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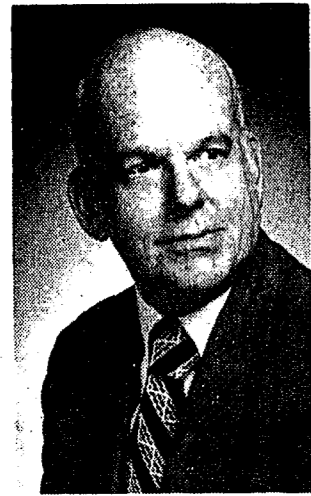
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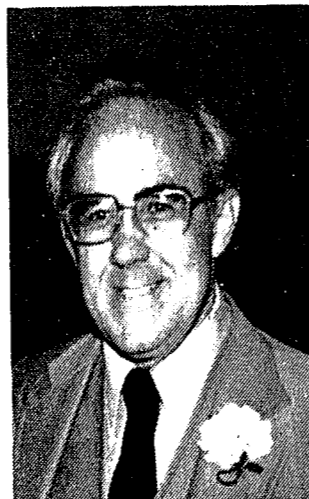
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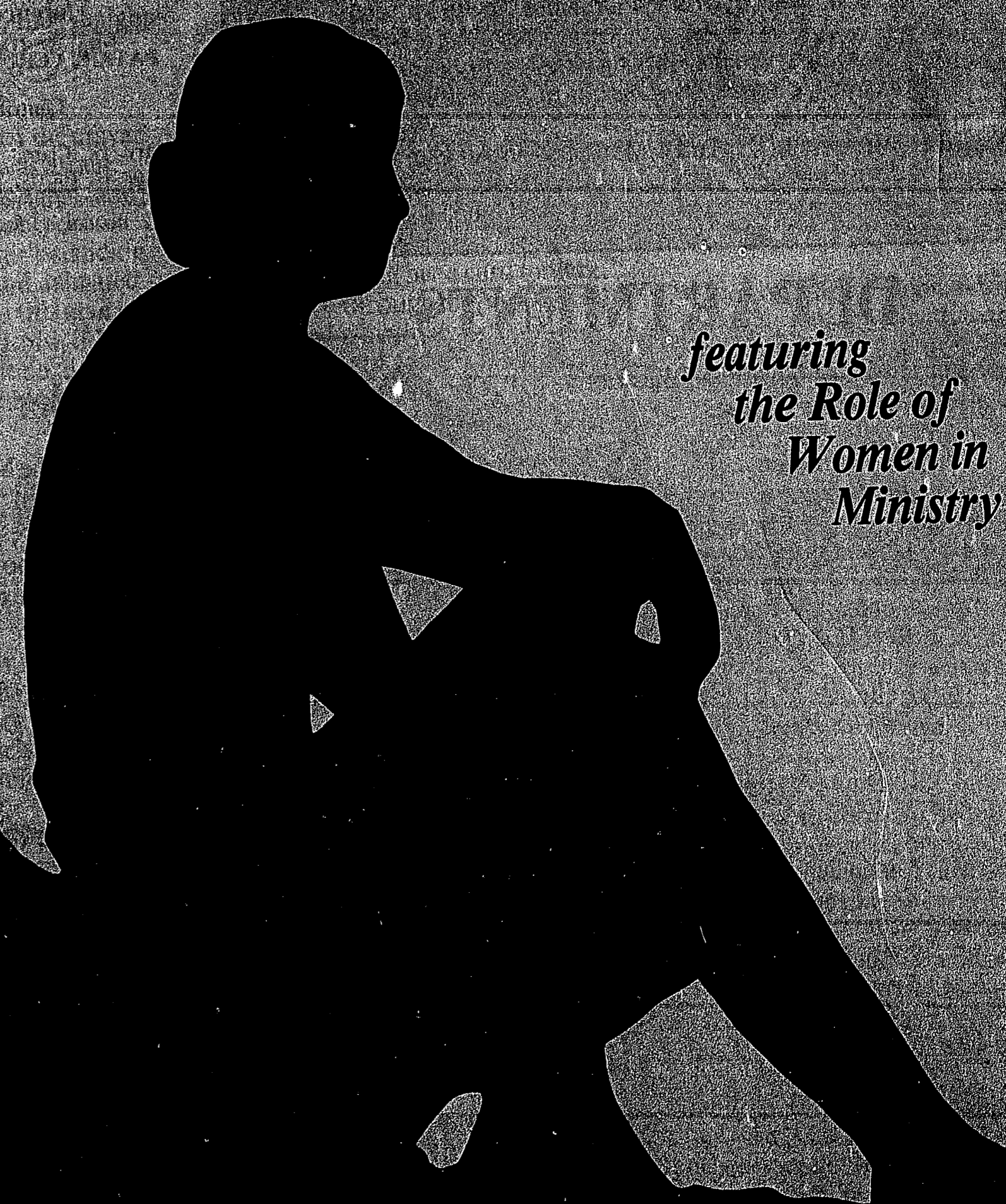
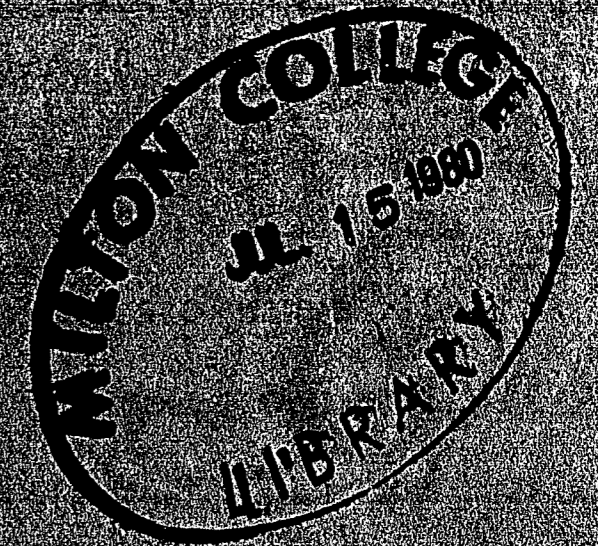
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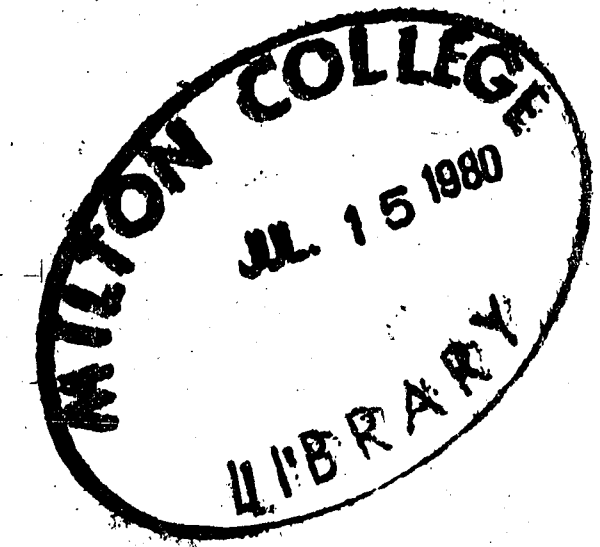
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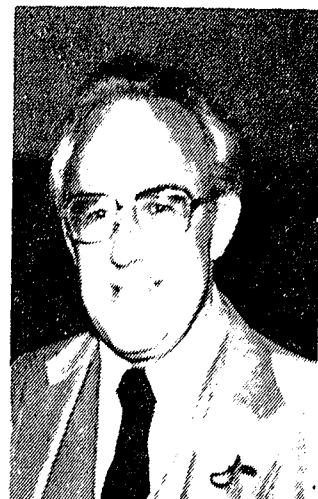
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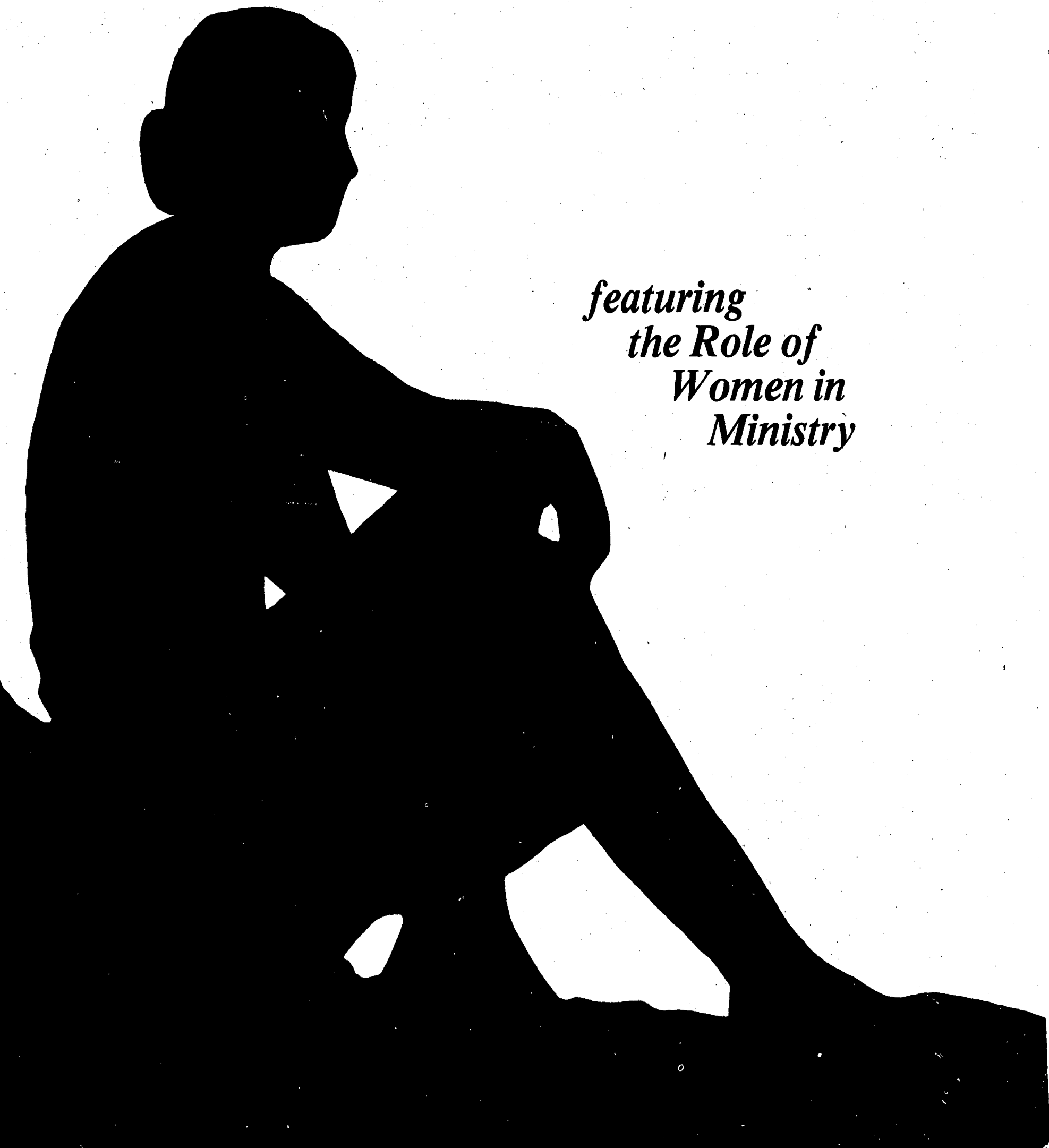
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Recorder Reactions...

Regarding the May *Sabbath Recorder* article "Day of Joy and Blessing," by Mae J. Prest—I thought there were a lot of good thoughts and that they were well expressed. Congratulations to Ms. Prest and to the *Recorder*.

-E. J. Horsley, M.D.
Denver, CO



NEXT MONTH

Our August issue will be a special one edited by the Rev. Kenneth B. Burdick of our North Jersey church. This issue will be one you will wish to share with others; there will be no in-house reports in this special evangelistic issue.

-Editor

The church was nearly empty now, the concert was over: like sand through an hourglass, the people were trickling out into the city again. Here and there, little knots of people talked to the singers. Near the front, a group of Jesus Freaks in their long robes spoke excitedly of their new-found joy in the Lord.

I looked across the sanctuary, and my eye was caught and held by something that didn't seem to fit: a slumped and troubled man, his face lined with sadness, asleep in the pew. In that moment I knew what I should do; in that moment also, the struggle began.

Just a few hours earlier, in devotions before the concert, I had made a decision. "Lord, if you want me to be more than a performer, if you want me to talk to people personally about you, then tonight give me someone to talk to, and the words to say."

Now the first part of the prayer was answered; but I was afraid. I looked at the sleeper again, and thought, "He's probably drunk." I saw three teen-age girls standing near him, laughing and animated. How could I speak to this man with the girls listening? "Lord, if I am to witness, couldn't it be to someone a little more fashionable, a little less conspicuous?"

I decided to wait a few minutes, to give the Lord time to make the girls move, so I could witness in secret.

They didn't move.

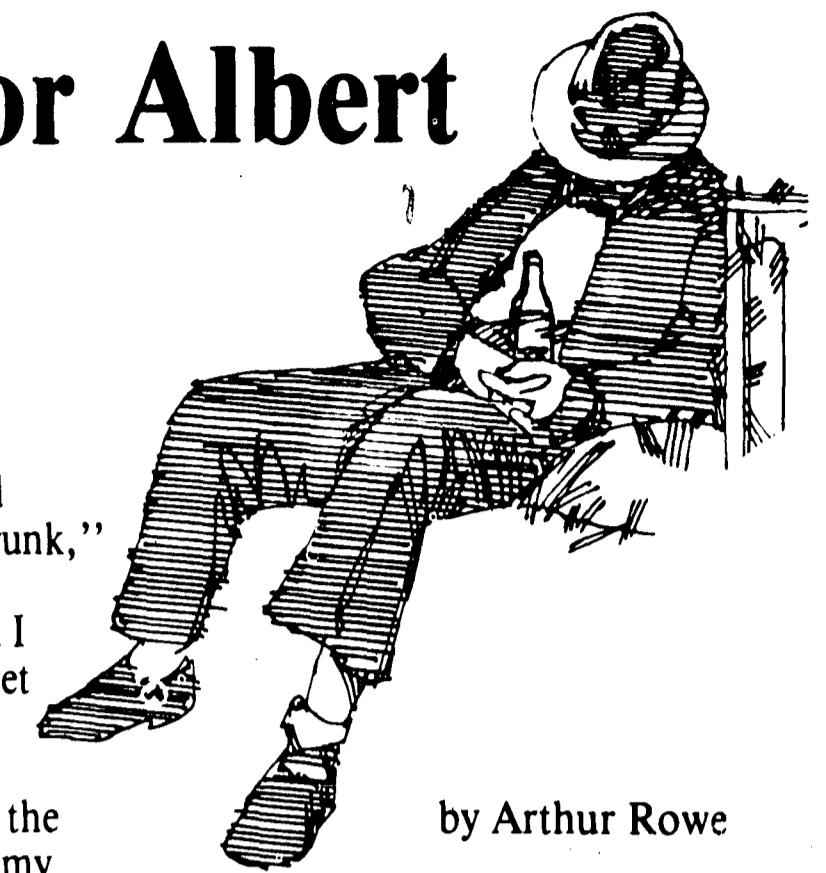
At last I knew that if I let this moment pass, my prayers would be meaningless. My face flaming with embarrassment, I reached out, gingerly and touched his shoulder. "Sir, are you all right?"

The bleary eyes opened, took a moment to focus, and regarded me with dejected apathy. The man was indeed drunk; after a silence, he coughed and said, "Yes, I s'pose I'm all right." The eyes closed again. Silence.

Jesus, what do I say now?

I tapped his shoulder again. "I hope you enjoyed the music." No response. "Do you live around here?"

A Bible for Albert



by Arthur Rowe

"I have a room." He stirred uncomfortably. "I guess I'm drunk," he said, half defiance and half apology. "I was feeling so bad I went out and had a few to forget my troubles."

I began to feel sympathy for the man in front of me, instead of my own timidity. "That's all right," I told him. "I'm sorry you're not happy."

He seemed encouraged by this to continue, and as he woke up a little more, his story began to pour out to me, a stranger, in a way that a sober person's inhibitions would never allow.

"My wife left me," he said, "and took my five daughters. The youngest will be six tomorrow. I was out buying her a card tonight." He fished through his pockets and produced a birthday card, now crumpled and soiled. While I looked at it, he found another. "I love her so much, he explained, "I bought her two.

"I wish I were allowed to see my kids," he said sadly, showing me five small snapshots side by side in his wallet. "It's lonely without them."

I told him my name and asked his. It was Albert. "Albert," I asked, "did you hear the talk that came after the singing?"

"I guess I was asleep by then," he said sheepishly.

And so I set out to tell this unhappy man that the singers he'd heard were believers too, believers in Jesus Christ as a real Person, who will walk beside the lonely, so that they need never be alone. And as we talked, my words too, began to pour out, with a joy to match the other's sorrow. I felt then that if I could take his sadness, and give him in exchange all my

happiness in Jesus, I would gladly do it.

"Albert, do you have a Bible?" I asked, needing a way for the message of hope to stay with him after the booze wore off. He didn't have one. "Will you wait a minute if I go to get you one?" Yes," was the reply.

I ran out the side door and around the back, past my friends loading the sound system and packing away their concert clothes, calling to them, "Please pray," asking Jesus not to let Albert leave, and finally arrived at the van where we kept the Bibles that had been donated to us for distribution. Then I remembered: when we had crossed the border into Canada a few days before, a cynical official had confiscated all the Bibles, convinced we intended to sell them. The van was empty.

"Dear God," I cried, "surely this isn't how you want this experience to end! If it's your will, help me find just one Bible to give this man." Almost frantically I began to search, from one end of the truck to the other. When almost every inch had been covered, I lifted a mat under the front seat, and there, wedged in so that the cover was torn and smudged with grease, was a paperback "Living New Testament."

Praise God! I seized it up and hurried back inside the church. My friend was still there!

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Come with me as I visit a member of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel, Middletown, Connecticut. We are going to visit Mildred Cambridge, who lives in Portland, Connecticut. To get to Portland from Middletown, we must cross the Connecticut River. As we cross the bridge, we see a sign on the far bank that beckons "Come on Over." As we near the street where we must turn, we see a sign that says "Portland Boat Works," and we know that we are in an area where the river provides a living as well as pleasure. To get to Mildred's house, we must make a turn directly into the boat yard and make our way past dozens of boats, waiting to be put on the river. Just before we arrive, we get a picturesque view of boats already in the inviting blue water of the river.

We turn into the yard and see Mildred's house set back from that of her brother. It is a small house, the kind some people use as a summer cottage. There is a ramp to the door, rather than steps, because Mildred experiences quite a bit of arthritis. As we walk up the ramp and step onto the porch, we hear Mildred call out, "Come on in." As you meet her, you may notice how dark her skin is. This is because she is an American Indian. She explains to us about her family.

"My mother was a Pueblo. She came from the West. She married my father, who was a Naragansett Indian. The Naragansett Indians come from Rhode Island. My mother was very young when she was brought up here by her father. She didn't know much about the Pueblo Indians, because she was adopted by members of the Montauk tribe. I was the second of four children, two sisters and one brother. There was sixteen years between my older sister and my brother, who is the youngest. I was born on September 14, 1902 in Meriden (Connecticut)." Mildred reaches for her wallet to show us pictures of some of her family. "My father was a boat builder, and owned many boats in his lifetime. At one time he owned thirteen row boats. My brother was a boat inspector at one time."

We ask Mildred how being an Indian affected her childhood. "We used to go over to Rhode Island for powwows. We would stay in homes. The women would sleep on mattresses in someone's living room, and the men would sleep in the barn. 'Eagle Eye' was the prophet, sort of a minister, there. Different ones would have speeches, and they would do the different Indian dances. To people that didn't understand them, the dances

PERSONALITY

R O F I L E



"Mildred Cambridge, whose Indian name is Wynona, with her father, Silver Leaf (center) and brother, Strong Horse (right)."

MILDRED CAMBRIDGE

by

Linda Harris

seemed crazy. But each dance had a special meaning. The girls would do dating dances. Some were war dances. They had the green corn dance and ones for cranberry time, in the fall. They believe in the Great Spirit, who is God, you know."

Mildred picks up her very worn Bible and thumbs through it as she explains how she became a member of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel. "In 1955 I had a serious operation. When I came home, at that time I didn't have a real church home. At one time I was a Methodist. When I was recuperating, I said, 'The Lord's been so good to me, and everything seems to be going well, I've just got to thank the Lord somehow. I manage to do everything else, I've got to take time out to go to church, and hear the message.' My sister often talked about the seventh day being the Sabbath, even though she went to a Sunday church. I looked in the paper to find a church and I saw the Pine Street Chapel. I thought I would go around to different churches, to see what they were like.

"But I didn't have to go far, because I went the first time up to Pine Street, and it appealed to me. The people were very cordial and very nice to me. Bill and Nellie (Kimshel, the former pastor and his wife) were such good friends and they've done so much for me. They used to ask me to lunch every Sabbath. We used to talk after lunch, and in the summer we would sit out on the porch. Then they would bring me home." She found in her Bible the date she joined the church. "I was baptized on November 2, 1957, by Pastor Kimshel. For thirteen years I was the secretary of the chapel."

Although Mildred does not get out much—because of her arthritis, and because she depends on others for transportation—she makes it to church almost every week. This winter she had a severe bout with the arthritis, but she never lost her cheerful spirit. Even when she could not lie down in bed to sleep, she would say, "I thank God that I can do as much as I can. I'm better off than a lot of people." She often goes to the Portland Convalescent Home with her neighbor to visit her neighbor's husband.

Mildred does what she can to witness from her home. She tells us that she writes to her nieces, and always includes a little witness to them. Most of her time is spent in reading or listening to the Christian radio station in Middletown. The two TV's in her living room sit idle, because she doesn't care for most of the programming on TV.

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Leon Roth said that history is "an attempt to seize occurrences in their pattern," but Paul Valery questioned the possibility when he described history as "the science of what never happens twice." The truth probably lies somewhere in between: probably nothing ever happens *exactly* the same way twice, but we can discover patterns that *generally* are true.

In this context it is often entertaining, and sometimes enlightening, to compare similar events separated by the passage of a number of years. For instance, as Seventh Day Baptists prepare for the 1980 session of General Conference, what was Conference like 100 years ago, in 1880?

Well, first of all, it was held later in the year, beginning on September 22. And secondly, it was shorter, running from Wednesday ("Fourth-day") morning through Sunday ("First-day") evening. Thirdly, it was hosted by a local church in that church's building, rather than by an association at a college campus. In 1880 Conference met in the newly renovated church at Little Genesee, New York.

President of the 1880 Conference was the Rev. A.E. Main, then pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton in Ashaway, Rhode Island, and later to serve as corresponding secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, dean of the School of Theology, and president of Alfred University. As was then the custom, the session of Conference was opened with an address by the president; Dr. Main's topic has a modern ring: "Our Mission," using Matthew 28:19-20 as the text. Main by the way, was 34 years old at the time.

The denomination was about 70 per cent larger in 1880. Seventy-six of the 90 churches then in existence reported their statistics that year: an increase of 405, a decrease of 285, for a net gain of 120, and a total of 8,627. Three new churches were admitted to General Conference: Norwich, New York; Pleasant Hill, Illinois; and Harvard, Nebraska; none of which remain today. Contributions to denominational affairs were up, and all prayed that there would be a continuation of the spirit of the last Conference. The Memorial Fund, with assets totalling more than \$45,000, distributed about \$1,200 in interest income.

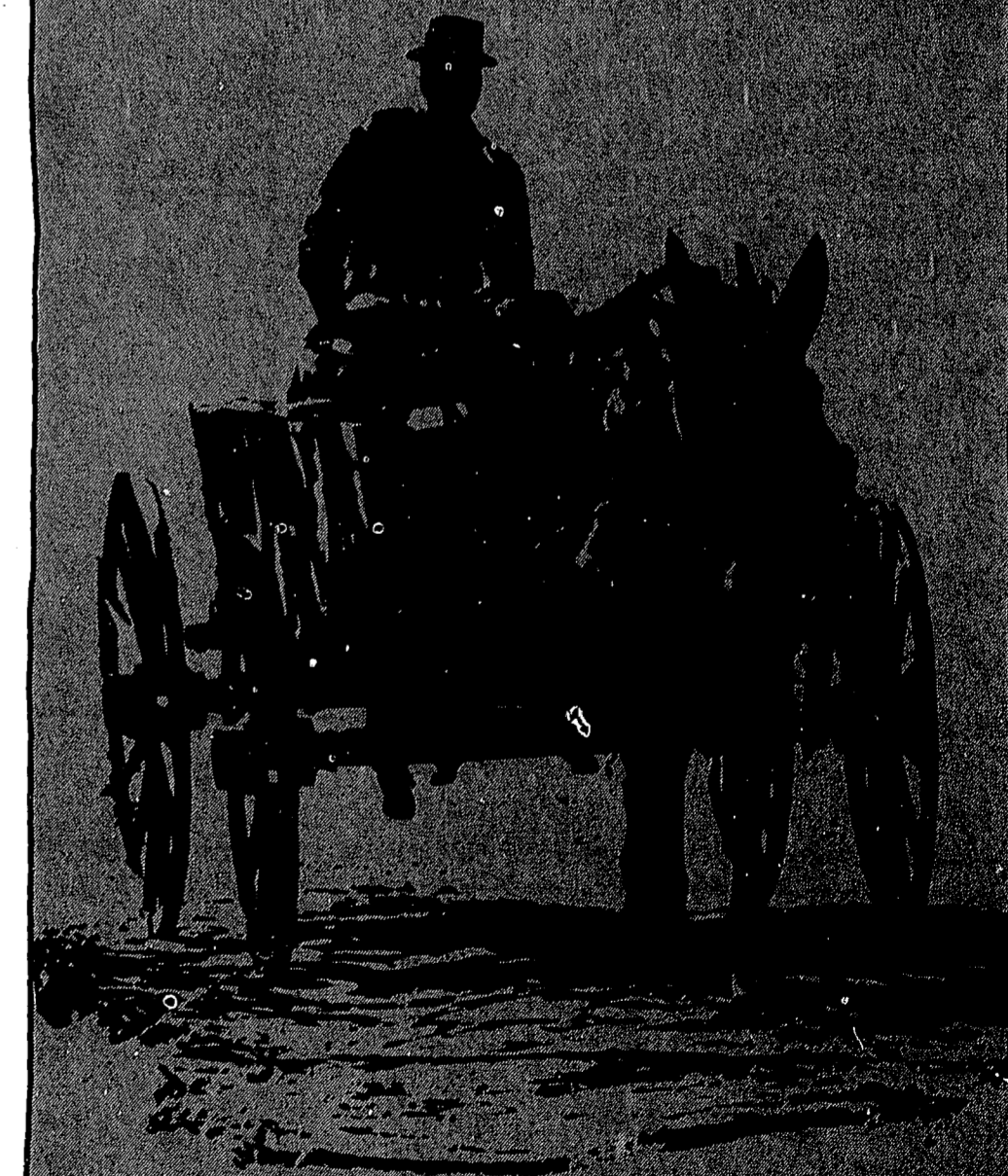
Among the chief items of business was the adoption of a new denominational statement of belief, superseding the original "Expose" of 1833 as amended in 1852. Also in the area of faith and order, the Conference answered in the affirmative to a question from the Big Sioux, North Dakota, church: "whether God sanctified the night with the day," in relation to the Sabbath?

Churches were encouraged to use the new *Seventh-day Baptist Praise Book* of hymns, and to hold Sabbath School Institutes within their associations. And Conference voted its support of efforts in Pennsylvania to repeal Sunday "Blue Laws," and efforts in New Jersey to secure a prohibitory liquor law.

Finally, the Rev. Joshua Clarke, then pastor of the DeRuyter, New York, church was elected president of the 1881 Conference, to be hosted by the Farina, Illinois, church. □

General Conference— 100 Years Ago

by Tom Merckant, historian



**CONFERENCE
PRESIDENT'S
COLUMN**



by Rev. Duane L. Davis

**CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S
VISITS**

Conference President Duane L. Davis has completed visits to many of our American churches as a part of his Conference responsibilities this year.

Visiting thirty-six Seventh Day Baptist Churches in nineteen states, Pastor Davis of Seattle, WA, has contacted fifty churches through meetings of people where churches are in proximity enough to have joint meetings. In twenty-eight of the thirty-six churches, President Davis has spoken or preached, on the Conference theme for 1980, "Pleasing God in Every Way." Sharing an audiovisual prepared by Barb Snyder, Faith Mission worker at Plainfield, NJ, entitled, "What is a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference?" at many of the churches, Davis has also shared in the developments in outreach and growth in many areas during this first year of Seventh Day Baptists' "Decade of Discipleship." "I am very excited about the new enthusiasm and commitment evident in every area of the nation where Seventh Day Baptists are located," he said.

Combining visits to the churches with as many other meetings as possible, President Davis has participated in meetings of the Conference

Host Committee in Colorado in preparation for General Conference sessions at Loretto Heights College, in Denver, August 10-16. He also participated as a visitor at meetings of the denominational Stewardship committee at Milton, WI, the American Sabbath Tract Society and Memorial Fund Trustees committee, at Shiloh, NJ, executive committees of the Missionary Society at Westerly, RI, and the Southeastern Association at Salemville, PA, and the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference in Dallas. April 12, Pastor Davis was the guest speaker of the Michigan churches in White Cloud, and May 16-18, at the annual meeting of the Allegheny Association at Alfred, NY. In addition, he has been able to combine his visits with meetings of the General Council and its executive committee and participate as a visitor at the Coordinating Leadership Team meeting, May 27-28, in Plainfield. Through excursion rates of Eastern Airlines, Davis has combined many of these visits in two three-week trips in April and May, released by his local church where he is pastor at Seattle, Washington. Personal contacts have been a most valuable part of the visits," Pastor Davis has commented, "including contacting sixty-five Seventh Day Baptist pastors, active and retired, and being a guest overnight in twenty-seven SDB homes." □



Photo by Phil Burrows.

General Conference Stewardship chairman Richard D. Shepard describes the "Storybook Process" of planning to 1980 Conference President Duane L. Davis as the Stewardship Committee makes plans for promoting "Christian Stewardship as an Attitude of Life" at a planning meeting at Milton, Wisconsin, in April 1980. □

**FRATERNAL DELEGATES
TO SDA**

Conference President Duane L. Davis of Seattle, WA, and Calvin Babcock of Alington, TX, represented Seventh Day Baptists at the 56th General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dallas, TX, in April.

Meeting every five years, the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference included delegates from around the world, who were seated according to their respective divisions called Unions. Around eleven thousand voting delegates were registered, with many other observers and church members attending programs and Sabbath services. Pastor Davis and Deacon Babcock were seated as Official Observers at the Conference, by invitation to our denomination, and were welcomed to the platform during the business session on Thursday afternoon, April 17. A tribute to the Seventh Day Baptists for their centuries of faithful Sabbathkeeping and for introducing the Sabbath truth to the Adventist movement in 1844 was given, and President Davis was invited to bring greetings from Seventh Day Baptists to the Conference. On Sabbath afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Babcock were guests of the director of the SDA church's fraternal relationships for dinner. □

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It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the sessions of the 179th Anniversary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA, August 10-16, 1980, at Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colorado.

General Conference is a time of "home-coming for this part of the family of God," a time for inspiration and learning, as well as the annual business sessions of our denomination, seeking and planning for God's will for days ahead. A successful Conference needs participation of delegates from every church coming with anticipation and prepared to seek the Lord. Will you join us in Colorful Colorado this year?

As we meet in beautiful Denver, the "Mile-High City," we will be surrounded by the grandeur of God's creation in the Rocky Mountains. What a glorious opportunity to dedicate ourselves to His cause through the Seventh Day Baptist denomination! Our hosts are the churches of the Mid-Continent Association, whose faithfulness in the mid-west has continued for over 150 years, and nearly a century at the edge of the Rockies. Now represented by Seventh Day Baptist churches in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado, the members of the Host committee have made preparations for our stay, and join me in inviting you to share in a week of fellowship, inspiration, business, planning, fun, and spiritual growth in our Lord's love.

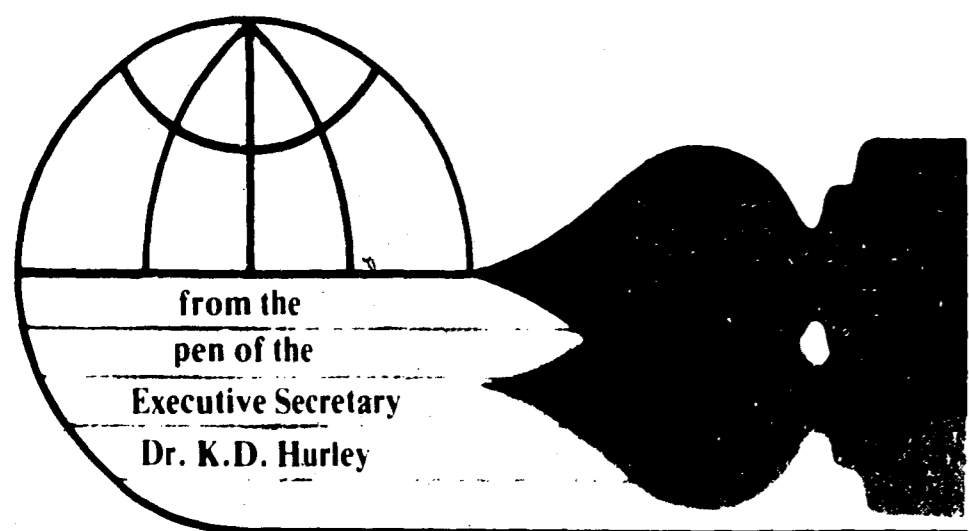
The meetings for this session have been thoughtfully and prayerfully planned around the theme, "Pleasing God in Every Way" (Colossians 1:10). Every age group has been included. Please join us on the campus of Loretto Heights College for a week of General Conference—praying that our theme may be realized in and through Seventh Day Baptists everywhere—"pleasing God in every way!"

See you at Conference! □

1980 Conference President

WORD OF TRUTH RADIO LOG

<p>ALABAMA—Huntsville WNDA 95 FM Sunday 1:45 p.m.</p> <p>ARKANSAS—Texarkana KCMC 740 Monday 8 p.m.</p>	<p>CALIFORNIA—San Diego XEMO 860 AM Sabbath 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>MISSISSIPPI—McComb WHNY 1250 Sunday 7:45 a.m. WAPF 980 AM Sunday 1:00 p.m. WCCA 94.1 FM Sunday 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW YORK—Schenectady WABY 1400 AM Sunday 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW YORK—Wellsville WLSV 1480 AM Sabbath 9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>TENNESSEE—Kingsport WGOC 1090 AM Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>TENNESSEE—Memphis WMQM 1480 AM Sabbath 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>WASHINGTON—Centralia KELA 1470 AM Sunday 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>WASHINGTON—Sumner KDFL 1560 AM Sabbath 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>WASHINGTON D.C., AREA WFAK 1220 AM Sabbath 10:15 a.m.</p>
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KEEPING THE BALL ROLLING

"Forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark..."
(Phil. 3:13-14)

Seventh Day Baptist are "on the move"!

A Decade of Discipleship has been successfully launched. Opportunities have been provided for church members to become involved in growth toward true discipleship. There is an exciting ground swell of enthusiasm for the decision to disciple movement. Pastors across the country are reporting, with excitement, about the vision for the future resulting from one-to-one "evangelism" encounters with parishioners. More and more people are learning the joys of being Christ's disciples and participating directly in carrying out the Great Commission.

The overall role of the Decade of Discipleship is to **double** in all phases of church life and ministry between 1980 and 1990. A good start has been made!

Prelude—to the Decade

As a prelude to the Decade, a number of encouraging developments are evident, including the following: eight new churches have been established within the past few months; several fellowships have been—and are being—started in new locations; eight new ministers have been ordained; several new recruits have answered the call to the gospel ministry and entered into theological training. The denominational radio program, The Word of Truth, is being heard in more and more places across the country. Obviously, through Commitment to Growth studies and the challenge of the Decade of Discipleship, there is a new spirit among Seventh Day Baptists.

The study of denominational organization has also helped to "set

the state" for progressive developments. Research and analysis have revealed that the supporting denominational service organizations universally desire to accomplish effectively the Lord's work among, for, and through Seventh Day Baptists. Last November an inter-agency consultation affirmed that there are already many areas not only of possible, but actual cooperation and coordination. A desire was demonstrated to accomplish voluntarily, rather than by legislation, what needs to be done to assure maximum utilization of resources in the Decade of Discipleship growth pattern. A follow-up consultation is scheduled at Conference time this summer in Denver, at which time further plans will be developed for the **pursuit** of the goals for the Decade of Discipleship.

Pursuit of the Goals—for the Decade

Goal setting is an important prerequisite to accomplishment during the 80's. For individuals, for churches, for boards and agencies, and for the denomination as a whole.

Russ Reid, a contemporary Christian expert in Church Communications and Public Relations, emphasizes that—

"Strategic planning is not simply planning ahead. It's the rational determination of where an organization is, where it wants to go, and how and when it will get there. In other words, to plan is to program for change. It is a concern for the future implications of present decisions."

At Conference in 1979, Seventh Day Baptists officially adopted the Decade of Discipleship outline of action. During October of last year, denominational representatives visited all of the Seventh Day Baptist church groups in the country, introducing personally the pattern of progress through reoccurring cycles of emphases

on nurture, extension, and ministry. Before Conference this year, each church will be asked (through a questionnaire to be mailed to it in July) to establish its individual goals for the Decade—and thus a procedure of yearly evaluation and reporting will be established. Such voluntary accountability will strongly augment the Decision to Disciple and provide promise of accomplishment.

Promise of Accomplishment—in the Decade

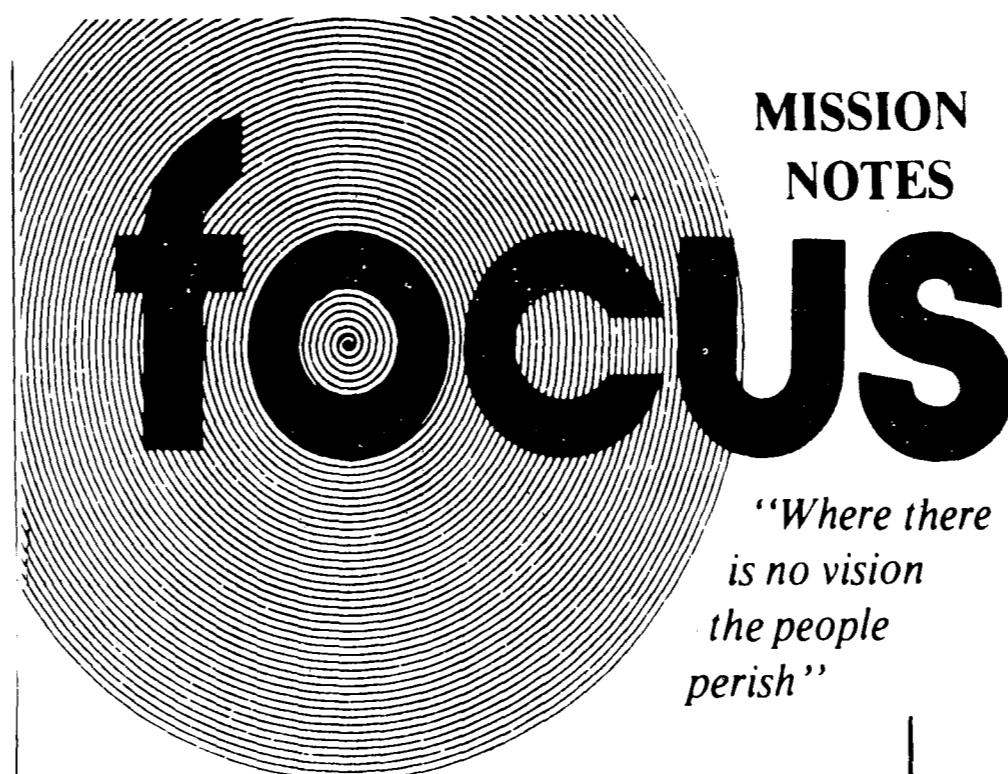
In the enunciation of the Great Commission, our Lord and Savior gave both a directive and a promise. If committed Christians do His bidding in this regard, they are given the promise that He will be with them—always! (Matthew 28:19-20)

Herein is the prime focus of attention for the Decade: not organizational structure and support services; not budgets and monetary giving; not goals and the reporting of accomplishments, as important as all of these matters are—but true dedication to Christ and His Cause. All substantial, lasting, and true growth comes from spiritual vitality!

The lay leader of a Seventh Day Baptist group emphasized the centrality of Christian commitment when he wrote in a recent letter:

"We have to grow in the Spirit and grace. As we commit ourselves more fully to the control of the Spirit, we become more filled, and He is better able to work through us demonstrating, yes, the fruits of the Spirit; but also the gifts and power of the Spirit in our lives. Those that are filled with God's Spirit are like the New Testament church. They are bold in Christ. You will not find any timid Spirit-filled Christians. Seventh Day Baptists need more bold,

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MISSION NOTES

"Where there is no vision the people perish"

AUGUST 1980

- 1-Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson, Malawi, Africa
- 2-SCSC workers and their ministry this Sabbath
- 3-Missionaries Rodney and Camille Henry and family, Cebu, Philippines
- 4-Those traveling to Colorado for Conference activities!
- 5-Directors/staff of Pre-Con Retreats which begin tomorrow in CO
- 6-Those attending Pre-Con Retreats—Youth, Young Adult, Family
- 7-Your General Council in session in Denver
- 8-Conference President Duane L. Davis as he leads the sessions
- 9-OUR WORLD MISSION OFFERINGS—a special emphasis in many churches
- 10-Senator Jennings Randolph, D-WV, who speaks at Conference tonight
- 11-Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, Conference speaker tonight
- 12-Rev. Gabriel Bejjani who brings the Conference message tonight
- 13-General Conference speaker at the evening service, Rev. C. Rex Burdick
- 14-Rev. Russell G. Johnson and his evening message at Conference
- 15-The Sabbath Eve speaker, Rev. Gordon P. Lawton
- 16-Sabbath Worship speaker, Rev. Charles H. Bond, at Conference
- 17-The General Council as it reorganizes and makes plans for a new Conference year
- 18-New Conference President, Rev. Charles Graffius, Los Angeles, CA
- 19-Joel L.O. Omare, one of the SDB leaders in the Kisii, Kenya, mission
- 20-The continued evangelistic outreach by our sister churches in Brazil
- 21-New possibilities for growth and witness in Australia
- 22-The ministry of Jin Sung Kim and the house churches in Korea
- 23-Seventh Day Baptists around the world as they meet for worship and fellowship
- 24-President E.O. Ferraren of the Philippine SDB Conference, Cebu City
- 25-Follow-through on summer camps and Bible schools: serving new contacts
- 26-SDB seminary students and Dean Herbert E. Saunders
- 27-Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church, London, England, and Pastor Peat
- 28-Our brethren in Sabbatarian churches in Poland and Eastern Europe
- 29-My "neighbors" who do not know Christ and my witness to them
- 30-Elder and Mrs. J.A. Nieuwstraten of Haarlem, The Netherlands, as they complete their USA visit and return home
- 31-Rev. L. Sawi Thanga, General Secretary, and the members of the churches of the Burma SDB Conference

●GUYANA, S.A.: "Retreat this year was bigger and just as uplifting as the previous years. All our pastors were involved. Our theme: "Thy Kingdom Come." Fifty persons were enrolled, representing our local congregations and groups. We were especially thrilled to have six members from our newest group from Manamrine. These are of Amerindian descent, wrote Pastor Sam Peters late in April. He also spoke on his health. "God has given me a tremendous recovery, and I am now back in the full work load."

●ASHEVILLE, N.C.: Regular Sabbath services are being held at the Ralph Weber home, 214 Pearson Dr., with Sabbath School at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11:00 a.m. "In the absence of the field pastor Ralph Weber serves as program coordinator. Mr. John Thompson of Hendersonville serves as adult SS leader and has also preached several times" (quoted from THE LINK).

●MOZAMBIQUE: Pastor Benesse has been reportedly imprisoned, but details are few. It is known that increased government pressure on the church and its workers has led to arrest of other leaders and pastors. Remember our brother and his family in prayer. Earlier, his son was taken from the family by the government.

●KOKOMO, IN: This daughter Fellowship of the Columbus, OH, SDB Church is meeting regularly each Sabbath. Lawrence Watt is giving some pastoral leadership each month and Rev. Dale Thorngate visits each quarter.

●BURMA: A member of the Tuingo SDB Church, Mr. Neihchana, entered study at Myahma Institute of Theology (MIT) at Insein, Rangoon, in June. He was selected by the Burma SDB Conference and will be aided in his course by funds from the Joe E. Lewis Fund.

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PRAYER

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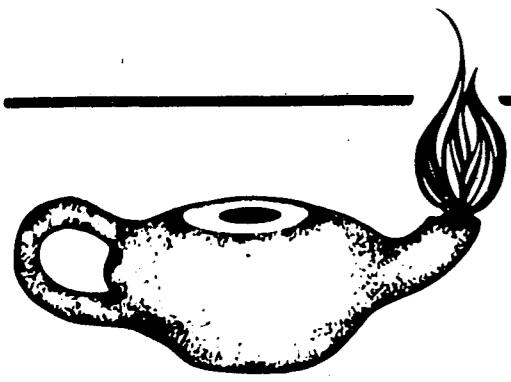
A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

Christ said: "Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value, and are safe from thieves. If your profits are in heaven your heart will be there too."

-Matt. 6:19-21 LB

SEPTEMBER 1980

- 1-Medical Director Muhura and the medical workers in Malawi, Africa
- 2-The effectiveness of tracts shared this month and the Tract Society
- 3-Pastor Samuel Peters and other workers in Guyana, South America
- 4-Those participating in the Decision to Discipleship groups in our churches
- 5-The extension training program for pastors in the Philippines/Rod Henry, director
- 6-That I might be open to God's message through His Word and my pastor
- 7-My daily walk and witness for my Lord, Jesus Christ. Is He Lord?
- 8-The NEW Women's Society Board in Los Angeles, CA
- 9-For "new beginnings" as our children return to their classrooms
- 10-Rev. B. John B. Rao and pastors in the SDB Conference of India
- 11-Field Pastor John Camenga and his ministry in NC, SC and TN
- 12-Pastors and leaders of the SDB witness in Nigeria, West Africa
- 13-Time to experience the rest and re-creation of God's Sabbath—Praise the Lord!
- 14-The goals my church has (will) set in its outreach ministries
- 15-The Central Africa Conference sessions in Malawi, Africa
- 16-Director of Church Extension, Mynor G. Soper
- 17-Pastor Benesse and churches in Mozambique, Africa
- 18-The youth in my church. How can I encourage/help them?
- 19-Lone Sabbathkeepers, as they prepare again to enjoy the blessings of the Sabbath, even though separated from a church
- 20-The Berlin, NY, church as it celebrates its 200th anniversary
- 21-The American Sabbath Tract Society in its 137th Annual Meeting at Plainfield, NJ
- 22-Sunshine Mountain, Chatawa, MS—the special ministry for handicapped people
- 23-Pastor John Mpacko and fellow Seventh Day Baptists in The Cameroon, W. Africa
- 24-Pastor Stephan Saunders and the church in the Bay Area, CA
- 25-Rev. David S. Clarke and all those who write for the *Helping Hand*
- 26-Exec. Vice-President Leon R. Lawton and the work of the Missionary Society
- 27-For visitors at my church this Sabbath. If none, why?
- 28-God's guidance and inspiration in daily study of His Word
- 29-SDB students in training for the ministry
- 30-Desire and strength to devote full energies to the Decade of Discipleship



Thy Word is a light...

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Mary Clare

ASSOCIATED CONFERENCES

The Board of Christian Education is finalizing plans for Associated Conferences which will be held in conjunction with the 1981 General Conference.

Associated Conference is not a baby-sitting service. It is an opportunity for children to learn more about Christ and personal salvation through Him as well as living in a Christlike relation with others. We are especially thankful to those people who are willing to give up large blocks of time to the ministry of children in 1981. The directors not only give time but also pay almost \$100 for the privilege of teaching these classes. The Board is currently assisting financially to the amount of one-half of the General Conference fee. As Conference fees continue to escalate, it would seem probable that a greater amount would need to be paid prospective directors, putting a strain on the Board's budget; contributions to Our World Mission,

designated for Associated Conferences, would be welcome.

Parents have a responsibility to help the Associated Conference program run smoothly and relieve the directors of unnecessary work.

Senior High Associated Conference was organized in 1978 to meet the needs expressed by some of the youth. The objectives of this conference are:

1. Experience personal growth
2. Become interested and involved in General Conference Program
3. Become aware of Seventh Day Baptist influence on peers in society
4. Learn something about community (surrounding area) in which General Conference is being held.

Rev. Larry Graffius will be directing the Senior High Associated Conference for the second year. His program will incorporate visitation to various Conference meetings, eliminating the Youth Rap sessions after lunch. The Youth trip will be scheduled for the Wednesday afternoon free time planned by President Duane Davis.

ONLY THOSE WHO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY MORNING will be eligible to go on the trip. Those Youth who are church delegates and attend regular meetings will be counted as attending Associated Conference.

The material selected for *Primary, Junior, and Junior High* classes is "Bullfrogs and Butterflies" by Agape Press. The directors will be: Junior High, Doneta Richards, with Rachel Drake assisting; Junior, June Johnson; Primary, Muriel Osborn and Vivian Looper.

The Kindergarten director will be Lori Mares, Jane Mares and Marty Pederson assisting; the material, "God Plans for Friends."

PARENTS (AND OTHERS) ARE URGED TO OFFER TO HELP TO THESE DEDICATED PEOPLE FOR AN HOUR OR TWO SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK.

President Duane Davis is planning to have the Associated Conference sharing time for the Sabbath school at 9:00 o'clock Sabbath morning. □

Personality Profile: Mildred Cambridge

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Our visit is almost over, and we stand to go, and say goodbye. We make our way back through the boat yard, and to the bridge. As we cross the bridge, we remember Mildred's story about watching a parade go across the bridge from her father's boat on the river. The visit was a good one, and we know one member of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel a little better. □

-Rev. Paul B. Osborn
Nortonville, KS

Points To Ponder

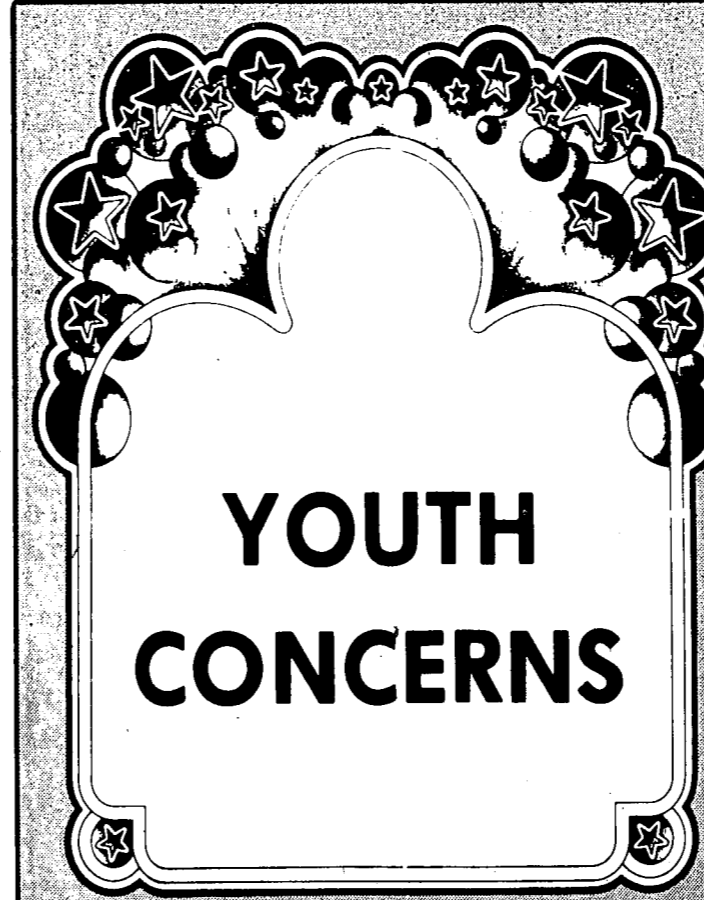
We're talking about the gospel according to Paul this month—*not* Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, but Paul, taken from his Epistle to the Romans.

In chapter one Paul writes: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...for in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last..."

Then he begins a description of our sin, the lack of right-ness before God. For two terrible chapters Paul

graphically describes our over actions and inner rebellions against God, ending with a series of Old Testament quotes in chapter 3, including the accusation, "There is no one righteous, not even one." Religious and heathen alike have been shown totally bankrupt as far as right-ness with God is concerned.

Remember—Paul started with a declaration of the gospel as the power of God for the salvation of believers! Have faith in God, and Praise His Name! □



YOUTH CONCERNS

FAITH MOTIVATES GOOD WORKS

"For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead."

-James 2:26 RSV

In a paper called "NOW," Ray Le Tourneau, President of the Le Tourneau Foundation, has related his experience of flying over Peru at a time when the sky was overcast and the pilot was unable to see the field on which they were scheduled to land. The plan was formulated to fly out to sea using their instruments and when they were under the clouds, return to land. It was a reasonable plan, but as the descent was made, the pilot looked out of the window. When he looked back, the instruments indicated the plane was in a steep turn. The pilot disregarded the warning and continued to fly by his own feeling rather than the instruments. The plane soon stalled and went into a steep dive; only prompt action by another pilot saved the passengers and the plane from eminent disaster. The plane was eventually landed in a safe valley after flying under the clouds as planned.

The pilot lost his bearings because he lost faith in his instruments. We, too, can become lost if the basic instrument of our faith—the Bible—is

not followed.

God put the whole truth in the Bible, as Christians we must study, live and teach all the Bible truths as we understand them. Faith in God and Jesus Christ is the foundation of Christian living. Accepting Jesus Christ as Savior is important to our personal lives, present and future; but our relations with others are equally important.

The author of the book of James presents the thesis that a person cannot have true faith without showing it in his character and dealing with others.

"What does it profit, my brethren, if a man has faith but has not works...So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

-James 2:14,17

Individual or group study of the Book of James, would be a valuable instrument in charting a course of a Christian lifestyle. □

A Bible for Albert

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I gave Albert the Bible, and he promised to read it. I prayed for him, and afterwards I saw the tears on his face, softening the hard old lines of bitterness and frustration. "Thank you," he said through quivering lips as he shook my hand. "I haven't been in a church for years. I only came tonight because I was going past and stopped to listen to the music, and someone invited me in."

I watched him go slowly through the doors of the church, crumpled birthday cards in his pocket and a Book in his hand, and I thought, Dear friend, my problems are nothing compared to yours, but I honestly believe God will ease your loneliness, if you give Him the chance. Please, Albert, read the Book!

I've thought a lot about this encounter since then, and I know this is the kind of story I would have scoffed at once. "A stereotype, a formula, predictable to the last detail," I might have said. But it happened to me. And maybe God planned it that way: that my first

taste of the joy of sharing Jesus, not with my words, but with His, should come in a manner that my proud mind would never have chosen. □

-This incident occurred while the author was a member of the Continental Singers in 1971.

●Church attendance records were broken on May 3 in Washington, D.C., with 115-120 persons present. Of this number more than half were guests and visitors from the Church of God (Seventh Day).

1980 PRE-CON RETREATS

Family Paul Hummel	Aug. 7-10	All ages
Young Adult Paul Hummel Denver, CO	Aug. 6-10	Ages 18-35
Youth James Park, CO	Aug. 6-10	Ages 15-18 (Or FINISHED grade 9)

Keeping the Ball Rolling

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Spirit-filled members who will spread the word about the good news of Jesus Christ and His Sabbath truth."

As Seventh Day Baptists begin the Decade of Discipleship, it is evident that more and more of them are becoming truly Spirit-filled. A strong forward—and upward—movement has been established. Good progress has already been made; plans for the future are substantial. New enthusiasm, new encouragement, new dedication; all these abound. Now comes the golden opportunity—with God's help and guidance—to **maintain the momentum!** □



NEW HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FORMULATED

A new health insurance plan for pastors and other employees of Seventh Day Baptist churches and the denomination has been inaugurated by the Committee on Support and Retirement. Working through Yates and Street, an insurance company based in Tennessee, a national Blue Cross/Blue Shield account has been set up to provide Seventh Day Baptist employees with full medical insurance coverage. The plan offers the following:

IN-HOSPITAL BENEFITS (No Deductible)

- 1) Pays 100% of the daily semi-private room rate anywhere in the world.
- 2) Pays for confinement in an intensive care unit.
- 3) Pays 100% of ALL covered hospital charges in addition to room and board.

SURGICAL BENEFITS

The plan pays 80% of charges made by a physician for surgery.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY BENEFIT (No Deductible)

Full coverage for treatment of accidental injuries as hospital outpatient if treatment is within 72 hours of the accident.

MATERNITY BENEFITS

- 1) Maternity is treated as any other illness, with full coverage of hospital room and board and hospital charges.
- 2) Pays 80% of usual, reasonable, and customary doctor charges for maternity with no deductible.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AND X-RAYS

Diagnostic tests and x-rays at doctor's office or as hospital outpatient are paid at the rate of 100% of the first \$300 each calendar year, with charges beyond the initial \$300 each calendar year going into major medical.

MENTAL AND NERVOUS DISORDER BENEFITS

- 1) Pays annual maximum of \$8,000.
- 2) Pays 50% of out-patient charges, after deductible.

MAJOR MEDICAL BENEFITS

- 1) Major Medical Expenses

- a) Doctors' office calls and other charges - 80%
 - b) Shots and other treatments at doctor's office
 - c) Prescription drugs
 - d) Medical supplies prescribed by a doctor
 - e) Laboratory exams at doctor's office or as hospital outpatient
 - f) X-rays at doctor's office or as hospital outpatient
 - g) Private duty nursing by RN or LPN
 - h) Physiotherapy
 - i) Radiological treatment
 - j) Ambulance service
- 2) Major Medical Maximum: \$250,000 per person
 - 3) Deductible of \$100 per person per calendar year
 - 4) After any insured person has \$100 in major medical expenses, the plan pays 80% of major medical expenses for the remainder of that calendar year.
 - 5) If major medical expenses total \$10,000 in a single year (in other words, after \$2,000 in out-of-pocket expenses), the plan pays 100% of major medical expenses for the remainder of that calendar year.

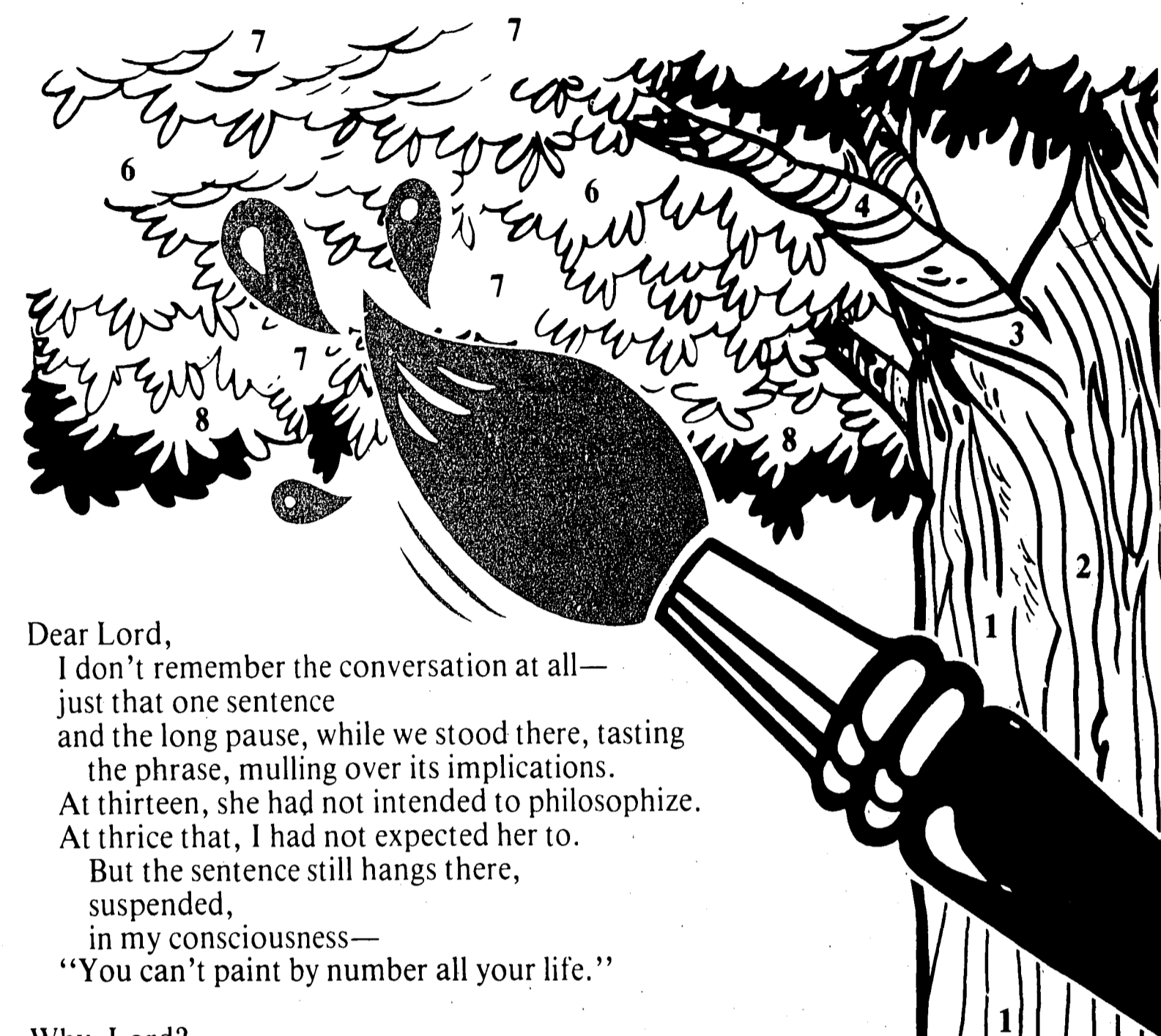
PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

- 1) Are covered immediately if the condition has not been treated for 90 days prior to effective date of the policy, or
- 2) Will be covered immediately if the insured can go 90 days without treatment after the policy goes into effect, or
- 3) Will be fully covered after 12 months even if the condition is being treated.

PREMIUM RATES:	All States	California
	Except Calif.	Rates
Family Coverage (Under 55)	\$ 94.95	\$ 99.95
Single Coverage (Under 55)	39.95	42.50
Family Coverage (55-65)	109.75	114.75
Single Coverage (55-65)	44.00	46.55

The Committee on Support and Retirement would encourage all pastors to participate in the medical insurance program and invite churches to absorb the cost of such coverage for their pastor and family. Certainly protection for unexpected health problems would be added support for a pastor who is faithfully serving your congregation.

"You Can't Paint by Number All Your Life"



Dear Lord,
 I don't remember the conversation at all—
 just that one sentence
 and the long pause, while we stood there, tasting
 the phrase, mulling over its implications.
 At thirteen, she had not intended to philosophize.
 At thrice that, I had not expected her to.
 But the sentence still hangs there,
 suspended,
 in my consciousness—
 "You can't paint by number all your life."

Why, Lord?
 It's so much easier.
 And it makes a prettier picture than I could ever
 do alone.
 I think.
 Except that there is something stilted about it.
 Especially close up.
 I have never been moved by a paint-by-number picture.
 And yet I keep clutching at a paint-by-number life.
 I want rules, guidelines,
 neat compartments already labeled,
 decisions pre-determined for me.
 I have never attempted to create a picture on clean
 canvas.
 I wonder what would happen if I did.
 I wonder what would happen if I launched out on
 my very own pattern of living,
 exuberantly—
 relishing the possibilities,
 delighting in the choice of colors,
 blending with finesse,
 mixing wildly,
 shading delicately,
 choosing—free to decide—creating a life-style
 that is mine alone,
 and expressing with every honest stroke
 life
 and love
 and thee.
 Amen.

-The Christian Home



The editor of this theme section, "The Role of Women in Ministry," is Madeline Fitz Randolph. Madeline is well known as the editor of the Women's Page in the Sabbath Recorder and for her work with the Women's Society. She has been a valuable helpmate to her husband, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, in their several pastorates; they have served the Boulder church since 1966. A special "thanks" to you, Madeline, for this thought provoking theme section.

-Editor Bevis

The Ministry of a Loving Wife

A wife cannot make a marriage by herself, but she can be the glue that holds it together. Her ministry is one of dedicated loving, and often sacrifice.

I recently read an article titled "The Importance of Love." It was written by a husband, and he stressed the importance of humility. For example: "One of the oddest and most frustrating experiences I have had is that of loving my wife more deeply when I am not with her. We encounter each other and something goes wrong. I am hurt and confused. I go to work, and in my inner experience, feel my love and am determined to let her know of this when I see her next. I see her and find the same awful troubles, now more convinced than ever that she does not appreciate the wonderful person that I am in loving her. I have no humility, and so I do not really love. When I realize what is wrong, and feel humble before the fact that she loves me, I begin to know that the reward one has is in loving, *not in being loved*. Since we are made in the image of God, our loving is our striving toward godliness. It is our privilege, not our duty. Love has no rewards beyond the experience of it, nor does it require any."

How fortunate that we are made in the image of God, who is love incarnate! Recently a young wife, contemplating strongly the possibility of divorce, attended a meeting of women who were all in a post-divorce state. She reported: "They were the most soured-on-life people I have ever seen. I can't imagine a more unhappy group of people. I don't want to be like that! They had no one to love."

A wife has a ministry to expect her husband to achieve to his highest capability in life and she, by believing in him, and inspiring him, can often be his reason for success.

She also has a ministry to accept him the way he is without "making him over" into something he can never be.

She has a ministry of supporting him in his work; putting his needs before her own. If she doesn't think what he does is important, he won't think so either, in many cases.

Imitating the love of God...a forgiving love...is very difficult, but it is sometimes the only answer to problems. In an interview with a minister and his wife, the husband says: "One of the greatest things that ever happened in our marriage was the time when she told me: 'Charlie, you don't need to be afraid. I'm going to love you no matter what you tell me. You can tell me how ugly you feel, and I'll still love you. It won't scare me.'...later she said, 'Even if you have an affair, I'm going to love you.' Sure, she probably knew ahead of time that I wouldn't have an affair because where else would I get that kind of an offer?"

A wife can often "break the block" in communication. (It helps if she can't keep her mouth shut, and has a failing memory). The "silent treatment" only hurts everyone.

The nearer we pattern our behavior to the "Perfect One", the more likely a wife is to have a successful career as a wife. The Grace of God enters into many situations, and it is theologically defined as... "the free, unmerited love and favor of God."

The Ministry of a wife is one of supreme importance...how many marriages would be saved, if women only realized how much depends upon each of them? □

Madeline Fitz Randolph

The Sabbath Recorder

Ministry of a Mother

"God has placed every one of us in a position; He has ordered, and measured, the diameter of our circle; He has given us our sphere; He has a record of all the opportunities which that sphere affords; and we shall be reckoned with, not concerning matters beyond our sphere, but concerning all matters within our sphere.

"Let us take as an illustration, the case of the mother of a family. The cares of a family are numerous and heavy; and there are many instances in which it is impossible for a mother, and head of a house, to be engaged in much external ministry for God. But if she be willing to serve Him, she need not be disheartened.

"Is not home a little world in itself, and is not she, either for good or evil, the grand influence of home, much, most of it taking its tone from her? Would that Christian mothers recognized more the great opportunities and responsibilities of home ministry; that they saw how the very fact of their influence being concentrated, gave it force! The charge of gunpowder, which occupies but little space, sends the shot to a long distance; what mother can tell how far her concentrated influence will send her children, in the career of holiness, and usefulness amongst their fellows."

Rev. P.B. Power wrote this piece in 1863, over one hundred seventeen years ago. It is beautifully written, and there is much power, and spiritual content there, as well as truth, at least for that time. But we are not living in a time when the home is a "little world" where the dominant influence is the mother. We are living in a fragmented time when "home" for a child is sometimes two or three places. We are bombarded each day with the "bad news" about the condition of family life in our time. I wonder what the Reverend Power would say about our home of 1980, the typical home? He would be unbelieving if he read that in 1978 the number of unmarried couples living together in the U.S. was 1.1 million, although traditionally married couples numbered 48 million. Significant to the problem is the statistic that 800,000 families are supported by a woman, not living with a husband. More and more common are the single parent families, that start with just one...the mother. Items in the vital statistics say...the name of a child...born to (mother's name) and the one set of grandparents is named.

As discouraging as all this seems, and as contrary to God's plan for families, we do know for a fact that there are many good homes, with strong Christian influences, in spite of all the negative reports we hear. We have many signs of hope. One is the fact that more and more young couples, even though they have already lived together, are seeking a lasting relationship through marriage, and are coming to the church for this experience. Perhaps it is the old story of man, in his fumbling and errors, needing to find his own way back to God. It was so in the early days of man, and it must be so in these (so-called) "advanced" times.

Being with children all day, every day of the week results in my being able to know what they are thinking, and how they are reacting to their families. Just the other day I was leading a discussion with a group of fifth graders. The story we had just read was about a child who had just started to kindergarten, and had become a changed child. He was rude, and naughty, and brought home stories from school each day about a very bad child whom he called "Charles." It was well into the story that we began to realize that he was actually telling about his own bad behavior at school, but his parents did not find it out until the end of the story when the teacher informed them that she had no child named "Charles" in her class. The whole story is told by the mother, and my question to the group was, "Why did the author have the mother tell the story, instead of the father?"

Everyone had an answer, but all answers meant almost the same thing...
"Mothers are more interested in what their kids do."
"Mothers get blamed for it if the kids are bad."
"Fathers are gone all day and don't really know what the kids are doing."
"Mothers understand their kids because they take care of them more."

It was obvious that mothers were important
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A Woman's Ministry to Herself

Women today have more choices than ever before in all of history. A woman may choose to marry or not to marry; she may choose to bear children, or not to bear children; she may choose any kind of career she feels she wants, and is reinforced in her decision by society as well as the law.

With all this freedom of choice, many women suffer a vicious cycle of emotional sickness, many times without realization of what it is, or what it means. It begins with a lack of self-esteem. This emotional reaction does not seem to be peculiar to any segment of womankind, not limited to any trade or profession, but runs the gamut of all levels of accomplishment.

It is often found in women who have no career outside the home. These homemakers must look to the family for reinforcement and gain their self-esteem from them. If encouragement and appreciation are not found through the reaction of the family, wives and mothers begin to feel valueless at times. Doing the manually executed tasks each day in the home requires a conscious elevation of one's thoughts to surmount the monotony. Knowing and repeating Psalm 139:13 can be an antidote: "You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb...when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there—you saw me before I was born... O God, how precious are your thoughts...when I awake, I am still with you."

Women who serve as wives of ministers often have to deal with this lack of self-esteem. Being married to a minister does not exempt a woman from experiencing emotional difficulties. If anything, the wife of a pastor may suffer more emotionally than the average woman, since her husband must spend the majority of his time ministering to the needs of others. This suffering could be alleviated through the realization that she has a special place to fill, that of "ministering to the minister!" God has placed ministers' wives in a role that calls for being her own "individual self", and still ministering to her husband and the congregation in her own way. Even though there may be a scarcity of *words* of appreciation, the minister's wife is always appreciated for the things she does for others, and usually is a beloved member of God's family.

It is in the "cold" atmosphere of the business world that women may often lose a feeling of worth. There is sometimes a real advantage in the process of "evaluation" which takes place where one is a "hired" person, and required to produce goods or services. On the other hand, when a woman has chosen incorrectly to accept a role which is not right for her, and she is evaluated as "unfit", there comes a real time of testing. Often such an evaluation brings a feeling of inferiority, which is not deserved.

It is from a situation such as this that thoughts and attitudes develop about ourselves which are negative. Lest we be destroyed by these thoughts, we can try to realize where negative thoughts come from. For example, many of us were brought up to believe that if we didn't behave in a certain way, our parents wouldn't love us. We transferred this belief to our thoughts of the relationship we have to God...and we find ourselves losing our feeling of being a loved child of God. We can find scriptural

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People of our day are thinking a great deal more about the discipline of the physical and spiritual self. It is rewarding to speculate just how much we might have in common with the early Seventh Day Baptist (German) women of the Ephrata community, in our disciplines. In that day, and within the community which was founded by Conrad Beissel, the discipline of the spiritual was linked with that of the physical.

The community we are referring to is described in *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*, Volume II, and was situated in Pennsylvania in the southeastern area of the state. It is described in the travel atlas of the states thus: "Seventh Day Baptists built the doorways low to teach the brothers and sisters humility, and narrow halls to keep their paths straight. The kindly folks nursed the wounded from the Battle of Brandywine. Poverty and celibacy slowly reduced the community. The abandoned buildings of the Ephrata Cloisters were restored by the state (Pennsylvania) in the 1930's."

The women of the group command our attention when we read that there was organized "The Spiritual Order of the Roses of Saron." This was about the year 1720. When a maiden consecrated herself to the ascetic life of this Order, a benediction was pronounced over her, as in an ordination ceremony. This meant that she dedicated her life to a ministry of devotion to God and to prayer. The daily schedule was as follows:

After evening meal:

- 7 to 9 p.m. Instruction (school) and practice, reading, writing or singing.
- 9 p.m. to 12 midnight are devoted to sleep.
- 12 to 2 a.m. devoted to psalms, hymns and holy prayer.
- 2 to 5 a.m. are devoted to sleep.
- 5 a.m. awake and time for holy contemplation.
- 6 a.m. when everyone goes to regular vocation.
- 9 a.m. devoted to spiritual and bodily refreshment, and bodily employment until
- 5 p.m. when we again devote an hour to holy contemplation until
- 6 p.m. when our meal is prepared with great care and takes place; at which time more attention is given to obedience and moderation than to the kind of viands.

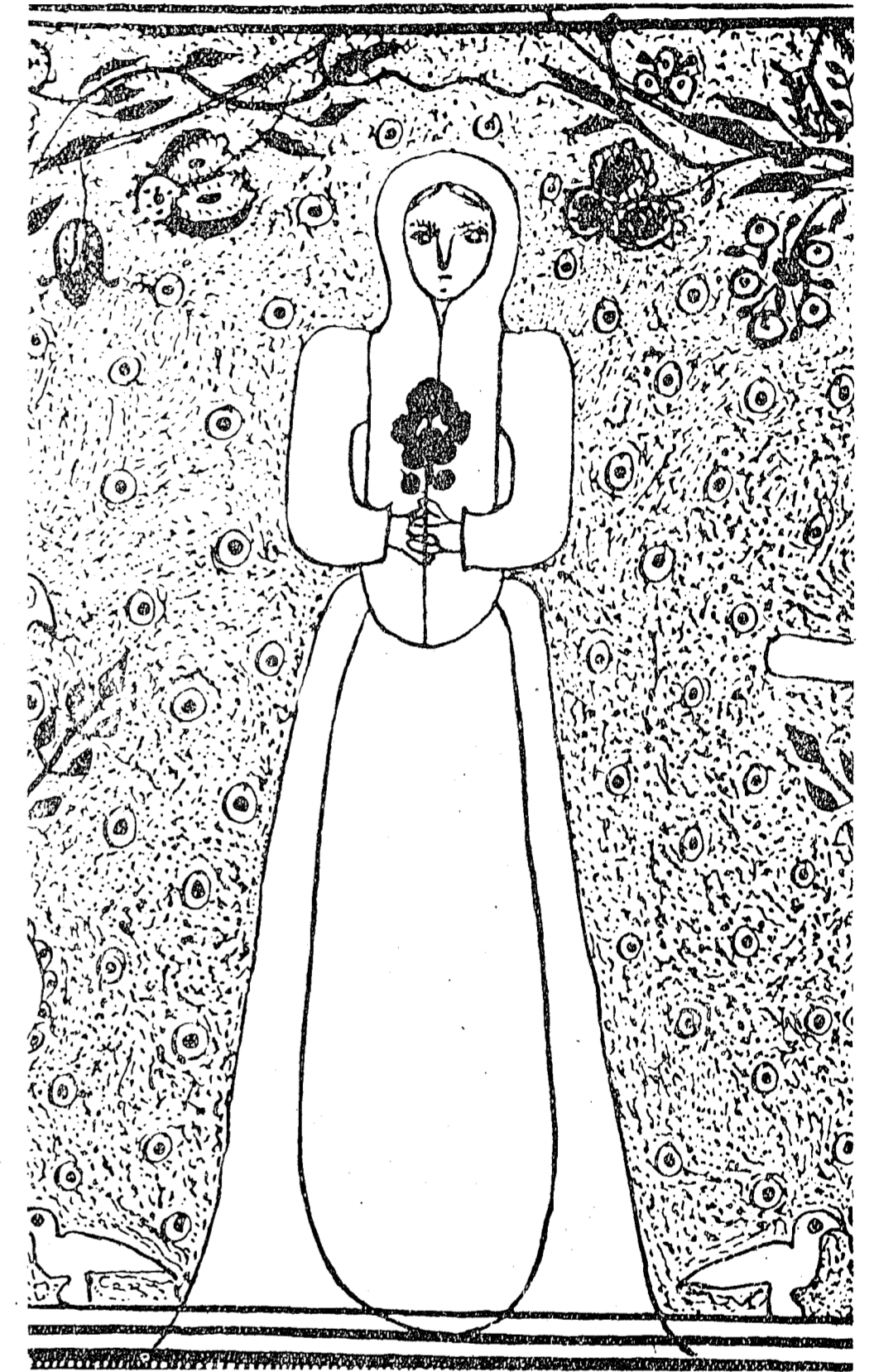
Thus we have gone the full circle of the day. Sleeping was done on a narrow board "bed" with a small wooden board for a pillow. Time was counted only by hours, since clocks only had one hand...the hour hand.

Although the description of the life and times of our "Sisters" of this long-ago time seems harsh and difficult, there was beauty in the work which they performed, and music was an important part of their lives.

Conrad Beissel, founder of the Cloister, was a musician who wrote seven-part music. He had many strict rules for his singers. Women took most of the parts, except where bass voices were needed. It has been said that the music of these people had a celestial quality. Beissel's theory was that care must be taken of the body, and "its requirements reduced to a minimum, so that the voice may become angelic, heavenly, pure and clear..." All animal foods including milk, cheese, butter, eggs and honey deleteriously affecting the voice were forbidden. Wheat and buckwheat were highly recommended as well as all tuberous vegetables, but beans he condemned! For liquid, clear water was best. This regimen seemed to

A Ministry from the Past... Can We Relate to the Spiritual Order of the Roses of Saron?

by Madeline Fitz Randolph



work, for an early writer quoted in "Rupps History of Lancaster County" is recorded as follows: "The tones issuing from the choir imitate very soft instrumental music, conveying a softness and devotion almost superhuman to the auditor. The whole is sung in the falsetto voice; the singers scarcely opening their mouths, or moving their lips, which throws the voice up to the ceiling, and the tones which seem to be more than human appear to be entering from above and hovering over the heads of the assembly."

Singing was given the status of the other occupations such as spinning, writing, basket weaving, quilting, sewing and embroidery. The buildings were arranged in such a way that several cells opened out upon a common room containing a fireplace and other conveniences. Each common room was used by each respective class for one special "occupation."

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The Ministry of Women, Ordained To Be Ministers

Seventh Day Baptists have never made distinctions between men and women or among races in regard to the ministry." This statement stands in a volume edited by Dr. Wayne R. Rood, entitled *A Manual of Procedures for Seventh Day Baptist Churches*.

There have been and are still many women of exceptional ability, both in speaking and writing, among the ranks of Seventh Day Baptists. We have chosen to allow the two first women who were ordained into the active ministry of Seventh Day Baptists to tell in their own words, why the desire to be in the "Ministry" overcame tradition, parental objections, and sex stereotyping, and led them into the service of God.

Experience (Perie) Randolph Burdick was ordained into the ministry in Hornell, New York, in 1885. She speaks to us through *The Sabbath Recorder* of December 1907.

"I do not think that I inherited any tendency toward the Gospel ministry. No church influences helped me to decide the vital question, for my home church, during my girlhood and early womanhood, was in West Virginia, where people felt that 'women as pastors do not succeed, and it is not wise to encourage young women to prepare themselves for the ministry.' The church of which I was a member felt yet more strongly and believed 'it would be wicked for a woman to try to preach.' In the spring of 1882 when the church of which I was a member heard that I had decided to enter the Theological Seminary at Alfred, they licensed me to preach. This was a little more than three years before my ordination. It now seems to me that the strongest influence which led me into the ministry was the spirit of God. From my earliest memory I had an intense longing to tell people about the Saviour and his love, and I was almost rebellious because I was not a boy, for then I could preach. These feelings never left me entirely and they were greatly intensified at my conversion when I was about six years of age. The influence of my consecrated and self-denying parents, who always began each meal with thanks and kept a well-used family altar did much in leading me to heed the voice of the Holy Spirit. During my college life at Alfred, President Allen and Prof. H.C. Coon greatly assisted me in deciding the question, although they did not know until I had made the decision that I ever entertained the idea of entering the ministry. Rev. S.D. Davis, of West Virginia, was the only person who ever spoke to me about it. He gave me excellent advice and encouragement. For over twenty-five years my longing to enter the ministry was a profound secret between myself and God. Though I am but a weak worker, I have the consciousness that I am in the work which my Saviour has called me to and if I fail it is not because God did not call me into the work, neither is it because I am a woman, but because I am not faithful to the commission given to me, a commission which Christ gave first to Mary at the tomb.

Rev. Angeline Abbey Allen was the second woman to be ordained as a Seventh Day Baptist minister. She grew up and was baptized in the North Loup, Nebraska, church at the age of eighteen years. At this time she was burdened for others and worked to win those of her own age to Christ. In her own words she speaks of her wish to serve. At that time she lived in Erie, Pennsylvania, and was married. She was ordained in 1919.

"I had a conviction that I ought to preach. At first the thought staggered me—I did not want to do that kind of work. Always I had been diffident, desiring to keep out of sight. I liked to encourage others to do things, myself remaining in the background. All the time feeling profoundly the need of God's work being carried on by his children upon earth, I could not rid myself of the impression which stayed by me for two years, developing into a steady conviction that I ought to preach. During that time I read some history, studied my Bible and some theological works, and wrote much upon religious themes, a little for the press under a *nom de plume*, but mostly for my own satisfaction I wrote compositions which I called sermonettes, taking a text and dividing the subject into headings, as I thought a sermon should be—preparing myself for what I felt dimly might come in future years."

Mrs. Allen worked with young people in Erie, Pennsylvania and later in her life, after the death of her husband, did evangelistic and pastoral work in the communities of North Loup, Nebraska, and in several communities in Wisconsin.

Called to the ministry...can a woman serve? I believe that God calls all of us to whatever occupation we may choose, and that women can serve, and are serving, all over His world to bring others to Him. □

-Madeline Fitz Randolph



Rev. Angeline Abbey Allen

Rev. Experience (Perie) Randolph Burdick



My Ministry in the Nursing Home

To "serve the Lord with gladness" in a nursing home was a very rewarding experience for me. I was looking for a part-time job that would fill the evening hours while I was away from home attending college, but in this position I found much more—people with needs which only the Lord could fulfill.

In the institution where I worked, many of the clients had no one to care for them, and for that reason, the only "family" they possessed was the nursing staff. We couldn't take the place of the real family who lived nearby, but who rarely came to visit, no matter how hard we tried. It was heartbreaking to see birthdays and holidays pass as the anticipation of the aged turned to bitterness. One of the happiest times we had in our section was after one of our ladies had been taken out to dinner by her family. Even though we teased her about getting in late, we knew how much the outing meant to her by the glow on her face and the twinkle in her eyes. If the family had only realized how happy it made her, I'm sure they would have repeated the treat more than once in four months.

There are so many needs to be met in older patients. There are all the obvious physical ones, of course, but there are many who are unable to communicate or even to move without aid. These need special understanding, and I had to learn to rely upon the Lord to help me to care for them; to be able to read "yes" or "no" in their eyes. I never seemed to be able to leave "one of the least of these" without first trying to understand their needs, and meet them as best I could. I never finished my rounds first, but I did know that those in my care were more comfortable after I had been there.

An important truth which I needed to learn was that I must deal with death as a less frightening part of life. For some of these patients, death was the only hope they

had to look forward to. One lady was so stricken with cancer that she would continually pray for God to let her die. When the time came, and I was leaving her room, another aide stopped me, saying "You'll get used to seeing people die." It was then I realized that tears were running down my face. They were not tears of sorrow, as my fellow-worker thought, but tears of joy that her prayers had been answered.

Another person there told me that I would "get used" to the suffering, and that after awhile it wouldn't bother me anymore. I hope that time never comes. How can I minister to these people if I am indifferent to their pain?

When I first started working at this job, I was taking care of a lady who didn't want to do what I asked her to do, which was to get out of bed and sit up for dinner. I was coaxing her and remarked, "We only do this because we care about you." To which she coldly replied, "None of you nurses care about me; you only want me to do what is convenient for you!"

This remark prompted me to look very critically at the motives behind the "routine" tasks I was performing. Did they really serve the critical needs of the patients? Needs change, and care must be flexible and also change to accommodate those needs.

Taking time to exercise lovingkindness was sometimes hard, especially on nights when we were short-handed and rushed. But a kind word or squeeze of the hand does more for a patient's well-being than almost any other therapy. It only takes a minute. I'm starting training to be a Registered Nurse this fall, but those special people who live in the Manor taught me more about nursing CARE than I could ever learn in a classroom. □

-Janece Goodrich Hopkins Burwell, NB

We Are Chosen To Be Ministers—in All Our Ways

by Jean Jorgensen

"The Lord did not love you and choose you because you outnumbered other peoples; you were the smallest ... on earth. But the Lord loved you and wanted to keep the promise that he made to your ancestors. That is why he saved you by his great might and set you free from slavery..." Deut. 7:7,8.

"It is not because of our own goodness, our keeping of the Ten Commandments, or our choice of beliefs that God chooses us. It is only because of His grace and mercy that we are chosen. We are chosen by God for Him to use, to reveal to other people who He is and what He is like. We are chosen not because God loves us more, but because God loves others and wants to reveal His salvation to them through us." (Stonecroft)

If we can't trust others, how can we begin to trust God? If we don't love others, how can we know God's love?

Not long ago I was working at the Junior High School as a substitute study hall supervisor for one week. About the middle of the week the kids were really getting to me. I was being made a fool of, and I crawled out of there each night never wanting to go back. This was not an easy job. It was a constant battle, and I was beginning to look upon these kids (only 13 through 15 years of age) as my enemies. About Thursday morning I was thinking about calling in "sick." As I was having my morning devotions the Scripture concentrated upon loving your enemies, those who persecute you... (I was feeling truly persecuted). How can I love those disrespectful, scheming, spiteful human beings? It was right then that God revealed to me that He is the one I am to love, and in loving Him I quite naturally show love to others. He also revealed that in loving Him (and thus others), I am not to expect love, respect, gratitude or any response in return. That day my attitude did change and the day went quite well. I doubt if the students were any different than usual; I simply began seeing them in a different light, God's light!

A NEW MINISTRY— ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO BE MINISTERS!

"So then, we must always aim at those things that bring peace and that help strengthen one another." Romans 14:19.

Did you ever feel that you are trying to do too much? Are you taking on a responsibility that would be, to another person, a chance to find a potential she had never known? I don't think you should just sit down and do nothing; but why not be a motivating force behind another Christian—an encouraging suggestion, perhaps, to someone who is lonely and wouldn't mind going to visit another person in a nursing home, but lacks transportation. Encourage someone who is able to use the telephone to organize a telephone exchange, checking up on the elderly or shut-ins, to see if they need anything. Why not ask someone to round up a meal for a family with a sick mother, instead of doing it all yourself.

Instead of taking all the jobs on yourself, be a "backer-upper" letting others take the lead. There are so many areas to cover in helping others and witnessing God's love.

THE MINISTRY OF SHARING...

Sharing your ministry is verbalizing... A friend casually remarked to a waitress in a hamburger stand that he went to (and named) a church...whereupon she remarked that she had never been inside a church. He invited her to come, and to his surprise, she came with her mother and little sister. We never know when God will use us to verbalize His will for another person.

Sharing in a Scripture-memorizing group could be a great way to have His word at your fingertips. If I meet a non-believer, and need to back up my statement with a Scripture quotation, and can't do it, it weakens my witness.

Sharing in a small group Bible study and discussion. Avoid the traps groups sometimes fall into...once discussion turns to family problems, community concerns and gossip, you have failed. Another trick is *not* serving desserts—just something to drink such as coffee, tea, juice, is no burden and helps people to be at ease.

Sharing in writing... Write your experiences with God in a diary-type book. Give it to a Christian friend; help deepen her pilgrimage with God.

Another "sharing-in-writing" idea... a group of ladies in the church are too busy to find time to meet together and share, so we are going to share in a book. The book will be a blank book. The first person will start it; writing down something that has been revealed to her, or a poem or Scripture that is meaningful. She passes it on to another person, who reads her writings, then enters her own inspiring message or thought. It eventually gets around in the group, and back to person number one. It should be fun to read in the future to see what God is revealing to us, and to help measure our growth toward Him.

Sharing concern with the whole community... About a year and a half ago, a family in the church where we attend (but do not belong) was struggling in the battle with leukemia in their son. It was expensive and a very emotional time for them, and I thought something needed to be done to help them. I mentioned it at our ladies' circle meeting, and some negative remarks were the result... "We didn't help so and so." "We'd better be careful here that we don't hurt someone else's feelings because we didn't help them." Maybe they don't want our help; we don't want to offend them." "We can't help everyone." I promptly got upset and went marching to the minister. (This is a large church with membership of about 1,300 with eleven women's circles.) The minister said for me to go uptown, start a fund at the local bank, then go to the newspaper and advertise the fund, telling

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the CHURCH in ACTION



The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Centralia, WA; meets in the chapel of the Salvation Army.

New Church in Centralia, Washington

Sixty-seven persons gathered for celebration-worship on Sabbath, March 22, to formally recognize the organization of the new Seventh Day Baptist Church of Centralia, Washington.

Pastor L. Wayne Babcock led the worship service which climaxed with the affirming of the church covenant with the signatures of ten charter members.

Pastor Justin Camenga of Portland, Oregon, led in the dedication prayer, and Pastor Duane Davis of the "Mother" sponsoring church of the Seattle Area and president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, U.S.A., brought the message. Pastors Camenga and Davis were involved in the beginning services of the Centralia church. Also participating was Pastor Charles Graffius, of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church and president-elect of the General Conference. Larry Sanford gave the endorsement of the Seattle Area church of the new church. Maude Posey of the Seattle Area church was the pianist for the service.

Sarah Becker, clerk of the new church, read the history of the church which began with weekly Bible studies with herself and Sandra Baumel and monthly trips to worship on the Sabbath in Seattle, 80 miles distant. Sabbath services began in Centralia in September 1978 with regular meetings since then. Services are being held in the Centralia Salvation Army Chapel.

Pastor and Mrs. Wayne Babcock moved to Centralia in September 1979. Sensing the challenge of a new (new to them) call to dedicated service, the Babcocks, after putting out "fleeces" to four different areas, accepted an invitation to become a part of the Centralia endeavor.

In November 1979 there was agreement that formal organization was right. The church was formed with the election of officers, the calling of a pastor, and the preparation of a covenant, articles of faith, and a constitution.

The Centralia church has been active in outreach and service. Weekly newspaper ads inviting people to take the free GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE COURSE were begun in the summer of 1978. Two public S.D.B. information meetings were held in Chehalis. The Seventh Day Baptist radio program, "Word of Truth" is aired from a Centralia station every Sunday at 9:45. A direct mailing of several thousand letters with tracts introducing Seventh Day Baptists and welcoming people to worship services have been mailed to residents of the Centralia-Chehalis area.

Charter members included three who brought letters from the Seattle Area church, two from Dodge Center, MN, and five who joined by confession of faith, having been baptized by Pastor Davis in July 1979 in the Skookcumchuk River.

Members of the new church are:

From Centralia, WA:

Rev. Wayne Babcock
Ida Babcock (Mrs. Wayne)
Clayton Baumel
Sandra Baumel (Mrs. Clayton)
Clint Baumel
Jack Baumel

From Chehalis, WA:

Sarah Becker
Susan Halvorsen (Mrs. John)

From Randle, WA:

Myron McPherson
Corrine McPherson (Mrs. Myron) □

The new address for Pastor and Mrs. Wayne Babcock is:
1713 Cook's Hill Road #2
Centralia, WA 98531

CHILDREN DEDICATED IN MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

NORTH LOUP, NE—Mother's Day was observed on Sabbath, May 10. Nine young children and babies were dedicated and six members were added to the church family. Those dedicated were Angie Sue, daughter of Edwin and Dianne Clement; Teresa Lynn, daughter of Rollie and Norma Davis; Seth Adam and Levi Andrew, sons of Merlyn and Colene Williams; Jordan Thomas, son of John and Ruth Ryschon; Gregory Brett, son of Dan and Dawn Richards; Anne Michelle, daughter of Stanley and Pam Soper; Nathaniel Allen, son of Maurice and Cindi Soper; and Nicholas Andrew, son of Ivan and Sue Soper. A fellowship dinner followed the morning service.

During the afternoon service some mothers were especially honored. They were, the oldest mother, Mrs. Mary Davis, who will be 92 in July; the youngest mother, Mrs. Maurice Soper; the newest mother, Mrs. Ivan Soper; the mother with the most children present, Mrs. Merlyn Williams, with four; the mother from the farthest distance, Mrs. Harlan Severance of Arkansas; and Mrs. Victor Skaggs, the pastor's wife. Each was presented with a rose.

Tom Schock will be the summer assistant pastor. We predict a busy summer of which the camping program will be a part. Pastor Skaggs has accepted a call to the Plainfield church effective in August. We will miss him and Ardale but our best wishes will go with them. May the Lord guide us to make the right choice for a new pastor.

The Dr. Grace Missionary Society is studying "Lord, Change Me" by Evelyn Christensen. Regular meetings are held at the church. Projects have been quilt making, sewing kits, health kits, and serving layettes and receiving blankets from CROP. In May, baskets were filled and delivered to shut-ins, sick, and elderly of the village.

Cheryl Abel O'Brien received her B.A. degree at the University of Nebraska at mid-term. Charles Abel, valedictorian and recipient of a four-year Regents Scholarship to the University of Nebraska is a high school graduate. Darcy Lippincott graduated June 1. Dr. Bernard Keown is interning at the University hospital in Omaha. Pray for us as we seek God's blessings on all our undertakings. □

-Bertha Clement

HOMEcoming CELEBRATION AT DAYTONA BEACH

DAYTONA BEACH, FL—The Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated its annual Homecoming March 21-23 with special worship and fellowship activities. A quartet composed of Charles Harris, Charles North, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, and Kenneth Camenga provided special music Sabbath morning. Sabbath afternoon Alan Crouch was ordained as a deacon. Bernice Todd sang a solo for the afternoon service. Other participants included Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, worship leader; Erma Van Horn, call to ordination; Kay Bee, charge to the candidate; Rev. Marion Van Horn, consecrating prayer; Charles Harris, charge to the church; and Marguerite Heinig, welcome to the diaconate. A chicken barbecue picnic dinner on Sunday concluded weekend activities.

April 25-27 marked the second (annual?) youth retreat of Florida Seventh Day Baptists, held again at Farles Lake in the Ocala National Forest. Alan and Janette Crouch, Leon and Iris Maltby, Pastor Ken Van Horn, and Marjorie Jacob, all of the Daytona Beach church, and Aaron and Ida Price, of the Putnam County church, led this retreat for twelve young people associated with the two churches. Other church members contributed money, food, and camping equipment.

April 12 the people of the church surprised Leon and Iris Maltby with a preliminary golden wedding celebration. The annual ice cream social, held May 4 as a part of Family Week, drew its usual raves. In April the church was privileged to have Rev. Duane Davis and Dr. K.D. Hurley visit.

-Janette Crouch

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The 1981 Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Conference will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida on February 18-25, 1981. The Conference will be limited to 70 participants. This year we are inviting pastors to bring their spouses to participate in the Conference sessions. Details of the Conference and registration blanks will be mailed to the pastors in September, 1980. Set this date on your calendar and plan to join us. □

-Dean Herbert E. Saunders

SABBATH PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The Sabbath Promotion Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society appreciatively acknowledges the various people involved in making this year's Sabbath Renewal Day packet. Patricia Cruzan created the design for the bulletins and *The Sabbath Recorder* cover for May. Rev. Marion C. Van Horn developed the responsive reading printed on the back of the bulletins. Dr. Kenneth Smith, Rev. Kenneth Burdick, and Alan Crouch wrote sermon outlines. Rev. Glen Warner contributed the children's message. Jeanne Wilhelm was responsible for the primary materials and Amanda Snyder was responsible for the youth materials. The committee hopes that the packet was helpful and welcomes comments and suggestions.

As fair time approaches, remember that the Sabbath Promotion Committee has matching funds available for church or association fair booths. Applications can be obtained from The American Sabbath Tract Society, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. □

-Janette Crouch

BACCHIOCCHI SPEAKS AT SABBATH RENEWAL DAY SERVICE IN BOULDER

BOULDER, CO—Our Sabbath Renewal Day was a very special time for the Boulder church. Our service was opened with a handbell solo with harp accompaniment by Paul Hoehn and Leah Cole.

Many visitors from the Seventh-day Adventist church and the Seventh Day Church of God shared the opportunity to hear Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi speak on the value of the Sabbath in today's restless world. Truly it was an inspiration to share the vision of the only Protestant to receive a degree from the Vatican University. One of our members taped the service so it could be made available to anyone interested in hearing the message. □

● Seventh Day Baptists in Western North Carolina are now meeting weekly at the Ralph Weber home, 214 Pearson Drive, Asheville. Sabbath school is at 9:45 with worship at 11:00. Ralph Weber serves as coordinator and John Thompson of Hendersonville as adult Sabbath School teacher. For more information call (704) 253-7577 or 883-8540.

CHURCH "CELEBRATES" RESURRECTION SABBATH

ASHAWAY, RI—Mary Jo Harrington and Gary Marsh were baptized last fall and continue to worship and study with us. Praise God!

The Evangelism Board is planning meetings with the express purpose of bringing in the unchurched. We are praying for a miracle here in Ashaway and we are expecting one. At the request of the Spiritual Leaders we have a Visitation Program in operation. Linda Lawton, for the board, planned a Celebration for Resurrection Sabbath to which New England SDB Churches, other area churches, and the public were invited. We had a marvelous time praising God! We began with a dish-to-pass dinner, followed by Communion at the tables led by Pastor Bob Harris of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel, Middletown, CT. Then we went to the Meeting House for a service, "Celebrating the Risen Lord." We had special music from the Paul Johnson family of the Waterford, CT, church; from Pastor Leon Lawton, Westerly; from Marion Brayman from a local Pentecostal Church; and an anthem "For Now Is Christ Risen" by the Second Baptist Church, No. Stonington, CT. (Linda directs this choir.) The music was all glorious. The worship service closed with a slide show planned by Linda, photographed by the pastor



The Paul Johnson family of the Waterford, CT, church.

and posed for by young people of the church. It was beautifully done and left us with the direction to "Go, Baptize and Teach."

The Christian Education Board has hosted a Valentine party for members and guests at which we were entertained by a puppet show done by the Junior High Class and by a movie, followed by refreshments. It was a lovely evening. They also sponsored a contest in the graded department and on March 29 had a Winners' Party to which all were invited. We played games and were entertained by a magic show. Also for the first time they gave out Love Boxes in February to shut-ins, sick and elderly. The CE Board is collecting

used Bibles for the World Home Bible League.

The Stewardship Board is preparing the grounds for summer and keeping the building in good repair.

The first group of disciples is now in Phase Two of the Decision to Disciple material. Pastor and Linda are the disciplers.

The Ladies' Aid members made Valentines and sent them out to loved ones again this year.

One of our members, Leon Wheeler, has felt the call of God to go into the Ministry and has been accepted as a student at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, KS. Praise God! □

-Helen Brayman

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-Evelyn Weber

MARRIAGES

BENNETT-NAVARRETE.—Robert Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bennett of New London, CT, and Darlene Navarrete, stepdaughter and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moreno of New London, CT, were united in marriage at the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church by the pastor Dale E. Rood on May 9, 1980.

CRUZAN-MAY.—Janis M. Cruzan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cruzan of White Cloud, MI and John M. May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack May of Grand Rapids, MI were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud on March 28, 1980 by the Rev. Orville W. Babcock.

PLANE-CASON.—James L. Plane and Lorrie B. Cason, both of Battle Creek, MI were united in marriage on November 17, 1979, in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the bride, officiating. The new home is in Battle Creek.

RADER-HEDGHES.—Randall Dale Rader, son of Jerry D. Rader and Jimmie A. Rader of Houston, TX, and Denise May Hedghes, daughter of Donald G. and Joan Lederer Hedghes, were united in marriage on March 15, 1980, at the Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church, Seattle, WA, by their pastors Roger W. Bruns of Graham, WA, and Duane L. Davis, Seattle. They will be stationed in Germany with the US Army.

VORWERK-BOATMAN.—Lee Arnold Vorwerk of Auburn, WA, and Rebecca Lynn Boatman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Boatman of Graham, WA, were united in marriage on May 3, 1980, in Des Moines, WA, the Rev. Richard Meyers and the bride's father, the Rev. C. Ray Boatman, officiating.

WALKER-PALMITER.—Dennis J. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Walker, and Nyla Sue Palmiter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Palmiter, all of Battle Creek, MI, were united in marriage on January 19, 1980, in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, with the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the bride, officiating.

NEW AUBURN GROUP ATTENDS WASHINGTON FOR JESUS RALLY

NEW AUBURN, WI.—“Washington for Jesus” was an effort to encourage Christians to pray regularly for our country and its leaders, that as a nation we would repent and turn back to God and to travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in a massive rally of fasting, prayer and repentance for our nation.

This event took place on April 29, the anniversary of the landing of the first permanent Christian colony at Jamestown in 1609. On that day, the settlers knelt in the sands of Virginia Beach to dedicate this land to the glory of God and the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Again, in the midst of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed April 30, 1863, as a day of national fasting and prayer for repentance and forgiveness, because America had turned against God.

Today, on the threshold of another dark hour for our country, Evangelical leaders of many denominations called all Christians to a day of fasting and prayer and repentance for our nation, because, once again, America has turned her back on God.

Is there any answer to our nation's problems except God? How can we hold the Bible to be God's Word yet

not make it our standard of practice and ethics? We have His promise in Second Chronicles 7:14, “If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.”

On Sabbath Day, April 26, ten members of the Bloomer (Wis.) Interfaith Youth Group left for Washington, D.C., to attend the rally. Pastor David Taylor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, New Auburn, accompanied them as youth pastor and guide. While in the nation's capital, they were the guests of Pastor and Mrs. Leland Davis.

A youth rally was held at R.F.K. Stadium on Monday, April 28. Ministering to the 30,157 in attendance were Second Chapter of Acts, Roger Wiles, Kenny Reid, Lamb, David Albritton, Truth, Barry McGuire, Larry Tomczak, Nancy Honeytree, Pat and Shirley Boone, Nicky Cruz, Candle, Arthur Blessit, Pat Terry, Josh McDowell, Imperials, Keith Greene, Myrna Summers, Kyle Rote Jr., and many others. The rain forced those in attendance into the shelter of the upper decks but didn't dampen the moving of the Holy Spirit as thousands joined hands,

sang praises to the King of kings, and prayed for a revival in our nation.

An estimated 700,000 Christians gathered at the Mall between the Capitol Building and the Washington Monument on Tuesday. Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network, told the crowd, “In times of crisis in our land, to come and say, ‘God of our fathers, you will save us’—that is why we are here.” Other speakers included Jim Bakker (PTL Club), Dr. Bill Bright (Campus Crusade International), Dr. Adrian Rodgers (president of the Southern Baptist Convention), and Rev. John Gimenez (the Virginia Beach evangelist who initially received the “Washington for Jesus” vision).

At noon, thousands took part in a march down Constitution Avenue, led by Arthur Blessit of Los Angeles carrying a six-foot wooden cross.

The marchers reached out to those watching the procession, calling out, “Praise the Lord.” About 6:00 P.M., Rev. Gimenez led the Body of Christ in prayer and challenged those who attended to go back home and lead revivals in their home towns and cities, to the glory of God the Father. “Washington for Jesus” may be over, but the winning of America for Jesus has just begun. □

-David Taylor

SPRINGFIELD SDB'S REACH OUT

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Christ Memorial Chapel is a Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship located in the beautiful Ozarks in the city of Springfield. Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Hatcher are leading out in the development of this new witness. The Hatchers relocated from the West to Missouri over a year ago. They began their church and later discovered Seventh Day Baptists.

Rev. Mynor Soper has worked with the group on several occasions. More recently they were visited by Rev. Paul Osborn and others from the church in Nortonville, KS. In March Editor and Mrs. John Bevis visited in Springfield and also put the Hatchers in touch with other Sabbathkeepers in southern Missouri. Regular worship services are held each Sabbath in the chapel located in the Hatcher home. Attendance varies from ten to thirty-five.

The Word of Truth is broadcast each week over WKFC, Friday at 5:45 p.m., and several new contacts have resulted from the broadcasts. Pastor Hatcher sees greater visibility for Seventh Day Baptists in the area and attempts this through newspaper ads as well as the use of radio. The Springfield *News-Leader* recently ran a story about the new church with a picture of the van used to carry the SDB message to the community (see photo). Pastor Hatcher



Norman, Ruth, David, and Cameron Hatcher are pictured by one of the vans which Pastor Hatcher plans to use for visibility and outreach in the Springfield area.

has two such vans, properly identified with the church name and address. He hopes to carry the message to the community with these vans. The van ministry will feature music and racks inside hold SDB literature. The vans will also be used to distribute food and clothing to area needy.

Pastor Hatcher announces that the weekend of July 12-14 he plans to have a camp meeting at the church. The spacious grounds make possible the erection of tents, parking of campers, etc. He will be working with Rev. Mynor Soper in the development of program to include

sermons, music and good fellowship. It is hoped that this will give opportunity for Seventh Day Baptists and others in the Middle and Southern states to come together for a time of Spiritual fellowship. For more information about this meeting our readers may call Pastor Hatcher at (417)865-4579.

We pray God's blessings on the Hatchers and the congregation in Springfield, that God will continue to lead and guide as they seek to share the gospel of Christ and make SDB's more visible in the greater Springfield area. □

STANTON CHURCH HAS NEW MEETING PLACE

STANTON, CA—Our church location is in Stanton, which is very fortunate because in the SDB directory we are known as the Stanton church rather than the Orange County church. It seems the Lord led us straight to an empty church within a mile of our original site. This building is located on one of the busiest streets in the area; we have a sign out front and it is the only church within the boundaries of Stanton. The church, though rented, is ours to use throughout the week. We are able to advertise our presence and location in the newspaper. Plans are being made for a listing in the telephone book.

Our members have been repairing and renewing some of the rooms of the church building to make them more attractive and useful. Our church address is: 10901 Beach Blvd., Stanton, CA 90680.

Joining our church a couple of months ago was Bob Bacon. He was introduced to us by his former school friend, Mark Conrad, one of our charter members. Bob was baptized at the Los Angeles church a short time before becoming a member here at Stanton. He is a welcome addition, is very friendly and interested in our Body of Christ.

We held an examination council for Pastor Gabriel Bejjani before his ordination. Attending the Council were representatives from the Riverside and Los Angeles churches. Questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of the members of the Evangelical Community Church. The church decided to ordain him the following week during Association in Los Angeles. Dean Herbert E. Saunders brought the ordination message. We are happy to have Pastor Bejjani and feel he is a vital force in our efforts to grow and reach out into our community to spread the Word. □

-Betty E. Wear, Clerk

WILSON TO SERVE FOR SUMMER

SEATTLE, WA—Carlton Worth Wilson of Pennsylvania, will be serving at Seattle, Wash., as summer assistant pastor.

Graduating from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., this spring, Worth is licensed to preach by his home church at Shiloh, N.J., and has been admitted to graduate school at Conservative Baptist Seminary, Denver, this September. He will be assisting Pastor Duane L. Davis, in Seattle, with pastoral duties, while Pastor Davis serves as 1980 president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and working especially with summer evangelism in camps, neighborhood Bible Clubs, and youth work. Worth Wilson is a grandson of the late Carlton Wilson, lay leader in Shiloh and Philadelphia Seventh Day Baptist work for many years. □

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SEARCH

The General Council is searching for an Executive Secretary to assume leadership in October 1981. Dr. Hurley will be serving until that time. It has been the bylaw provision and courtesy to announce such a change in leadership to the General Conference body one year in advance. Therefore, we are beginning now to receive applications, screen and interview so that we might make this announcement in August.

If you feel led to consider this challenge, please respond to:

Rev. Charles Graffius
4976 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90042

Further information and a copy of the job description for this position may be obtained from Rev. Graffius. □

TRACT SOCIETY SEEKS PUBLISHING DIRECTOR

The American Sabbath Tract Society has served the denomination since 1844 in communications including the *Sabbath Recorder*, tracts, printing services and audiovisual materials. In 1979 we began producing the Word of Truth radio broadcasts and anticipate greater involvement in denominational publicity. Since September 1979 the Tract Society has been operating under interim personnel arrangements while evaluating the needs of the denomination in the field of communications.

The areas of communication the Publishing Director will be responsible for include:

- Editing the *Sabbath Recorder*
- Production of Word of Truth broadcasts

- Management of SDB Publishing House
- Public Relations and denominational publicity
- Coordination of tract preparation, audiovisual material and Sabbath promotion activities
- Supervise correspondence and inquiries about SDB's.

The Tract Society asks for your prayers for God's guidance in filling the position of Publishing Director. We invite any one to make nominations for this position or to apply. Please send nominations, or applications with a resume to:

Dr. George Cruzan, President
American Sabbath Tract Society
P.O. Box 868
Plainfield, NJ 07061 □

BIRTHS

ATTEBERY.—A son, Joshua Matthew, to Brad and Beverly (Wheeler) Attebery of Weiser, Idaho, on March 28, 1980.

BENN.—A daughter, Kimberly, to David and Evelyn (Reynolds) Benn of Ashaway, RI, on May 16, 1980.

CHRONIGER.—A daughter, Rachel Dawn, to Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Chroniger of Upper Marlboro, MD, on December 6, 1979.

FAUSSET.—A daughter, Molly Laura, to David and Carol (Robinson) Fausset of Ashaway, RI, on May 11, 1980.

NICHOLS.—A daughter, Nicole, was born March 21, 1980, to David and Pamela Nichols of Riverside, CA.

NOEL.—A daughter, Sabrina Marie, to Robert and Janice (Davis) Noel on April 10, 1980, in Big Rapids, MI.

PAYNE.—A daughter, Marcy Joy, to Douglas and Karen (Osborn) Payne of Claremont, MN, on April 13, 1980.

SMITH.—A daughter, Candice Lee, to Randy and Nancy (Caswell) Smith on January 30, 1980, in Battle Creek, MI.

SOPER.—A son, Nicholas Andrew to Ivan and Susan Soper of Taylor, NE, on April 29, 1980.

SOPER.—A son, Richard Earl, to Earl and Beverly (Hambleton) Soper of Ontario, CA, on April 28, 1980.

SPELLS.—A daughter, Alissa Marie, to Richard and Annette (Villeneuve) Spells on February 28, 1980, in Battle Creek, MI.

STAPP.—A daughter, Angela Beth, to Bill and Mavice (Wheeler) Stapp of Nortonville, KS, on April 12, 1980.

SWENSON.—A son, Caleb Charles, to Jeffrey and Patty Jo (Pederson) Swenson of Chetek, WI, on April 26, 1980.

ACCESSIONS

FOUKE, AR
Floyd Goodson, Pastor

By Letter:
Mildred Lawrence

MEMPHIS, TN
William Shoffner, Pastor

By Baptism:
Tom Harp

NORTH LOUP, NE
Victor W. Skaggs, Pastor

By Letter:
Patricia (Mrs. Ronald) Williams
Margaret (Mrs. Phillip) Van Horn
Phillip Van Horn
Cindie (Mrs. Maurice) Soper

By Testimony:
Patricia (Mrs. Stanley) Soper
Beth Dutcher

PAINT ROCK, AL
John D. Bevis, Pastor

By Letter:
E. Hope (Mrs. John D.) Bevis
John D. Bevis

STANTON, CA
Gabriel Bejjani, Pastor

By Baptism:
Bob Bacon

STONEFORT, IL
George McClusky, Pastor

By Baptism:
John Ed Keith
Ethel (Mrs. John Ed) Keith
Sue (Mrs. Wm. Paul) Keith
William Paul Keith
Gene Dale Keith
Sam Headrick, Sr.
Angeline (Mrs. Sam) Headrick, Sr.
Samuel Headrick, Jr.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Leland E. Davis, Pastor

By Baptism:
Allen Beck
Elaine Beck
Charles B. Neely
Sean Neely
Samuel Yesuratnam

By Testimony:
Mrs. Gloria Foulk

WHITE CLOUD, MI
Larry Graffius, Pastor

By Baptism:
Patricia Messenger
Christie Messenger

By Testimony:
Archie Messenger

OBITUARIES

DAVIS.—Katherine L., was born January 24, 1901 in Cottage, NY, the daughter of Daniel and Mary Kipfer Schrag and died April 19, 1980 in Eaton, NY.

She married Lyle Davis in 1923, he preceded her in death in 1977. Mrs. Davis was a telephone operator for over twenty years. She was a member of the Wamac Lodge, Rebekah, Unadilla Forks and a member of the Brookfield, NY, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Paul of Brookfield and Edmond of Delran, NJ; two grandchildren and a brother, George Schrag of West Edmeston, NY. A memorial service was held on Sabbath, April 26, in the Brookfield church with the Rev. John Rau officiating.

—Brookfield Courier

HOWARD.—R. Spencer, was born August 30, 1904 in Milton, Wisconsin, and died at the Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., on May 2, 1980.

His childhood and youth were spent in a

number of places. He married Mildred Severance in Milton in 1926 and has made his home there since that time. He was a draftsman and worked at several local establishments. He was custodian of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, a son, K. Spencer Howard, two grandchildren, and a brother. Memorial services were held from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 5, 1980 by his pastor, Earl Cruzan.

—E.C.

HULL.—Nellie Evangel, daughter of Charles B. and Margaret Davis Hull, was born Dec. 9, 1892 and died March 1, 1980 at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Ill. She grew up in Milton, Wis., graduated from Milton Academy. She also attended Alfred University, Columbia University, Lewis Institute. She had a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Chicago Art Institute. She taught art and was chairman of the art department of Hirsch High School, Chicago until she retired in 1961.

She is survived by a sister, Margaret Gessler, Berkeley, Calif.; a foster-sister, Phebe Polan of Clifton Springs, N.Y.; a nephew, and cousins.

She was a member of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church. At her request there was no memorial service. Her body was cremated with the ashes buried in the Walworth, Wis., Cemetery.

—E.C.

MAYO.—Grace M., 102, daughter of Samuel and Isabelle Fackler, was born January 9, 1878 and died March 3, 1980 at Long Beach, CA.

On June 27, 1912 she was married to Walter Rood of North Loup, NE. With him she worked on the local weekly paper, the North Loup *Loyalist*, and after his death in 1925 she became editor. Her achievements brought her wide acclaim. In 1937 she married George Mayo of North Loup. After his death in 1940 she began a new career as sorority house-mother on the University of Nebraska Campus. Even in her later years she looked to the future and kept track of changing world conditions. She was a loyal member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Halverson, Long Beach, CA; her granddaughter Kathy, San Rafael, CA; her grandson, Walter, Huntington Beach, CA. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

—V.W.S.

STADLER.—Minnie Eileen Wright, the daughter of Willet H. and Lottie Green Wright, was born at North Loup, Nebr., August 11, 1917, and died at her home in Seattle, Wash., on May 29, 1980.

Eileen grew up in Denver, Colo., and moved to Cashmere, Wash., in 1935, then to Seattle in 1941. On May 27, 1944, she was united in marriage to Louis L. Stadler, at Kent, Wash. She was a member of the Boulder, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church and the VFW Auxiliary, Seattle.

Surviving are her husband, Louis, and three sons, Woodrow McDaniels, Lynnwood, WA, Willet McDaniels, Issaquah, WA, and Michael McDaniels, Willows, CA. There are 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and two brothers, Herbert Wright, Edmonds, WA, and Richard Wright, Bellingham, WA. Memorial services were conducted at

Cashmere, WA, on June 3 by her Seattle pastor, Duane L. Davis, and interment was in Cashmere Cemetery.

—D.L.D.

WALKUP.—Carl A., 76, son of Alpheus and May Moore Walkup, was born at Valparaiso, Nebr., February 15, 1904 and died at the Valley County Hospital, Ord, Nebr., March 7, 1980.

On February 15, 1927, he was married to Elma Van Horn. Carl was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup. He is survived by his wife, Elma; two sons: Loren, Carolina Beach, N.C., and Gordon Dean, Simi, Calif.; two daughters: Helen Potomic, Clifton, N.J., and Vicki Rowbal, North Loup; two sisters: Mrs. Ora Manchester Ord, Nebr., and Mrs. Jessie Simpson, Paonia, Colo.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

—V.W.S.

WILLIAMS.—Bert L., 95, son of Leander and Abigail Fuller Williams, was born September 17, 1884 and died at the Valley County Hospital, Ord, Nebr., January 20, 1980.

He married Stella Fuller, September 30, 1906. He is survived by five sons: Vernon, Buckley, Wash.; Harold and Udell (Bud), North Loup, Nebr.; Horace (Tex), Scotia, Nebr.; Carol, Ord, Nebr. Four daughters survive him: Mrs. Ella Davis, North Loup; Mrs. Audree Bunce, Clearwater, Fla.; Mrs. Delpha Smith, Aurora, Nebr.; Mrs. Grace Rice, North Loup. There are thirty-six grandchildren, seventy-nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

—V.W.S.

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Mission Notes

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● **SUMMER CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORPS—1980:** Following training at Battle Creek, MI, 13 boys and 4 girls are now in their projects. Project directors participated in the training experience. Teams are involved with the Church Extension project at Memphis, TN, with Pastor Shoffner and with the church in Upper East TN, working with Missionary and Field Pastor John Camenga. We expect great things from God!

● **PHILIPPINES:** Our missionaries, Rodney and Camille Henry, planned to move in June to a new location. Within walking distance of Tanya's new school the facilities offer more adequate room for their family and teaching ministries. We praise the Lord for answered prayer! But more funds are needed to pay the additional rental costs.

● **SPRINGFIELD, MO:** The new SDB Christ Memorial Chapel was highlighted in the MISSIONS mailing to local church Keyworkers and Pastors in May. A camp meeting will be hosted July 12 and 13 on Pastor Ken Hatcher's property seeking to draw as many Seventh Day Baptists and interested people for Christian

fellowship. Director Mynor G. Soper will be one of the leaders.

● **MALAWI, AFRICA:** Missionary David Pearson is teaching a special course on SDB Polity for pastors during three weeks in July. Several area Associations meet in late July and August prior to the annual Central Africa Conference session in September.

NATIONAL MISSIONS is highlighted in a July bulletin insert mailed to each SDB church, giving information and appealing for regular and increased support to the Our World Mission budget. □

WONDERING HOW YOU CAN HELP A BLIND FRIEND?

The Sabbath Recorder is now available on cassette for the blind. Compliments of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, cassettes are being made of certain parts of the Sabbath Recorder. Duplicates of these cassettes may be purchased at \$2.00 each. For details please write to:

Sound Studio
510 Watchung Ave.
P.O. Box 868
Plainfield, NJ 07061 □

We Are Chosen To Be Ministers— In All Our Ways

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about the child with leukemia. I sat there with my mouth open...Me? I had intended for the minister to do something about it. He thought I was just the one to do it. So, I went trembling into the bank, opened an account, and later had a nice visit with the editor of the newspaper. It was one of the easiest tasks I had ever done. Suddenly the whole community was involved, not just the church. Several groups held dinners, a bake sale, and made personal donations, to fill the account. The American Lutheran Aid Association said they would match whatever the amount came to be. The end result was an amazing \$6,000 raised and total of \$12,000 given. The child lost the battle with leukemia on June 2, 1979, but this experience gave me the belief that Christians need encouraging to put faith into action.

It is my ministry...and all of us who discover need...to minister in such a way that others will be directed to do His will. □

(Editor's remarks: We are indebted to Jean Jorgensen for the "thoughts" she has shared with us on how "we are chosen to be ministers—in all our ways." All of us are familiar with Jean's ministry to Lone Sabbath Keepers, and now we are aware that this is her "life-style.")

Ministry of a Mother

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to this group of children. And mothers are important. It would be a wonderful thing, indeed, if all mothers only realized how important they really are.

Fathers are important, too, but no one of them can take the other one's place. Each has something vital to give to their children.

I found the following under the title: "What Do Our Children Expect of Us?"

These answers came from 228 boys and girls, ages eight to twelve who were asked how a father and mother should act toward their children:

- They should treat all children with equal affection.
- They should never lie to a child.
- There should be comradeship between grownups and children.
- They should always answer questions, never say, "Don't bother me now."
- They should never punish or blame a child in the presence of the children next door.
- They should concentrate on a child's good points, not just on faults.
- They should always be the same in mood and affection.

Children do expect a lot. They should be taken seriously. Sometimes their demands are unrealistic or even wrong; if so, they need to understand why. But they can also show keen—even unnerving—perception.

From the children I know, I have discovered that they love both parents, but mother is there more of the time, and has charge of the decisions regarding the child. Motherhood is a Ministry.

Dear Lord,

What sort of people am I teaching my children to be? If I criticize them constantly, they will become critical. If I undermine their worthiness, they will become unworthy. If I am impatient, I teach impatience. Much of what they will become is my doing... Or my undoing.

And I don't think of this, Lord.

I just try to blunder through today—meeting today's deadlines.

tending to at least a portion of today's chores. I'm not so much raising them as just puttering about while they grow up. And what an irretrievable waste of opportunity this is.

Lord, you know what I'd like them to be—worthy adults, real people whose hands will bless, whose words will bless, whose lives will bless those around them.

I want them to be the kind of people who are at home in the universe.

Ah, so. One hand in theirs, Lord, the other hand in thine—this is the only way I can lead them.

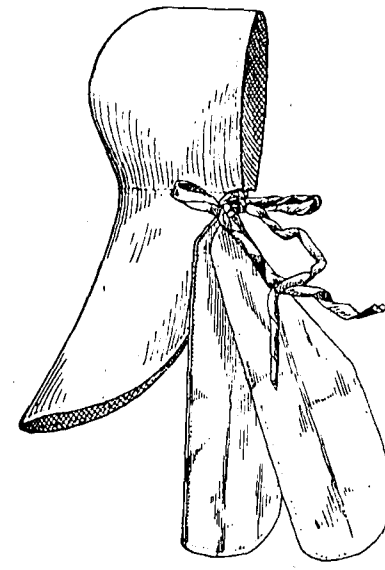
Amen.

-The Christian Home □

A Ministry from the Past...

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The women dressed in identical costumes. The habit consisted of a shirt, long skirt and a long gown which was attached to a rounded cowl, or hood. A belt or girdle was used with the gown. This clothing was made of unbleached gray linen in the summertime, changing to gray wool for wear in the winter. All changed to the seasonal dress on the same day, so that no one of them would stand out from the others.



One of the earliest women to join this devout group was Maria Höcker, daughter of an early leader, Ludwig Höcker. She took the name of Sister Petronella when she entered the Order. She is described as a beautiful girl, not only comely in form, but lovely in Christian character as well. Her father organized the first Sabbath School fully forty years before Robert Raikes, the founder of Sunday Schools, organized his first school. Maria Höcker was undoubtedly the first female Bible school teacher of whom we have any record. We can well imagine ourselves sitting down with this lovely woman, discussing the method she used to teach Bible lessons to the children of the area, for they held Sunday School on the first day of the week for those who observed Sunday, and Sabbath School on the Seventh Day, so all of the community might be served. We would have enjoyed learning all of those kinds of "occupations" that modern day women call "crafts", and we would have learned to do them "correctly" for EXCELLENCE AND PERFECTION were the watchwords of their time. □

A Woman's Ministry to Herself

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reinforcement of the truth that God really loves us just as we are, and we can be even better than we are through His help. When we feel that we have not succeeded or when we KNOW that we have failed, we look to a Father who is supportive in his love and care. We will find a bridge over our "troubled waters" in the Scripture, "We know that in all things God works for good with those who love Him; those whom he has called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28. When we really believe this, then we will know that to "fail" is sometimes necessary for us so that we may find the place where He wants us to be, and we will accept ourselves, and think well of ourselves, since we believe in the all-encompassing love of God.

I'm glad that I can remember how my mother, when she was full of the sense of accomplishment and self-esteem, would lift her beautiful voice in song, going about what I thought then were menial tasks to the music of "Love Lifted Me!" Every child should have a mother (and father, too) who values herself or himself in the eyes of God. This is a ministry we owe to ourselves...to come to the stage in our growth as Christians where we know who we are in the eyes of God. Our relationship to others depends so much on our relationship to Him. □

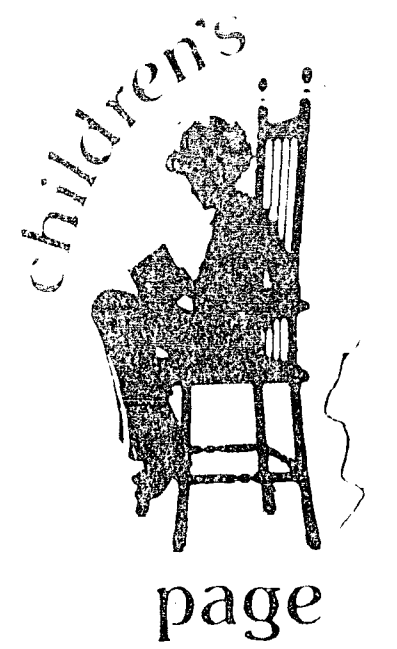
-Madeline Fitz Randolph

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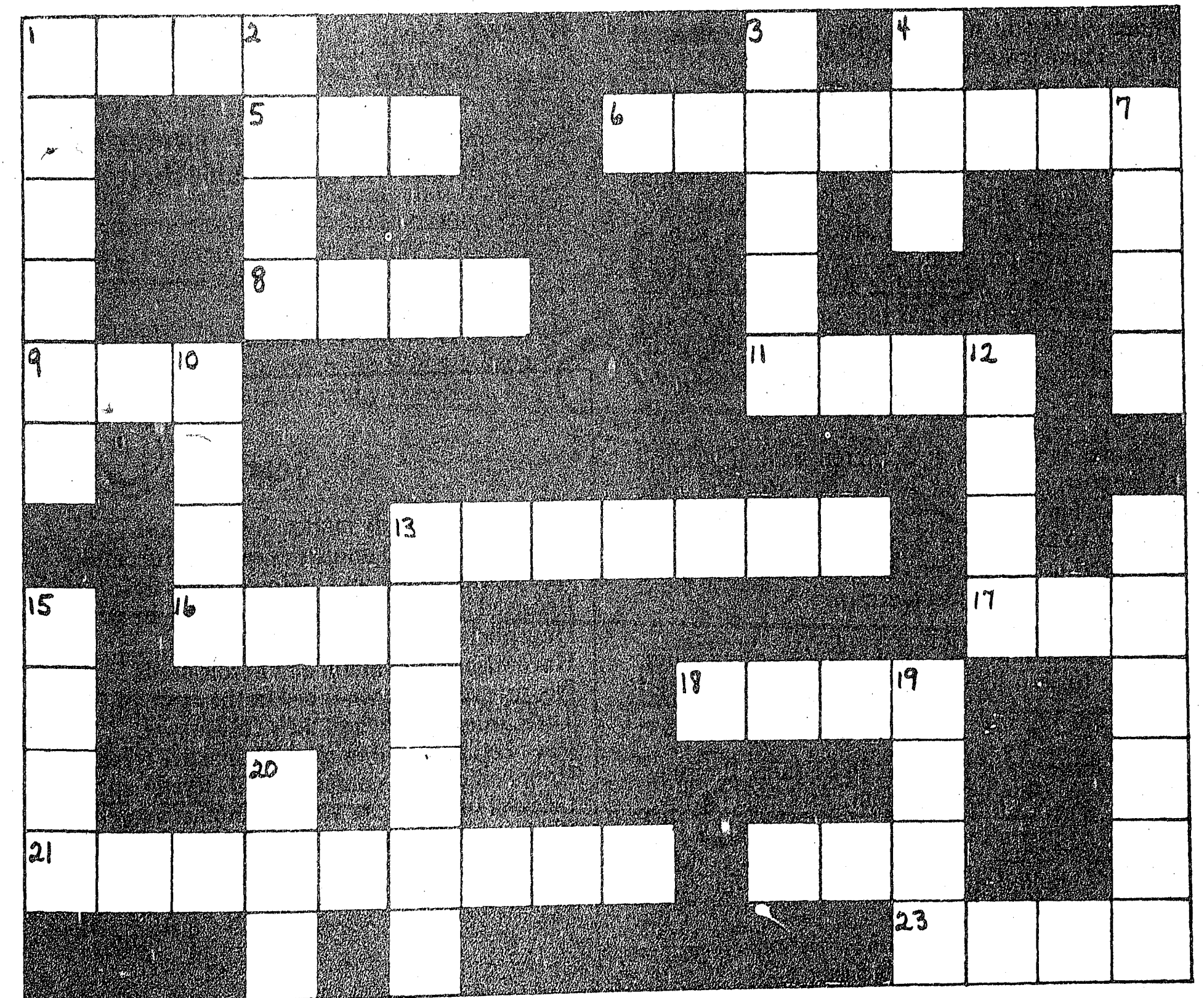
1. One kind of fruit
2. "I will make an help _____ for him" (2:18)
3. "They shall be one _____" (2:24)
4. Wrongdoing
7. 365 days
10. Tree of knowledge of good and _____ (2:17)
12. They each ate _____ of the fruit.
13. Where we will go when we die
14. They were _____ from the garden (3:24)
15. Seven days
19. _____ of life (2:9)
20. To be in debt

ACROSS

1. The first man
5. "I did _____" (3:13)
6. "Be fruitful and _____" (1:28)
8. _____ of knowledge of good and evil (2:17)
9. Adam's wife (3:20)
11. "God _____ said, 'Ye shall not eat of it'" (3:3)
13. "Thy desire shall be to thy _____" (3:16)
16. Tree of _____ (2:9)
17. "But _____ Adam there was not found an helpmeet" (2:20)
18. Adam was made from _____ (2:7)
21. Tree of _____ of good and evil (2:9)
22. "_____ gave me of the tree" (3:12)
23. Garden of _____ (2:15)



Here is a crossword puzzle about Adam and Eve. The story is in Genesis, Chapters 1 through 3. Some of the clues have a scripture reference to help you find the correct answer. Use a King James Version Bible. Memory verse: "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31a)



An Adventure in Faith

"Trust in the Lord, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path." Proverbs 3:6

How exciting SCSC is every year, and how I wish each of you might have an opportunity to watch how beautifully God develops His plan for this program each summer.

The Sabbath Rally Song really expresses where our workers come from. East (N.J.) to West (California), and from South (Tex., Ark.) to North (Wisconsin) they come to serve their risen Lord. We have thirteen young men and four young women, just the number we need to serve the seven projects that have requested teams. We will be going to Milton, WI; Salem, WV; Memphis and Upper East, TN; Little Rock, AR; Farina, IL and Sunshine Mountain, MS. All our project directors will be able to attend training with the exception of Jack Hays who will be attending Institute. We do praise God that our program is blossoming and growing to bring encouragement and unity among all our brothers and sisters in every stage of maturity. There will be lots of pictures and exciting information about each worker, the training sessions that will be held in Battle Creek, and each project, in future editions of the *Sabbath Recorder*, but I wanted to share our excitement about this summer with you now, so that you may become a part of it. There is such a need for each of you to join in prayer for our projects, directors, workers and staff. It is the unified prayers of many of you that have helped our outreaches become so meaningful year after year. The more workers we have, the more opportunities there are for you to give generously to the expenses of our transportation and for our study books, and to help with the training program. As our workers experience sacrificial giving as a way of life for the summer, so each of us supporting them has the opportunity to give sacrificially of our tithes and offerings and loving gifts. Please prayerfully consider your part in this work, and act without delay.

This summer as we meet at Conference all of you will have the opportunity to see how many workers have answered the call into SCSC as we join in an SCSC reunion on August 13 to share with one another how God has used us, blessed us, and helped us grow since this wonderful program started as just a dream.

For all of the Alumni of SCSC, and your families, we invite you to join us in celebration for the greatest reunion ever.

May God bless each of you with all Spiritual Blessings, and may you grow in His wisdom, and in His love.

You may send your gifts to the Women's Board Treasurer, Mrs. Jane Bottoms, 1118 Ravenwood Road, Boulder, CO 80303. □

The Summer Christian Service Corps Committee
Gerry VanDyke, Coordinator

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Exact location of picnic and more details will be available there. □

Scars

"I carry in my body marks," wrote Paul. Body responses to ministries rejected forcefully. Lashmarks, lumps and hollows, limbs deformed, Received in service to his Lord and borne with pride. How many since with zeal unchecked Have wished for valiant and heroic deeds? Historic ventures, wounded in the name of God, Their ardor proven and their future sure. Does He choose other means? Inactive weeks, Hours on days of contemplation, reverie and wondering. Celestial surgeon, can you use another surgeon's wounds, Enucleating flint-like heart and placing there A vibrant, pulsing heart responsive to your beat? I carry on my body scars—and what within?

-Edward J. Horsley, M.D.

Religious Communicators Meet

The World Religious Communications Congress/1980 convened at Opryland Hotel in Nashville, May 14-16. This convention brought together some 1,300 religious communicators from 43 states and 18 nations. The congress, held every ten years, was co-sponsored this year by 49 U.S. organizations of religious communicators from all major faiths—Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish. Seventh Day Baptists were represented by *Sabbath Recorder* Editor John D. Bevis and Art Director Patricia Cruzan.

Keynoting the convention was Benjamin L. Hooks, a Baptist minister and executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He urged the communicators to "speak the truth and sound the alarm" regarding crucial issues facing the world today.

A portion of the time was devoted to Seminars and media presentations. The opportunity to meet, worship and share with other religious communicators was inspiring. The decennial event was described by congress coordinator Wilmer C. Fields as "one of the most ecumenial events of the 1980's."

Curtis A. Chambers of United Methodist Communications and chairman of the Congress steering committee stated that the objectives of the congress included considering the special role of communication in religion in the 1980's. He saw as additional objectives the examining of new technologies and techniques required in communicating faith and spiritual values, and helping participants to become more competent in their task of communicating religion.

Editor Bevis also participated in the meetings of the Associated Church Press in which the *Sabbath Recorder* has maintained membership for many years. □

McCall To Lead BWA

Seventh Day Baptists are proud of their membership and participation in the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) uniting the great Baptist family around the world and across denominational lines. The BWA today includes 29.7 million members in 115 member bodies.

This month the BWA is sponsoring the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto (July 8-13) and Seventh Day Baptists will be a part of this great congress. We will be sharing a report of this congress in future issues.

At the Toronto Congress a new president for the BWA will be elected. He is Duke McCall, currently president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

McCall has expressed appreciation for the role the BWA can play in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the world in which we live. "My own Southern Baptist convention needs the evangelistic vision of other Baptist bodies who are in the thick of the fight," he stated. "The Baptist World Alliance can serve as the mechanism for whomever is doing the best job of evangelizing, educating and ministering to share their vision, enthusiasm and methods with the rest of us."

We were especially interested to learn that he would like to help establish linkages between smaller units of Baptists. "Sister church relationships can be extremely meaningful. This can help bridge the cultural gaps between us," he said.

Looking to the future he said, "I hope I can precipitate some action, some movement. Every member body of the BWA is equal. Every convention in the BWA has an equal voice. And every voice is needed. Each has something to share." Seventh Day Baptists have much to share with other Baptists and much to learn from them. In the decade ahead let us reach out to our fellow Baptists through our involvement in the Baptist World Alliance. □

Books of Interest

As usual the flow of books seems endless, however we have come across some that may be of interest to you. *Peanut Butter on My Pillow* has an intriguing title, to say the least. Rita W. Kramer has written what is described as a survival guide for the "hassled housewife." This paperback (\$3.95) by a mother of eight is a easy-to-read guidebook with scores of ways to keep the miscellany from turning into mayhem in your home and family. It is published by Thomas Nelson of Nashville.

Those interested in prophecy will find *The Mid-East Peace Puzzle*, Sceptre books (\$2.95), interesting and very much up-to-date. Written by Hilton Sutton and Zola Levitt, the book stresses that "the stage is set, the end is near, the prophets have spoken, and God is very much in charge." For many the book will afford the opportunity to explore recent events in the light of Bible prophecy.

Days of Terror, by Barbara Claassen Smucker, Herald Press (\$7.95 cloth). While written especially for youth, adults will find it interesting as well. The scene is Russia in 1917 and tells the story of the mass exodus of Mennonites to Canada and the United States fleeing the horrors of anarchy, famine and the Russian revolution. This book has been highly recommended by the critics, the *New York Times* stating: "Barbara Smucker's book is remarkable for its fine characterization and its insightful narrative; there isn't a false note...All children should read it." □

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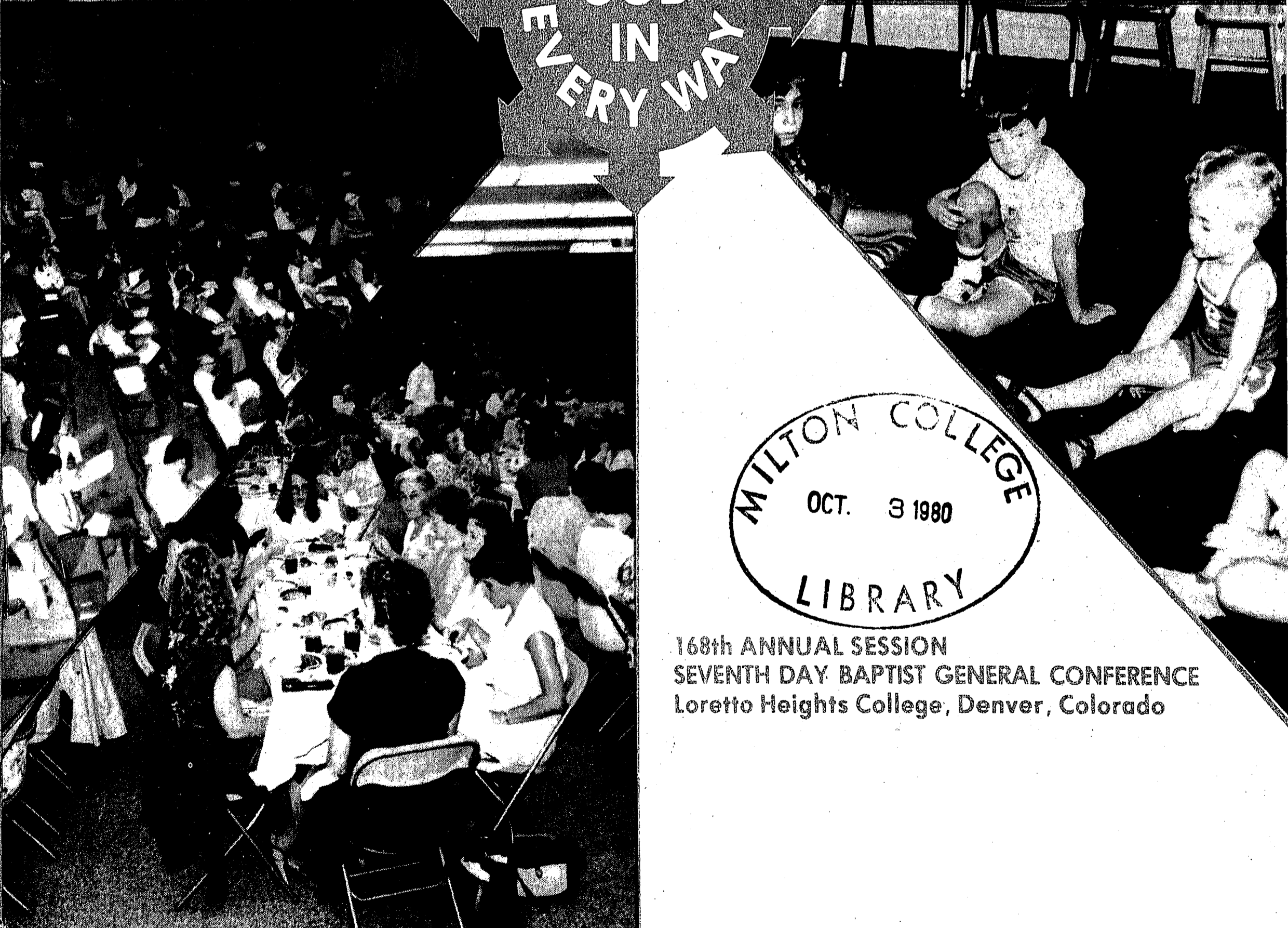
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