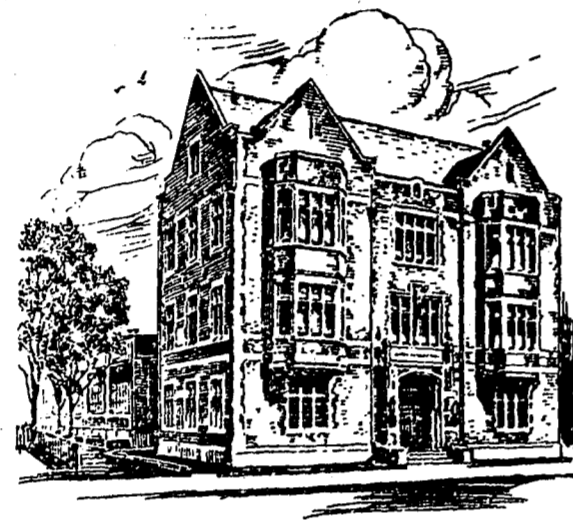


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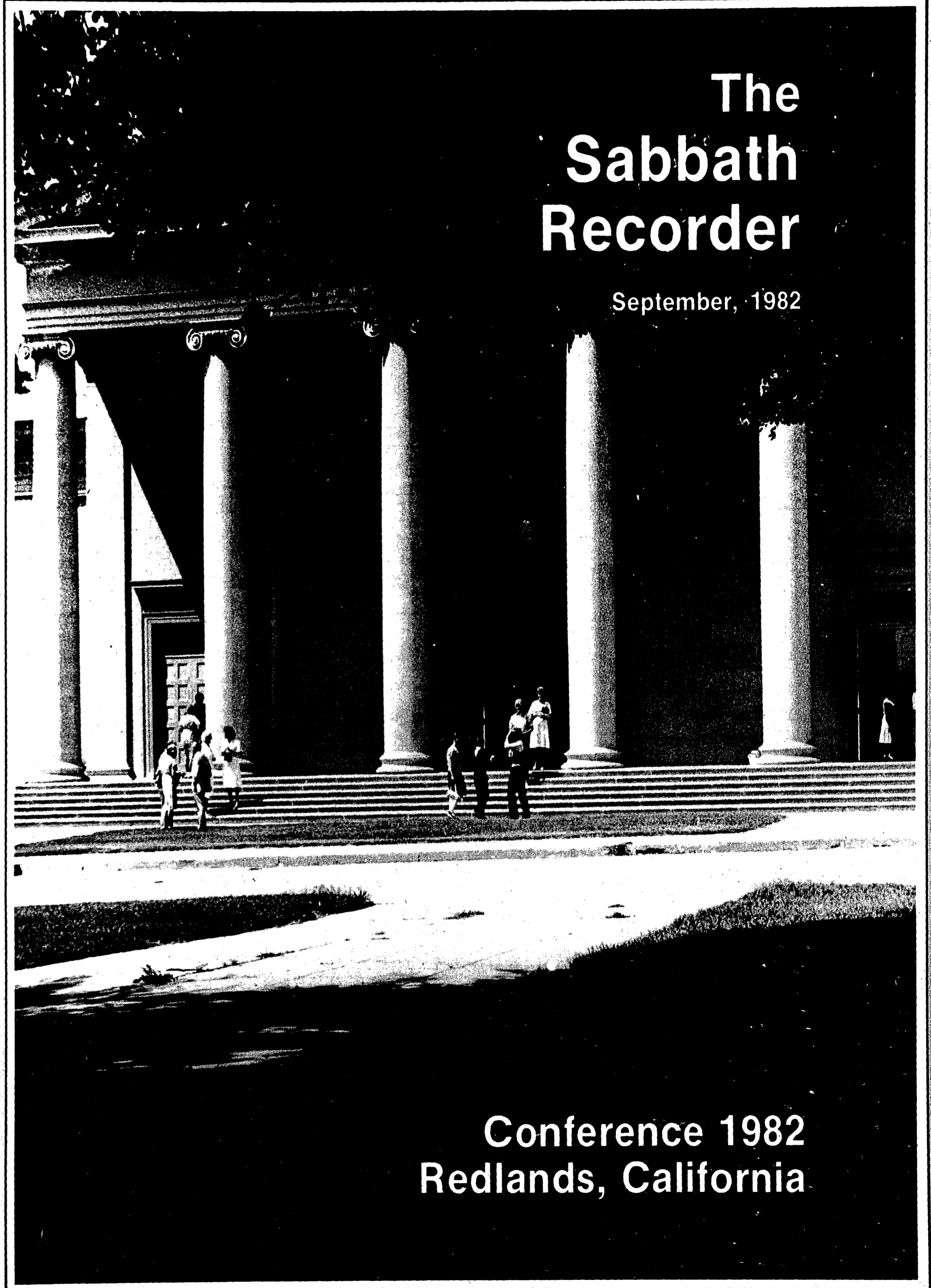
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Conference Highlights



Becky Saunders (below) plays a flute solo. (Above) After worship, thoughts turn to lunch.



Trumpets joined in the Sabbath Celebration.

One Hundred Seventieth Session of S.D.B. General Conference opened by President Dorothy Parrott on Sunday evening.

Visiting Seventh Day Baptist delegates were: Stefan and Vicki Kube of the Australasian Conference, Rev. Nathan Thompson, Corresponding Secretary of the Jamaica (W.I.) Conference. Fraternal delegates and representatives of other Seventh Day Baptist conferences were honored at a banquet (dinner) on Tuesday evening.

Retiring Editor Honored. Rev. John Bevis was honored on Friday with a desk set, plaque, and a standing ovation for his nine years of creative and inspiring editorship of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Robe of Achievement from the Women's Board was received by Ruth Parker on behalf of Etta North O'Connor who could not be present. Etta was honored with a standing ovation for her many years of service at the denominational building in Plainfield, New Jersey.

The Healing Ministry lectures and workshops were presented by Pastor Don Bartow, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Canton, Ohio.

Daily Bible Study on various aspects of reconciliation were an important feature of the Conference program, with 17 groups and leaders.

The Media Project promoted denominational causes and interests. Video tape and slide presentations are available to churches for their own showing and television presentation.

Center on Ministry Scholarship Fund received 41 pledges for the amount of \$4,100 from pledge cards distributed during the COM presentation. Pledges are welcome at any time.



Ann Williams directs the choir in rehearsal.

A Standing Ovation was given Gordon and Wilma Sanford for 19 years of service as treasurer for Our World Mission.

Helping Hand Acclaimed as "an indispensable tool for unity, for image, as the sole resource of some Sabbath Schools, and as evidence of our denomination's continued interest in adult Christian education" by the Communications Committee. Pat Cruzan's artwork for the *Sabbath Recorder* was also applauded.

Bylaw Changes. A first reading of a resolution was accepted, which would require that bylaw changes would have to be approved by a two-thirds roll call vote of churches, after being properly introduced a year in advance.

Statement on Nuclear Arms Weapons Control Adopted! A resolution was passed that Conference in session call upon all world leaders to mutually initiate a verifiable freeze on the manufacture, testing and placing of nuclear weapons.

Pre-Cons Continue in 1983 by Conference vote. Board of Christian Ed proposal of Youth Conference concurrent with Conference rejected.

Conference 1983 — Houghton College, Houghton, NY, August 7-13.

Incoming President K. Duane Hurley has as his theme, "Proclaim the Word" (Ephesians 6:10-20).

Chaplaincy. The Council on Ministry recognized as an "ecclesiastical endorsing agency" for candidates, with Armed Forces Chaplaincy Board. □



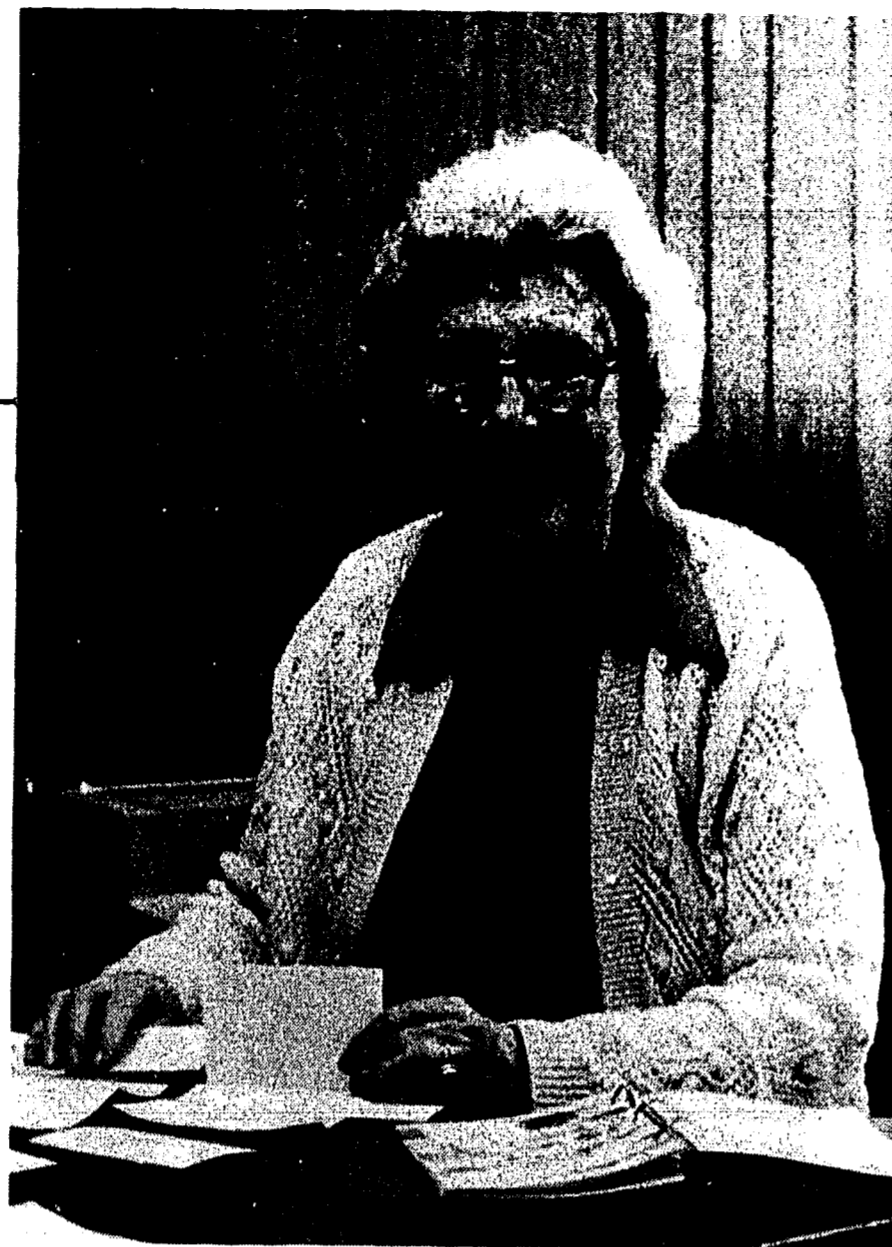
Paul Osborn (above left) presented former editor John Bevis with a desk set from the Tract Society. Bevis was also honored by the General Council for his nine years of service.

Singer and composer, Chuck Chuck Girard performed Saturday night in the chapel.



ROBE OF ACHIEVEMENT 1982

Etta O'Connor



Etta North O'Connor

The lady chosen for the Robe of Achievement for 1982 was born into a Seventh Day Baptist family.

Though her mother died early, her father reared and educated the four children, all of whom graduated from Milton College.

All four were there the year she graduated in 1934.

She married, has one daughter but has been widowed for many years.

She has been a devoted member of the S.D.B. church for 50 years, serving as treasurer of the Women's Society, treasurer and secretary of the Sabbath School, assistant treasurer of the church and a choir member. She loved to sing and has also been blending her voice with a Presbyterian choir where her testimony rings clear.

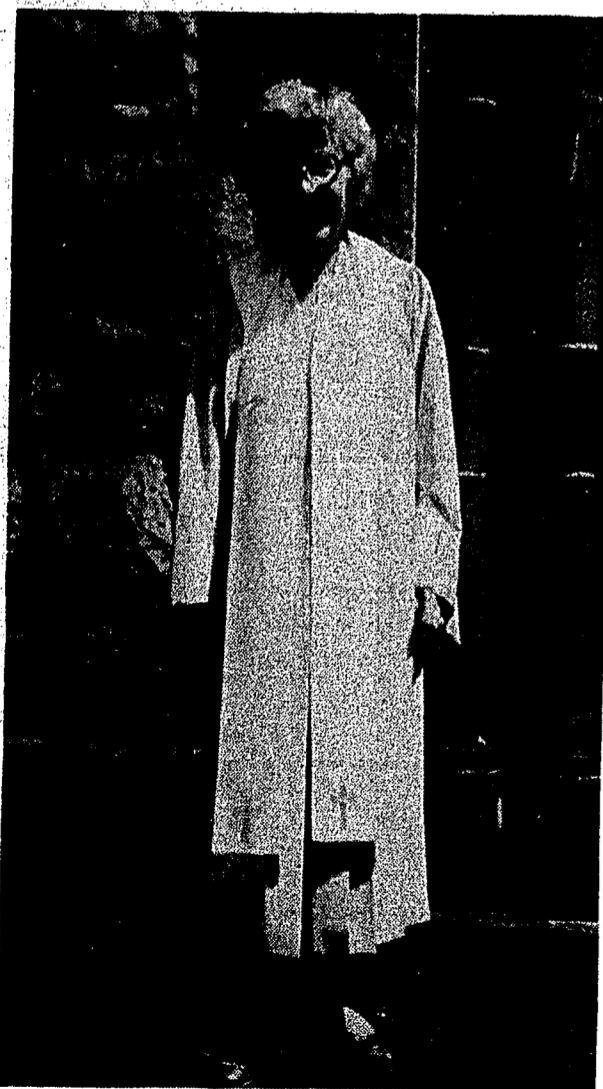
Her hospitality has been graciously extended to many visiting S.D.B. people, dignitaries and ministerial students attending three-week-long institutes.

The past 20 years has been spent in denominational work. Many having contact with our denomination by mail, phone or in person, would have been blessed by her personal attention. She knows nearly everyone in the denomination as she has been in charge of the *Sabbath Recorder* subscriptions and the mailing list. She did proof-reading and general office work, even to having the coffee ready for her co-workers or writing a personal note on our subscription renewal notices.

We have not seen her at many General Conferences as she usually remained on the job thus allowing others to attend the sessions. Her loyalty and devotion still extend to the denomination. When denominational offices were moved to Janesville, WI she stayed on without pay at 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ to refer callers to the new building, answering phone inquiries and taking care of the mail.

This worthy person is Etta North O'Connor of Plainfield, NJ. □

Etta received the robe at her home church in Plainfield, New Jersey.



Pre-Cons in Question



Posters like the one above appeared all around the Redlands campus.

Pre-Conference Youth and Young Adult retreats will be held again as usual in 1983. The SDB Board of Christian Education had planned an experimental cancellation of the traditional retreats with a Youth Conference during the week of General Conference planned to take their place.

The Board of Christian Education, the Coordinating Leadership Team, the General Council and the National Youth Ministries Committee had all agreed that the new program would be a valuable experiment. Youth and youth group leaders had been given an opportunity to respond to the suggestion, but very little response was received. A notification in the February

Education that Youth and Young Adult Pre-Cons be changed as to time and format. We believe this matter needs to be thoroughly discussed by the Christian Education Interests Committee and then a recommendation brought to the conference floor.

The recommendation was referred to the committee and they returned a recommendation that, "...the Board of Christian Education reconsider the format for General Conference, 1983, to include Youth, Young Adult, and Family Pre-Conferences and that the Youth Conference scheduled concurrently with General Conference, 1983, be cancelled." The interest committee's recommendation was adopted without a dissenting vote.

issue of *The Beacon* brought in opinions from only one youth group. With interest from denominational leadership and seemingly little concern from Seventh Day Baptist young people, the Board of Christian Education moved ahead with their plans for the 1983 Youth Conference.

The plan began to run into opposition when it was discussed by young people at the 1982 Pre-Conference retreats. By the time it was ready for the floor of conference, a petition, signed by over 100 people had been presented to the conference which read:

We recommend that the General Conference refer to the appropriate committee the proposal by the Board of Christian

The Pre-Con issue had a remarkable effect on the conference sessions in Redlands. While the issue was being considered, young people attending the conference mounted a skillful campaign to win back the retreats. Posters appeared all around the campus that called for the continuation of Pre-Cons. Youth interest in conference committee work increased dramatically. Youth participation in conference activities seemed to be higher. There was even some skillful lobbying done. It was apparent, that there was concern from our youth about the Pre-Con question. The Board of Christian Education finally got the youth opinion that they had been looking for all year. □

Reconciliation Through Service to the "Least of These"

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For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10



Evangelist Mynor Soper congratulates Pastor Bill Shobe after the Wednesday evening worship service.

The following sermon was delivered by William Shobe, Pastor of the Metro Atlanta Seventh Day Baptist Church, on Wednesday night of Conference in Redlands, California.

"When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne... Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry... or thirsty... a stranger... or naked ... sick or in prison...? And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'"

(from Matthew 25:31-40)

Visualize with me, if you will, the setting of this passage of scripture. Time has come to a close. Judgment is at hand. Against the setting of the universe, a great white throne takes the center of the stage, and escorted

"... to follow him means more than to walk along behind him; it means to conform ourselves to his lifestyle and actions."

to that throne among the angels of heaven is the embodiment of purity, truth and justice. Jesus Christ himself, seated on the throne of judgment, the eternal King of the universe, takes the

Book of Life into his hands to read and to judge. Around the base of the throne are standing in awe the vast multitudes of mankind. Each eye is fixed upon the throne and the Judge. Terror, dread, shame and hope run like electricity through the multitudes. Each is waiting in turn for his name to be read and his judgment to be handed down. The King opens the Book and one by one the names are read. Each is directed either to the right hand of the throne or to the left. The judgment now complete, the Judge pronounces the verdict. Turning to those on his right he says, "Come, you who are blessed of the Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. When I was hungry you gave me something to eat. When I was thirsty you gave me something to drink. When I was in need of clothes you clothed me. When I was sick you looked after me, and when I was in prison you came to visit me."

It's a powerful, dramatic scene and yet it's a puzzling scene. For those who have studied evangelism courses and are graduates of different seminaries across the country, there is a moment of hesitation. This doesn't seem to fit the plan of salvation, the gospel message that we present to those to whom we would present the kingdom.

Ephesians 2:8 and 9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast."

Faith is the key which opens heaven's door, and yet there is not one word of faith, not one

word of grace. For a moment we might question and wonder if this passage seems to contradict other areas of scripture. But we can be quickly assured that is not true when we look at the response of the righteous who have been directed to the right hand of the throne. They do not stand waiting to receive the gift of heaven with pride in the works which they have done. Rather, they turn and question saying, "Lord, are you sure? We don't remember this, We've never done these things. Do you have the right people? When did we minister to you?"

These are not works of self-justification from men standing before God flaunting their goodness. These are works which come from faith, which attest to the authenticity of the faith which a person has in Jesus Christ.

We know Ephesians 2:8 and 9 by heart, but we seldom read on to Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

"Faith without works is dead!" (James 2:17 and 26).

Deeds of kindness attest to the truth of the faith which the righteous have in Jesus Christ. We know, as people of faith in Jesus Christ, that God has given us work to do. He has given to us a ministry of reconciliation, a task of drawing a world back to God. This world has been alienated by sin and is desperately in need of a new relationship with the Creator.

It's not an easy task in today's world where all too often men have the impression that, if in-



Delegates stroll through the campus.

deed there is a God, he is as apathetic about them as they are about him. After all, what has he done to show them that he cares for them? What does he know of their hunger? What does he know of their poverty? What does he know of their sorrow and loneliness? How has he cared about them? When we

"Jesus touched with compassion those who were outcasts of society."

look in scripture it seems that the only reason they can ask these questions is that, by and large, the Church of Jesus Christ has failed in a portion of its ministry of reconciliation. We may preach the Gospel, but we have failed to minister to society, to men in need, with the loving compassion of Jesus Christ, showing them through loving acts, the care and concern of God for each and every one.

We receive the mandate first of all to love others, to care for them and to serve them in the example of Jesus Christ himself. Jesus has called us to fol-

low him and to follow him means more than to walk along behind him; it means to conform ourselves to his lifestyle and actions. It means that we must take on his attitudes and his love.

A disciple is one who becomes like his master. What was Jesus' example? What is there for us to imitate? First of all, we need to remember that Jesus was God's visible demonstration of his care and compassion for mankind. Man was in need, separated from God by sin, destined to die - not physically only, but spiritually alone, but destined to be eternally separated from his Creator. Man needed to be cleansed from his sin, to be reconciled to God, to be redeemed and to be freed from the bondage of sin.

John 3:16 tells us that "God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Far too often we recite that verse without thinking about what love means. I have heard a definition that I would like to share with you: Love, God's love, is an unrestricted commitment to care. If we apply that definition to God and to John 3:16, we read it to mean, "For

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God had such an unrestricted commitment to care for mankind that he gave his only son." He cared, and his care motivated action. God gave that which was most precious to him, Jesus Christ, to free us from the penalty for sin and to bring us back to a relationship with himself, with our Creator. We might say that Jesus Christ was God's Hallmark card - he cared enough to send the very best.

God was in Jesus Christ reconciling the world to himself. As we look at Jesus' ministry we find that his life and ministry was one of reconciling love. Jesus did indeed teach and preach. He had a message of reconciliation which came through repentance and through inviting men to enter into the kingdom of God. "Behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you" (Luke 17:21). "Enter in..."

But in order to make sure he had hearers for that word, we see in the life of Jesus acts of compassion which demonstrated, conclusively, the caring of God for mankind. He touched those who were ill or infirm. The lame walked, the lepers were clean and the blind could see.

Jesus touched with compassion those who were outcasts of society. We might bring to mind Zacchaeus, that rotten, detestable tax collector. Jesus called him and said, "I will sup with you." We might think of the woman taken in adultery to whom Jesus showed understanding and compassion which telling her to go and sin no more.

Jesus ministered to the least society. The Pharisees were constantly at him for ministering and being with the publicans



Oscar Burdick and his wife Dora teamed up for uplifting organ music.



The Junior Conference children sang on Sabbath afternoon.

and the sinners instead of being in the temple among the acceptable men of the society. But Jesus knew that a need can only be met if it is felt. Those men, women and children to whom he ministered knew that they could never meet the standards of the religious society of that day. They knew they had physical and social needs, and they knew that Jesus cared enough to spend time with them to meet those needs as well as to share with them the way of life.

The accepted in society - the wealthy, the well adjusted - acknowledge no needs. They are the hard ones to minister to. Jesus' ministry was focused on those whom he knew would receive the message, and he brought them that message with love. We have a mandate to minister to the least of society. It is a mandate to minister to men

and women in need, showing them the love and compassion of God in Jesus Christ through service in meeting their needs.

Jesus said, "Follow me." We receive that mandate again in our duty as Christians to glorify the name of Jesus Christ in our lives. Our acts of loving kindness, our deeds of compassion, are destined to turn men's eyes to God. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Such acts are not destined to give us glory, to bring us acclamation or give us pride, but to glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Love is the hallmark, the trademark of the church. **Agape** is an unrestricted commitment to care for men and women in need. Did Jesus say, "By this will all men know you are my disciples:

Bill Shobe (left) and Worth Wilson (right) took their turns with the babies.



(L to R, below) Steve Saunders, Herb Saunders, J. Paul Green, Jr. and Dale Thorngate provided a quartet.



if you build a crystal cathedral - if you tithe - if you go into all the world...?" No! He said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love** for one another" (John 13:35).

Why love? Why is that the trademark of the church? In our

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society I don't think there is any question as to the need for love. Far too seldom does anyone take time to be concerned with someone else. We don't want to get involved. We don't want to be vulnerable to being hurt or sent away insulted. Very seldom do we see anyone who will voluntarily stop to help someone in need. Seldom do we have time to someone who has a problem, or is lonely, or has a need for companionship. Very seldom do find ourselves able to cry with those who are in pain, or rejoice - truly rejoice - with those who are joyful.

When love is present in the body of Christ, God and Jesus

Christ are glorified. You know, the early church had a good grasp of this truth. Among the early church fathers we find writings which reflect the conviction that the church should be a loving body, reaching out to others.

Clement of Rome in his first epistle wrote: "The great cannot subsist without the small, nor the small without the great; therefore, let the rich meet the needs of the poor, and let the poor praise God because he has provided one through whom to meet his need."

Justin Martyr, in his defense of the Christian church to the emperor, wrote: "While we once took joy in our means of increasing our wealth and property, we now put all things into a common fund and share with everyone in need."

The early Christians were committed to caring and to giving everything to meet the needs of those around them. Their love and compassion did not go unnoticed in a pagan society. The emperor himself, Justin in Rome, wrote in his memoirs some rather sparkling details about "those impious Galileans, the godless of our society, care not only for their own poor, but for ours as

well. I think that when the poor of us are neglected by our priests the impious Galileans observe that and devote themselves to benevolence. Why do we not notice that what has caused this godlessness to increase is benevolence to strangers, even if pretended?"

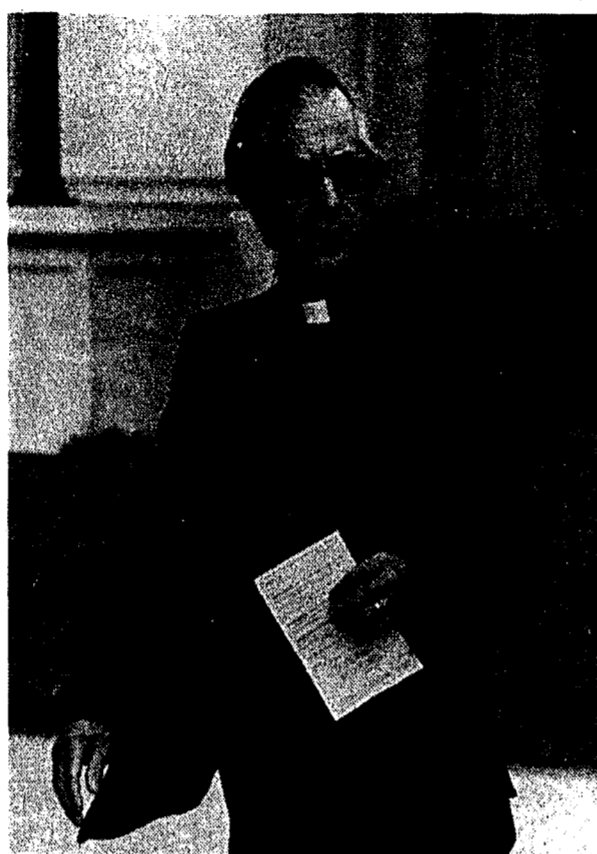
The love and compassion was seen by men, and they came to Jesus and received his message.

The church grew. Lucian, a pagan satirist of the age, wrote a rather great compliment to the church when he said: "It is incredible the ardor with which these people of that religion help each other with their needs. They spare nothing. Their first legislator has placed it in their hearts that they are all brethren."

With that kind of attitude, with that kind of love and compassion for men, it is no wonder that within a period of 300 years the gospel spread from a small group in Jerusalem until it permeated through the known world at the time. We have a mandate to bring glory to God and his kingdom through our acts of love and compassion.

We have a mandate a third time in the command of Jesus, himself: "A new commandment

Pastor Don Bartow brought us
The Ministry of Healing.



Ministerial students led the conference in song.



I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34). Being here at General Conference, having worded a few resolutions, we need to take notice of this. It is not "I recommend..."; not "I urge or strongly urge..."; not "I refer for consideration and possible action..."; but rather, "A new command I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you."

The "loving one another" was nothing really new - that's not the newness of the command. After all, in Leviticus 19:18 the Lord had told his people that they should love one another: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." That wasn't new. It was the definition of the extent

of the love that was new: "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

How much did Jesus love us? He loved us enough to leave heaven, with its glory and majesty and honor, to be born as a poor child in a stable, to live as a poor man, to be scoffed at, rejected, scourged, beaten and crucified - to die the lowest death known at that time. As he has loved us, let us love one another with an unrestricted commitment to care and to love, even if it leads to the way of death.

We read in 1 John 3:16-18 (NIV): "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his

brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

We must ask the question, whom are we to love? The passages we have looked at have all brought out that if a brother is in need, if he is a member of the household of faith - if a brothers and sisters in Christ, going out of our way to show the compassion and love of Jesus Christ to them. But did not Jesus also teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves?

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said... 'hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43, 44).

The parable of the Good Samaritan, I think, defines a little bit more for us these two categories, for there we see the meaning not only of the enemy (Samaritan/Jew) but also Christ's definition of neighbor. Here we see a man who should have nothing to do with his enemy, stopping to heal, to comfort, and to provide for his needs. The Sa-



The Youth Pre-Con Choir, led by Jenny Lewis.

maritan goes out of his way to minister to someone in need.

I think Jesus would tell us that a neighbor is anyone whose needs you see and whose needs you have the capacity to help meet - not meet entirely - but to begin to help.

Throughout scripture God has commanded his people to show love and compassion to the least of society; to men, women and children in need. Has he not said -

Neglect not the widow and the orphan?

Care for the poor and the hungry?

Leave a gleaning in the fields that they may have food?

Do not reject, abuse or deny justice to -

the foreigner who is within your gates,
the alien,
the stranger?

The Church and Christians have a direct mandate from the Word of God to act and show loving compassion to those whom we might term "the least of these."

Just how important is it that the Church and Christians demonstrate this love? Turn again to Matthew 25. Unfortunately, in the commendation of the righteous we don't see such things as teaching Sabbath School, singing in the choir, tithing, being an usher, preaching at General Conference. No,

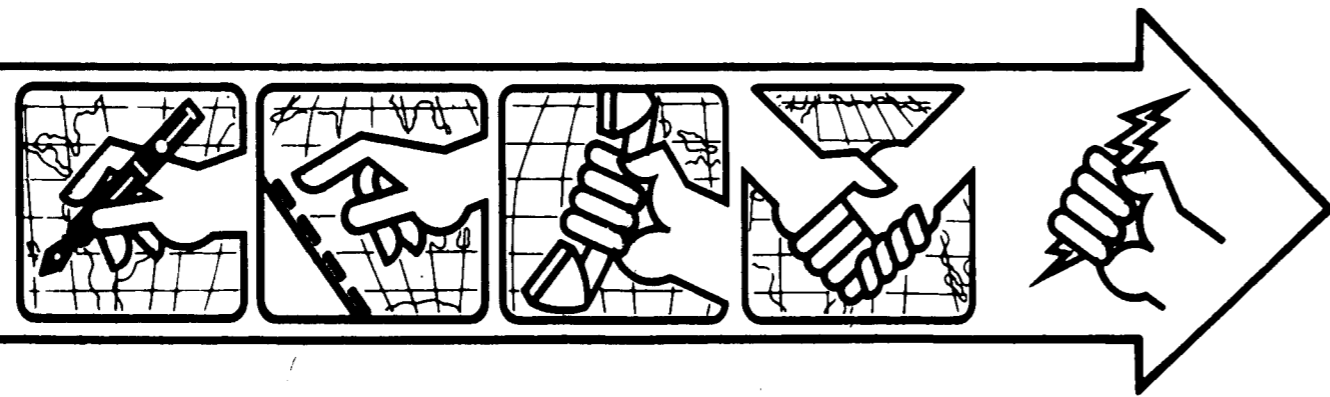
"Who is there in our lives... whose need we have seen and whose needs we have the capacity to help meet?"

when the Lord reads from the Book of Life, the thing that is notable about those who have faith in Jesus Christ is that they minister to the hungry, the thirsty, the lonely, and the ill clad. It is there that the love and compassion of God is demonstrated, showing that God does care and opening the door so that the message of repentance and reconciliation might be received. The two go hand in hand; they are a unit never to be separated.

Men and women of faith, we need to ask ourselves, at that time of the judgment, on which side of the throne will we stand? We have faith. We believe in Jesus Christ. But when the Book of Life is opened, what will be recorded in the columns? To whom are we communicating God's love and the compassion of Jesus Christ as a way of opening the door of reconciliation? To the poor?... the hungry?... the jobless?... the shut-in?... those suffering the isolation of prison?... the fatherless (whether that be by the death of a parent or the tragedy of divorce)?... the widow?... those oppressed by sorrow, emotional disease, or physical disability?... the foreigner, those new to our culture, to our country?

The question comes to us as challenge: who is there in our lives, in our neighborhood, in our churches - who is the neighbor - whose need we have seen and whose needs we have the capacity to help meet? To whom have we turned a cold shoulder? Who is there that the Lord might lay on your heart? When you leave Conference and go back, is there a brother or sister in Christ, or one who has never heard the Good News, who has a need?

We have a mandate to share the ministry of reconciliation through service to men and women in need; through loving compassion to care for their needs. Pause for a moment and reflect on that scene (Matthew 25:31-40). Let us each ask the Lord to reveal to us those to whom we can share this message of love, the message that God is not apathetic but that he cares for them. □



Dale D. Thorngate, Executive Secretary

Seventh Day Baptists Are on the Move

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

The above wise words from the Old Testament have set the tone for my work for the past year. It is my daily prayer that God is directing my work and the lives of Seventh Day Baptists around the world.

Twelve months ago we voted at General Conference sessions in Salem, West Virginia to move the denominational offices from Plainfield, New Jersey to Janesville, Wis. I am very pleased to report that the relocation is complete.

It has been exciting to see the pieces fit together as we planned for the move. I praise God for the efforts of so many individuals who are making it possible. By the end of October we had purchased the new building in Janesville for \$345,000, financing provided by the SDB Memorial Fund. Dean Paul Green moved the Council on Ministry office and library into the new building in January and by mid-May the remaining six offices and personnel had moved to the new center. The Historical Society office and part of its library and museum moved at that time with an annex being maintained in Plainfield until final sale of the building.

On May 15 the General Conference hosted a recognition

banquet for all Seventh Day Baptists who had served on the staff and in the agencies which have worked out of the building in Plainfield over the last sixty years. Despite the banquet's success it seems an inadequate expression of gratitude for so many years and lives of dedicated service to Seventh Day Baptists since 1921.

The City of Plainfield has signed a contract with us for the purchase of the 510 Watchung Avenue property. The purchase price is \$177,500 cash to be paid at the time of closing — August 20, 1982. It is not what we had hoped for in terms of price but it is within the range of the professional appraisals and probably very good under the circumstances.

Seventh Day Baptists have stepped out in faith. God is blessing our efforts. As of July 31 we had received \$95,509 cash toward \$114,767 in Faith Promises for the Relocation Fund. We have accomplished a great deal this year. There is much work to do to get settled and more money to raise and pay off the mortgage. Praise God, we are on the move — and not just in relocation of offices.

Correspondence. Receiving, routing, reading, preparing, and mailing correspondence is one of the major responsibilities of the Conference office. We don't count all the letters handled every day but it is many. Communications with our people

both old and new is crucial.

Letters include after-Conference thanks to participants, greetings to retired pastors and widows, and follow-up to General Conference proceedings; before-Conference letters to churches requesting data for the sessions as well as YEAR-BOOK statistics, invitations to representatives from other denominations or groups, and contact with SDB World Federation members and other foreign correspondents.

Attendance at board and agency meetings. During the year I have met with most of our boards and agencies (all except the Board of Christian Education and the Christian Social Action Committee). I spent much time with the Tract Society because of the move of their Board of Trustees from New Jersey to Wisconsin and because they were without an executive during that time. Attendance at these meetings is crucial for the understanding of the role of each agency and the need to coordinate the activities of the entire denomination efficiently and effectively.

Ecumenical meetings. I attended the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs meetings as well as sessions of the Baptist World Alliance and the North American Baptist Fellowship. My activities in these areas have mostly been to observe and learn the functions of each agency and

the way in which Seventh Day Baptists can contribute and receive benefits.

Office Management

Part of my responsibilities as executive secretary is to manage the General Conference office. During this first year we have hired new employees and reorganized the office for a more efficient and effective operation.

Secretarial services. Beginning in October the General Conference office has been providing secretarial services to the Dean of the Center on Ministry. Then in November our staff began providing the same services to the American Sabbath Tract Society. The Memorial Fund secretarial services have been done on a cooperative basis since 1980. The arrangement has streamlined secretarial work of the several offices.

Ethel Dickinson now serves as my secretary and office manager. Doneta Richards began work as secretary on July 28, 1982. Ronda Jacobson came in December as a dedicated service worker. In January 1982 Jean Jorgensen began as a secretary in the new center in Janesville, providing services to the Dean and serving as receptionist, bookkeeper, etc. until the other offices moved.

Treasurer restructuring. In cooperation with General Conference Treasurer Bob Austin,

we are combining the General Conference, General Conference Trustees, and Council on Ministry treasurers' functions bringing the record keeping and check writing activities into the offices. These functions for the Tract Society treasurer Sam Skaggs are also performed by the Conference office. C. Harmon Dickinson and Jean Jorgensen have been appointed assistant treasurers to perform the necessary tasks. The new function is supervised by the new business manager Ivan FitzRandolph.

Hiring of Editor/Historian and Business Manager. Early in this year I became involved with the combined Tract Society/Historical Society search committee as they sought candidates for the positions of editor/historian and business manager. I worked with both agencies in developing job descriptions, seeking and interviewing candidates, and coordinating communication between the committee, the candidates, and the boards. D. Scott Smith was hired as the new editor/historian on June 12 and Ivan FitzRandolph as business manager on May 17.

Denominational computer now in Janesville. At the February meeting of the General Council, upon the advice of the Coordinating Leadership Team, it was decided to bring the computer being used by the Missionary Society to Janesville and to purchase the necessary

equipment to make it fully able to do the work of data processing, word processing, and address list maintenance. On June 21 the computer arrived to be installed by Mathre Communications people. On the 20th Joel Osborn arrived to do dedicated service work as computer operator. Through a number of agencies we are able to provide Joel with a minimum of financial support under the dedicated service arrangement.

Volunteer services. Besides the paid staff and dedicated service workers, we are also greatly blessed by a cadre of very capable volunteers. They really do make many large tasks easy by their ready service to the Center.

Communications and Public Relations

Another responsibility I have is to facilitate communications among denominational agencies and churches, and with ecumenical groups.

Visits to Associations and Churches. During the year I attended sessions of eight of the nine associations, visited in forty-six churches, and counseled with forty-five pastors. Highlights of these visits were the ordination of Perry Cain (Columbus, Ohio) and John Bevis (Paint Rock, AL); the installation of new pastors Dale Rood (Pawcatuck, RI) and Herbert Saunders (Milton, WI). It

was exciting to take part in the organization of two new churches (Atlanta, GA and Ambler, PA) but disappointing to miss those in Hendersonville, NC and San Diego, CA. I was also honored to bring messages at the dedication of the new building for the Houston, TX church.

Lead-Line. Although personal visits are probably the best opportunity for communion, we attempt to supplement it by publishing a monthly newsletter call LEAD-LINE. Pastors, executives, and lay leaders are encouraged to reproduce it in part or as a whole as they see fit. Janet Thorngate serves as volunteer editor. Janet also collects data and writes news releases or assists local church communications people in these vital outreach tools.

Sabbath Recorder. As a contributing editor for the SABBATH RECORDER, my articles this year have focused on church growth principles, a review and re-look at some of the ideas and techniques we emphasized five years ago. I believe that where there is life there is growth. It is one of God's natural laws.

Our World Mission

This has truly been an exciting year in the lives of Seventh Day Baptists. Both in the U.S. and around the world the Lord has been working in his people. I believe the worldwide witness has been greatly increased.

It has not, however, been an exciting year when we look at Our World Mission budget. With half the year gone we had received only one-third of the funds needed to meet the budget. Our boards and agencies

have had to rely on invested funds to continue to provide the programs that were to be funded through the 1982 budget. Because the money from OWM has not come in, the General Conference had to request emergency funds from the Memorial Fund Trustees. Many SDBs have responded to the call for special contributions to the Relocation Fund. In the excitement of the move perhaps we have been less aware of the need for continuous steady support of the basic programs such as missions, Christian education, ministerial training and publishing.

We must each examine our financial support of the work. An average of \$11.00 a month or \$132.00 a year from each member will raise the budget.

Reflections

In reflection on my personal function in the office of executive secretary, I am finding that three skills are crucial: (1) communication — ability to hear what is being said and to communicate the situation as it is, (2) the ability to make a decision, and (3) the ability to initiate action and follow up on its completion.*

As I review my first year in office I am encouraged by the dedication and commitment of our people. The move has caused us to do a number of things that have needed to be done for some time. I am concerned about the need for more evidence of growth as we respond to the "Great Commission." I am also concerned about the need for dynamic, creative leadership for our churches, new and old.

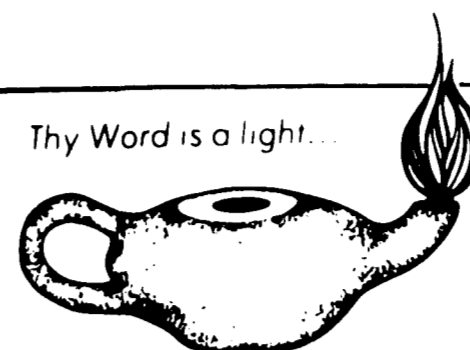
*Since we have by an act of mercy been entrusted with this work of administration, there is no weakening on our part. On the contrary, we will have none of the reticence of those who are ashamed, no deceitfulness or watering down the word of God: but the way we commend ourselves to every human being with a conscience is by stating the truth openly in the sight of God. □

(II Corinthians 4:1-2, Jer.)

Read the Bible Through in '82

OCTOBER

- 1 Esther 4-7
- 2 Esther 8-10
- 3 Ezra 1-4
- 4 Haggai 1, 2
Zechariah 1,2
- 5 Zechariah 3-6
- 6 Zechariah 7-10
- 7 Zechariah 11-14
- 8 Ezra 5-7
- 9 Ezra 8-10
- 10 Nehemiah 1-3
- 11 Nehemiah 4-6
- 12 Nehemiah 7-9
- 13 Nehemiah 10-13
- 14 Malachi 1-4
- 15 Matthew 1-4
- 16 Matthew 5-7
- 17 Matthew 8-11
- 18 Matthew 12-15
- 19 Matthew 16-19
- 20 Matthew 20-22
- 21 Matthew 23-25
- 22 Matthew 26-28
- 23 Mark 1-3
- 24 Mark 4-6
- 25 Mark 7-10
- 26 Mark 11-13
- 27 Mark 14-16
- 28 Luke 1-3
- 29 Luke 4-6
- 30 Luke 7-9
- 31 Luke 10-13



Board of Christian Education

Mrs. Mary Clare

Board Directors Meet

The Board of Directors of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc. held the regular quarterly business meeting July 18, 1982 in the Alfred Parish House.

The committees reported on past activities and projected plans for future actions.

Family Pre-Con camp 1982 was cancelled due to the high cost of renting a suitable place and the few participants interested in this camp which made the registration fee prohibitive.

There was a change planned for youth between the ages of fifteen and eighteen. Instead of meeting at Pre-Con the week before Conference in 1983, they were to be given the opportunity of meeting at Camp Harley Sutton for a Youth Conference from Sunday night to Wednesday night of Conference week. Nelson and Amanda Snyder were scheduled as directors.

Because there was no Young Adult Pre-Con planned for in 1983 the National Youth Committee was seeking a committee to plan a program at General Conference for those young adults who stay in the dormitories evenings with their small children.

Editor's Note: Due to actions of General Conference, the above plans have been dropped. See the article in this issue entitled, Pre-Cons in Question, for more information on the Pre-Con issue. DSS.

In keeping with one of the Board's goals, two workshops for camp leaders are planned. One will be in Camp Wakonda, Sept. 24-26, 1982 for everyone interested in being on a camp staff. The second workshop will be in Schenectady for leaders in the eastern camps, October 1-3, 1982. We look forward to an experience of sharing concerns and learning.

We are happy to learn that several adults worked learning the scriptures for our honor roll. The names of all who earned certificates will be announced in the October issue of *The Sabbath Recorder*.

The list of scriptures for 1983 have been selected. The book of Luke is the basic reference with some verses from Matthew because the wording is more familiar than in Luke.

The Primary Nurture Series written by Mary Jane McPherson (Mrs. Myron) has been produced and may be ordered from the Janesville office. These lessons and the Junior and Junior High Series were used as a basis for lessons at Associated Conference in Redlands.

The editor for the Senior High Nurture lessons has been secured and is working on the script. They should be produced in the near future.

Copies of three papers — the Executive Director's Job Analysis, the Executive Director's Qualifications and up-dated Bylaws of the Board were presented. They will be studied by

the directors and discussed at the October quarterly meeting.

Because the General Council voted to freeze all Board and Agency budgets to the 1982 level, an adjusted budget was presented and accepted, the major changes being in salary increases already projected and reduction in office equipment and program expansion. We regret several projects planned for 1983 were deleted due to lack of funds.

In light of the desire to carry on the work of the Women's Board in case it must be curtailed by others, this board goes on record as being willing to help with any work appropriate for our group.

Two new regular features have been added to the board's portion of the *Sabbath Recorder*: Young Adult Concerns and Highlights from the month's Helping Hand lessons.

The directors welcomed the Rev. Wayne Babcock as a member of the board to fill a vacancy which has existed for several months.

Immediately following adjournment of the quarterly meeting, Mrs. Janette Rogers announced a reception immediately following for Rev. Rex Zwiebel on the occasion of his anticipated retirement from active ministerial service. Several former directors came to join the current board members in honoring the Executive Secretary from 1956-70 and current President. □

Sabbath School Security

It is not uncommon for small children to become so very dependent upon their parents that being left in a church nursery or Sabbath School class is a traumatic experience.

There are several ways to smooth the way for the event and make separation easier. One way is for the teacher to visit in the home and become acquainted with the parents and children. Not only will the child feel more comfortable with being left with a friend but the parents will also be less worried about leaving the child in a new situation.

Another way to lessen the stress of separation is for parents and child to visit the room sometime when there is no class. The child can become familiar with the surroundings,

and perhaps visit the parents' room to know exactly where they will be.

Children are comfortable doing familiar activities. If the parents learn some games to be used in class and play them at home, it will seem less threatening to do them with unfamiliar people. Also, a book or small toy may be taken from home to share with others at Sabbath School.

Part of the class time could include play-acting some of the normal activities which are carried on at home.

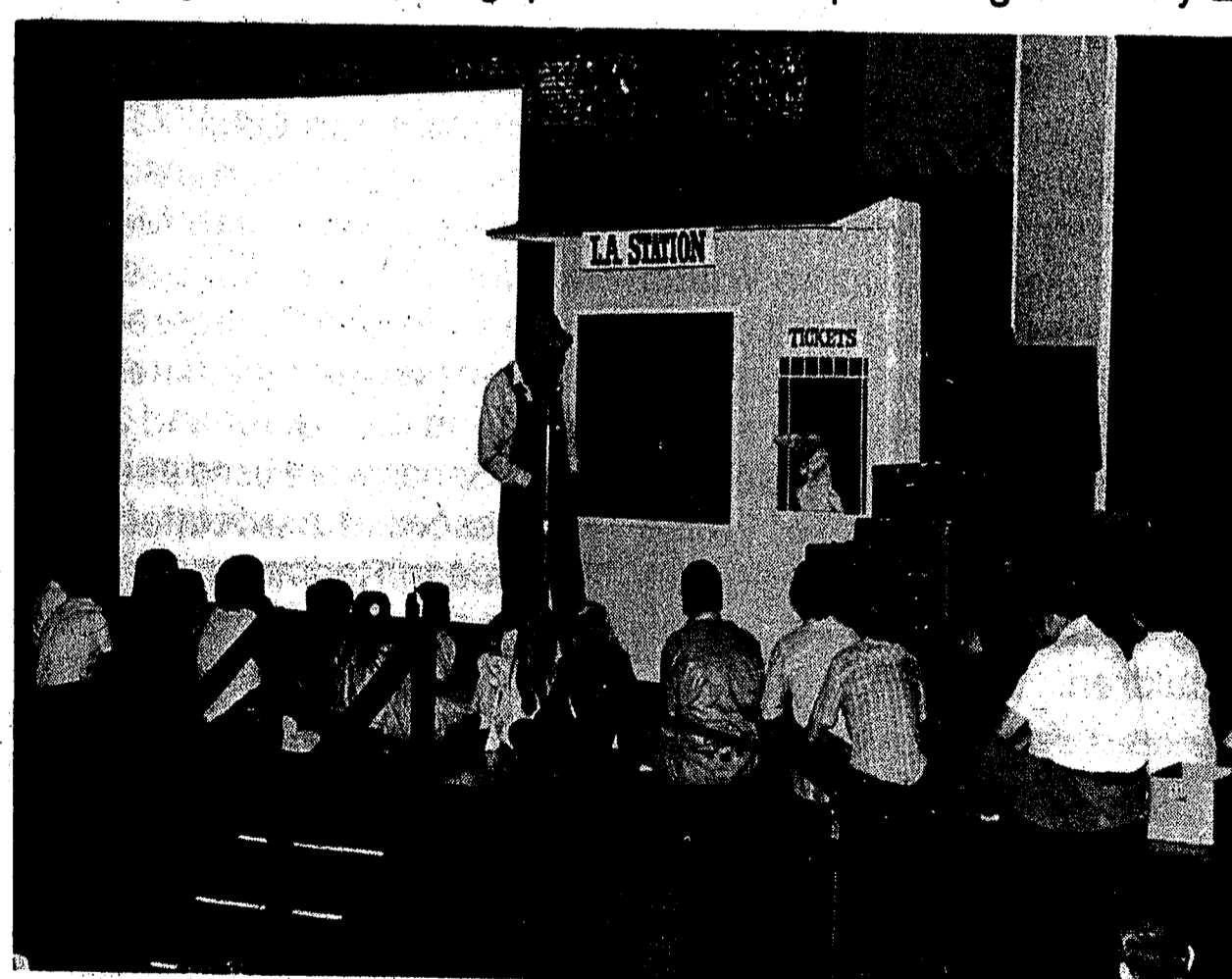
After the initial shock of separation is over, there are ways of reassuring the child that parents will return. A simple routine may be established. Children soon learn that after a story, a game and a song, par-

ents will return. Or, if the church organ can be heard, the playing of the last hymn may be the signal for putting toys away.

If the three or four year old asks, "Where is my mother?" an appropriate answer is, "Can you tell me?" They usually know but need to be reassured. In case they do not know, the teacher should carefully explain.

If the class is large a second person with non-teaching responsibilities would be helpful. This person would recognize the need for special attention such as a hug, a lap or word of comfort while the teacher is occupied with other children.

Love is the key to a happy classroom; it is the one element recognized by young and old alike — spread it generously. □



Two successful Sabbath School puppet shows entertained and taught both children and adults. Nancy May and her friend told the story of the house on the rock and the house on the sand. Ralph MacIntosh introduced the folks at the L.A. Station.

The Gift of Intimacy

by Steve Smith

From Sound The Call

MENLO PARK, CA. - More than 40 people from throughout the western half of the United States gathered at Vallombrosa Conference Center, near San Francisco, to participate in a conference on "Intimacy in Young Adulthood," February 19-21, 1982.

The conference, sponsored by the Episcopal Young Adult Ministries Advisory Committee (EYAMAC), featured the Rev. Dr. John Westerhoff, III, professor of Religion and Education at Duke University, and the Rev. Dr. Alan Jones, director of the Center of Christian Spirituality at General Theological Seminary, as keynote speakers.

Both speakers developed similar definitions for intimacy.

Intimacy is "the desire to merge our identity with another's without losing ours," said Westerhoff.

True intimacy requires a miracle, Jones said. "It is a gift or it is nothing." And that miracle, that gift, comes through God. "God is the place where we can be one with another without devouring each other."

According to Westerhoff, the quest for intimacy must be understood in the context of the quest for generativity. These quests represent life-long tasks, constantly flowing from identity to intimacy to community.

If we don't have an identity, our relationship becomes exploitive, said Westerhoff.

We have a culture that works

against intimacy in every way, the speakers stated.

"Advertising," said Jones, "concentrates on my armpits, my face, my rear, suggesting that intimacy comes to me as a reward for smelling a certain way or by pulling myself into the latest blue jeans."

Part of the problem, according to Westerhoff, is that we live in a society with no long-term commitments. It's possible to be surrounded by friends one day and be totally alone the next. In addition, "We have both a society and a family sys-

"God is the place where we can be one with another without devouring each other."

tem that are dehumanized and dehumanizing - and we, in the Church, try to humanize them," he said.

Both speakers developed their own perspective on the solutions to the problems of intimacy.

Westerhoff explained his concepts in relation to the three stages of identity, intimacy and community.

"We need ourselves and others to deal with the questions of identity and intimacy," he

said. But to make these aspects of our life workable, we need a community in the sense of a faith family, the Church.

"If the Church is only a voluntary association within a society," he said, "we will never find intimacy. We will only continue to dehumanize people as much as society does already."

Westerhoff described a base-middle community as something that includes aspects of both the family and society, standing between them. It has the following five components: shared common life; common memory; common vision; common authority and norms; and a common ritual that reflects the other four components.

Jones stated that intimacy requires the very otherness of another.

"What you do to me, when you reach out to me in love," he said, "is that you also introduce me to the hollowing void that is within me that only God can fill."

In this sense, Jones said, we allow another to become the guardian of our solitude.

Being intimate presupposes that we have a soul, Jones said. And he offered four conditions for having a soul: the willingness to suffer for another, a commitment to a life with regular times of solitude; an ability to acknowledge the hollowing void within us; and another who will see the beauty within us. □

Bibles for the World

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Millions of people will recall 1981 as the year in which they were first introduced to God's Word, and for many of them the year in which they became a Christian. Bible Societies all over the world distributed a total of 444,130,089 Bibles, Testaments, Portions and Selections in 1981. This represented a 0.9 percent increase over 1980's figures, and included 10,441,456 Bibles, 12,085,069 Testaments, 30,339,865 Portions and 391,263,699 Selections.

The world's population has reached an estimated total of 4.4 billion people, most of them

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without ready access to the Scriptures. According to one research specialist, there are 20,000 converts to Christianity each day on the African continent alone. Making the Bible available to these new converts and to all Christians constitutes a challenge confronting churches committed to proclaiming the Gospel and to the Bible Societies dedicated to the translation, publication and distribution of God's Word.

The goal of the American Bible Society is still the same as it was when it first began 166 years ago — the translation, publication and distribution of the Scriptures in the language of the people without doctrinal note or comment and without profit. As a vital Scripture resource agency to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, as well as to all other churches, the ABS will continue to work with the United Bible Societies around the world to provide Scriptures to more people than ever before in languages they can readily read and understand.

The United Bible Societies is now directly or indirectly involved in translation projects in over 600 languages around the world. There are more than 50 people employed by the UBS who serve as full-time consultants to churches, missions and national Bible Societies and assist in every phase of the translation task.

According to the latest Scripture Language Report of the United Bible Societies, books of the Bible have been published in 1,739 different languages and dialects. The whole Bible

has been produced in 277 languages and the New Testament in 518. Another 944 languages have single Biblical books.

The extent of worldwide Bible translation is well illustrated by the work being undertaken in Africa, where 442 Scripture translation projects are currently going on. Three hundred and sixty-five, or 83 percent of these projects, are first time translations. There are, however over 1,600 languages in Africa, so less than six percent of African languages have

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a full Bible and only 31 percent have at least one book of the Bible. The need for Bible translation is also evident in the Americas, where two major language groups, Guarani of Paraguay and Jamaican Creole, along with 15 other large language groups having over 100,000 literates, do not yet have a complete Bible. Since an estimated 3,000 languages are spoken throughout the world, the challenge to translate the Scriptures into clear and understandable languages is crucial

to the mission of the Bible cause.

The American Bible Society thanks the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in particular for its support. A total of \$438, or approximately nine cents per member, was given by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in the year 1981. This represents a decrease of 75.8 percent over giving in 1980.

In recognition of the growing number of requests for Scriptures throughout the world, and the rapid increases in inflation, the American Bible Society asks that the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference not only continue, but increase its support of the Bible cause. This seems especially appropriate when considering the close and continuing relationship between the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and the American Bible Society in the common purpose of Scripture translation and publication.

We know that we have the urgent responsibility and glorious challenge of making God's Word available to all who need and want it. This is more than a responsibility for the Bible Societies. It is a responsibility which all Christians must recognize and to which all must respond generously. □

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MISSIONS TODAY

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"OUR PERSONAL THANKS and gratitude to the Henry's family" was received from Pastor Eleazar Paypa of Molave, Zombo del-sur, Mindanao, THE PHILIPPINES. He wrote one month after their graduation and the Convention session: "Greeting in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I cannot afford to keep silent without expressing this thanks and happiness to you for sending Bro. Rod Henry to the Philippines. It was Rod who leads us to the real path of salvation. He tried his very best to make us understand about the doctrine of salvation and the Bible interpretation. We really appreciate him. He is a very wise and intelligent Bible instructor. Thank you for equipping us spiritually and materially and I hope and pray that your assistance extended to us will reap precious souls for God's Kingdom. Kindly extend our thanks and gratitude to all Seventh Day Baptist brethren around the world. I am hoping that God's work in the Philippines will progress through the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

AMBLER, PA. - is a new "name", but is the location of the newest Seventh Day Baptist church, organized on July 10th. Pastor Ken Cruickshank, who was trained in the Jamaica Pastoral Class and served about seven years in SDB churches there, is

their pastor. Over half of the charter members are from the Marlboro, NJ SDB church. Ambler? It is about 12 miles north of Philadelphia and just above the PA Turnpike on one of the main commuter lines.

INDIA: The first phase of the Wells Project — seven irrigation wells being dug in a self-help work project — funded by Baptist World Aid (BWAid) with a part of these funds coming from the SDB United Relief Fund, has been completed and the cement and finishing work should be completed in early fall according to their schedule. Bro. B. John V. Rao wrote: "Very soon, the beneficiaries will be able to utilize the irrigation facilities provided by these wells and to till their own lands and reap the harvest instead of toiling far from their families and places as labourers. They will be able to rise from property to a reasonable prosperity bettering their socio-economic conditions; and also, in turn, they help other poor and needy with work and sustenance. This scheme is another step forward in the continuous social service programs of our Conference."

WHAT Extension Ministries are being done in your local church or your Association? EXTENSION YEAR 1982 is part of the Seventh Day Baptist DECADE OF DISCIPLESHIP! Branch groups in Calif., Mich., Wash., N.C., Florida and...are one means of extending our witness and service to those seeking the fellowship and beliefs which we hold. Pray that every church/Association can enter into the joy of such ministry during EXTENSION YEAR 1982! □

Verse for the month:
"Always be joyful. Always keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."
-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

PRAYER CORNER

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

PRAY FOR:
1-Continued growing support for this year's Our World Mission budget
2-A Sabbath of celebration and sharing

3-Needs of brethren in The Cameroons, W. Africa in seeking legal status
4-Dedicated workers-Rhonda Jacobson and Joel Osborn at the SDB Center
5-Completion of the seven wells project in India/Rev. B. John V. Rao
6-Missionary Pastor Stephen Saunders and the Bay Area SDB church
7-Pacific Coast/Mid-Continent/North Central SDB Assoc. meetings this month
8-The work of the newly organized San Diego Seventh Day Baptist Church
9-Sabbath School Mission Offering (SSMO), a vital part of OWM giving

10-The quarterly & annual meeting of the Memorial Fund Trustees, Janesville, Wisconsin
11-The Spokane Area Fellowship
12-Missionaries David & Bettie Pearson and work in Malawi, Africa
13-Conference Pres., Dr. K. D. Hurley, Salem, WV
14-Missionaries Rodney and Camille Henry & family, Cebu City, Philippines
15-Your pastor and church as the Sabbath approaches
16-The Miami, Florida area outreach

17-Peace in the Middle East and other world trouble spots
18-The staff of the SDB Center in Janesville, Wis.
19-The Extension Project(s) in my church and in the Association churches
20-"Word of Truth" Radio Programs from coast to coast
21-Missionary Pastor Gabriel Bejjani, Evangelical Comm. Church, Stanton, Calif.
22-Secy. Nathan B. Thompson and Jamaica SDB Conference pastors and leaders
23-"APARTNERS"-SDB members unable to worship at their church today

24-Missionary Society quarterly meeting, Westerly, RI
25-Director Mynor G. Soper and his field ministries in church extension
26-New pastors/students to meet the growing need for leadership - Matt. 9:38!
27-The work in the new Ambler, PA SDB Church
28-Those who are in hunger
29-General Council members as they serve our churches between Conferences
30-The work of the Atlanta SDB Church

31-Those who are unemployed

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The Sabbath Recorder

EPHESIANS 6:10-20
"...READINESS TO ANNOUNCE THE GOOD NEWS..."
(vs. 15a T.E.V.)

"Proclaim the Word"

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Dr. K. Duane Hurley

"Proclaim the Word" is the theme for Seventh Day Baptist General Conference '83 to be held on the campus of Houghton College, Houghton, New York, August 7-13, 1983.

A keynote address on Sunday evening, August 7, will provide a review of our Decade of Discipleship, setting the stage for the next cycle — or, more appropriately, the next higher spiral in the three-year repeated sequence of emphasis: nurture, extension, and ministry (Christian service). We have accepted the challenge to "double in the decade!"

During Conference week, each day's featured activities will emphasize one phase of how continued church growth can be achieved through "Proclaiming the Word."

It is suggested that the perspective for all presentations (Bible studies, devotions, workshops, musical presentations, messages, etc.) be to prepare and present the material in such a way that it can be recorded by the Media Project for use later by churches, associations, boards and agencies in Christ-

tian service and denominational growth and outreach.

The early morning and late evening devotions each day of Conference will be "televised" to each dorm for use by small groups each with a leader to follow up the video presentations with appropriate discussion, mediation and prayer. The video segments will be available for wider usage (possibly locally-sponsored broadcasts) during the months following Conference.

A major purpose in connection with Conference '83 will be to create better visibility for Seventh Day Baptists as ambassadors for Christ in Proclaiming the Word.

Individuals, churches, associations, as well as boards and agencies, are being challenged (in keeping with the theme "Proclaim the Word") to set specific goals in evangelistic outreach

for the next phases of our Decade of Discipleship (1980-90).

The Conference program for '83 is being designed to assist in the goal setting process. The first half of the week (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) will be devoted primarily to necessary Conference business; the remainder of the week (Thursday, Friday and Sabbath) will feature personal enrichment activities including "How-to" sessions in church growth, climaxing in a tremendous Sabbath celebration and an opportunity to make and/or renew commitments. The "How-to" sessions will be designed by the boards and agencies to help every delegate perfect his or her gifts and talents in Proclaiming the Word.

It is hoped that the process of determining and setting goals — by all concerned — will begin long before Conference '83. Then on the evening after the Sabbath at Houghton there will

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SOME SUGGESTED GOALS TO BE SET IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCE '83 (Thought Starters)

1. Every church member, during the year, participate in at least one Discipleship Cell, Bible study or specific evangelistic activity.
2. Every Association, during the Conference follow-up year, initiate and support at least one church-extension project.
3. Every denominational board and agency find at least one new way to support the churches and their members in their outreach activities.
4. Every church sponsor at least one special "outreach" event during the year, conduct an advertising campaign, sponsor a regular radio or T.V. broadcast, establish a "satellite" group, put up new signs identifying the church building or participate in some other specific outreach activity.
5. General Conference, through the General Council and appropriate boards and agencies, activate a specific denominational public relations office or department.

September, 1982

Ambler Church Organized

by Rolli Thurman

The warmth of the day was only exceeded by the warmth of enthusiasm of the approximately forty people who met at 32 No. Main Street on July 10, 1982, for the organization of the Ambler Seventh Day Baptist Church, again officially lighting the lamp in the Philadelphia area in the name of Seventh Day Baptists.

The twenty-four persons attending the morning service heard Pastor Leon Lawton give an inspiring message in which he noted that "CHURCH" is spelled "Christ, Holy, Spirit, Unity, Reconciliation, Commitment, Holiness."

After a dinner and fellowship hour, the group, which had grown since the morning service due to the arrival of representatives from the New York City and Shiloh churches and other visitors, assembled to sing choruses prior to the beginning of the organization services.

There were representatives from seven Seventh Day Baptist churches as well as the Memorial Fund, represented by Pastor Harmon Dickinson; the Missionary Board, represented by Pastor Leon Lawton; and all the churches of the General Conference, represented by Pastor Dale Thorngate.

Pastor Lawton was voted council moderator and read the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ambler church and these, with minor changes for clarification, were approved by the council.

Virginia Ayars welcomed the visitors and Harmon Dickinson responded, followed by two lovely vocal selections by Erica Radcliffe and Dawn Comrie of the New York City church. Next Rolleesa Thurman read the his-

AMBLER SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH CONVENANT

Article 1. We agree to keep the commandments of God, and walk in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Article 2. To accept the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. To watch over each other for good, to the intent that we may build up together in Christ, grow in grace and in a further knowledge of truth, and be instrumental in bringing men to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Article 4. To faithfully attend the appointments, and bear the burdens and expenses of the church, according as God may give us severally the ability.

tory of the Ambler church, after which Deacon Fred Ayars read a letter from the Marlboro church accompanying a beautiful pair of collection plates, a "love gift from your sister church." Lelia Bishop of the Washington, D.C. church read a letter of greeting from that church. Pastor John Camenga brought greetings from the Shiloh church, commenting that Seventh Day Baptists have been in the Philadelphia and South Jersey area for a long time, as Shiloh is celebrating her 245th anniversary this year. Virginia Ayars read a letter of encouragement from Pastor Don Richards, former pastor of the Marlboro church. Rolleesa Thurman relayed greetings from Pastor Kenneth Chroniger of the Central Maryland church, and read a letter of encouragement from the Raritan Valley, N.J. church and a letter of welcome from the Ambler Area Ministerial Association.

Pastor Leon Lawton asked for council action on the organization of the Ambler church, and

Pastor Harmon Dickinson moved that "having examined the facts we feel, in God's timing, the Ambler church should be organized." This was seconded and passed unanimously.

Pastor Dale Thorngate, using as his text First Corinthians 12:12-20 and 27-31, noted that to form a church means, "High Risk, Trust and Work." The eleven members of the Ambler church then read the covenant and signed the membership book while a choir from the New York City church sang.

Pastor Dickinson gave the "Charge to the Church". Pastor Lawton chaired the election of the slate of officers previously selected and the licensing of Pastor Kenroy Cruickshank by the Ambler church, and these passed unanimously. A prayer of dedication was offered by Pastor Henry Grant, associate pastor of the New York City church, followed by a selection by the Ambler church choir.

Communion service opened with scripture reading from

Ambler's History

The first Seventh Day Baptist worship service in Ambler, Pennsylvania, was conducted on January 17, 1976 in the home of Mrs. Lucy Griffith at 61 North Main Street, with Sister Kathleen Findlater as leader and teacher.

Four people started in the group, which soon grew to six. Other family members and friends would visit whenever possible and eventually, one member of the group was baptized at the Marlboro (New Jersey) Seventh Day Baptist Church. With visits to Marlboro becoming more frequent, three more persons from the group became members of that church. Pastor Don Richards and members from Marlboro supported the Ambler members by attending afternoon worship services with the new group.

Since Sabbath worship was flexible, it was held wherever

Ambler

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Matthew 26:19-30 read by Pastor Lawton, followed with prayer by Pastor Dickinson. Blessing of the bread was asked by Deacon Fred Ayars and blessing of the wine was asked by Deacon Leonard Stewart.

At the close of the communion service all present joined hands for the singing of "Will the Circle be Unbroken?" Following closing remarks by Pastor Cruickshank, and benediction by Pastor Camenga, the entire assembly sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" before adjourning to the front steps for "picture taking." □

seemed best; once at an Ambler park and another time at the home of Fred and Virginia Ayars in Lansdale. At one time, a few services were held in another apartment in Lansdale. It was the custom to take turns at different homes for Sunday night worship. Nightly prayer meetings were, and still are, practiced.

During missionary walks, distributing religious tracts on the streets or in different homes, the newcomers would often try to "get it straight", since they would usually think that "Seventh Day Baptist" meant "Seventh Day Adventist." It appeared to many that they were being introduced to an "unknown" religion. However, a few showed interest and asked to be revisited by someone in the group.

From December 1979 until June 1982, services were held in the home of Sister Kathleen Findlater at 66 North Main St.

In November of 1980, Brother Kenroy Cruickshank who had been a pastor in Jamaica moved to Ambler and took up a leadership role in the group.

Meanwhile, Rolleesa Godfrey Thurman was working just up the street at 22 North Main St. After worshipping with another denomination for over 20 years, she felt drawn to return to the Seventh Day Baptist denomination but knew of no church in her area. One Sabbath afternoon she called Virginia Ayars and asked her if the Ayars family would be interested in forming a Seventh Day Baptist group in Ambler. Virginia told her about Pastor Kenroy and the

Ambler group. Discussions quickly began about forming a Seventh Day Baptist church in Ambler.

Monday afternoon, Pastor Ken came to Rolli's place of work. They prayed together, called the denominational center, and contacted Fred and Virginia. The following Sabbath they all went to Marlboro and discussed the necessary steps in forming a new church. With this encouragement, and a call to Pastor Leon Lawton, the group began to look for a place to worship. They contacted several churches who, for various reasons, could not accommodate them. Next they tried store fronts, finally renting the one they had first wanted but thought too expensive. The landlord contacted them and offered to reduce the rent...and they had found their place to worship. The Calvary Methodist Church donated 26 folding chairs, a friend donated a small organ, relatives donated material for curtains, and working hard together the storefront became a church. The Marlboro church's gift helped in the purchase of hymn books, and on the day of the church's organization, Marlboro presented the Ambler congregation with a beautiful set of collection plates. Many other gifts have assisted the new church in its effort.

A spokesman for the congregation said, "The Lord has blessed us so wonderfully thus far, and we are continuing to trust Him to sustain us and lead us to become a blessing to this community." □

Helping Hand Preview

Conference Photos

Norman Podhoretz has written a book recently, *Why We Were In Vietnam*, which calls for some solid thinking for Americans in their peace-making. He points to the naivete of the "make-the-world-safe-for democracy" motive for militarily defending South Vietnam against communist North Vietnam. He also points to the degree of self-interest in American involvement in southeast Asia. But, he urges our learning from the sad political abuse of half-truths that deny the difference between even limited democracy and dictatorship. Significant connections with Israel's early history need to be studied for our day.

Excerpt from the introduction of Unit I:

We study, in this unit, how God worked with His small nation of painfully slow-maturing people at stages where they were coming into Palestine, that proving ground for their covenant relationships. We study how leaders arose and related to God and their nation. We pray your study may clarify meanings in our modern world-wide search for democracy and "shalom"-social well-being and peace.

Our uniform lesson coverage of the Bible in six years brings to this quarter some representative samples of some major early stages of the development of God's chosen people. No doubt you will find the quarterly seeming to leap over events you might consider more important in the sequence. You may find yourself bringing in these events as you study alone or in a group. Let us marvel how repeatedly instructive is God's Word as it meets us in our changing experience! This effect of new insights from "the old, old story" is the valid basis for the seemingly "old, old" Uniform Series.

RELATED BIBLE READINGS

S- Sep. 5	Gen. 12:1-5	S- Sep. 25	Gen. 50:15-26
M- Sep. 6	Gen. 15:1-6	S- Sep. 26	Ex. 1:1-14
T- Sep. 7	Gen. 15:7-21	M- Sep. 27	Ex. 3:1-10
W- Sep. 8	Gen. 17:1-8	T- Sep. 28	Ex. 3:11-17
T- Sep. 9	Gen. 21:1-7	W- Sep. 29	Ex. 4:1-9
F- Sep. 10	Gen. 22:15-19	T- Sep. 30	Ex. 4:14-16, 27-31
S- Sep. 11	Heb. 6:13-20	F- Oct. 1	Ex. 5:1-5
S- Sep. 12	Gen. 27:19-29	S- Oct. 2	Ex. 5:15-23
M- Sep. 13	Gen. 27:30-36		
T- Sep. 14	Gen. 28:1-5		
W- Sep. 15	Gen. 28:10-22		
T- Sep. 16	Gen. 31:1-16		
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S- Sep. 19	Gen. 37:1-11		
M- Sep. 20	Gen. 37:12-28		
T- Sep. 21	Gen. 42:1-8		
W- Sep. 22	Gen. 43:1-15		
T- Sep. 23	Gen. 44:18-34		
F- Sep. 24	Gen. 45:1-15		

We have 20/20 hindsight, but the Israelites could only see that conditions were getting worse, not better.

Writers for these lessons: Rev. David S. Clarke, Editor-writer; Theona Anderson, Adult Dialogue; Roberta Ellis, Catalyzers of the related Bible readings. □



GOAL SETTING

an important objective for Conference 1983 . . . Continued from page 23.

Conference Photos



be a chance for these goals to be "proclaimed" while colorful banners prepared by the Women's Societies, Youth Groups and individuals from our churches are "paraded" as part of the climax of Conference week and the beginning of another year of Christian service.

Help in every way you can, please — from now until August 1983 — to set, prepare for, and activate outreach goals. Let's

truly double (or more) in the decade by establishing realistically high goals, attainable with God's help.

"Proclaiming the Word" is not an opportunity. It is an obligation for committed Christians. The Great Commission specifically commands: "Go, then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples..." Matt. 28:19-20. □

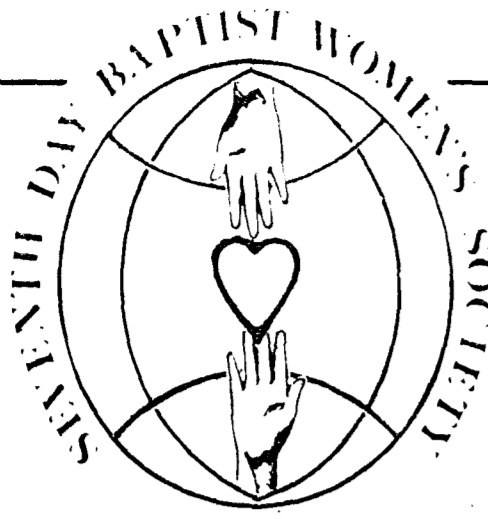
- Monday: **A Working Knowledge of Scripture Prerequisite for Proclaiming the Word.**
- Tuesday: **Proclaiming the Word in *The Daily Walk*.**
- Wednesday: **Proclaiming the Word in *Professions and Vocations*.**
- Thursday: **Proclaiming the Word through *Specific Outreach Projects*.**
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"We love because
God first loved us."
1 John 4:19

Spiritual Overseers

by Jane Mackintosh

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In April, a very special little boy entered Doug's and my life. Some close friends of ours from college were called by their adoption agency and told that "their baby" had been found and was ready to come home. These friends have been married eleven years and have been unable to have children though the doctors can find no explanation for their infertility. They were always there rejoicing with the rest of us from that college group as our babies were born. Naturally though their hearts ached as our hearts ached for them. Yet they rested in the knowledge that God knew "their

baby" and would send him/her to them when His time was right. When Kevin Raymond Crane, at 13 days old, came home to his mommy and daddy, there was much "rejoicing in the land."

Doug and I were asked to be Kevin's godparents. This was a new role for us and we were excited about it but not sure what being godparents meant. Kevin's parents explained that they wanted us to be his spiritual overseer and as Doug and I explored this new role, we began to see what a blessing this concept could be for any family. It was easy for us to

understand how we as parents can become so involved in dealings with our children that we can miss important yet subtle changes in them. Someone who is not so close to the situation might be able to provide insights from neutral ground that would help. Having the counsel of another couple who has covenanted with you to watch over the spiritual and emotional well-being of your child or children can be a real comfort. It gave us food for thought and opened up a special relationship with Kevin and his parents. We are praying for guidance in fulfilling this responsibility. □



Apostle of Sight

by Dorothy Clarke Wilson
Publisher: Christian Herald
Family Bookshelf
40 Overlook Dr.,
Chappaqua, New York 10514

Reviewed by Mrs. Clara Beebe

This book is so absorbing that it is hard to lay down having once started reading. Of course, I was especially interested since I had surgery for removal of cataracts on both eyes back in the mid-70's. Now I praise Our Father for sight to read, to do housework and even plain serving, as well as some secretarial work for our Sabbath School.

Apostle of Sight

This absorbing book tells the story of Dr. Victor Rombo, who gave more than 50 years of dedicated service to the cataract-blinded people of India. His meticulous surgery unlocked the doors of darkness for thousands of men, women and children whose eyes could not see because of infection-caused cataracts.

Born in India to missionary parents, Victor Rombo returned to the United States for study and training in medicine and surgery. After years of study he went back to India as a surgeon and a missionary also. With the help of Hira Lal, a lay-surgeon, he began "opening the eyes of the blind". A clinic was set up at Mungile and many blind people came for cataract surgery. But others in as much need did not, or would not come. Dr. Rombo trained Indian helpers and with them he established "eye camps", even into the high Him-

alayas, thus reaching the "un-reachables". Friends in America established the Rombo Committee, whose function was to gather discarded equipment to keep the clinics functioning.

Besides opening physical eyes, Dr. Rombo brought the message of God and His Son to his patients. Once when a man had been given sight, he began to thank Dr. Rombo. The reply was, "Don't thank me, brother. It is the God, Father of our Lord Jesus, who first gave you sight and now has given it to you again. Let us both thank Him. It is God who cures, not me. I am His humble servant."

Although Dr. Rombo is now retired, the work he started still goes on, with hospitals and eye-clinics in many localities in India. Thousands have been, and are being treated. But millions of others remain.

I commend this book for your reading. □

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had his friends



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come to

his backyard one afternoon.

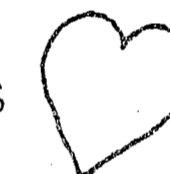


had them all sing the song,

"Jesus Loves Me." They had Mrs. Raccoon read a story from the



* They learned about God's



for each one of them.

You too can have your friends over and tell them about God's



This year's (1982-83) conference theme is "Proclaim the Word." Ask

your parents to read from the



Ephesians 6:14-20 (TEV).

Special verse: "...the readiness to announce the Good News of peace."

Ephesians 6:15 (TEV).

*Suggested story: Luke 18:15-17; Ephesians 6:1-3; Luke 6:27-36. □



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The Church in Action

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Alton Wheeler Honored for 40 Years of Service

Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, pastor of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church of Riverside, California, has been honored for his 40 years of service in the gospel ministry.

Members of the congregation and friends of the Riverside Church held a reception in Rev. Wheeler's honor on Sabbath night, August 7, 1982, in the social room of the church. A large crowd was in attendance to congratulate Alton and his wife Ethel and to remember the

Wheeler's story through a picture display.

During the evening's festivities, greetings were brought from his former pastorates in Nile and Richburg, New York, and Battle Creek, Michigan. Remembrances of his years as Seventh Day Baptist General Conference General Secretary were brought by former *Sabbath Recorder* Editor, John Bevis and Conference President for 1982-83, Dr. K.D. Hurley. Words of thanks from the Riverside con-

gregation were brought by Dr. Tom Davis.

Music for the evening included piano solos by Tonia Gibson and Dr. Jan Maddox, a vocal solo by Jennifer Lewis, and a quartet that included Norman Burdick, Tom Davis, Rollie Maxson and Bill Whitlock. □

Vermont's Sunday Law Is Ruled Unconstitutional

From The Sabbath Sentinel

Vermont's much-amended 200-year-old Sunday law was amended one time too much, according to the state Supreme Court, when a provision was added in 1976 making it illegal for any store with more than seven employees to open on Sunday. Family-owned stores, however, regardless of size, could open. The state legislators had interpreted the law to mean that stores larger than 5,000 square feet could not open on Sundays.

The high court said that the assistance to the small stores was being given without proving that it was essential, and that violated the state constitution.

State Senator John Howland, who had originally sponsored the present law, said it was unlikely that the legislature would try to resurrect the law. "The Supreme Court had ruled," he said. "I will have no occasion to question that ruling." □

Southwestern Association Meets in Memphis

by Margie Shackelford

The Southwestern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches held their annual meeting at the Memphis, Tennessee Seventh Day Baptist Church from June 10 to 13.

The busy weekend included business and worship sessions. Daily devotion times, special music, a gospel sing and a youth banquet filled the program.

Eldon Lawyer, coach for Athletes in Action, was the guest speaker for the youth banquet. Lawyer shared his testimony with all the young people. Sabbath evening's activity was a gospel sing with music provided by the Praisemen, a local gospel group. A good crowd enjoyed the music and the Praisemen were well

received.

Members of the Memphis church said that they appreciated each participant and were looking forward to more of the same fine fellowship in the future.

The Memphis church also reports that this summer's camp was a great success and a "time to grow in the Lord as well as participate in many fun activities." Campers enjoyed swimming, a boat ride, a shopping trip to a mall, and even a shaving cream fight.

Camp leaders Bob Babcock, Lois Goodson & Jerry Baldwin said that it was a blessing to see fine young people come together to enjoy clean fun and grow in the knowledge of their Lord and Savior. □

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Roman Gate Discovered

Immediately below the majestic 16th-century Damascus Gate, one of the seven gateways into the walled Old City of Jerusalem, excavations have revealed the gate's Roman ancestor — a perfectly preserved triple-arched portal hitherto buried by centuries of debris.

Piercing the city's northern wall, the entranceway leads into a vaulted chamber at the base of a thick-walled defensive tower whose spiral stone staircase is still intact. Also unearthed was an arsenal of large round stones which served as projec-

tiles for the Romans' celebrated "ballista" or catapult. When restoration work has been completed by the municipality's archaeologists, visitors will be able to enter the Old City "the Roman way" and climb up the ancient stairs in the footsteps of the legionnaires of yore.

The Roman gate was discovered and cleared in the course of the municipality's Damascus Gate project, a large-scale redesigning of the area outside the gate which relieves the former congestion at this point by means of amphitheatre-style steps.

Excavations below the gate's causeway have also revealed remnants of the Crusader Chapel of St. Abraham, known to us from twelfth-century pilgrim accounts. □

Dickinson Becomes Student Pastor in Marlboro

Everett "Bus" Dickinson, who supplied the pulpit this summer for the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Marlboro, New Jersey, became the church's "student-pastor" on September 1, 1982.

Everett was born and raised in New Jersey and was a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. While completing his B.A. degree at Melodyland School of Theology in Anaheim, California, Everett says that he was, "convinced that the Lord was calling me to the full-time ministry."

He is currently enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is taking part in the Seventh Day Baptist Center on Ministry's program. □

Lawrence Watt Accepts Call to White Cloud

Lawrence Watt has accepted a call to the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church in White Cloud, Michigan, effective Sept. 1, 1982.

Lawrence was formerly a member of the Columbus, Ohio Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Kansas City Seventh Day Baptist Church. While in Kansas City, Lawrence attended Central Baptist Seminary. He finished his studies there in 1979. His undergraduate work was done at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas where he graduated in 1973.

Since 1979, Lawrence has worked as a counselor for the Juvenile Court in Valparaiso, Indiana and teaching in the Porter County school system. □

BWA General Council Meets

Nairobi — More than 250 delegates and guests from 65 countries gathered here July 11-16 for the annual sessions of the Baptist World Alliance General Council and related meetings.

The General Council took action to postpone the Baptist World Youth Conference, earlier scheduled in 1983, until July 1984. It will still be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Council members, after lively discussion, adopted resolutions on world hunger, fundamental freedoms, health and education, disarmament, peace and peaceful change.

They also approved formation

of the All-Africa Baptist Fellowship, as a regional Alliance organization. It follows similar regional fellowships which began with the European Baptist Federation in 1949, with the Asia Baptist, North American Baptist and Caribbean Baptist Fellowships developing later.

In addition to the General Council meetings, a Conference on Evangelism and Education, the Baptist Women's Union of Africa, a BWA Men's Meeting, and the Alliance, various commissions and committees also held sessions in Nairobi or at the Brackenhurst conference center. □

September, 1982

Dual Language Ministry in Melbourne

by Pastor Joseph Alegre

As minister of the Melbourne Church I am greeting all our dear Brethren around the world in Jesus' name.

I would like to ask you a question: How many of you have ever prayed for the Lord's work in Australia? — How many of you have purposed in your hearts to help the Lord's work in Australia?

Let me tell you something about our work in Melbourne. It began on the 12th of August 1978. A few months earlier we had the privilege of the visit of our beloved brother, Pastor Leon Lawton. By the impulse of the Holy Spirit and encouraged by Pastor Lawton's visit we began to work very hard, without stopping. We began to proclaim the message of deliverance, as it says in Philippians 2:10-11... "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

In the beginning we had some difficulties with some religious groups and financial hardships as well, but our God, in His love, has not let us down. Our experience was that while some doors closed, others were opened and we found tender hearts who helped us along. With the Lord's help we have been able to rent a church building where we conduct all our church activities. As our congregation consists of South American and Australian families, all our meetings are held in two languages: En-

glish and Spanish.

There are 4 Sabbath School classes: for children, for teenagers and 2 adult classes (English and Spanish). Recently there were baptisms. By the Lord's grace new families joined the church, and we have also some new contacts. We are not a very large group, but we are strong in the Lord. We trust in His promises that He will be with us at all times; so we are keeping on working without dismay. There are around 18 to 20 children and teenagers. The usual number of adults and visitors is about 25-35 persons. We are planning to start again Bible studies and prayer meetings on Wednesday nights.

For us the Sabbath day is truly a day of delight, as it says in Isaiah 58:13 "...if you honour it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall delight in the Lord."

We spend our Sabbaths in fellowship with our brethren and friends, praising the name of the Lord and working together to spread the Kingdom of Heaven. For instance, after the worship service all of us have lunch together. In this way we are not only sharing meals but share also our experiences and Christian friendship. Then every Sabbath afternoon we engage in different activities, like visitation of new families and new contacts, visits to sick people, to hospitals or door-to-door tract distribution. Sometimes we have Dorcas meetings, or meetings

of testimonies and praise, or projection of Christian films. Last month we spent Sabbath day in fasting and prayer, which concluded with testimonies and songs. There are plans of visiting the Women's Prison, Homes for the Aged and a Children's Home. We also have a great dream which we would like to share with you: to have one day our own church building. As part of our fund raising effort we had in March "a treasure and trash stall", selling goods provided by our brethren.

May this brief report serve to acquaint all our brethren around the world with the work in Melbourne. We also call upon you to help this young work to grow and expand. As a minister of my beloved Seventh Day Baptist Church I would like to express my gratitude to all of you, dear Brethren, because we are very sure this appeal will not be in vain. This wonderful Bible verse from 1 Cor. 15:58 has sustained my wife, children and myself and I have always found new strength in the thought that we have been purchased with a high price by our Saviour Jesus Christ. "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Pray for us. Make plans to visit us. On behalf of our Melbourne Church we send to all of you our Christian love and greetings. □

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From the Media Project Newsletter

New Editing Studio for The Media Project

Another major step forward in the development of the Media Project occurred this spring with the construction of a new editing studio. The studio, located in the Los Angeles area, will allow the production of professional quality video tapes without the high overhead costs of rental studio time and equipment. Previous editing had been done at Hollywood studios, where costs could run from one to three hundred dollars per hour. With the availability of the new studio, the Media Project anticipates improved quality due to the release from time and money pressures. A savings of

thousands of dollars is also anticipated. In the last month the Media Project staff spent one hundred fifty hours in the editing studio. At current rates for rentals, that is a savings of over ten thousand dollars.

The new editing facility was funded by donations and a loan from the Memorial Board. The equipment includes a Videomedia computer controlled video editor, a Sony editing VTR, a JVC source VTR, color and black and white monitors, a video processing amp, a sync generator and audio sound equipment. The Videomedia editor is a professional editor,

upgradable, with options, to a "state of the art" network quality editor. Similarly, the Sony editing VTR is an advanced, high quality, broadcast compatible machine. It continues to be

the Media Project's policy to invest in professional equipment which will, in turn, produce a professional product. □

Marriages

Jacobson-Rathbun.--Kenneth Jacobson, son of Kenneth Jacobson of Exeter, RI and Mrs. Edith Jacobson of Westerly, RI and Diana Rathbun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Rathbun of Ashaway, RI were united in marriage on May 16, 1982 at the meeting house of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly by Pastor Dale E. Rood. They are making their home in Westerly.

Shea-Havens.--Danny Shea and Teresa Havens, daughter of Russell Havens of San Diego, CA and Paula Havens of Westerly, RI were united in marriage on June 6, 1982 at the meeting house of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly by Pastor Dale E. Rood. They are making their home in Mystic, CT.

Births

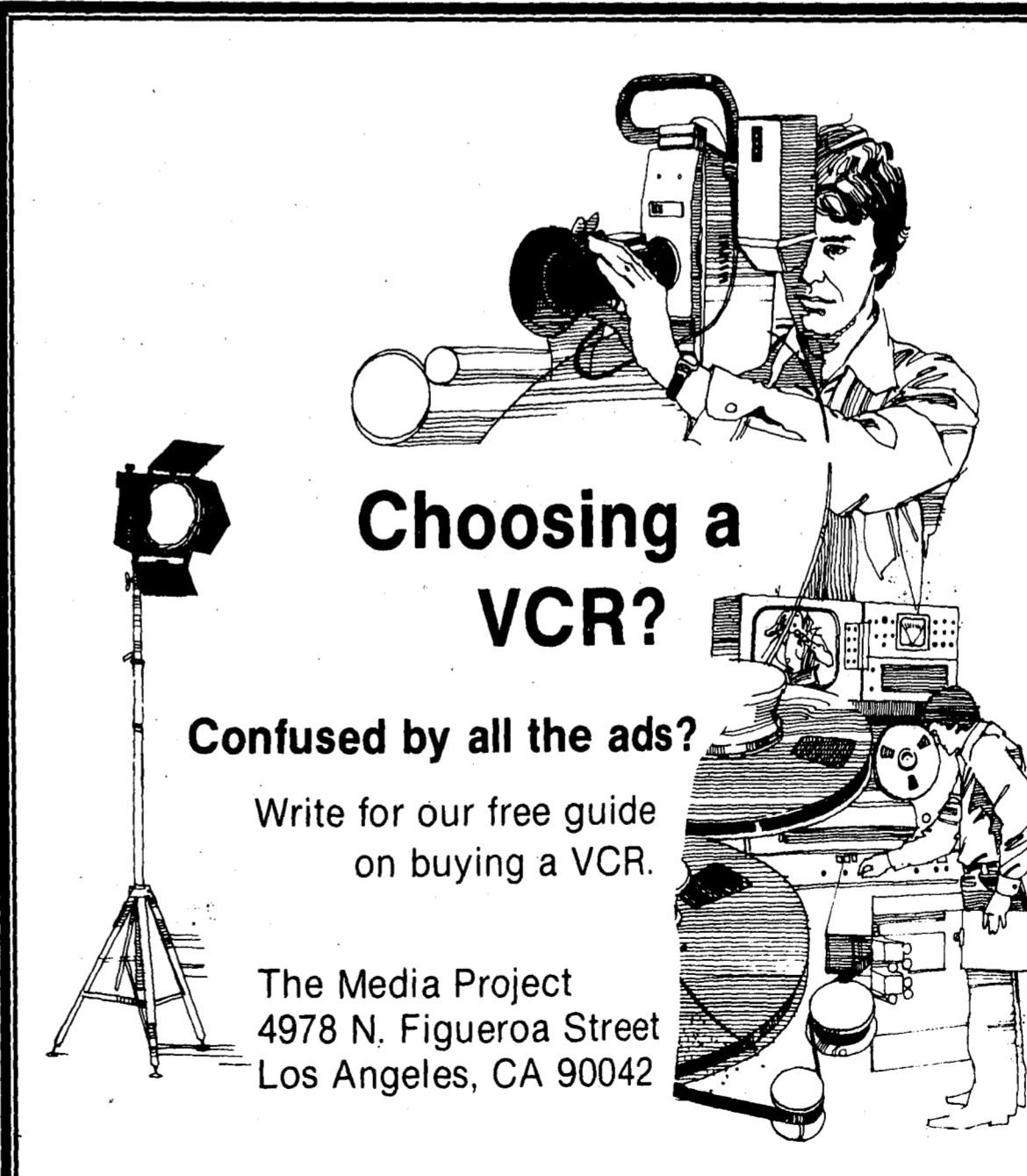
Woody.--A son, Shane Eugene, was born to Arthur and Jeanette (Wardell) Woody of Battle Creek, Mich., on June 19, 1982.

Carver.--A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, was born to Kenneth and Lorrie (Deal) Carver of Magnolia, Miss., on June 25, 1982.

McPherson.--A son, Steven Adam, was born to Myron and Mary Jane (Campbell) McPherson of Clinton Township, N.J., on June 28, 1982.

Fick.--A son, Gregory Ewald, was born to Ewald A. and Marian (Jacob) Fick of Battle Creek, Mich., on July 19, 1982.

Smith.--A son, Aaron Benjamin, was born to D. Scott and Jean (Fetrow) Smith of Milton, Wis., on July 20, 1982.



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Obituaries

NEULAND.--Ruth Stoll Neuland, daughter of the late Rev. Frederick F. and Martha Sauter Stoll, was born in Michigan on Dec. 6, 1893 and passed away Feb. 17, 1982 in Lakewood, N.J.

In April of 1917, Ruth was married to A. Henry Neuland. Her husband died in 1939.

Her father was the pastor of the Irvington, N.J., German Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years.

Ruth taught school in Jersey City, N.J., and moved to Lakewood when she retired. She joined the Plainfield, N.J., Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1934 and attended services whenever possible.

Graveside services were conducted on Feb. 20, 1982 by her pastor, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union, N.J. VWS.

STUTLER.--Jessie Mable Stutler, daughter of the late Lewis B. and Hettie A. Davis Stutler, was born May 27, 1888 in the Middle Island area of Doddridge County, W. Va. and died June 9, 1982 at the home of her son, Kenneth R. Stutler, in Lost Creek, W. Va.

Mrs. Stutler was married to the late Arlit L. Stutler on December 25, 1909. Mr. Stutler preceded her in death on June 29, 1972.

Having joined the Greenbriar Seventh Day Baptist Church early on, she remained a member until the church closed. She then transferred her membership to the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church where it remained at the time of her death.

Surviving Mrs. Stutler are one son, Kenneth R. Stutler; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Two brothers pre-

ceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Morris Funeral Home in Jane Lew, W. Va. on Sabbath Day, June 12, 1982, with interment at the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, near Big Isaac, W. Va. Reverend Edward Sutton officiated.

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TURPIN.--Evalyn May Perkins Turpin was born August 13, 1916, in Colorado Springs, CO the daughter of James and Amy Perkins, and passed to rest on June 28, 1982, at her home in Englewood, CO following a long illness.

On December 23, 1939, Evalyn was married to Theodore "Ted" Turpin. They shared almost 43 years together. During the past 14 months of Evalyn's illness, Ted lovingly cared for her every need.

Early in life Evalyn accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord. She joined the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church on Nov. 1, 1952, and was a dedicated and faithful member for 30 years. She taught in the children's Sabbath School, sang in the choir and was a member of the Women's Outreach. Just a few years ago she retired from her position in the accounting department of Denver Dry Goods.

Survivors include her husband Ted, one daughter, Mrs. Janet Hines of Ault, CO; one son, Timothy Turpin of Aurora, CO; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Ruggles, of Denver and Mrs. Leora Turpin of Englewood; one brother, Frank Perkins of Colorado Springs. She was preceded in death by one sister and four brothers.

The funeral service was held in the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church, conducted by her pastor, John D. Bevis. Interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery.

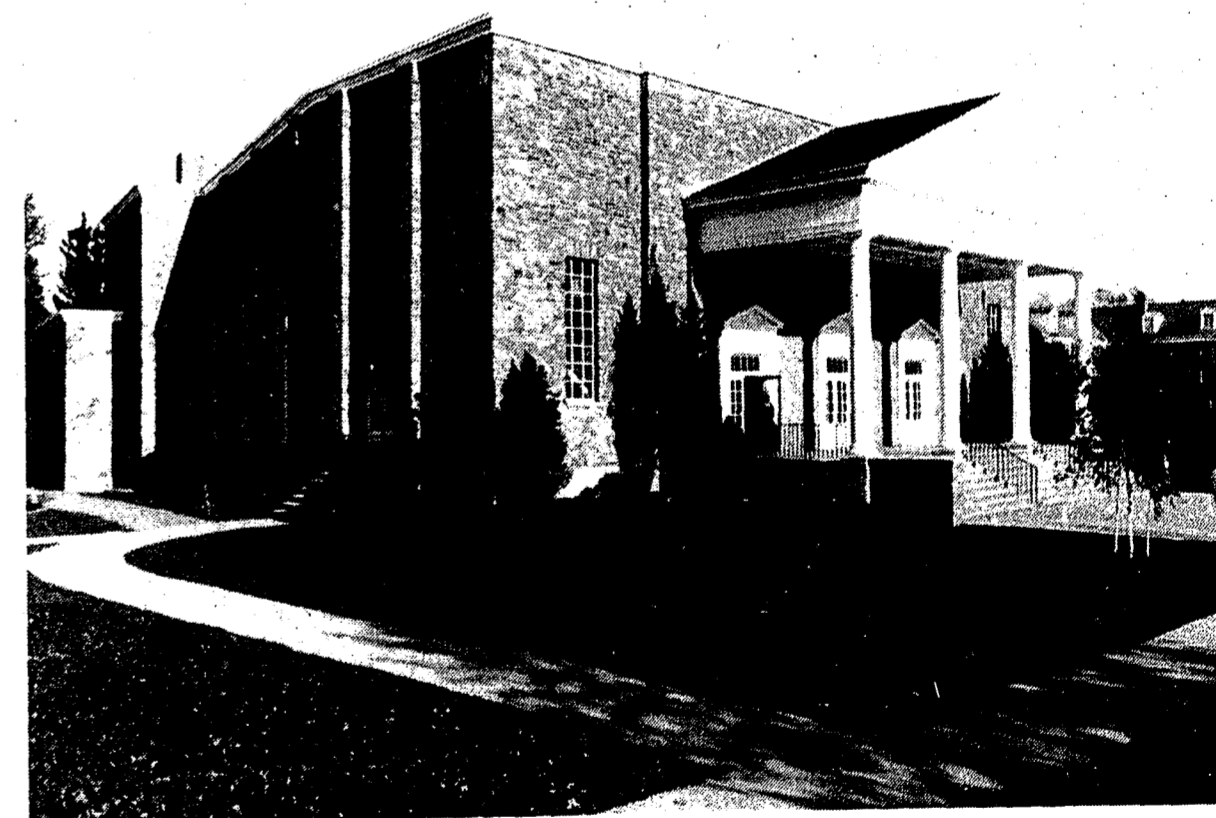
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The following resolution was adopted by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference on Thursday, August 12, 1982, during the 170th annual session in Redlands, California.

Whereas, the superpowers have developed the capability of destroying each other with nuclear weapons; and

Whereas, several smaller nations throughout the world are striving for such capability, which could in the end destroy all mankind;

Be it resolved: that the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference U.S.A. and Canada meeting at Redlands, CA in its 170th annual session August 8-14, 1982, called upon all world leaders to mutually initiate a verifiable freeze on the manufacture, testing and placement of nuclear weapons.

Whereas, a freeze on nuclear weapons will not eliminate the possibility of using nuclear weapons to resolve differences through their use or the threat of their use; and

Whereas, the death of one person from war is no less tragic when caused by means other than nuclear explosion, and

Whereas, the universal reduction of the arsenals of war would be of benefit to all mankind,

Be it resolved: that all world leaders seek to reconcile their differences without resorting to armed conflict. □

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These things ought ye to have done...

Matthew 23:23a

