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Registration—\$15.00

Food—Meal Ticket (Monday Breakfast through Sabbath Dinner (at 5:00) \$60.00*
Individual Meals—Breakfast 3.00
Lunch 3.00
Dinner 5.00

*a la carte meals may be purchased Sunday evening and Sunday morning in the college cafeteria

Room—1 person (including linens) \$50.00
2 persons (including linens) 37.50 each
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CONFERENCE MUSIC

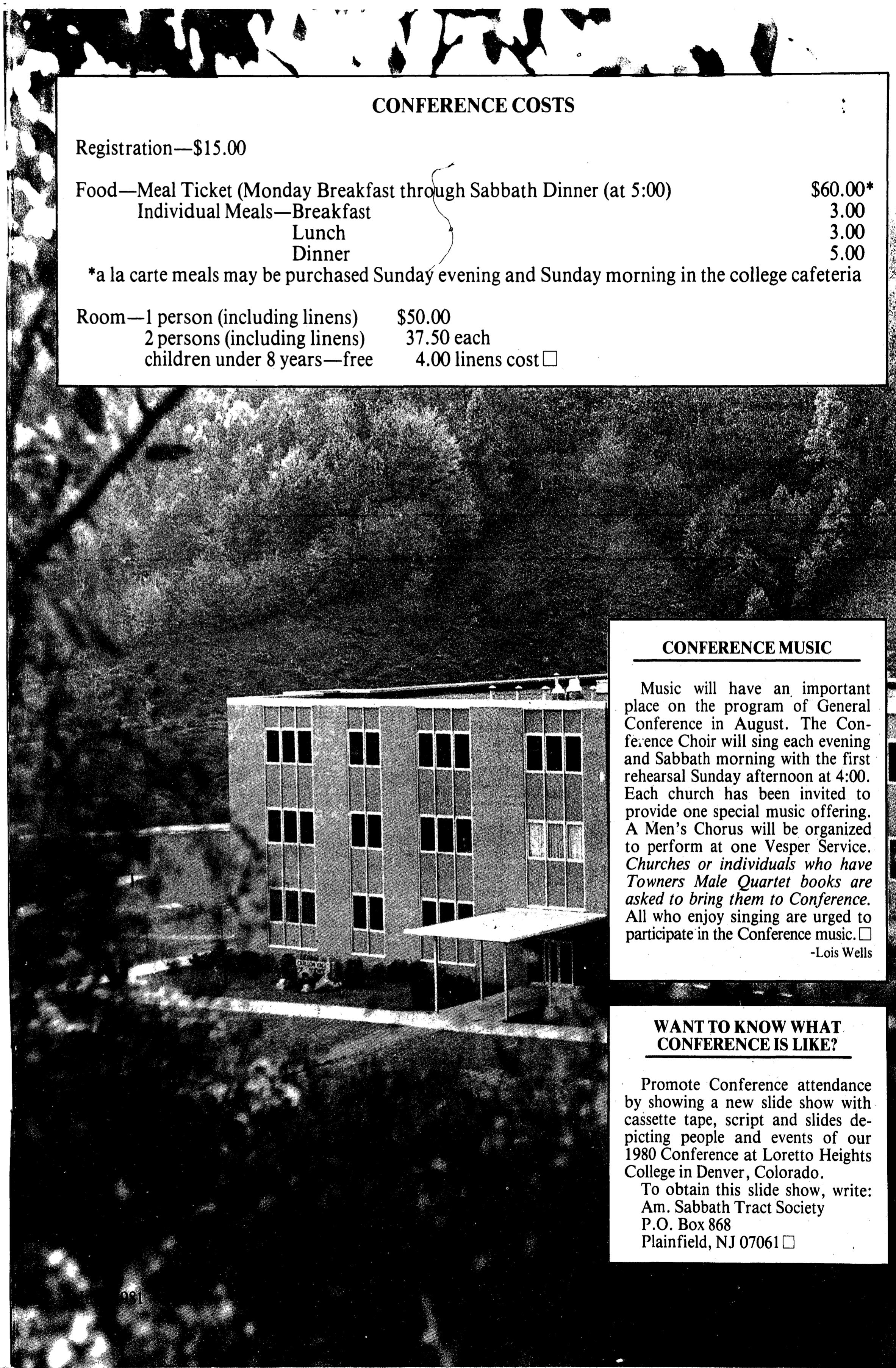
Music will have an important place on the program of General Conference in August. The Conference Choir will sing each evening and Sabbath morning with the first rehearsal Sunday afternoon at 4:00. Each church has been invited to provide one special music offering. A Men's Chorus will be organized to perform at one Vesper Service. Churches or individuals who have Towners Male Quartet books are asked to bring them to Conference. All who enjoy singing are urged to participate in the Conference music.

-Lois Wells

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

Jane Mackintosh

I spoke with Camille Henry on the phone while she and family were back in the States on a six-week visit from their mission in the Philippines. As you know, she and husband, Rod, are our missionaries in the Philippines where Rod is training Seventh Day Baptist pastors through the use of an extension-type program which he is developing to suit the needs of the men he is training.

I asked Camille to describe a typical day in her life. She replied that her days were no different than those of any other woman raising a family. I chuckled then as I remembered our missionary days in Jamaica as we would proudly show our "new world" to American visitors, forgetting what a shock the conditions we were living and working in were to outsiders. So I rephrased my question to Camille asking her to describe her life as an American seeing it for the first time.

Camille's first two responses concerned doing laundry and cleaning floors. Laundry must all be done by hand without running hot water. They have two young children of their own and have adopted a Filipino baby for whom disposable diapers are unavailable so the amount of work involved in just this one task is predictable. The upstairs living portion of their home has hardwood flooring while the basement where the pastors meet for their seminars is covered with concrete tile. Since electric polishers are nonexistent in the Philippines, floors must be cleaned and polished on hands and knees with a coconut husk. Every two to three days Camille does her grocery shopping which consists of a trip to the meat market for meat,

Life in the Philippines

a trip to the vegetable market for vegetables, a trip to the bakery for bread and finally a trip to the supermarket for paper goods. This task also involves a lot of time.

When asked what were the first "shocks" of life in the Philippines, Camille told of the foreign smells. Everything smells of garlic and fish. Garbage is regularly dumped onto the streets. With an average tropical climate of 87 degree temperatures with 80-90 per cent humidity and the absence of garbage disposals, food refuse deteriorates very rapidly and causes some very foul odors. Animals (dogs, cats, chickens, pigs, goats, donkeys, etc.) freely roam the congested streets of Cebu City adding to the smells.



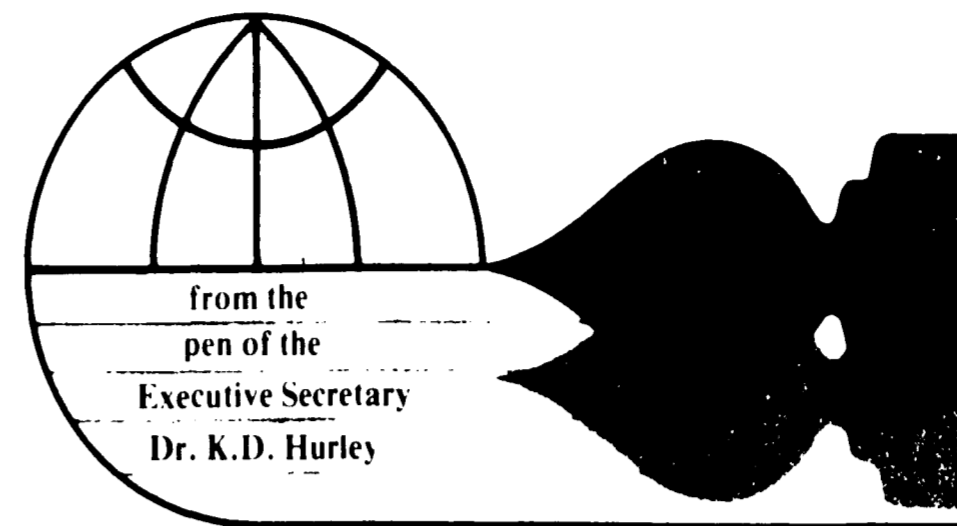
Another "shock" to the Henry's was the lack of help affordable for people suffering from diseases and physical deformities. Camille explained that seeing a doctor is affordable, but medicines are not affordable. Since a recent poll showed 83% of the population of the Philippines earns less than \$1,000/year and 13% more earn less than \$2,000/year, that leaves most of the people in the category of being unable to afford the expensive medications. The Henry children have suffered attacks from the "amoeba," a germ that infects the intestinal tract causing severe vomiting and diarrhea and rapidly dehydrating a small body. Without proper medication this alone can kill a small child very rapidly. Rod and Camille have taken on a personal project of seeing to it that medical help is

given to people in need. One case that Camille spoke of fondly is a little three-year-old girl who was born with a double harelip and a double cleft pallet. This had never been fixed because of the lack of finances and the child faced a life as a social outcast. Camille and Rod made arrangements with the hospital and a doctor for the three operations she needed to fix her problem. The hospital and doctor are charging nothing and all that will have to be paid is 50% on the operating room and 50% on all medications. This is being covered and the little girl is already through two of the operations with only one left to go. Camille says the little girl (only three years old) "hates" her for all the pain, but someday she will be deeply grateful.

I asked Camille about the Filipino food and she said most people eat three meals a day consisting of a bowl of steamed rice and a small piece of fish. Vegetables are very expensive (carrots, \$1.00/lb.) so most people just cannot afford them. Fish is most available therefore least expensive, beef is expensive and extremely tough so must be pressure cooked, and chicken is most expensive. I also asked about their Sabbath School and worship services and she said that aside from their being in a different language and the children and dogs wandering in and out of the open church, they are very much the same as an American worship service due to the past influence of Adventist missionaries. She spoke of how custom dictates the Filipino eats his noon meal at 12:00 noon, not at 12:05, so there is little problem with Sabbath services running overtime. I also asked about housing and she said that many Filipinos build their own homes of palm and bamboo with thatched roofs and it is not unusual for a family of eight to reside in a 12 ft. by 12 ft. home of this sort.

Rod has travelled to churches on the other islands but Camille and the kids have only been able to go on one excursion which she spoke of through the chuckles. Going to the island involved an overnight boat trip and a stay with friends which

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from the
pen of the
Executive Secretary
Dr. K.D. Hurley

ON THE RIGHT ROAD

"I forget what is behind...I do my best to reach what is ahead...
I run straight toward the goal..." Phil. 3:13-14 (TEV)

Seventh Day Baptists, just a few short years ago, stood at a crossroads. Membership is the denomination had been declining. Some churches had closed. Spiritual vitality seemed to be waning. Which road should we take to get to a more productive future in Christ's service?

A review of minutes of meetings, of articles about decisions made, and reports of subsequent actions shows that the right road has been selected—the pathway of discipleship!

There is evident desire to capitalize on our strengths, to minimize our differences, and to move confidently together into the future. The accomplishments of yesterday undergird the promises for tomorrow.

In my 1976 Executive Secretary's Report, I expressed the belief "that our greatest strength as a denomination can be the very diversity we obviously represent as a people. We come from many backgrounds; we have varying points of view regarding polity and beliefs; we assume diverse theological positions. Thus, as Baptists, we can attract and provide places in our ranks for individuals of a wide range of spiritual needs and interests." I concluded that **our unity is in Christ** and that "spiritual renewal in our lives, in the life of our churches and, therefore, in the life of the denomination is the foundation upon which progress in the future will be built."

During the following year, we entered into an analysis of the

proper kind of denominational organization to accomplish our objectives. We agreed that "in order to accomplish mission there needs to be organization. We affirmed a new sense of pride and satisfaction in Seventh Day Baptist history and heritage, but agreed that 'we face forward' in a growth pattern, realizing that we live and work today with great hopes for tomorrow. We have affirmed that in many areas of denominational effort we have done well—but not good enough! So we are cultivating, through various emphases, a new determination to really succeed for Christ and His Cause." The Commitment to Growth plan, enthusiastically endorsed, provided opportunity for many churches to establish "growth goals" and many church members to understand anew the implications of the Great Commission.

By 1978 we were beginning to have "growth pains":

- New ministers being ordained in greater numbers than for many years.
- New insights being gained by many church members regarding "spiritual gifts" and how they can and should be used in church growth.
- New churches being organized, some of them in new and innovative ways.
- New denominational structure being contemplated.

It is not surprising by 1979 we were "Singing a New Song" (Psalm 96:1-2).

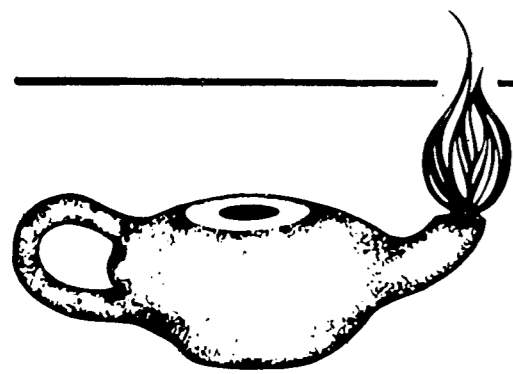
The unique and important characteristics of the Seventh Day Baptist cause were gaining increased "visibility"; more effective organizational procedures were being evolved; more adequate financial support was becoming evident; more pastoral leadership was developing; more active lay involvement in church affairs was apparent; and, most important, more depth of spiritual understanding and commitment were noticeable on the part of the people as a whole. The stage was set to inaugurate the Decade of Discipleship (1980-1990).

The crossroads decision is now behind us. We are confidently on the way to new destinations of achievement for Christ, determined not to turn off the "main highway" or make an unnecessary "rest stop," no matter how attractive and comfortable the "worldly roadside plaza" may appear.

Decision to Discipleship is building a bridge from familiar vistas of complacency to new horizons of action in understanding and commitment.

For over three centuries in America, Seventh Day Baptists have shown a desire to serve the Lord sacrificially and well. Today we face the challenge of moving into a glorious and hopeful future. There is a new excitement among us. We realize that growth is not only desirable but possible, and we have a burning desire to be involved in bringing others to know the love and joy we experience in serving Christ.

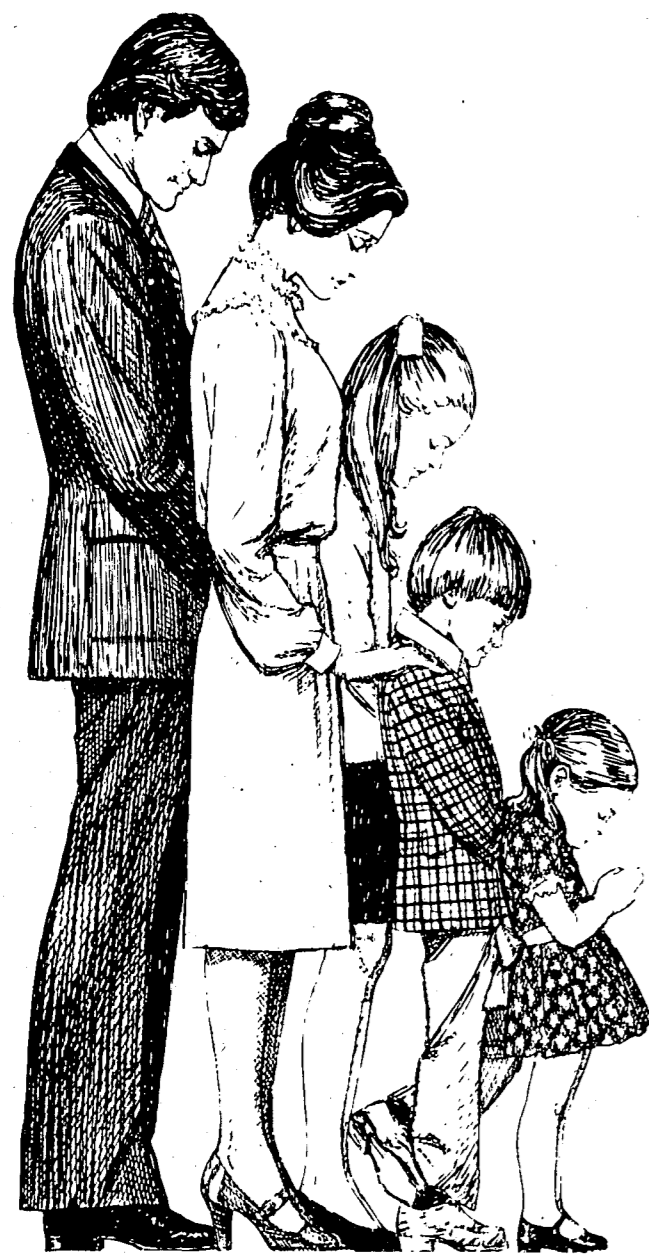
We are on the right road! □



Thy Word is a light...

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Mary Clare



FAMILY WORSHIP

In the early history of the United States it was common practice for the father of the Christian Family to take the family Bible from the shelf and lead the family in evening devotions.

In our present society children and parents alike have many interests which take them away from home evenings; this ritual of family worship is less often observed. To compensate for this loss, the custom of morning family worship has become frequent. There are several good reasons why every home should start the day with God.

1. It will reinforce the family members' feeling of self-worth and security within the home and in the Christian community.
2. It will send them forth to the daily task with a cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty, and determined in whatever is done is to the glory of God.
3. It will give them strength to meet the discouragements, disappointments, unexpected adversities.

4. It will make them conscious throughout the day of God who will direct their thoughts and actions in the ways He would have them think and act.

5. It will sweeten the home life and enrich relationships as nothing else can do.

6. It will resolve many of the misunderstandings and relieve much of the friction which sometimes is a part of family living.

7. It will be remembered by the children of the family who will be likely to continue the practice in their homes.

8. It will be a positive influence on their attitude toward Christian beliefs and personal salvation.

9. It will exert a helpful, hallowed influence over those who may be a guest at the table and furnish an example for other homes for the same kind of life, service and devotion to God.

10. It will reinforce the work of their pastor, and stimulate the life of the church in its every activity. □

TEACHER'S MINI-LAB

Role Play

Role play can be an effective, exciting way for your group to grow. Body, mind and spirit are all used to deal with a situation. Everyone can be involved. Support and creative help can be developed. Be sure to ask God's help as you enter this process, and thank Him for giving the growth when you're done.

To lead a role play, follow these steps:

1. The teacher describes the situation and helps the class set the goals. Actors for each of the roles are picked or volunteers are used. The main character gives each actor a brief description of typical behavior, statements or attitudes of his role. Have the rest of the group observe what happens, be able to give suggestions and identify the helpful efforts of the main characters and actors.

2. Play out the situation until the roles are being presented effectively. It should take only a few minutes. The leader then stops the action and asks for response from the observers. They describe what appeared to be helpful, give feedback on how the

process went and offer suggestions for improvement. It is important to offer encouragement for those actions that were productive. Sharing feelings about the situation is appropriate.

3. Switch roles and replay the situation if you wish. Again, share feelings, encouragement, suggestions and identify effective actions and statements.

4. Check out how the main character and the group feel about the goals and efforts made.

5. Set a time for feedback for the characters to tell the group how it felt to take the part of someone else. □

FOCUS



MISSIONS TODAY

● **ZAIRE, AFRICA**—Initial correspondence has begun with a sister conference—Eglise Sabbatique du Saint-Esprit—which reports 70 parishes and over 6,000 members. Our brethren in Malawi are in correspondence with a second Sabbath group in southeastern Zaire as well.

● **LOS ANGELES, CA**—Missions in the Philippines "came to life" at the Pacific Coast Association sessions in April with Rodney and Camille Henry, and family, present to share their experiences and challenges following their initial 18 months of ministry.

● **MALAWI, AFRICA**—Pastor Watson Mataka, recently appointed to begin a new witness in the capital city of Lilongwe (some 235 mi. NW of Blantyre), underwent surgery in April. Continue to pray for him, his family and the work to which he has been called.

● **SALT LAKE CITY, UT**—Home meetings are held regularly each Sabbath in suburban Park City [contact Alan Thomson (801) 649-8424]. These families were visited by Pastor and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler in mid-1980 and look forward to having others join with them.

● **JAMAICA, W I**—Secretary Nathan B. Thompson of the Jamaica SDB Conference was able to attend meetings of the Board of Managers and the American Tropics Committee of the Missionary Society in Westerly, RI, in April. He was in New York City on personal business at the time.

● **PHILADELPHIA, PA**—A public inaugural meeting was held May 23rd with Conference President Charles Graffius as speaker. This launched the "Philadelphia Project"—starting a new Seventh Day Baptist church in that city.

● **MZUZU, MALAWI**—Pastor A. K. Harawa has written that the Northern Association is to meet in the new church building in August. "By seeing this beautiful church building we praise the Lord, and also thank the donors (for) their money to this project. There remains plastering and seats which is still a great work... On the 18th of April we had a baptismal service at Jandalala church sixteen candidates were baptized and three backsliders restored to fellowship."

● **DODGE CENTER, MN**—Missions were highlighted in one Sabbath School class by a special offering to help a boy with no clothing in Malawi (as reported in Joanna Pearson's Jan. letter). Lorna Austin had shared this letter with the Sabbath School. \$1.52 was forwarded to our missionaries designated for this purpose.

*To Lorna please have this money sent to the little boy with no pants or shirts you told us about
Thank you
Jamie*

PRAYER

CORNER

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

JULY 1981

Verse for the month: "I stand silently before the Lord, waiting for Him to rescue me. For salvation comes from Him alone. Yes, He alone is my Rock, my rescuer, defense and fortress. Why then should I be tense with fear when troubles come?"

-Psalm 62:1,2 TLB

PRAY FOR:

- 1-Baptist World Alliance council meetings in Puerto Rico
- 2-Pastor Watson Mataka, Malawi & ministry in Lilongwe
- 3-SCSC teams in their continuing ministry this month across the USA
- 4-Praise the Lord for the liberty we enjoy in the USA
- 5-The Women's Board and its needs relating to SCSC support
- 6-Decision to Discipleship groups in our churches (my church?)
- 7-Rev. Joel L. Omare, Kisii, Kenya and his ministry
- 8-Men and women who will train for service on new mission fields
- 9-Support for Our World Mission budget—to be raised 100% by Conference
- 10-SCSC Project Directors
- 11-New Sabbath-keepers
- 12-Meeting of Memorial Fund Trustees today in Plainfield, NJ
- 13-The leaders and members of the Philadelphia project group
- 14-A needy family in my community
- 15-Missionaries Rodney & Camille Henry, Cebu City, The Philippines
- 16-Children who have been reached by VBS and camps in my church area
- 17-Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate, as he assumes his new responsibilities
- 18-Seventh Day Baptists in Australasia, as they begin their second year organized as a Conference group
- 19-Tract Society and Board of Christian Education meetings today
- 20-For new pastors/leaders for our churches
- 21-Jamaica SDB Conference meeting with Albion Mountain church
- 22-Someone who is handicapped. 1981 is the year of the Disabled Person
- 23-Pastor A. L. Benesse and the new ministries in Beira, Mozambique, Africa
- 24-Missionary Pearson's ministry in Central Malawi churches
- 25-Participants in Sabbath Schools—a vital part of the Year of Nurture in our Decade of Discipleship
- 26-Missionary Board meeting, Westerly, RI
- 27-General Council meetings this week in WV
- 28-Conference President Charles Graffius
- 29-Pre-Con Retreats that begin today & their staffs
- 30-The growing work of Seventh Day Baptists in the Pacific Northwest
- 31-Delegates travelling to Conference at Salem, West Virginia



THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF "CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF THE SEVENTH DAY" HELD IN CUAUTLA, MORELOS, MEXICO

"Bienvenidos Hermanes" were the first words on the banner, tied high above the street in Cuautla, Morelos, Mexico. This "Welcome brothers," greeted everyone of the near 300 participants in the third annual session of the Mexico Convention of Churches of Christ of the Seventh Day, held April 17 through 19 in this typical Mexico town of 14,000 located some 60-65 miles south of Mexico City.

As guests at the Convention, Rev. Leon Lawton, Executive Vice-President of the SDB Missionary Society, Peter Morris, Assistant Pastor of the Los Angeles SDB Church, and Daryl and Barbara White representing the Mid-Continent Association, were each deeply moved and impressed with the evidence that amongst these brethren, the Church is alive and well in Mexico.

The Holy Week, we found out, is a time of vacation, special events and travel in Mexico where most of the populace takes this opportunity to observe various aspects of Easter in numerous ways. This presented us with a few problems as far as reservations for accommodations were concerned. All available space was reserved well in advance by those in Mexico who chose to travel to Cuautla, a tourist town known for its hot springs, mineral water and hot swimming pools. Pastor Camacho came to our rescue and found accommodations for us in the same hotel that housed many of those attending the Convention.

Words cannot express the love of Christ shared by the Mexico brethren with us and all those attending the Convention. It was an experience that will live in our memories a life-

time. Everyone that we had opportunity to greet left us with the impression that the Church is united in its work in Mexico.

Unity was a keynote throughout the three-day Convention—It was obvious that unity in the spirit, faith and doctrines, work and objectives, directs the entire leadership to a commitment to conquer Mexico for Christ, and to carry this theme back to their local churches.

Approximately fifteen pastors and leaders were recognized the first day of the Convention. Chairs were situated in a semicircle pattern on the platform and each one bore the name of the City and State of Mexico that was represented. Each of the leaders had opportunity to take part in the events on the program as well as helping in the hosting arrangements to feed, house and assemble the "Conventionistas" for each meeting.

Each of those in leadership positions, working in bi-vocational environments, work hard to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Sabbath truth throughout Mexico. Evidence of their dedication and commitment is demonstrated by the new groups and new churches joining the Convention, and by the many young people committing their lives to the pastoral ministry. It was in this setting that we introduced them to the concept of Theological Education by Extension (TEE), by showing the slide presentation of the work in the Philippines. We gave them the slide projector (a gift from Jim and Fran August of Boulder) that we took to show the slides of the Philippines and last year's con-

vention held in Cuauhtemoc, Tamaulipas. Additionally we informed them that our Mid-Continent Association Missions Committee now has an A B Dick offset printing press that we hope to deliver to them sometime in 1981.

It is very obvious that our Mexico brethren are students of the Word and enjoy the opportunity to testify and demonstrate their knowledge of God's Word. Hymns, songs of praise, testimonies, and Bible readings make up a large part of the services. Scripture recitations and books of the Bible recited by categorical numbers by the children impressed us and demonstrated the love our Mexican brethren have for the Lord Jesus Christ and that Christian training begins with the very young.

Highlights of the Convention program included one afternoon service by the young people, and one morning set aside for the formation of Women's work in and through the churches of Mexico.

The young people in their afternoon service gave readings and talks that were well received by the congregation. We understood one of the rather lengthy readings to be a statement of belief, policy and practice of the Church of Christ of the Seventh Day in Mexico.

In addition to their afternoon service the youth presented, on Sabbath evening and night respectively, a drama depicting the times of the birth, trial and crucifixion of Christ our Lord. It was very well done, and showed a lot of talent and ingenuity in content, costuming, staging and overall presentation. We were certain that the youth enjoyed the opportunity for participation as much as we enjoyed seeing them perform.



Pastor Peter Morris of the Los Angeles, CA, SDB Church spoke briefly to the congregation in Spanish and led them in a Gospel song, playing his guitar.



The host church building in Cuautla was too small for the meetings but did house many of the guests. Services were held in the yard beside the church where an adequate platform, canvas covering and folding chairs supplemented the pews moved there from the church. Entrance was through the entry on the left of the church.



The banner over the main street welcomed people to the Convention. The logo used is the circle design on the left.

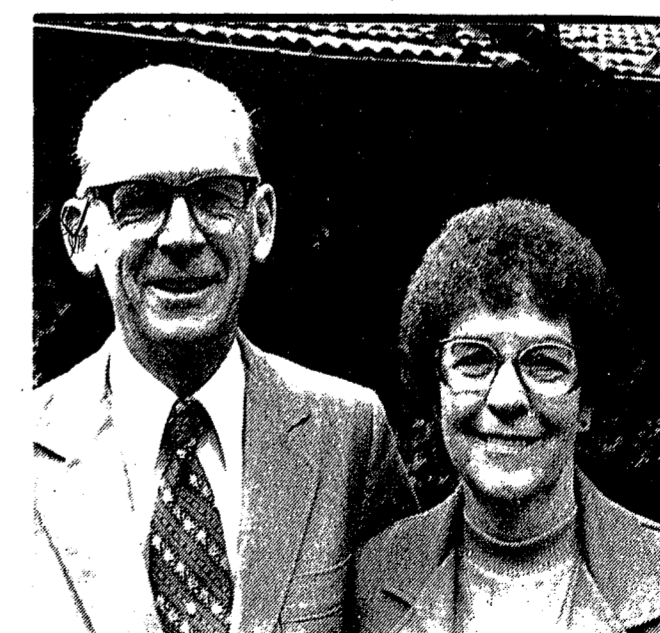
Sunday morning, April 19, the women of the Mexico Churches organized into a National Society. The book of Acts had been a study assignment, and several new members were welcomed into the organization by reciting, from memory, selections of scripture from "The Acts." These recitations were demonstrations of their ability and willingness to accept responsibility in the work of the Lord in Mexico. Many other scriptures were read pertaining to the Biblical view of the woman's role in the home, in the family, and in the Church. We noted selections such as Titus 2:3-4, 1 Tim. 2:9-12 and others being used in this part of the service.

Each of us from the USA is eternally grateful for the opportunity we had to meet with our Mexican brethren. Words fail to express how much we enjoyed their fellowship in the love and spirit of Christ. Perhaps one of the outstanding realizations that is most obvious to all of us was now the love of Christ in the hearts and lives of believers transcends international borders, languages and cultures. We praise the Lord because He demonstrated

to us that His Salvation, power and grace are universal. He helped us understand that the Word of the Lord, in any language, has the same power to save those who will believe, and bring peace and joy into the lives of those who follow and keep His Commandments.

Gloria Dios Gracias Cristo

-Daryl and Barbara White
Mid-Continent Association
Missions Committee
Denver, CO



A slide set is being prepared on the Convention in Mexico and information on its availability will be shared with Missionary Keyworkers and Pastors. □

Life in the Philippines

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was very enjoyable. The trip from the friends' home to the church involved a 30 mile ride on their motorcycle over dirt roads plagued by holes and ditches. Camille said her legs ached so badly she could hardly stand but the country was beautiful, uncrowded and so clean and the people were wonderful. They really enjoyed the worship with the people and on the way back Rod remarked that the motorcycle ride was not so bad after all, to which Camille replied, "You didn't see me crying on the way to church!"

Camille spoke of one continuing frustration of not being able to understand the language of the people though all business is conducted in fluent English. But her voice lit up as she talked of how the Lord had provided a young girl named Sarah, who lives with them to help Camille with the work involved in running the household. Sarah participates in the family as one of them, helping Camille from 7:00 A.M.—1:30 P.M. then studying until 4:30 when she goes to high school until 10:00 P.M. Camille needed the help and the Lord provided in Sarah. Sarah spoke no English when she came to live with them and now speaks fluent English. They are saving now to help her get through college and they feel especially blessed to have such a reliable and loving young lady to help them in their home.

As you see, Camille's life is quite different in many respects from "that of any other woman," but I too know how the Lord takes the differences and makes them seem very normal in a very short time. When you are in a situation where you cannot depend on the little things we take so much for granted like hot water coming out of the tap when you turn it on or the lights coming on each time you flip the switch, then you learn to lean on the Lord in a new way. Then when the big trials come, and believe me they come in a foreign culture, you are more ready to give them to the Lord with the knowledge that He is able. There is a unique relationship with the Lord available to those willing to leave father and mother and home and country to go serve Him in a new culture and experience. This is the reward unmatched by any other experience. □



New Dean Named for Center on Ministry

The Council on Ministry is happy to announce the appointment and approval of Rev. J. Paul Green, Jr., as the new Dean of the Center. Rev. Green expects to take up his new responsibilities on August 15 following General Conference. His appointment assures a smooth transition of this important office as he plans to attend the Summer Insti-

tute as an observer and will also attend the meetings of the General Council.

The new Dean brings with him more than 20 years of experience in the pastorate having served the Alfred Station, NY, Church from 1957 to 1961, the Marlboro, NJ, Church from 1961 to 1966, and the Salem, WV, Church from 1966 to the present. He graduated from High School in Milton, Wisconsin, and received his B.S. degree from Milton College. Rev. Green was one of the last of our ministers to receive his B.D. degree from our own Seminary at Alfred University. He took additional work in the 1960's at Crozier Theological Seminary. Further education has included Clinical Pastoral Education at Weston State Hospital, as well as continuing education courses at Salem College.

Special interests are in the fields of music, counseling, and youth work, especially camping. Paul and his wife, Denise, have for several years been members of an outstanding musical group known as the Madrigal Singers of Clarksburg, WV.

Denominational activities in which the new Dean has actively participated

include the Board of Christian Education, the American Tract Society and the Council on Ecumenical Affairs.

Of special help to the Dean will be his wife Denise, from Salemville, PA. She also attended Milton College and graduated from Alfred University in 1958 with a Major in Fine Arts. She has served as organist and choir director for a number of churches in New York, New Jersey and West Virginia. Mrs. Green has given private lessons in piano and organ and was a music teacher for two years at the West Virginia Industrial Home for Girls.

The Greens are the parents of three children; Carl of Milton, WI, Steve who attends Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, and Laurie a high school student who is still at home.

Rev. Green is excited as he looks forward to serving the denomination at the Center on Ministry. His plans in addition to administering the office of the Center include: recruitment visiting and counseling students in seminaries, and working with pastors and churches in pastoral relationships. □

-Leland Bond

DENOMINATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Two professional employees are needed at denominational headquarters in Plainfield, NJ. We are trying to provide effective leadership which coordinates the denominational work in publishing, advertising, radio producing, financial managing, accounting, and historical records archiving and searching. The two positions are outlined below; for more information or to apply for one of these positions contact:

Personnel Search Committee
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Editor-Historian

The Editor-Historian will be responsible for editing *The Sabbath Recorder* and radio tapes and for archiving and searching denomination records and other historical doc-

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Some 200 people representing seven states were on hand Sunday afternoon, April 26, to celebrate the ministry of Earl Cruzan, retiring pastor of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Pastor Cruzan, a native of North Loup, Nebraska, retired April 1 after more than 40 years of filling pastorates in Wisconsin, Connecticut, Colorado, Minnesota, New York and Rhode Island. He's now serving as acting pastor of the Milton church until the arrival of his successor, Pastor Herb Saunders, and plans to remain active after his retirement by engaging in a southern Wisconsin—northern Illinois evangelical outreach program.

The celebration honoring Pastor Cruzan and his wife, Mabel, began with a program in the church sanctuary, with Ivan FitzRandolph acting as master of ceremonies. Including family members, celebrants came from communities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, California, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island.

The Cruzans' four children and nine of their ten grandchildren were present: Wayne and Sarah Cruzan, Monterey, California (Wayne's wife, Linda, and daughter Amy were unable to attend); Nancy and David Lippert, Michael, Betsy and Peter, Lansing, N. Y.; Barbara and Dale Green, Mark, Ellen and Howard, Janesville; and Jonathan and Susan Cruzan, Amanda and Nicole, Milton.

The program revolved around highlights from Pastor Cruzan's life, including his boyhood in Nebraska, marriage to Mabel, formal education, denominational work and years in the ministry. Included in the program were reminiscences of friends and family members; poems, letters and tape-recorded messages from friends and former parishioners; a slide presentation; and several musical numbers.

Those participating in the musical portion of the program included the church bell choir, under the direction of Doris Rood; a piano-organ duet by Betty Daland and Doris Rood; a cello solo by Howard Green, accompanied by Barbara Green; and a vocal solo by Linda Burdick Lawton, accompanied by Doris Rood.



PASTOR AND MRS. CRUZAN HONORED

TO PASTOR CRUZAN

*We're glad to give you honor
For the forty years you've spent.
We know the cheer you've spread
As down life's road you went.*

*I care not for Evangelists
Who have the world's acclaim
The ministers that inspire me
Walk humbly in His name.*

*So we give to God the glory
For the service of your life
For a fine and Christian family
Especially your wife.*

*Someday we'll leave this earth
To stand before God's Son
I know you'll hear His welcome
"Come Pastor you've well
done."*

-Claston Bond
April 19, 1981

One of the first speakers on the program was Rev. Kenneth Burdick, a Milton native who lives in Bridgewater, NJ, and serves the Raritan Valley church.

Pastor Burdick, who began his comments with "I'm going to be brief, because preachers are always brief," said he has known Pastor Cruzan for about 15 years.

"Although it's the duty of every Christian to model Jesus, as a young pastor I especially appreciate the model of older preachers in service to the Lord."

"Pastor Cruzan has a great warmth for people," Pastor Burdick explained, "and he's been a good model for me and a source of encouragement. We used to go calling together, and I remember him taking a rose from his garden whenever we'd visit someone in the hospital. It was just the right touch to communicate love to that person."

Pastor Cruzan's 10th grade teacher in North Loup, NE, Vesta Farley, remembered him as "a very good

student; a very conscientious youngster. He walked to school every day with his brothers and sister, no matter what the weather. He was a very cooperative youngster and seemed to enjoy school work."

Margaret Lowther Burdick, who was a classmate of Pastor Cruzan's at Salem College in West Virginia, also remembered him as studious and conscientious.

"It was during the depression, and both Earl and I had government sponsored jobs. Besides working, Earl was active in church work, YMCA, Christian Endeavor, Dramatic Club and other organizations. He was a good student and graduated Cum Laude."

"Earl was a country boy," Mrs. Burdick recalled. "I'm sure he was a little insecure and definitely girl shy. But after only two years, he came back to Salem with a wife.

Included among the many tributes to the Cruzans was a letter of appreciation from Milton mayor, Al
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It is a natural and, I suppose, inevitable consequence of any gathering of specialized vocations, that stories about those experiences related to work are shared. A gathering of Christian pastors is no exception. And as Seventh Day Baptist ministers meet together, the stories go from serious episodes of strengthening faith to the more delightful stories of pastoral boners. As I have shared with pastors throughout my years in the Christian ministry, one story seems to emerge from the lips of just about everyone who ever knew Rev. Loyal F. Hurley. Whenever he met a young person who had declared his or her intention to train for the pastoral ministry he would say something to this effect: "How exciting! But just remember one thing. If you can stay out of the pastoral ministry, do it." What he meant by that, most of us are certain, was that the pastoral ministry—the role of Christian pastor—is a calling. It is a direction from God so obvious that nothing can stand in the way of the fulfillment of that dream.

A. J. C. Bond, in his delightful book *The Challenge of the Ministry* writes: "The Christian ministry 'is a calling which has a worthy history in the lives and deeds of those who have made it a holy calling.... The ministry calls today for young men of consecration, but for young men who have talents and faculties to consecrate. It calls for men of holy purposes, but for men with powers trained to serve those high purposes.... I want to say here, not as a deterrent, but as a challenge, that no calling requires greater ability, more careful preparation, or a more constant recognition of its high demands, than the Gospel ministry.'"

As I reflect on my own ministry, as I review in my mind these past six years as the dean of the Center on Ministry, and as I anticipate the joys of returning to the intimate personal relationships of my own pastorate again, it becomes more and more evident that the Christian pastoral ministry is a high and holy calling. Paul writes in Corinthians that "we have this ministry by the mercy of God." (2 Cor. 4:1) It is a gift

The Christian Pastor: A Holy Calling

Dean Herbert E. Saunders

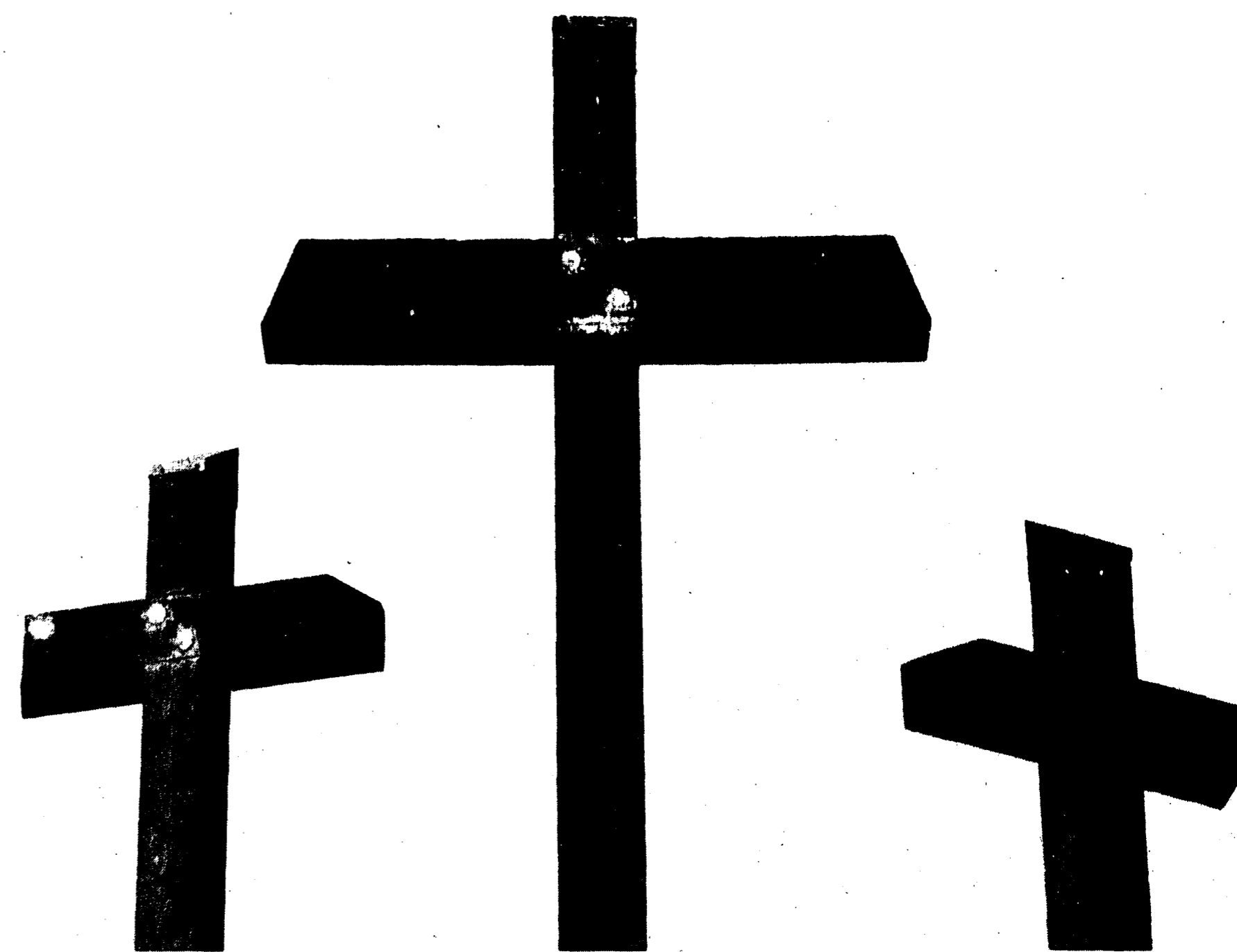
of God, this role as a pastor. (Eph. 4:11) It is a special task given by God and verified by the body of Christ, the Church. Few are chosen to be called in such a way. And the challenge and responsibility attached to such a call is sometimes overwhelming in its implications.

But where God gives a gift, He also gives the strength, through His own Holy Spirit, to exercise that gift. In His graciousness, He gives, along with the gift, the necessary insight and understanding to be faithful to the task. Paul, in his first letter to the young pastor Timothy relates the "impossible" responsibilities of the Christian pastor. But the truth is that "with God all things are possible." (Matt. 19:26) And so, Paul writes, "set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim. 4:12) Arthur Hall in his book *The Kind of Men Wanted for the Ministry* suggests that Christian pastors should be "sample believers." The Christian pastor, recognizing his holy calling, is not separated from the life of the church or its people—he is a part of them in every way and helps them, through his own example and faith, to become more like Christ.

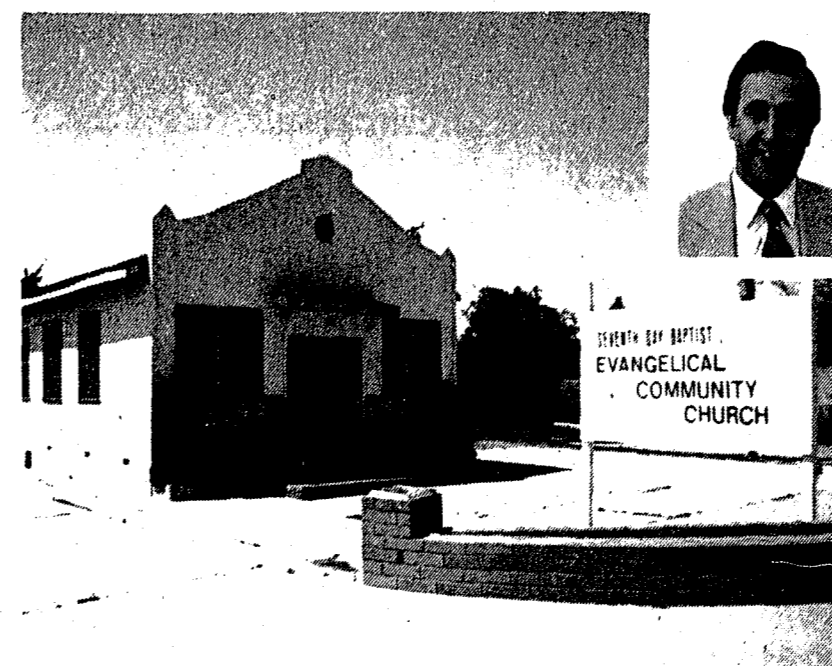
The Christian pastor also recognizes that with every calling

comes a responsibility, in this case, as Paul writes: "Attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching." (1 Tim. 4:13) What an enjoyable task that is, to be grounded in the Word of God, and to share that experience with others! The pastor is not accountable to a church—he is accountable to God and to the proper transmission of the message that "Jesus is Lord." Paul in his Corinthian letter says that the Christian pastor is to declare an "open statement of the truth" preaching, not himself "but Jesus Christ as Lord." (2 Cor. 4:2, 5) Preaching and teaching are the communication of the truth—"let the redeemed of the Lord say so." (Psalm 107:2) To know the truth and to communicate it in love and understanding is the duty of the Christian pastor. The Christian pastor does not "neglect the gift" he has, but in trust that God's word is "perfect, reviving the soul" (Psalm 19:7) he proclaims the glorious and wonderful Good News!

Each new day brings new opportunities. And the Christian pastor must be constantly growing and maturing in the Lord. Paul writes: "Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress." (1 Tim. 4:15) The Christian pastor (Continued on page 28)



SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES AND PASTORS



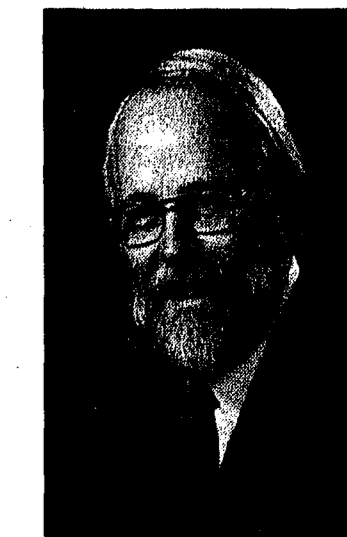
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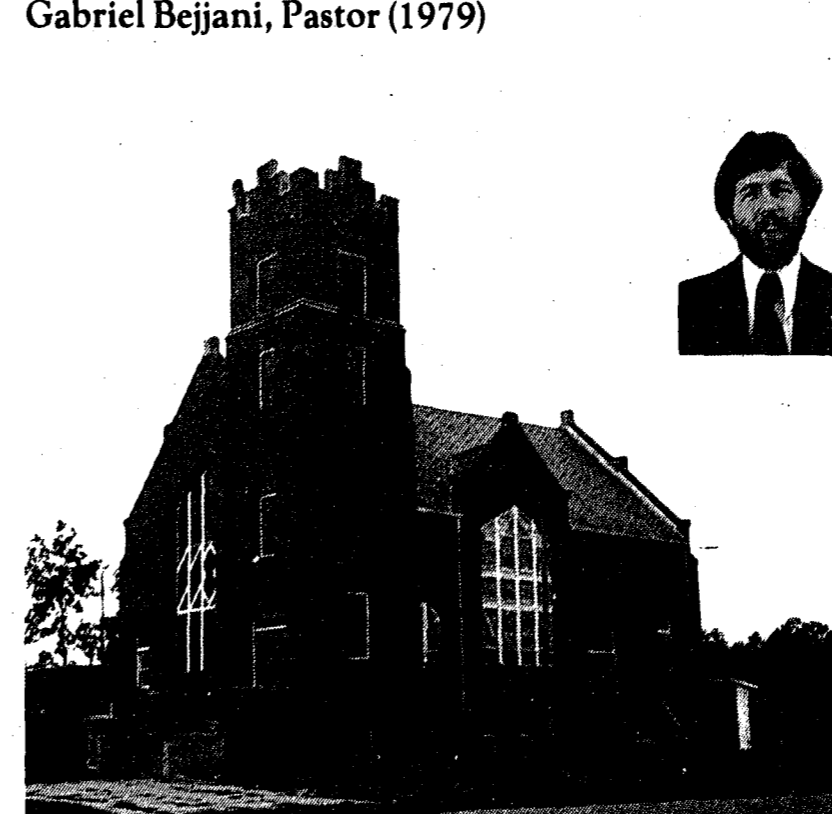
Rodney L. Henry
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Dale D. Thorngate
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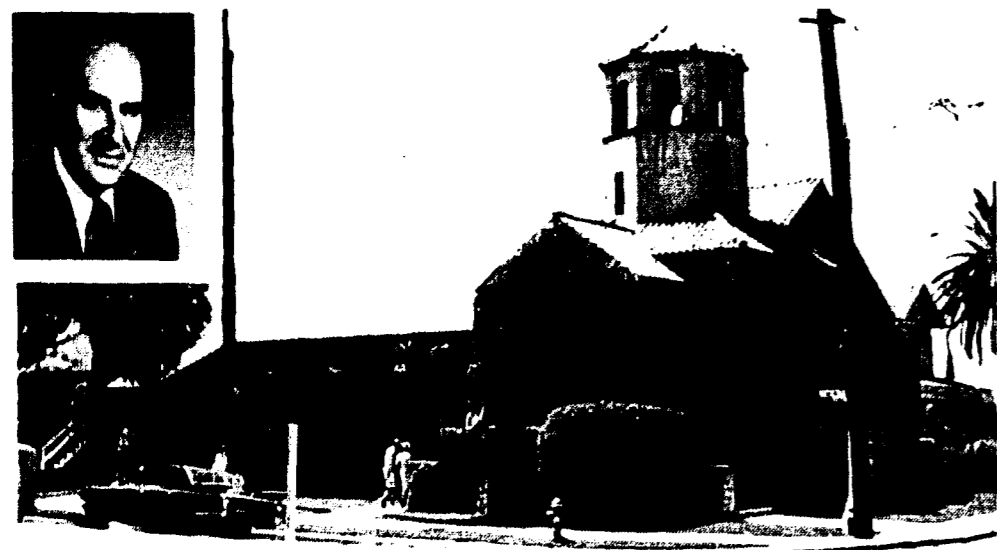
North Loup, Nebraska (1873)
Larry E. Graffius, Pastor (1981)



First Hopkinton Church (1708)
Ashaway, Rhode Island
Gordon P. Lawton, Pastor (1977)



Alfred Station, New York (1831)
Rex E. Zwiebel, Pastor (1974)



Riverside, California (1896)
Alton L. Wheeler, Pastor (1975)



New York City, New York (1975)
Socrates A. Thompson, Pastor (1975)
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Hebron, Pennsylvania

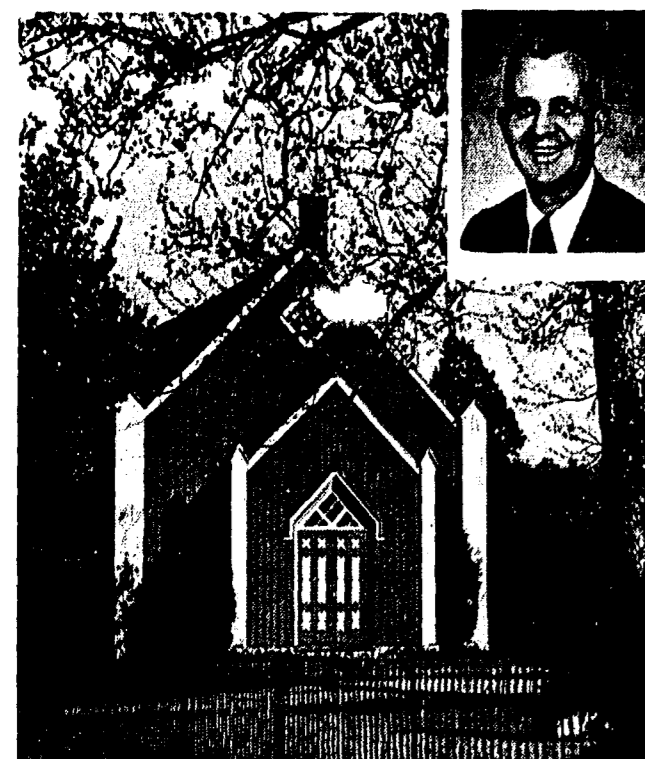
Steven P. Crouch, Pastor (1978)



First Genesee Church (1827)
Little Genesee, New York



Middle Island Church (1832)
New Milton, West Virginia
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Marlboro, New Jersey (1811)
Donald E. Richards, Pastor (1970)

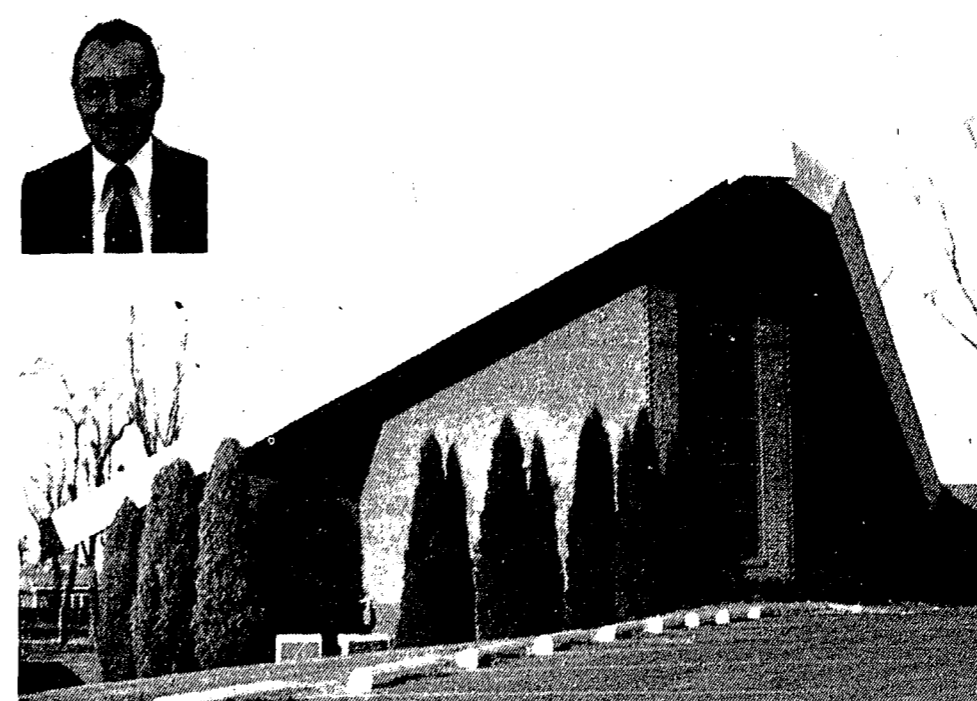


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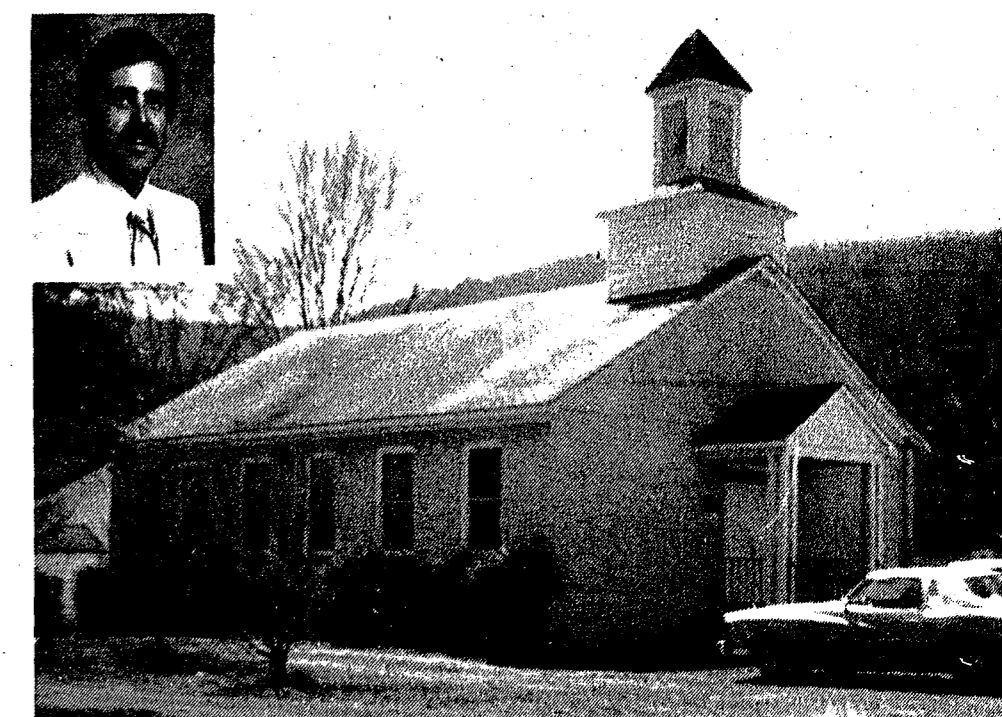
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First Brookfield Church (1797)
Leonardville, New York



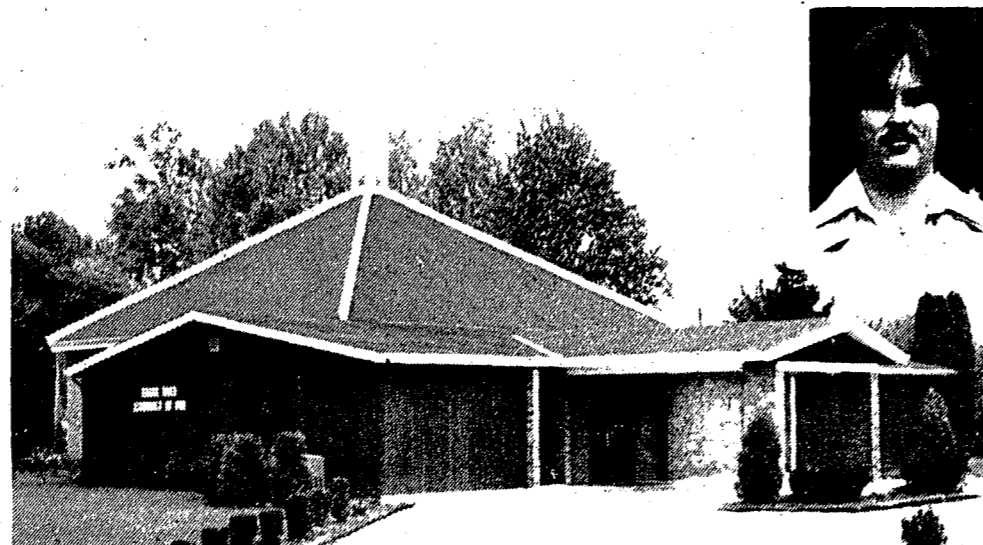
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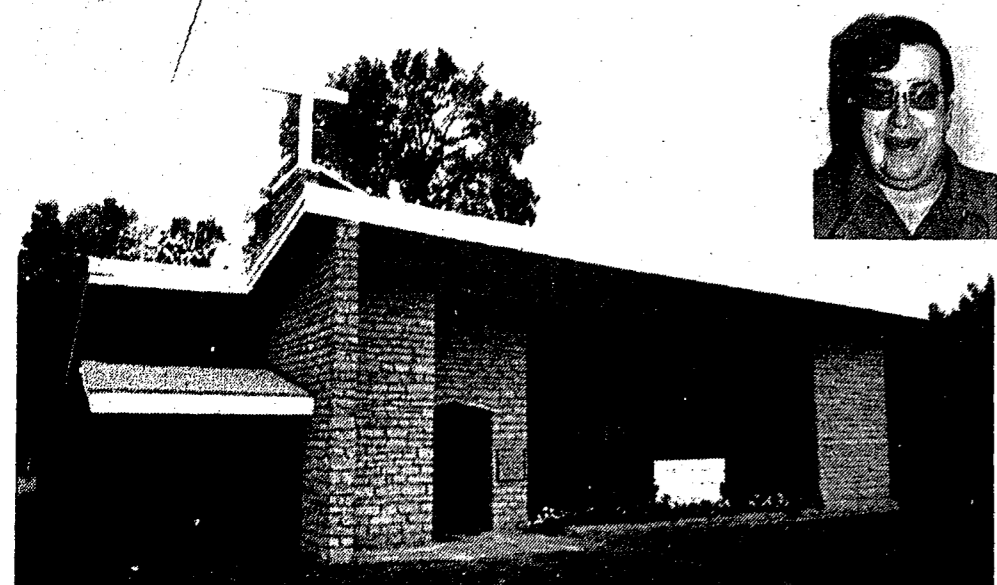
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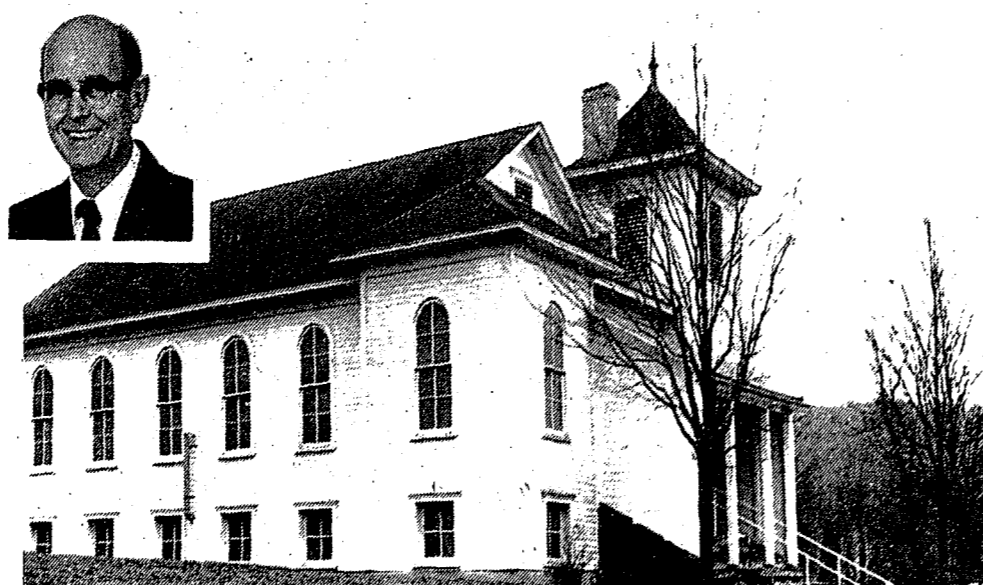
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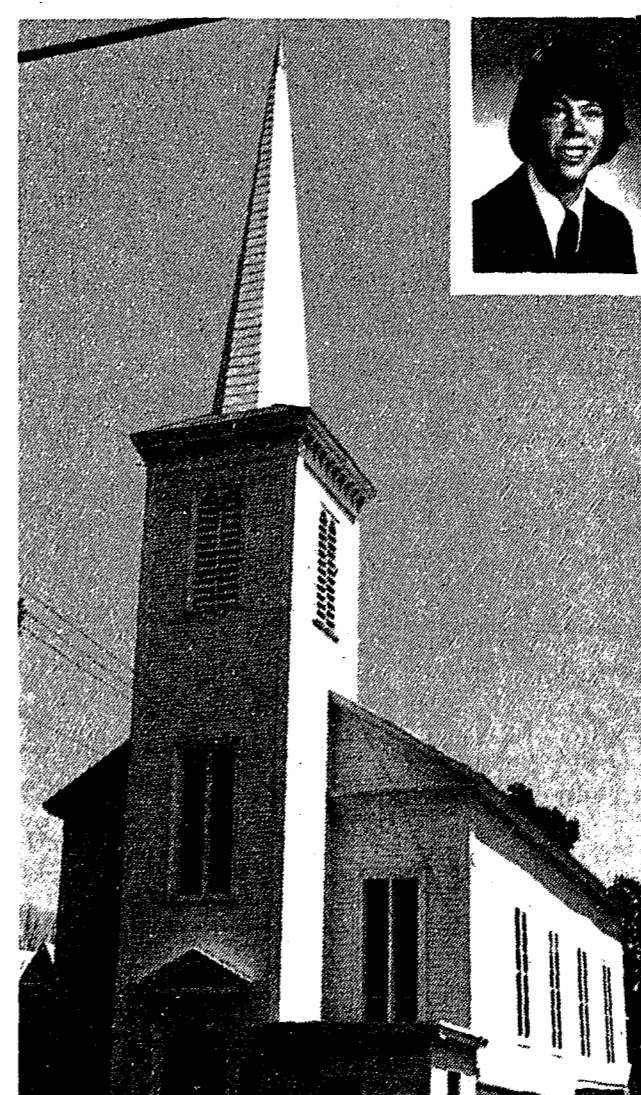
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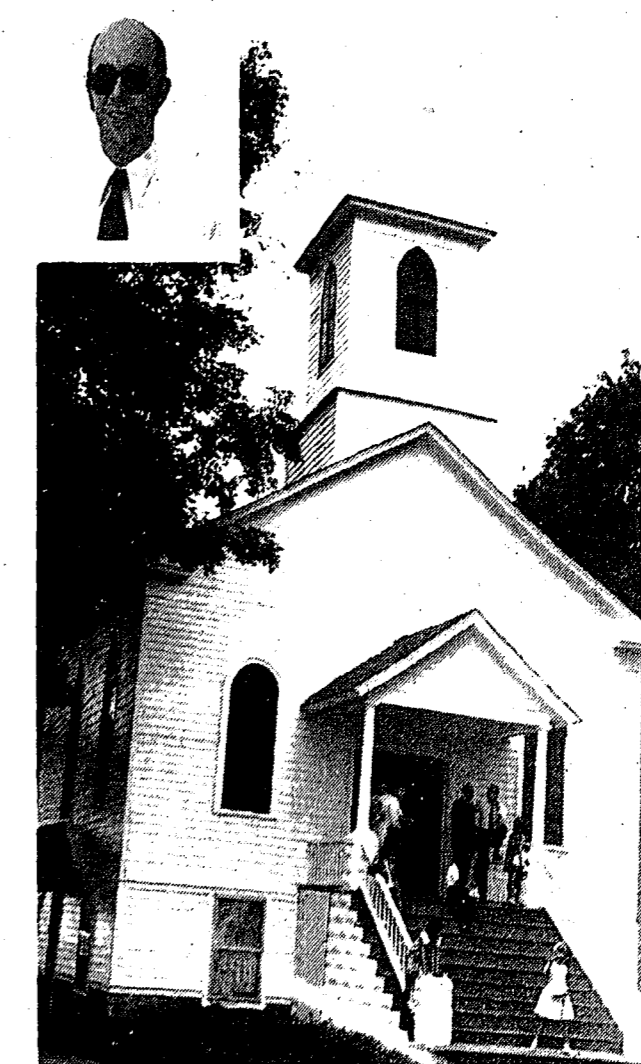
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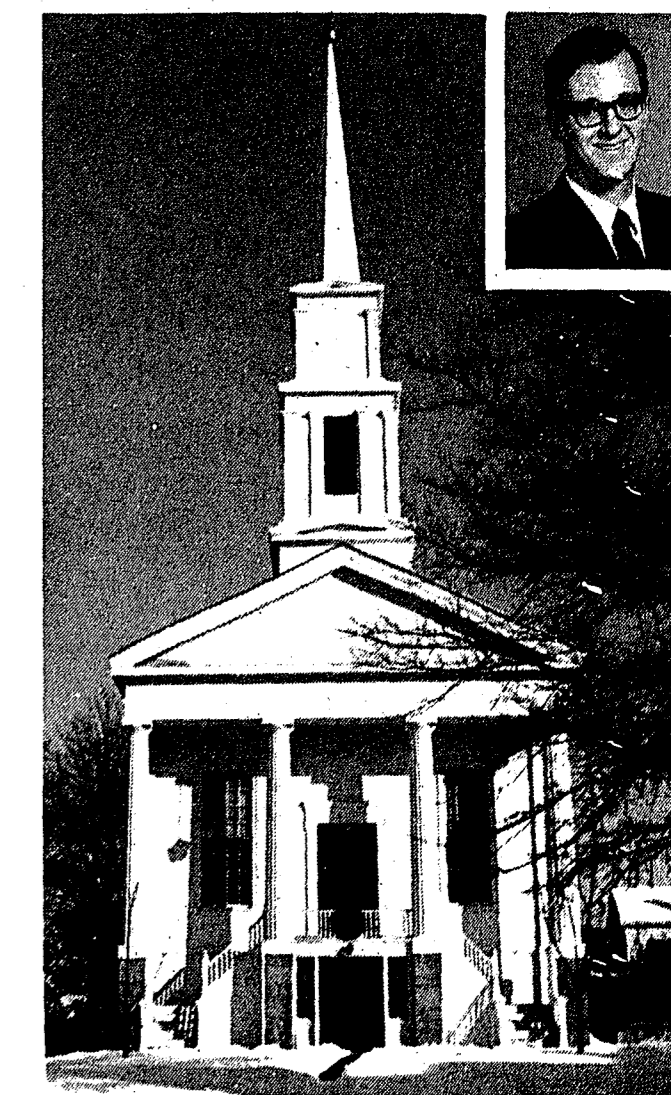
Ritchie Church (1872)
Berea, West Virginia
Francis D. Saunders, Pastor (1978)



Adams Center Church
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Adams Center, New York
Mark Irwin, Pulpit Supply (1981)



Verona, New York (1820)
Russell G. Johnson, Pastor (1978)



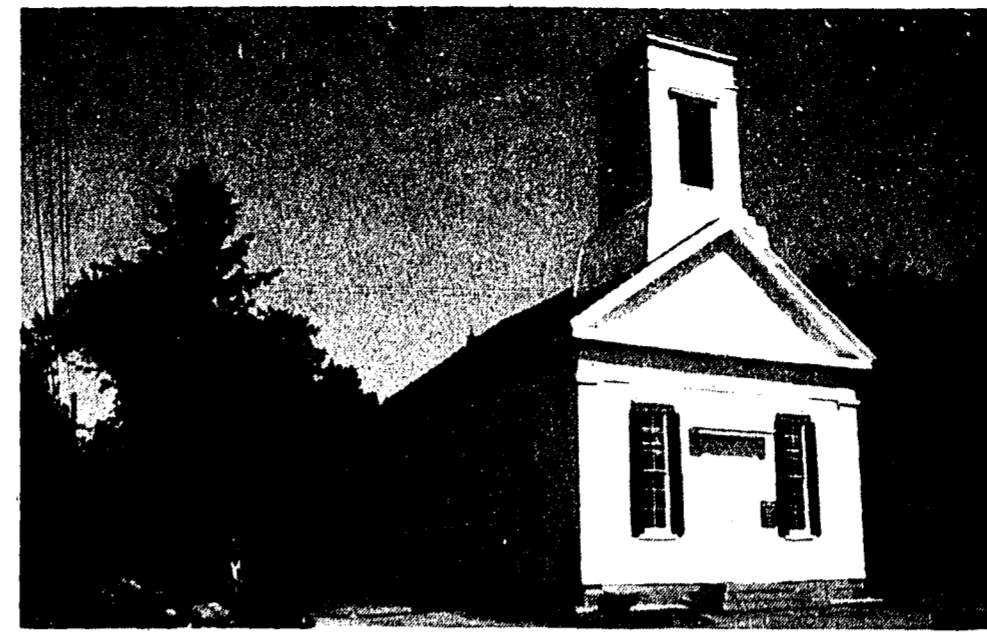
Pawcatuck Church (1840)
Westerly, Rhode Island
Dale E. Rood, Pastor (August, 1981)



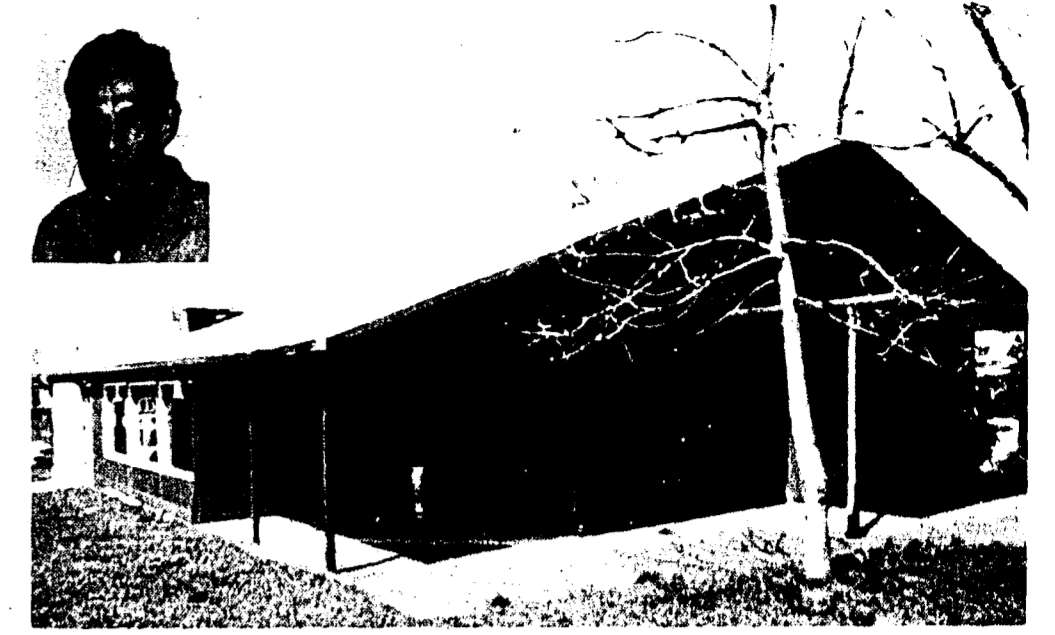
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Edward Sutton, Interim Pastor (1981)



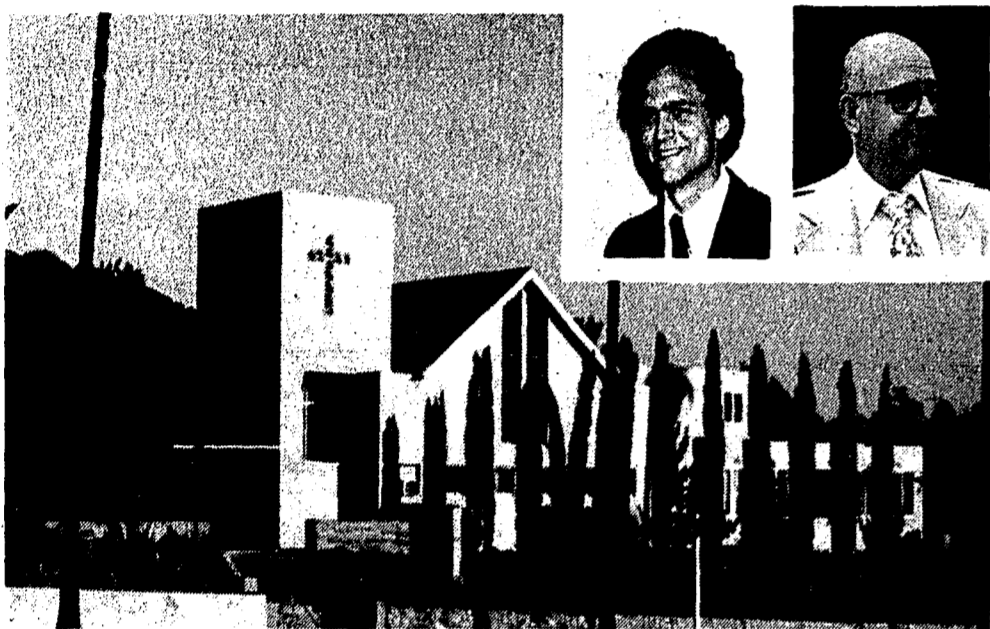
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Herbert E. Saunders, Pastor (July, 1981)
Earl Cruzan, Extension Pastor (1981)



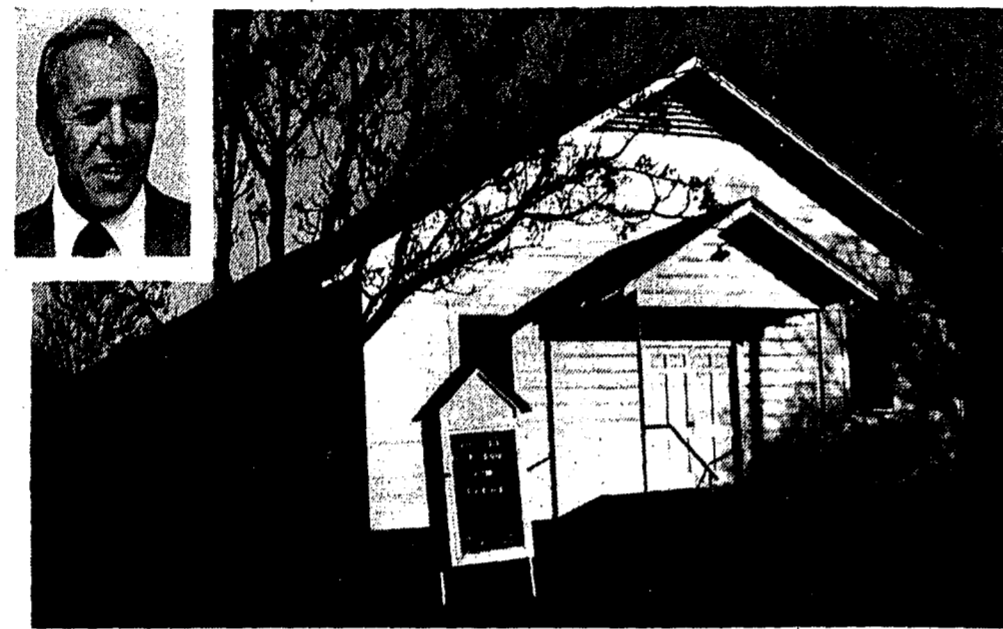
Waterford, Connecticut (1784)



Portland Area Church (1979)
Portland, Oregon
C. Justin Camenga, Pastor (1978)



Los Angeles, California (1910)
Charles H. Graffius, Pastor (1977)
Peter Morris, Assistant Pastor (1978)



Texarkana, Arkansas (1959)
Mynor G. Soper, Interim Pastor (1979)
Director of Evangelism, Missionary Society



Shiloh, New Jersey (1737)



White Cloud, Michigan (1917)



Raritan Valley Church (1976)
Bridgewater, New Jersey
Kenneth B. Burdick, Pastor (1978)



First Church of God of Putnam County (1944)
Palatka, Florida
Joseph H. Price, Pastor (1978)



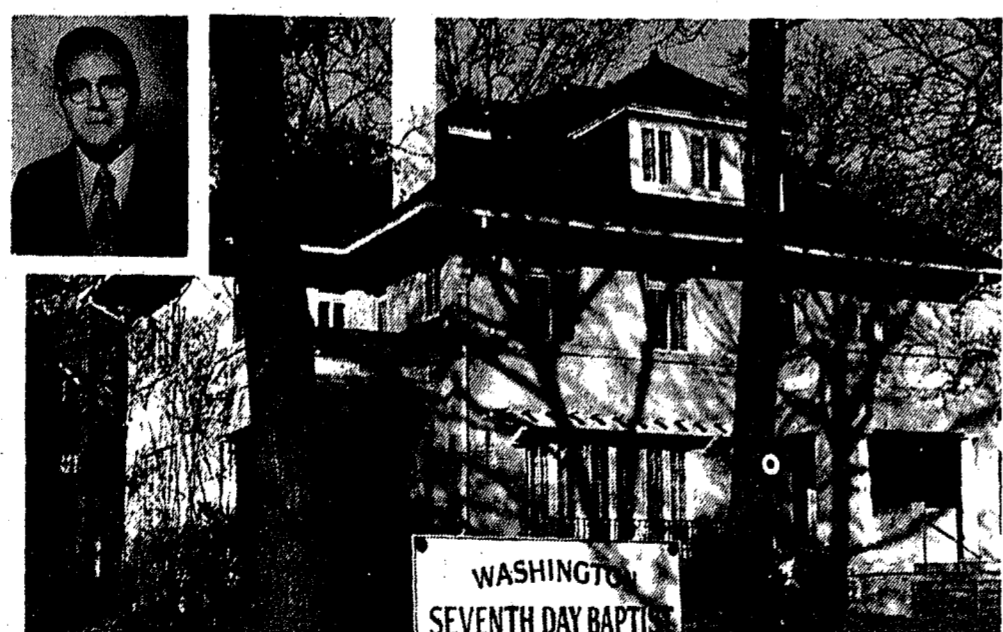
Fouke, Arkansas (1884)
Floyd L. Goodson, Pastor (1973)



Seattle Area Church (1968)
Seattle, Washington
Duane L. Davis, Pastor (1970)



First Church of Toronto (1979)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Joe A. Samuels, Pastor (1980)



Washington, District of Columbia (1945)
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First Church of Houston (1977)
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Kansas City, Kansas (1962)



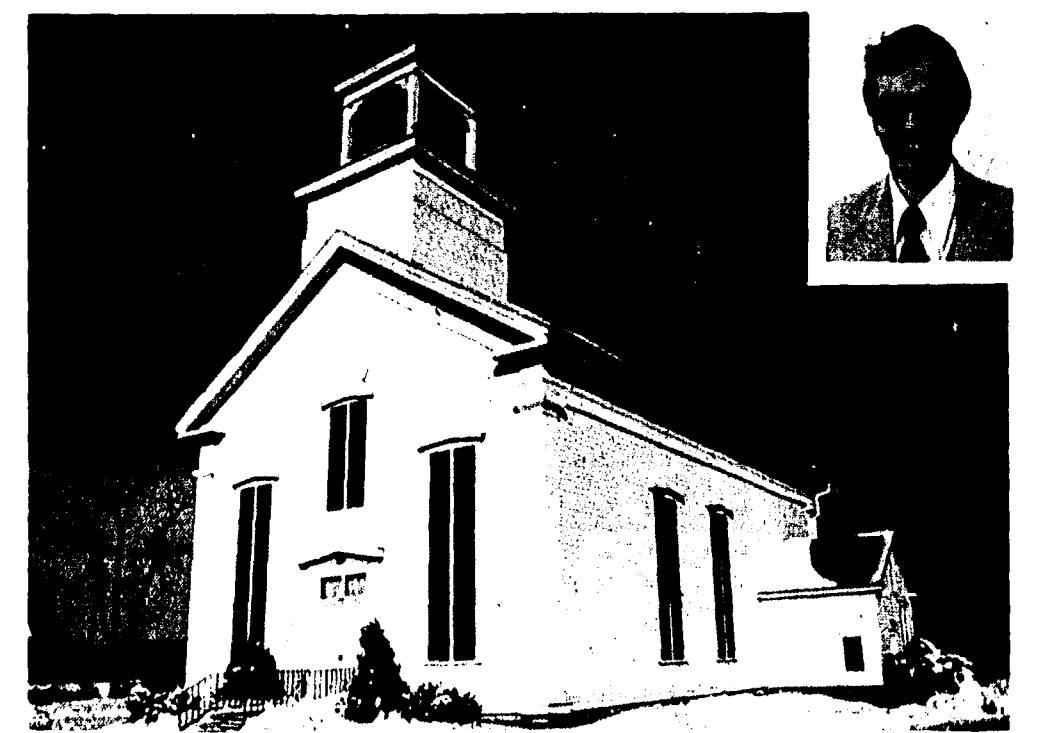
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Schenectady, New York (1957)
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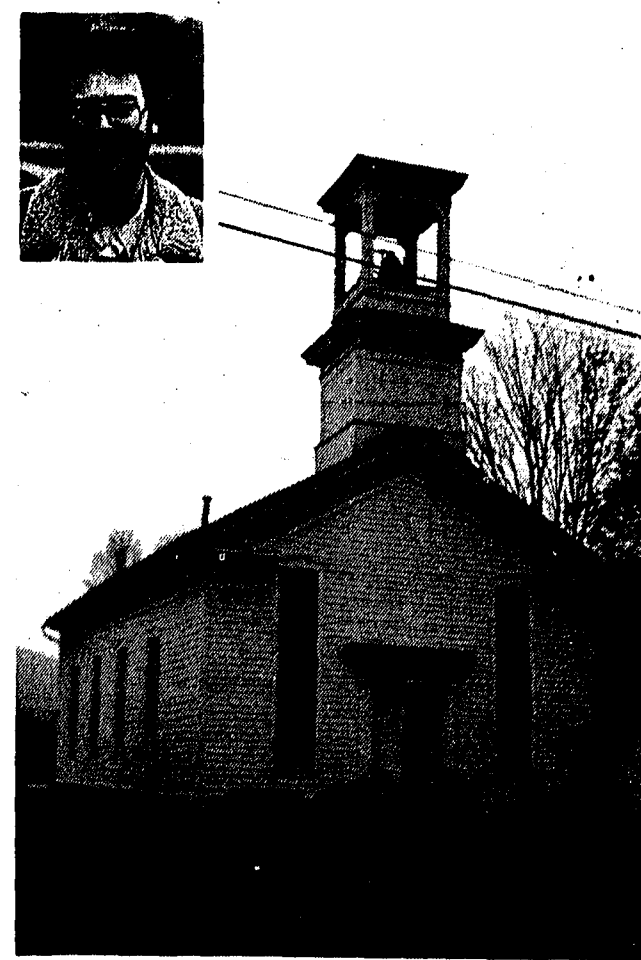
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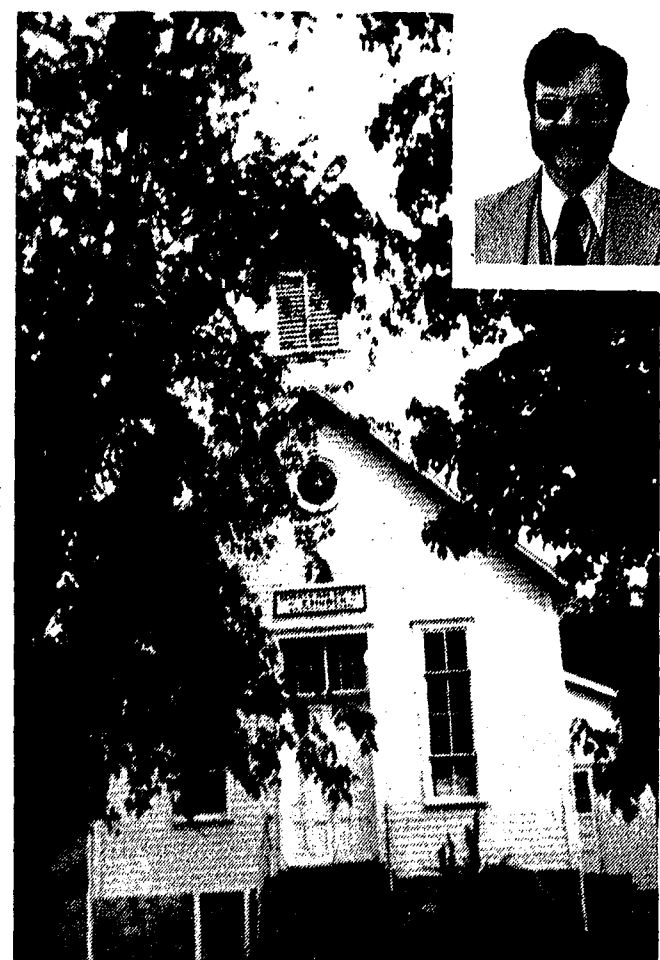
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Jerry G. Vaught, Acting Pastor (1980)



Farina, Illinois (1866)



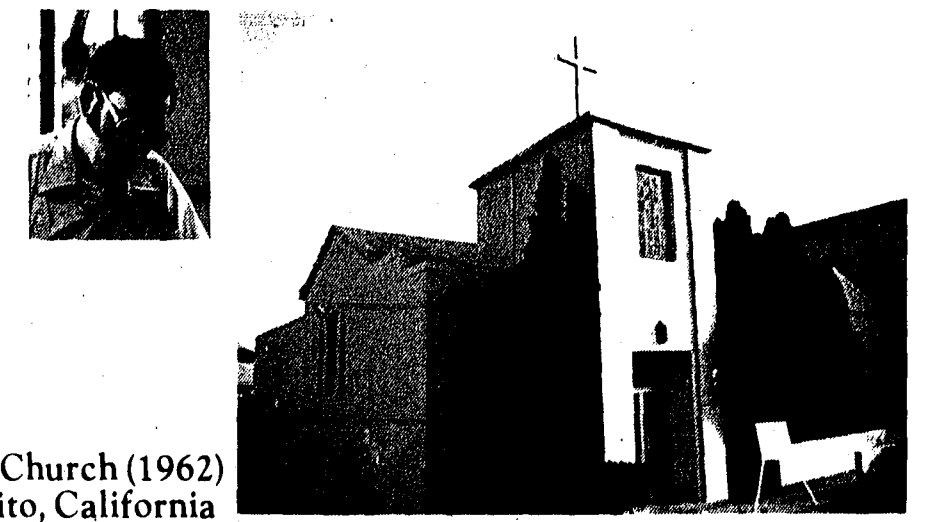
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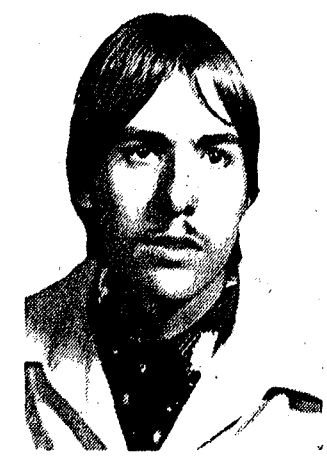
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Salemville, Pennsylvania
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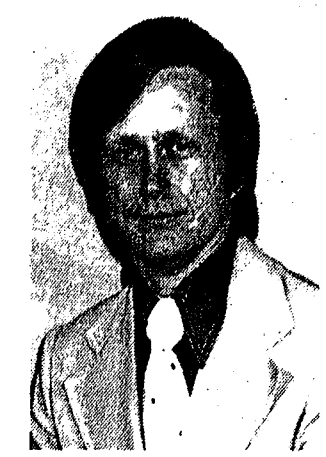
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Bay Area Church (1962)
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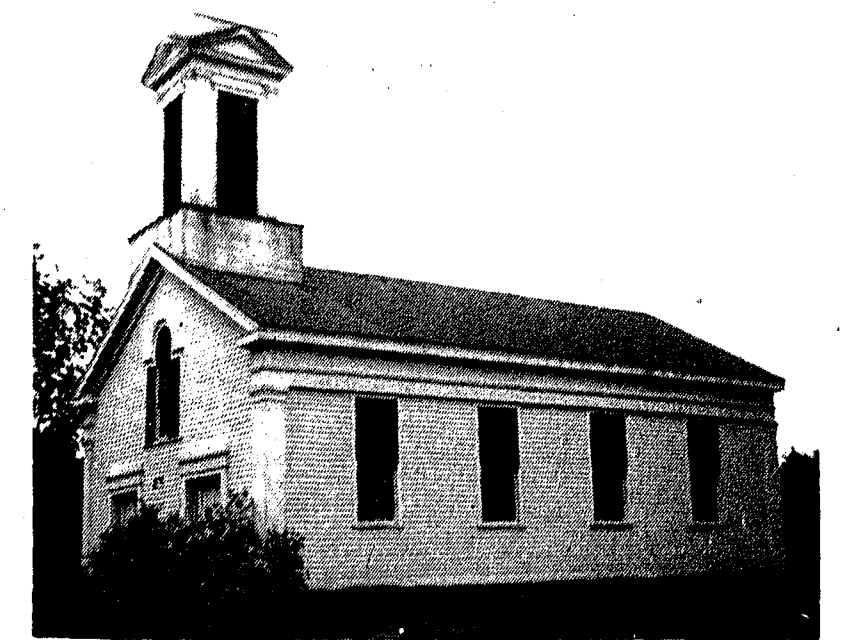
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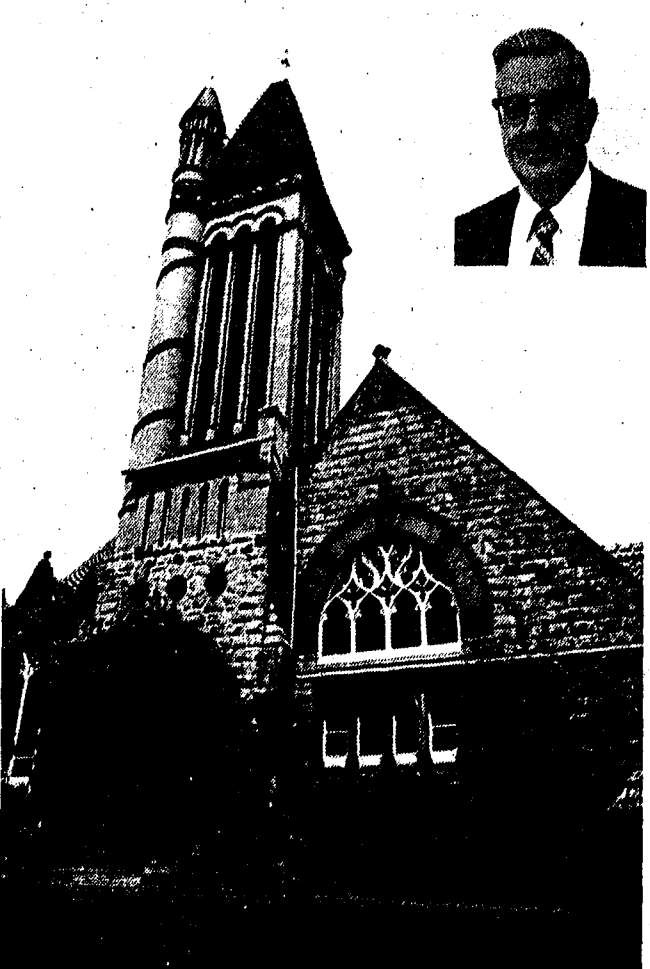
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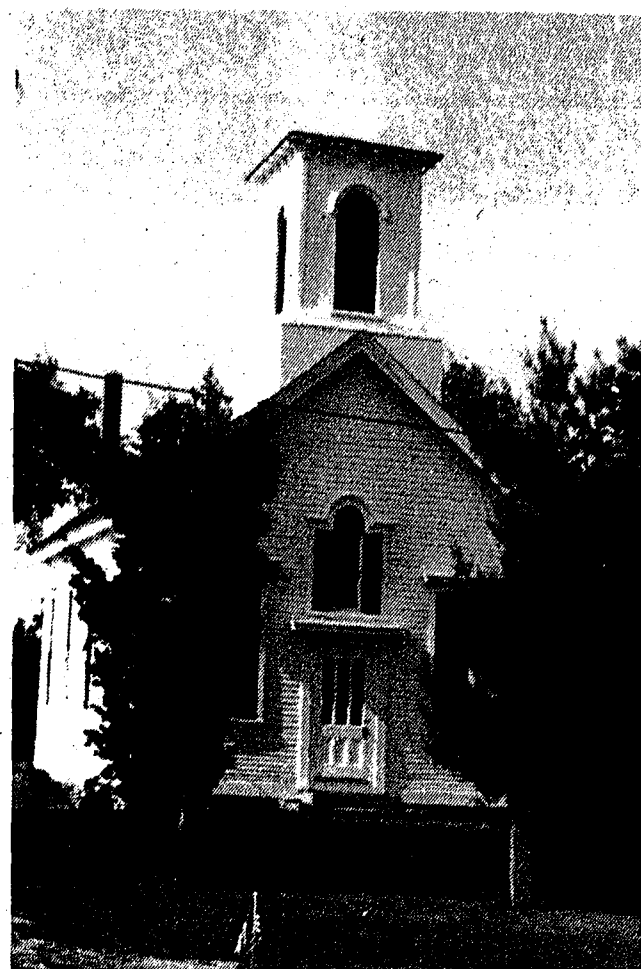
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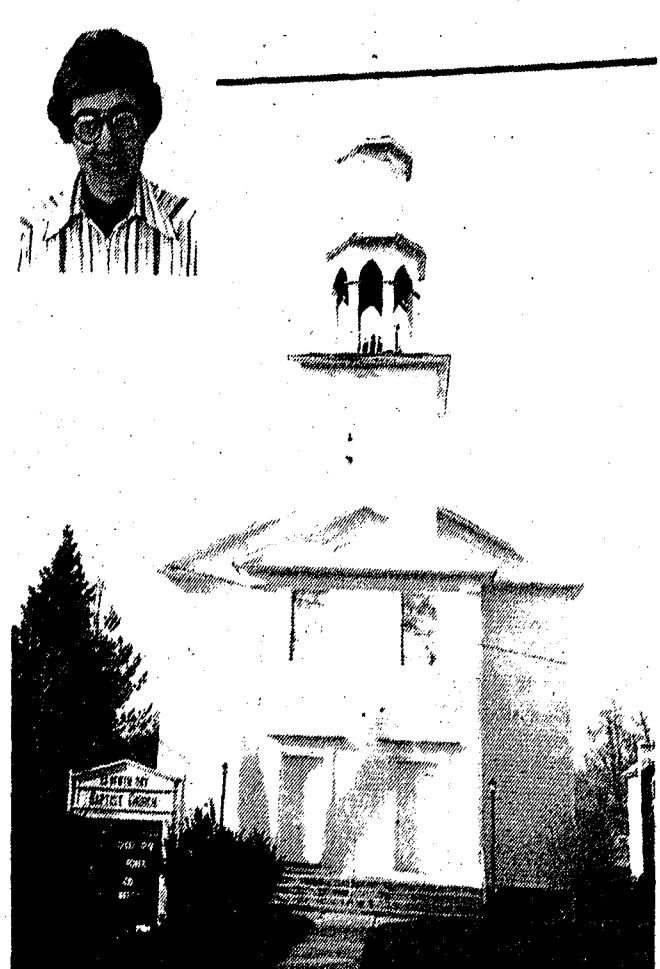
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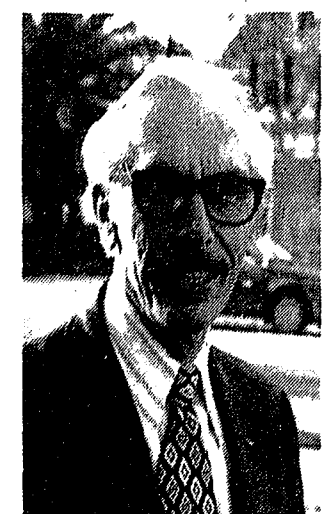
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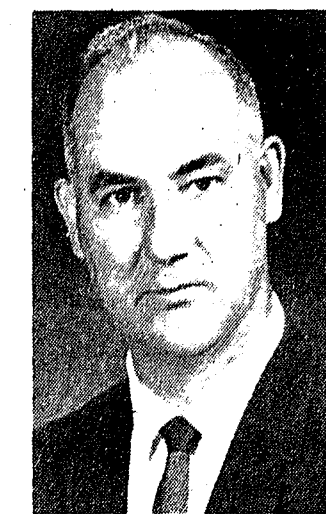
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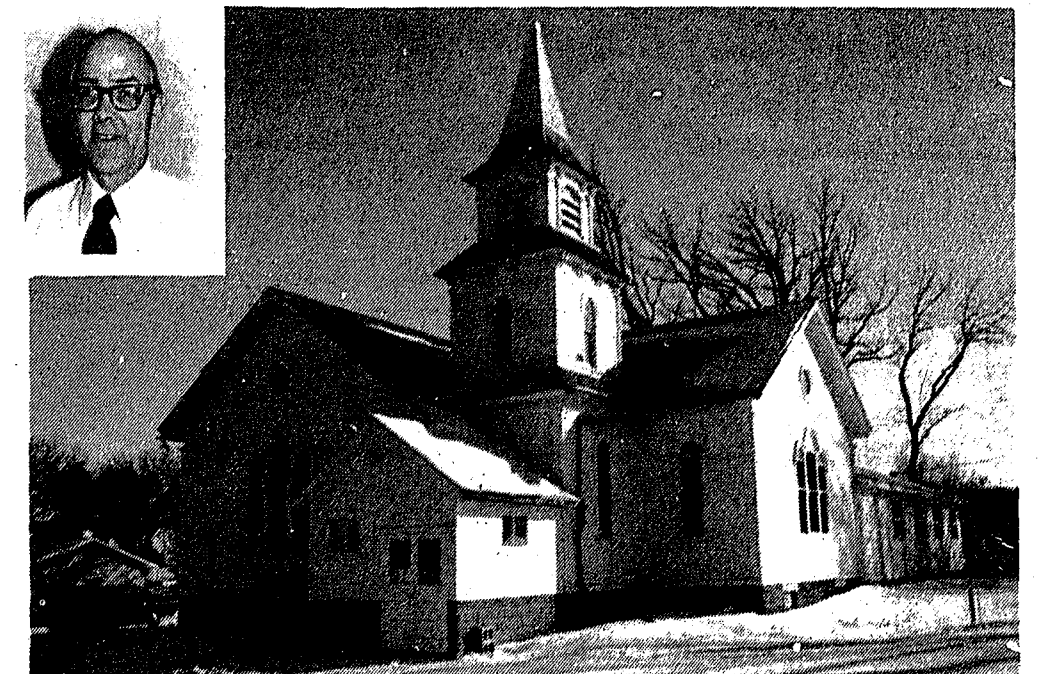
Leon R. Lawton
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Missionary Society
Westerly, Rhode Island



David S. Clarke
Editor (1980)
The Helping Hand
Alfred, New York



James M. Mitchell
Pastor (1979)
Christ Church (1978)
Little Rock, Arkansas



Dodge Center, Minnesota (1859)
Paul B. Osborn, Pastor (1981)



Berlin, New York
C. Rex Burdick, Pastor (1971)



Alfred, New York (1816)



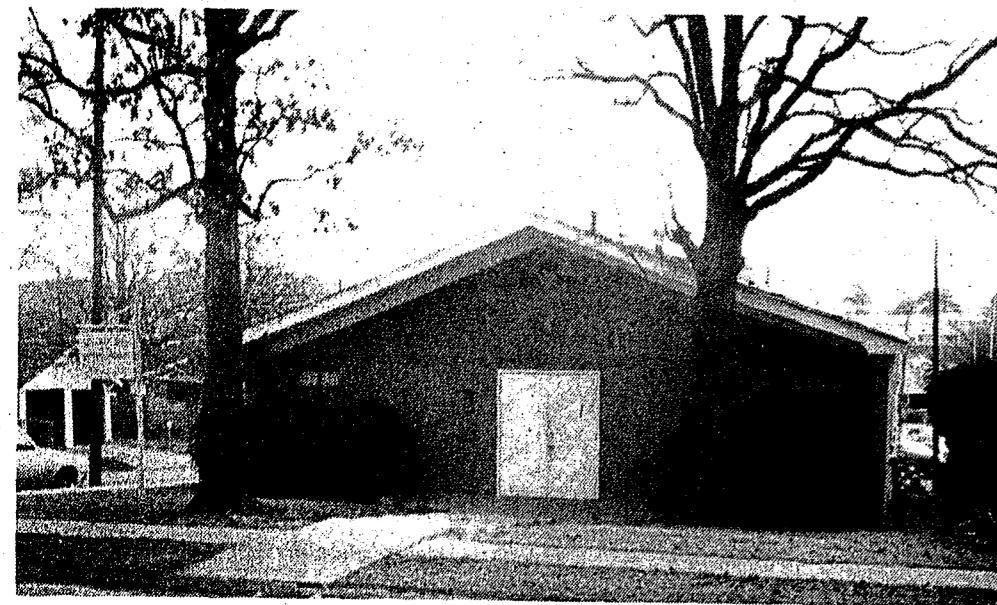
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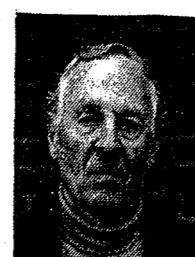
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Dean-elect, Center on Ministry (September, 1981)



Little Rock, Arkansas (1959)



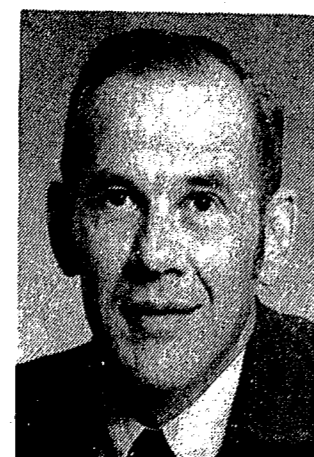
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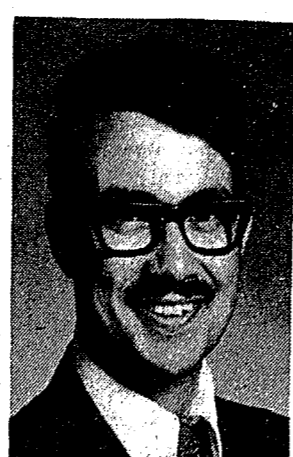
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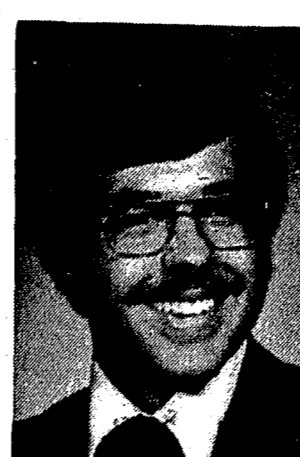
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Financial Agent
Acting Historian



Tom Johnson (1981)
Trinity Church
Arlington, Tennessee (1981)



John H. Camenga
Pastor (1979)
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Tennessee Church
(1978)
Blountville, Tennessee



William E. Shobe
Extension Pastor
(1981)
Atlanta, Georgia

DO SERMONS BORE YOU?

Some wag has described preaching as "the fine art of talking in someone else's sleep." Unfortunately, many people regard the sermon as a necessary evil that goes along with being a Christian.

When a sermon seems profitless, we usually blame the minister or the uninspiring subject. Yet, it takes two to make a sermon—the minister in the pulpit and the person in the pew. You and the pastor must work together if preaching is to be a profitable experience.

The wise man of Proverbs offered this helpful advice:

My son, if you will receive my words and hide my commandments with you so that you will incline your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry after knowledge and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek it as silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then shall you understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. (Prov. 2:1-5)

While we were born hearing, all of us must learn to listen. Research at the University of Minnesota reveals that in listening to a ten-minute talk, hearers operate at only 28 percent efficiency. The longer the talk, the less we understand.

Using Your Ears To Hear

Bad habits can get in the way of profitable listening. Let's consider how to overcome them.

(1) Don't assume the subject is dull. When the preacher announces his topic, avoid deciding that you have heard it before or that it won't apply to you. Even when they have heard a dozen sermons on a subject, good listeners believe that they can learn something from everyone. If they do not acquire new information, they may at least get a different point of view or fresh illustration. They know something useful can come to them when they incline their ear to wisdom.

(2) Don't criticize the speaker before hearing him out. Incidental things such as the style of the pastor's clothes, his posture, or his use of English, may tempt you not to pay attention. While every speaker has his faults, good listeners know they waste valuable time unless they ignore the faults and concentrate on all that the minister has to say.

(3) Don't let your prejudices close your mind. Suppose a preacher tackles a subject you feel strongly about and then takes an opposite point of view? You may react emotionally and reach up into your brain and turn him off. On the other hand, should the pastor

Perhaps you need



to learn how

to listen.

agree with your position, you may take it all in—truths, half-truths, and fiction—without checking it against the Scriptures. Effective listeners refuse to argue or agree with the speaker until they understand his position and allow him to state his case.

(4) Don't fake attention. Experienced Christians know how to assume a sanctuary pose in which they gaze at the preacher with their eyes but wander off inside their heads. Skilled listeners battle boredom by asking "What is the pastor talking about?" "What major points is he trying to get across?" "Has he proved his case?"

(5) Don't waste the advantage which thought has over speech. Dr. Ralph Nichols, an expert in listening, believes that we think four or five times faster than we can talk. If a preacher utters one hundred and twenty words a minute, the congregation thinks at about five hundred words a minute. That difference tempts listeners to wander off into mental side trails. They think about the football game and then come back to the speaker; then they wander off to think about getting the car fixed, then come back to the speaker; then they think about lunch and back to the speaker. During one of the excursions, something important gets by. The listener decides the subject is too complex and quits because not thinking is easier than thinking.

The gap between speech-speed and thought-speed offers us opportunities for profitable listening. Effective listeners practice three skills as they listen to a sermon. First, they guess at the next point. If they are listening closely, their guess will probably be correct and the speaker's point will stick in their mind. If they are wrong, they figure out why. Either way, they are more likely to remember a point when they guess than if they hadn't guessed at all.

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the CHURCH in ACTION

NEWS NOTES

● The Seattle, WA, church reports several outreach activities. They advertise each week in newspapers in Renton, Kent and Auburn, WA. They are also listed in area yellow pages. The Word of Truth with Pastor Duane Davis as speaker, is broadcast on Sabbath mornings at 8:15 on KFWY, Sumner-Federal Way, WA.

● Pastor Owen Lynch of the SDB Church in Birmingham, England, reports a successful evangelistic campaign. Several made decisions for Christ with three requesting church membership. He reports some interest in the Bristol area. Prayers for this work are requested.

● The Riverside, CA, church reports a special Passover Meal and the Lord's Supper were observed on Friday evening, April 17. In addition to the traditional explanation of the significance of the Passover Meal, opportunity was given for personal testimonies. On Resurrection Sabbath new members were welcomed into the church family.

● Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi was the featured speaker at the Eastern Association meetings held at the First Hopkinton Church in Ashaway, RI, May 15-17. Dr. Bacchiocchi, Associate Professor of Church History and Theology at Andrews University, spoke on the subject of the Sabbath.

BROOKFIELD LADIES SHARE SUNSHINE WITH SHUT-INS

BROOKFIELD, NY—Our Ladies Aid Society delivered Sunshine Boxes to ladies of the First Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church as well as to shut-ins and older folks in the Brookfield community.

We received this poem of thanks from Bernice Rogers, a member of the First Brookfield Church in Leonardsville, NY. She has expressed her gratitude in a way that our group heartily enjoyed. We wanted to share it with *Recorder* readers.

To think of Christ's birth as we observe Christmas Day.
There was joy and mirth as they took gifts gay.
To young folks now are gifts given,
Along with sweets and goodies.
Are old folks forgotten?
Not by the Brookfield ladies.

A fancy Christmas box with date-filled cookies, grapes and mini-bread
Peanuts, raisins, gum for breath
Candy cane, fudge, an apple red
Oranges, mint tea, other tea
And a sprig of evergreen.
All personally delivered.
Those Brookfield ladies have ingenuity,
Originality and generosity.
Here's an old woman who thanks them profusely.
She prays they may have joy and mirth
As they observe the day of the Savior's birth.

—Marjory L. Rau

BAPTISM HIGHLIGHTS SHILOH SERVICE

SHILOH, NJ—Baptismal services are always very special events in our Seventh Day Baptist churches, but the one held on April 10, 1981, at the Shiloh SDB Church was especially inspiring to all participants and witnesses.

Scriptures and hymns relating to our Lord's baptism and our own practices opened the service, and then "retired" Pastor Charles H. Bond demonstrated the meaning of baptism with an empty, upside-down cup which becomes usable only when it is turned right-side-up and filled—as our lives become when we accept Christ.

Then the candidates for baptism were introduced and asked to make a profession of faith. There were four young people who had attended Discipleship classes taught by Deaconess Mary Ayars and had, through family life and church teachings, quite naturally come to a personal decision; there was another young lady from the community whose mother had called the pastor during the week with the happy news that her daughter desired to take this step as a result of her association with SDB Christians at our Friday night youth fellowship; there were three adults who had married (or would soon marry) members of our congregation and wished to create unified Christian families; and there was a man who had been thinking about baptism for a long time and had been led to Pastor Bond after performing a "Good Samaritan" act for the daughter of one of our church members.

Two candelabra, each holding seven unlit candles, were set up in front of the sanctuary. As Robert Lawrence Jernoske, Julia Anne Vanderslice, Karen Lynn Lupton, Richelle Leann Dixon and Deborah Chew received the sacrament of baptism, a candle was lighted by parents Robert and Jane Jernoske, Robert and Kathleen Vanderslice, Charles and Sandra Lupton, Richard and Catherine Dixon, and Louis and Audrey Chew. Candles for the adults—Susan N. Bonham, Frank L. Mulford, Ralph S. Wendell and Alfred Becker—were lighted by husband Clifton Bonham, fiancée Clara Richardson, wife Carol Wendell and Deaconess Jane Jernoske, respectively.

In closing the service, Pastor Bond called attention to the five



Rev. and Mrs. O. G. Palmer

ORDINATION OF ORAINE G. PALMER AT LOTTERY, ST. JAMES, JAMAICA

Pastor Oraine G. Palmer was ordained into the Seventh Day Baptist ministry, March 1, at the Lottery SDB Church, St. James, Jamaica.

The call to examination on Sunday, March 1 at 10:00 A.M. was given by Lottery church which he has been serving for the past years.

Pastor Geoffrey Smith was elected Moderator of the Council of dele-

gates from the Blue Mountain, Bethsalem, Accompong Town, Luna, Higgin Town, Kingston, Niagara, Jackson Town, Waterford and Lottery churches.

Visiting clergy were: Rev. A. A. Black, Rev. V. R. Smith, Rev. J. B. Roberts, Rev. N. B. Thompson, Pastors A. A. Chambers, C. A. Ferguson, H. Irving and S/Pastor D. McLean. There were also representatives from the Conference Exco, and from the Council on Ministerial Affairs.

Pastor Palmer gave a written account to state his Christian experience and beliefs; he also described his call to the Ministry. He became a Christian at the age of fourteen and received his call to the ministry nine years later.

Pastor A. A. Chambers conducted the Ordination service, after which Pastor C. A. Ferguson gave the charge to the church, and Rev. A. A. Black the charge to the candidate. The Rev. Joel B. Roberts gave the prayer of consecration after which Rev. N. B. Thompson welcomed the candidate to the ministry.

An inspiring address was given by the Conference President, the Rev. V. R. Smith. Rev. O. G. Palmer then gave the closing prayer and benediction. Special music was given by Coffee Grove, a branch of the Blue Mountain church, and "So Send I You" was sung by the Lottery SDB Church. □

—P. Robinson



The Light Bearers for Christ team will be attending the Summer Institute sponsored by the Council on Ministry in Plainfield in June. They will sing in area churches as well. The team members are: Jeff Inabnit, Othneil Murphy, Arthur Rowe, David Thorngate and Jerry Van Horn. Information may be obtained by writing the Light Bearers for Christ, P.O. Box 77, Paint Rock, AL 35764.

still unlit candles symbolizing the unsaved people in the world who need Christ. He called for any others who wanted to take this important step and, seeing no volunteers, gave a benediction. As the audience began to disperse, he called us back to our seats. A hand had gone up in a corner of the room. A boy in one of our youth fellowships, which reach out to community children of all ages, had been thinking about baptism and was anxious to follow through with his plans. After being assured by family friends that the boy's parents would be pleased with the decision, Pastor Bond baptized Kevin McAllister, saying, "I've waited all my life for this moment."

On Sabbath Day, April 11, the Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to the eight newly-baptized Christians who had requested church membership: Robert Jernoske, Julie Vanderslice, Karen Lupton, Richelle Dixon, Debbie Chew, Susan Bonham, Frank Mulford and Ralph ("Bunky") Wendell.

The Shiloh church, having just gained eight new members by baptism, was also blessed by the transfer of membership of a dedicated couple who have lived and worked among us for over a year—Missionaries Menzo and Audrey Fuller, living examples of "they who wait upon the Lord." □

—Donna Bond



Sister G. Smith



Sister L. Ducille

RECOGNITION SERVICE AT BLUE MOUNTAIN, JAMAICA

A well-attended recognition service was held at the Blue Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church. Those recognized were Sisters Geraldine Smith and L. Ducille.

It was observed that Sister Smith worked as treasurer for twenty-five years and deaconess for twenty-six years. Her other services included Superintendent of the Sabbath

School and also as Sabbath School teacher.

Sister Ducille has been choir director and deaconess for twenty-seven years. She also has served as treasurer, Sabbath school superintendent and secretary.

Each of these ladies was given a special gift from the church. □

-Prudence Robinson

CENTRAL CHURCH GOD'S BLESSING POURED OUT

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—This column is to share with our friends across the denomination blessings that God gave us during the first quarter of 1981. What has happened to our congregation that might be accounted a blessing.

We have experienced as a people the sharing of the love of special guests: on the weekend of Jan. 24-25, the Executive Vice-President of the Missionary Society, the Rev. Leon Lawton, spoke on Sabbath morning and held an evaluation session with our Boards; on Sabbath Feb. 14, the Rev. Melvin Stephan, pastor of the Bell S.D.B. Church of Salemville, PA, delivered a message on the "Christian and Salt" and Sister Yvonne Stephan shared her musical talents at our annual Valentine's Banquet the eve after Sabbath; on Sabbath Mar. 7, the Rev. Francis Saunders representing Camp Joy, Inc., brought from the word of God, a look at John 3:16.

We have experienced as a people the sharing of love as God has given us children to be stewards of. On Jan. 8, a child was born to Brother Al and Sister Barbara Lacey. They named her Gianna Kirsten Lacey. On Jan. 31, a child was born to Brother Earl and Sister Dianne Hibbard; they named him Justin Ryan Hibbard. These two families as well as Brother Kevin and Sister Debbie Chroniger bringing their daughter, Samantha, presented the children in a service of Dedication on Sabbath, March 28.

We have experienced the sharing of love as we gave witness to one who followed his Lord in believer's baptism. On Jan. 31, at the Brock Hall Christian Church, Brother Douglas Wiess gave witness to his faith by being immersed.

ALCOHOL ABUSE

The police officer says:
"Alcohol and gasoline make for accidents."

The criminal says:
"I don't know what I did; I was drunk."

The judge says:
"Alcohol makes for crime but doesn't excuse it." □

We have experienced the sharing of love as we have witnessed God calling together a people for Himself. Three years ago in 1978, our congregation was averaging 12 in attendance for the first quarter, in the morning worship hour, for the first quarter this year according to God's grace we have an average attendance of 31.

Why have these blessings come to us? A large part of the reason is that you, as individuals and as churches, have shared your love with us. You have shared that love through your gifts to O.W.M. and the Missionary Pastor Program.

You have shared your love by the gifts that you have sent for our general fund and our building fund, that God's work can continue. You have shared your love by visiting our congregation when in our area on Sabbath morning. Most of all you have shared your love as you have poured out your prayers on our behalf before the throne of God. For all that love shown us, we of the Central Seventh Day Baptist Church, your missionary arm in the state of Maryland, say "Thanks." □

-Pastor Kenneth Chroniger

PHILADELPHIA PROJECT

PHILADELPHIA, PA—The Light Bearers for Christ singing team will present a concert as part of the worship at a second major public meeting of Seventh Day Baptists in Philadelphia on Sabbath afternoon, June 27. All Seventh Day Baptists and friends in the area are invited.

At the first in the series of monthly events, President Charles H. Graffius spoke on May 23rd. He noted that in the effort to establish a church in Philadelphia, Seventh Day Baptists are returning to some of their roots. "German Seventh Day Baptist descendants escaping religious oppression in Europe in the 1700s settled first in what is now the Germantown section of the city and later moved to establish the Ephrata Cloisters in Lancaster County."

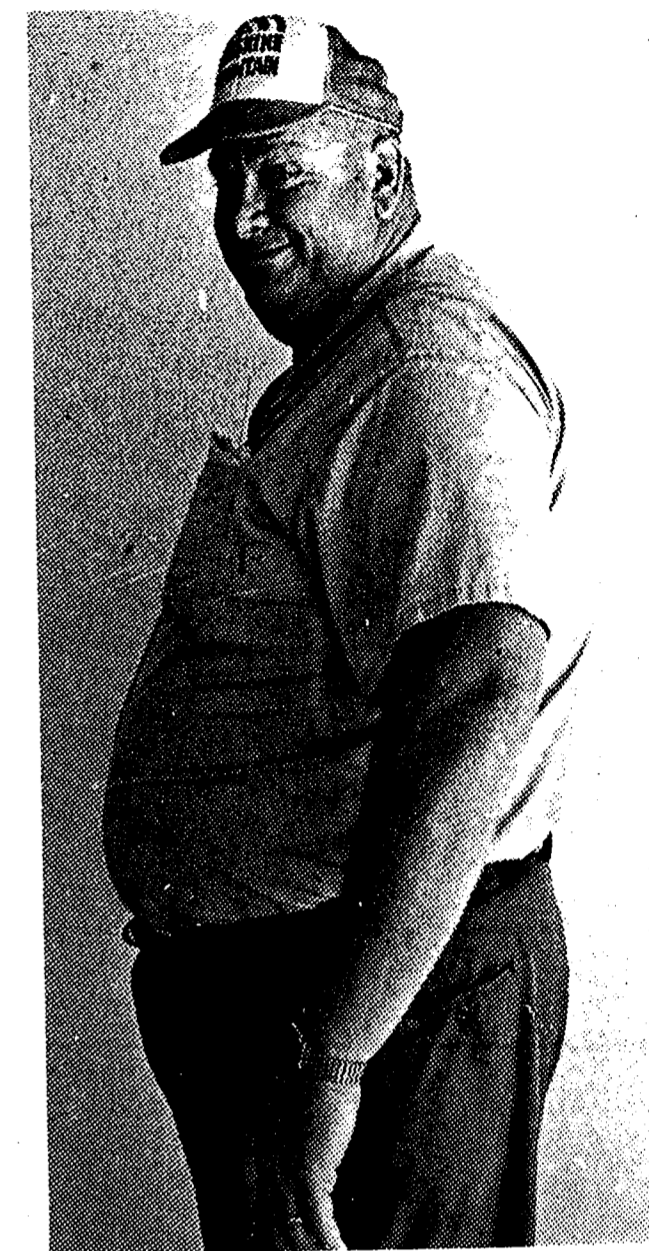
Greg and Janis Holloway who live in the area are working on the denominational Philadelphia Project Committee on the goal of establishing a Seventh Day Baptist Church in the metropolitan area. For details on the location or information on weekly services call Greg Holloway (215) 988-0758. □

JACK HAYS TAKING IT ALL OFF AGAIN

SUNSHINE MTN., MS—Jack Hays, who has been dubbed in print as the Gentle Giant of Sunshine Mountain, has since September 24, 1978, lost a total of 463 pounds and has now launched another effort to achieve a weight loss in excess of 500 pounds total. The present plan is to lose 100 pounds or more in a period of 75 days. His first weight reduction effort culminated in his losing 203 pounds in 10 months. The next effort was 100 pounds lost in 100 days as recorded by WBRZ-TV, Baton Rouge, LA. The next effort was 160 pounds lost in 160 days, this time recorded by WAFB-TV, also of Baton Rouge, with Dewayne Graham.

Present height is 6'11" and weight recorded at Farmers Milling, April 20 at 410 pounds.

The latest effort of 100 pounds or more in 75 days is scheduled to coincide with the writing of a book, the title of which is to be "How I Lost Over a Quarter of a Ton of Fat for My Retarded Kids, and Other Southern Folklore." The reason for all the dieting, for all the seeking of publicity, for all the anguish (because losing weight is not easy), has been to focus the spotlight of attention upon the needs of retarded children and of Sunshine Mountain's effort to fill a void by providing a home for these special persons. Today there are empty beds that need to be filled by persons who cannot function in the outside world, but who need a place of security, love, and a home. Sunshine Mountain was conceived by Jack, but because of an accident and income of only \$49 per week workmen's compensation his dream lay dormant until picked up by his brother, Ralph, and brought to fruition. It stands today six buildings on 35 acres of land as a beacon of hope where the child with Down's syndrome, mental retardation can find a family



who loves him, or her, and which he can love in return.

If you would like a copy of Jack's diet, which includes helpful suggestions, recipes and a ray of hope, send one dollar (\$1.00) for postage and handling to DIET, P.O. Box 37, Chatawa, MS 39632. If there is anything left over it will be donated in its entirety to the children's home which is a non-profit, tax deductible, wholly owned ministry of the Sunshine Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Can he do it? Can this giant, who has been described as having a heart as big as Texas, see the need of retarded citizens and love with such intensity as to make you see and love them, too? □

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Position open for part-time pastor and camp manager. A good opportunity to serve a small Seventh Day Baptist church and be active in a forward camping program. Especially

fitted for a retired pastor desiring part-time service. Contact:
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Camp Joy, Inc.
Berea, WV 26327
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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

PLAINFIELD, NJ—At our annual meeting April 12, Pastor Victor Skaggs reported that our church and Sabbath School attendance had increased considerably during the seven months of his pastorate. The trustees with Janet Whitford as president reported many renovations to the church and parsonage during the year. Weekly ads publicizing our services are being run in the *Courier-News* by the Discipleship Committee. We voted to license Jeanne Wilhelm to preach the gospel for another year. She graduates from Eastern Baptist Seminary in May.

We will greatly miss the Saunders family and Dr. and Mrs. K. D. Hurley when they leave this summer. In place of Barbara Saunders as moderator we elected Frederik Bakker. In place of Dean Herbert Saunders as treasurer we named Douglas Wheeler. Instead of K. D. Hurley as trustee we now have Jeannette Durvea, who was also elected fellowship coordinator. In place of Shireen Hurley we chose Kay Maltby as chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and in her place as Sabbath School superintendent we now have Lucy Tyler. We still have to find a music director in place of Barbara Saunders. We will also

miss Dean Saunders as elder and the Hurleys as deacon and deaconess.

The Houghton College Symphonic Wind Ensemble with 36 instruments gave a fine concert of mostly sacred music on March 10. We were pleased to see Craig Mix of Alfred Station, NY. The Women's Society served dinner to the students before the concert, and they were hosted overnight in our homes and others.

Christian Education Sabbath was March 28. Executive Secretary Mary Clare outlined the work of our denominational board in the morning. Following a fellowship dinner she conducted a challenging workshop on Sabbath School teaching. There was a short recess at 5:00 for a light supper.

Our Women's Society provided lunch for the American Sabbath Tract Board at their quarterly meeting in April. Another project was assembling about 50 valentine gifts of candy for the residents of the old folks' homes across the street from the church. At our April meeting Dean Saunders showed some of his excellent slides of the Holy Land and gave a very interesting explanation of them.

Fourteen of us plan to attend the Eastern Association meetings at Ashaway, RI, in May. □

-Ruth Hunting Parker

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Information will be sent to you upon request. This will be a 12 day tour. The cost for the suggested visit will be: from New York—\$1,688; from Chicago—\$1,888; and from Los Angeles—\$2,188. We hope you will join us. Why don't you consider the possibility of sending your pastor and his wife as a special gift of love and appreciation! □

Do Sermons Bore You?

(Continued from page 21)

Second, good listeners challenge supporting evidence. They try to identify the proofs a speaker offers for his conclusions and evaluate whether or not the arguments are sound.

Third, effective listeners summarize the sermon. They take time out to ask, "What have we accomplished so far?" This takes only seconds and can be done as a minister moves from one idea to another or pauses between points. If you make three or four summaries throughout the sermon, you will remember the essential points. Writing down the outline also helps to summarize and review.

We can grow spiritually if we learn to listen to sermons. Listening enables us to learn. Learning enables us to grow.

Test Your Sermon Listening Skills

Circle the number that best expresses your response. Circle 1 for "seldom," 2 for "sometimes," and 3 for "usually."

1 2 3 I look forward to hearing a message from God.

1 2 3 I sit where I can watch the minister as he preaches.

1 2 3 I pray for the preacher before or during the sermon.

1 2 3 I concentrate to find the main idea and main points.

1 2 3 I feel I could tell an absentee the sermon.

1 2 3 I summarize what the preacher says in the sermon.

1 2 3 I look for something that should take place in my life as a result of the sermon.

1 2 3 I make it a point to thank the minister for something particular in his message.

A score of 20 or more indicates that you are an excellent listener; 14-19 means good listening; 13 or less means that you could improve with benefit to yourself. □

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By Baptism:

Mary (Mrs. Gary) Scholl

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VERONA, NY
Russell Johnson, Pastor

By Testimony:

Kevin Butler

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Charles Prest

MARRIAGES

DUNCAN-BEEBE.—David Duncan and Lily Ann Beebe were united in marriage in the Little Creek Baptist Church of Coosa, GA, on December 6, 1980 by the pastor. Lily is the daughter of Mrs. Mary C. Beebe of Rome, GA, and the late Paul Victor Beebe.

MULFORD-RICHARDSON.—Frank Barry Mulford, son of John Lewis Mulford, Bridgeton, NJ, and Clara Regenia Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Richardson, Shiloh, NJ, were united in marriage on April 18, 1981, at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of both the bride and groom, officiating. They will reside in Shiloh.

BIRTHS

ANDERSON.—A son, Scean Kelly, to David and Sue (Lawhead) Anderson of Portsmouth, Virginia, on April 6, 1981.

CLEMENT.—A son, Joseph Nathaniel, was born April 15, 1981 to Charles and Teri Clement of Clarksburg, WV.

CLARK.—A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, was born to James and Cathy (Ebersole) Clark, October 1, 1980.

DAVIS.—A daughter, Kimberly Jean, to Kenneth H. and Karen (Fletcher) Davis of Millersville, Pennsylvania, on February 24, 1981.

FARKAS.—A son, Kevin Lewis, to Vincent and Nancy (Brannon) Farkas of Wheat Ridge, Colo., on April 21, 1981.

HIBBARD.—A son, Justin Ryan, was born on January 31, 1981 to Earl and Dianne (Slaton) Hibbard of Millersville, MD.

LACEY.—A daughter, Gianna Kirsten, was born January 8, 1981, to Barbara and Al Lacey of Camp Springs, MD.

LOONEY.—A daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, was born March 20, 1981 to Gerald Timothy and Diana Gardiner Looney in Clarendon, AR. (Tim is the grandson of Clara Lewis Beebe and the late Elder Clifford A. Beebe.)

SCHLEUSENER.—A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Paul L. and Marian (Jones) Schleusener of Lansing, Michigan, on April 7, 1981.

SHOBE.—A son, Joshua Allen, to William and Shelley (Hunt) Shobe, of Denver, Colorado, on April 2, 1981.

SPELLS.—A son, Richard Edward II, to Richard E. and Annette (Villeneaux) Spells of Battle Creek, Michigan, on April 17, 1981.

STOECKEL.—A daughter, Ashley Renae, was born Jan. 8, 1981 to Michelle Stoeckel.

WILEY.—A daughter, Taryn Marie to William and Donna (Davis) Wiley on January 15, 1981.

OBITUARIES

ROBINETTE.—Ella Mae, daughter of Harvey and Susan (Kagarise) Dimond, was born June 27, 1911 in Salemville, PA, and died February 10, 1981 at Bedford County Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the Bell Seventh Day Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at the German Seventh Day Baptist Church in Salemville with the Rev. Kent L. Martin and the Rev. Melvin Stephan officiating. Burial was in the Salemville Cemetery.

Survivors include: three children, Floyd E. Robinette, Harry L. Robinette and Mrs. Ruth A. Ott; twelve grandchildren; six brothers and sisters, Mrs. Elda Lippincott, Mrs. Mildred Coble, Harold L. Dimond, M. Ulcie Dimond, A. Kenneth Dimond and Robert F. Dimond.

—K.L.M.

SHELDON.—Adelaide, 94, was born Dec. 11, 1886 in Alfred, NY, and died March 27, 1981, in the Wellsville, NY, Nursing Home.

She was a graduate of the Alfred Training School Class of 1906. Mrs. Sheldon was the widow of William W. Sheldon, who died in 1955. She taught school for two years in the town of Alfred and for many years was an employee of Alfred University and Glidden Potteries. She was a member of the Alfred SDB Church and a 69-year member of the

Order of Eastern Star in Alfred.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Roelofs of Chattanooga, TN, and Mrs. Rosemary Chapman of White Marsh, MD; one son, W. Max Sheldon of Wellsville; eleven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held at the Alfred SDB Church with Rev. David S. Clarke officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. —B.S.

WRIGHT.—Manly James, was born April 27, 1900, in Harrison, Nebraska, to Frank Henry and Florence Green Wright. He died in Community Hospital, Boulder, Colorado, January 23, 1981.

On July 24, 1925 Manly Wright was married to Mable Anna Thorngate in North Loup, Nebraska. They moved to Boulder, Colorado, in 1928 where they joined the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church. He served as senior deacon of the church until the time of his death. Harold D. Wright, the only child of Manly and Mable, survives his parents and is also a deacon of the Boulder church. Mable died in 1977.

Manly enjoyed people—especially children. During his active years he often gave the children's message in the church services. In recent years he was active in the Boulder Senior Citizens' organization where he was a member of the popular rhythm band. (When singing the hymns in church became difficult for him, he participated musically by playing harmonica accompaniment with the hymns.)

Surviving Manly is his son, Harold D. Wright of Boulder; three brothers, Theodore, Maxson and Robin.

Funeral services were conducted in Boulder on January 27 by Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in Mountain View Memorial Park, Boulder.

—E.F.R.

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Do Sermons Bore You?

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Second, good listeners challenge supporting evidence. They try to identify the proofs a speaker offers for his conclusions and evaluate whether or not the arguments are sound.

Third, effective listeners summarize the sermon. They take time out to ask, "What have we accomplished so far?" This takes only seconds and can be done as a minister moves from one idea to another or pauses between points. If you make three or four summaries throughout the sermon, you will remember the essential points. Writing down the outline also helps to summarize and review.

We can grow spiritually if we learn to listen to sermons. Listening enables us to learn. Learning enables us to grow.

Test Your Sermon Listening Skills

Circle the number that best expresses your response. Circle 1 for "seldom," 2 for "sometimes," and 3 for "usually".

- 1 2 3 I look forward to hearing a message from God.
- 1 2 3 I sit where I can watch the minister as he preaches.
- 1 2 3 I pray for the preacher before or during the sermon.
- 1 2 3 I concentrate to find the main idea and main points.
- 1 2 3 I feel I could tell an absentee the sermon.
- 1 2 3 I summarize what the preacher says in the sermon.
- 1 2 3 I look for something that should take place in my life as a result of the sermon.
- 1 2 3 I make it a point to thank the minister for something particular in his message.

A score of 20 or more indicates that you are an excellent listener; 14-19 means good listening; 13 or less means that you could improve with benefit to yourself. □

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BATTLE CREEK, MI
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By Baptism:
David Carmichael
Sterling T. Clifton
Timothy Courtier
Doris (Mrs. William) Lingg
Gary Paulin
Annette (Mrs. Richard E.) Spells
David Yates

By Letter:
Donald M. Brown

BOULDER, CO
Elmo Fitz Randolph, Pastor

By Baptism:
Mary (Mrs. Gary) Scholl

By Testimony (recommitment):
William Saunders

CENTRAL SDB CHURCH
UPPER MARLBORO, MD
Kenneth Chroniger, Pastor

By Baptism:
Douglas Wiess

DODGE CENTER, MN

By Baptism:
Alesia Greene

MEMPHIS, TN
William Shoffner, Pastor

By Testimony:
Mrs. June White

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Victor W. Skaggs, Pastor

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Ethel (Mrs. C.H.) Dickinson

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Charles H. Bond, Pastor

By Baptism:
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Richelle Leann Dixon
Karen Lynn Lupton
Julie Anne Vanderslice
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Frank L. Mulford
Ralph S. Wendell

By Letter:
Audrey (Mrs. Menzo) Fuller
Menzo Fuller

VERONA, NJ
Russell Johnson, Pastor

By Testimony:
Kevin Butler

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Mrs. Pat Pearson
Charles Prest

MARRIAGES

DUNCAN-BEEBE.—David Duncan and Lily Ann Beebe were united in marriage in the Little Creek Baptist Church of Coosa, GA, on December 6, 1980 by the pastor. Lily is the daughter of Mrs. Mary C. Beebe of Rome, GA, and the late Paul Victor Beebe.

MULFORD-RICHARDSON.—Frank Barry Mulford, son of John Lewis Mulford, Bridgeton, NJ, and Clara Regenia Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Richardson, Shiloh, NJ, were united in marriage on April 18, 1981, at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of both the bride and groom, officiating. They will reside in Shiloh.

BIRTHS

ANDERSON.—A son, Sean Kelly, to David and Sue (Lawhead) Anderson of Portsmouth, Virginia, on April 6, 1981.

CLEMENT.—A son, Joseph Nathaniel, was born April 15, 1981 to Charles and Teri Clement of Clarksburg, WV.

CLARK.—A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, was born to James and Cathy (Ebersole) Clark, October 1, 1980.

DAVIS.—A daughter, Kimberly Jean, to Kenneth H. and Karen (Fletcher) Davis of Millersville, Pennsylvania, on February 24, 1981.

FARKAS.—A son, Kevin Lewis, to Vincent and Nancy (Brannon) Farkas of Wheat Ridge, Colo., on April 21, 1981.

HIBBARD.—A son, Justin Ryan, was born on January 31, 1981 to Earl and Dianne (Slaton) Hibbard of Millersville, MD.

LACEY.—A daughter, Gianna Kirsten, was born January 8, 1981, to Barbara and Al Lacey of Camp Springs, MD.

LOONEY.—A daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, was born March 20, 1981 to Gerald Timothy and Diana-Gardiner Looney in Clarendon, AR. (Tim is the grandson of Clara Lewis Beebe and the late Elder Clifford A. Beebe.)

SCHLEUSENER.—A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Paul L. and Marian (Jones) Schleusener of Lansing, Michigan, on April 7, 1981.

SHOBE.—A son, Joshua Allen, to William and Shelley (Hunt) Shobe, of Denver, Colorado, on April 2, 1981.

SPELLS.—A son, Richard Edward II, to Richard E. and Annette (Villencaux) Spells of Battle Creek, Michigan, on April 17, 1981.

STOECKEL.—A daughter, Ashley Renae, was born Jan. 8, 1981 to Michelle Stoeckel.

WILEY.—A daughter, Taryn Marie to William and Donna (Davis) Wiley on January 15, 1981.

OBITUARIES

ROBINETTE.—Ella Mae, daughter of Harvey and Susan (Kagarise) Dimond, was born June 27, 1911 in Salemville, PA, and died February 10, 1981 at Bedford County Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the Bell Seventh Day Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at the German Seventh Day Baptist Church in Salemville with the Rev. Kent L. Martin and the Rev. Melvin Stephan officiating. Burial was in the Salemville Cemetery.

Survivors include: three children, Floyd E. Robinette, Harry L. Robinette and Mrs. Ruth A. Ott; twelve grandchildren; six brothers and sisters, Mrs. Elda Lippincott, Mrs. Mildred Coble, Harold L. Dimond, M. Ulcie Dimond, A. Kenneth Dimond and Robert F. Dimond.

—K.I.M.

SHELDON.—Adelaide, 94, was born Dec. 11, 1886 in Alfred, NY, and died March 27, 1981, in the Wellsville, NY, Nursing Home.

She was a graduate of the Alfred Training School Class of 1906. Mrs. Sheldon was the widow of William W. Sheldon, who died in 1955. She taught school for two years in the town of Alfred and for many years was an employee of Alfred University and Glidden Potteries. She was a member of the Alfred SDB Church and a 69-year member of the

Order of Eastern Star in Alfred. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Roelofs of Chattanooga, TN, and Mrs. Rosemary Chapman of White Marsh, MD; one son, W. Max Sheldon of Wellsville; eleven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. A memorial service was held at the Alfred SDB Church with Rev. David S. Clarke officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. —B.S.

WRIGHT.—Manly James, was born April 27, 1900, in Harrison, Nebraska, to Frank Henry and Florence Green Wright. He died in Community Hospital, Boulder, Colorado, January 23, 1981.

On July 24, 1925 Manly Wright was married to Mable Anna Thorngate in North Loup, Nebraska. They moved to Boulder, Colorado, in 1928 where they joined the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church. He served as senior deacon of the church until the time of his death. Harold D. Wright, the only child of Manly and Mable, survives his parents and is also a deacon of the Boulder church. Mable died in 1977.

Manly enjoyed people—especially children. During his active years he often gave the children's message in the church services. In recent years he was active in the Boulder Senior Citizens' organization where he was a member of the popular rhythm band. (When singing the hymns in church became difficult for him, he participated musically by playing harmonica accompaniment with the hymns.)

Surviving Manly is his son, Harold D. Wright of Boulder; three brothers, Theodore, Maxson and Robin.

Funeral services were conducted in Boulder on January 27 by Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in Mountain View Memorial Park, Boulder.

—E.F.R.

RECORDER REACTIONS

A resolution regarding abortion was introduced last year at Conference and will be considered again this year. While an individual woman may decide not to have an abortion because of her religious beliefs, I oppose attempts to legislate the beliefs of some people into laws for all women.

Seventh Day Baptists have traditionally relied on individual conscience rather than church pronouncements, on the right of individuals to search scripture and seek direct guidance from God rather than receiving judgments from a church hierarchy. While individual SDB's may wish to be active in the public debate surrounding abortion I do not think the denomination should make a public statement when there are divergent views within the group. Moreover, the multiplicity of views is evidence of the logic of leaving the personal decision to the woman who knows her own set of circumstances. When we attempt to list circumstances under which we will allow abortions, we may omit reasons which are just as valid. That is all the more reason for each case to be decided by the woman involved!

The attempts to pass a "human life" bill in the U.S. Congress would not require a Constitutional Convention or ratification by the states. It would allow no abortions, period. Because it would confer a "right to life" at conception, it would outlaw the IUD and some birth control pills. It would make possible things like a woman's being put on trial for murder because of a naturally occurring spontaneous abortion. While some believe that a fertilized egg should be equal under the law to a born human, this view is not universal. The morality of some individuals and groups need not be legislated for all.

Simply stated, I believe that the individual woman has a right to make a personal decision regarding abortion. A woman who opposes abortion can then

exercise her conscience by not having abortions.

The debate on a resolution on such an emotionally charged issue as this can be destructively divisive to the denomination without changing many minds. I hope that we will decide to not make a public statement. Without consensus, a denominational declaration would not be worth the paper it was printed on.

Finally, if we are going to make denominational statements on social issues, where in God's name has our voice been on war and peace!!

-Roberta C. Ellis
Stephentown, NY

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In recent months, much has been said about the proposed resolution on abortion that is to be voted on at General Conference this fall. I would like to offer this for your consideration.

The resolution, as stated, is very weak and contradictory in nature. I believe it would be better to have no denominational resolution on this issue than to adopt the one that is proposed.

To state it simply, if we are to say "Abortion is the taking of innocent human life," which I believe it is, can we say that it is ever justified? I can't.

-David L. Taylor, Pastor
New Auburn S.D.B. Church

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The churches of our denomination have been asked to discuss an abortion resolution which was presented at General Conference last August.

Because of the intense feeling on both sides of the abortion issue, heated discussion may ensue and cause unnecessary friction among us.

We of the Alfred Station, New York, church sincerely believe that such dis-

ussion, and possible action, is not necessary to fulfill our obligation to society as Christians, and that any one statement for or against the issue can not be a true expression of our many attitudes.

Consequently, we suggest to our churches that there is a third option—that the DENOMINATION SHOULD NOT TAKE A STAND EITHER WAY ON THE ISSUE OF ABORTION.

We hope that you will consider this third option.

-George D. Bottoms, President
Alfred Station, NY, church

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One and a third million abortions take place every year in the United States. Ninety-five percent of those abortions are for the convenience of the mother only. Just five percent have any medical basis for being performed.

Abortion is an issue surrounded by emotion, but there are many solid facts that should also be considered. In most areas of life, we make decisions on the basis of fact and feeling, but too many people form an opinion about abortion without knowing any facts on either side.

As a result of research, I wrote an article stating the facts on which I base my view of abortion. I hoped that *The Sabbath Recorder* would print my article, but the advisory committee and the editor felt they could not print articles on the subject of abortion. The *Recorder* is trying to remain neutral, and will not print anything (except letters to the editor) that takes a stand on one side of the issue.

I respect the right of the committee and editor to make this decision. They have agreed to make my article available by mail to anyone interested in learning more about my point of view. The article covers the following topics:

- 1) The Biblical view of personhood.
- 2) The independence of the fetus.
- 3) How often rape ends in pregnancy.
- 4) The consequences of abortion for teenagers.
- 5) How fetal defects are determined.
- 6) The role of miscarriage in eliminating defects.
- 7) How the decision is made to save the life of the mother by abortion.
- 8) How abortions are performed.
- 9) How abortions can lead to infanticide and euthanasia.
- 10) What we can do about abortion, in addition to making a statement about abortion as a denomination.

If you are interested in making your decision concerning abortion on facts instead of just emotion, I encourage you to send for a copy of this article. Then pray that God will lead you in your decision.

-Linda Harris
Middletown, CT

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Are the Russians ahead of us militarily? No. When SALT II was being considered, a year ago, it was agreed by both sides, Russia and the U.S.A. that militarily, we were on a par.

Is Russia planning a war against us? No. Russia, having lost 20 million people in World War II, and seventy-two thousand towns and villages, is more anxious for peace than we are. The records of the United Nations show that she has made over one hundred proposals toward reducing, or eliminating altogether, nuclear weapons if others will do the same.

Can the Russians be trusted? Herbert Scoville, former director of the CIA, and an expert on Russian affairs, states that they have observed remarkably their promises under SALT I.

The *Defense Monitor* from Washington, D.C., states that in the 14 treaties made

with the USA since 1958, relating to arms control, their adherence to their promises has been good. (*Defense Monitor*, Vol. IX, No. 8, Page 8.)

Since it is true that the Russians are not ahead of us militarily, they do not want war, are willing to cut down or abolish entirely the nuclear weapons, and since their word can be trusted, let us meet their proposals to reduce sharply, or abolish entirely the presence of nuclear weapons.

What should the churches do? Let Seventh Day Baptist churches, as well as all other Christian churches, lay aside for the time being all theological differences, and work together for the abolishment of war, and to see that these awful weapons shall never be used against people for whom Christ died.

-Rev. Paul S. Burdick
Waterford, CT

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A much welcomed letter received from Pastor Paul S. Burdick, from his home in Waterford, Connecticut, regarding my little piece in the *Sabbath Recorder* (Apr. 81, p. 23) about "Liberty and Peacemakers." He sees potential in Seventh Day Baptists as "Peacemakers" relative to war and preparation for war, which he points out are both denial of Christian love. He is of course right and he speaks of our right and responsibility as peacemakers.

We must consider however that preparation for defense as a deterrent to war has peace as its objective. To be "Peacemakers" is not to move against defense but an attitude to make defense ultimately unnecessary. Peacemaking must start among Christians and advance in outreach to the world. Christ said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be called the children of God." But

-W.E. Baer
Anniston, AL

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The Christian Pastor: A Holy Calling

(Continued from page 12)

—called of God—must live the life of a continually growing Christian person. And the growth finds its expression in a closer and more personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. John the Baptist, when informed that Jesus' ministry was drawing his own disciples away, said: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30) That ought to be the motto of every Christian pastor. A pastor must be open-eyed—seeing the needs around him. He must be alert to every opportunity to let Christ's light be shown. He must wait, when necessary, for the precise moment for faith to express itself. But he must also

progress—grow—develop in experience and faith. A Christian pastor, called to a holy calling, must be with his people, experience their lives with all the questions and uncertainties that may be present, touch them with an open and receptive mind and heart, and grow—day after wonderful day.

Someone has said that the Christian pastor for this day must have the heart of a lion, the skin of a hippopotamus, the agility of a greyhound, the patience of a donkey, the wisdom of an elephant, the industry of an ant, and as many lives as a cat. That's a pretty big order. But by careful diligence to the things that matter, by an understanding of the Word

of God, by the energy to grow and progress, the pastor can realize the dream of his calling—lives changed by the presence of Christ.

Paul sums this all up: "But as for you, man of God, aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (1 Tim. 6:11-12). What a joy it is to know that God calls you to be a Christian pastor. There is no more noble calling, no more challenging responsibility, no more rewarding vocation, and no more holy task. □

Pastor and Mrs. Cruzan Honored

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Bentz, and a thank-you from Rev. George Carlson.

Pastor Carlson, on behalf of the Milton Clergy Council, stood and thanked Pastor Cruzan for his spirit of cooperation. As pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, which uses the Milton SDB Church for Sunday services, he praised Pastor Cruzan for his "cooperative spirit, graciousness and openness."

"Thank the Lord for your spirit," Pastor Carlson concluded.

Following the singing of Pastor Cruzan's favorite hymn, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," the Cruzans were presented gifts by

Dr. Laurence Burdick, president of the Milton church.

The gifts—a Toro snowblower, a Sunbeam mixer and "excess funds in a box with a ribbon but no strings attached"—were given on behalf of the Milton church and the Cruzans' many friends throughout the country as an expression of "gratitude, friendship and love."

"With these gifts go our love and our hopes that you'll have a very meaningful retirement," Dr. Burdick said.

The Cruzans also received an album of memories; a framed picture of the Waterford, Connecticut, church—Pastor Cruzan's first pastorate; and a framed picture of the Pawcatuck church, Westerly, RI.

Following the almost two-hour program, a punch and cake reception was held in the church's social rooms. □

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Church Word Find

by Laurel Morey, age 14, Cromwell, CT

Find the words at the bottom of the page in the puzzle. The words go up, down, and across. They do not go diagonally. The memory verse for this month is John 1:12. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

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Decade of Discipleship

Historically, Seventh Day Baptists in America have considered themselves a rural people. Many churches were built in small villages or were centrally located in areas where farm families could join to study and worship. As the youth of these families moved to the cities the local churches were forced to close their doors. The younger people joined with established churches in the cities and the number of Seventh Day Baptists declined.

There is a need to establish churches where people interested in Sabbath-keeping live whether in the country or in the city.

One of the goals for Doubling in a Decade (1980-1990) is to have a Seventh Day Baptist church in every city in America.

Recently, many people who live in cities have caught the vision and are excited about sharing the gospel. New churches are being established; "Mother" churches are reaching to areas outside their constituency to encourage persons interested in keeping the Sabbath to become fellowships and churches.

If each individual, church and association will reach out in love to its neighbor, our goals for doubling will be reached well before the decade is over. □



APPRECIATION TO HERBERT E. SAUNDERS

EDITORIAL

The editor would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders for his many contributions to the Tract Society and the *Sabbath Recorder* during the years of his various ministries in Plainfield. While "Pastor Herb" was pastoring the Plainfield church he became a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society. He has served energetically on the Board for some thirteen years.

He has served the publication ministry in various capacities as chairman of the Advisory Committee, the Sabbath Promotion Committee, editing and writing tracts, books and articles and more recently as the manager of the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House. At the April Tract Board meeting President George Cruzan expressed appreciation for Herb's great interest in and contributions to the many aspects of this ministry.

Herb has been a valuable member of the *Sabbath Recorder* staff since becoming Dean of the Center on Ministry. He has contributed a regular monthly page as well as many feature articles, photographic work and serving as guest editor from time to time. This issue contains yet another sample of his work with the theme section on the pastoral ministry.

We wish Herb and his family God's richest blessings as they relocate to Milton, WI, where he will assume the duties of the pastorate. We are sure he can look back on his years of service in Plainfield with the satisfaction of a job faithfully done!

ITEMS WORTH SHARING

The new Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook reveals that our largest American churches in terms of average Sabbath attendance are as follows by order of attendance: Shiloh, NJ, Milton, WI, Riverside, CA, Battle Creek, MI, Los Angeles, CA, North Loup, NE and Denver, CO. Copies of the 1980 Yearbook are available for the price of \$10.00 postpaid. Order from: S.D.B. Publishing House, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Much attention has been focused on Poland in recent weeks. The situation there is of special concern as there are several hundred Sabbathkeepers there with whom we have contact. Jan Lek, of the Dutch S.D.B. Conference spent some time in recent months visiting these brethren.

It is interesting to note that in this Communist country 93 percent of the 36 million Poles are Roman Catholic and only two percent Protestant. Services in Polish churches are so well attended

that a recent church directive requested that people limit their attendance to one service per Sunday.

There is renewed national debate on gun control following the attempted assassination of President Reagan. We think it is noteworthy that the would-be assassin was reportedly influenced by a violent episode in a movie he had seen. We quickly conclude that that the would-be assassin was "sick." Perhaps his sickness is only indicative of a society that glories in violence as is daily witnessed at the cinema and on our TV screens.

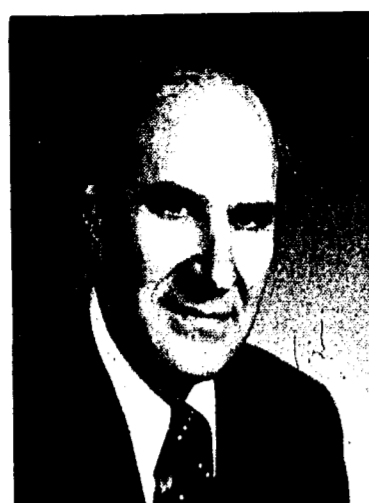
Chief Justice Warren Burger has warned of a "reign of terror" in our cities and has asked, "Are we not hostages within the borders of our own self-styled, enlightened, civilized country?" The crime wave and issues of law and order are concerns for all Americans—especially those who follow the teachings of the nonviolent man of peace. □

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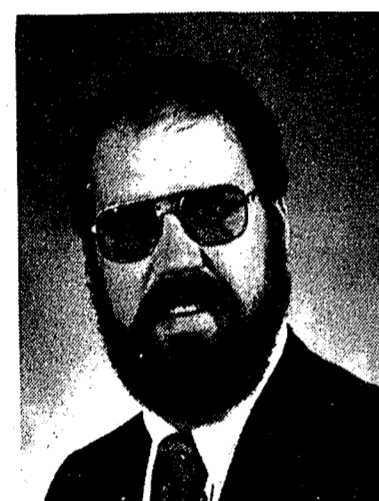
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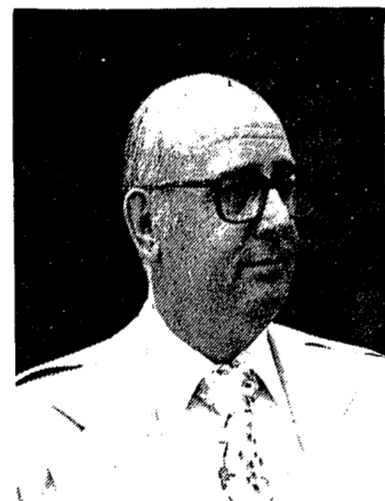
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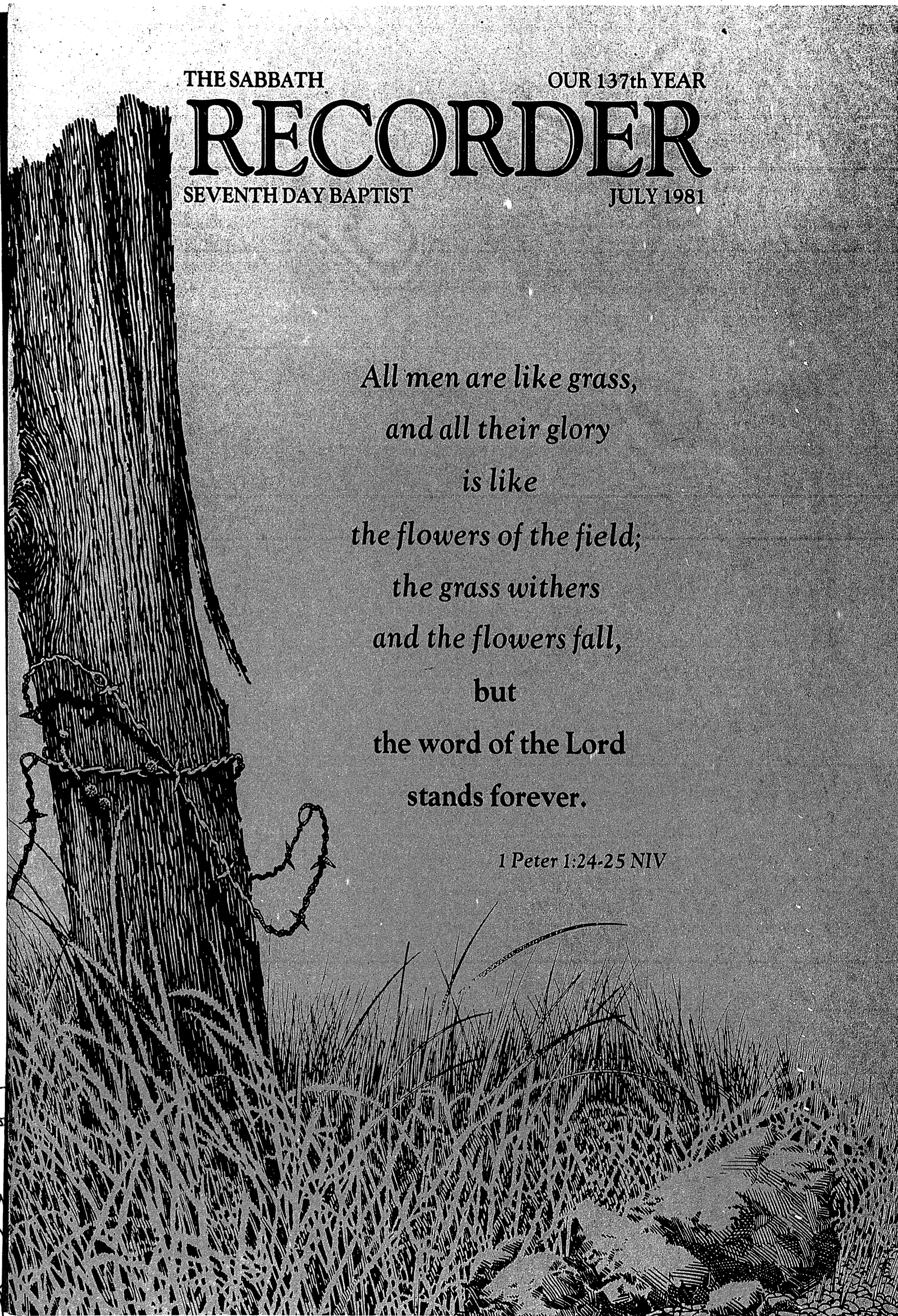
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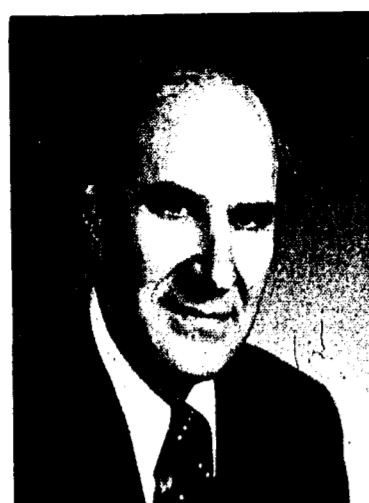


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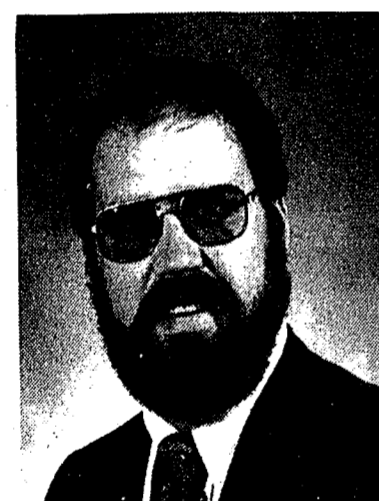
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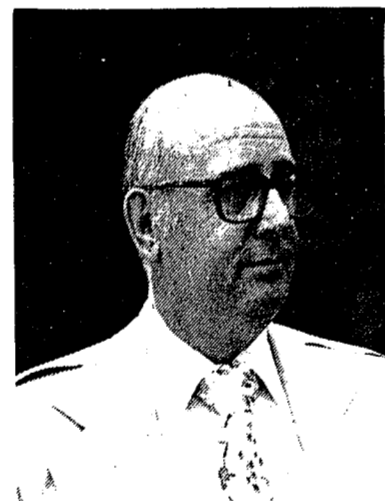
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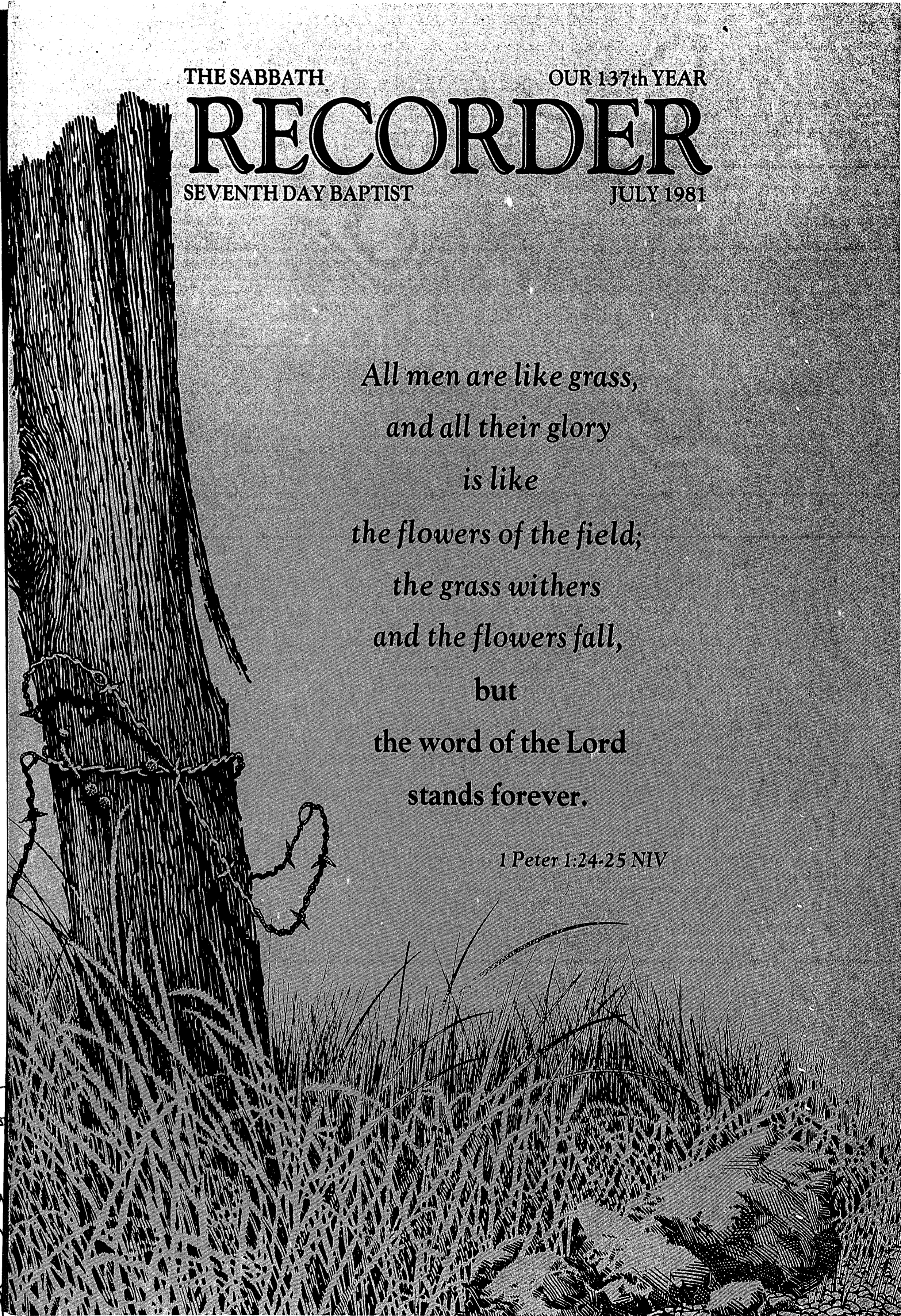
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YOUTH PRE-CON July 29-August 2
Camp Joy
Directors: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Van Horn

YOUNG ADULT July 29 - August 2
Camp Sandy Bend, WV
Directors: Mr. & Mrs. John Rau

FAMILY July 30 - August 2
Camp Sandy Bend, WV
Directors: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Green

CAMP YB (TN)
Upper East Tennessee Church Center
All ages July 13-17

HARLEY SUTTON (NY)
Allegheny Association
Primary July 26-28
Junior July 5-12
Junior High July 12-19
Senior High July 19-26
Family August 28-29

HARMONY (NY)
Central NY Association
All ages June 21-28

HOLSTON (MI)
Battle Creek Church
Senior High June 14-21
All ages June 29-July 2
Intermediate July 6-12
Junior July 13-19
Primary July 20-22

JERSEY OAKS (NJ)
Midget July 6-9
Junior July 15-19
Intermediate July 19-26

ROSELAND
Southeastern Association
Junior July 12-16
Intermediate July 5-12 (Middler)
Senior High June 28-July 5
S.C.S.C. Evaluation July 27-29
Youth Pre-Con July 29-August 2

LEWIS (CT)
Youth Retreat-Berlin May 22-24
Senior Camp (grade 7-up) June 28-July 5
Junior Camp (grades 4-6) July 5-12
Youth Retreat-Ashaway October 9-11

MILES (AR)
Southwestern Association
Ages 13-18 June 14-21

PACIFIC HRS (WA)
Seattle Church rented
Junior-Junior High July 20-25

PACIFIC PINES (CA)
Riverside Church
Senior High June 19-22
Junior High June 23-26
Primary

PAUL HUMMEL (CO)
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WAKONDA (WI)
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Individual Meals—Breakfast 3.00
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Dinner 5.00

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Room—1 person (including linens) \$50.00
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children under 8 years—free 4.00 linens cost

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-Lois Wells

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