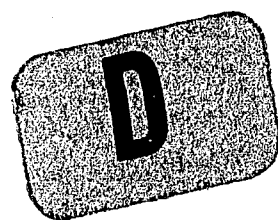


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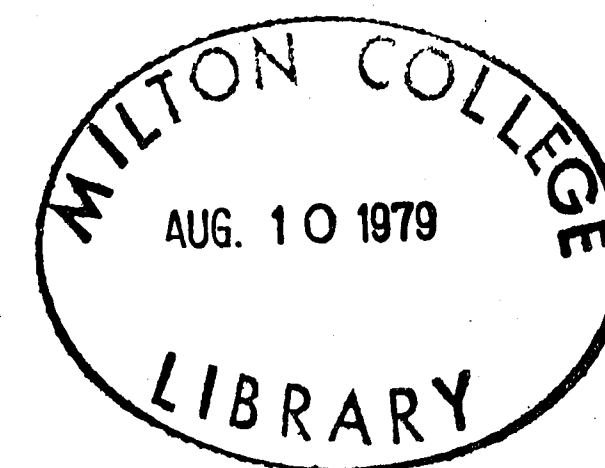
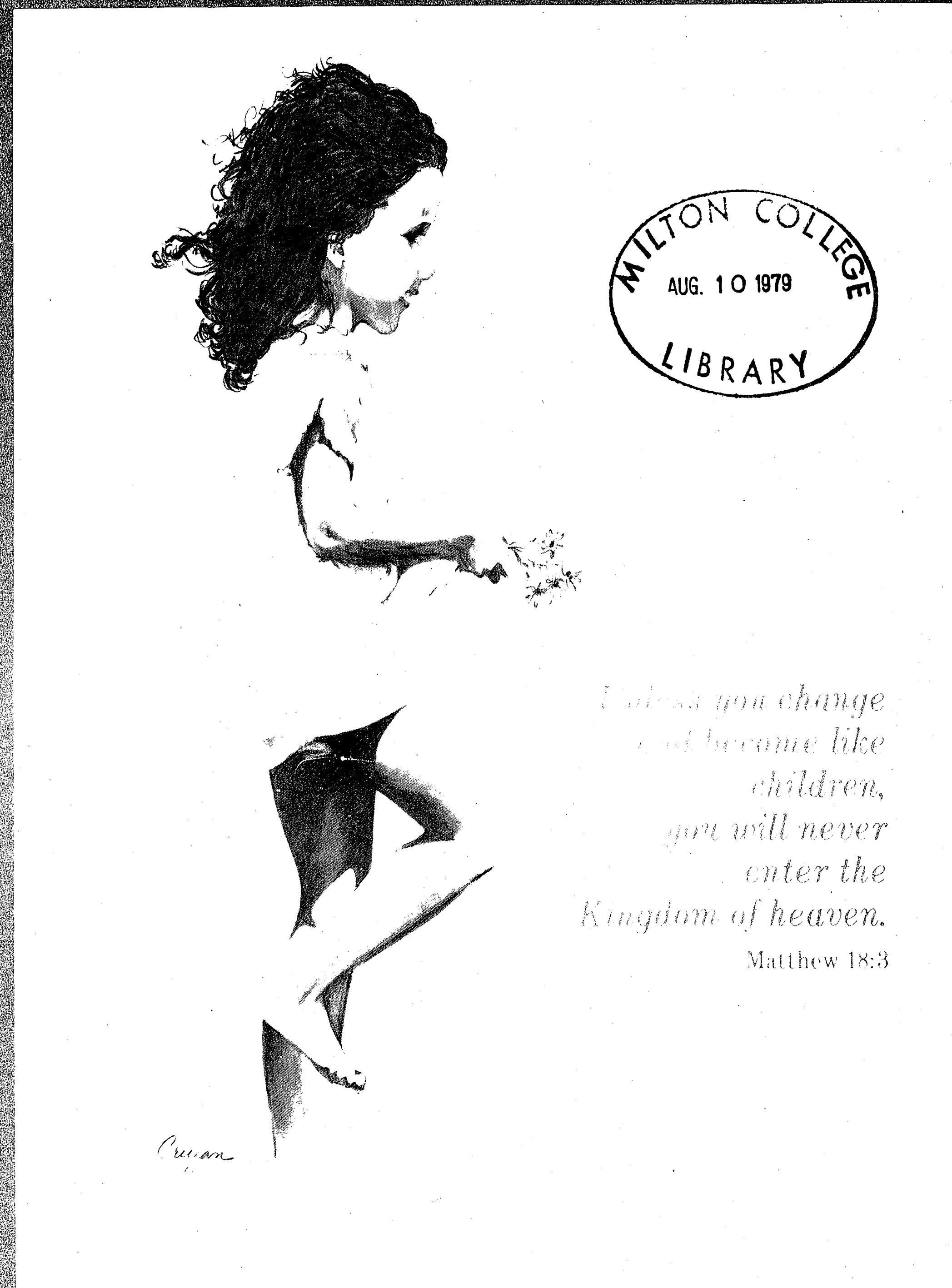


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The Matchless Pearl

A HEAVY SPLASH was followed by many ripples and then the water below the pier was still. An American businessman crouched on the low Indian pier. His eyes were riveted to the water, straining to see his Indian friend swimming in the deep.

In a moment a dark head appeared. Then the old Indian pearl diver clambered on to the dock, grinning as he shook off the water.

"This will be a good one," said Rambhau, handing a large oyster to Morris.

Prying open the shell, Morris exclaimed, "Have you ever seen a better pearl! It's perfect, isn't it?"

"There are better pearls, much better. Why I have one that..." Rambhau's voice trailed off. "See this—the black speck here, and that tiny dent. It's just like you say about your God. People look perfect to themselves, but God sees all the imperfections."

As the two men started down the road, another man walked far ahead of them.

"Do you see that man over there?" asked Rambhau. He's a pilgrim going perhaps to Bombay or Calcutta. He walks barefooted and picks the sharpest stones—and see," he pointed, "every few blocks he kneels down and kisses the road. That is good. The first day of the New Year I also begin my pilgrimage to Delhi. I will suffer but it will be sweet, for it will purchase Heaven for me."

"Rambhau!" said Morris. "You can't purchase Heaven! Jesus Christ died to provide Heaven for you!" But the conversation seemed useless. The old man could not understand.

One afternoon not long afterwards, Morris answered a knock on his door and found Rambhau standing there.

"Will you come to my house for a short time?" asked the diver. "I have something to show you."

Morris followed him to his home. Once they were here, Rambhau brought out a small but heavy strongbox. "I have had this box for years," he said. "I keep only one thing in it."

The old man drew a carefully-wrapped package out of the box. Gently he folded back layers of cloth. Uncovering a brilliant pearl, he placed it carefully in Morris's hands.

The pearl glowed with a luster Morris had never seen. It would have brought a fabulous sum in any market.

"Now I will tell you about it," Rambhau said. "Once I had a son."

"A son?" Morris interrupted. "You've never said a word about him!"

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Under this heading I suggest that we observe the definition for the word DYNAMIC. According to the Thorndyke Barnhart dictionary we find "having to do with energy or force in motion; active; energetic; forceful." Let's check out the word OBEDIENCE: "Act or fact of doing what one is told; submission to authority or law; compliance; subservience." Now, how about LOVE? The dictionary goes all woolly on this one. It doesn't even come close to defining what we are talking about in this article. Let this be sufficient: "The idea of love occupies a central place in the religion of the Bible as a whole" (*A New Standard Bible Dictionary*).

Since this is true, let's take a look at it from the Bible's viewpoint. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 John 4:7, 8). "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (verse 10). "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment" (verse 18). "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom

he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also" (verses 20, 21). Really now, what more need be said concerning LOVE AS THE DYNAMIC FOR OBEDIENCE. If I love someone, I trust that one, and will obey a command from that one. Perhaps a couple of illustrations will show what I mean.

"My little girl Cathy, was playing on the kitchen floor as I lifted the rack of hot jars from the canner. As I turned, I bumped the handle of the large kettle. I stopped its fall, but I knew I could hold it with my elbow for only a few seconds.

"Run" I screamed to Cathy. Although she must have thought it a senseless order, she was used to obeying, and run she did. She was safely in the other room when the canner crashed to the floor, drenching the area with scalding water.

"As I thanked God for her safety, I wondered if I was always as instant in obedience to God as she had been to me.....

"Our obedience to Christ is the vital evidence of the reality of our faith" (*Pulpit Helps*, Vol. 4, No. 9, June 1979).

"...Suddenly he heard his father's voice.

"Philip, obey me instantly! Drop to your stomach!"

"The boy obeyed without asking a question.

"Now crawl toward me as fast as you can!" Again, the boy obeyed. "Now stand up and run to me!" The lad obeyed and ended in his father's arms. Only then did he turn to look at the tree by which he had been playing. Hanging from the branch was a fifteen-foot snake!

"Suppose the boy had paused, to ask, 'Why, Dad?' or 'Do I have to, right now?'"

Love between the mother and Cathy; between the father and his son is the great dynamic to bring about instant obedience BECAUSE FAITH AND TRUST ARE BORN AND NURTURED IN THAT MUTUAL LOVE. So it is between us and our heavenly Father. HIS LOVE FOR US; OUR LOVE FOR HIM, BORN AND NURTURED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, HIS SON, IS THE DYNAMIC FOR PURE INSTANT UNQUESTIONED OBEDIENCE, because "He first loved us." □

-Kenneth B. Van Horn

LOVE: The Dynamic for Obedience



Our topic "For Maturity in Christ" presupposes that the person who is seeking "Maturity in Christ" has already made the most important decision anyone on earth can make in a lifetime. He has decided to accept Jesus not only as Savior, but as master or ruler of his life. He is certain that Jesus is a living person, and that Jesus alone is the Savior of the world. He wants his life to be controlled by Christ and to grow in a mature, spiritual being in Christ. This decision, an act of faith, starts a whole new life.

When we are born into this world we are born into our earthly home with parents who teach us how to live. Being born again, or anew, into God's family is something we decide we wish to do but the act of the new birth is by the "will of God" (John 1:13), through the "word of God" (1 Peter 1:23). If we are born into a new family, "the family of God," we need to grow in that family's ways, just as we learn to grow in our earthly family. Birth gives life, then life should grow. Just as the physical life requires air, food, rest and exercise, so the spiritual life requires certain things for growth and development.

READ THE BIBLE

Jesus said, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that

proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). We feed our souls from the Bible. God tells us that we should "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). So to grow in Christ we need to feed on His word, the Bible.

Reading the Bible causes our faith to grow. A careful study of Romans 10, particularly the 17th verse, indicates that it is necessary to read the word of God for our faith to grow. D. L. Moody tells of praying for faith, without any success, but when he understood it was necessary to read the word, his faith grew.

Hebrews 4:12-13 tells that God reveals our inmost self to us as we read the Bible. This is accomplished through the Holy Spirit (John 14:17, 26).

The Bible gives us a 'yardstick' by which we can measure our lives. When we look at Jesus and the principles taught in the word of God, we can find ways to improve our lives.

PRAY OFTEN

One of the ways God speaks to us is reading the Bible. But communication is not complete unless both parties talk to one another. Prayer is one way you communicate with God.

When Jesus commanded His disciples to "watch and pray," He was telling them to be "wide awake" and "alert." Watchfulness and prayer should never be separated. Watchfulness helps discover dangers or temptations while prayer guards against the dangers. Prayer is your lifeline to God.

To pray without ceasing involves a constant awareness of God's presence so that a person can have a running conversation with Him all day long. It is knowing the Lord Jesus in such a personal way that you call out to Him automatically in every success, or need. Never fail to thank Him the same as you would a person in your earthly family or someone with whom you work.

Prayer sometimes involves silence as we listen to God through our own meditations. In this time of silence, we try to understand what God would say to us. As we listen, His Holy Spirit will quicken our conscience through our meditations.

FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

Fellowship with other believers grows out of one's relationship with God. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Fellowship means "sharing in common," sharing your life with

others, and they're sharing their lives with you. It is experienced by those who believe alike, who have one heart and soul. This includes our minds, emotions, and wills. First John 1:7 describes this fellowship as living in the light, or in Jesus, then we can have fellowship with one another.

Christians need fellowship. As a lump of coal or log goes out quickly when pulled away from the other burning pieces, so do Christians need to fellowship together or the fire of enthusiasm soon goes out. This is one reason why church attendance is so important.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

A witness is a person who tells what he has seen and heard. A witness shares his own personal experience. Anyone who has had a personal encounter and has a growing relationship with Christ can be a witness for Him.

After His resurrection, Jesus commissioned His Church and each individual to complete His work in this world (Matthew 28:18-20). He goes with us as we share what He has done for us and will do for others. Romans 10:17 reminds that faith comes by hearing. Non-Christians will not hear unless we share what God has done for us.

OBEDIENCE TO GOD

We are servants of one we obey. If we yield to sin, we are servants of Satan. If we turn our lives over to God, and obey Him, we are His servants (Romans 6:14-23).

A vital key to rapid Christian growth in the Christian life is instantaneous obedience to the will of God. We should obey God because we love Him (John 14:21), because we are His and not our own (1 Corinthians 6:20), because He has given us the power to obey Him (Philippians 4:13). We cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24).


These five principles just mentioned are some of the ways a person can grow in maturity in Christ, as a responsible member of "God's Forever Family":

Step 1—Read the Bible and Step 2—Prayer are vertical ways of growth; Step 3—Fellowship is both vertical and horizontal; Step 4—Witnessing is horizontal; Step 5—Obedience keeps all of these channels open to God and mankind. This enables us to experience increased joy, peace and fellowship with Christ and His body, the church.

As we do these things we grow in maturity and receive gifts of ministry to empower us in these ministries (Ephesians 4:11-13). □



IN CHRIST



FOR MATURITY

Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn
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BAPTISM SYMBOL OF CONVERSION, SIGN OF COMMITMENT

Symbols have developed around most human experiences and for a reason, namely, to help the person remember the significance of the experience he has had and to serve as a witness to others that a person has indeed experienced the fact indicated by the symbol. For example, the wedding ring, worn as a symbol of marriage, is a continuing reminder to the wearer of his love relationship; it is also a witness to others of that person's marriage commitment. The insignia worn by an officer in the military is a reminder to him of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of his office; it is equally a sign to other persons that the wearer of the insignia has achieved the rank of the office symbolized and is to be recognized in an appropriate manner.

Baptism is the symbol of one's conversion to Jesus Christ. The act of baptism and the remembering of that act is a continuing reminder to the Christian of the saving experience he has had with his Lord and of his commitment to God. Baptism is equally a sign to other persons that the baptized person has received Jesus Christ as Savior and has committed his life to Jesus as Lord.

The New Testament has many references to baptism, including Jesus' baptism by John as an example to all believers (Matthew 3:13-17), the frequently recorded experiences of baptism as practiced by Jesus' followers (Acts 2:38-41 et al), and the clear instruction of our Lord as He gave the Great Commission, charging His followers to baptize people from all over the world who would be led to faith in Him (Matthew 28:19, 20). Christians have not always agreed on the details of baptism, but there has been an almost universal recognition of the importance of baptism in the Christian experience and in the life of the church.

Even a casual reading of the New Testament will reveal that in the instances of thousands of people who were won to Christ, their conversion was followed spontaneously by baptism. Some of these came to Christ and were baptized in large numbers, some in small groups and some as isolated individuals. In every recorded instance the act of baptism in the developing church was a natural, spontaneous, joyous outgrowth of the experience of conversion. At the climax of that exciting event which has come to be known as Pentecost when three thousand persons were converted to Christ, we are told that "they that gladly received his word were baptized" (Acts 2:41). In Acts 8 we find Philip sharing Christ with an individual on a one-to-one basis as they were travelling together. The Ethiopian official received Christ as his Savior in the chariot that day and as they approached a body of water he cried out, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" (Acts 8:36b-NASB). There are many other Biblical references to the glad baptism of believers in Christ as they symbolized their joyous conversion experiences with baptism. It appears to have been the normal response for new Christians to celebrate their conversion, their new life in Christ by the act of baptism.

Perhaps the clearest Biblical teaching about baptism as a symbol of conversion is in Romans 6. Paul commonly refers to conversion as dying to sin and living a new life in Christ. In Romans 6 he teaches that immersion into the baptismal waters is like burial of the old sinful self now dead to sin, and that the rising out of the baptismal waters is like rising with Christ to a new and beautiful life of love and service to God. Here indeed is a symbol rich in meaning for Christians in our times as well as in the time in which Paul taught this lesson.

Becoming a Christian, then as now, meant taking seriously the commands of our Lord, including the instructions about baptism that Jesus and the apostles both gave and modelled. Baptism, then as now, was an act of obedience to the Lord and therefore a sign of commitment to Him. It is unthinkable that a person who loved the Lord enough to commit his life to Him in loving obedience would at the same time balk at the sign of baptism. Today the person who loves the Lord will find joy in following Him in baptism, the sign of commitment which Jesus both practiced and taught.

The simple sacrament of baptism as instituted and commanded by our Lord has been encumbered with a host of details and often robbed of its true significance by our theologies, theologies which at many points are simply not Biblically justifiable. Baptism as taught in the Bible is not a saving act as taught by some individuals and churches; it is a symbol of God's saving work in Christ. Baptism is not a cleansing or purifying rite that washes away our sin; it is a symbol of the cleansing and purifying experience we have in Christ when He forgives our sin. Baptism of itself has no power to alter the character of the baptized person; it is rather administered in faith to one whose character has already been altered by faith in the Lord Jesus. Baptism as taught in the Bible is not as we have so often been taught by human agents, "a means of grace"; it is a symbol of the work of grace God has already wrought in the believer's heart, "an outward and visible sign of an inner and spiritual grace." Whether or not water baptism should be a legalistic requirement for membership in the visible church may yet be open to question. It may be necessary from time to time to strip off the embellishments that the organized church has attached to the simple act of baptism and return the sacrament to the simplicity of the New Testament church, as a ship is stripped of the barnacles which impede its usefulness.

But whatever may be said about baptism as it is commonly practiced, or whatever questions may be raised about the various practices of baptizing in the various denominations, this much must be confidently and constantly affirmed by all of us: The Bible has left us a clear and beautiful teaching that those who have experienced the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, who love Him and have committed their lives to Him, to His keeping and His service, ought to and will want to symbolize their faith and commitment by the act of baptism. Baptism brings one of God's richest blessings to those who receive it and also to those who witness it as they recall their own conversion and commitment experiences. □

-Rev. C. Rex Burdick
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CHRISTIANS HELPING CHRISTIANS

We can imagine that Peter was stunned by Jesus' response to his declaration of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." So far as Peter was concerned, he had settled in his own heart the identity of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God; now he trusted Him as Savior and was ready to serve Him as Lord. He had straightforwardly stated his personal faith.

But in this account given in Matthew 16:13-18, we can see why he may have been quite overwhelmed. For after Jesus had assured him that his understanding and faith came through revelation of God, not by pure human reasoning, He said in effect: "Your faith in Me is not going to be a solitary experience. I am going to build a whole body of believers—My church—of people who will make this same confession."

Jesus dramatized the importance of Peter's confession as the beginning of the building of the church by changing Peter's name. "You will be called 'Cephas'—a stone or rock. And on this rock I will build my church." Now the foundation of the church—the Truth on which it is built—is that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God who came to earth to reconcile sinners to God. And Peter, having come to Him in faith, had made a confession of belief which was to be a seed planted that would call forth faith in many a heart, and thus make them a part of the "construction material" of the spiritual building of believers. They would become "living stones." Believers have this in common, that their life is in and from Christ. They experience a common sympathy, loyalty and hope of eternal life. They are a fellowship. They are a living organism, not primarily an organization.

This "church," Jesus declared, would have two unique endowments which defined His purpose for it: Under His power and direction it would be a fortress that would stand impregnable against the most powerful onslaughts of hell; and it would hold "the keys to the kingdom of heaven," with the authority to offer forgiveness of sin and salvation in the name of Jesus Christ—the good news of salvation.

Christians are in their element together. The apostle Paul wrote: "We are all members together in the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:25). He used the analogy of the human body with its complex and interrelated organs, to picture the intimacy and interdependence among believers. "Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of many parts.... if one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness" (1 Corinthians 12:12, 26).

There is strength and nourishment in fellowship—that of the spirit, and that of physical gatherings. This is Christ's intention for the church as a body of believers.

Local congregations are the natural result of that inner unity of faith and love in Christ. Believers are called together by their joy in the Lord, their care for one another, and their desire to bring their gifts and personalities together for the benefit of each other and for a stronger witness to the faith they hold.

A prominent church member was absent from worship services for several weeks. His pastor went to visit him one week immediately after the services had ended, finding him sitting contentedly before his fireplace. After greetings and a few words, the pastor took the tongs and pulled one burning ember away from the others. The flame soon grew smaller, then died out altogether. The man remarked: "I can see what you mean. I will be in church next week."

The thought of the church as a fellowship designed to keep the flame of faith alive in Christians, was in the mind of the author who wrote: "Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Seventh Day Baptists see themselves as a branch of the Church Universal. Their Statement of Beliefs declares: "We believe that the Church of God is the whole company of redeemed people gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body, of which Christ is the head; and that the local church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, practicing common convictions."

Seventh Day Baptists provide an atmosphere of freedom for spiritual growth, making the gospel of God's grace through Christ, and liberty of conscience under Him, focal in belief and practice. They hold to obedience to the Commandments of God as the "law of liberty," a way of security and blessing for those who have found freedom in Christ. They maintain that the observance of the Sabbath is not only a moral duty, but also a source of special spiritual blessing in our walk with the Lord.

Words found commonly in the covenants of their local churches set forth this intent: "To uphold each other in Christian love and concern; to walk together in Christ, whose we are, and whom we profess to serve, in brotherly love."

In calling you to Himself, Christ is calling you into a fellowship of believers. It is there that your faith in Him will thrive and your life be blessed.

Seventh Day Baptists, part of the body of Christ, open their hearts to you in His name. □

-Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler
Denver, CO

There was no point of reference concerning the spiritual teachings and miraculous deeds of Jesus Christ that more thoroughly aroused the anger and animosity of Jewish leadership than did that of the Sabbath.

When the man with the withered hand was noticed in the temple on the Sabbath, the Pharisees watched Jesus to see if He would heal on the Sabbath day (Luke 6:7), and they figuratively catapulted themselves into controversial dilemma by asking the question, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" (Matthew 12:10). Jesus silenced them with a question of His own, "Is it right to do good or evil? to save life or to destroy it?" (Luke 6:9). What *could* they say? Then He restored the man's hand.

When He cast the evil spirit out of the man possessed, the Pharisees accused Him of allegiance with Beelzebub, "the prince of devils" (Matthew 12:24), to which Jesus answered, "A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand" (Matthew 12:25).



LORD EVEN OF THE SABBATH

Rev. Francis D. Saunders
Berea, W. Va.

When Jesus healed the woman with an infirmity, the Pharisees, expressing their displeasure with Jesus' healing ministries, rebuked the people and commanded them to come on some other day than the Sabbath for their healings (Luke 13:14).

Again, as the lame man who was healed on the Sabbath was commanded by Jesus to take up his bed and walk (John 5:16), he was accused of working on the Sabbath, and we read that the Pharisees persecuted Jesus and sought to slay Him on account of it.

Perhaps the reason for the Sabbath being such a focal point of controversy between Jesus and Jewish leadership was that there was no other part of the Jewish law so thoroughly impregnated with their traditional minutiae.

In the light of all of this there may be some particular significance in Jesus' saying, "The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath Day" (Matthew 12:9). Such a claim, in the light of the tremendous emphasis which they attached to detailed Sabbath regulations, would certainly cause great concern and anger in the minds of those who were violently opposed to His Messianic claims.

On the other hand it should inspire those who love and serve Him to search their own hearts and minds regarding His teachings about the Sabbath.

Two statements of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark stand significantly together:

The first, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27), expresses the purpose of the Almighty in the establishment of the Sabbath; and forever settles for the Christian the question as to which is more important, the man or the day. Man is the crowning achievement of creation, and the Sabbath was made to bless and enrich his life.

The second statement, "The Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28), immediately following the first, establishes Jesus, (being the Lord of all who have received Him) as the highest and final authority on the place of the Sabbath in the Christian community. The fact is, Jesus himself, set obedience to His commandments as the test and the expression of love on the part of the believer when He said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). It would seem very strange indeed that Jesus (who was in on creation-John 1:1-3) would first teach that the Sabbath was made for man, and then personally claim to be Lord of that day, if He had any intention of either abrogating the commandment or changing the time of its observance. He is Lord *even* of the Sabbath, not only in reference to Israel of old, but also to Spiritual Israel, the Christian Church.

We who are by the grace of God new creatures in Christ, must crown Him as Lord of our lives, allowing Him also to be Lord of the Sabbath in our weekly rest and worship experiences. In light of His claim to be "Lord of the Sabbath," we should give diligent attention to our own manner of observance of God's holy day, and the reasoning behind it. Complete dedication to Christ as Lord of our lives, and obedience to His will as we know and understand it is the least we can do for the One who has done so much for us and who loves us so dearly. Carefully, prayerfully, may we serve the Lord of the Sabbath and observe the Sabbath of the Lord. □

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THE CHRISTIAN'S AUTHORITY

"And for this reason we constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, THE WORD OF GOD, which also performs its work in you who believe."

-1 Thessalonians 2:13

The apostle Paul's message to the Christians at Thessalonica was reliable because it was truly a message from God. God had revealed the message to him. Therefore, it was indeed "the word of God." They gladly welcomed it as the good news of God. The message became effective in their lives because they believed God and simply took Him at His word. God's word became the source of power which transformed their lives. Thus Paul thanked God that when he preached to these people, they did not think of the words which he spoke as coming from him, but accepted what he said as the very Word of God. When they believed the message it changed their lives and they became followers of Jesus Christ.

The Bible is the Christian's authority! We believe in the inspiration of the Bible as a unique, written message from God. We stand upon the authority of the Old Testament which contains thirty-nine books. He taught that the Old Testament was sacred. He speaks of it as being "the word of God." He said that "Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:34-36). In Matthew 4:4-7, and 10, He quoted the Old Testament as authoritative. By this we learn that He had a high view of the Old Testament. Furthermore, He taught His followers that He was speaking God's own words (John 3:34) and that His word would not pass away, but stand eternally authoritative (Matthew 24:35).

As we read and reflect upon the message from God as revealed in the sacred Scriptures of the Old Testament may we joyfully accept it for what it really is, THE WORD OF GOD. As we truly believe may it perform its work in us. May we too become active disciple-makers through the church. □

-Leland and Gertrude Davis

August 1979

DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

September 15
Ordination Service
Pastor Kenneth Burdick
Basking Ridge, NJ

September 16
Annual Meeting and
Quarterly Meeting
Tract Society
Plainfield, NJ

September 22
Ordination Service
Pastor John Rau
Brookfield, NY

September 28-30
New England Yearly Meeting
Westerly, RI

WHY
DON'T
YOU
SPEAK?



As one ascends the stairs to the Board room in the denominational building, a reproduction of the statue of Moses by Michelangelo is met practically face-to-face. The original masterpiece is found in the church of St. Peter-in-chains in Italy.

The story is told that Michelangelo was so impressed by the life he had given this statue that he reportedly threw his mallet at it, shouting, "Why don't you speak?" Today, visitors to the church can see a slight scar on the right knee of the statue caused by this incident.

Certainly this was one of many dramatic moments in the life of this brilliant and amazing artist. It reminds us, however, that not even Ezekiel the prophet when instructed to speak to the valley of dry bones, could give life to reconstructed bodies. Bone came to bone, sinews, flesh and skin covered them "but there was no breath in them (Ezekiel 37:8). It took the presence of the very Spirit of God to bring life into the corpses. We are thus reminded that it is God alone who gives life both physical and spiritual.

Our lives without Christ, are like Michelangelo's Moses, lifeless. Jesus is the only source of life, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Today, as in the past, He seeks to give life to those who are responsive to His call. The question posed so many years ago is still being asked, "What will you do with this Christ?" □

-John D. Bevis

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SCSC Training 1979

The Summer Christian Service Corps Training Staff gathered at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 17, 1979, by invitation of the Women's Society, and for their gracious planning and hosting, we are most grateful. Pastor Delmer and Rowena Van Horn, and Robert Van Horn, and all the gracious women and families who provided food and homes for us will have a very special place in our hearts for years to come. We made our final plans for the days ahead, as we anticipated the arrival of our twelve young disciples and the work we needed to accomplish. Bright and early on Monday morning we met again at the home of Margie and Stanley Allen, where we would be holding our training program for the first five days. The Lost Creek church was filled to capacity with their very fine Vacation Bible School for families. The Allens consented to house and feed us until the end of Bible School, so they opened their hearts and their lovely homes to us. By Monday evening twelve young men and women and four

staff members gathered from far wide, to study together, to pray, play, laugh and cry, to become a family, to learn to love each other deeply, and to find out about ourselves, to learn to know God and His Son more personally than we had ever thought possible, and to be filled with His Spirit, so that we could be empowered with love and understanding and determination for the summer ahead of us.

The days of training were long and hard days. We started at 8:15 every morning and closed with prayer and praise about 9:45 in the evening. We covered so many areas in those eight days of training! Pastor Chuck Graffius taught us about God's Holy Spirit, and His great gift of prayer; he helped us find ways to tell people about our faith in God and about our personal relationship with Jesus, so that we could share our good news with those we meet every day. Doreen Sanford showed us how to use the gift of music to minister to people of every age. Through Doreen we learned so much about how to worship and praise God through song, and music became a source of great joy to each of us. We found that each of us could be song leaders no matter how much or how little vocal expertise we had. Mary Clare brought to us all her wonderful skills in teaching children, and gave us such help in learning how to teach, how to be good leaders, how to work with children of all ages, and she gave us a sense of excitement about so much of the work ahead of us. Her sweet and gentle spirit was an inspiration to each of us. In my classes we learned how to discover who we are, and what goals are important in our lives; we learned how to discover the goodness in other people, and how to bring out those qualities in others; we pondered the questions of how to serve others, and how to allow God to change our nature so we could be better servants. As you can see, none of the above subject material is very light, and our heads and hearts were crammed full to the brim, and often running over.

Our young disciples were commissioned on Sabbath Day, in the Lost Creek worship service, and they led the service in a beautiful and

inspiring way. We began our meetings at the church on Sunday morning, and our project directors began to arrive, until Sunday evening they were all with us, except Jack Hays, who was very ill, and unable to attend. Our project directors were with us the remaining days of training, studying with us, working with their teams, getting to know each other, planning schedules, and generally trying to catch up on all that had been taught to their workers.

I wish each one of you reading this article could sit in on training. It is a wonderful experience to see the excitement and the eagerness that our very special young people display as they give themselves totally to learning God's will for their lives. But, of course, training is just the beginning, for now they are living what they have been learning, and each one of us will reap the benefits of their summer's work. I hope you will want to be a part of the SCSC program. You can be, you know. You can encourage young people to serve in SCSC; you can use these young people's talent and expertise in your churches when they return home; you can encourage your church to call a team or host the training program; you can pray for the kids, the trainers, the projects, and the SCSC Committee; you can offer us your encouragement through your prayers and letters. We also need your financial help, for as we undertake to train more young people, and serve more churches, it costs the Women's Board more money, and we do want to continue reaching out in this program.

While you are at Conference this year, spend some time with any of our SCSC workers past or present, and find out for yourself what SCSC has done in their lives, and what it can do for you, just by knowing them.

"We Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him"

(2 Corinthians 3:18). □

-Gerry VanDyke
SCSC Training Coordinator

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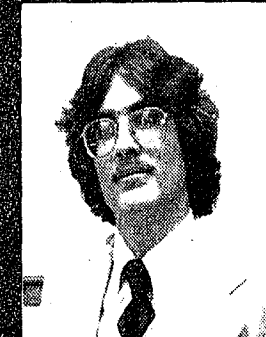
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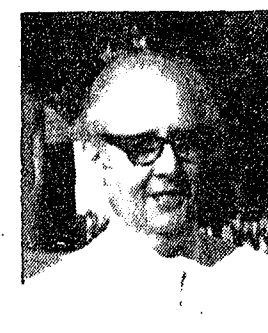
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Remembering

When Ruth Rogers died in Daytona Beach March 13, we knew we had lost a key member of our church. Reflection since then has brought to mind just how unique she was.

Dr. Ruth would bring her special blackberry pancake batter to the Easter morning pancake breakfasts. Those of us fortunate enough to be at the church when she arrived got to share the best pancakes of the morning. She would bring her alfalfa sprout salad to fellowship dinners, with plenty for all of us non-vegetarians to eat, too.

Dr. Ruth travelled often, but when she was in Daytona Beach, she sang in the choir. And when it was a rousing anthem being sung, her hand-clapping and toe-tapping enlivened rehearsals, and even in performance you knew she felt the rhythm. She sang occasional solos with the choir, and duets with her brother Crosby, and in mixed quartets. Sitting in the congregation during worship, erect, hands folded, eyes closed, Dr. Ruth worshipped.

Ruth was the youngest of nine children: Mary, Frances, Elizabeth, David (deceased), Crosby, Clarence ("Sunny," deceased), Julia, Lewis (deceased), and Ruth (deceased). Mrs. Rogers' grief over the death of Lewis at the age of four months caused her to pray for another child, according to Frances, and Ruth was the answer. She was special from the beginning.

Also, according to Frances, Ruth grew up a tomboy, the only girl on the neighborhood football teams. When the ceilings of the parsonage were lowered in 1966, Ruth worked as hard as some men on the carpentry, always eager to learn the necessary skills. She was so proud when she was given her very own nail apron.

Ruth planned many of the church social gatherings in years past, including picnics, housewarmings, and homemade ice cream socials after work bees. Her laughter and twinkling eyes made those about her feel good.

Dr. Ruth



When Pastor Marion Van Horn retired, we honored him and Erma at a fellowship dinner. But because they were in Ohio, where Pastor Van was recovering from heart trouble, we made a tape recording of greetings to send. After the dinner, with only the stragglers still around, Dr. Ruth led an impromptu rendition of "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain When She Comes." Of course, the tape recorder was on. When Ruth picked up a pan, others also found objects close at hand, and we were accompanying ourselves with a makeshift rhythm band.

At homecoming time she often prepared historical skits. She served on both the historical and flower committees for years. Her natural arrangements of flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables added to our worship setting.

Dr. Ruth was a generous person, who demonstrated Christian hospitality in sharing her home with others. Many people have stayed with her, and her sleeping porch was a feature remembered by many. Ruth practiced

(and taught) yoga, and some of her guests were a bit surprised the first time they saw her standing on her head. But she could even carry on a conversation in that position.

She always knew where to get fresh organic fruits and vegetables, and often shared oranges, tangerines, persimmons and nuts with others.

Frances adds this about her sister: "About a month before her death we were talking about priorities. She had a tremendous capacity for accomplishment, and with her generosity, it left little for her own dreams. So I asked her what her priorities were. Later she said, 'You asked me what my priorities were. My top priorities are my medicine—my practice, and my continued spiritual growth.'"

Because she was away a lot, giving medical lectures, traveling, we got used to Dr. Ruth's not always being here. But she was so unique in the life of our church, that it's hard to get used to her not being here at all. □

-Alan and Janette Crouch

—third in a series
on our China mission
by Tom Merchant, historian

MISSION TO CHINA

The Lady Doctors

Dr. Ella F. Swinney



When Ella F. Swinney, M.D., arrived in Shanghai, China, in 1883, not only was she the first Seventh Day Baptist medical missionary, but also she established a pattern that was to remain unbroken for the next forty years. From 1883 to 1924 it was the era of "The Lady Doctors."

Although Dr. Swinney, formerly of Shiloh, New Jersey, and Smyrna, Delaware, had to concentrate initially on language study in order to be an effective doctor, it was not long before she was involved in a busy medical practice. In 1884 construction was begun on a dispensary on land in front of the Boys' School, and in 1885 she recorded more than 8,000 patients treated. Because of the heavy demand for her services and the limited facilities, Dr. Swinney decided to limit her practice to women and children, a policy which remained in effect for many years.

Determined to heal souls as well as bodies, Dr. Swinney also began the practice of employing a native evangelist to discuss Christian teachings with the patients in the waiting room, and she witnessed to her patients herself whenever possible.

By the end of the 1880's Dr. Swinney was making occasional visits

to nearby villages to conduct clinics, and already was sensing a need for some beds at the mission for in-patients. She also organized a Temperance Society among the dispensary workers, and began conducting evangelistic meetings for women during her off hours.

The new A. E. Main Hospital was opened at the end of 1893, but had to be closed temporarily just five months later when Dr. Swinney traveled to the United States to visit her aged mother. Dr. Swinney returned to the mission in 1894, but serious illness forced her to permanently abandon the field one year later, just as a much-needed assistant was on her way.

Rosa Palmborg, M.D., of West Hallock, Illinois, had entered medical training in 1893 with the encouragement of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, who wished to send her to assist Dr. Swinney in the growing work. Instead, she graduated from medical school and arrived in China just in time to succeed Dr. Swinney. Although Dr. Swinney recovered from this particular bout with flu and pneumonia, she died just five years later in 1900.

Feeling the same inability to serve without first having gained a competence in the native language, Dr. Palmborg closed the hospital and reduced her workload for a while to concentrate on language study, but a series of epidemics, including cholera, pulled her back into a work that was not only full-time but over-time. In 1900 Dr. Palmborg was forced to take a year's leave in the United States to recover her health, but upon her return to China she plunged even deeper into the work, realizing a dream she had had for some time of moving the medical work to a nearby town, Lieu-oo, where the medical mission remained for most of the years to come.

At the same time, Dr. Palmborg opened a school to teach English to older youth and a day school for young children, each with about fifteen students and initiated Sabbath worship services in Lieu-oo, which soon averaged seventy-five in attendance.

As the medical work became established, Dr. Palmborg reported that her most frequent treatments were for diseases of the skin and eyes, but added that she had seen at least one case of almost every illness known. She also reported treating a number of persons who had attempted suicide by consuming large quantities of match heads or opium, and she recorded considerable success in helping people break the opium habit.

During 1903 Dr. Palmborg was called back to Shanghai to supervise the Girl's School and day schools in the absence of Miss Burdick and Mrs. Davis, but soon after her return to Lieu-oo she supervised the construction of a new dispensary there. After many years of separation from other Seventh Day Baptist (continued on p. 25)



Dr. Rosa Palmborg



International Year of the Child 1979

Dear Sabbath Recorder Readers,

It was with a mixture of embarrassment and pride that I heard my grandson pipe up from the back seat of the chapel with the proverbial three-year old question "Why?" The Genes had just started their evening presentation and Betty said they has chosen to use the title "Their Future Is Now." Betty, equal to the situation, joined the good-natured laughter of the audience, and worked Michael's question very naturally into her introduction of the subject.

This occurred during the 43rd Annual Meeting of Church Women United in NYS at the Conference Center at Stony Point, N.Y., April 30-May 2. The theme, "God's Children," emphasized the International Year of the Child. The year 1979 was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, on the 20th anniversary of the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of the Child, as a time to promote lasting action to improve the lives of children everywhere.

"Why an International Year of the Child?—For one and a half billion reasons—most of them under ten years old..."

Because children *are* our future—and our most precious resource. The quality of tomorrow's world—perhaps even its survival—will be determined by the well-being, safety, and development of children today."

Surrounded by the art and writings of children (posters of primary youngsters about their glad and sad days, etc., lined the hallways), listening to their music (two children's choirs presented concerts), and inspired and challenged by the wisdom and experiences of well-qualified leaders, and thoughtful discussions among all of us, we moved closer to understanding God's love and His admonition to care and nurture His most precious gifts—our children.

(For more information re IYC and for a listing of the Rights of the Child see your Jan. Recorder, or write directly to U.S. Committee for UNICEF/IYC 331 East 38th St., New York, NY 10016.)

GIVE OF YOUR BEST TO THE CHILDREN

by H. B. Seward
based on Rights of the Child

Give of your best to the children
They need affection and love
Food for their minds and their bodies,
Medicine, housing and play
Each child should have his own name and nationality
He needs our aid in becoming
All he is able to be.
Give of your best to the children
Give them protection, relief,
They are the ones that can lead as
hands, feet, and tongues of our Lord.

Tuesday afternoon was devoted to workshops on the following topics: Developing Values; Parenting Today (led by Rev. William Genne); Child and the Law; Children with Special Needs—Exceptional, Gifted, Abused, Handicapped (led by Bruce Baumgarten); Bi-Cultural Child; Citizen Action.

The Genes have had wide experience in marriage and family counselling, have taught in several colleges and universities, are world travelers for family conferences and leadership training, and have co-authored many books and articles, such as the one in the June '79 Recorder. But most of all, they are co-workers and good friends of our family and of many, many others.

Bruce Baumgarten "just happens" to be married to our daughter Cathy. I'll never forget my joy that day when they arrived at Stony Point at lunchtime. When Michael caught sight of me, he came running into my open arms and couldn't get enough hugs and kisses. We hadn't seen them since Christmas. The participants were very responsive to Bruce's presentation on Children with Special Needs. He has worked for eight years with mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, and emotionally disturbed children and their parents. He is currently with the NYS Dept. of Mental Hygiene, Suffolk Developmental Center, as

Treatment Team Leader and Psychologist. The family stayed for the evening meeting and that's how Michael happened to be in the audience that night to add the child's wondering question, "Why?"

An added option this year was called "The New York Experience" and it is one I shall always treasure. This meant going a day early and traveling by private bus the 40 miles to NYC where we toured the Church Center at 475 Riverside Drive, including the CWU National Offices. There we met face-to-face several of the National officers and CHURCH WOMAN staff. We also worshipped at the Church Center of the U.N., across the street from the U.N. Headquarters and its 150-nation flag plaza. Friendly and alert guides whisked us through the U.N. building.

It is important to remember that "the U.N. is not a supra-State or world government. The member states are sovereign and equal... The U.N. does not make laws; nor are its decisions binding on Governments, with certain exceptions... But it is the one meeting place where representatives of most of the countries of the world—great and small, rich and poor, strong and weak, with different political and social systems and cultures—are freely heard on a broad range of world issues. The strength and effectiveness of the organization

depends upon the collective will of the peoples and Governments supporting it."

"Peace with justice continues to be the primary objective of the Organization...85 percent of the U.N. resources are now devoted to this peace-building work...With regard to human rights, a series of declarations and conventions or covenants have defined the rights of men, women, and children in detail, beginning with the historic Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the General Assembly in 1948...(So) U.N. Headquarters in N.Y. is the diplomatic crossroads of most of the nations of the world gather in the quest for peace and a better life for all."

Besides participating in the worship services, workshops, dorm gatherings, mealtime sharing, etc., we did have to do some routine business too. We also acted on resolutions proposed by various units and presented by the Citizen Action chairperson.

As Literature chairperson for CWU in NYS, I had been preparing all year—reviewing, selecting, ordering, and then organizing and setting up displays. My husband's expertise (continued on page 25)



—Frances P. Clarke, daughter of Rev. Herbert L. and Adeline (Shaw) Polan; wife of Rev. David S. Clarke, Alfred, NY; mother of 5, grandmother of 4, homemaker, teacher, secretary; writer/editor of *Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls* 6½ years; active over 20 years in Church Women United, currently President of Alfred Area unit, S.D.B. representative to CWU in NYS, since fall '74 Literature chairperson for CWU in NYS.



Madeline Fitz Randolph

THE FOLLOW-THROUGH

Have you ever watched a tennis player serve the ball? He stands straight, facing his opponent, and waits. Then the action begins, the ball is thrown up and when it has come down to the right height, it is struck very hard with the racquet. But wait, the act of striking is only the beginning. If you are watching closely, you will see that he follows the force of the blow with his whole body, and turns as the ball shoots across the net, as if he is going with it. This is the "follow-through." The player goes all the way with the ball, and with this technique is often a winner.

"Following-through" is something that has become more and more important to us as time goes by. There are too many "unfinished" tasks; too many good intentions gone astray; too many sewing projects hidden in the back of the closet—still undone. Even though we forgive ourselves for those things undertaken which weren't valid ideas in the first place; our score of "no follow-through" is monumental.

But such projects such as sewing, or even spring cleaning, do not call for our most skillful action in the game of Life, even though successful follow-through in these areas makes us more comfortable and pleased with ourselves. Christian witnessing as we contact others, calls for skill which is inspired by the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Please think with me about "follow-through" as it concerns our contact with others. Here is a sample situation, what should our "follow-through" action be? A friend begins to talk to you; casually at first, then more seriously. You show your usual warmth, and this touches your friend, because she has a real burden, and wishes to share it with someone. Your responsiveness has now caused her to feel that you are truly interested, and concerned. (Now you have hit the ball—.) She shares the problem; you are deeply moved and think about how much people suffer without showing it on the surface. It is now time for the "follow-through." Mentally you put yourself in her place. How can you (a) glorify God (b) help your friend (c) by all means, do both????

Realizing that I owe Mr. Webster a debt of gratitude for having compiled the dictionary in the first place, I'm a mite affronted at this one:

stupid (adj.) wanting in understanding; obtuse; dull of perception.

Ah, Lord.

That's me.

I never really thought of myself as stupid.

But wanting in understanding? Yes, more's the pity—when my eldest cries out in protest against the hidebound traditions of the past.

Obtuse? Yes, when my neighbor comes to borrow a cup of sugar, but really needs to borrow strength for her day.

Dull of perception? Ah, so.

Seeing, I perceive not.

My vision checks out 20-20,

But my insight is out of focus.

Stupid?

Yes, it applies

But it needn't be a permanent state of affairs.

I can decide to be otherwise.

I can take time to listen to what cannot be said

and see what cannot be shown

and perceive what is beneath the surface

Forgive my stupidity.

Guide my tomorrows.

Amen.

-The Christian Home.
Sept. 1962

We have no pat answer to this question; the spirit of God must step in, feel the person's needs, and fulfill them through you. Can you sense what she needs from you? Bits of quoted Scripture to comfort her? Ways you also have suffered, related at length? (No!) Advice and admonishment? (No!) What will your "follow-through" be?

We all are many times troubled about things that happen in our lives, and often share with a friend. One time such as this stands out on memory's page. We told a friend of some trouble we were having, which seemed at the time as needing to be shared. When we had finished the telling, we found that our friend had a very ready answer to our problem, a great deal of advice as to just what we should do about it and a briskly cheerful attitude about my problem.

Was that what was most needed? We did not think so at the time, for we had already prayed about it, and thought of all that might be done: all we really
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The Word is a light.

Many people consider "Christian Education" to be synonymous with "Sabbath School." Actually, Christian Education encompasses the whole program of the church: the music, elements of worship, Sabbath School, Youth Fellowships, Women's and Men's groups, social events and business meetings. The goals set for Christian Education help keep the priorities straight for the church.

Lee Gamble, a Christian administrator, prefers to use the term, CHRISTIAN NURTURE rather than CHRISTIAN EDUCATION because he says our business is to help people grow as Christians.

In his book, "Christian Nurture Through the Church," Mr. Gamble says, "By Christian Nurture we mean the total effort of the church to help each other dedicate himself to Christ and to develop the understandings, the attitudes and the skills that he needs in order to be Christian in his personal life and in his relations with others."

In order to have an effective Christian education program which reaches the needs of every person in

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Mrs. Mary Clare

EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN NURTURE

the church, it is necessary for each person to cooperate with every other person involved in the working of the program.

Cooperation means respecting and loving every other person on the team. It is being willing to listen to each others' ideas and deciding what is best for the church. Cooperation is accepting responsibility and working to the best of one's ability, seeing that the work carries out the mission of the church.

Faulty communication is one of the greatest problems in the church. It is important to keep careful records, to share plans with those people of the congregation who are not directly involved in the plans for a program so they may understand and cooperate with the leaders. It is important to listen to reactions to plans and change them as needed.

The "Team" selected to augment the program should be those with vision to try new ideas. It should include Sabbath School teachers, Youth Fellowship leaders, members of the Diaconate and representatives for those interested in all other

phases of church life.

There are four levels on which the teams should work:

1. Provide for setting up aims, objectives and defining the purposes of their Christian Nurture program.

2. Plan how to achieve these goals through basic policies, specific programs and adequate staffing.

3. Organize, supervise and publicize the programs planned.

4. Evaluate the program to see it meets the physical and spiritual needs of persons in the group for which it is intended and make changes as necessary to bring about the desired results in the lives of each member of the church.

It is vital to the growth of our churches that children, at an early age, know that Sabbath School is a happy place and that they enjoy going to class. They should learn that Christians love and accept them as they are.

The youth of the community are going through a time of questioning and problems. They, too, need encouragement, love, and acceptance. It is important that Christians meet youth on their level, recognizing them as responsible citizens who contribute enthusiasm and fresh ideas; ready to work and learn in the Christian community.

New Christians as well as those whose relationship with the Lord has been of long-standing, need to be strengthened and given an opportunity to learn and grow. Becoming a Christian is a growing process—never a finished product.

Now is the time to look at the total program of the church.

Now is the time to dream dreams and make those dreams become realities.

Now is the time to recognize the gifts of every member of the church and use those gifts to the glory of God.

Now is the time to make every member a Christian and every Christian a witnessing disciple of Christ remembering, "I (We) can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me (us)" (Phil. 4:13). □



the CHURCH in ACTION

DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS VISIT

DAYTONA BEACH, FL—Pastor Ken and Doris Van Horn have quickly adapted to Florida living since their arrival in late January. The church appreciates their warm, friendly leadership. Pastor Ken's sermons inspire and challenge the entire church family.

By vote of the church, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn was named Pastor Emeritus. We feel privileged to have our former pastor still among us in this capacity.

Pastor Ken and Doris welcomed everyone to the parsonage at an Open House, March 10. This gave us an opportunity to see the recent remodeling done on the house and garage, Pastor Ken's already thriving garden and Doris' beautiful rows of home-canned goods, as well as to appreciate their warm hospitality and delicious food.

Our annual Homecoming was held March 16-18. The occasion was saddened by the sudden death of Dr. Ruth Rogers that week. Dr. Ruth's wonderful Christian spirit lives among us, but we especially missed her that weekend, since she had played a large part in our Homecoming tradition. We were happy to have many of Dr. Ruth's family, members of the Putnam County SDB Church in Caraway, and Dr. and Mrs. K. D. Hurley with us for this special weekend. On Sabbath afternoon the Love Loaves were broken. Church members had been filling these loaves provided by World Vision since January. The money received was divided equally between World Vision and the Seventh Day Baptist United Relief Fund. Following this, Dr. Hurley spoke to us on denominational matters, and showed slides of his recent trip to India.

March 31 and April 1, Executive Secretary Mary Clare of the Board of Christian Education conducted

a series of workshops for church school teachers and leaders. She provided a good variety of learning situations for those attending.

The Osborns Plus presented a concert in our church on April 14. This gave an added dimension to our observance of Easter. These talented Christian musicians from New Jersey shared their testimony in song and words. □

-Janette Crouch

"WE LOVE YOU" WEEK SPONSORED

ASHAWAY, R.I.—On Sabbath night, April 28, over 200 people came to church to hear Sammy Poole sing God's praises and give his testimony. If you have not had an opportunity to hear him you might wish to invite him to your church. You can write to: P.O. Box 9383, Charlotte, NC 28299.

We've recently begun observing "We Love You" week. Each week an individual or couple is chosen to be honored by the church family with phone calls, visits or letters telling why "we love you."

Pastor and Linda held an "open house" in June. It is hard to believe but he has been here two years and ordained a year now. □

-Helen Brayman



Fifty-year members of Albion and Milton Junction churches.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS HONORED AT ALBION

ALBION, WI.—In October, we honored thirty-six members of the Albion and Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Churches, who had been members fifty years or more. Twenty-four of those honored were able to attend the special Recognition Program and dinner. It was an added pleasure to visit with the out-of-town members who came for the celebration.

We honored the following High School graduates at our June 2 service: Brenda Appel, Jayne Geske, Denise Glowacki, Mary Rinker, Tom Schock and Barbara Smith.

Tom Schock, our Sabbath School superintendent, has planned many special things for the Sabbath hour. On June 16, we saw the film of the recent trip to India. Tom Schock, who is Youth Coordinator for 1979 Conference, is now with the SCSC. We are glad that he could be a part of that dedicated group, but will miss his help here.

Jerry Vaught, Tom Schock, Carl Smith and others have helped with services during Pastor Appel's surgery and a later heart attack. Our pastor is now able to take charge of the services most of the time, but is quite restricted in activity because of the heart condition. We hope you will join with us in prayers for his recovery.

On Father's Day the women took charge of the services. Taking part were Reva Maltas, Jeanette Appel, Evelyn Marsden, Eleanor Walters, Martha Vaught, Ruth Weidner, Lenora Saunders, and Greta Bjornstad. Gay Vaught gave her usual interesting children's message and Roselyn Geske the inspiring organ music.

A supper for the men and boys of the church with their dads and grandfathers was served by the women. Entertainment by a ventriloquist concluded the Father's Day observance. □

-Mrs. L. W. Marsden

● **FREE HYMNBOOKS**—The Dodge Center church has 100 copies of "The Service Hymnal" published by Hope Publishing. They are free to any church or group that will pay the postage. Write to: Claston Bond, SDB Church, Dodge Center, MN 55927.



Rev. Albert N. Rogers, current editor of the *Helping Hand*, was named "Man of the Year" by the Alfred, N.Y., Lions Club. Robert W. Boyd made a presentation of the special award citing Rogers' many contributions to the Alfred community.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR FURTHER STUDY OF FUNDING FOR PROPOSED FULL-CIRCLE ADMINISTRATION

BERLIN, NY—The 141st annual meeting of the Eastern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held at the Berlin church, May 18-20, 1979. Associational President, Roberta Ellis, had organized a good program around the theme "There You'll Find Him."

Sermon topics for the weekend were: "There You'll Find Him" by Rev. Russell Havens; "He's Gone Ahead of You" by Rev. Gordon Lawton; and "Go to Galilee" by Rev. Dale Rood. The Sabbath afternoon program was planned by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Clare, "Jesus, His Distinctive Divine/Human Nature."

Among considerations at the Sunday morning business session was the General Council study on denominational reorganization. The Association voted to convey to its member churches concern regarding the proposal on Full-Circle administration and recommended that action be tabled by General Conference this year pending a full explanation of funding requirements.

Increased support was voted to assist with the development of the "Boston Plan," an evangelistic outreach effort into the Boston, MA, area. This assistance includes some support for broadcasting the Word of Truth in the area. The Association voted to accept the invitation of the Marlboro, N.J., church to host the meetings next year. □

PALMERS ORDAINED TO DIACONATE

BROOKFIELD, N.Y.—An ordination service for Frances L. Palmer and Ruth C. Palmer was held June 23 in the Second SDB Church of Brookfield, N.Y.

Miss Suzanne Witter was organist. Pastor John Rau led the service. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Goldthwaite of the First Baptist Church presented a musical number and led in a hymn sing.

The Rev. Russell Johnson of Verona, N.Y., was voted chairman of the ordination council. Mrs. Barbara Balcom served as clerk. Delegates to the council were from SDB churches in Adams Center, Brookfield, De Ruyter, Verona, and Leonardsville in N.Y. as well as from Bountville, Tenn.

In addition to the local pastors others who took part in the service were the Rev. Neal Mills and Rev. Helen Green of De Ruyter; Rev. Stephan Saunders of Adams Center, Rev. Russell Johnson of Verona and Rev. L. Calvin Whitford of Brookfield. □

BREATHING LIFE INTO OLD NEW ENGLAND!

WESTERLY, RI—This year the New England Yearly Meeting of Seventh Day Baptists will host a special weekend seminar, the *New England Conference on the Bible*, September 28-30. The meetings will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, 120 Main St., Westerly, R.I. The opening session

will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers for the Conference are Dr. Harold Lindsell, for many years editor of *Christianity Today*, presently editor-emeritus, and Rev. Robert Strain, pastor of Faith Reformed Baptist Church, Media, Pa. Dr. Lindsell will speak on the theme, "The Trustworthiness of Scripture," drawing on an extensive background of study and experience in the Word of God. Pastor Strain will develop "The Grand Themes of Ephesians," using the skills God has given him in Bible exposition.

Meetings will continue through Sabbath and Sunday and will include a variety of special music. A time for discussion and questions will be provided. The business meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting will be conducted on Sunday afternoon.

There are no established fees for this Conference, however, freewill offerings will be received nightly to help defray the expenses. While no meals or lodging will be provided, with exception of a fellowship dinner in connection with the business meeting on Sunday, a list of motels and restaurants is available from the host church. For further information, write:

Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church
120 Main Street
Westerly, RI 02891

A brochure is available. □

UP AND RUNNING STILL!

SALEM, WV—Since 1979 began, a variety of interesting activities, interactions and experiences have transpired with the Salem church, which put into print remind both the membership and readers that there is much for which to praise God. Often in our part of the country when you ask someone how they are, they will reply: "Oh, so's to be out and around!" The Salem Church is still "so's to be out and around" in the Lord's fields, white unto harvest."

Serving the community finds the Salem Church facility accommodating both a diet workshop and a Senior Citizens program. Others on a less regular basis make use of the facility, such as the West Virginia Commission on Aging, Foster Grandparent Program when it hosts its monthly in-service workshop.

Arriving late, but coming on strong, January brought severe winter weather and radically increased fuel



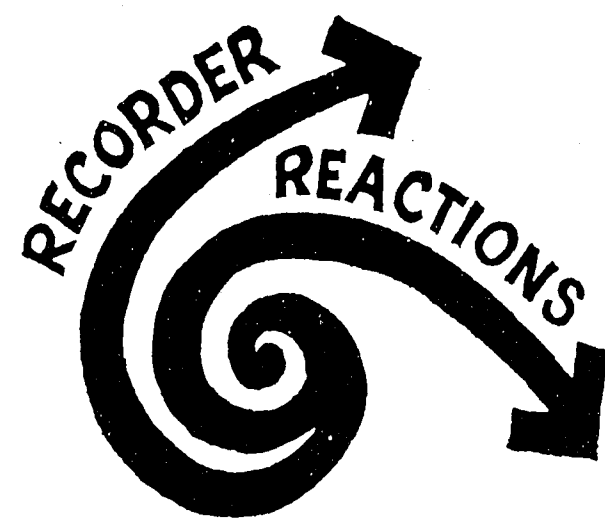
Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary are the Rev. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris. They were honored with a reception at the Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly, R.I., on July 14. Seventh Day Baptists from across the country join in extending best wishes and appreciation for the dedication of Ev and Clara to their Lord's work.

bills, and a congregational decision to move the worship and Sabbath School experiences to the basement of the building, closing off the entire upstairs. The transition brought many blessings. The warmth, snugness and closeness of the fellowship area seemed to have a knitting effect, drawing persons closer together in physical and spiritual proximity. More informal approaches to worship and necessity for being flexible and adaptable "loosened" people to point growth was an end product. The savings in fuel and reduced bills helped, of course. Although we have moved back to full facility use, folks are still experiencing some of the "closeness" begun with the change and will look forward to the "winter plan" beginning earlier next year.

In February our pastor shared with the congregation that he had received a call to another church and was considering the decision very carefully and prayerfully and wanted the congregation to join him in the process. He asked for "input" from all the church family, so as to learn how each individual member and church family unit felt about the spiritual condition of the church and the pastor's relationship and total ministry with the church and community. Conferences, open meetings, committee meetings, correspondence, phone conferences and general "rapping with the pastor" ahead of a deadline set for the final decision, resulted in a very revealing, and specific collection of data—leading the pastor to a decision to refuse the call and stay on—which of course pleased the congregation. The raw data is now being formulated into a church strategy plan of action

in a variety of ways and has sparked a new enthusiasm within the membership. □

-Briana Sutton



I want to congratulate you on the celebration of 135 years of publication for the cause of the Gospel and the work of Seventh Day Baptists. I have appreciated receiving the *Recorder* since I have visited your offices several months ago.

American Baptist Churches of New Jersey will celebrate our 150th anniversary during the coming year. Since several of your churches are located in our state, I hope that you will take note of this in the *Recorder*.

-Rev. George D. Younger
Executive Minister
American Baptist Churches of N.J.

Patrick Henry expressed the consensus of the American people in his keynote speech prior to the American Revolution: "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

The thousands of boat people who have died fleeing Communist

tyranny in Southeast Asia are testimony to the timelessness of Patrick Henry's speech and to the fallacy of the idea expressed in the April issue of *The Sabbath Recorder* by Rev. Paul Burdick that those in Communist countries "live and live a fairly good life" and that it is better to acquiesce to Communist tyranny than to die defending our liberty. The words of Daniel Webster ring true still—"God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it." □

-Ron E. Davis, M.D.
Ontario, CA



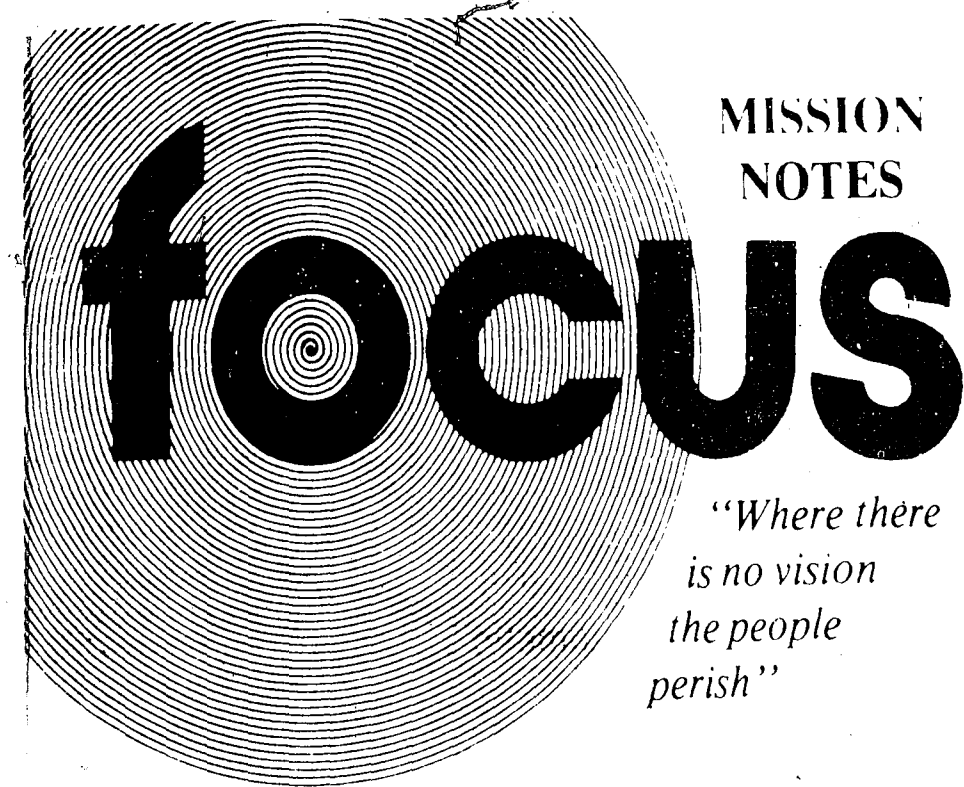
From the time of Moses we have had the commandment, "You shall not kill," and from Jesus Christ we have the counsel, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The Christian church claims to accept the authority of Moses and of Jesus, but it has failed to support completely their teaching.

Our government continues to spend many millions of dollars every year for military equipment which rapidly becomes outdated as more modern equipment is produced. The latest project is the MX Missile, which would carry from six to ten 350 kiloton nuclear warheads, each twenty-three times as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb. Research and development of the MX has already cost \$450 million and present requests for funding through 1980 will increase the cost to a billion dollars.

We are already far ahead of Russia or any other nation in military equipment. We are now able to destroy every major Soviet city 50 times over. It is certainly time to begin a negative arms race, cutting down rather than building up military strength. The Soviets have already proposed a mutual 10 percent cut in military spending. Christians should urge our government to accept that challenge and go even further in promoting peace and mutual understanding in friendly relationships.

All Christians should pray for and work toward the time when our nation and all nations will take seriously the command, "You shall not kill," and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." With that goal in mind, let us urge our government leaders to seek worldwide peace through Salt Talks and in every other possible way. □

-Rev. Neal D. Mills
De Ruyter, N.Y.



"Where there
is no vision
the people
perish"

Verse for the month:

"Come to Me and I will give you rest—all of you who work so hard beneath a heavy yoke. Wear My yoke—for it fits perfectly—and let Me teach you; for I am gentle and humble, and you shall find rest for your souls; for I give you only light burdens."

-Matthew 11:28-30

● **BURMA:** Pastor L. Sawi Thanga writes: "The revised edition of my *TOPICAL CONCORDANCE* is in a process of publication. Permit has already been issued by the Home Ministry for printing 5000 copies. About 3500 copies was (are) already booked in advance by various customers—churches and individuals. Considerable amount of the royalty will be used for SDB church building construction in Burma." And later "...we are experiencing drought. When I went to Chin Stat (Hills) last month, all the rivers was dry up in Tuingo and its surrounding villages. Wells contain little water. We hardly found enough water for baptismal service. Heat was terrible. Temperature was 109 degrees Fahrenheit and is now higher up to 112 degrees." Praise God that there was enough water for the baptismal service and pray for the new Christians in Burma who were baptized.

● **USA:** Boys and girls who attended the Salemville, Pa., Community Bible School have learned a little about SDB Missions. Each morning during their opening exercises they saw slides from various countries where there is an SDB work and witness going on. A special slide set was put together (containing four slides from each country) for this presentation. At the end of the week the boys and girls took a vote and decided to use their offerings to help support the work of SDB's in

Jamaica. If you are interested in ordering this slide set for use in your Sabbath School or Bible Club please contact your Missionary Society (401 Washington Trust Bldg., Westerly, RI 02891 or phone 401-596-4326).

● **MALAWI:** The following was taken from a letter written by the corresponding secretary of the Central African Conference, G. P. Nantikwa: "We have formed a team (Evangelistic) which goes in all stations, composed of singers and a few talented speakers... To be sure many souls are being won to Christ both the backsliders. As fuel has gone up I do not know whether this team will last long." Let us continue to uphold this new evangelistic team in our prayers, praying specifically that they will have the necessary transportation and fuel to continue their ministry.

● **MISSIONARIES:** David and Bettie Pearson have received the necessary documents so that their ministry in Kenya and Malawi, Africa, can begin in September 1979. Application has been submitted for the work permit/visa for Rodney and Camille Henry. It is hoped that the necessary documents will be in hand so that the Henrys can begin their ministry in The Philippines in September 1979 as well.

● **PIANO NEEDED—**The New York City SDB Church needs a piano. Perhaps some reader would like to make a gift of a piano or funds toward a piano. Let's help advance the kingdom work in our largest city—your help is needed. Write to: Rev. Socrates Thompson, 1472 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452.

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A Prayer Reminder
for Each Day!!

SEPTEMBER 1979

PRAY FOR:

- 1—Those who will be teaching our children during this school year
- 2—Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson and their ministry in Africa
- 3—Those who are discouraged
- 4—Local, State and National Government officials, that they may seek God's Will
- 5—Thomas Merchant and his special ministry with the Historical Society
- 6—E. O. Ferraren and the churches in The Philippines
- 7—Director of Evangelism Mynor Soper and his ministry on the home field
- 8—Students in your congregation who are away at college or seminary
- 9—Missionaries Rod and Camille Henry and their work in The Philippines
- 10—Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock
- 11—Pastor Ronald Barrar and his visitation trip to Australia
- 12—Brethren in Kenya
- 13—The fuel situation, that we might be careful with God's natural resources
- 14—Executive Secretary K. D. Hurley and the staff at headquarters
- 15—The children in your church who come to worship alone—adopt them into your family today!
- 16—Tract Society Annual and Quarterly Meeting in Plainfield, NJ
- 17—The ministry of Jin Sung Kim in Korea
- 18—SDB's in Holland and their ongoing youth ministries
- 19—Greater vision
- 20—Bill Shoffner and the work in Memphis
- 21—Robert Van Horn as he begins his ministry in Farina
- 22—Rest from the daily cares of the week—give them to God today!
- 23—Missionaries Menzo and Audrey Fuller and the ongoing Medical Work in Malawi, Africa
- 24—Word of Truth radio broadcast
- 25—The wisdom to know my wants from my needs that I may carefully use what God has given
- 26—SDB Churches who are seeking pastoral leadership
- 27—The Brazil Evangelism project and the members of the team who are ministering in this
- 28—Team ministries presenting Decade of Discipleship to the churches
- 29—New England Yearly Meeting of SDB Churches, Westerly, RI
- 30—SDB New York State Council

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issue of *The Sabbath Recorder*.**

The Sabbath Recorder

The July 15 quarterly meeting of the Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in Marlboro, N.J. Considerable time was spent in a reevaluation of personnel needs in light of the resignation of the publishing director.

John D. Bevis will continue to serve the Board as editor of *The Sabbath Recorder* on a half-time basis from a new location in Florence, Alabama. He will also continue to represent the Tract Society as a member of the General Council and will be available for speaking appointments with the churches and associations.

An editorial office will be established in Alabama and all articles for publication are to be sent there. The address is: *The Sabbath Recorder*, P.O. Box 2133, Florence, AL 35630. All correspondence to the Tract Society as well as subscription renewals will continue to be sent to the Plainfield office.

Leon Clare will assume management responsibilities at the publishing house in addition to continuing his service as printer. Pat Cruzan will continue to work with lay-out for the various publications printed in Plainfield. She will be assuming additional responsibilities in regard to *The Sabbath Recorder*. Additional plans regarding the coordination of the Tract Society office will be announced at a later date.

Word of Truth

The audiovisual committee, chaired by Philip Bond, reported that the *Word of Truth* radio program is now on seven stations. The committee is pleased with the acceptance given this initial series and feels that this work must continue to grow. There-

fore, the Board *VOTED* "that the American Sabbath Tract Society recommends that the General Conference continue to fund the *Word of Truth* as an on-going project." Much of the support for the radio program has come through the "Project Visibility" funds.

Reorganization Study

The Tract Society has spent much time in consideration of the various plans for denominational reorganization. At the recent meeting it was *VOTED* that the Society "...go on record favoring the resolution adopted by the Eastern Association at its May 1979 meeting." That resolution spoke to the issue of Full-Circle Administration as recently proposed by the General Council and reads "...that action be tabled by General Conference pending a full explanation of funding requirements."

Tract Ministry

During the first six months of 1979 some 51,212 have been sent out from our offices. The Battle Creek-based publications committee has approved the publication of a new tract "Personal Concern and Neighborly Service - Why?" In addition they have revised for republication "Was Paul Wrong?" which is one of our most popular Sabbath tracts. Also scheduled for production are additional GUIDE to Bible Understanding lessons, "Steps in Growth," and the "Week of Prayer booklets for 1980: Revision on two booklets, "Baptist Consistency on the Sabbath," and "The Sabbath and Sabbathkeeping Baptists" continues. The Board commended the committee for its work on a new Seventh Day Baptist logo. □

The Matchless Pearl

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"No, I couldn't. But now I must tell you. My son was the best pearl diver on the coasts of India. What joy he brought me! He always dreamed of finding a pearl beyond all that had ever been found. One day he found it. But finding that pearl cost him his life.

"All these years I've kept this pearl," Rambhau continued. "And now I want to give this pearl to you, because you are my best friend."

Morris looked up excitedly. "Rambhau, you can't give me the pearl. How can I accept this priceless gift. Let me buy it from you. I will give you all I can."

"What are you saying?" The old diver was stunned. "You don't understand, my friend. Don't you see? My only son gave his life to get this pearl. I cannot sell it. But I want to give it to you because of my love for you."

Morris could not speak. He gripped his old friend's hand. "Rambhau, don't you see? That is just what you have been saying to God all these years."

Rambhau stared at Morris for a long time. But slowly he began to understand.

"You have tried to buy salvation from God. But God is offering salvation to you as a free gift," Morris explained. "It is so great and priceless that no man on earth could buy it, and no man is good enough to deserve it. It cost God the life blood of His only Son, so that you could enter into Heaven. All you can do is to accept God's gift because of His great love for you."

Tears were rolling down the old man's cheeks. "Now I understand," he said. "Some things are too priceless to be bought. I will accept God's salvation."

Rambhau bowed his head in prayer to receive Jesus Christ as his Savior. After he had prayed, Morris took a small Bible from his pocket and read aloud:

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died

for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8).

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:11, 12).

"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—not of works, lest any man should boast"

(Ephesians 2:8, 9). □

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The Follow-Through

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needed was a loving, caring ear to listen. We wanted to know that there would be a prayer in our behalf for our problem to be dealt with wisely. "Follow-through" such as that left us with more of a burden than before.

Sharing of joy and sorrow is a natural kind of interaction between friends, and calls for the reinforcement which comes from real love and caring for each other. It does not end when we part from each encounter, instead, we back up our caring with prayer and let our friend know that we are concerned with the problem until it is solved.

Practicing our "follow-through" skills is a worthy endeavor. We each have the opportunity to listen, to care, and to hold one another up to God in prayer. □

Mission To China

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missionaries except for occasional visits, Dr. Palmberg at last received some companions in 1907 in the persons of the newly-ordained H. Eugene Davis of North Loup, Nebr., and his new bride Mary. Although forced by illness to return to America in 1911, the Davises accomplished much while in Lieu-oo, including the organization of the Seventh Day Baptist church. With health restored,

they returned to the China mission in 1915, recording almost three decades of outstanding service in the Shanghai church and schools.

Actually, one year prior to the Davises' return to America, Dr. Palmberg had become seriously ill and had taken medical leave in Europe and the United States, so with the Davises' departure Lieu-oo was left vacant. When Dr. Palmberg took up the medical work again, she was accompanied by the third "lady doctor," Grace I. Crandall, M.D., who had left her medical practice in Milton Junction, Wisconsin, to become a missionary.

Although they were in China in 1911, their travel to Lieu-oo was delayed until 1912 by revolutionary activity. □
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**International Year of
the Child**

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and resources through the Board of Christian Education have been an invaluable asset. The job means trying to anticipate what the leaders will want to push especially; what will appeal to the browser, the buyer, the one who picks up a sample of everything free, the one who is looking for a gift to give, the one in need of a particular item you hope you can supply or help find out where to obtain. It's a real challenge—one which I have accepted for another term. In CWU work as a whole the most important thing to me has always been the Christian friendships.

"The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me" is the theme of the Triennial Ecumenical Assembly June 26-29, 1980, at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend previous Assemblies in Denver in 1959, Memphis in 1974, Purdue in 1977; so now I say "California, Here I Come," God willing. □





THE LINK

"You heard it here first."

by Barb Snyder

NEED SOME FRESH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS? I was recently inspired to write five skits based on Bible stories. Each skit had a character possessing a fruit of the Spirit, which was portrayed in the story. Each skit also taught a moral in the Scriptures. I got all the children to act them out in pantomimes and asked the adults to match the fruit of the Spirit and morals with the proper characters and skits. I also had a solo, duet, and trio fill in the dead spots during the costume changes. It made for a very entertaining and relaxing program, which *everyone* could enjoy. I would be pleased to share these skits and details with those interested. You may even be able to develop your own! Write to:

Barb Snyder
P.O. Box 868
Plainfield, NJ 07061

STUMPED ON HOW TO ATTRACT CHILDREN TO SABBATH SCHOOL THIS FALL? Offer a movie for 10 cents (or whatever) to all the neighborhood children. *Climb a Tall Mountain* has a message meaningful for all ages—from youngsters to grandparents. It was photographed entirely on location in the majestic Swiss Alps. Its message of love and forgiveness comes alive in a heartwarming way through the lives of Heidi, Peter, Hans and the Swiss woodcarver. This will be an inspiration to your church members, as well as provide an excellent opportunity for an invitation to others.

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MARRIAGES

BOTTOMS-LEWIS.—George D. Bottoms, son of David M. and Alice Kolvaard Bottoms, and Elsie Mae Lewis, daughter of Ashby and Ruth Bond Randolph, both of Almond, New York, were united in marriage in the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 16, 1979. The Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, uncle of the bride, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, pastor of the Alfred Station Church. They are living in Almond, NY.

BULLINGER-MAXSON.—Ronald A. Bullinger, Albany, N.Y., and Maryann Maxson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul L. Maxson of Schednectady, N.Y., were united in marriage on December 31, 1978, in the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's father. The newlyweds are making their home in Albany.

WATSON-SUNBY.—James Brian Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Watson of Elkhorn, Wis., and Carol Lou Sunby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sunby of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage at Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 23, 1979 with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating.

BIRTHS

BAUMGARTEN.—A daughter, Ilana Dora, to Bruce and Catherine (Clarke) Baumgarten of Commack, N.Y., on May 29, 1979.

GRAFFIUS.—A son, David Joel, to Don and Linda (Bond) Graffius of New Enterprise, Pa., on June 24, 1979.

NIDA.—A son, Shaun Jeffrey, was born March 28, 1979 to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence H. Nida of Hurlburt Field, Florida.

ACCESSIONS

ASHAWAY, RI
Gordon P. Lawton, Pastor

By vote of the body upon the individual's Statement of Faith:

By Baptism:
Lani Dingham

MILTON, WI
Earl Cruzan, Pastor

By Baptism:
Laura Hess
Nathan Crandall
William Sayre

SALEM, WV
Paul Green, Pastor

By Testimony:
Kathleen Grant

By Baptism:
Christy Smith
Cindy Weaver
Alicia Van Horn

Associate Member:
Midge (Mrs. Martin) Zinn
Davidson Okafor

RIVERSIDE, CA
Alton L. Wheeler, Pastor

By Baptism:
Sharon Curtis
Kathi Leochner
Timothy Lee
Jerry Turner

By Letter:
Douglas Mackintosh
Jane Mackintosh

By Testimony:
Robert Czarny

SEATTLE, WA
Duane L. Davis, Pastor

By Testimony:
Sharon (Mrs. Rodger) DeForest

By Letter:
Donald Hedghes

OBITUARIES

AVERY.—Nina Lewis, age 87, was born January 18, 1891 and died on July 11, 1978, at Queen's Convalescent Home in Connecticut. During World War I, she dated Fred Avery, a Merchant Marine officer, but this romance broke up in the late war years. Later in Leominster, Mass., she met her husband-to-be at an operetta in which he directed and she played the piano. He had lost his first wife in the flu epidemic of 1918, and was trying to hold a family of two girls and two boys, ages 10-21, together.

She soon learned that being a stepmother to a group of teen-agers was a trying job. Adding a son of her own to the family, the Depression was upon them, and the family of seven had to struggle for survival. To help save money, Nina made the clothing for the children from cuttings from other clothes a neighbor had given them.

Her husband died in 1950, at which time she entered the job market at 55, becoming a first-class secretary/bookkeeper. She continued to work well into her late 70's, becoming a practical nurse when she was too old to be accepted by industry. Amazing as it may seem, at 75 she was taking care of an "old" man of 67. Upon her husband's death, her childhood sweetheart, Fred Avery contacted her and they were married and lived in Westbrook, Conn., until his death.

At her funeral services her pastor said, "I was always glad that both she and I were on God's side. It would have been a real battle if she decided to represent the devil!" She never lost interest in the world, which is the key to continued youth. She was warm-hearted, interested, and compassionate, and believed anything to be possible, and was usually right.

—R.W.H.

COALWELL.—Lela Sanford, wife of the late William L. Coalwell, was born February 5, 1893 at Dodge Center, Minnesota, and passed away June 26, 1979 in

New Orleans, La., at the age of 86. She was ordained as a deaconess of the Metairie Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1962 and served in that capacity as long as her health allowed. She is survived by two sons, Gerald and Purcel and one daughter Persus DeLand; a niece Juanita Raitford and nephew, Ned Crandall. Also grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of friends who loved her and called her "mama." She was preceded in death by a son, Ledell. Interment was at Greenlawn Cemetery, Hammond, La. Rev. H. Earl DeLand officiating.

—H.E.D.

CONEY.—Doris I. Coney, daughter of Herbert H. and Maude (Gleason) King, was born June 26, 1905, in Michigan and was called to rest June 10, 1979, while residing in Riverside, California.

She was blessed with four brothers and six sisters, all of whom were born in Michigan, grew to adulthood and had families.

Doris committed her life to Christ in the years of her youth and was baptized. Spending extended years in Battle Creek, Michigan, she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church there. As an active member, she served on the Board of Directors of the National Women's Society during the years that it was located there.

In more recent years, she moved to Riverside, California, where her church membership was transferred.

A graveside service was conducted on June 13, 1979, with interment in the Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside. Her pastor, Alton L. Wheeler, officiated.

She is survived by her daughter, Jacqueline Wells; by her three brothers: Willard Bruce King, Herbert Burr King and Clarence Alvah King; by three sisters: Elsie Franchi, Martha Sybilla Morse and Pearl Floe Barkalow; by a number of grandchildren, and by a host of friends.

—A.I.W.

DAVIS.—Glen, son of Ethel and Edgar Davis, was born April 5, 1923, and died at St. Michael's Hospital in Texarkana, Ark., after a lingering illness.

He was married December 20, 1947, to Margie Soper. He was a lifetime member and a deacon of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church. He will long be remembered for his ability to quote Scripture and for his talent for and love of music.

He is survived by one son, Russell, of Fouke, and two daughters: Mrs. Steven (Becky) Crouch of Little Genesee, NY, and Sharon of Fouke.

Funeral services were held at the Texarkana Funeral Home with Mynor Soper officiating. Interment was in Memorial Gardens, Texarkana, Ark.

—M.G.S.

GESSLER.—Clifford F., son of Frank B. and Kathryn Oviatt Gessler, was born at Milton, Wis., Nov. 9, 1893, and died at his home in Oakland, Calif., June 9, 1979, after two years of declining health.

He was music critic for the *Oakland Tribune* for many years. He was a member of the Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Hull Gessler, a sister, Gertrude Gessler, Bismarck, N.D., and his sister-in-law, Nellie Hull, Chicago, Ill. Both sons have already died. After cremation, inurnment is at Chapel of Memories, Oakland.

—O.C.B.

KNIGHT.—Iris Arrington, was born May 20, 1903 in Ohio, and grew up in Welton, Iowa. She died after a long illness at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., on June 21, 1979.

On August 7, 1928 she was united in marriage to Wilfred Knight in the Little Brown Church in the Vale, Iowa. They made their home in Milton following their marriage. He died in 1962. To this union were born two children, Faye Snyder of Janesville, and John of Franklin, Wis. She is survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton on Sabbath, June 23, by her pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan, with burial at Milton Cemetery.

—E.C.

MITCHELL.—Mrs. Lilly Cox, was born April 1, 1899 in Fluvanna, Texas, and died in Wadley Hospital, Texarkana, on May 27, 1978.

At an early age she accepted Christ and became a member of the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church in Arkansas. In 1936 the family moved to Fouke, Arkansas, where she was an active member of the Fouke S.D.B. Church. After moving to Texarkana, Ark., in 1952 she became a charter member of the Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she was a pillar of strength and inspiration to everyone.

She is survived by four sons, three daughters, eighteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 30, 1978, at East Funeral Home in Texarkana, with Mynor Soper officiating. Interment was in Memorial Gardens, Texarkana.

—M.G.S.

SUMMERS.—Daisy Jett, age 81, was born in Berea, West Virginia, May 12, 1897, and died on May 5, 1979, at the Seton Nursing Home following an extended illness. She was a daughter of the late Leonard F. and Lillian Meredith Jett. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Edward Summers.

Mrs. Summers completed her Standard Normal at Salem College and in 1923 was awarded her Bachelor's Degree. She studied Library Science at West Virginia University and had been an English teacher, librarian, and piano teacher. In West Virginia she taught at Harrisville, Lost Creek, Walton, and many other schools. Following her retirement as a teacher in 1962, she served on the library staff at Salem College for more than ten years. She was an active member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Women's Society of the church, the Business and Professional Women's Club, West Virginia Educational Association, and National Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by one son, Charles Edward Summers of Providence, R.I.; one grandson, Edward Charles Summers of Cranston, R.I.; one sister, Mrs. Stephen (Mildred) Lawton, Battle Creek, Mich.; one brother, Russell Jett, Harrisville; two nieces, Mrs. James (Nancy) O'Connor, Irving, Calif.; Mrs. Denzil (Elaine) Stonestreet, Charleston; two nephews, Leonard Jett, Salisbury, Md.; and Rev. Leon Lawton, Westerly, R.I.

A memorial service was held at the Harbert Funeral Home in Salem, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Paul Green. Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Berea.

—J.P.G.

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GO DOWN

WITH YOU STILL ANGRY—

GET IT OVER QUICKLY;

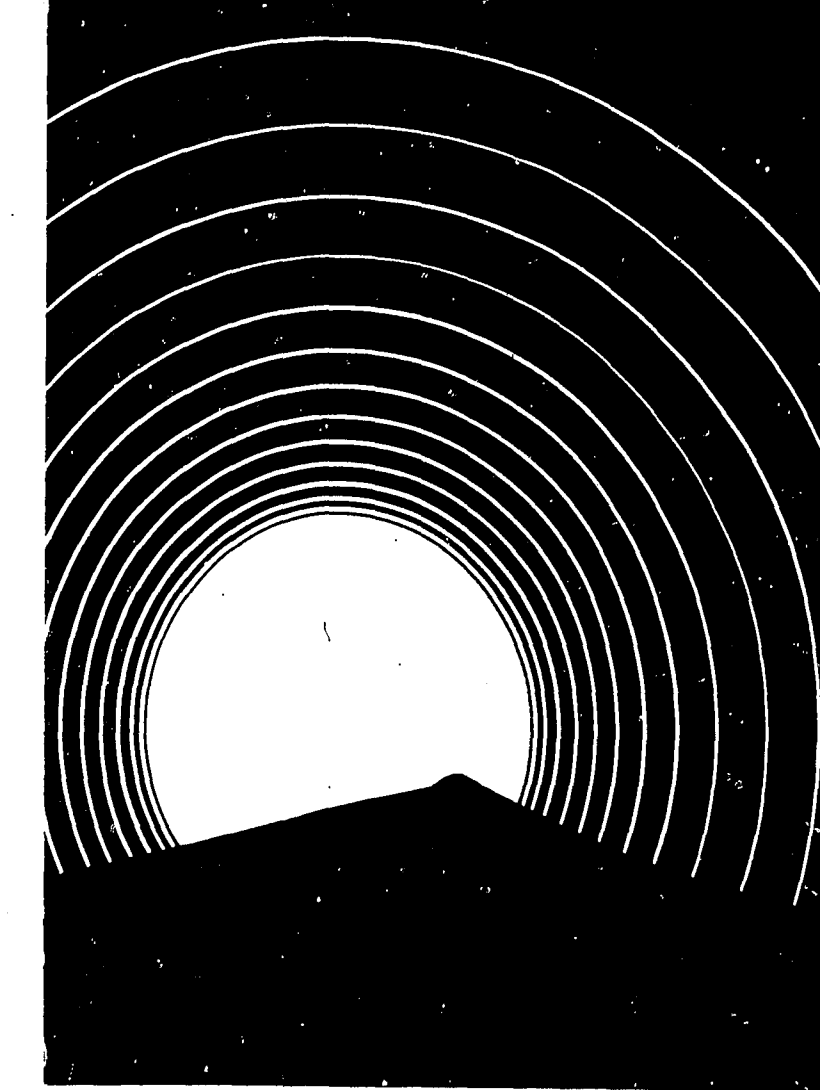
FOR WHEN YOU ARE ANGRY

YOU MIGHT GIVE

A MIGHTY FOOTHOLD TO

THE DEVIL.

Ephesians 4:26, 27



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AND OTHER SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ON A "MUSICAL TOUR" OF THE HOLY LAND. TEN DAYS SPENT VISITING ISRAEL AND THE SIGHTS WHERE JESUS AND THE APOSTLES WALKED AND TALKED. WE NEED SINGERS AND AN AUDIENCE, SO EVEN IF YOU DON'T SING YOU CAN BE A BIG PART OF THIS "MUSICAL TOUR."

WRITE TO EITHER OF US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME.

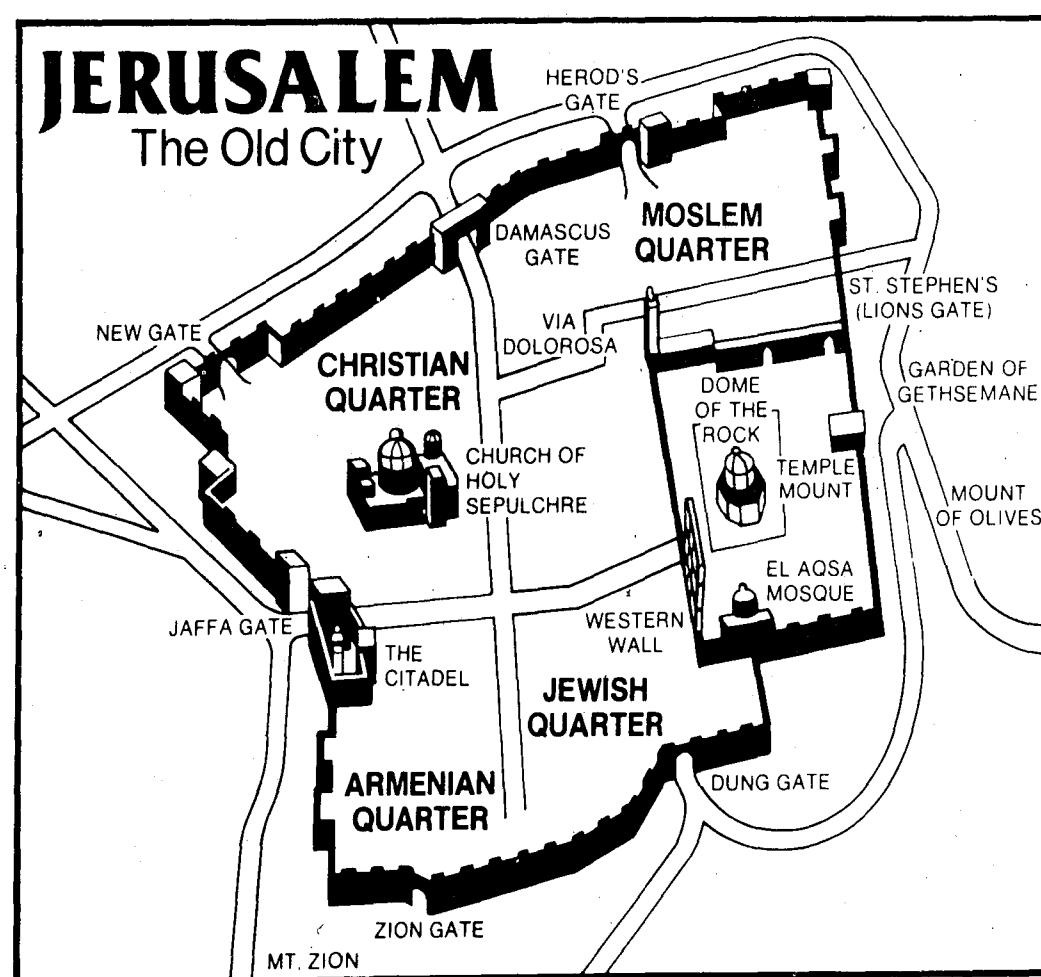
WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU, ALSO, TO SIGN UP FOR THE OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO JORDAN AND EGYPT—AN ADDITIONAL FOUR DAYS OF EXCITING MIDDLE EAST TRAVEL AND A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME TO SOME OF THE MOST FASCINATING ANCIENT HISTORY.

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LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

Once in a while, it is good to look back on what you have done so that you can see how you've done, and also so you can decide where you want to go in the future. I have been the editor of the Children's Page for one year now, and I thought I would take the opportunity to look back and look forward. I have really enjoyed writing the stories and thinking of activities that I hoped would be fun. I would like to know how you feel about the stories and activities of the last year. You can tell me what you have liked, what you haven't liked, and what you would like to see on the Children's Page. If you would like to help, please answer the questions below and send the answers to me:

Linda Harris
 22 Summerhill Road
 Middletown, CT 06457

(If you have brothers and sisters who would also like to answer the questions, have each person put their answers on a separate sheet of paper, and then send all the sheets in the same envelope.)

- How old are you? _____
- What have you liked best about the Children's Page? (Check as many as you wish.)
 _____ Stories _____ Recipes
 _____ Puzzles _____ Suggestions for projects
 _____ Memory verses _____ Fill-in-the-blank activities
- What would you like to see on the Children's Page in the future?
- What ideas do you think would make good stories?
- What was your favorite story?
 _____ The Last-Day-of-Vacation Blues
 _____ Fruit Is Important
 _____ Let's Make A Bible Cake
 _____ New Year, New You
 _____ Put Some Action in Your Love
 _____ Moving Day Moods
 _____ The Elephant Bean
 _____ Off to Camp
 _____ The Allen's Vacation Adventure
- What have you liked the least?

- Would you like to write a story or a poem for the Children's Page? If so, tell me what you would write about. I will try to use as many stories and poems as I can. Also, if you would like to make a puzzle or suggest an activity to go along with your story, you may do so.
 Name _____
 Address _____

Seventh Day Baptist Ministries and Outreach

OWM BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR JUNE 1979

Church or Group	6 mos. total	
	June OWM	Reported Bds.
Adams Center NY	\$ 499.54	\$ 499.54
Albion WI	66.87	562.00
Alfred NY	855.45	4,297.75
Alfred Station NY	445.50	2,290.80
Ashaway RI	563.58	2,999.13
Associations and Groups	773.47	3,645.24
Battle Creek MI	510.51	3,585.24
Bay Area CA	25.00	155.00
Berea WV	60.00	295.00
Berlin NY		1,179.73
Boulder CO	575.65	2,673.63
Brookfield NY		406.50
Central MD		110.01
Christ AR	113.60	369.79
Columbus OH	139.50	906.15
Dallas-Ft. Worth TX	15.40	181.40
Daytona Beach FL	739.76	2,642.94
Denver CO	788.55	4,186.28
De Ruyter NY	585.00	1,112.55
Dodge Center MN	1,076.34	2,249.34
Farina IL	113.15	559.06
Fouke AR	94.40	290.22
Hebron PA		972.58
Hopkinton RI		40.00
Houston TX	95.00	235.00
Individuals		1,592.50
Irvington NJ	500.00	1,700.00
Kansas City MO		431.60
Leonardsville NY	10.00	50.00
Little Genesee NY	234.40	1,550.24
Little Rock AR	40.00	110.00
Los Angeles CA	540.00	3,404.36
Lost Creek WV	420.00	2,620.00
Marlboro NJ	488.33	3,114.55
Middle Island WV	60.00	320.00
Milton WI	1,745.48	13,295.18
Milton Junction WI	20.00	373.00
New Auburn WI		10.00
New York NY		774.02
North Jersey NJ	266.54	914.53
North Loup NE		2,240.00
Nortonville KS	451.31	2,587.31
Paint Rock AL	107.50	662.50
Pheonix AZ		40.00
Plainfield NJ		3,737.97
Richburg NY	245.50	1,407.50
Riverside CA	1,178.78	5,567.83
Rockville RI	113.50	485.75
Salem WV		2,212.27
Salemville PA	360.00	388.85
Schenectady NY		29.54
Seattle WA		820.57
Shiloh NJ	1,542.30	6,782.42
Stonefort IL	30.00	265.00
Sunshine Mt. MS		
Texarkana AR	80.00	325.00
Upper East Tenn. TN		83.00
Verona NY		310.00
Walworth WI		2,191.95
Washington DC		325.00
Waterford CT		1,025.00
Westerly RI		725.00
White Cloud MI		1,535.00
Total	\$18,630.72	\$103,653.30
Non-Budget	1,007.45	
Total To Disburse	\$19,638.17	

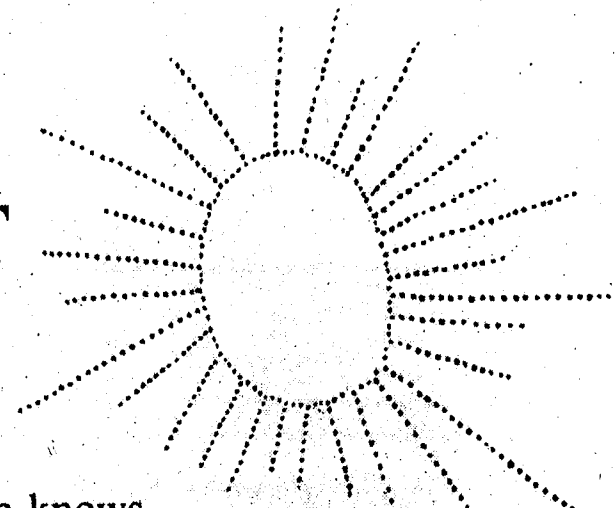
SUMMARY:

Budget	\$321,984.00
Receipts for six months:	
OWM Treasurer	94,739.09
Boards Reported	8,914.21
Total	103,653.30
To be raised by December 31, 1979	\$218,330.70
Percentages: Year elapsed, 50%; Budget raised, 32%	
Due six mos.	\$160,992.00
Raised six mos.	103,653.30
Arrears	\$ 57,338.70

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

POINTS TO PONDER

LET'S TALK ABOUT LIGHT



Let's talk about LIGHT! Almost everyone knows what happens when a green plant is kept away from the light of the sun! Green fades to yellow and if the plant is not put back in the sunlight, it continues to wither and die. But kept in the light, the plant flourishes and grows.

In the first chapter of John's first epistle, we read these words: "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the

truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from every sin."

Just as the green plant cannot live apart from the sun, neither can we live apart from God! Let's be careful to walk in the light and enjoy the growth of fellowship and holiness! □



Rev. Paul B. Osborn
Nortonville, Kansas

"Existing on roots and leaves in the highland jungles of Laos for 11 months, Soukanh watched his village leveled by heavy artillery and his friends choke on the yellow, powdery gas dropped by planes. This former ally of the U.S. Army hid by day, walked by night to the Mekong river. Clutching the long bamboo posts under his arms, he and his friends slipped into the swift current. Muffled cries from frightened children strapped to parents' backs revealed their escape to the river patrol. Shouts, lights, the crack of rifle fire, screams and groans shattered the silent night. Only 24 of them were pulled from the river by Thai police. At Nong Khai camp in Thailand with 40,772 other land refugees, they will wait for a year or more for resettlement.

Personal interview 28 March, 1979
Reverend Howard D. Schipper,
Christian Reformed Church

THE BOAT PEOPLE: A TIME FOR ACTION

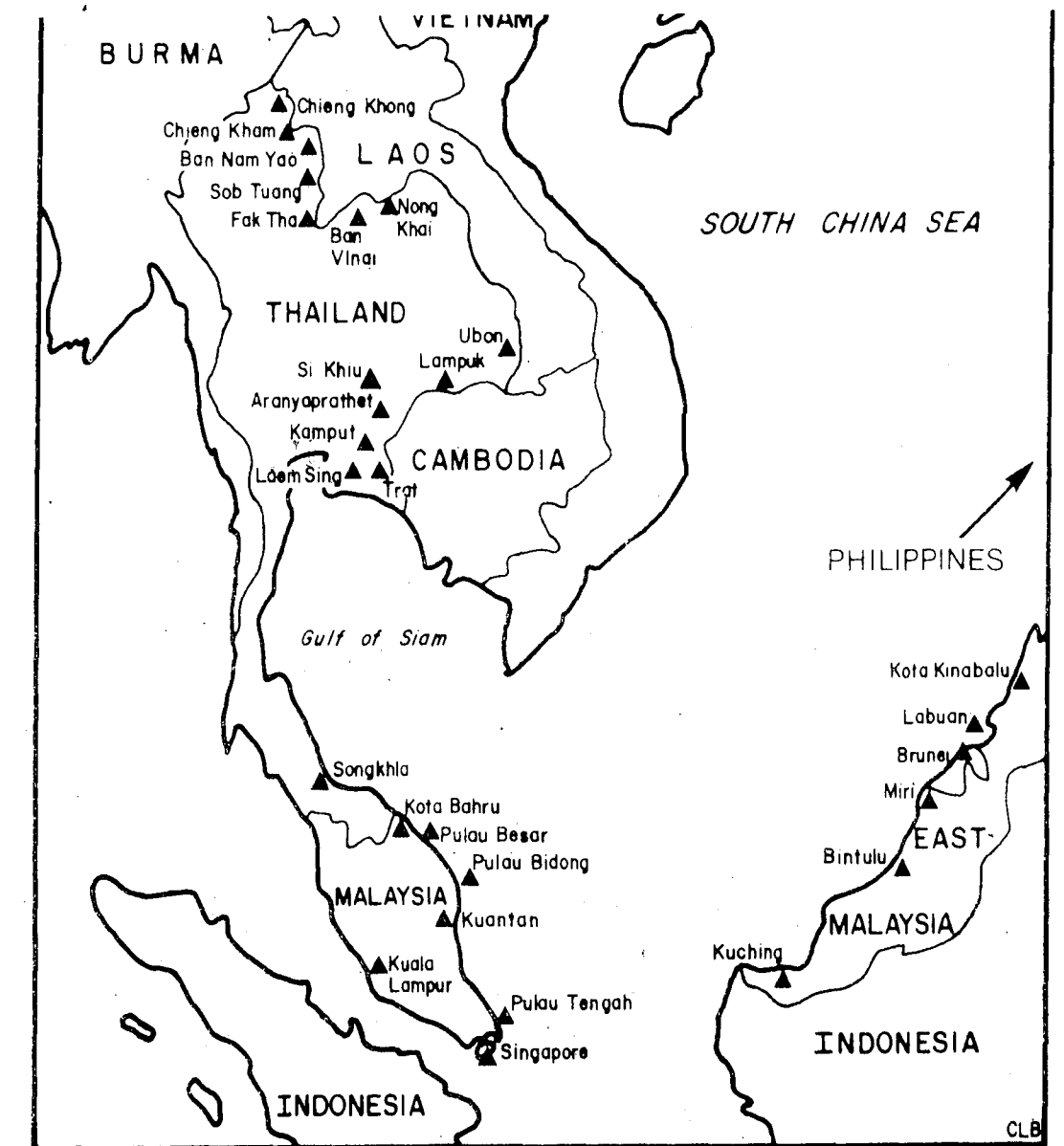
by John D. Bevis

The greatest exodus of refugees in modern history is currently spilling over international borders as thousands of Vietnamese are fleeing their homeland. They are joined in this exodus by refugees from Cambodia and Laos as once again people in suppressed lands vote by the only ballot available—their feet!

The small nation of Malaysia has literally been swamped by thousands of "boat people" who have fled Vietnam in every conceivable kind of vessel. Many of the boat people did not reach land—estimates of those who died at sea range from 140,000-200,000. In spite of all efforts to discourage them—the refugees continue to come. Refugee camps have been established in Thailand, Malaysia and Hong Kong (see chart) where conditions are bad. Rev. R. Dean Hancock of Church World Service after a recent tour of the camps wrote: "The camps cannot be described, explained or understood—they are a nightmare that thousands are forced to live through." Our hearts ache as we see over television and in the newspaper the faces of these displaced people—faces that reflect fear, pain, despair and rejection.

Religious leaders recently gathered at the United Nations to discuss the growing refugee problem and to hear Terence Cardinal Cook declare: "We—Roman Catholics, Protestants, Evangelicals, Lutherans, Anglicans, Eastern Orthodox, Jews of all denominations—face a direct test of our shared belief in the dignity of human beings." We agree, just a glance at a photograph of the children tells us that the boat people must be helped. The world community must provide asylum for these refugees.

We applaud the recent action of President Carter for doubling the quota of Indochinese that will be allowed entry into the United States. In the past we have allowed 7,000 a month to come, this has now been increased to 14,000. However, the United States alone cannot solve this problem. Other countries, some of which have shown callous indifference to the problem, should follow our lead.



CWS-NY-Spring 1979

The question has been often asked: "If this is a crisis, why does it take so long for the refugees to come here?" There are many problems associated with bringing immigrants into the country: problems of time, logistics, regulations, security reasons, health or family reunification which slow up the process. Under the current laws of the U.S. Immigration Service, a refugee cannot come to this country unless a sponsor is found for him. Other denominations and churches have sponsored families and individuals—at least a few Seventh Day Baptists have been involved in this program—no doubt more could. Church World Service has prepared films and filmstrips to help educate the religious community in regard to the problem as well as sponsorship programs. We would encourage your church, women's society, youth fellowship to make use of these materials. We must do more than pray—we must act. □

CBS FILM ON BOAT PEOPLE

A documentary that highlights the plight of the Indochina refugee was aired by CBS Television on Tuesday, 16 January, 9 p.m., EST. "The Boat People" (50 minutes) is now available for viewing from Church World Service. The cost of rental, including postage, is \$25.00 (per showing). Transcripts are also available upon request.

CWS FILMSTRIP ON REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

A 15-minute filmstrip is available for potential sponsors through CWS-New York office. The filmstrip gives a world focus on the refugee situation and the process of sponsorship: What it is and what it means. The procedure involved in the refugees' admission to this country is discussed. There is an accompanying cassette with narration. The cost of rental, including postage, is \$15.00 (per showing).

Please address requests to Mr. Gary Brouse, Interpretation and Promotion, Room 656, Church World Service, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027. Telephone: (212) 870-3062. □

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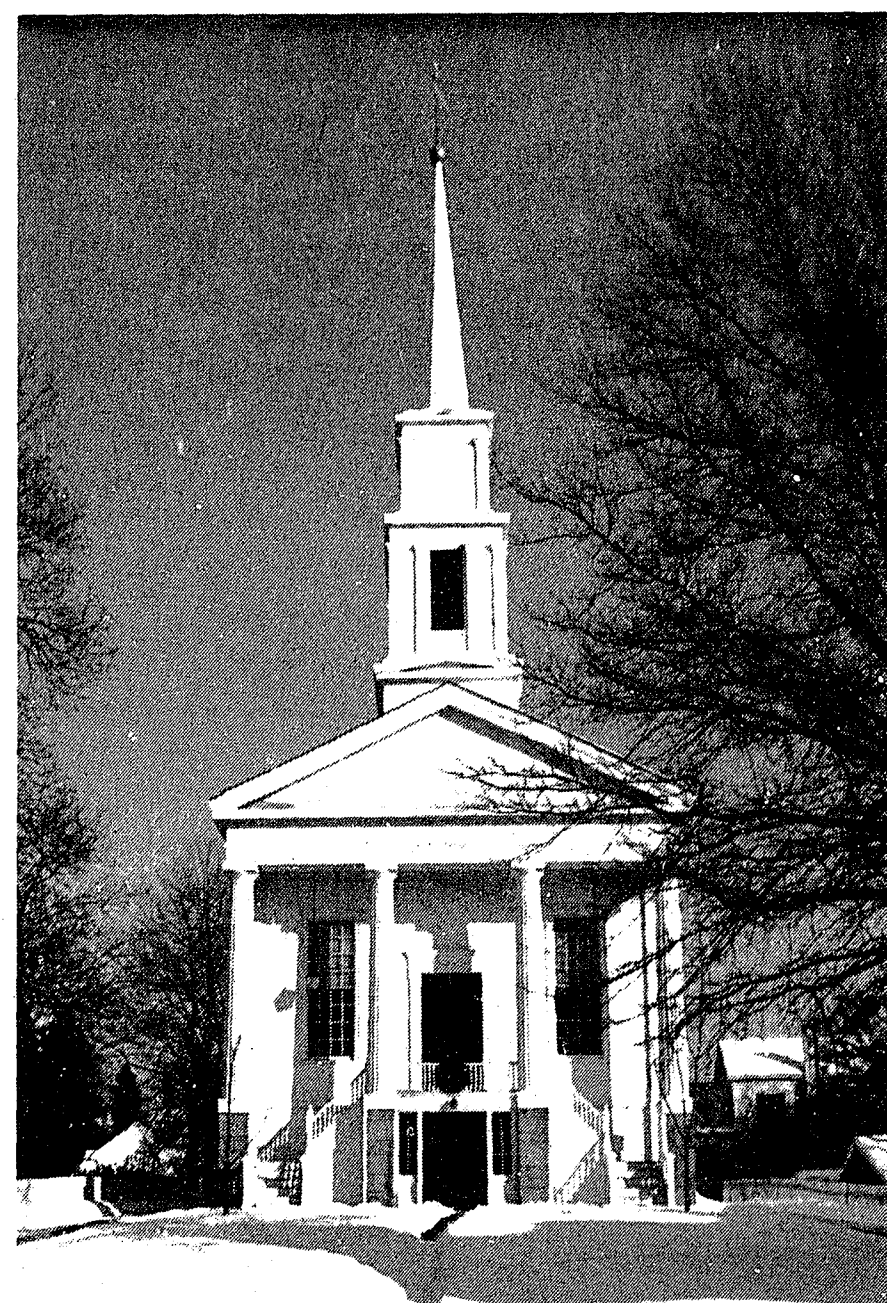
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