

Sabbath Emphasis Day



A heart that has entirely committed itself to God to be faithful in its devotion, will find the rewards in the new life.

Therefore, we want to give of ourselves from the bottom of our hearts to Him who graces us with life's abundance:

And even though there may be sometimes cloudy times, we will meet the challenges every day with new divine strength.

Sabbath-keeping: Loving Obedience

John 14:15

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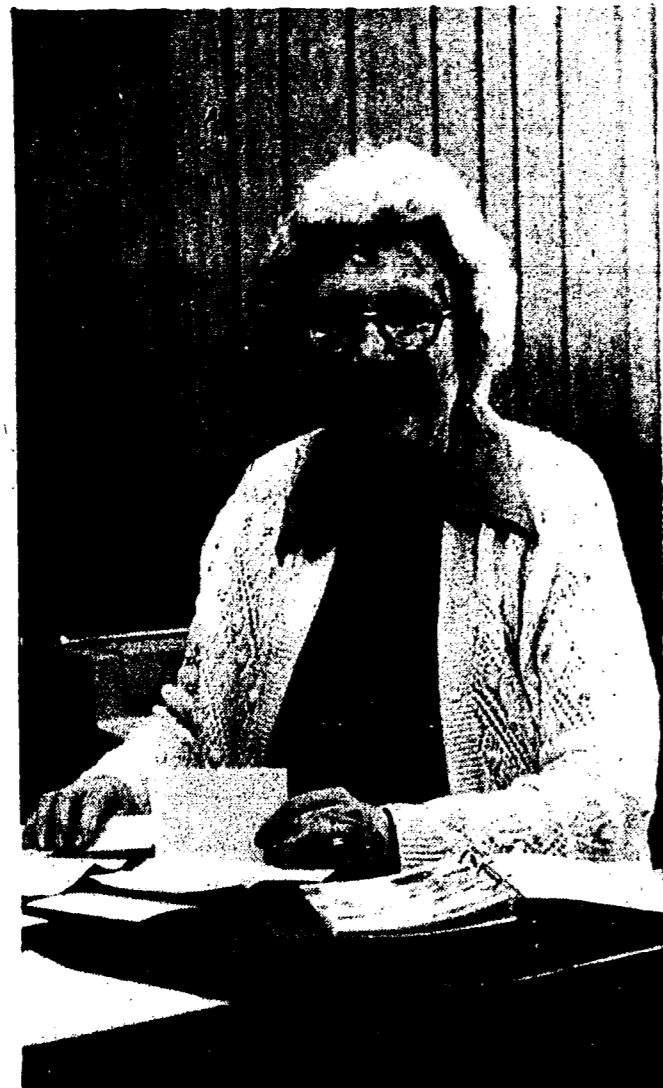
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This print of one page from an 1847 manuscript copy of the Ephrata Choral Book reflects the positive faith of the early German Seventh Day Baptists at Ephrata and Snowhill, Pennsylvania. The sisters of the Snowhill Cloisters printed and illuminated each of the 125 pages by hand. The manuscript, presently valued at \$6,000, is part of the Julius F. Sachse Collection of Ephrata materials owned by the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. Photo by Kenneth Burdick. Translation of the script from the German, courtesy of the German members of the Raritan Valley Seventh Day Baptist Church in Bridgewater, New Jersey.



Margaret Herres



Etta O'Connor



Pat Cruzan

Denominational Workers Honored

Etta O'Connor and Margaret Herres were honored by many friends and fellow workers at a special retirement celebration in Plainfield, April 18. The two have each worked for over thirty years in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at 510 Watchung Avenue.

It was an occasion for many "good-bys" as special recognition was also given to those employees who are not making the move from New Jersey to Wisconsin: Leon and Sandy Clare, Pat Cruzan, and Ron Maltby.

Etta is known by Seventh Day Baptists across the country for her cheerful greetings as telephone receptionist for the headquarters and for the personal notes she often wrote on *Sabbath Recorder* subscription notices. Her responsibilities have been many. She first did some part-time clerical work as a high school student when her father, Harry North, was manager of the Publishing House.

Etta began work on a regular basis later on at the "denominational desk." Her many tasks have included proofreading, keeping *Recorder* and *Helping Hand* subscription lists, filling orders for other publications. She got good exercise as mail clerk making regular trips to the Post Office. Not the least appreciated of her service—she always kept the coffee pot hot! It is said that in Seventh Day Baptist circles no one knows more about who parented or married whom or where or when they moved. The familiar answer to any address question, "Ask Etta."

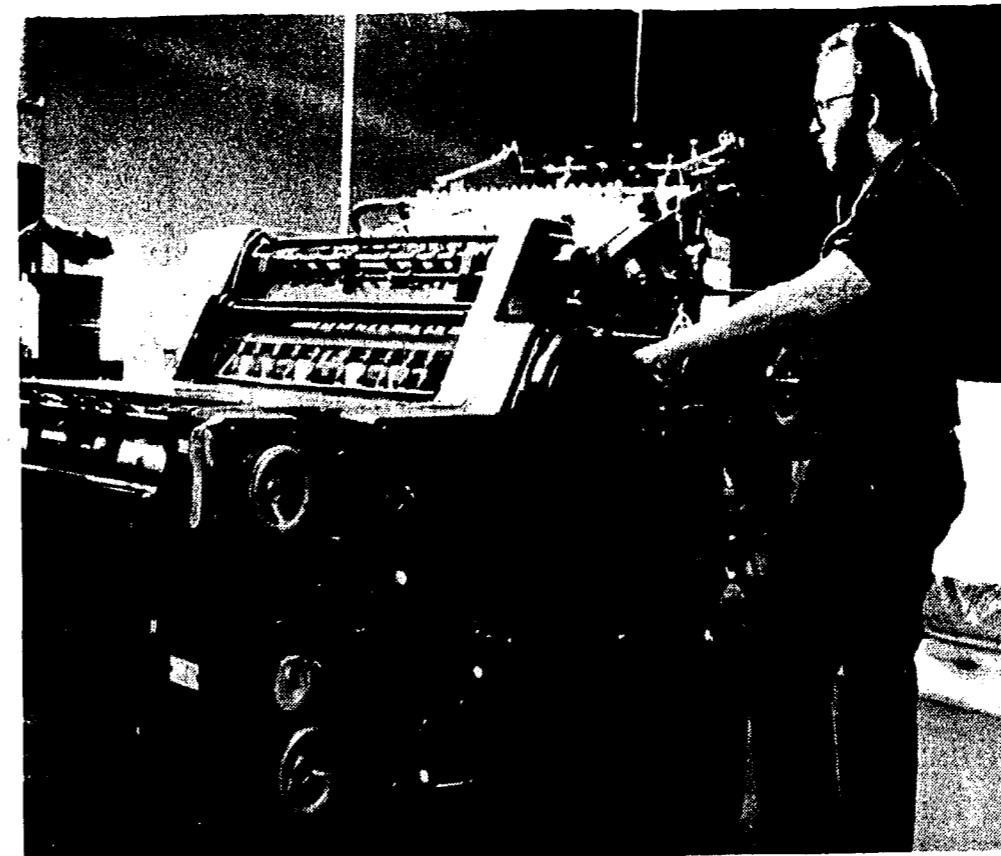
Margaret, along with Etta, has worked part-time for the past thirty years. Her work in the mail room included collating, stitching, wrapping, and addressing practically everything that went out of the print shop. Her nimble fingers and patient spirit were lauded by many in the letters of congratulation and remembrance.

"Memory Books" were presented to both Etta and Margaret full of cards and special messages from former fellow-workers across the country. Photographs of many fellow workers through the years included Margaret's late husband Harry at work as linotypist and later foreman of the print shop and Etta's father Harry at the Publishing House manager's desk.

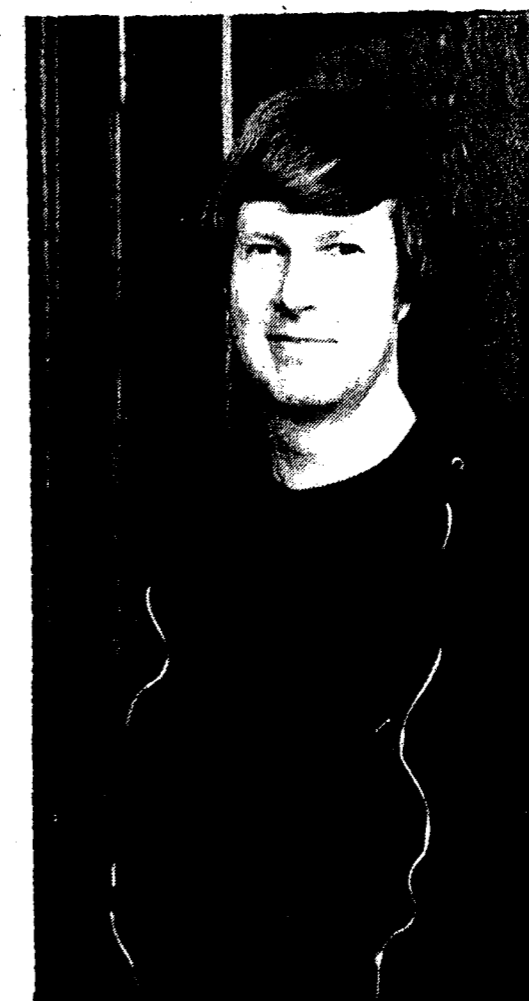
Pat Cruzan, present art director for *The Sabbath Recorder*, has worked for the past six and a half years on the staff. She is credited with much of the magazine's "new look"—the attractive color and graphic design which has characterized it since it became a monthly in 1974.

Printer Leon Clare has not only manned the big Heidelberg press and the smaller offset but also the large cutter and other shop equipment essential to doing the denomination's major printing jobs. Leon's wife Sandy worked until just recently as typesetter and as secretary for the Tract Society.

Ron Maltby, faithful custodian of the denominational building for the past several years, also serves



Leon Clare



Ron Maltby

as a General Conference Trustee. He has been involved recently in extra responsibility related to the 1981 break-ins and in preparing the building for sale.

Gifts from the American Sabbath Tract Society were presented to both Etta and Margaret by Rev. Kenneth Burdick representing the supervisory committee which he has co-chaired with Rev. Victor Skaggs. To all the employees went an attractively framed photograph of them at their work—photos also by Kenneth Burdick.

Special mementos to Etta and Margaret as well as the others included copies of very old issues of *The Sabbath Recorder*—from the time it was a full-sized weekly newspaper in the 1840s to the smaller tabloid of the 1890s, and the weekly booklet they first remember assembling. These and a 1922 pictorial booklet, "*The Sabbath Recorder's New Home*," were to remind them all of the long history to which they have each added their significant contribution. We thank them each! □

WE'RE MOVING

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of the Plainfield equipment but for major clean-up in the Publishing House.

New Building is Readied

Meanwhile in Janesville, new General Conference Trustees Laurence Burdick and Ivan FitzRandolph have been busy with preparations in the new building. Three partitions were removed on the lower level to provide space for the Historical Society Library and a vault built in the basement for fire-proof storage of the valuable records and artifacts. The new protective alarm system, purchased by the Historical Society, is being installed, photocopy machine purchased, etc. New secretary Jean Jorgensen has assisted greatly with these and other arrangements so that when the moving vans arrive she'll be ready to help unpack and get settled.

Many people in the Milton area have already become involved in the work of the denominational offices—serving on the Tract Board, hosting visitors and helping staff members find apartments to rent and houses to buy.

New Staff Assembled

Members of the Plainfield staff who are making the move to Wisconsin are, in addition to myself: Rev. Harmon Dickinson, Memorial Fund office manager; Ethel Dickinson, secretary to the executive secretary; Doneta Richards, secretary; Ronda Jacobson, dedicated service secretary; and Janet Thorngate, part-time assistant librarian for the Historical Society and volunteer in the General Conference office.

Staff members already on the scene in Janesville are Paul Green, Dean of the Center on Ministry, and Jean Jorgensen, secretary. The new Editor/Historian Scott Smith will arrive in mid-May and the new business manager Ivan FitzRandolph (already working part-time) will assume full responsibilities in early summer.

Eastern SDBs Honored

At a special banquet in conjunction with Eastern Association in Plainfield, on May 15, the General Conference will express appreciation to all those who through the years have served the denomination on the staff and in the agencies which have worked out of the SDB building in Plainfield. President Dorothy Parrott and President-Elect K.D. Hurley will be hosts for the occasion. Certainly there is no way we can adequately thank each person who gives of themselves to the work—in the past or the present. That is why it is a blessing to have the assurance that we are working for Christ's kingdom. God gives the reward. Praise Him! □



Scott Smith
New
Editor/Historian

Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society and the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society announce the appointment of Scott Smith as the new editor/historian. Smith will begin work by mid-May at the new

Seventh Day Baptist Center in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Scott Smith comes to the job from work as director of communications for Ottawa University in Kansas. In that post for the past two years he has been responsible for media relations and information services including university publications and supervision of an on-campus print shop.

His editorial responsibilities at Ottawa included two newsletters, a quarterly tabloid, all university promotional materials, and the academic catalogue. His public relations responsibilities included coordination of special events such as Homecoming and Commencement, and he served as university photographer.

Previously Smith worked in the information systems department of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company. He is a 1977 honor graduate of Dowling College with a BA in English and creative writing. He is listed in the

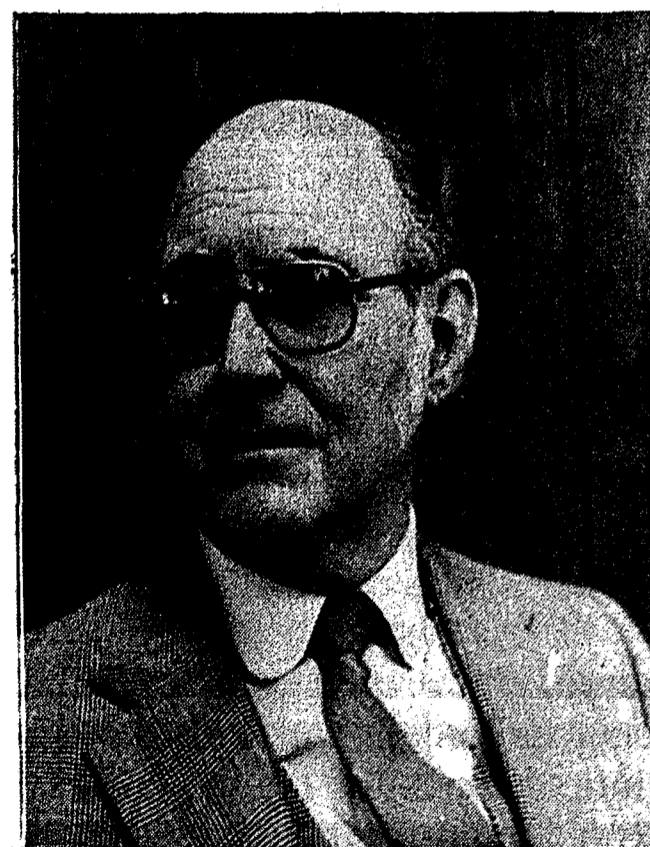
1981 edition of the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Men of America.

Seventh Day Baptists may remember Scott as editor of the Conference CRIER in 1978, student pastor of the Denver, Colorado church in 1974, or as Summer Christian Service Corps worker in 1973. He was a member of the Light Bearers For Christ singing team in 1977-78.

"I am looking forward to this new venture," Scott says. "It will be a real challenge to combine the two positions of Sabbath Recorder editor and denominational historian."

Present editor Rev. John Bevis has continued to edit since the joint editor/historian position was first posted in late 1980. He will work through June providing opportunity for Smith to help get the offices of both Societies settled in Janesville. Bevis becomes full-time pastor of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church June 1.

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Fitz Randolph
New
Business Manager

Ivan FitzRandolph of Milton, Wisconsin, has accepted the position of business manager at the new Seventh Day Baptist Center

in Janesville, Wisconsin. Presently chairman of the Division of Economics and Business Administration at Milton College, FitzRandolph began the business manager work part-time in April and will assume other responsibilities by early summer.

FitzRandolph has been a professor of economics and business administration at Milton since 1954, serving as chairman of the department for the past seven years. At various times throughout that period he was granted released time from teaching assignments to work as assistant treasurer, comptroller, and business manager for the College.

Previous to serving at Milton College, FitzRandolph was an accountant for General Motors for seven years. He is a 1947 graduate

of Milton and received his Master's Degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin in 1969.

As a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church he has served as president, treasurer, and trustee and is a member of the Diaconate. For sixteen years he was a member of the Board of Education of the Milton Area Schools and for twenty years trustee and treasurer of the Lottie Baldwin Association.

Responsibilities of the business manager at the new Center will include accounting and bookkeeping, production of printing and duplication (including contracting of that printing which will not be done in-house), building maintenance supervision and management, and some personnel administration.

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What Has Been The Most Significant Event In Your Ministry During the Past Nine Months?



Dale E. Rood
Pawcatuck SDB Church
Westerly, RI

It is difficult to single out one single event during the past nine months. One of my problems is that so many of my blessings are not events so much as obser-

vations of developing potential, developing possibilities for ministry, or simply strength to do and a sense of God leading in every day activity. For instance I am learning much now about how to be sensitive to God's leading in prayer and about being in the flow of God's will in my life. As a result I see God answering prayer and am coming to expect to be excited about Him answering still further. Who needs artificial excitement such as we see on television, when one can experience real life adventure such as this.

My significant adventures have included 1) having a stranger call and ask to be baptized, 2) just happening to have a regular meeting of the deacons at that time to which he could come and share his experience in the Lord, 3) having several individuals make new commitments to Christ, 4) seeing new families come to church and begin to develop Sabbath convictions, and 5) being exactly where I know God wants me. The area where I am going to focus, however, is all the

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Larry E. Graffius
SDB Church
North Loup, NE

The most exciting event in my ministry within the last nine months? As I first began to think about this assignment, there were several possibilities that came to mind. My discipleship group is one of the most exciting aspects of my ministry; watching three in-

dividuals take hold of the Word of God and apply it to their lives is an excitement without parallel. Our Pop Corn Days stand is another fascinating enterprise here in North Loup, a unique and beautiful illustration of how, in the body of Christ, each one must do his own part to accomplish the whole task. Or perhaps I could tell of my camping experiences last summer, as several young people rededicated their lives and some came to know the Lord for the first time—exciting!

And then something happened to me that has been without question, the most exciting event in my ministry since the day I was ordained as a pastor. It occurred at the spiritual retreat in Milton, WI, where guest speaker Synott Matthews challenged everyone of us to commit ourselves to the task of winning souls to Jesus Christ. The Spirit of the Lord was at work through our speaker, and in the lives of those who were there, and not least of all, in ME! Each evening we were given the opportunity to break up into small groups for prayer. On the second evening, my wife,

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Man's Sin, God's Righteousness

by Rev. Earl Cruzan

The righteousness of God is unquestioned and indisputable. His way is perfect, complete, mature.

Man was made in the image and likeness of God. He was given dominion of this earth. He was instructed by God and he communed with God (Genesis 1:26-30, 3:8-19). When man disobeyed God and partook of the fruit of the tree of good and evil, (Genesis 3:1-7) sin entered the world, and has obsessed man ever since. It is probable that man knew only good until that time, and knowing only good would do only that which was good. When man became aware of evil, he had to choose between good and evil and so often his choices have been evil.

Satan, the fallen archangel, had rebelled against God and he sought to destroy the relationship that man had with God. He did so by tempting Eve and telling her that the forbidden fruit not only looked good, but would make her wise, even as wise as God himself. This was a temptation she could not resist, so she ate. Adam also ate, although he did so not being deceived, but knowing full well that in so doing he was disobeying God. Eve persuaded him, and seemingly she did not have a very difficult job doing so. Since that

time man has known good and evil, and has had a difficult time following the way of righteousness.

Man has thought about himself above all others and all else. He has become self-centered. In reality, sin is self-centeredness. Instead of living and helping to live, man has tried to bend all else to fulfill his own desires.

Sin was in the world before the time of Moses (Romans 6:12-14). Cain killed his brother Abel. Covetousness and jealousy came into that first family. Before the time of Moses, personal property was stolen, lust turned man and woman from their marriage vows, an inordinately strong desire for what someone else had moved man to murder, to theft, to adultery, to disregard God, the creator, and to substitute deities made with human hands.

Definition of Sin

All of this existed long before the time of Moses. And this is sin, whenever and wherever it occurs. "Sin is any lack of conformity to the character and will of God," SDB Statement of Beliefs. That is, any lack of perfect righteousness is sin. Jesus said: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect," (Matthew 5:48). The word, perfect, means complete, mature.

When God called Israel out of Egypt, he gave them instructions in a written form which they had

not had before. The instruction had been known to them, but was not written down in a manner whereby they could refer to it. Perhaps ceremonial and health laws were new and related to their special condition and relationship to God. The Moral Law, coded in the Ten Commandments was not new. These commandments deal with the way that man is most tempted to turn away from righteousness and the perfection of God. They were written down so that they could be seen and thus were a constant reminder of these areas of human failure. They have made man aware of his sin. They have shown him where he has departed from the righteousness of God.

Man, in his covetousness, has tried to justify himself. And he has constantly said: Tell me in detail what I can do and what I can't do in keeping the commandments of God. He has not been willing to look at the basic principles involved and seek to orient his life accordingly. He has asked: How far can I go in my own selfish way and still keep the commandments of God?

Rather than loving God with his whole being: heart and soul and mind, and loving his neighbor as himself, he has said: How far can I pursue my own selfish interests and still keep the letter of the law. "The letter killeth, the spirit maketh alive," 1 Corinthians 3:6.

Such an attitude leads to legal justification. A good example is that of the Pharisee in the temple praising God that he, the Pharisee, was not like the publican standing nearby and begging God to forgive him. (Luke 11:10-12). The Scriptures tell us that it is impossible for man to justify himself. Any sin separates man from God. "If we are guilty of one, we are guilty of

all." (James 2:10) What James is telling us is that one sin separates us from God bringing spiritual death. "The soul that sins shall die," (Ezekiel 18:20, Romans 6:23).

Salvation a Gift

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The knowledge of the law makes man aware of what righteousness is, and of how far short he has fallen from achieving it. As it has brought him this knowledge, he has become painfully aware of his need for forgiveness (Romans 7:7-20). Man can't earn salvation. Only a person who was without sin could earn salvation, and no person has ever achieved that. Therefore man must depend upon the grace of God for salvation. The grace of God is the unmerited, unearned favor that God holds out to man assuring him of forgiveness and restoration. Prior to the time of Christ, atonement for sin was promised through the sacrificial system. The grace of God is fully revealed in Jesus Christ. God sent his only Son into the world that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16-18). There is full and complete assurance of pardon and eternal life to the one who accepts the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as the sacrifice for his sin.

Jesus came into the world to save sinners. At the beginning of his ministry he said: "I came not to destroy the law and the prophets, but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17-19). Jesus went on to show that it is not the letter of the law which is important, but the spirit of it. Evil begins in man's mind, in his thoughts which build up to desire and when full blown results in sinful action. Yet the sin takes place in the mind, in thoughts even before the action takes place. Sin is against God (Psalm 51:4). Our sin hurts other people.

We can't be saved by keeping the law because we keep it im-

perfectly. There is no way that we can make up for the failure which is ours. Therefore, it is impossible for a person to earn salvation. The law and the keeping of the law cannot save us. It cannot restore us to a right relationship with God. It never could. It was never intended to do so.

What then is the purpose of the law? It is to make us aware of our sin, of our need for salvation. It is to show us how far short we fall from God's righteousness. Out of the awareness of our need we may come to God in confession and claim the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and through it receive cleansing and restoration. This sacrifice has been made once and is sufficient for all mankind and for all time. When we accept it, our past is forgotten, the record of our sin is wiped out of the book of life (Acts 3:19). That which is blotted out cannot be read; however, the blot reveals the need as well as the forgiveness.

Law Reveals Our Need For Christ

Sin is present in the world. Sin comes into every life. Forgiveness comes only through Jesus Christ. "There is no other way whereby we may be saved. . ." (Acts 4:12). I would repeat: The law reveals how far we fall short of the righteousness of God, and how we let our selfish interests overrun our love for God and love for our fellowman. It reveals our need for Christ. It makes us aware of our failure, our sin. No one has ever come to God through the keeping of the law. Prior to the time of Christ, God's people found atonement through the bringing of sacrifice to the altar of God. These sacrifices were but a shadow of what took place in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. They have been offered over and over again. They have now been done away with. Hebrews 10:17-18, "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more. And where these have been forgiven there is no longer any sacrifice for sin."

God's righteousness is revealed to us in Jesus Christ and his sacrifice on the cross. How then, does God want us to live? This is the important question for those who would come to God through Jesus Christ. It is the same way that he has always wanted man to live—a life of righteousness. He wants us to do those things which are right and good and true. This has always been God's desire for man. This way of life has always been held before man as the way that he should live, and it still is. Someone has called the Ten Commandments "The Ten Freedoms." James 1:25 speaks of the perfect law of liberty. What is it that holds us in bondage? Is it not lies, adulteries, the worshipping of false gods, etc?

John tells us that sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). Paul tells us that "The law is good" (Romans 7:12). He also tells us that we are not to continue in sin (Romans 6:15-16). Jesus tells us to "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). There are many scriptural references to good works. Some of them are 2 Corinthians 9:8; Colossians 1:10; Titus 2:7, 14; 3:8, 14; Hebrews 13:21; 1 Peter 2:12.

The principles upon which the Ten Commandments are based are just as valid today as they were when God wrote them on the tablets of stone. They are the eternal principles which God placed before man at the time of man's creation. We come to God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and through it we know that we are the children of God.

Our response to God is shown in the way that we order our lives, but the way we seek through the present of the Holy Spirit to live a righteous life. We do not do it to earn our salvation; but we do it in response to the love of God and out of our love for Him. Our love to God is shown through our love for our fellowman.

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Freedom of Expression

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY
JUNE 1982

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, DC

By Charles G. Adams

Still visible in my memory is the towering presence of Paul Robeson, standing in the pulpit of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, singing to the glory of God and the freedom of humanity. Outside the church building, there were FBI agents, taking down license plate numbers of cars parked around the building in order to intimidate those who had come to hear Paul Robeson sing and speak. The year was 1953. A reign of fear and hysteria dominated the political and social life of the Nation, jamming the free flow of ideas and spontaneous association of human minds. Paul's unforgivable sin has been to espouse a politics that drew a connection between nazism and racism.

In an historic meeting with President Truman in 1946, Paul called upon the President to make a formal declaration, disapproving of the widespread, anti-war lynchings of Blacks in the Deep South. The President refused. Paul then said to Mr. Truman that he could not distinguish between the lynchings and the Nuremberg war crimes trials. He explained that he meant by this that the United States could not logically take the lead in punishing the Nazis for the oppression of groups in Germany while the Government here permitted Blacks to be lynched and shot. The President, objecting, said that loyal Americans should not mix domestic problems like lynching with foreign policy. Robeson said he did not see how the two could be separated. (*The Philadelphia Tribune*, September 24, 1946.) In testifying before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee, Robeson had this to say:

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In 1950 the State Department cancelled Paul Robeson's passport so that he was barred from singing abroad even while he was being denied the privilege of performing at home. The passports of his wife and son were also cancelled. The Robeson family became prisoners in their own country, persecuted by the government yet accused of no crime. Their only wrong doing was to hold opinions which were not popular—views which were ahead of the times. W.E.B. DuBois wrote, "The persecution of Paul Robeson by the Government... has been one of the most contemptible happenings in modern history. He is without doubt today, as a person, the best known American on earth to the largest number of human beings. His voice is known in Europe, Asia and Africa, in the West Indies and South America and in the islands of the seas... Only in his native land is he without honor and rights." (Quoted in *The Whole World in His Hands*, p. 197, Susan Robeson, Citadel Press, Secaucus, N.J., 1981.)

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A SHAMEFUL PERIOD

This was a shameful period in modern American history when both freedom of speech and freedom of assembly were taken away. It was in this period that Paul Robeson came to Detroit. The only public place in the city opened to him was a Black Baptist church. Here is where I saw him, heard him and was inspired by his talents as an artist, his fervor as a believer in God and his courage as a fighter and martyr for freedom. He was a gentle giant, the greatest American I have ever known and the most perfect manifestation of the mind and spirit of Jesus Christ that can be imagined.

Our pastor, the late Charles A. Hill, whose spirit was akin to Paul's, befriended and welcomed this great pilgrim of peace and justice. For that he too had to pay a great price. He too was labeled and smeared, hauled in to testify before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee. Members of our church were intimidated by the Government. Many changed church membership rather than risk losing their jobs; but the majority of us stood courageously behind our intrepid leader and suffered nobly in order that others might someday enjoy freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

In time, Paul Robeson prevailed in court, got his passport back, and travelled abroad to speak and to sing; but the involuntary hiatus of eleven years had taken an awful toll. Paul's health was broken; but he lived to see his ideas become popular, his name cleared, his genius honored and his people somewhat freer. He lived to see the First Amendment prevail through the dust and mist of Government oppression and popular disapproval.

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In time, Paul Robeson prevailed in court, got his passport back and travelled abroad to speak and to sing; but the involuntary hiatus of eleven years had taken an awful toll. Paul's health was broken; but he lived to see his ideas become popular, his name cleared, his genius honored and his people somewhat freer. He lived to see the First Amendment prevail through the dust and mist of Government oppression and popular disapproval.

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What is religious liberty but freedom of speech and freedom of assembly? Yet there is current movement in America to conform public assembly and expression to some group's standards of religion, morality and decency.

THE NEW RIGHT— THE OLD WRONG

The New Right is but the old wrong of calling on government to establish religious forms and values. There is a strong political push to get government-sponsored prayer back in public schools. But if religion is to remain free it must never be legislated. James Madison said, "The same authority which can establish Christianity, in exclusion of all other religions, may establish, with the same ease, any particular sect of Christians, in exclusion of all other sects."

The New Right is but the old wrong of political and religious censorship, a great enemy to the First Amendment. Academic freedom is being choked by the tough hand of presumptuous censorship. Educa-

tion is not indoctrination but liberation. The mind must be fully informed in order to be fully free. Exposure to the views of others will both strengthen and weaken one's allegiance to previously prescribed values. The risk must be taken in the faith that truth will prevail without being imposed and isolated. Unless we want our students to be insular, entropic, narrow and ignorant, we will fight hard to defend freedom of expression in education.

Absolutely no power theological nor political must be permitted to dictate the content or appropriateness of the preacher's message. We do not agree with former presidential candidate, John Anderson, who said that preachers ought to stay out of politics. We may not agree with the politics of some; but we must defend their right to speak the truth as they see it. Voltaire is credited with this saying, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Wouldn't it have been easier if Christ had not outspokenly criticiz-

ed the status quo—if Moses had never confronted Pharaoh; if Daniel had never disobeyed Nebuchadnezzar; if the three Hebrew governors had never refused to bow before the golden image; if Martin Luther had never taken a stand against religious tyranny; if Roger Williams had never espoused human rights and religious liberty; if Thomas Jefferson had never declared political independence in the name of God; if David Walker had never shaken the Nation's conscience; if Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and John Brown had never invoked Jesus Christ in the fight to make America free; if Paul Robeson had stayed in acting and out of foreign and domestic policy; and if Martin Luther King, Jr. had stayed into philosophy and out of politics, into theology and out of ethics, into the pulpits and out of the streets, into church services and out of the bloody battle for justice and world peace? Religious liberty must be preserved in order that civil liberty be enhanced. Likewise civil liberties must be practiced in order that religious liberty may survive. □

NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

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The new position of business manager was first announced in the fall of 1980 after General Council and the affected boards and agencies developed job descriptions for the business manager and editor/historian. Both are part of an effort to cut down on the number of executive positions while providing the necessary support staff for efficient operation. The business

manager's salary is paid partly by the American Sabbath Tract Society and partly by the General Conference.

"We are very happy to have Ivan on the staff," says Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate. "His breadth of experience and businesslike approach are most helpful in our effort to make better use of all our resources. Since Ivan is a General Conference Trustee he was already involved in the preparation of the new building for our use so it has been

an easy transition into the additional tasks he now performs so well."

Professor FitzRandolph was recently named "Pillar of Milton" receiving the annual award presented to an alumnus/alumna who has provided outstanding service to Milton College. In 1980 he was selected "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" by the Student Senate and student body and in 1981 received the Alumni Association's "College Award" for excellence in teaching. □

GOD'S LAW, MAN'S SIN, GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

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Those who claim that the law has been done away with do not have a clear picture of the purpose of the law (the Ten Commandments). God is the same in all generations. His way of righteousness does not change.

Jesus came not to do away with the law, but to make its meaning real to us, to place the law of God in our hearts instead of on tablets of stone, or even written on paper (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:8-12; 10:16-17).

God wants us to respond to Him with our whole being, in love, not out of duty but out of thankful-

ness, and to likewise live in a loving relationship with our fellowman. This response is not out of duty, but in response to the knowledge that every man is made in the image of God, and every man is loved by God. God would like to have everyone turn from his sin, and become a part of his kingdom. □

The Sabbath Recorder

The President's Page

by Dorothy Parrott

*If I have wounded any soul today
If I have caused one foot to go astray
If I have walked in my own willful way
Dear Lord, forgive*

Oftentimes the song writer causes us to pause and really think about our relationship to God and our fellowman. The first three lines of this song causes us to look at ourselves and ask "Have I done something today that caused someone to hurt a little? Have I given a disparaging look intended to belittle someone, or a sarcastic remark that would put someone down?" If we have done anything to cause a person to be less than God intended him to be we have been agents of destruction rather

than agents of reconciliation. We need to say, "Dear Lord, forgive." If we hate we kill the spirit. If you have any hate in your heart **get rid of it.** Jesus said it was as wrong to hate as it was to kill.

Our first message at Conference will be one that speaks of our joy as we know Reconciliation Through Obedience. Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." He also said, "I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Our speaker

on Monday night will develop the theme Reconciliation and the More Abundant Life. Following these we will have addresses on Reconciliation in the Community of Believers, Reconciliation Through Service to the "Least," Reconciliation in the Family and Reconciliation Through Wholeness.

Hopefully, we will be inspired by these messages to be more effective disciples and ambassadors for Christ as we share with Him the Ministry of Reconciliation. □

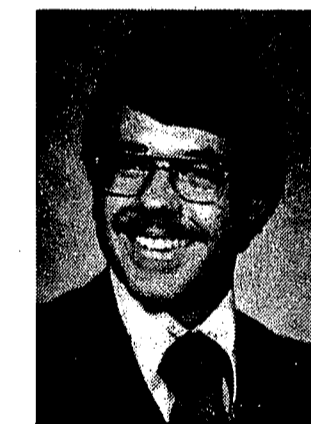
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

August 8 - 14, 1982

University of Redlands Redlands, California



Sunday evening
August 8
The Rev. Charles Graffius,
pastor of the Los Angeles, CA Church
Message: "Reconciliation Through Obedience"



Wednesday evening
August 11
Pastor William Shobe,
pastor of the Atlanta, GA Church
Message: "Reconciliation Through Service to the Least"



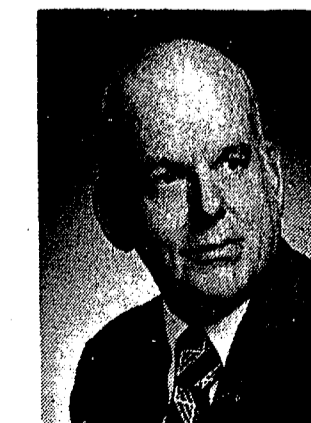
Monday evening
August 9
The Rev. Russell Johnson,
pastor of the Verona, NY Church
Message: "Reconciliation and the More Abundant Life"



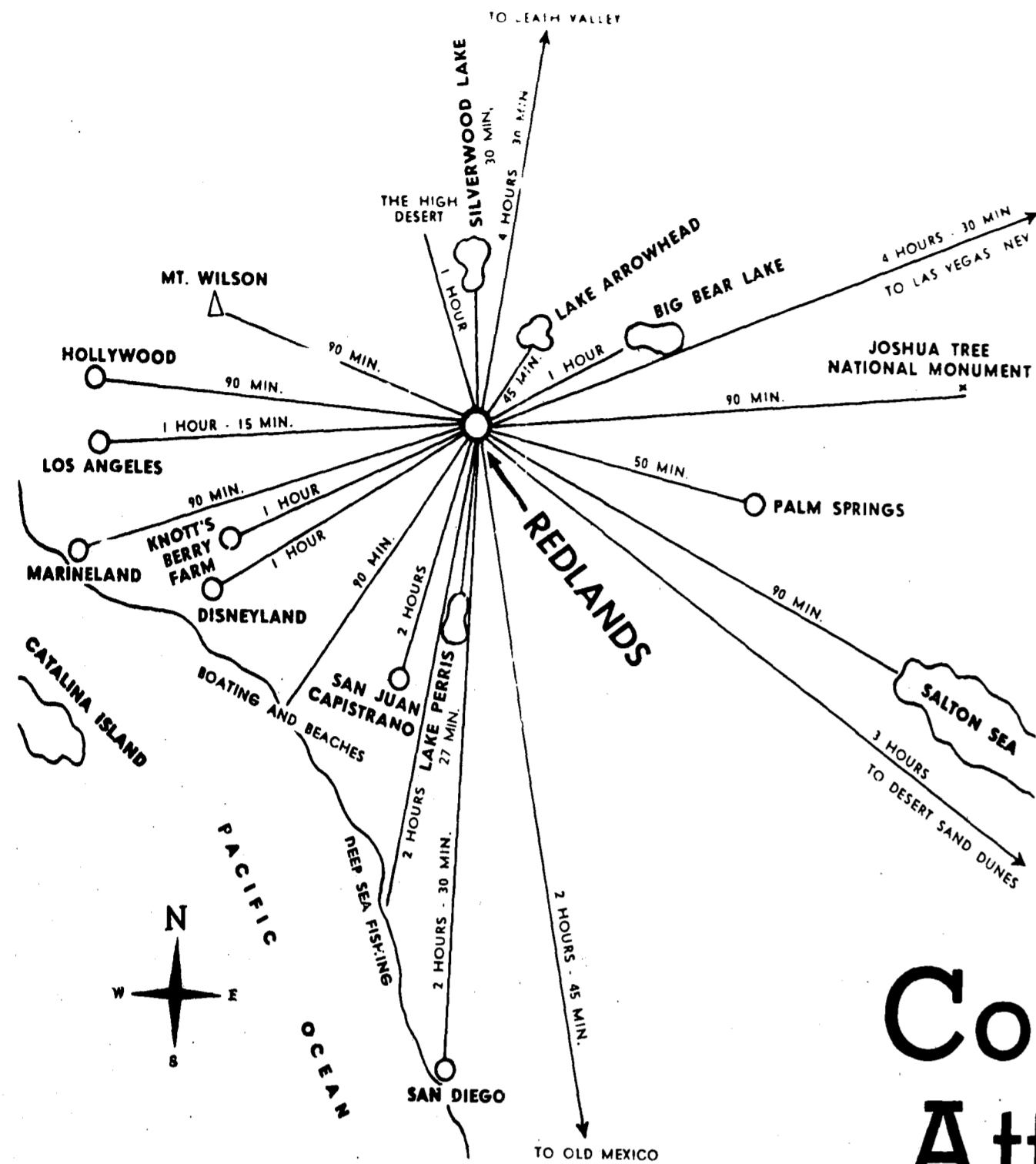
Thursday evening
August 12
The Rev. Paul Osborn,
pastor of the Dodge Center, MN Church
Message: "Reconciliation in the Family"



Tuesday evening
August 10
The Rev. Kenneth Chroniger,
pastor of the Central Church in MD
Message: "Reconciliation in the Community of Believers"



Friday evening
August 13
The Rev. S. Kenneth Davis,
pastor of the Battle Creek, MI Church
Message: "Reconciliation Through Wholeness"



This year many of you will be planning your summer vacation around the General Conference which is being held in Redlands, California, August 8 - 14. For your planning the following attractions are listed for your consideration.

Conference Attractions

Compiled by Jim Driver

SEA WORLD

Sea World is located in San Diego and is the world's largest and finest marine life park. It's a full day of live shows and excitement. With killer whale superstar, Shamu, the splash hit of many popular TV specials. Plus his sidekicks, Namu and Kandu.

And also gentle dolphins and killer whales to feed and pet. Delicate starfish to hold in your hand. And seals and otters who cause nothing but laughs and screams in the new Spooky Kooky Castle show. At Sea World, you'll experience more marine life in one day than many sea captains do in a lifetime. Touch a whiskery walrus. Look a full-frown shark right in the eye in the world's largest shark habitat. Gaze out over all of Sea World and Mission Bay from the top of the 320-foot PSA Skytower. Then watch your pint-size pirates romp in a playground created just for them, Cap'n Kid's World. Sea World hours of operation: 9 a.m. until dusk.

Admission: Adults \$9.95
 Children \$6.95
 (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Diners Club accepted)
 Parking is free.



Killer whale star Shamu takes his trainer on a high-flying ride at Sea World of San Diego. Riding a killer whale is only one of the interesting and impressive behaviors performed daily in the marine park's "This is Shamu" show.



Yes! Really in the water! Photographed through the observation windows of Marineland's Baja Reef, this swimmer is experiencing sea life first hand. 3,000 specimens fill the Baja Reef including bass, Garibaldi, turtles and sharks. Marineland supplies all the snorkel equipment needed to enjoy the "world's only swim through aquarium."

Hanna-Barbera's Marineland is located south of Los Angeles, on the ocean in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Marineland is the only theme park in California that overlooks the ocean, and only Marineland lets you experience the ocean's wonders as never before.

You'll enjoy spectacular shows starring the sea's most engaging performers: talented killer whales, dolphins and sea lions. You'll be fascinated by the curious creatures found in Passages Beneath the Sea. You can even snorkel with thousands of fish in Marineland's incredible Baja Reef, America's only swim-through aquarium. (Those who choose to experience the "Baja Reef" will be supplied, for a \$3.50 fee, a wetsuit, snorkel, mask and fins.)

Marineland hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Admission: Adults \$8.95
 Children \$6.95 (3 to 11)
 Parking Free.

SAN DIEGO ZOO

The San Diego Zoo is located about two and a half hours to the south of Redlands. The huge animal collection, set among a 100-acre tropical garden, is famous for the many rare and exotic species exhibited. Cuddly koalas from Australia and longbilled kiwis from New Zealand and wild przewalshi's horses from Mongolia. In addition, the Zoo has the largest collection of parrots and birds ever assembled.

The easiest way to see the huge animal population is to take the 40-minute guided bus tour through miles of winding roads down the canyons and up the mesas. Informative and entertaining driver-guides narrate the entire tour and point out interesting facts about many of the Zoo animals. The open-sided buses leave the Zoo station every few minutes for the three-mile trip.

Another highlight of the San Diego Zoo is its Children's Zoo. Children and young animals see eye-to-eye in this imaginative kid's zoo built to the scale of four-year-olds, but enjoyable to the young-at-heart of all ages. The Children's Zoo features open moated enclosures, walk-through bird cages, a nursery, direct-contact areas where children may pet animals and see many rare and unusual animals close-up.

San Diego Zoo hours of operation:
 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Admission: Adults \$4.75
 Children \$1.00 (3 to 15)
 Bus Tour: Adults \$2.00
 Children \$1.50 (3 to 15)



Koala at the San Diego Zoo perches on a branch of a eucalyptus tree. Koalas, marsupials native to Australia, are often mistakenly called "koala bears." However, they are not related to bears and have no close relationship with any other animal. Koalas live almost entirely in trees, coming to the ground only to travel from point to point. They eat only the leaves from about 12 of 500 species of eucalyptus trees. Koalas once were hunted almost to the point of extinction. The Australian government now has strict laws protecting these animals. The San Diego Zoo is the only zoo outside Australia which houses koalas.

San Diego Zoo Photo

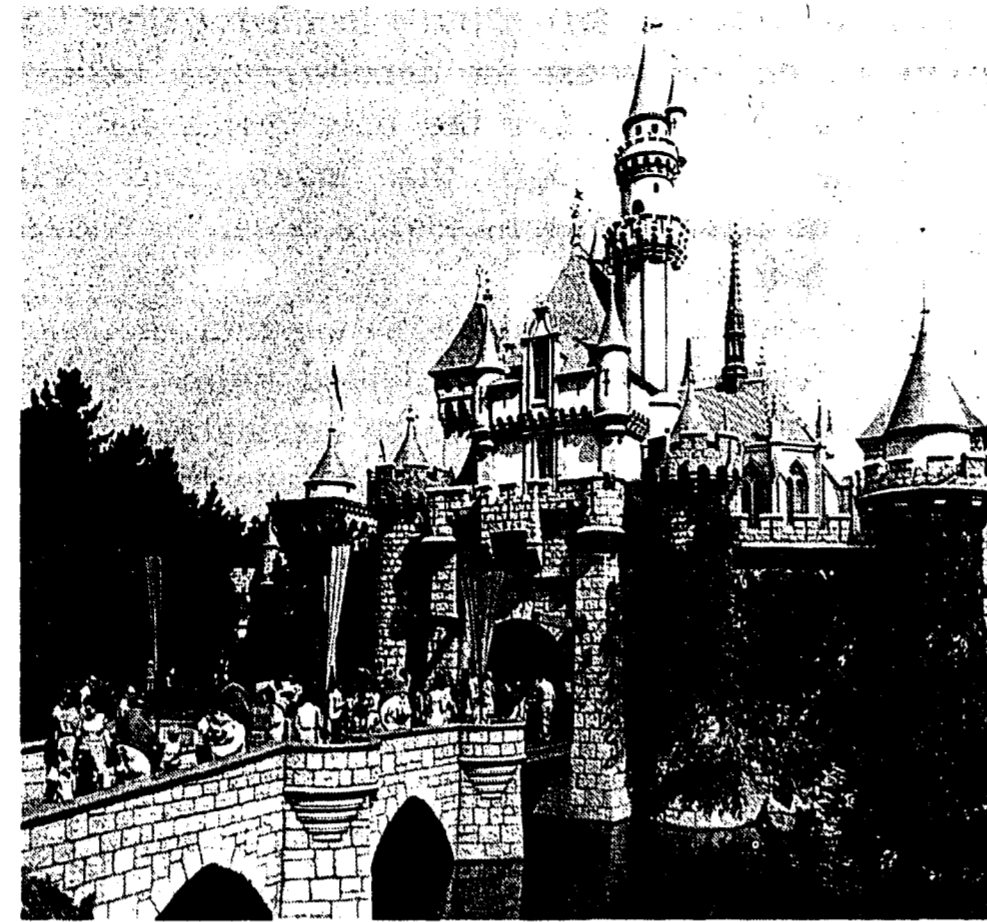
DISNEYLAND

Disneyland is located in Anaheim, about an hour from Redlands. The park has over 50 rides and attractions, something for everyone. Many of you that have visited Disneyland know that one day is not enough time to see everything. Disneyland opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at Midnight.

In the last few years new attractions have been added. "Space Mountain" and "Big Thunder Railroad" are the newest adventures. If you prefer a more leisurely pace you may stroll through "Old Main Street", an old-fashioned ice cream parlor, silent cinema and general store keep alive these delightful nostalgia.

Admission to Disneyland is:

Adults	\$12.00
Juniors	\$10.50
Children	\$9.00 <input type="checkbox"/>



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PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway—climbing smoothly over two and one-half miles of cable to the evergreen trees of the San Jacinto Mountains—is one of the West's most popular attractions.

In minutes, the two 80-passenger tramcars carry visitors safely from thorny cactus and warm desert sands to the invigorating mountain air and the threshold of the 13,000-acre Mt. San Jacinto State Wilderness where some 54 miles of hiking trails and 11 campgrounds beckon the adventurous.

Behind the Mountain Station, a gently sloping thermal walkway free from snow in the winter, leads to Long Valley where picnic facilities are available during the summer months. Cross-country ski instruction and equipment rental are available for a nominal fee during the winter. Long Valley is also the site of a permanent California State Park Ranger station. A permit is required for any hiking or backpacking in the Wilderness and is obtainable from the Rangers.

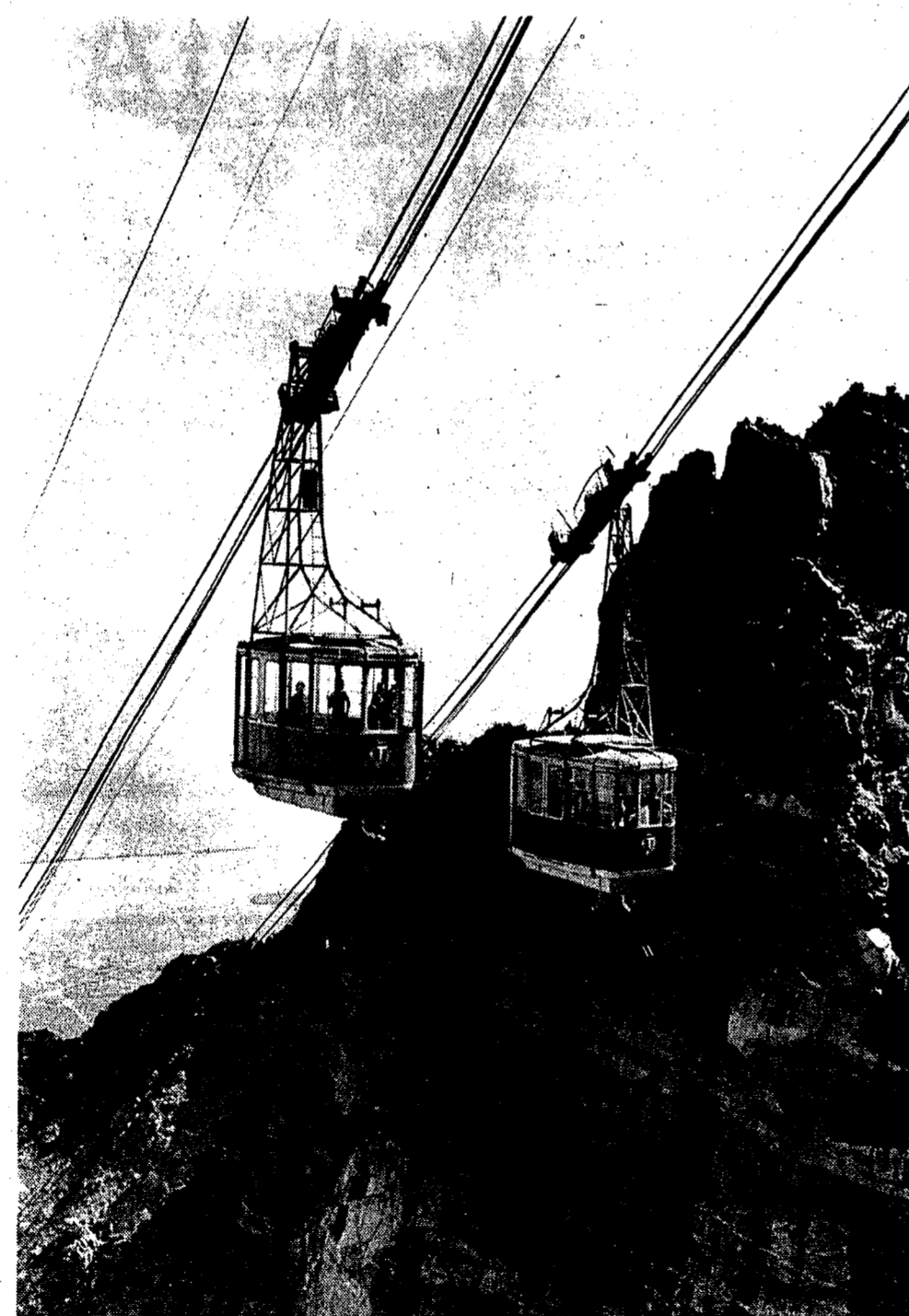
The V.W. Grubbs View Point, located at the southeast corner of the Mountain Station and up a short flight of stairs, affords a sweeping 360-degree unobstructed view of the Valley and the Wilderness. The View Point is named in honor of a man who devoted more than 30 years to the Tramway.

The Tramway, constructed in rugged Chino Canyon on the north edge of Palm Springs, is less than one hour from Redlands by car.

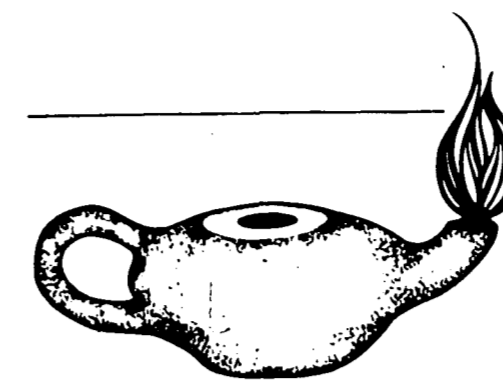
Tramway hours of operation:

10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (last car up)

Admission: Adults	\$6.95
Children	\$3.95 (3 to 11) <input type="checkbox"/>



Half-way point — The two 80-passenger Tramcars pass at the half-way point between Towers Two and Three on their journey along the two and one-half miles of cable at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway.



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FAMILY PRE-CON CANCELLED

There will be NO Family Pre-Con Retreat because:

1. The attendance at the Retreat for several years has been very low.
2. The cost of renting a facility for the camp is very high, necessitating high fees.
3. Receipts from the camp fees have not covered costs.
4. The small number of participants make it difficult for the directors to carry out planned program.
5. Because of the low attendance, it seems wise to use the time and money involved in another program.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Board of Christian Education has on hand a quantity of **HELPING HANDS** (Second Quarter, 1971) entitled 300th ANNIVERSARY - SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS IN THE USA. There are eleven studies of the Seventh Day Baptist Pioneers written by Clifford Bond, Alan Crouch, Russell Johnson, and Dale Rood under the supervision of Rev. Victor W. Skaggs.

Rev. Duane Davis was editor of the issue.

Anyone wishing a copy of this issue of the **HELPING HAND**, please send the request to the Board of Christian Education, 15 S. Main Street, Alfred, New York 14802.

SINGLE COPY - FREE; — IN QUANTITY - postage will be requested.

ASSOCIATED CONFERENCES

The Associated Conferences for children aged four and one-half through eighth grade will be held in Orton Student Center at the east side of Redlands campus.

The schedule includes lessons, activities and music each morning, Monday through Friday, from nine to twelve o'clock. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from one to four o'clock will be recreation: swimming, games and walks.

The basis for the lessons and music will be the SDB Nurture Series produced by the Board of Christian Education.

Teachers for the morning sessions will be: Kindergarten, Irene Saunders; Primary, Joy Ross; Junior, Eunice Barber; Junior High, Vivian Loper.

The Senior High Associated Conference will be held in the Recreation Room downstairs in Anderson Hall.

Attention Children in Grades 1-3

We need your drawings for our 1982 Conference in Redlands, CA. Use color crayons and paper the size of typing paper. One picture **must** be of Zaccheus in the Sycamore tree; other pictures may be of any other Bible people. The deadline is July 1. Send them to:

Joy Ross
4358 Highland Place
Riverside, CA 92506

Teacher's Mini-Lab

RECORD KEEPING

The office of secretary, treasurer or secretary/treasurer is very important. Accurate records may be used as a reference in history as well as for information of current use.

Record of who and how many attended Sabbath School and church is important not only to show the number attending at any given date but to guide the church in its ministry to persons. Records should show what happens to an individual person and how the church is involved in the spiritual and social growth of that person.

Attendance records will guide the Christian Education Committee in any plan for expansion, remodeling of facilities, use of rooms and change of program.

The secretary has the responsibility of ordering materials and distributing them. The secretary may act as librarian, keeping a record of resources such as pictures, resource books and art material.

The task of keeping financial records is equally important. Accurate accounting of moneys received is necessary if the committee is able to purchase needed supplies and make such repairs or additions to the facilities as necessary. The treasurer should keep a record of the cost of the purchases and the date and method of payment.

It is also important to send money collected for special requests to the proper place.

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**YOUTH PRE-CON
August 4-8, 1982
PACIFIC PINES CAMP**

ALL YOUTH ages 15 through 18 are invited to share the joy and fellowship of the spiritual experience at Camp Pacific Pines, Crestline, California.

THEME: Yielding Our Lives to the Lord

Director: Dr. Victor Burdick
Pastor: Rev. Charles Graffius
Counsellor: Gerry Van Dyke
Musical: Jennifer Lewis
Activities: Brian Owen
Cook: Anne Graffius

Please bring:

Your Bible, notebook, pen, personal items, sleeping bag, pillow, sweater or jacket, camp clothing, medical report. (page 22)

Camp Fee — \$40 plus \$20 if registration is received by the Business Manager later than July 30 - a total of \$60 - it is necessary to have registrations in early in order for proper arrangements to be made for all campers. Camp fee includes room, board and insurance.

Please send registration to: Mr. Al Withrow, Business Manager, 26871 Alessandro Blvd., Space # 20, Sunnymead, CA 92388

_____ enclosed is the fee of \$40. _____ I plan to pay at camp. I expect to arrive at (place) _____ day _____ time _____. By bus _____ plane _____ carrier _____ flight number _____ by private car _____. I need transportation to Pacific Pines Camp from Ontario Airport _____ Disneyland Hotel _____ Riverside Church _____.

Please use Ontario Airport if possible because of construction at Los Angeles Airport. If arriving at Los Angeles Airport take Disneyland Bus Service to Disneyland Hotel. To be picked-up there. Or meet at Riverside Church for transportation to camp.

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM CAMP TO REDLANDS SUNDAY MORNING.

I am (we are) between the ages of 15 and 18. _____ Registration for _____ person(s)

REGISTRATION FOR PACIFIC PINES YOUTH PRE-CON _____ signature _____ address

MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT

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Dale E. Rood

young couples planning to be married who have come to me wanting me to marry them. Now I will marry no one who is not willing to work with me through a series of at least four sessions of premarital counseling, and I will not marry a believer and an unbeliever. In my experience I have seen the wisdom of the Biblical injunction of not being bound unequally to unbelievers (II Corinthians 6:14).

There are too many problems that believer-unbeliever marriages have. It is experience such as this that con-

firms to me the wisdom of following the whole counsel of God as we find it in the Bible, even though parts of it may not make sense to me. When I minister on the basis of the whole Bible, then I find my ministry is endowed with His authority and power and blessing in a way not otherwise possible. So much for my sermonizing.

Shortly after I came to Westerly as pastor, I began hearing about all the young couples that were looking for marriage. In a space of about three months they all had approached me and I was amazed: not a single one wanted to get married "next Friday," so to speak. There was plenty of time to counsel with each of them and to share the Gospel. In some cases they were Christians with a clear understanding of their faith.

**YOUNG ADULT PRE-CON
AUGUST 4-8, 1982
CSC CHALET
CRESTLINE, CA**

All young adults, ages 18-35, are invited to share a unique spiritual experience in the California mountains.

THEME: When We Know Him, I'll Know You and You Will Know Me

Director: Herb and Barb Saunders
Staff: Denise Green
Gabriel Bejjani
Cook: Dorothy Shettel

Please bring: Your Bible, notebook, personal items, sleeping bag, pillow, and warm clothing.

CAMP FEE - \$35 Plus \$20 if registration is received by the Business manager later than July 30 — A total of \$55 - It is necessary to have registrations in early in order for proper arrangements to be made for all campers. Camp fee includes room, board, and insurance.

Please send reservations to: Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Davis, Business Managers, 1005 S. Palmetto, Ontario, CA 90762.

_____ enclosed is the fee of \$35. _____ I plan to pay at camp. I expect to arrive at (place) _____ Day _____ time _____. By bus _____ plane _____ carrier _____ flight number _____ I need transportation to CSC Chalet from Ontario Airport _____ Disneyland Hotel _____ Riverside Church _____

Please use Ontario Airport if possible because of construction at Los Angeles Airport. If arriving at Los Angeles Airport take Disneyland Bus Service to Disneyland Hotel. to be picked-up there. Or meet at Riverside Church for transportation to camp.

I am (we are) 18 years old or older _____
Registration for _____ persons.

_____ signature
_____ address

REGISTRATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS PRE-CON AT CSC CHALET.

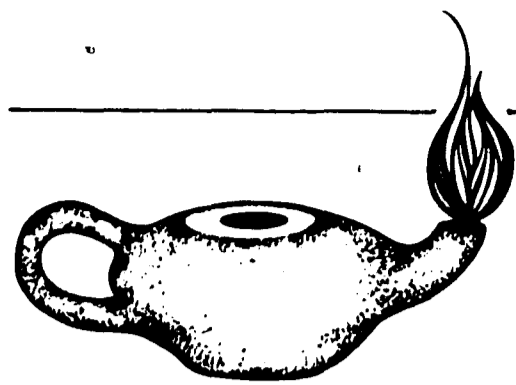
Larry E. Graffius

Jan, and I decided to be our own group. So we sat together and began to dream and hope and pray about the tremendous possibilities that God had in store for us when we returned to our home church in North Loup. Together, we committed ourselves to become soul winners. We each purposed in our hearts that we would seek ways to share our faith with others personally, actively, deliberately and more regulary. That faith commitment has been aglow in my heart ever since.

As we shared together in prayer groups on the last night of the retreat, we prayed that the Spirit of God would go before us to our home churches and begin to prepare the hearts of our people to receive the message and the challenge and to grasp the vision

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In other cases, new Christians were born. In still others, Christian faith they already had was clarified. In all cases the times I had together with them became times of discipling in their faith in the Lord as well as times in preparing for marriage. They were times of joyfully sharing together in our faith and time for me to see God at work in their lives in a special way. In days where the basic unit, the family, is under such stress, it is reassuring to know that these couples will have a solid foundation in Christ to enable them to work through their relationships and problems. □



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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

As I think about the Family Life Seminar sponsored by the Family Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, a kaleidoscope of images cross my mind.

There is the image of friends meeting friends after a long separation, of gracious greetings and conversations with heretofore unknown persons and the remembrance of waiters, clerks, and other enablers, each trying to serve the best way possible. There is the recognition of literary excellence in the rows of books offered for sale, many were by the

program speakers who shared their knowledge about a particular aspect of family living.

A very important image is of the fellowship shared among Kenneth and Doris Van Horn, Alan and Janette Crouch and Dorothy Parrott and me—six Seventh Day Baptists warmly welcomed and made to feel a part of the group of over eleven hundred Southern Baptists.

The principle image is of the speakers, each of whom gave us a vision of Christian families, loving and concerned about each other. Families who stand together against the stresses of present day living. Families committed to God, living according to His precepts.

The final image is of the church in the midst of Families: nuclear, singles, once married and non-married. Once the problem is understood, the trend of broken homes can be turned around through nurturing, counseling, healing and caring about individuals and families.

The experience of attending the seminar was invaluable, the information gained will enrich not only my life but the lives of others.

There will be another seminar by the Family Life Commission in 1983. I would wish there could be sixty rather than six Seventh Day Baptists in attendance. □

—Mary Clare

"The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner."

—1 Peter 2:7

BEYOND OUR LIMITS

We have been living with an ethic of overabundance. Most of us have had no sense of limit. Now, suddenly, we are faced with an economy of scarcity.

All handicapped persons already know what it means to have to accept disability. It is hard, however, to accept rejection, especially from the church.

I now teach at Pacific Lutheran University. But just three decades ago I was admitted to seminary only after having an interview with its president and making a plea for a

dispensation of sorts. In the Orthodox church today a person who is deformed or misshaped may not be ordained, and in Protestant churches clergy with handicaps still find it hard to get a parish.

Yet as our Lord clearly established his intention to minister to the disabled, so we also as the church of Christ can do no less. Our efforts, however, will confront suffering not merely to console the sufferer, or to remove the pain; while we may offer no supernatural remedy for suffering, we can strive together for what Dorothee Soelle calls "a supernatural use for it." Our wounds are not taken from us. Even the risen Christ bore his scars.

We must move beyond our limits. We must accept suffering and the cross at the center of our life in word and sacrament. The cross signifies weakness; yet it is

also the basis for a power of a faith which both accepts limits and still rebels against them.

A recent White House Conference for the Handicapped adopted a resolution which deplored "the many ways religion and religious institutions have marginalized the handicapped, seeing them as objects of pity and mission only, failing to see them as participating members of the whole family of God."

It is time for Christians to question frivolity and tone down use of words exciting and celebrate; more emphasis needs to be given to such terms as ponder and lament. We need to abandon aloofness toward the pain of others and include handicapped persons in the full life of our congregations. Mission is no longer to persons with disabilities, but rather with them in our common mission to the church and world.

RECORD KEEPING

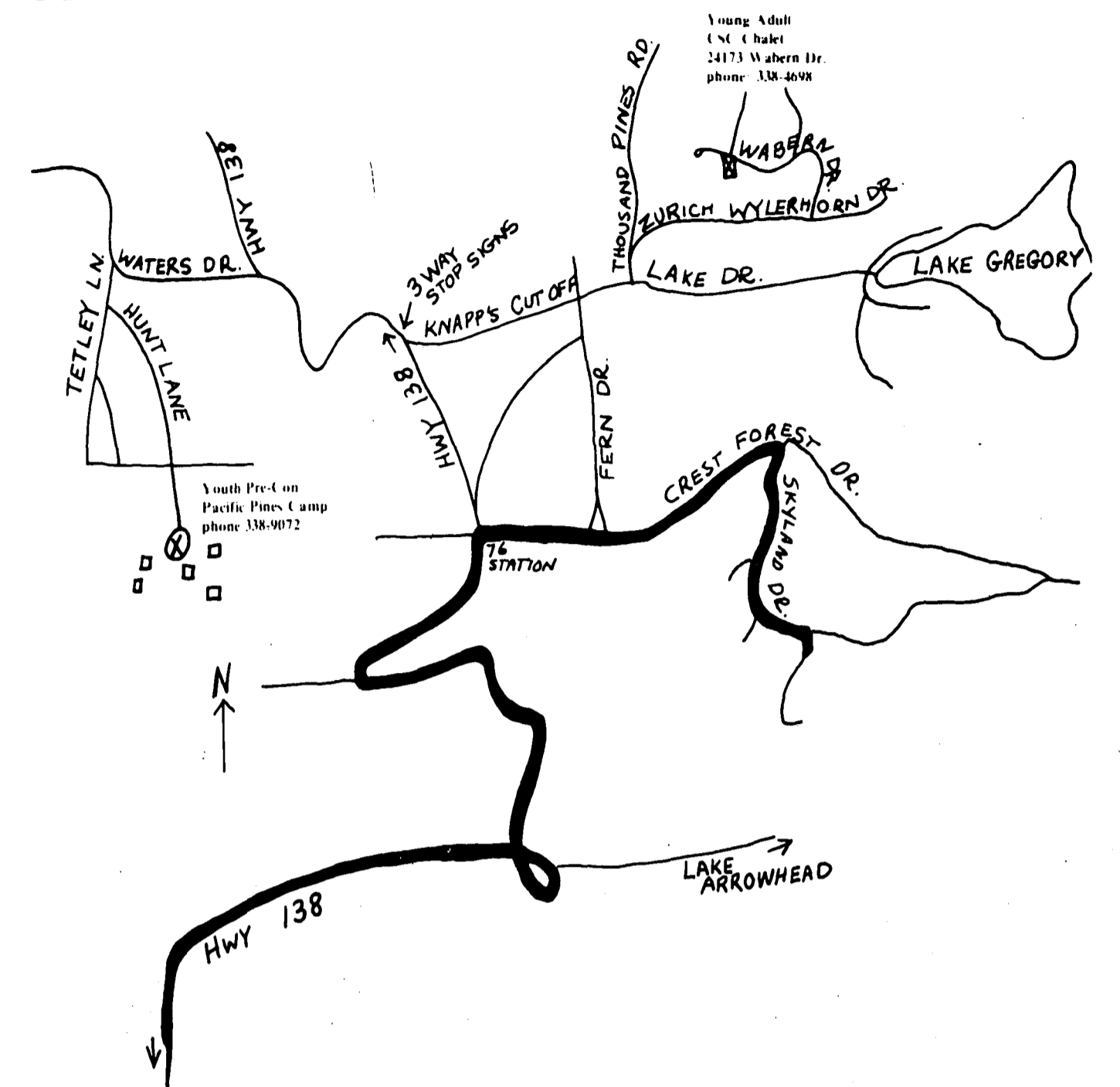
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Discuss the record policy for your church:

1. How are the records kept?
2. Is there a card for each student showing family relationships, special needs and how they are met?
3. Does someone remember birthdays or other special events in the member's lives?
4. How are the financial records kept?
5. Are the bills checked to see if there is not duplicate billing and payment?
6. To whom are the treasurer and secretary responsible?

What can you do to make the record keeping process more complete in your school? □

MAP TO YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CAMPS



International Year of Disabled Persons

1981 was designated by the United Nations action to be the *International Year of Disabled Persons*. The purpose was to make people of all nations aware of the needs of handicapped persons and ways these needs could be met.

In his article, "An International Year of the Disabled Persons," in the *New World Outlook*, (September, 1981) Toby Gould makes a convincing case for churches to become involved in IYDP. A check list of actions and attitudes for church leaders is provided: watch your language, know your congregation, show you are serious, encourage participation by disabled persons, and be consistent. "This international event will be measured in the changes that take place in each of us, changes in attitudes and changes in action."

Because of the interest taken in the project, and because there is still much to be accomplished, several groups are providing support for continuing the momentum of the work for disabled persons. The United States Congress has designated 1982 as the *National Year of Disabled Persons*.

1983 has been designated as the *Religious Year of Persons with Disabilities*, by The Healing Community and has been adopted by various religious groups.

To enable churches to develop programs for the disabled, The Healing Community (Dr. Harold Wilke, director) has prepared a pamphlet "Two More Years of Accessibility Concern Set By Religious Community: Program Suggestions." They also have a service of worship prepared as a bulletin for Access Sabbath/Sunday for 1982, for ten cents each. The address is:

The Healing Company
139 Walworth Avenue
White Plains, NY 10606 □

We will learn together perhaps that only God is able (Luke 3:8; Romans 4:21, 16:25; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Hebrews 2:18). Each of us is disabled by the fall. But in Christ we are set free and enabled to do God's will—to abandon the idols of success and health to become "living stones" (1 Peter 2:4) in the spirituality and singularity of the community of faith.

So we say with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church: "Wholeness does not mean sameness. We need not look alike, think alike, talk alike, see alike, hear alike or share alike the same abilities to be whole persons. All of us are unique creations who share a common humanity which finds its ultimate purpose and promise in building up the body of Christ which is the church." □

—Stewart C. Govig
The Grapevine, November, 1981

Youth Pre-Con

MEDICAL INFORMATION (to be filled out by parent/guardian)
Bring with you to Pre-Con

Please indicate if camper is susceptible to: Asthma _____, Allergies _____, Stomach upsets _____, Kidney trouble _____, Heart trouble _____, Convulsions _____, Rheumatic Fever _____, Other _____

Penicillin or other drug reactions/injections. Please specify _____

Imunization Tests: Record date of last injections only.

Tetanus Toxoid (not antitoxin) _____, Polio (Sabin Oral) _____, Smallpox _____, Typhoid _____

Any restrictions to swimming _____ diving _____
Any restrictions to other physical activity (please specify) _____
Recent surgery/or any handicap _____
Is Camper under any medical or dietary regimen to be continued? _____

Suggestions from parents:

In case of emergency I hereby give permission to the licensed physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment, anesthesia and/or surgery for my child named on this form.

date _____ Signature _____
In emergency, notify: _____

NAME ADDRESS PHONE

MEDICAL EXAMINATION (to be filled out by a Doctor)

Check the following if found normal. Note any abnormalities which might have influence on the camper's activity.

HEART _____, LUNGS _____, THROAT _____, SCALP _____, SKIN _____, FEET _____, EYES _____, EARS _____
Should this person for medical reasons be excluded from any of the following activities? Swimming _____ Hiking _____
Diving _____ Athletics _____

Special Diet:

Medications: (name) _____ Directions: _____

I believe this person is able to attend camp and participate in all camp activities with the following restrictions and recommendations: _____

Date _____, Phone _____

Examining Physician _____

Address _____

CONFERENCE CAMPING

There are no advance reservations for private or county campgrounds in the Redlands area. □

WHEELER TO BE HONORED

The Riverside, CA, SDB Church invites you to share with them in a reception and program honoring Dr. Alton L. Wheeler who has completed 40 years of service in the Gospel ministry. The reception will be held at the church the evening of August 7, 1982. □

FOCUS



MISSIONS TODAY

● **MALAWI MEETINGS 1982:** Though there are only five Associations of Churches in the Central Africa Conference of SDB, they schedule 14 Association Meetings during the month of August. Five Youth Camps are also planned—2 in the Northern region, 1 in the Central region and 2 in the Southern region. These usually meet during the month of July. The Malawi Christian council also offers opportunity for special training. Mr. L. Baluwa was their appointee to the Youth Leadership Training in April and five pastors were chosen to attend the Evangelism Workshop early in June. Their Conference session is in September.

● **MEDICAL MINISTRIES:** Thembe: Mrs. Makala is a new nurse "and does her work well"; the government supplied two bicycles; Miss Nantikwa, our Homecraft worker, teaches about development with government supplied plates and equipment. Two new places for Under/Five's clinics (U/5s) have been designated at Namisas and Mulasa.

Thomas: The new maternity building is almost finished! Painting of windows, doors, walls and furniture and equipment need to be provided before it can be opened. New staff is also to be appointed and since there is a serious shortage of residences, such houses will also be needed. There are three new U/5s clinics in the area at Samson, Mphera and Nkokachombe in addition to the one at Thomas.

Makapwa: Medical Director E.P. Mhura reports "he received a word

of appreciation from the Ministry of Health that Makapwa Hospital, though it looks small, does a good work." The Private Hospitals Association of Malawi (PHAM) visited: "We thank them because they came, so as a result we have been more helped" Brother Mhura wrote. New staff members are needed. Pastor S. Mhezuwa has prepared a schedule for devotions at the hospital that is followed.

-Galatians 6:9 NAS

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● **NEW WORK, U.S.A.:** Just as when a new baby is born into a family, there is a period of adjustment, learning needs and seeking to meet them, so it is in most new branch church groups. It takes extra love, time and patience for the various people participating to share their own experiences, to learn those that others have had, to understand where each person is in their knowledge of the Word of God, etc. Let us not forget to pray for each new group and those whom God has brought together! Mother churches also need extra grace and understanding for those new among us are not aware of many things we have taken for granted.

● **JAMAICA:** Pastor Allan A. Chambers was ordained at the Waterford, St. Mary SDB church in February. Fourteen sister churches were represented in the congregation of over 150. Brother Clinton Wilson has been named the new Principal of Crandall High School succeeding Bro. E. Downes who is a member of the staff of Duhaney Park Secondary School. An evangelistic crusade was planned at Rose Mount in Portland during April.

PRAYER

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

CORNER

JULY 1982

PRAY FOR:

- 1-My goals—past and future? We begin the second half of 1982 today!
- 2-The coming of the Sabbath day, that it might bring glory to God.
- 3-The Missionary Keyworker in your church and ways in which you can help.
- 4-The SDB Camps this month in my Association and across the country.
- 5-Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson at BWA meetings in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 6-Editor Scott Smith of the *Sabbath Recorder* and his new ministries.
- 7-Pastor Joel Omare, Kisii, Kenya and the harmony/cooperation in churches.
- 8-Business Manager Ivan FitzRandolph as he begins the managing of accounting functions of the denomination.
- 9-SCSC workers and project Directors in the several churches.
- 10-My church as we seek ways to share the gospel message.
- 11-The Memorial Board Trustees in their quarterly meeting.
- 12-Rev. L.S. Thanga, Rangoon, Burma and the church construction projects.
- 13-Conference Host Committee and Phil Lewis, chairman.
- 14-Pastor John Mpacko and those seeking to establish a witness in Cameroon.
- 15-A new Light Bearer's Director and Team! Volunteers are needed.
- 16-My neighbor as we share the responsibilities of the community.
- 17-Pastors and people in our sister church in the Philippines.
- 18-Outgoing *Sabbath Recorder* Editor John Bevis as he develops his ministry with the Denver Church.
- 19-Men and women to train and who are willing to serve on the mission field.
- 20-The General Conference Host Committee as it makes the final arrangements.
- 21-Missionaries Rodney, Camille Henry and family, Cebu City, The Philippines.
- 22-Directors and staff of the Pre-Conference retreats—Youth and Young Adults.
- 23-Camp leaders around the country training our young people in the skills of basic Christian living.
- 24-Those children reached by Bible School and Camp ministries this summer.
- 25-Quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board, Westerly, RI this afternoon.
- 26-Conference President Dorothy Parrott and those assisting her.
- 27-Pastor J. Swani and our sister churches in South Africa.
- 28-Those enrolled in the Guide Bible course.
- 29-General Council members as they meet prior to Conference in S. California.
- 30-Our retired pastors and their wives.
- 31-My thanks for God's love and his strength for my daily tasks.



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

by Jane Mackintosh

I would like to begin this article this month with a psalm of praise written by Pat Harp and sent to me to share with all of you:

On a daily basis we so often forget to praise God, our Lord and Saviour for delivering us from so many trials and temptations. The glory and honor truly is His; but according to His word we are to offer the sacrifice of praise: "By him (Jesus) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name." Hebrews 13:15

Sacrifice of Praise

**Praise Him in the valley
Praise Him on the hill
Praise Him on the plateau
When peace at last you feel:**

**Praise, Praise
Praise to the Lamb that was slain
Praise, Praise
Praise His holy name:**

**Praise Him in the morning
Praise Him through the day
Praise Him at the nighttime
For showing us His way**

**Thank Him for His Goodness
Praise Him for His Love
Praise to God, our Father
That His Son came from above.**

Words can never express fully what I experience inside as I see God

working in mighty and powerful ways in my life and in the lives of others. But this opportunity I covet in order to publicly proclaim praise to His name for His love for me, His servant. May God our Saviour and Redeemer be greatly glorified.

-Pat Harp

Thank you Pat for this encouragement in the Lord.

Recently I realized how little I knew of the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament so I began reading first about the return of the Israelites from captivity in *Ezra* and *Nehemiah* and then the prophecies of *Isaiah*. The history found in *Ezra* and *Nehemiah* fascinated me, but when I got into *Isaiah*, I became enthralled once again by the power and wisdom of the Almighty God. In chapters 2-5, God spoke to Isaiah giving his pronouncements of woe to the people for their various sins. Those chapters could have been written for 1982. However, the part that spoke directly to me is in chapter 8:11-14a.

The Lord spoke to me with his strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people. He said:

Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy;
do not fear what they fear,
and do not dread it.

The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy,
he is the one you are to fear,
he is the one you are to dread,
and he will be a sanctuary;
Isaiah 8:11-14a

I'm thirty years old so I was raised in the "nuclear age," and I have vivid memories of my childhood fear of The Bomb. My childhood home is located near the fire station and I remember how frightened I

would become at night when the long siren would sound calling the volunteer firemen out. It was a shorter version of the sound advertised on television as the standard signal of each city to warn its residents that nuclear weapons were on their way. I remember well the fear during the Cuban missile crisis. As the Cold War simmered down to detente alot of my fears of immediate danger eased. Then I was married, the mother of three children and the Middle East was sizzling, Afganistan was being invaded, there was no more detente and my fear of nuclear war and the horror my children might have to experience began to overwhelm me. In her book, *The Fragrance of Beauty*, Joyce Landorf described me perfectly in her chapter on how fear can totally immobilize someone.

I suspect Isaiah was experiencing a similar fear as he listened to God describing what was going to happen to the people of Israel. God told him not to "...call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy;" when he saw other nations plotting the destruction of Israel. The Lord also told him not to fear or dread what was to happen because he was to know Who is in control and to fear and dread only Him. My favorite line though is the first line of verse fourteen: "...and he (God) will be a sanctuary." God had dealt with my fear of nuclear war before I read this passage, but I was nonetheless comforted by this confirmation that our Father is in control and He is available as our sanctuary through the worst terror we can imagine. This promise has very special meaning to me. I pray that you can be comforted by it when dealing with any fears you might experience.

I hope to see many of you at Conference in August at the University of Redlands. □



Dobson Honored as 1982 NAE Layman of the Year

Before an exuberant closing banquet audience of over 800 evangelical leaders and laypeople, outgoing National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) president Bishop J. Floyd Williams presented Dr. James C. Dobson with the 1982 NAE Layman of the Year award. Dobson, whose "Focus on the Family" film series has been seen by more than 10 million people, was so honored for his commitment to saving the family and for equipping men and women across the country with a working knowledge of what God wants to do for every family in the 1980s.

"Through him, and others like him, has come a nationwide reawakening to the problems facing the American home, Williams said, "and a widespread return to those biblical directives which spell the difference between hope and despair.

"It is little wonder that many feel the influence and impact of his ministry on American homes has been greater than any other individual in the last 30 years."

Known internationally for his contributions to the field of child psychology and for his unwavering support of traditional Christian family values, Dobson is associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California and is on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles in the Division of Medical Genetics. In 1977, he started the Focus on the Family organization, dedicated to the "preservation of the family and

the propagation of traditional, pro-family views." As an outgrowth of this ministry, his radio broadcasts are currently aired 1,500 times per week on more than 250 stations. In addition, his audience participation shows have been aired on approximately 40 television stations nationwide.

Once when asked for the source of his motivation and drive, Dobson responded: "My purpose in living is to serve Jesus Christ to the best of my ability and take as many people to heaven as I possibly can. And my first responsibility is to do everything in my power to include my own family in that number." Indeed, in an effort to effectively meet that first responsibility and spend more quality time with his wife and two children, he boldly cancelled his entire speaking schedule for 1978.

"But fortunately for us," Williams said, "not before videotaping one of his final family seminars."

Today, the "Focus on the Family" film series based on that videotaping is seen by a quarter of a million people each month. □

Writing Course Offered

Dr. Glen Williamson, editor of *The Sermon Builder*, a popular ministers' journal, is offering an inexpensive, down-to-earth, course in *Creative Writing* by correspondence.

A long-time friend of Seventh Day Baptists with whom he and Mrs. Williamson worshipped regularly while living in Boulder, Colorado, he is offering a 20 percent, across-the-board, discount to readers of *The Sabbath Recorder*.

As editor, he has reprinted numerous articles from the *Recorder*, the latest of which (He's All I Got) will appear in the July issue of his magazine.

Anyone interested in his writing course may obtain full details by dropping him a card c/o LeSabre Writers Institute, P.O. Box 1268, Stanwood, Washington 98292. Mr. Williamson says there will be no pressure, no obligation, and no one will call. □

Dunn Scores Reagan On Tuition Tax Credits

by Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BPA)—President Reagan's call for tuition tax credits to parents who send their children to nonpublic schools came under heavy fire here from the head of Baptists' governmental affairs agency.

James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, scored the Reagan proposal, saying it "violates the constitutional principle of church-state separation; threatens the public schools with two separate but unequal tax-supported systems of education; contradicts current budget cuts by favoring yet another government giveaway; continues a national policy against the poor by providing one more form of welfare for the well-off; ignites inter-religious strife; and endangers religious liberty."

The Washington-based agency is composed of representatives of eight U.S. Baptist bodies with a combined membership of 27 million and is charged with presenting Baptist views on church-state issues in the nation's capital.

Reagan announced his intention to send Congress a tuition tax credit bill later this spring in a Chicago address to the National Catholic Education Association, stating repeatedly that such a proposal would end a "double burden" of taxation faced by parents who choose to send their children to private schools.

Although some observers have questioned the president's commitment to push hard for enactment of his proposal, particularly in the face of mounting budget deficits, he declared in the Chicago speech that he intends to keep his 1980 campaign pledge to work for such credits.

"I know you have heard promises before," he said. "Politicians in the past promised tax credits and broke those promises. But this Administration is different; we're a bunch of radicals: We really intend

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the CHURCH in ACTION

Shiloh Welcomes New Pastor

SHILOH, NJ—When Pastor John Camenga arrived for his first weekend in Shiloh, he "got his feet wet" (literally) much sooner than he had expected. Plans called for assistance from Pastor Emeritus Charles Bond in the annual baptism and receiving of new members into the church fellowship; however, when the Bonds were suddenly called to West Virginia for a funeral, our new pastor was on his own (with the Lord's guidance, of course) in performing these rites.

On Friday evening, April 2, 1982, two adults and three young persons received the sacrament of baptism and four of the candidates requested church membership. Following a solo "When Jesus Comes" sung by Moderator Owen Probasco, testimonies were given by Alice (Mrs. William) Fogg, Ken Davenport and son Matthew, Jamie Hitchner, and Brenda Davis.

Pastor John then announced that our church clerk had received letters of transfer from the Upper East Tennessee SDB Church for John, Linda (Mrs. John), Andrew and Faith Camenga, and from the Lost Creek, WV, SDB Church for Rowena (Mrs. Delmer) Van Horn. Moderator Probasco led the congregation in accepting nine new members into the church family.

Between verses of "He Leadeth Me" and "Just as I am," Pastor John explained the significance of the chorus "This Little Light of Mine" and baptized the five candidates while Deacon Bill Fogg lighted a candle for his wife Alice,

Deaconess Ella Sheppard for Ken and Matt Davenport, Martie Hitchner for grandson Jamie, and Nancy Davis for daughter Brenda. (One two-year-old summarized the service with the observation, "Somebody splashed in the tub.")

In attendance at the ceremony and following reception was Conference President Dorothy Parrott of the Battle Creek, MI, SDB Church.

On Sabbath morning, Moderator Probasco extended the right hand of fellowship to Rev. John H. Camenga on behalf of the church. Pastor John then did the same for the other new members—Linda Camenga, Andrew Camenga, Faith Camenga, Rowena Van Horn, Alice Fogg, Matt Davenport, Jamie Hitchner, and Brenda Davis. Jan Moncrief and Susan Bonham pinned a carnation on our new pastor and yellow corsages on his wife Linda and Linda's mother Rowena on behalf of the Ladies Benevolent Society.

Communion was served, followed

by Sabbath School and our monthly emphasis dinner. The "emphasis" of the dinner was a welcoming program for the Camenga family, which now includes Rowena Van Horn.

First on the agenda was an original poem recited by poet-in-residence Tim Bond entitled "CAMENGAS: Shiloh Welcomes You."

Jan Moncrief, chairman of the church Social Committee, introduced our TOAD* and asked it to croak a tune. TOAD obliged, singing "I Will Serve Thee" and "He Touched Me" but neither song sounded much like a croak, nor did the piano accompaniment performed by Cheryl Davis.

On behalf of the diaconate, Everett H. Dickinson welcomed Pastor John as our spiritual leader and reminded the congregation of our duty to sense the needs of others and make them known to the pastor and/or diaconate.

Emcee Moncrief called upon the Cousins Four to show the Camengas that there is talent in the ranks of the younger generation at Shiloh. She explained that the group name would be easy to remember because: 1) they were cousins, and 2) there were four of them. The girls—Suzanne and Julie Vanderslice, and Cheryl and Brenda Davis—sang "It's My Song" with Suzanne doing double duty on the piano.

Ladies Benevolent Society Vice President Martie Hitchner welcomed Linda and Rowena as members and John as honorary member and shared a vision of them rolling up their sleeves and rolling out the dough at our annual Memorial Day and Labor Day chicken pot pie dinners.

Sabbath School Superintendent Allen Davis and Board of Christian Education Chairman Dodi Moncrief described the Sabbath School and Friday evening youth group programs and expressed gratitude for participation of the new pastor's family in their respective classes. Jan Moncrief gave the four Camenga children something else to look forward to—Bible School, summer camps at Jersey Oaks

Camp, and our junior and youth choirs.

To demonstrate the choirs' ability, approximately twenty children, ranging from pre-first to eighth grades, rose and sang "Clap Your Hands" and "How Ya Gonna Know How to be a Christian" under the direction of Linda Dickinson and Mary Hitchner, accompanied by Jane Jernoske.

At the conclusion of the program, Pastor John was given the opportunity to "say a few words." He explained that the family hadn't yet learned all of our names and asked us—on the count of three—to shout out our names and clear up the problem. He then expressed a desire to get to know us well and to help us do the Lord's work in Shiloh under Christ's leadership.

* T—Tim Bond
O—Owen Probasco
A—Allen Davis
D—David Hitchner

—Donna S. Bond

Taylor To Serve Lost Creek Church



LOST CREEK, WV—The Rev. David Taylor has accepted a call to pastor the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Lost Creek, WV beginning July, 1982. Taylor has served the New Auburn, WI Church since January, 1978. Previous to that he was pastor in Schenectady, NY. We wish God's blessings on the Taylor family and the Lost Creek congregation as they begin this new relationship. □

Southeastern Association

The Southeastern Association will hold its one hundred fifth session, June 25-27, 1982 in Washington, D.C.

The opening session on Friday evening and the closing session on Sunday morning will be held at the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church, 4700 16th Street, N.W.

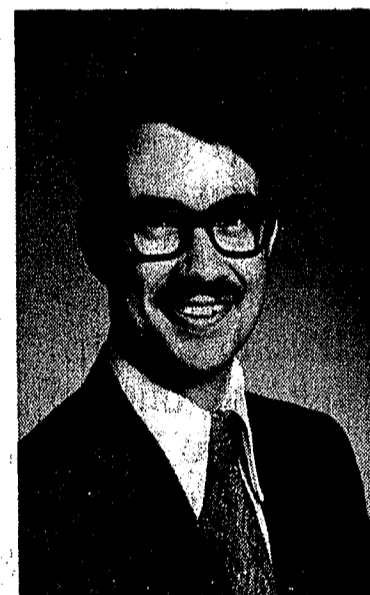
All of the Sabbath day sessions will be at the Sixth Presbyterian Church on Sixteenth Street at the corner of Kennedy. This is six blocks north of the host church.

Ample accommodations will be provided guests in the homes by members of the Central as well as the Washington Church.

Dale D. Thorngate, Executive Secretary of the General Conference, will bring the Sabbath morning message.

Appearing at the Association in the evening after the Sabbath will be the highly acclaimed musical evangelistic team VIZION. The band consists of five dedicated young men who perform all styles of gospel music. VIZION brings more than music to their concerts. They bring life itself through the testimonies and the very atmosphere they generate. The group's true devotion and sincerity creates a spiritual and professional experience that all will appreciate and enjoy. □

—L.E.D.



CAMENGAS Shiloh Welcomes You

The year was 'eighty-one.
Depression had begun;
For Pastor Bond retired
With no replacement hired.

Then Camenga from Conference came
And saving sinners was his game.
On Friday night we saw him teach;
On Sabbath Day we heard him preach.
With testimony questions done
The day was o'er and sank the sun.

The year was 'eighty-one
And hoping had begun.
With formal letter scrawled
Our Pastor John was called.

John's note arrived at dinner time.
His tribe didn't know they'd make this rhyme
But they took FAITH as John said GRACE
And dining they discussed this place.
Then Linda stood ANDREW a straw
And made the MARK Rowena saw.

The year was 'eighty-one
And Shiloh Church had won.
The Camengas were due
In April 'eighty-two.

On Tuesday past they came at last.
From Tennessee they drove not fast
And landed here with hope and fear—
A parish new in John's career.
The love they find will ease the mind
And God will bless as peace they find.

The year is 'eighty-two
And Shiloh welcomes you!
Now let this hall resound
A pastor we have found. □

—Tim Bond
April 3, 1982

Spiritual Retreat Hosted By Memphis

MEMPHIS, TN—What a blessing we received at the spiritual retreat held at the Memphis Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Lord truly blessed us with a wonderful time to learn, to share, to pray and to enjoy fine Christian fellowship.

The messages given by the speakers were outstanding and included much information on evangelism, missions and service to our Lord. I personally praise the Lord for this time of learning and fellowship.

Not only were our spirits well fed but we were well fed physically. The meals were prepared by the ladies of our church and were bountiful as well as delicious and well "seasoned" with love.

We extend our thanks to each participant and praise to the Lord for the many blessings that were received. In addition I would like to share that Pastor Bill Shoffner and several others from our church were able to attend the dedication of the church in Springfield, MO. Tom and Pat Harp of our church provided some of the special music for that special occasion. We praise the Lord for this fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists in Springfield, MO. □

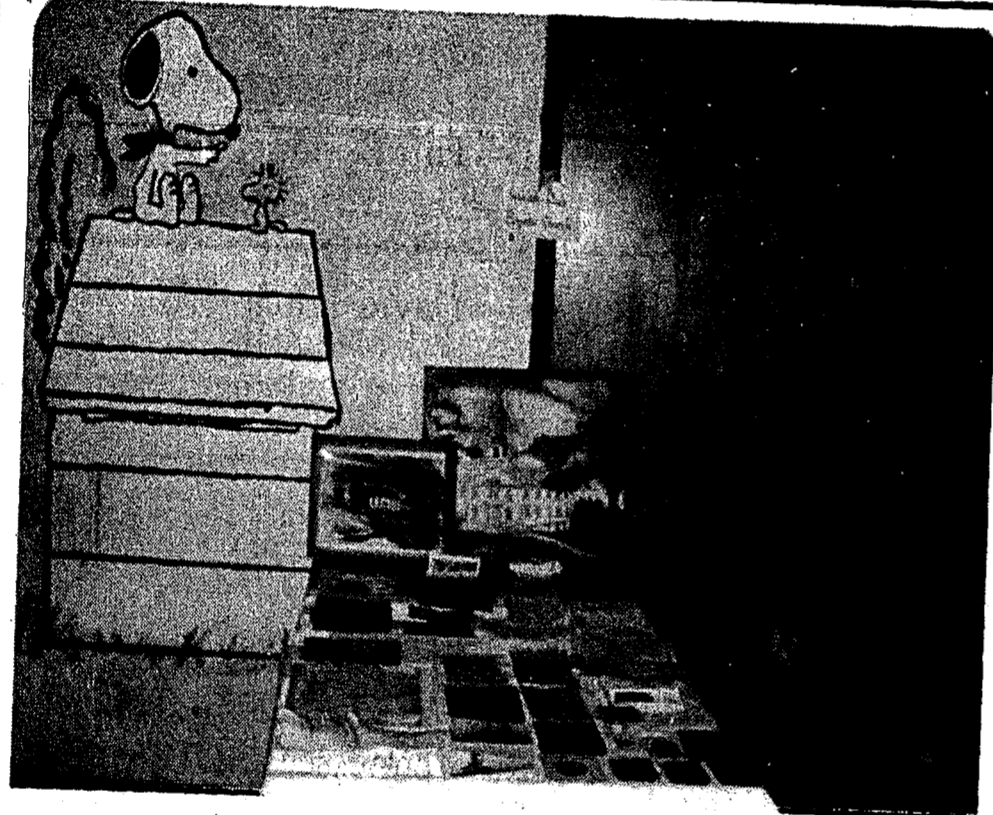
—Margie Shackelford



Tom and Pat Harp of the Memphis Church singing at the dedication service of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Springfield, MO.



Rev. Mynor Soper speaking at the spiritual retreat held in the new church facilities in Memphis, TN.



Seventh Day Baptists displayed an exhibit on the history of the First Hopkinton, RI Church at the town's 225th anniversary. The celebrations noted the many contributions made by the church and Seventh Day Baptists to the area.

The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton

ASHAWAY, RI—The first meeting house was built in 1680 in the First Hopkinton Cemetery on the knoll where the minister's monument now stands. This building was used for worship for one hundred and fifty-five years.

In 1835 a new building was erected and in 1852 moved to its present location in Ashaway. Six teams of oxen were used to move it. A few years later it was turned around, back to front, and a vestibule and belfry added. The original front doors of the church are now located

on each side of the pulpit. They still contain the old locks and the huge brass key. On either side in front are the original stairs leading to the balcony which contains the old straight backed benches.

The membership increased from one hundred and fifty in 1718 to nine hundred and forty seven in 1816. Thousands have received spiritual guidance and strength from this church since its first opening. More than fifteen other churches have been organized by members who moved to other towns from this church. Rockville, Second Hopkinton and Westerly started here. □

—Edna Piccolo

Daytona Beach Observes Anniversary

DAYTONA BEACH, FL—The Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the reconstitution of the church during Homecoming activities March 19-21. The theme of the weekend was "The Growing Ministry of Our Church." Pastor Kenneth Van Horn preached on this theme in our Sabbath morning worship. Special music was provided during the service by the choir under the direction of Anita Harris and by Crosby Rogers who sang a solo. William Treichler was guest organist for the occasion. During the afternoon service Pastor Marion Van Horn emphasized the historical aspects of the church reconstitution. Flora Finch Barrett and Dorothy Finch Somers were the only members of that 1932 group present, coming over from Silver Springs, FL. Iris Maltby shared the recollections of another 1932 member, Edna Hull, who is confined to an area nursing home. Letters from Frances Rogers Spencer and Julia Rogers Drew gave more impressions of the church at that time. Frank Green led a male chorus in several numbers. The night after the Sabbath was a time of fun and fellowship. The Chicken Barbecue Sunday noon concluded the weekend activities.

A member of our church had *Volumes I and II of Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America* rebound to match *Volume III*. Then the three volumes were presented to the Volusia County Library here in Daytona Beach that others may learn about Seventh Day Baptists.

Growth in Maryland Church

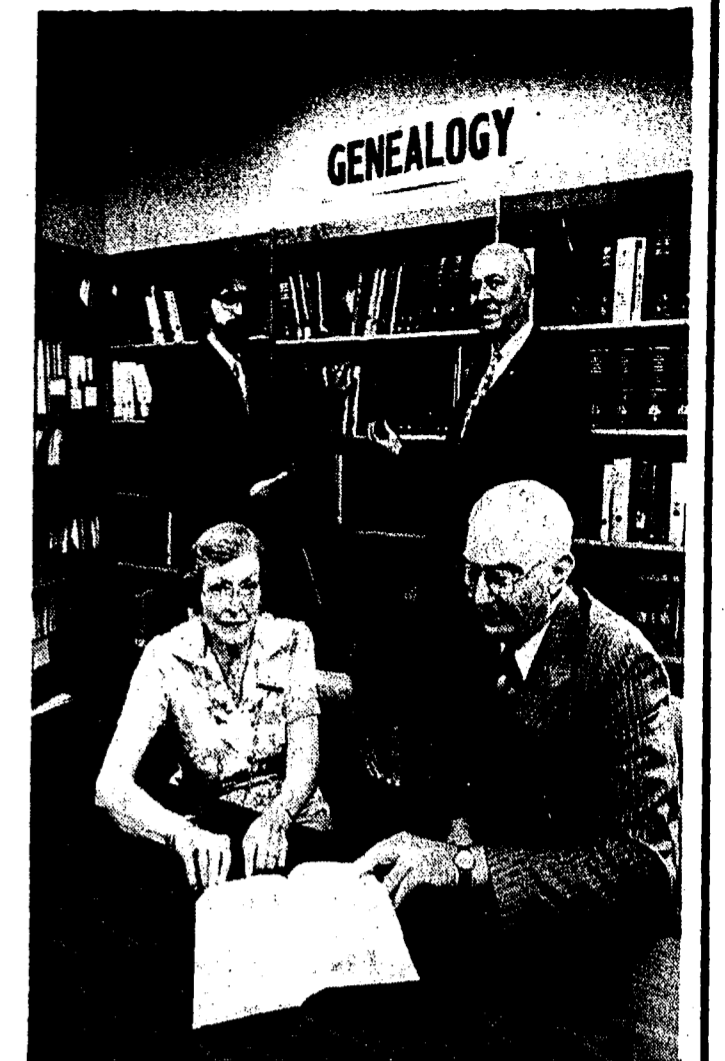
CENTRAL, MD- It has been about a year since we shared about the witness that Seventh Day Baptists have in suburban Maryland. We have witnessed the blessings of God, and would witness to you of His love and empowerment.

How do we measure God's blessing? Some would suggest it is

(The following article and accompanying picture appeared in the March 20, 1982 *Daytona Beach Morning Journal*. Steven Pappas, Managing Editor, gave permission for use in *The Sabbath Recorder*, courtesy of the *Daytona Beach Morning Journal*.)

Church History—A three volume history of the Seventh Day Baptist church recently was presented to the Volusia County Library Center by the Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn, pastor of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church. The books include a brief history of all known churches, starting in London, England and the establishment of the first United States church in 1671 in Newport, RI.

The names and church affiliation of thousands of individuals associated with the church made the books a valuable genealogical reference as well. Pictured with Rev. Van Horn are Walter Jubinsky,



head librarian at the Library Center; Christine Laurelli, library volunteer in the genealogy department; and Col. Sedgley Thornbury, a member of the local church. □

Our newer members have found these volumes very helpful in learning more about Seventh Day Baptist. (See picture and related story.)

The Church Aid paid the expenses of Pastor Ken and Doris Van Horn and Alan and Janette Crouch to attend the "Strengthening Families" seminar, held in Atlanta, GA, March 22-24. This seminar was sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Van Horns and Crouches will be sharing what they gained from it with the church.

On Sabbath morning February 20, the Miami Area Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship was formed, with the Daytona Beach church as

parent church. Pastor Ken and Doris helped with its formation. Officers elected are Alcott Lynch, chairman; Ralph Easley, co-chairman; Velma Edwards, secretary; and Dorothy Easley, treasurer. The Fellowship meets at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 12600 NW 4th Avenue, North Miami, at 10:30 a.m. This location is easy to find by leaving I-95 at the 125th Street Exit. There is also interest in starting a group on the west coast of Florida. Rev. Mynor Soper, evangelist with the Missionary Society, was in Florida in April and May, helping with our outreach to other parts of Florida. □

—Janette Crouch

through the statistics of growth. Our growth statistics may demonstrate His blessing. In 1980 our average Sabbath School attendance was 22, in 1981 we saw an increase in our pupils to an average attendance of 30. In the Church Worship hour, we grew from a 1980 average attendance of 25 to a 1981 attendance of 35, our Church membership grew from 14 to 21. If we should stop with these statistics

then we haven't communicated with you the real blessings of God. These numbers are people, people praying, caring, being free, finding fulfillment, and being committed to the community of faith.

Who are the people behind the numbers? They are people who have signed the Covenant of our congregation, as they became members; in July Brother Douglas Weiss, and

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Hopkinton Happenings

ASHAWAY, RI—Pastor Gordon, Linda and Nathaneal left this church for Boulder, Colorado on February 2. In January we held a Farewell Party for them inviting area SDB and other churches and clergy. It was well attended and members of sister churches sang and spoke their farewells. Dale Rood of Westerly voiced our best wishes.

Before he left Pastor Gordon preached a sermon series on *Salt and Light*, from the Sermon on the Mount.

We have much to be grateful to him for: one thing is a smoothly functioning government even without a pastor. Each Board is responsible for it's area of work and goes forward, even expanding the work. Many Bible Studies are flourishing under the leadership of the Christian Education Board. The Evangelism Board plans a Celebration each month. The Stewardship Board is handling the business and upkeep of the plant. Deacon William Bowyer is leading one Worship Service a month, preaching the message, and members of the body are used in these innovative services. Lois Spencer is directing the choir, which is growing. Helen Waite has retired as organist because arthritis hampers her playing, and Gwen Bowyer is now organist. We have a new Sabbath School class for men which is growing rapidly under Bill Bowyer's leadership. Diane Paster joined our body on April 10. The Pastoral Search Committee, under the chairman Bill Bowyer, meets to assess our position and needs in preparation of calling a pastor.

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Grover S. Brissey 1893-1982

Rev. Grover S. Brissey graduated to glory on April 21, 1982 after celebrating his 89th birthday just a month and one day earlier. A teacher and worker with youth all his life, Grover and his wife Alma served as educational missionaries at Crandall High School in Kingston, Jamaica for two terms—1955/1960 and 1969/1970. Though retired, they accepted the challenge bringing the school into its zenith and influencing countless lives.

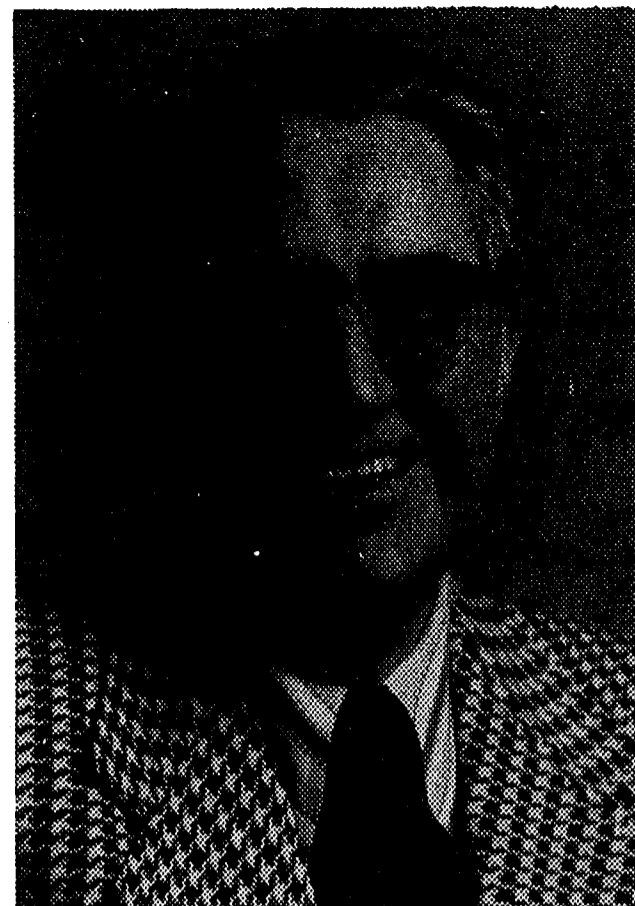
Funeral services were held on April 24, 1982 near his home in Laurel, MD with his Pastor, Rev. Leland E. Davis of the Washington, D.C. Seventh Day Baptist Church officiating. □

—SDB Missionary Society

We have had two weddings in the church since our last news: Carol Bowyer and Jack Schroth, and Ellen Bowyer and Arthur Allen. We have had two more 50th Wedding Anniversaries: Delmar and Eleanor Crandall and Clarence and Dorith Crandall, making six couples who worship with us who have been married over fifty years. They hold many positions in our body: deacons, deaconess, secretary of L.A. Flower Committee, Stewardship and Evangelism Board members, L.A. members, sing in the choir and are very active in worship service, prayer meetings and other meetings and keeping the building and grounds in good repair. We are blessed with these twelve people and our other Senior Citizens.

We are also blessed to have Rev. Leon Lawton in this area. Whenever he is in town he fills our pulpit. We praise God for his willingness and concerns for us. And thank God that our attendance is picking up. □

—Helen Brayman



Everett T. Harris 1904-1982

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy on March 24, 1982 called Rev. Everett T. Harris to his Heavenly Home, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Harris served his Lord with humility and joy, bringing comfort and encouragement to his parishioners and to all with whom he came in contact during his many years in the ministry, and

WHEREAS, he was called away from church pastorates to the greater responsibilities as Executive Director of the world wide work of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society and later as Consultant

BE IT RESOLVED that we as fellow members of the Board of Managers express our admiration and love for him and for our thankfulness for the privilege of working with him. We benefitted and learned much from his wise conduct of the missionary outreach of our Society, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we record our great personal loss in his passing and that our loving sympathy be extended to his bereaved wife and family by sending a copy of this Resolution to them and spreading it on the records of our Society. □

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Dale Butts

CENTRAL, MD Kenneth Chroniger, Pastor

By Testimony:

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Nancy (Mrs. Douglas) Ross

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John Camenga, Pastor

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Matthew Davenport
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Jamie Hitchner

By Letter:

Linda (Mrs. John) Camenga
Rev. John Camenga
Andrew Camenga
Faith Camenga
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WASHINGTON, DC Leland E. Davis, Pastor

By Letter:

Florence Dickinson
Charlotte Rausch

BOND—Richard W., 68, a resident of 110 Valley St., Salem, WV, retired athletic director and former assistant basketball coach at Salem College, died March 31, at his residence following an extended illness.

Prior to his appointment at Salem College, Coach Bond was with the Harrison County schools for 27 years, 11 years at North View Junior High School and 16 years at Central Junior High School. At both schools he taught classes in physical education and coached football, basketball and track.

Born at Canoe Run, Lewis County, April 30, 1913, he was a son of the late Charles and Maude Hefner Bond.

Twice married, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Mabel Stutler Bond, and is

survived by his wife, Mabel E. Casey Bond.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, William (Bill) Bond, Clearwater, Fla.; one stepson, Edward N. (Bud) Casey, Townsend, Dela.; a foster grandson, Wayne Bond, Clearwater; two sisters, Bea Bond, Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. LeLand Skaggs, Milton, Wis.; three brothers, Walter and Stanley Bond, both of Akron, and the Rev. Charles Bond, Shiloh, NJ; two special cousins, Betty and Catherine Hefner, Burnsville, and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers Harold and Robert Bond.

Mr. Bond was a 55-year member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Salem.

BURDICK—Lloyd W., son of Earl and Bertha Burdick, was born in the town of Alfred, November 2, 1911 and died in Alameda, California, March 2, 1982.

He was a member of the Alfred Station, New York Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; one son, Robert, and a granddaughter, Robin, both of California; a step daughter, Sharon, of Utah; his mother, Bertha Drake of Wellsville; a sister, Doris Krusen, of Tampa, Florida; and a brother, Clinton, of Alfred Station, New York.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward, California.

—R.E.Z.

HARRIS.—Rev. Everett Tomlinson Harris was born June 1, 1904 in Shiloh, NJ, the son of the late Hoover and Jennie (Tomlinson) Harris, and died March 24, 1982 at his home in Westerly, R.I.

He graduated from Salem College in West Virginia in 1927, completed seminary at the Alfred University School of Theology in 1931, and attended the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, CT. He was a 1934 graduate from Yale Divinity School with a Masters of Religious Education degree. He was ordained into the Seventh Day Baptist ministry in 1933, and Salem College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1947.

He served several Seventh Day Baptist churches including Waterford, CT, Ashaway, RI and Alfred, NY. In 1952 he was appointed secretary to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society and retired in 1979 as Executive Vice President.

He was very active in the leadership of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. He served on several boards and agencies such as the American Sabbath Tract Society, the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, and the Historical Society. He was president of the General Conference in 1947. He was the author of numerous articles and published stories for children.

He is survived by his wife, Clara (Stanley) Harris of Westerly, RI, three sons, Dr. Lawrence S. Harris of Greenville, SC, James T. Harris of Cranston, RI and Everett T. Harris Jr. of Wakefield, RI; a daughter, Ruth L. Rossi of Lancaster, TX; three sisters, a brother and ten grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church with interment in the First Hopkinton Cemetery, Ashaway, RI.

—D.R.

HINZMAN—Iris Dale, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Brissey Goff was born in Ritchie County, West Virginia and died at the Sheppard Nursing Home

in Ellenboro, WV on April 6, 1982.

She was a long-time active member of the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea, WV. A graduate of Salem College, she was a school teacher in the Ritchie County Schools for several years. She was also highly respected for years of caring and sharing with several generations of youth as a 4-H leader. As a charter member, lecturer and chaplain of the South Fork Grange No. 520 she won the respect and admiration of countless numbers of Ritchie countians, as was attested to by the full church on the day of her funeral.

Dale, as she was affectionately known, is survived by a son, Marshall of Jenison, MI; three brothers, Willard Goff of Sissonville, OH, Ralph Goff of Zanesville, OH and Earl Goff of Auburn, WV; two sisters, Elmore Gay Harbour of Reno, NV and Willa Mae Brown of Huntington, WV and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Goodlaw Hinzman in January, 1982 and a brother and a sister at an earlier date.

Services were held at the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Edward Sutton officiating. Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Berea, WV.

—E.S.

HOWARD—Vivian Hill Howard, 82, of Logan, Utah died there after a short illness.

She was born February 2, 1900 in North Loup, Nebraska, to Rev. Claude L. and Cora Mae Brace Hill. She was a 1925 graduate of Milton College, an excellent musician, and taught in the high school at Farina, Ill. She married George Howard, a former superintendent at Farina High School. He died in 1958.

Mrs. Howard was a member of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church and a librarian for the state of Illinois for many years. After retirement she moved to Utah where she worked at the Utah State Library in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Howard moved to Logan in 1973, where she accumulated more than 15,000 hours of volunteer work at the Logan Hospital which brought her special recognition.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Barker and in 1981 by her brother, Rev. Carroll L. Hill. Survivors are a brother, Jerry Hill of Sandy, Utah; a half-brother, Theodore Claude Hill of Agoura, California; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held March 15 with burial in the Logan City, Utah Cemetery.

KNIGHT—Gladys Armsby Knight, daughter of the late John D. and Eva Bentley Armsby, was born March 10, 1901, in Stephentown, NY, and died at Putnam Memorial Hospital, Bennington, VT, November 22, 1981.

On September 1, 1925, she was married to Charles Knight, who preceded her in death in 1961. Survivors include a brother, Leland Armsby, of Petersburg, NY, and several nephews.

She had resided most of her life in Berlin, NY, where for 67 years she had been a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, C. Rex Burdick, in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, with interment in the local cemetery.

—C.R.B.

**GROWTH IN
MARYLAND CHURCH**

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Sister Cleo Maxson; in September Brother Samuel Cook and Sister Martha Cook; in October Brother Weldon Sutton and Sister Mildred Sutton; in December Sister Breatrice Williams. They are the people of the congregation who are faithful in assembling themselves together Sabbath after Sabbath, sharing in the work and outreach of the Church. They are the people of the Church who have committed themselves to an eight-week Discipleship study of seventh Day Baptist distinctives.

What are the events behind these numbers? Our Pastor participating twice this year on the prayertime program for Radio Station W.F.S.I.; the meeting of the Southeastern Association and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference session with our Church having the greatest number in its history in attendance; the Celebration in July of our third anniversary as an organized Church; the continuing personalized responsibility of our church for the Seventh Day Baptist Missionaries in the Phillipines. In November our sister church in Ashaway, Rhode Island ministered to us by giving leave to Pastor Gordon Lawton and his family for the holding of home evangelistic meetings. The gathering of the community for fellowship in the Summer picnic and the annual Fall Sabbath School picnic, the coming four times during the year for celebration of the Lord's Table, these are the events of blessing.

God is blessing us! Most of all He has blessed us with you, our fellow Seventh Day Baptists. You who daily and weekly minister to us with your prayers. Those prayers God hears and answers. You who have contributed to O.W.M. making it possible for our Pastor to be a Missionary Pastor, to provide us with tracts, to give us teaching materials in our Sabbath School, to give us contact through the leadership of the Denomination with other S.D.B.'s. You who have taken time to write letters of support and encouragement. God has blessed us with you. We wish that each of you

could be known face to face. When you are visiting the Maryland-Virginia suburbs on a Sabbath, we at Central have reserved a place in worship for you, so we may share God's blessing together. Meeting You at Life's Crossroads, the Brothers and Sisters of Central. □

NEW EDITOR/HISTORIAN

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As editor/historian Smith is also corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society and will coordinate committee activities. For the Historical Society he will be responsible for historical research and writing, preparation of historical programs and displays, maintenance of the historical library and museum, and general administration. He will represent both groups on the Coordinating Leadership Team and the General Council. □

**DUNN SCORES REAGAN
ON TUITION TAX CREDITS**

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to keep our promises, and we intend to act on the will of the people." Key elements of the bill, to be called "The Educational and Opportunity Equity Act," include limiting the tax credit to parents of elementary and secondary schools, a three-year phase-in period, a maximum credit of \$500 per child, an income cap, and disallowing the credits to those sending their children to schools that discriminate racially.

If passed by Congress, the measure would allow a \$100-per-child tax credit for 1983, \$300 per child in 1984, and \$500 per child in 1985. According to some estimates, cost to the federal treasury would range from nearly \$2 billion in fiscal 1983 to \$5-7 billion by 1985.

Despite Reagan's pledge to push his proposal, many congressional observers are questioning its chances of passage this year because of the condition of the economy. Many Republicans and moderate-to-conservative Democrats who supported the president's budget and tax cuts last year are known to disagree with Reagan on tuition tax credits. And even

some in Congress who in the past have supported the credits, such as Senate Finance Committee chairman Robert Dole, R-Kans., have said already they cannot support such a bill this year.

While such prospects gladden leaders of the opposition such as Dunn, the Baptist leader said he intends to fight hard.

"We plan to help Congress and the people send the president a clear message," he said. "That message will be that the American people will not sit idly by while the private school interests, aided and abetted by the president of the United States, conduct a massive raid on the federal treasury. □

MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT

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that we had experienced there. THEN... the second most exciting thing that happened to me was when God answered that prayer! The very next day after arriving back in the Pop Corn Capital, things began popping! Our committee on Outreach was scheduled to meet for planning and projecting for the coming year. And as I sat in on the committee, my heart was leaping for joy as they began to talk about Evangelism Explosion, and training our own people in witnessing, about looking for a new outreach or extension project that our church could take on this year. More than one committee member spoke challenging words of how bringing people to Christ should be our number one objective and should receive our greatest efforts and energies! I had sort of rehearsed a big promotional speech that I was going to use to try to get the people more excited about evangelism, and I never got to try it out! Praise the Lord!

The most exciting thing that has happened to me in ministry in the past nine months has been to hear the Lord say to me, "Launch out into the deep and bring in the catch!" (Luke 5:4). And then, to add to my excitement, has come the realization that I'm not the only one in the boat! Others, too, are hearing and answering the call to become fishers of men! The excitement has just begun! □

**RACCO'S
MEMORY VERSES**

You may learn these verses too.



Be kind **2 1** another. Ephesians 4:32



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I love God, because He first loved me. I John 4:19

As **4**



me and my , we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

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the salt of the earth.

Matthew 5:13a

Let **U r**



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Matthew 5:16a

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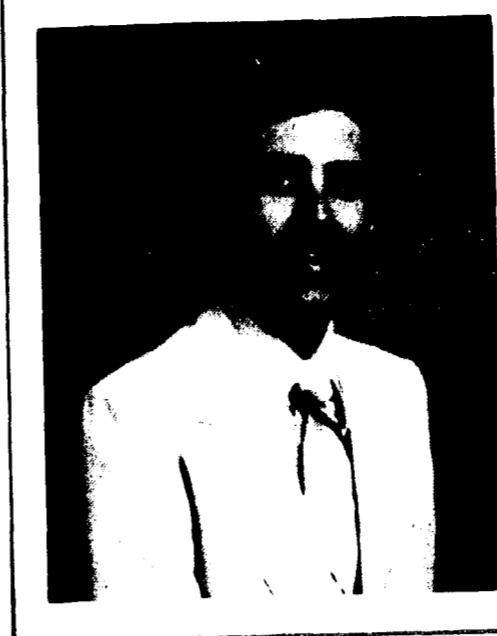
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The Soviet system provides that belief in Christ is really a form of schizophrenia. In other words if you go to church and profess a belief in Jesus Christ you must certainly be "crazy." And so many believers languish away in mental institutions. In this way the Soviets have attempted to discourage Christianity, but this too has failed.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:10 NIV).

After some sixty years of persecution the light of truth still burns brightly in many Russian hearts. Pagan Rome could not extinguish that light, the Red guard movement in China could not, and neither can the jails and mental institutions of the U.S.S.R.

While we Americans fear not governmental oppression we do face a real threat—that of apathy. Apathy is cold indifference to the message of salvation, to the urgency to share the good news with others, to the work of the church. Someone asked the question "if you were accused of being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?" That should give each of us something to think about.

May we use the many freedoms and opportunities we enjoy to live for Christ and to share the glorious message of a finished salvation that is available to all with our world. May we overcome the apathy in our hearts and lives and truly "get involved" in the work of the local church which Christ calls his very own body. "As long as it is day we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4 NIV). To the work! □

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A new wave of religious persecution has been reported in the U.S.S.R. Amnesty International reports that at least 115 Baptists and 30 Free Seventh-day Adventist leaders are currently imprisoned in U.S.S.R. jails. They are accused of "anti-Soviet" slander. This offense is the teaching of religious beliefs in this atheistic country. Yet in spite of this persecution the churches seem to be thriving and especially encouraging is the large numbers of young people present at church activities.

The Soviet system provides that belief in Christ is really a form of schizophrenia. In other words if you go to church and profess a belief in Jesus Christ you must certainly be "crazy." And so many believers languish away in mental institutions. In this way the Soviets have attempted to discourage Christianity, but this too has failed.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:10 NIV).

After some sixty years of persecution the light of truth still burns brightly in many Russian hearts. Pagan Rome could not extinguish that light, the Red guard movement in China could not, and neither can the jails and mental institutions of the U.S.S.R.

While we Americans fear not governmental oppression we do face a real threat—that of apathy. Apathy is cold indifference to the message of salvation, to the urgency to share the good news with others, to the work of the church. Someone asked the question "if you were accused of being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?" That should give each of us something to think about.

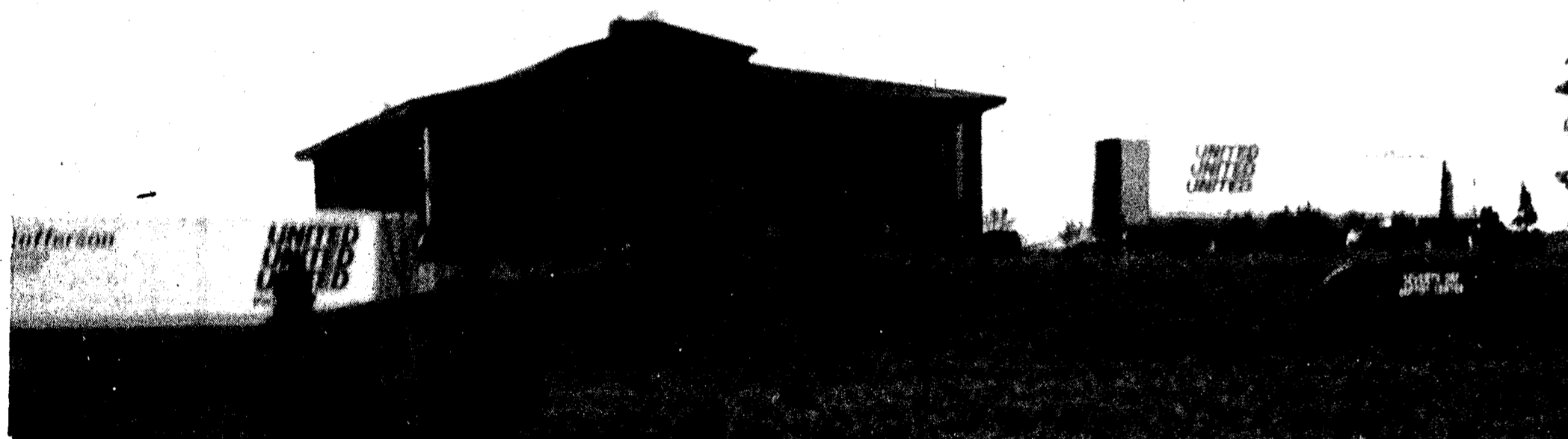
May we use the many freedoms and opportunities we enjoy to live for Christ and to share the glorious message of a finished salvation that is available to all with our world. May we overcome the apathy in our hearts and lives and truly "get involved" in the work of the local church which Christ calls his very own body. "As long as it is day we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4 NIV). To the work! □



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