, Missions and the National Church, Ministry to the Chinese World, and Ministry to the Muslim World, are just a few of the topics to be addressed in the elective workshops at the URBANA '79 Student Missions Convention.

On three of the four afternoons of the Convention, students will be exposed to issues of broad concern in missions today through some sixty elective workshops. Workshops will be led by specialists in each area—people like Harvey Conn, Ralph Winter, Samuel Escobar, Roger Greenway and Simon Ibrahim will share expertise and insights into a variety of issues in missions.

Workshops will be presented in four general categories:

- 1) Issues in Missions—current

issues, new developments in strategy, training to be a missionary, role of the single woman in missions, team approach to missions, the gospel and social concern, western missions in the Third World, etc.

- 2) Ministry in Missions—from Evangelism and Youth Ministry to specific fields like Linguistics, Agriculture and Physicians. Sessions will deal with specific skills and relate them to world mission today.

- 3) The World of Missions—eleven sessions will address specific geographic regions of the world and present an overview of geographical, political and

Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible texts selected by pastors and ministerial students.



Rev. David S. Clarke
Alfred, NY

- For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29: 11

- Rev. Martin Niemoller, out of his deep involvement in opposition to Adolph Hitler, spoke of Jeremiah 29:11 to a small group of us in the late 1940's in New York City. Ever since, that verse has become a magnifier for many of the pictures life has thrown at me.

Niemoller explained how he had been sustained in torture and prison by this verse's insight. I have not been physically tortured or imprisoned, but arguments, strong wills and many social frustrations have been creatively met by reviewing the purpose of Jeremiah's insight from God.

From humanity's beginning, Jeremiah seems to be saying, God has given moral sensitivity to our life. We have lived by spiritual food more than physical. The "essential vitamins and minerals" have been our revelations from God.

The root and fruit of our relation to God is this assurance that God is not only superhuman but that He simply says to us: "Even though you in your finiteness can't know all I know about your future, trust my love and recognize your own hopes as the extension of what you already know of my goodness."

Reading about the situation behind Jeremiah 29:11, we see how closely God walked with Jeremiah amidst captivity and upheaval. This revelation is context for the more familiar Jeremiah 31:33 about the new covenant. So this "Scripture Gem" has brightened my experience many times and I thank God for what I already know of His love and good plans for humanity in His universe. And you and I can expect to continue learning all kinds of beautiful new things about Him and His creation. □

religious setting and a synopsis of the growth of Christianity there. Current challenges to the church and opportunities for service will also be examined.

- 4) Challenges in Missions—addresses the large people blocs in the world in which the church is growing slowly—the Chinese, the Muslims, the Hindus, the Communist World, etc.

Each workshop will consist of lecture followed by question and answer discussion to facilitate participant interaction with the issues of world missions. Thus students, faculty and pastors who attend the workshops should be better informed and prepared for active involvement in missions in today's world. □

FAITH IS A GIANT WORD

(continued from page 5)

Faith is a giant word because it expands our vision.

What a difference between a person who says, "I'll get my kicks now," and the believer who can postpone his personal gratification in the interest of living his life for higher purposes! Those heroic souls of Hebrews 11 had a far vision. "These people were still living in faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance" (v. 13).

Faith makes a person a giant in character, so that he can see beyond the present and beyond himself. By faith in Christ and His promises, he is enabled to take the way of self-denial and the cross, assured that this is where he will actually find life and satisfaction.

This kind of faith makes us a blessing to those who follow. We are told that Abraham and those other heroes of faith "all died in the faith, not having received the promises. God had planned something better for us so that together with us they would be made perfect (find complete fulfillment in their faith)" (Heb. 11:39, 40). Because they trusted that God had plans beyond their understanding and their own times, they lived patiently, and in so doing passed the inspiration to faith down to all future generations. Our faith is not just for ourselves, but for the benefit of those who shall follow as well. Only this kind of faith will vouchsafe sound religion to those who follow us.

Faith is for the making of spiritual heroes. Faith is a dynamic word, for it brings action. It is best interpreted by what it produces. I think of the Psalmist's words: "By thee I have run through a troop; and by my God I have leaped over a wall" (Psalm 18:29). Like a mighty warrior, the person of faith becomes mighty in spiritual character and action.

Dean Inge of St. Paul's Cathedral in London once said, "We are losing our Christianity because Christianity is a creed for heroes, while we are mainly harmless, good-natured people who want every-

body to have a good time." Maybe the old man was a little too critical—or could he have been right?

It was written of the Pilgrims: "They feared nothing but God." Will it be written of this generation that "it feared everything but God"?

Faith is mighty in its possibilities because its object is the strong Son of God. It is not a self-sufficient, egotistical feeling that we can do it all alone, but that we are sufficient "through Christ who strengthens us" (Phil. 4:13).

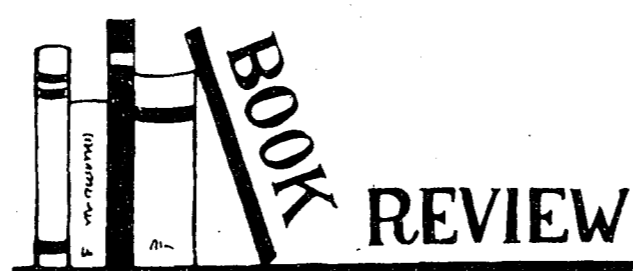
A little boy and his companion were caught out after dark in a severe storm with wind, thunder, lightning and sheets of rain. His terror showed as they huddled under the best protection they could find. Suddenly his face broke out in a smile. His companion could not understand, and asked why the change. The boy replied: "See the light coming across the field? That's my big brother with a lantern. When my big brother has hold of my hand I ain't afraid of nothing!"

And that is why we as Christians can face our personal battles, witness with courage, stand boldly for the right, accept what seems to be defeat, danger and death. For Christ, our "Big Brother," has promised us not only everlasting life, but: "In the world ye have tribulation, ... But fear not, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

It was said of those ancient heroes of faith that "the world was not worthy of them." True, but how unspeakably it has been blessed by such people? And how unspeakably it can be blessed by you as you continue in the way of obedient faith! For faith is a giant word! □

THINK IT OVER!

God made the sun—it gives.
God made the moon—it gives.
God made the stars—they give.
God made the air—it gives.
God made the sea—it gives.
God made the beasts—they give.
God made the PLAN—He gives.
God made man—he ...?



Four years ago, Harold Hughes quit the U.S. Senate to work with alcoholics and drug addicts as a counselor and lay minister. Today he's more convinced than ever that he made the right decision.

That's his conclusion according to his new autobiography released this week: *Harold H. Hughes: The Man from Ida Grove*. (Chosen Books, publisher, Lincoln, VA. Distributed by Word Books, Waco, TX, \$10.95.)

In a time when many leave government service for high-paying positions in the private sector, the former Democratic Senator from Iowa runs a small religious center in Royal Oak, Maryland. There he helps recovered—and recovering—alcoholics and addicts cope with their ever-present problems. The people he helps range from government officials, foreign diplomats, and their families, to forgotten skid row drunks and shooting gallery junkies.

In his book Hughes tells why he is more satisfied with his life now than when he was a member of what has been called the world's most elite club.

As Hughes relates in his book, "I loaded my gun, lay on the bed and put the barrel in my mouth. And then I thought what a mess I'll leave in the bedroom...so I decided I'll go into the bathroom instead."

There, he said, "I thought maybe if there is a God, I should pray. I told Him that if there was any reason for me to live, He should take over my life, otherwise let me die. Suddenly, I had a great feeling of peace...I unloaded the gun and went back to bed."

After that, Hughes became an organizer for independent truckers in Iowa, and was elected state commerce commissioner. He parlayed that position into a victorious campaign for governor. In 1969 he entered a career in the U.S. Senate.

Today Harold Hughes believes he has found a spiritual power that is stronger than political power. Many disagree. But not those he has helped with alcoholism and drug addiction. A number of Maryland longshoremen, U.S. representatives, and families of foreign diplomats are glad Harold Hughes is following an inner certainty instead of an opinion poll. □



THE ALLEN'S VACATION ADVENTURE

The week was very full of meetings and activities. All too soon, Conference was over and the Allens packed to go home. Three sleepy, but happy, girls climbed into the back seat.

"Everybody ready?" Dad asked as he had at the beginning of the trip.

"I wish we didn't have to leave," said Angie.

"I know how you feel," Dad explained, "but if we don't leave, we'll be the only ones left, because everybody else is leaving now. It just wouldn't be the same if we were here by ourselves."

"Can we come back again next year?" Susan asked.

"I hope we can," said Mom. "I had such a good time."

"What did you like best about Conference, Mommie?" asked Amy.

"I think I liked seeing so many friends that I hadn't seen for a long time."

How about you, Daddy?" asked Angie.

Dad thought a while and then he answered, "I liked the worship services. The sermons helped me learn some things I hadn't thought of before. What parts did you girls like best?"

Amy spoke first. "I liked playing games with all the new friends I made in Primary Conference."

Angie said, "I liked making things to bring home."

"I think I liked learning about the Bible, and memorizing Bible verses," said Susan. "This one is my favorite one. 'Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...' " (Hebrews 10:25a, TEV)

"That's a good verse to remember, Susan," said Dad, "and like Mom said, I sure hope we can come back again next year."

You can memorize the same verse that Susan learned in Junior Conference. And you can play the same game that Amy, Angie and Susan played. You can play it on your way to Conference, if you and your family are going, or you can play it anytime you are riding in the car.

Each person must find a word on a sign that begins with a letter of the alphabet. The first word you find must start with "A," the second with "B," on through the alphabet. You cannot use the same word on the same sign that somebody else uses. The first person to get all the way through the alphabet wins. You may want to skip letters like Q, X and Z. □

-Linda Harris

The day was warm and the sun was bright as the Allens packed the car for their vacation. Each year, the Allens looked forward to their vacation, and this year was no different.

"Everybody ready?" asked Dad as the last car door was closed. A chorus of cheers greeted him from the back seat. Amy and Angie (who were twins) and Susan were definitely ready to go.

Dad started the car and the Allens were off on their way. Soon the familiar sights of the town changed into not so familiar sights of the countryside. The girls played games to help pass the time. One of their favorites was finding words on signs that began with each letter of the alphabet in order.

Soon they began to get tired of the games and began to get restless. "What can we do now, Mommie?" asked Amy.

"We could tell stories!" said Angie.

"Tell us about where we're going, Mom," Susan said.

"All right," Mom began. "We are going to General Conference. Each year, a lot of Seventh Day Baptists travel from all over the country to a college campus. They have lots of meetings."

"What are the meetings about?" Susan asked.

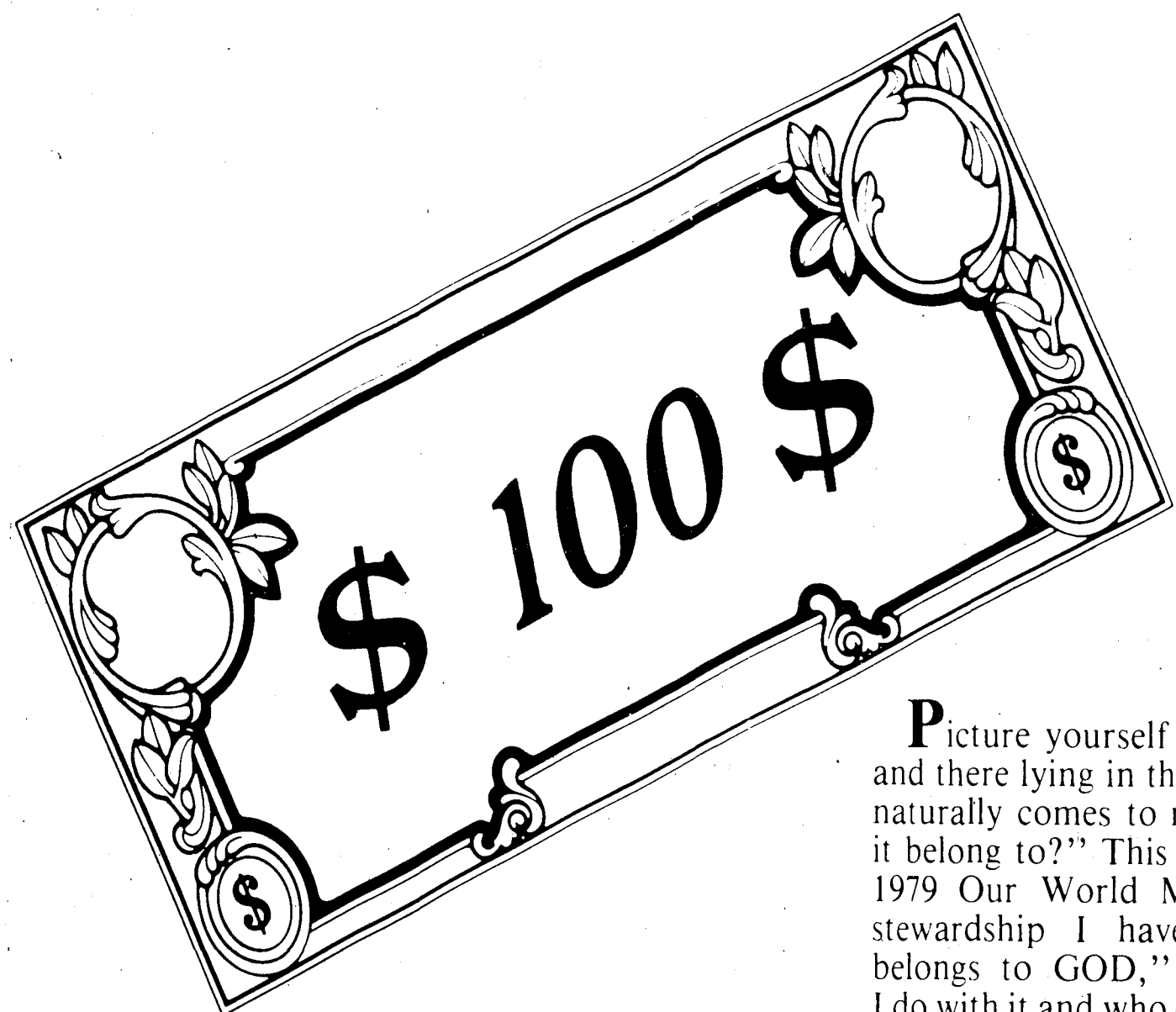
"There are different kinds of meetings. Some meetings are to make decisions. Other meetings are for learning and there are also meetings for worship, like when we go to church. And there are special meetings for children like you. Susan will go to Junior Conference, and Amy and Angie will go to Primary Conference."

"What are we going to do in Primary Conference?" Angie wanted to know.

Mom answered, "You'll learn about Jesus and the Bible. You'll play games and make things. It's a lot like Vacation Bible School."

"That sounds like fun," said Amy.

Before long, the Allens stopped for a picnic lunch and then they started on their way again. A few hours later they arrived at Conference and got settled into their rooms.



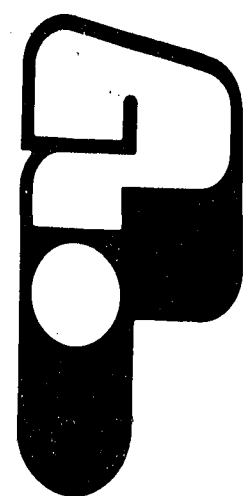
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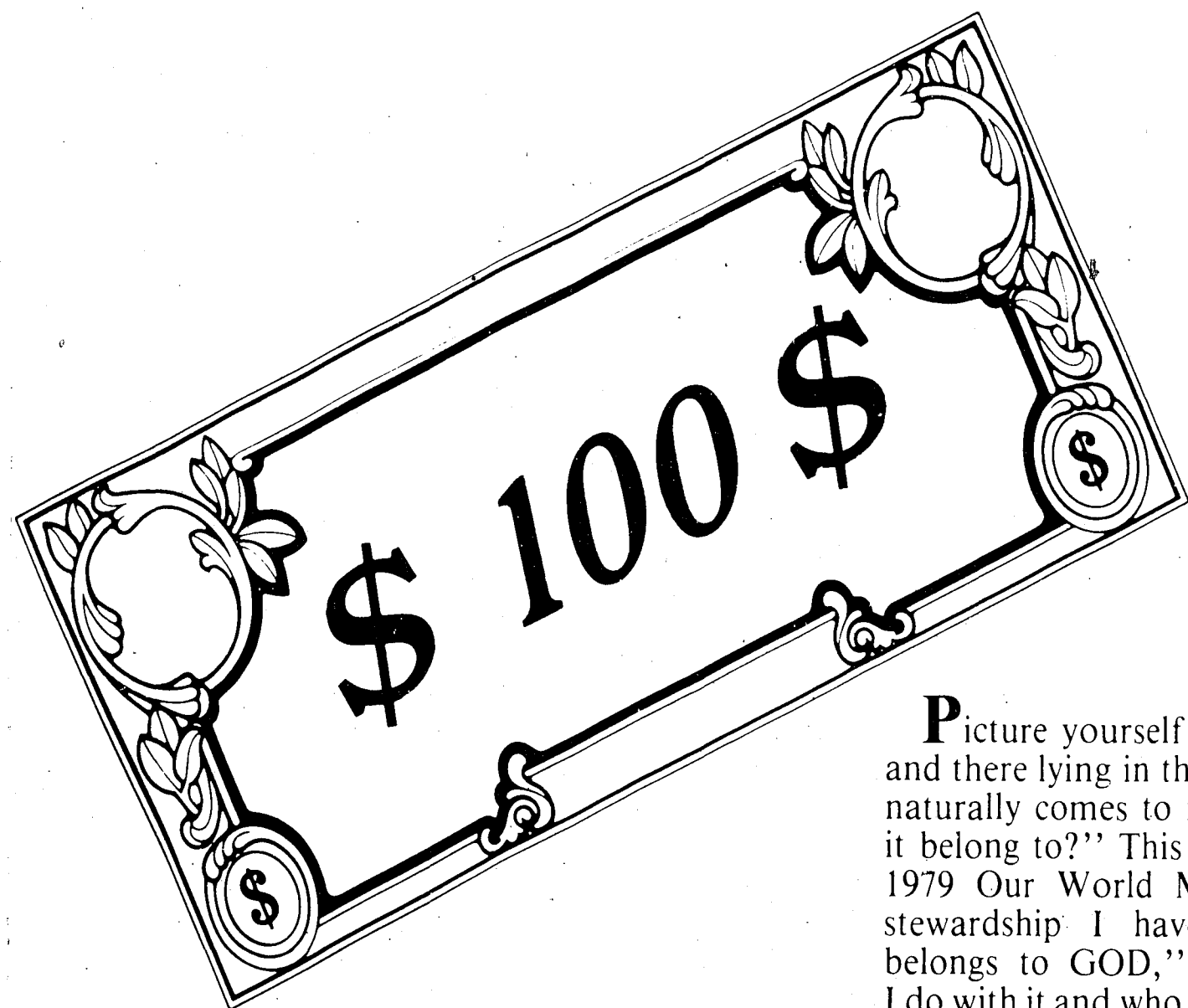
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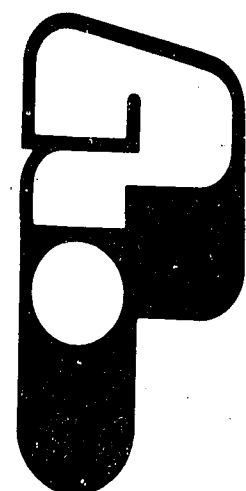
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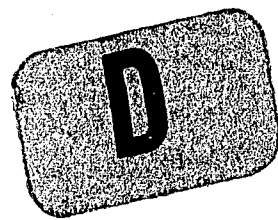
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MISSION UPDATE

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- A strong SDB work is developing in Melbourne, Australia, among the Spanish immigrants. The group was recently visited by Stefan and Vicki Kube. Joseph and Betty Alegre are the local leaders.
- Eleazar C. Paypa is the SDB radio speaker over DXSY in Ozamiz City, the Philippines. The cost is \$4.50 U.S. for the 30-minute broadcast; to date 19 have affiliated with the church as a result.
- This new ambulance serves the Makapwa SDB Station Hospital in Malawi, Africa.

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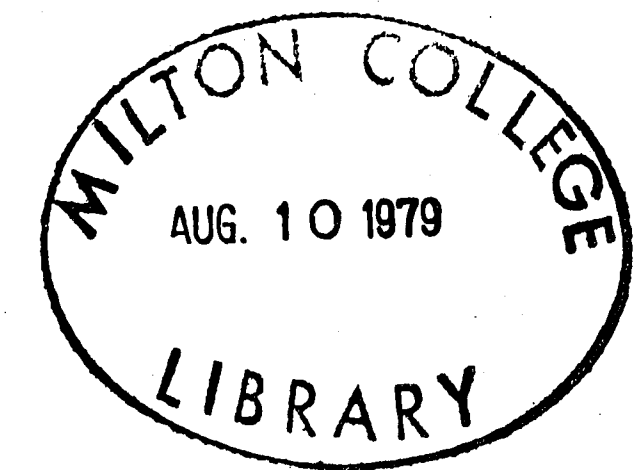
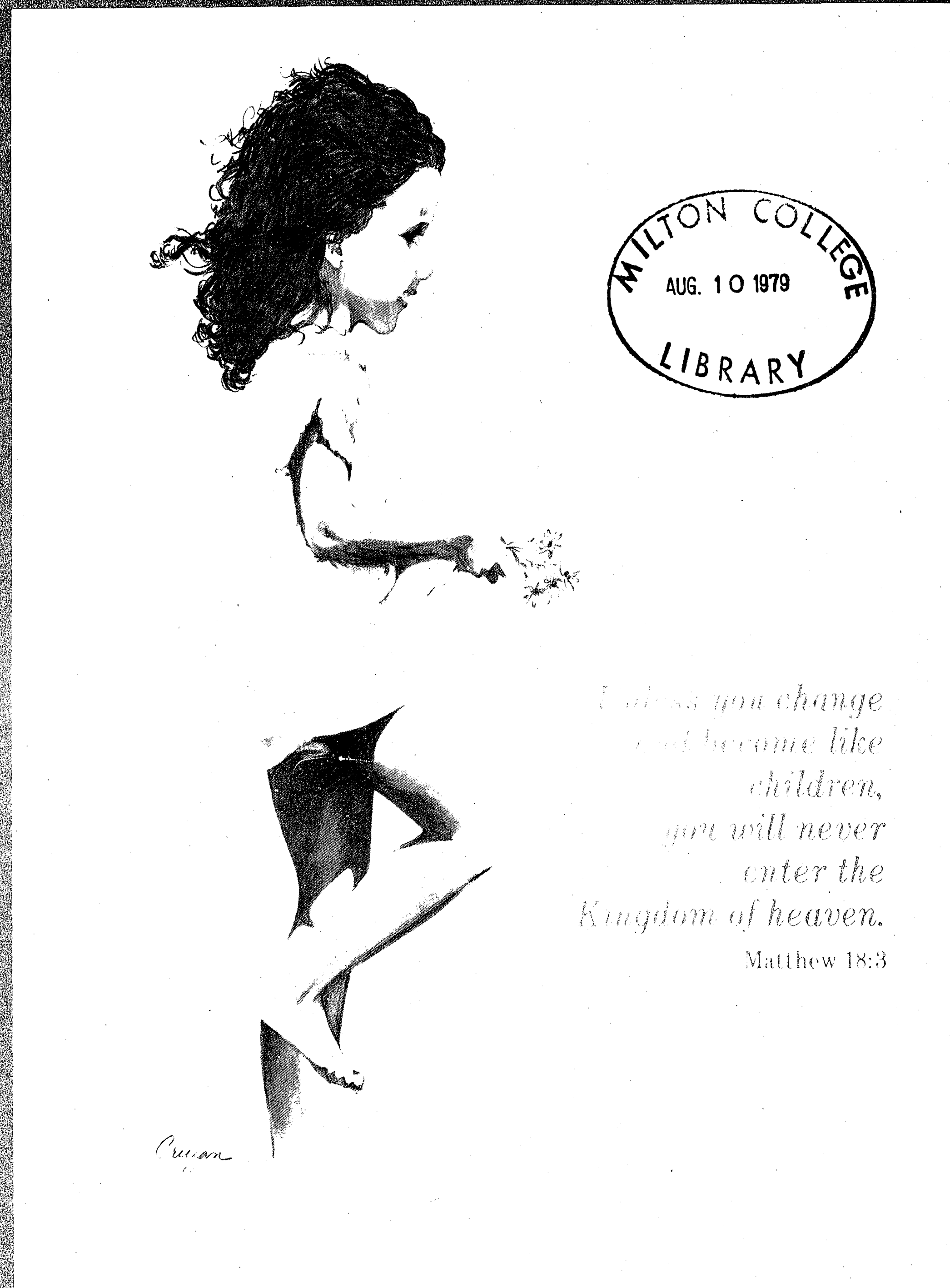


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