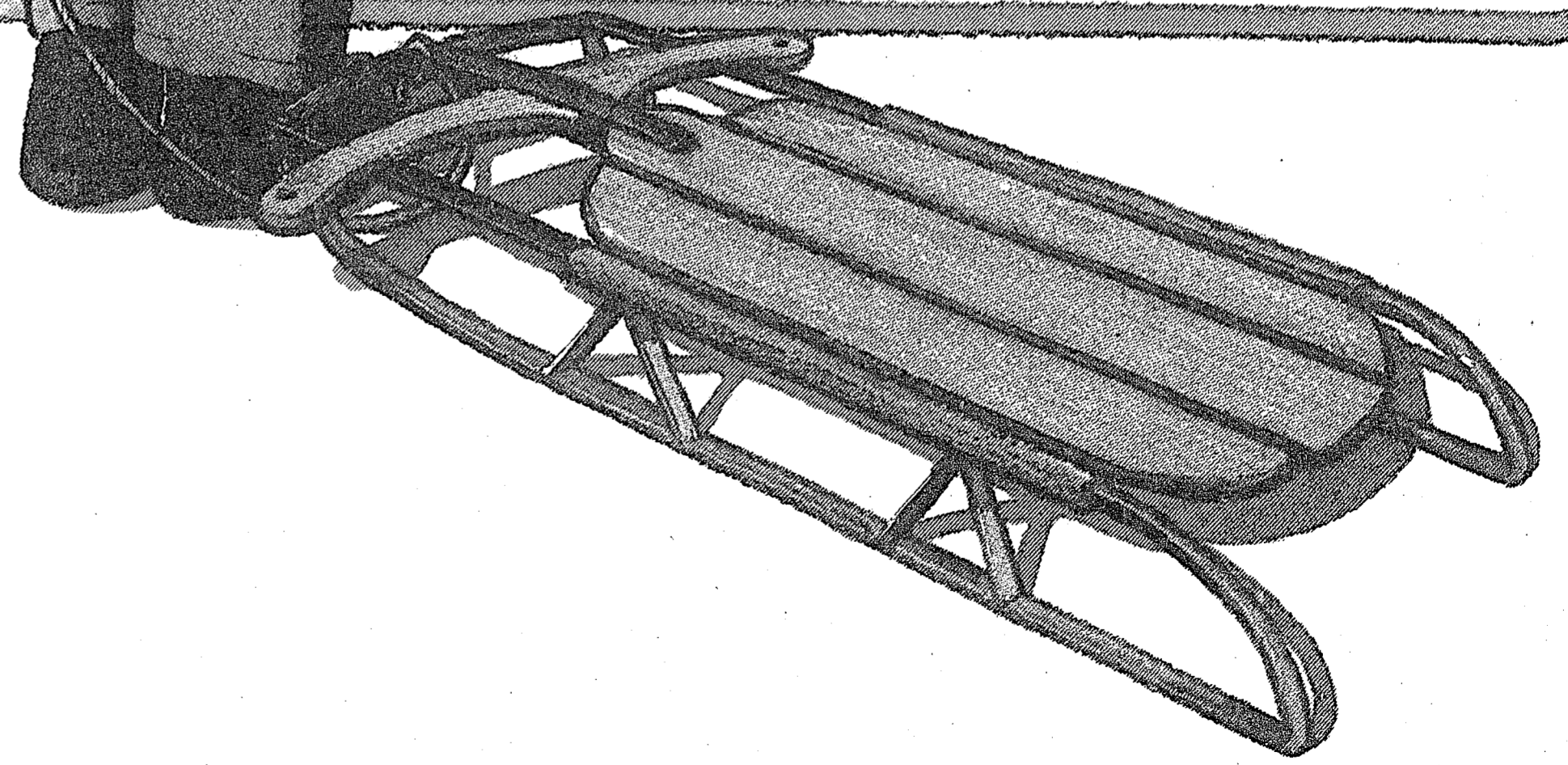


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The Wonder of the Incarnation



by Rev. Don Sanford

Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:5-7

Among the passengers on a mail boat returning from the West Indies a few years ago was a man who had with him a dog of which he was very fond. One day a small child was playing with the dog. After throwing a stick on the deck for the dog to catch, he suddenly threw the stick into the sea. At once, the dog jumped over the rail after it. In great distress, the owner begged the captain to stop the boat and rescue his dog.

"What? Stop the mails for a dog! I can't do it," said the captain.

"Then you shall stop the ship for a man," exclaimed the owner of the dog as he jumped overboard. The ship was then stopped and both man and dog were rescued.

In such a manner, the Incarnation has been portrayed to us. Christ came among us and dwelt with us, lifting us up into his glory. Yet, this picture is far from complete, for even though the man jumped into the sea to rescue the dog, there still remained the basic difference between the man and his dog. Only the environment was changed by the act of the man. It was a humbling experience which showed great love and

devotion, but the relationship between man and dog was still that of master and his pet.

Now let us suppose that somehow the man on the deck could put aside his humanity and become a dog and then jump into the sea for the sake of that animal which had previously fallen overboard. Would this not be a far greater act of love? This would be the real act of humility which would be an emptying of oneself for that which was otherwise lost.

The birth of Jesus was just this kind of act. Time and time again, God had attempted to rescue man, who had been tempted too far and fallen into the sea. He had sent his messages; he had lived in the hearts of some of the prophets; he had offered his hand to those who would accept his strength. But with the birth of Jesus, a new relationship was established: God became man.

In our Christmas celebrations, there are many noble acts of humility. There are expressions of love and charity. Our hearts are generous as we give to this or that worthy cause. Even in many unsuspecting places we see the shedding of Christian good-will.

A reporter in Hollywood tells of a film star who resolved the problem of what to give the person who has everything by going into a poor neighborhood and taking with him the sum which he intended to spend on gifts. He went to a small grocery, or a doctor in the neighborhood and asked who was the farthest behind in his bill, preferably

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someone whose credit was about to be cut off. He paid that bill, or a part of it, and sent the fellow who has everything a Christmas Card with the following note: "You have just paid \$50 on the account of John Doe who is the father of five children and was \$200 behind on his food bill. A Merry Christmas to you."

Certainly this is far more Christian than it would be to give a person some frivolous gift which we often see advertised. In the midst of a commercialized Christmas rush, there are still many ways to show love for our fellowmen. This, we may say, is the true spirit of Christmas. This is the form of giving which does not seek a return.

Yet, as good as such expres-

sions may be, it does not approach the spirit in which Christ came to earth. It is an advance over the gift exchange, but it is basically charity and not love. It is patronizing rather than true humility, for the relationship is not greatly altered; the rich remain rich and the poor remain poor.

But what of the gift of such a man as Albert Schweitzer who stepped down from one of the most honored university posts in Europe in order to serve Christ as a missionary to Africa? Or, what of some of the others who have served so humbly the cause of Christ? They would be the first to deny that they had done anything wonderful, yet their examples have shown us how little we have given of ourselves.

Probably no person in the history of the church has been able to so nearly capture the sense of Christlike humility as did Francis of Assisi. He passed a beggar on the road and was repulsed by the sight. Then he turned, ran back to him and embraced him, taking a coat from his own back to clothe the man. In later life, he was convinced that this beggar was Christ, who had come to test him. From that day till his death, he devoted his life to the poor and the outcast whom he had made his brothers.

The examples of such as these should have a sobering effect upon our Christmas celebrations. It was in such a manner as this that Jesus entered the experience of mankind. Can we be satisfied with any less than our full commitment to him? 5

A Missions Interview

by D. Scott Smith
Editor, *The Sabbath Recorder*



(Top Right) The group of mission workers who assisted at the Milton Missionary Conference. (Top Left) Leon R. Lawton (Above) A men's chorus sang during the Sabbath morning service.

The following is an interview with missionaries David Pearson (DP), Betty Pearson (BP), Missionary Society Executive Vice President Leon R. Lawton (LL), and Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church Pastor Herbert Saunders (HS). The interviewer for *The Sabbath Recorder* (SR) is Editor D. Scott Smith. The interview took place during the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church's Missionary Conference held on the weekend of Nov. 11-13, 1983.

SR. Pastor Saunders, this weekend we are having a Missionary Conference here at the Milton (Wisconsin) Seventh Day Baptist Church. Can you tell us why this church has brought these missionaries together this weekend?

HS. One of the things that the evangelism committee of our church thought was important was to interest the people in what they have been contributing to, in relationship to Our World Mission (the unified denominational budget). There are nebulous ideas about what the money goes toward and what those contributions are given for, so we felt that it was important to focus attention on people rather than programs.

We felt that if we brought the missionaries here and had the people experience their energy, concern and devotion to Christ, that that interpersonal relationship might go a long way toward helping them to understand that they were a part of the mission effort — not only through their contributions, but through their commitment to Christ as well. I think we are quite often more interested in what is going on when we are involved in interpersonal relationships — when we know the

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people, not just their picture in *The Sabbath Recorder*.

What we have experienced here in the time we've been together has encouraged people to be more conscious of the fact that the people that they work with through missions are wonderful people who have a tremendous faith in Christ.

SR. Leon Lawton: From the point of view of the Missionary Society, how much do Seventh Day Baptists spend on overseas missions and where does the funding come from?

LL. The funding comes as a part of our regular Our World Mission (OWM) budget. About 30% of OWM money comes to the Missionary Society and about 25% of that goes to international missions. About 50% goes toward national missions such as Church Extension Pastors who work to start new congregations in new areas like Atlanta, San Diego, Portland and the San Gabriel Valley where the new church was organized just two weeks ago today. There are also eight missionary pastors at the present time. These pastors serve an area where there is opportunity for growth but a ministry could not be maintained by the small group of people who are there.

Your Missionary Society total budget runs about \$235,000, of which \$85,000 is undesignated current giving and about \$50,000 is designated current giving.

SR. Now for David and Betty Pearson. Can you tell us a little bit about your original decision to become missionaries and when you felt the call to become overseas missionaries?

DP. I think that it was probably while we were in college that we came to see the need. Of course there would be missionaries who would come and give challenges, which no doubt impressed us. The fact that we saw that the need was so great overseas made us become willing to go and then going into pastoral work we weren't truly satisfied. We hoped that the way would open to us. When missionary Ronald H.F. Barrar resigned, it wasn't too long and we did get the invitation. The decision had, more or less, already been made.

SR. When was that?

DP. Back in 1954.

SR. In the past years of work in Malawi, what has been the emphasis in your ministry?

DP. In recent years, the work has been of a general nature. I suppose teaching has been considered the major thrust, yet, for every lesson taught, there would be a whole lot of other things; some quite mundane. It's of interest too, that I haven't felt the need of strong Sabbath promotion, because back at the very beginning the people had the Sabbath. They didn't seem to have much else, as far as a real understanding of the Gospel was concerned. Of course, people can always be taught how better to keep the Sabbath. We're glad to see that some progress has been made in that people have become more open to others within the Body of Christ; whereas at first, it seems that people were quite narrow and felt that well, Seventh Day Baptists will be saved ... and the Adventists but that was about it.

Cont. on page 27.



David and Betty Pearson are our missionaries to Malawi, Africa.

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Deacons and Deaconesses are chosen for life in this church and in most Seventh Day Baptist Churches. The Albion Church has chosen you, Gay and Jerry, to be Deaconess and Deacon of this Church.

The meaning of the word "Deacon" is service. I charge you to serve faithfully and prayerfully in the spirit and strength of Jesus Christ. I charge you, Gay and Jerry, to aid in the work of the Church, to counsel with the pastor at his request, to assist him in the preparation for and the administration of the sacraments, communion and baptism. In the absence of a

pastor you are to lead in all the work of the church and perform many of the pastor's duties. You will aid in visiting of the sick and helping those in need as well as providing leaders for public worship or taking charge of the worship services yourself.

Because a Deacon or Deaconess has such wide responsibilities, he serves best when he leads others into active service. I charge you to make the fellowship of which you are a part, more truly a fellowship of Jesus Christ, to obey the commandments and to take the Bible as your guide in faith and practice.

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Colossians 1:2-12

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It is time for my Statement of Christian Experience. In a way, I wish it could be a part of any service for any of you to share your experience, because I believe a lot of my growth as a Christian has been by just this means — listening to others share their experiences. You may always be able to just listen, be skeptical if you wish, ask questions if you wish, but always you will see more or hear more than what's been said because their individual experiences are very real to them.

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they found anyone. I certainly wouldn't have chosen myself. But they were chosen to help meet the church's daily needs, to free the apostles to prayer and the spreading of the Gospel. I have helped in many ways already, both within and outside of the church. Yet I think of the commitment involved in being on the diaconate. It's scary. A challenge. Above all, it's an honor.

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Most of all, may I tell you now of the one who influenced my growth most? It is indeed an honor to be here, but also an

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But I was fighting shyness in high school. And in searching for a way out, I attended Conference alone in 1971. I learned of the Holy Spirit. I saw the SCSC team of that year. Both were real to me that year, and in the next two years I spent 11 months giving dedicated service, as Jerry had done. It wasn't dumb. I continue to listen to Jerry, not always accepting all he says, but always prompted to study the Bible further, to learn more. In the years since dedicated service, there have been many disappointments. But I also believe that there have been many opportunities to learn of God's

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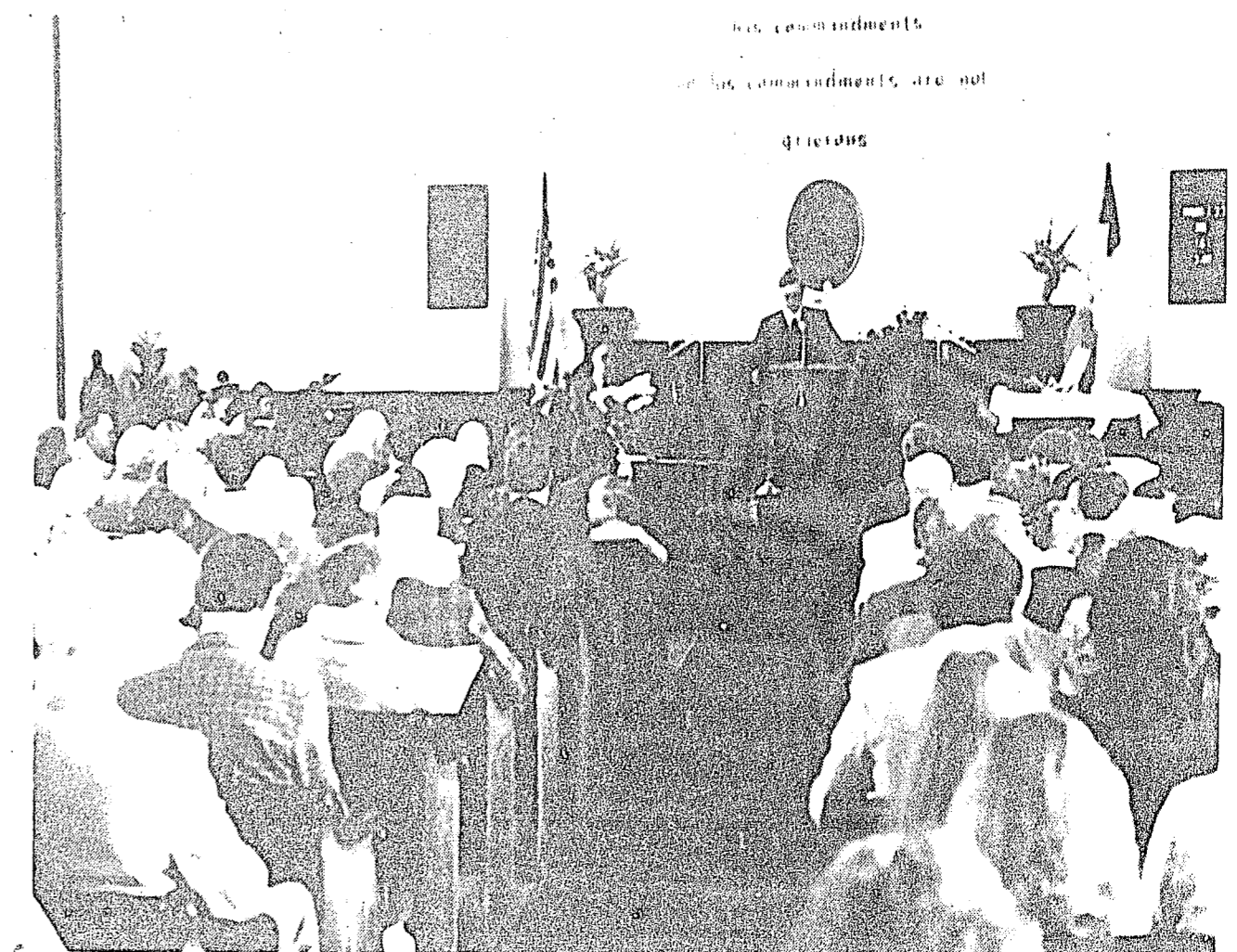
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Birth of a New SDB Church in Sydney

From the Australasia Conference Link

"For Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!"

1 Chron. 16:25

This Scripture perhaps best expresses our thanksgiving as the doors of the neat, modern chapel in Regents Park swung open for the first Sabbath worship service of the newly formed Seventh Day Baptist church in metropolitan Sydney.

Although the 30 worshippers included 11 of the longer established SDB Warrimoo Fellowship, who came here in support of this first meeting, it was evident that the Lord is calling new people with a new vision and youthful enthusiasm and dedication to carry on the witness for Christ in this big Australian city.

Thanks be to God who called Graham and Margaret Duffin to lead this new venture of faith. Graham is a young business executive with four years Gospel radio broadcasting experience in the U.S.A. and Sydney. His wife, Margaret, is a daughter of missionary parents in Papua-New Guinea, speaks two native languages, likes music and is at present working in the city as a secretary. They were expecting their first child in November.

The Duffins were the first to reply to our SDB newspaper advertisement about two years ago when they were on the air each Sunday night with their "Good News Forum" on 2SER-FM in Sydney. Our friendship was renewed in August 1983 when we invited Graham to preach to the Warrimoo Fellowship. This was also the time when the radio station suddenly allocated him a very inconvenient time sector for

his Gospel broadcast, and he strongly felt that the Lord has other plans for him and his co-workers and supporters.

Believing strongly in the priesthood of all believers, they had at first thought of organizing an "independent" Sabbath-keeping church. However, after examining the framework within which the SDB churches operate — of mutual commitment in witness for Christ, upholding of basic Christian doctrines, autonomy of the local church and caring support of each member — they came to certain conclusions, as quoted from Brother Duffin's circular letter: "...After studying the various independent fellowship groups, I concluded we would be better placed by being

identified with the Seventh Day Baptists, as we would then become a part of their worldwide fellowship and could mutually support one another. In addition, Seventh Day Baptists, who emerged as a part of the English Reformation in 1617, have no binding creed to which members must subscribe, with each church being autonomous and determining under the Lordship of Christ its own program and work."

The Regents Park chapel (former Uniting Church), where now the SDB meetings are held, is situated near the geographical centre of Sydney and only a 10-minute walk from the nearest railway station. The immediate vicinity is a typical open Austra-

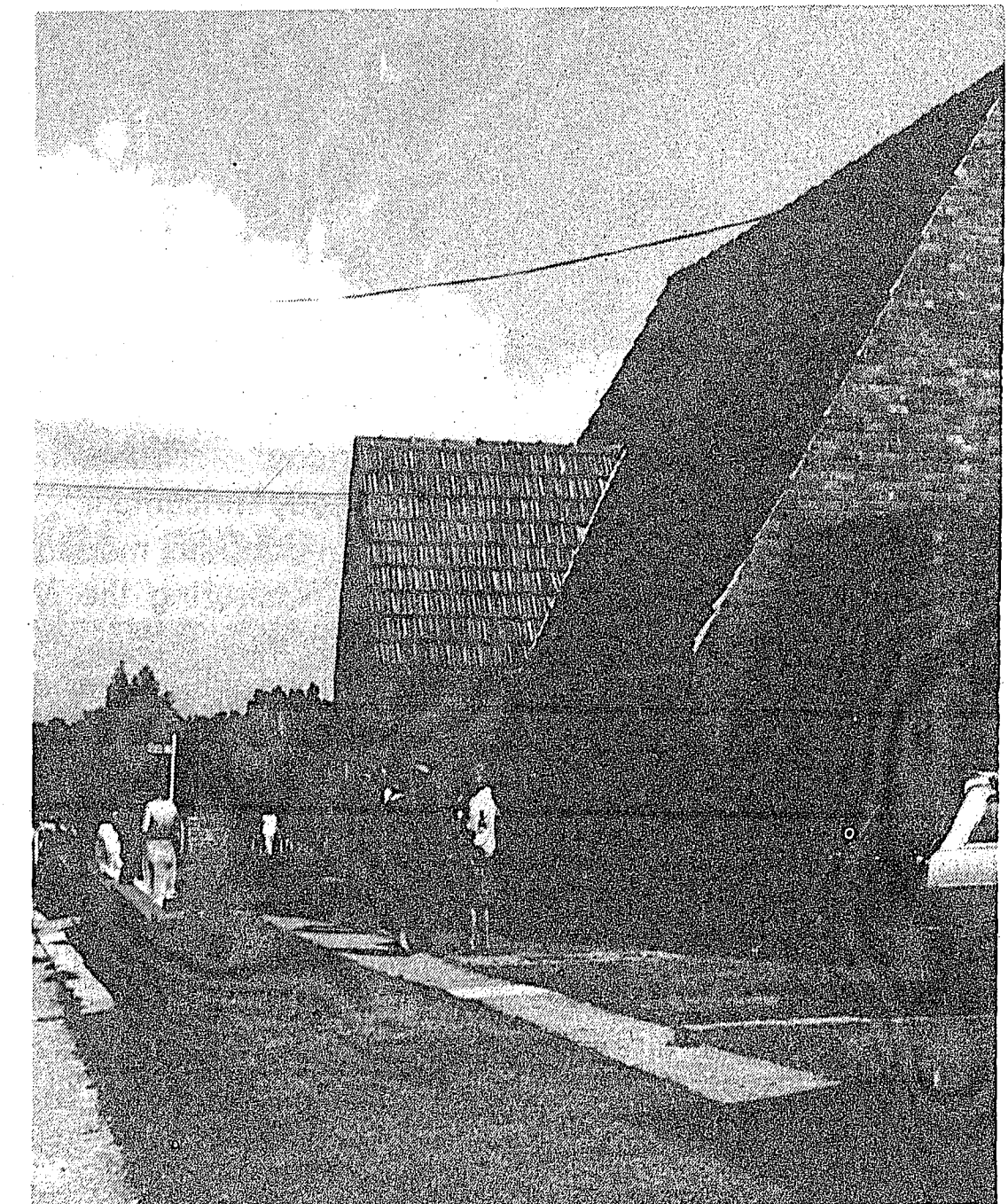
The new congregation at Sydney, Australia, and friends from the Warrimoo fellowship.



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(Left) Graham and Margaret Duffin. (Right) The Regents Park Chapel where the Sydney church is meeting.



lian suburbia with colourful front gardens and a large golf course nearby. The first Sabbath service started with lively chorus singing and a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. The Bible Study was led by Brother S. Kube, from the epistle to Romans 1:1-9. We learned that by becoming committed servants of Jesus Christ, we are now receiving "apostleship" to a worldwide service in calling people to obedience to the faith.

Brother Graham Duffin preached on the very befitting subject "The Open Door", from Rev. 3:8; how the Lord is opening now a new door of witness and this is now our opportunity which we must take up, as it may never return. The worship service was beautified by musical items by Sisters Vicky and Marianne Kube

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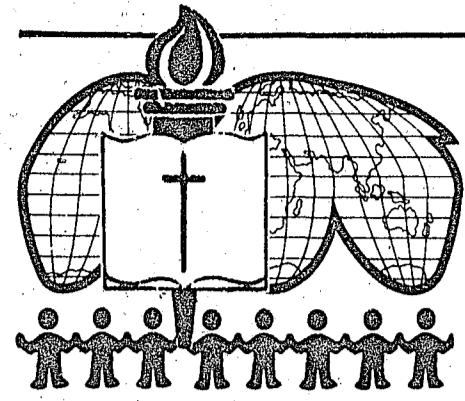
and Sister Margaret Duffin. Also, the floral offering was pleasing to behold. Then followed a fellowship lunch in the hall, where we had the opportunity to get acquainted with each other.

At 2 p.m., there followed a discussion meeting chaired by Brother Duffin, which had the purpose to define the most

urgent needs of the young church and its immediate goals and the way to reach them.

Right from the start, it was apparent that the new congregation, placed "under the Lordship of Christ", has a great potential for growth.

At this stage, the Warrimoo Fellowship will continue its services and program in the Blue Mountains (about 65 km. from Regents Park), but it was decided to hold a combined Lord's Supper service on the 22nd of October and, from then on, to have combined worship services about every six weeks. However, the details of a further evangelistic program have still to be worked out. "Behold, I have set before thee an OPEN DOOR, and no man can shut it!" Rev. 3:8 Praise the Lord!



Our Escape to Wisconsin

President's Page

by Leland E. Davis
President, General Conference

The "Parade of Banners" will begin the opening of our General Conference on Sunday evening, August 5, 1984, as we joyfully celebrate a week of "Life Together in Christ" on the campus of Beloit College in southern Wisconsin. Each church across the continent, including Canada, is encouraged to create a banner which will depict how we are now "Building the Body of Christ". Each evening message will disclose a facet of our Conference theme:

- Monday — "Quality Leadership in Body Building"
- Tuesday — "Body Building through the Ministry of Love"
- Wednesday — "Maturity — the Goal in Body Building"
- Thursday — "Equipping for Evangelism"

Friday — "Sabbath Blessings for Body Enrichment"

On Sabbath morning we will be "Measuring the Maturity of the Body", while in the afternoon we will gather around the Lord's Table in loving remembrance of him in his "Life Giving Blood for the Body".

Each weekday Bible study will shed further light on the Lord's plan and purpose in building up his Body, the Church:

- Monday — "Body Building Through Prayer"
- Tuesday — "Body Building Through the Word"
- Wednesday — "Faith's Nourishment for Body Building"
- Thursday — "Preparing for Works of Service"
- Friday — "Family Life in Body Building"

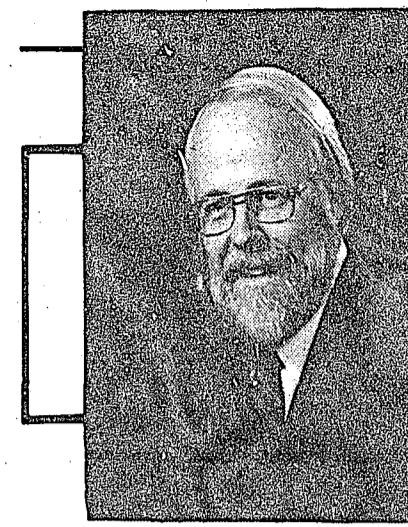
Growing up whole in a breaking down world is not easy. Most every afternoon at Conference we will hold a Biblical-based seminar on love and marriage. Teens and adults will communicate about the quality of Christian family life and how it can be strengthened in today's society.

Anniversaries will be celebrated with the Centennial Banquet of the Women's Society and the twentieth year of the Summer Christian Service Corps. "Singing and Making Melody" throughout Conference week on campus at Beloit will strengthen Christ's body. Anthems of praise to God and songs of testimony and experience will make his body of people mighty in faith and fervent in love. On Sabbath Eve the Conference choir, under the direction of Ann Williams, will present a concert in which "Streams of Caring Become a Pool of Love".

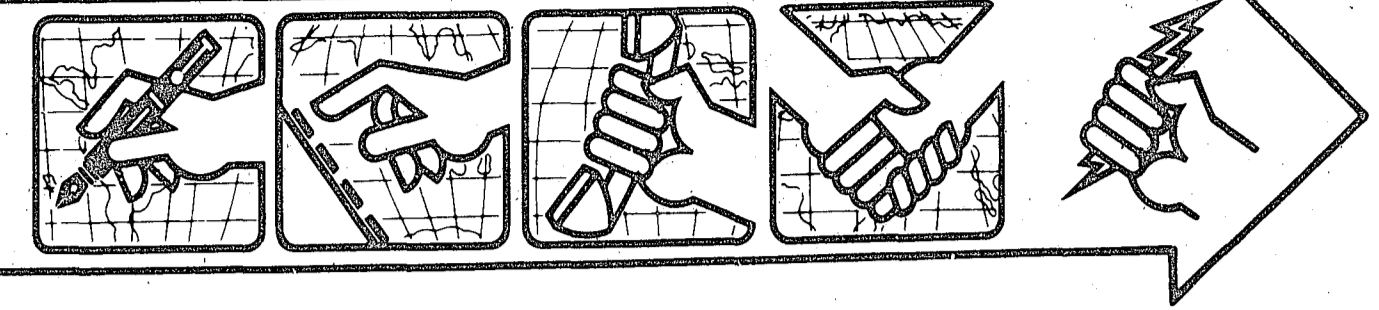
There is more — much more in store for you at Conference '84. Make plans now to participate in a Body Building exercise of faith, hope and love at Beloit. See you there on the campus August 5-11. Remember, *Christ loved the church (his body) and gave Himself up for her to make her holy ...* (Ephesians 5:25). He feeds and cares for her. *We are members of His body.* (v. 30). What are we now doing for each other? How much are we building each other up? Won't you let us know through the pages of our monthly magazine, *The Sabbath Recorder*? This is the "Year of Nurture"! □

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Dale D. Thorngate, Executive Secretary



West Coast Churches — Alive and Growing

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *'The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel — which means, God with us.'*
Matthew 1:22-23

The words are so familiar. It is the God-with-us time of year! As I reflect on the recent extended trip that Janet and I made to our West Coast churches, the theme thread that runs throughout the experience is that of new life, new birth. God is with us!

We shared in the joy of two baptismal services and in the birth of a new church, in the receiving of new pastors and of new members into the Body of Christ. The sense of God's spirit working among his people was even more thrilling than the still sense of wonder at his natural creation across those nearly 9,000 miles.

Hiking on a high trail in the Montana Rockies, we came face to face with a mother mountain goat and her two kids; their pure white wool aglow in the afternoon sun. They were gorgeous. Yet more beautiful was the radiance on the face of a young mother who told of her experience of new life in Christ and the rejoicing of a whole church family in the baptism of a teenage boy.

Our trip actually began in Minnesota; a breakfast visit with George and Lanette Calhoun in St. Paul where George has begun seminary at Bethel Theological School. They are already much involved with Pastor Paul Osborn and the Dodge Center church, making the two-hour trip

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weekly with their two small children.

It is not only the sky that's big as you cross North Dakota and Montana, but we arrived in Spokane, Washington in time to begin the Sabbath with the fellowship there. They meet in a lovely garden setting in Manio Park. We shared with these four

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family groups in worship and Bible study, a fellowship meal, and a time to show our slide program, *SDBs Today — USA and Canada*, with opportunity for questions and discussion. Then Sunday and Monday we visited in their individual homes — a pattern we repeated in nearly every church visit.

Our purpose in the trip was primarily to listen. General Conference adopted a new state-

ment of purpose. I wanted to meet with small groups, to sit down and talk informally about how those in denominational offices can best "assist the churches in their task of making disciples of Jesus Christ."

Our four days in Seattle began with Pastor Duane and Katherine Davis, a meal between packing for their move to Los Angeles. We found our host, youth pastor Tom Brown, equally involved with the young people. After visits in several homes and small groups, we spent a gloriously full Sabbath: worship, receiving of new members, communion, our program, fellowship dinner, pulpit committee, baptism, and an old-fashioned box social! Like San Diego at the opposite tip of the association, Seattle is reassessing its gifts and resources in the process of calling a new pastor. Strong, qualified leadership, we are acutely aware, is perhaps our most urgent need.

In Portland, Oregon, most of the following week, we put miles on the car retracing Pastor Justin Camenga's well-worn

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COM Works on Certificate Pastor Training Program

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministry held its annual meeting on October 10-11 at the Center in Janesville, Wis., under the leadership of Leland W. Bond, chairman. The Council considered a lengthy agenda. All of the members were present: Ernest K. Bee, Jr., C. Rex Burdick, Mabel E. Cruzan, Russell G. Johnson and Edgar F. Wheeler.

The major consideration of the meeting was the request of the General Conference for development of a lay-minister training program. Out of extensive study and discussion, writing and revising, the Council developed the "Certificate Pastor Training Program" with this statement of purpose:

"The purpose of the Certificate Pastor Training Program is to provide basic preparation for non-seminary trained persons for pastoral leadership in Seventh Day Baptist churches. The program is designed to equip bivocational, second career, and retired persons to serve effectively as pastors of local congregations. The program is not designed to replace a quality seminary education."

The plan includes two phases—an Exploratory Training phase, which is designed to assist individuals in exploring their call and training; and the Certificate Training phase. Guidelines were developed for admission requirements and procedures, areas to be included in the curriculum and requirements for a certificate. Financial aspects were dealt with, as well as administration and supervision of the program.

14 "The Council recognizes that the Certificate Pastor Training

Program is a major undertaking," said Dean J. Paul Green. "Its work thus far is only a beginning. The Council plans that during the coming months the program will be refined and initiated."

Other major concerns of the meeting included approval of guidelines for Pastoral Counselors for our theological students. The introduction to the guidelines states, "The student in consultation with the Dean shall select an accredited Seventh Day Baptist minister to serve as personal counselor. This pastoral counselor shall reside in the area of the seminary in order to provide frequent consultation and support for the student."

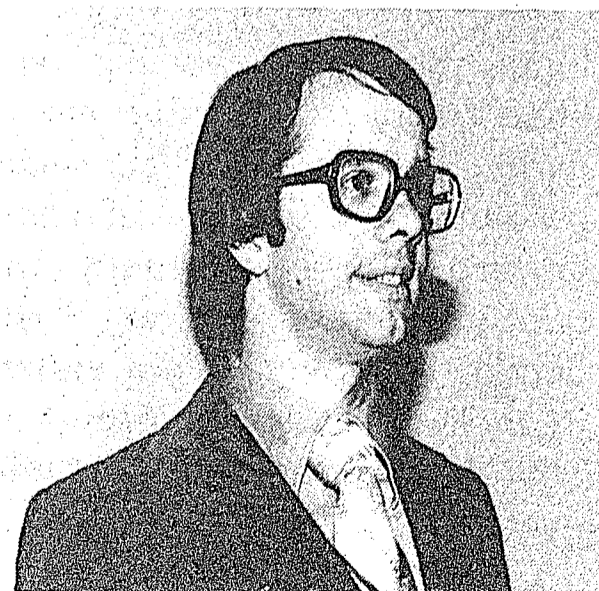
A working paper was developed entitled, "Pastoral Candidates from Other Denominations." This is designed to help us deal effectively with the increasing

numbers of new contacts who are interested in becoming Seventh Day Baptist pastors. The heart of the program is an orientation program to be carried out under the direction of an accredited Seventh Day Baptist pastor who will serve as supervisor. This working paper will be recommended to the 1984 General Conference as a replacement for a guideline adopted by Conference in 1971.

Another concern of the Council on Ministry was a projection of future needs for pastors for our churches and the realization that far more pastors will be needed than are currently preparing for service. The Council emphasized that our local congregations and pastors must be the chief identifiers and inspirers of future leaders for Seventh Day Baptists. □

Steven Crouch Accepts Call To Bay Area Church

Rev. Steven Crouch accepted the call of the Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church, California, and moved to the San Francisco area with his wife Rebecca and



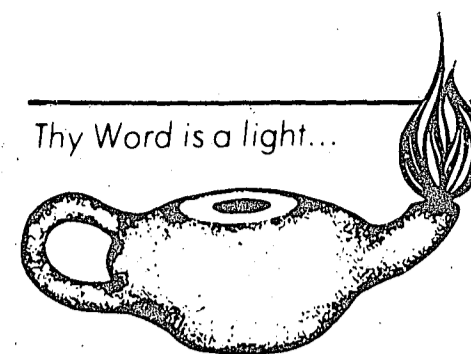
Rev. Steven Crouch

two daughters early in November. For the past four years he has served as pastor of the churches in Hebron, Pa., and Little Genesee, N.Y.

Crouch is a graduate of Milton College, Milton, Wis., and of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D. He was ordained by the Hebron and Genesee churches in 1980 and is fully accredited by the General Conference.

His earlier denominational work included two years with the Light Bearers for Christ singing team (1972-74) and two years of dedicated service at the denominational building in Plainfield, N.J. (1969-71). □

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Thy Word is a light...

Board of Christian Education

Mrs. Mary Clare

Day of Prayer & Fasting

January 15, 1984

Prayer: A Road to God

Every Christian is concerned with evangelism. This day of Prayer and Fasting is dedicated to the evangelizing of the family, a part of **responsible parenting** in the Christian home.

Evangelistic prayer is a soul's desire expressed for other souls to a Creator who cares, a Lord who loves.

After several days of considering roads that are open to our lives and souls here on earth, you are now invited to consider prayer as the road over which to carry our souls' concerns to God, particularly the souls of family members.

You are also invited to pray and fast as an expression of the concern of the whole person, soul and body, for the souls of those you love. □

Revival Begins with Prayer

"Our generation has yet to see prayer as a ministry, and to take God at His Word on this subject. It is while we pray that God works, if we can but see Him — not merely before, or after prayer. Our idea is, Let us pray, and then get on with the work. But prayer is our real work. We so often think of prayer as a prefix or a suffix to an otherwise busy round. But God's works are wrought as we pray and while we pray."

Daytona Beach Sentinel, 1983

Menu for Day of Prayer & Fasting

Nourishment for our Souls

All meals to be accompanied by PRAYER and MEDITATION.

Breakfast:

Read Matthew 6:1-18 and Psalm 108:1-5

Coffee Break:

Read Psalms 139:1-6

Lunch:

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Afternoon Break:

Read Matthew 6:31-34

Dinner:

Psalm 63

Bedtime Snack:

Ephesians 4:25-32

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Fasting is a way to step out of the ordinary routines of the day; it gives a dimension to personal worship which is achieved in no other way. Fasting is an exercise in self-discipline, a giving up on one of the basic needs of life as a sacrifice to God.

To be a rewarding and worshipful experience, there should be a purpose to which the time is dedicated. The suggested focus of this day is *Evangelizing of the Family* as a part of 1984 Year of Nurture's theme: *Responsible Parenting*.

Family Worship Celebration

by Mayola Warner

Evangelism

XI Evangelism

We believe that Jesus Christ by his life and ministry and his final command to the disciples, commissions us to promote evangelism, missions, and religious education, and that it is through these agencies that the church must promote Christianity throughout the whole world and in all human relationships.

Two candles are lighted:

One for Jesus, the light of the world. One for our family, HIS light in our world.

While some read:

John 8:12

Followed by a song:

"This Little Light of Mine," or "The Light of the World is Jesus."

Leader:

Let's turn our thoughts completely on God now as we take turns sharing a Bible "name" for either the Father, Son or Holy Spirit. We can do this alphabetically — He is Almighty, Beloved, Counselor, etc.

Tonight we are going to center our thoughts on spreading the Light of the Gospel to our world.

Someone reads:

Matthew 5:14-16 and Matthew 9:35-38.

Role Play:

I. Two family members are out on a church visitation team and visit a casual friend's home. Demonstrate how you would share the Gospel.

II. Have other family members act out sharing the Gospel in an everyday setting, ie. at a store, school playground or lunchroom.

Leader:

Read Matthew 28:16-20

We can see from the Scriptures



that evangelism isn't an option. All believers are expected to be alert to the opportunities and willing to share the wonderful "good news" when and wherever we can.

Let's pray now and ask the Lord to make us shine out for him. To be "ready, willing and

able." (Family joins hands as each one prays conversationally.)

Songs:

With a continuing sense of prayer and dedication, close family worship time with a familiar chorus like "Spirit of the Living God." □

Jamaica Conference Grows

A group of approximately 35 members, including children, was added as another link to the Jamaica Conference. The group gained recognition on Conference Sabbath, July 24, 1983. The right hand of fellowship was extended to them by President V.R. Smith.

The Rosemount group, under the leadership of Sister Mary Harris, accepted the Sabbath truth from a series of Sabbath messages preached on the radio program, *The Word of Truth*.

For approximately one year, the Blue Mountain Church worked with them upon their affiliation to the Conference in July. The church continues to be guided in the denomination beliefs and polity.

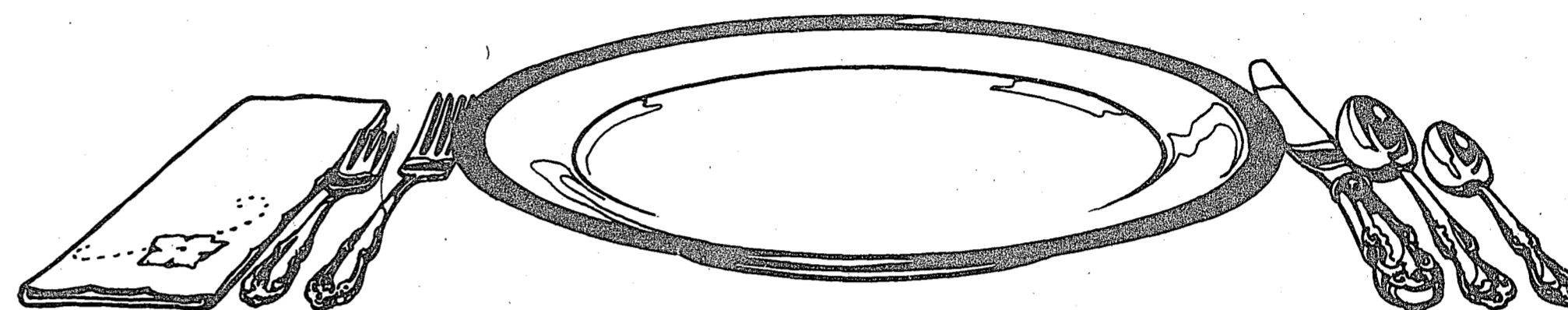
"We thank God for these brethren," says *Sabbath Recorder* reporter Prudence E. Robinson. "With their evangelistic background, we know that others will soon join them. Everyone is asked to pray for the work in Jamaica." □

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Young Adult Interests

Day of Prayer and Fasting

January 15, 1984



The choice of participation in the denominational Day of Prayer and Fasting is a personal decision; those persons who have participated the last two years have been rewarded by the experience; churches whose members as a whole have joined in observing the day have been blessed and have received solutions to special problems.

There are several ways in which a church as a body can take part in the plan which was adopted by General Conference.

1. The members could meet for an early morning "Soul Food" breakfast consisting of prayer, scripture, sharing concerns and meditation before going about the regular tasks of the day.

2. The members of the congregation could culminate the day by meeting together for a celebration sharing blessings and breaking the fast by having a light supper together.

3. The 24 hour prayer vigil held by some churches could start January 14 and end January 15. If more than one person joined for a time period, the session would be profitable.

4. Families might start the day with prayer and Bible study, then continue in an attitude of prayer through the day.

5. Individuals who cannot meet with church groups, would find it rewarding to observe the day and share the blessings at a

later date.

We would be happy to receive reports from churches or individuals who participate in the program. Tell us about blessings received from the Week of Prayer and the Day of Prayer and Fasting.

Resource material, a booklet *A Study of Prayer and Fasting* and a tri-fold which gives five topics

for meditation: *Forgiveness, Personal Spiritual Renewal, Prayer Ministry of Your Local Church, and Proclaim the Sabbath*, are available from the Board of Christian Education, Inc., 15 S. Main St., Alfred, N.Y. 14802.

The Year of Nurture — 1984 — Responsible Parenting Series. SDB Board of Christian Education, Inc. □

Book Review

Play and Pray — A guide to Family Worship

In *Play and Pray*, Donald S. and Nancy S. Whitehouse share their experiences holding family worship with their four children. They discovered that praying and playing are a part of children's natural world and can be incorporated into special times of worship.

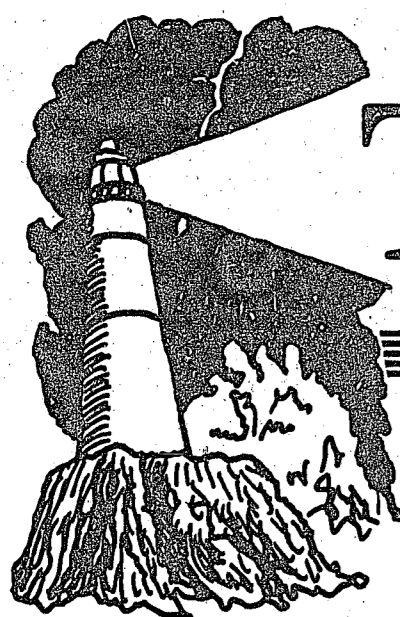
The authors explain how family worship provides blessings which are not readily attained through corporate structures. There is also a discussion of where, when and how spontaneous worship may occur and how to respond.

The major portion of the book gives patterns for family worship which include: stories, games,

scripture and snack suggestions for several sessions. There are also stories around which devotions can be planned.

If your family needs help in starting regular worship experiences with children, you may borrow *Play and Pray* from the Board of Christian Education, Inc. 15 South Main St., Alfred, N.Y. 14802

Whitehouse, Donald S. and Nancy S., *Play and Pray*. Broadman press, Nashville, TN 1979 188p. □



THE BEACON

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For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

December 1983

My Summer in Summer Christian Service Corps

by Paul Andries

It was a thrilling experience being in Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC). When you are planning to go into SCSC for the first time, you might be a bit nervous because you don't know exactly what to expect. It is like having a mountain top experience, without experiencing the mountain top yourself.

My first assignment was being a teacher at a Bible Club for kids ages three through 12. Working with kids was the last thing I had wanted to do, but I praise God and lift his name up for being the God that he is and I also praise him for leading me into battle and making my project successful.

Sometimes you can get placed in a situation that you think you cannot handle. When you are working for the King, God, you should not be afraid of the work or the chore that is assigned, for God would not put you in a position that you cannot handle. I know, as a fact, that God will put me in a position where I will serve him best and he will do the same for all of his children.

Being an SCSC worker this summer gives me the self assurance that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). I am less afraid to speak about my Savior and what he is doing for me.

It was said that SCSC is a life-changing experience. YES, it is, but each individual must be spiritually prepared to live every moment for Christ. I really believe that SCSC is a good idea; thus it will help prepare our

young people for the outside world. I will also recommend each youth to dedicate his or her summer, at least one summer. Try it for yourself! The only way to walk is Jesus' way and SCSC is Jesus' way.

Because of the experiences I had this summer, I am considering Youth Ministry. I believe that God has led me into SCSC, in order for me to see what he wants me to do.

SCSC gives me the opportunity to travel, meet new people, make new friends, have the mountain top experience, and best of all, I usually get the support that I need to live the Christian life. SCSC does offer

all of these things, but there are some requirements. It means becoming a servant. One must

do all the chores to the best of your ability and more. An SCSC worker is very patient, kind, never jealous, nor boastful.

Being a worker really gave me the opportunity to talk to God. Really talk to him! Really feel his love! After one summer in Summer Christian Service Corps., there should be no doubt that Jesus Christ is Lord and he is alive and well.

The best way you could spend your summer is to dedicate it to the Lord through Summer Christian Service Corps. □

Submitted by Alaiki Renee Harris

God's Job for You

by Paul Lawrence Dunbar

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do,
I said "You get somebody else — or wait till I get through."

I don't know how the Lord came out, but He seemed to get along
But I felt kind of sneaking like I knew I had done wrong.

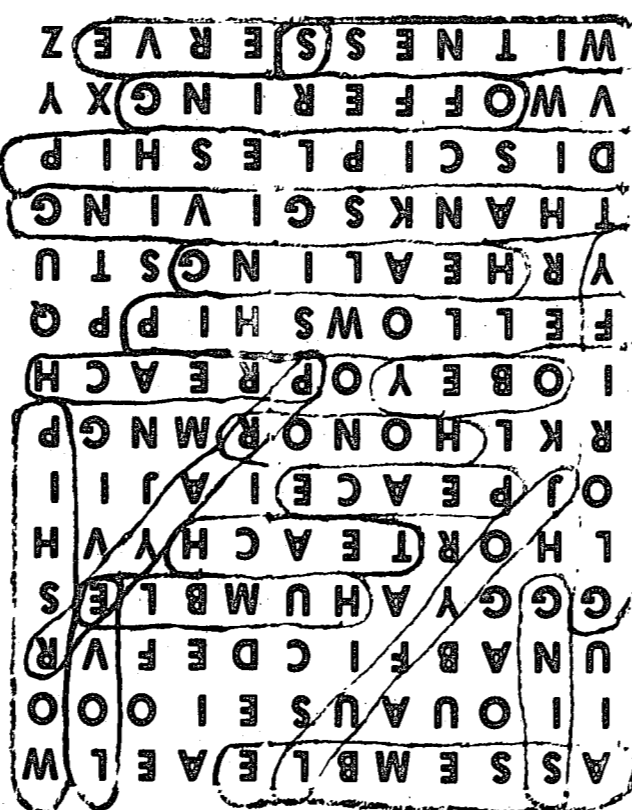
One day I needed the Lord, needed Him myself — needed Him right away
And he never answered me at all, but I could hear Him say,

Down in my accusing heart,
"I have too much to do;
You get somebody else, or wait until I get through."

Now, when the Lord, He have a job for me,
I never tries to shirk,
I drops what I have on hand and does the good Lord's work.

And my affairs can run along, or wait till I get through.
Nobody else can do the job God's marked out for you.

This issue of *The Beacon* was prepared by the Washington, D.C. Youth Fellowship.



KEY

Dear Jesus

by Samuel S. A. B. Yesuratnam

Dear Jesus, how I love you;
You know that it is true.

Dear Jesus, how you love me;
I know that you're true blue!

Dear Jesus, how I love you.

Dear Jesus, how you love me.

Dear Jesus, how we love each other is true!

Camp Joy, 1983; Surely, The Best of Times

Camp Joy, 1983; Berea, West Virginia — Senior Camp. Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy! It was fantastic! Under the direction of Pastor Ken Chroniger of the Central Church in Maryland, it was a great fun-filled experience as well as a spiritual one, too. There was also Pastor Dave Taylor from West Virginia who shuffled as he walked his way into our hearts, letting us know what God would want us to do on the Sabbath. Then there was Pastor Ken Van Horn from Florida who couldn't get his mind off of fishing and the 30 gallons of orange juice in his refrigerator (which is probably 10 gallons by now). And as always, there was Debbie Kagarise: constantly, but lovingly reminding us to speak no evil, see no evil, nor hear no evil. The lessons mainly covered "Witnessing for Christ" and "The Sabbath."

There were only 12 campers this year, and most agreed that it was the best. The food by far was the best so far, thanks to the cooks, Margaret Taylor and Terry Van Horn. From a great breakfast Danish, to a fish fillet done to perfection and the fudge brownies and cookies.

Well, the memories are fond, but fleeting; but one thing remains the same — "They were surely the best of times!" □

Washington, D.C. Y.F. News

The Washington, D.C., Y.F. is trying to start meeting as a group again. We have about 10 people. Last December we elected Te-Ann Andries as our president. We helped do special music and the children's message for our Christmas service. In February, we invited the Central SDB YF to join us for a pizza party and to

start plans for the Spring Youth Retreat. We worked hard to show others what God can do for them; and in the months to come our YF will try to do more things for the Lord. Most of the people in our YF plan to go to the Youth Retreat in West Virginia. Our YF plans to meet every first and third Sabbath of the month. □

Things to Do on the Sabbath

by Te Ann Andries

A S S E M B L E A E L W
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| discipleship | praise | sing | witness |
| assemble | prayer | love | teach |
| fellowship | joyful | glorify | serve |
| worship | peace | obey | |
| healing | humble | give | |

Racco's Sabbath School Lesson



Here is one of Racco's Sabbath School papers.

- God made our world.
God made everything to be good for us.
God cares for us.
God wants us to be his children.
God gave us Jesus to show us how to live.
Jesus teaches us how to talk with God.
Color the X's red to see what we may call God.

A grid-based coloring page with 'X' marks scattered across it for coloring.

In Matthew 6:9, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven."

Scripture references for the parents' information: Gen. 1:31; 6:5, 6; Romans 8:14-17; John 1:12; 3:16, 17; Matthew 11:25-27; 6:9; 6:25-32.

College's Oldest Buildings Sold

Goodrich Hall, oldest of the original Milton College buildings, will be the "Goodrich Guild For Artists and Craftsmen."

by Pete Rosenberg from The Milton Courier

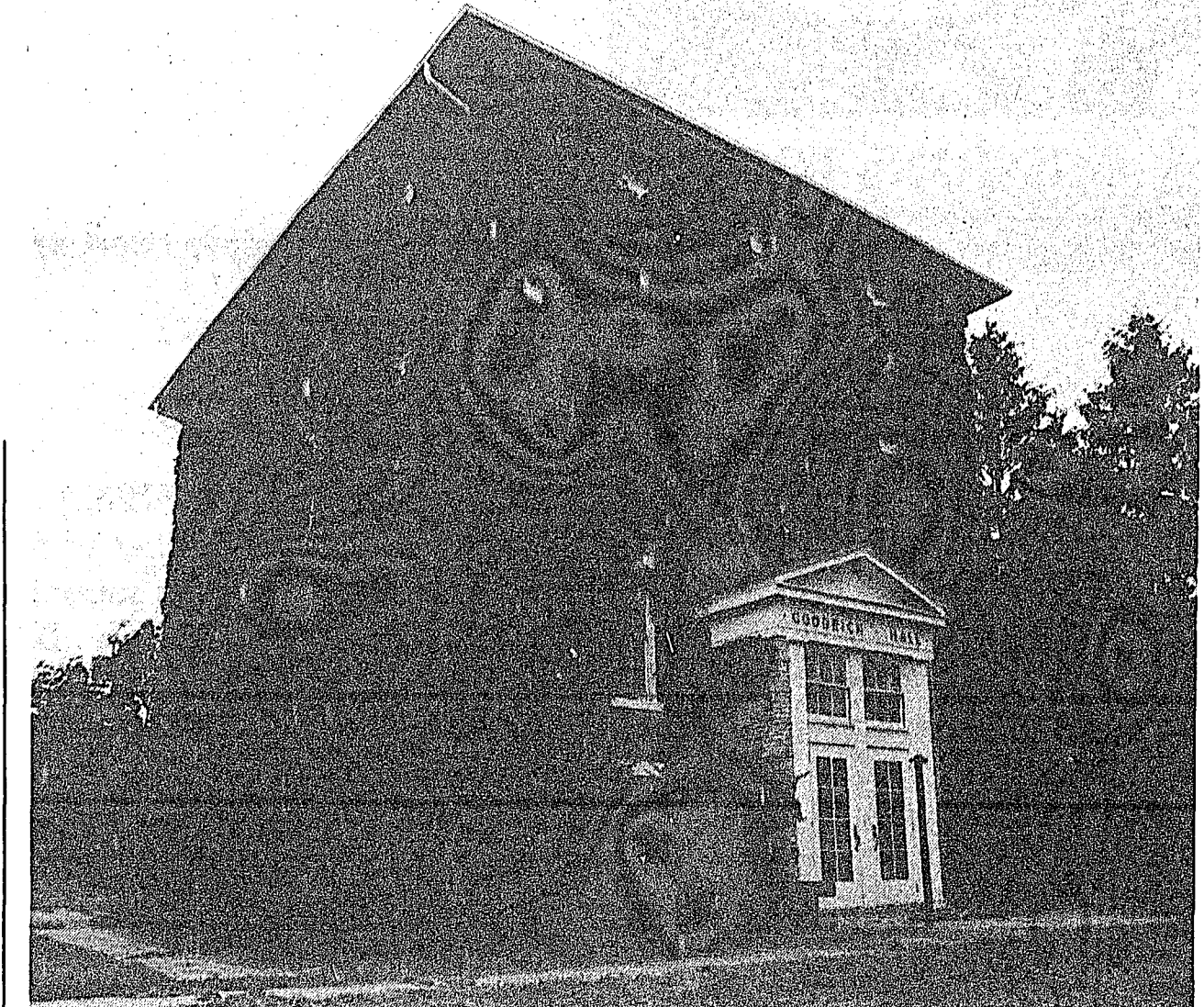
The brick fortresses overlooking College Street received new life this week. Two of the oldest buildings on the Milton College campus were purchased by local women and a deal to purchase a third is currently in the making.

Ron Ochs of the Bank of Wisconsin in Janesville accepted bids on Whitford Hall from Chuck and Bea Niles and on Goodrich Hall from Dennis and Judy Scheehle and is considering offers on Main Hall from the New Alumni Association of Milton College, Inc., it was learned Tuesday.

"We're really excited about the prospects of fixing up the buildings," said Judy Scheehle, "and even more so because if everything goes as planned, this whole end of the campus will be coordinated into a historic district which would benefit the entire community."

The Scheehles plan to renovate the 24-room, three-story building into the Goodrich Guild for Artists and Craftsmen, with studios and shops available for rent by interested locals. The Niles, owners of The Wickery, already have agreements with several antique dealers to set up shop in Whitford Hall and are considering using some of the 10,000 square foot building for auction shops.

"Even though there is a lot to do, we expect to be open by late spring or early summer in



1984," said Bea Niles.

"We have our grand opening scheduled for May 21," added Judy Scheehle. "That will be the second anniversary of the closing

"This whole end of the campus will be coordinated into a historic district which would benefit the entire community."

of the college."

Negotiations are also continuing between the bank and representatives of the New Alumni Association of Milton College, Inc., according to member Maxine Harris. If purchased by the group, Main Hall would become the center of the district, housing a museum of college memorabilia and meeting rooms. It was also learned that Janesville Little Theater is seriously

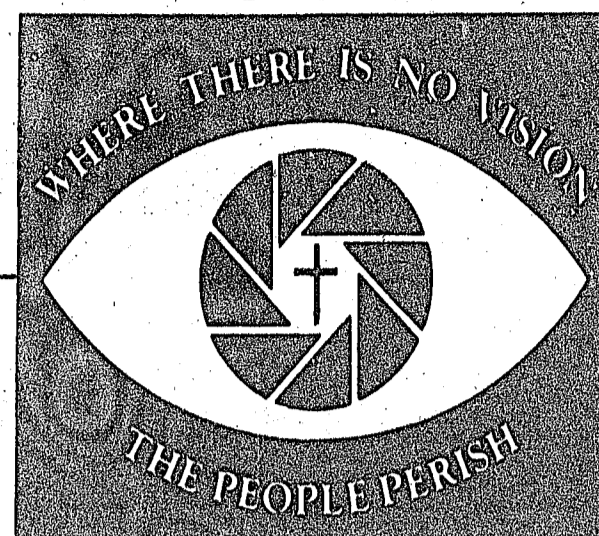
considering the purchase of the Daland Fine Arts Center as a permanent home for the theater group.

Built in 1857 as part of the original Milton Academy, Goodrich Hall is the oldest of the three buildings. Main Hall was erected one year before the charter for the college was formed, in 1866. Whitford Hall was constructed in 1904 and houses the furnace system which services all three buildings.

The college closed because of financial difficulties in 1982 and the entire campus went up for sale a short time later. Sale of individual buildings began last month but the purchases made this week represent the first portion of the campus to be sold.

"Both the heating and the water pipes represent the major concerns in renovations," explained Judy Scheehle, "and we've got a lot of broken windows to repair. But the whole project is so positive in terms of historical restoration and what it can do for Milton that we can't wait to get started."

FOCUS



MISSIONS TODAY

by Leon R. Lawton

New Clinic in Malawi

SANDAMA CLINIC, MALAWI — The need for more facilities at this branch medical work of the Central Africa Conference is being met by making of bricks and gathering materials by local people and a grant of \$1,200 from the Missionary Board hospital-medical fund. These funds will provide roofing, windows, cement and other items. It is hoped that a resident Medical Assistant can minister in Sandama for patients from both Malawi and neighboring Mozambique. □

Cyclone Hits India

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE, INDIA—Cyclonic rain hit the Indian coast on October 5 and 6, especially affecting the Krishna and Visakapatnam districts which included the city of Guntur. "In this cyclone, nearly 5,000 houses of only poor collapsed belonging to Harijans and Christians, making a great loss for poor people. Some SDB churches collapsed," wrote B. John V. Rao in his first letter. Later clippings told of vast damage and the visit of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to the area on October 11. This is the area where there are six SDB centers-field associations. □

New Work In Mozambique

MOZAMBIQUE, EAST AFRICA — Pastor A.L. Benesse writes of the necessity to organize a separate organization of Seventh Day Baptists. This work has been carried on as a mission of the Central Africa Conference of SDB for several decades. He also wrote, "In our Province we have three new places where we have opened new gatherings." They continue to receive Portuguese literature and Sabbath School helps from the Convention in Brazil. □

St. Petersburg SDB Group

SAINT PETERSBURG, FL — A "branch church" of Daytona Beach, Fla., has been established in this gulf coast city. The Robert Coffman family, believing in the Sabbath as God's Holy Day from personal study of the Bible, has been looking for about two years for those of like faith. They came in contact with SDB's through calling a Rhode Island telephone operator who put their call through to the Westerly church. Since September they have been meeting in the Baptist Church of the Beatitudes, 8th St. N. and 28th Ave. On October 7th, over 40 from the West Coast of Florida gathered with them in an area fellowship. Hymnbooks from the Rockville, Rhode Island church have been given for their use. □

Bonds to Florida

FLORIDA OPEN DOORS ENTERED—Leland and Lettie Bond have been praying for some years about a ministry following their retirement. The Daytona Beach church has called them to Florida to help with the several new groups and growing contacts! We understand they have sold their home in Clarksburg, W.Va. and moved to Florida in the middle of October. Pray for them and their new ministries! □

Cameroon Church Awaits Registration

CAMEROON, WEST AFRICA — Registration of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Cameroon is still pending, writes Rev. John M. Mpacko. Until there is official registration with the government it is not possible to hold meetings or seek to minister. Continue to pray for our brethren there. □

Crouch to Serve Bay Area

BAY AREA, CA— Rev. Steven Crouch began service as a Missionary Pastor in this large urban area in November. Executive Vice President Leon R. Lawton visited the church on November 5th to discuss further coordination and outreach ministries in 1984. □

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A Prayer Reminder for Each Day

January 1984

Verse for the Month: "And He is the Head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence." Colossians 1:18

Pray For:

1. Christ being first in our lives during 1984
2. The lay ministry of Doug Williams (of Atlanta) in Korea
3. Missionary Pastor Steven Crouch, Bay Area, Calif.
4. The new SDB church in Sydney, Australia
5. The goal to pay for the SDB Center property by June 30th.
6. Pastor Peat and Lynch and brethren in the English churches
7. The health of Pastor Verne Wright & family, Brookfield, N.Y.
8. Seventh Day Baptist Week of Prayer — worldwide!
9. Our Memorial Fund Trustees in their responsibilities
10. Pastors and leaders in the Australasian SDB Conference
11. The new branch church in St. Petersburg, Fla.
12. Medical Director, Rev. O.B. Manani Phiri, Malawi, Africa
13. Ministry of student-pastor Everett Dickinson, Marlboro, N.J.
14. Our oneness in Christ & his Sabbath — SDB World Federation
15. The time of prayer and fasting held in many SDB churches
16. The ministries of Leland and Lettie Bond in Florida
17. Our brethren in the Polish and Czech. sister churches
18. New leadership for churches and groups across America
19. Pastor A.L. Benesse and brethren in Mozambique, East Africa
20. Those yet seeking to "find" Seventh Day Baptists
21. Ministry of new pastor Jerry Vaught, Centralia, Wash.
22. Missionary Board Meeting, Westerly, R.I.
23. Registration of SDB ministry in The Cameroons, West Africa
24. Effective use of tracts & literature to reach people for Christ
25. Widows of our late pastors
26. Our brethren in So. Africa & Transkei who proclaim the Word
27. The new church in San Gabriel Valley, Calif.
28. My pastor as he ministers the Word this Sabbath
29. Ministry of new pastor Art Rowe in Paint Rock, Ala.
30. Dorothea Shettel, new Women's Board president
31. New pastoral leadership for our churches and new groups

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Religion in the News

WCC Grants Stir Controversy

The World Council of Churches has provided \$446,000 to groups in 18 countries from a fund of the Program to Combat Racism. The largest allocation was \$105,000 to South West Africa People's Organization, known as SWAPO. The funds are derived from designated support from WCC member churches, individuals, and from Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands. □

Religious Holidays Upheld

An Illinois judge has ruled that Chicago city employees who observe Jewish, Muslim and other religious holidays, must receive holiday pay under specific circumstances. The ruling is complicated by existing labor contracts with a number of unions, including police and firefighters. All city employees now receive Christmas and Good Friday as paid holidays. □

Ruth Carter Stapleton Dies

After several months of "inner healing" in her struggle with cancer, Ruth Carter Stapleton, evangelist and sister of former President Jimmy Carter, died at her home in North Carolina. She refused the prescribed medical treatment, and emphasized the need for the same "inner healing" which she advocated during her ministry.

The evangelist was perhaps best known for her part in the conversion experience of her brother, Jimmy, in 1966. She was the author of two popular books on faith and healing. □

Poll Confirms Religious Interest

New information from the Spiritual Climate In America Survey by Gallop confirms a strong rise in religious interest. The survey among American Christians indicates six out of 10 affirm a greater interest in spiritual matters, and 26% indicate participation in Bible study.

The survey suggests, however, that such responses do not translate into stronger church attendance, and only 12% are described as "deeply and highly spiritually committed."

Gallop called attention to the fact that 50% of the college students surveyed call religion "important" compared to only 39% five years ago. "That is a very dramatic trend," Gallop says. □

SDBs Join in Baptist Prayer Conference

Seventh Day Baptists will join with Baptists of all backgrounds for the 1984 Baptist Prayer Conference in Columbus, Ohio, April 30-May 3, 1984. The conference will feature covenant prayer groups, inspiring speakers, stirring music, prayer vigils and seminars on the "How-to's" of prayer and worship. It is expected that nearly every Baptist denomination in the United States will be represented at this conference.

Sponsoring groups include: North American Baptist Fellowship; Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; American Baptist Churches, USA; Baptist General Conference; General Association of General Baptists; Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; North American Baptist Conference; Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; and the Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bond of the Columbus SDB Church are acting as registrars for the event. □

Bakker Target Of Charges

The Orlando *Sentinel Star* has charged that television evangelist, Jim Bakker, spent lavish vacation time in a luxury Florida resort. The newspaper account reported use of a \$1,000 per day suite, adding to other problems for the PTL host. The Bakker organization has not responded to the charge, according to *Christianity Today*. □

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Battle Creek Church News

Battle Creek, Mich. -- Camp Holston was a busy place this summer as reported at our church's October quarterly business meeting by our camp business manager. Ninety-four campers, including 23 Associational Senior Campers attended our camps this year. Each camp was larger than in previous years. Directors of the camps were: Senior Camp, Connie Coon, assisted by Associational pastors; Intermediate Camp, Gary Hemminger; Junior Camp, Susan Bond; Primary Camp, Connie Coon, assisted by SCSC workers; and Day Camp, Ruth Bennett. Persus DeLand of Hammond, La., served as camp cook for all our overnight camps. Two SCSC workers helped at our camps and did follow-up work afterwards. They were Debbie Sanford of

Seattle and Phil Conrod of Denver. Jean Albion was our project director for the SCSC team.

A new ministry has been initiated by our Evangelism Committee to reach Battle Creek newcomers. In September the church signed a contract with Newcomer, Inc., to receive the names of new residents. Each newcomer receives a "welcome packet" from Newcomer, Inc., which includes a list of our services. We mail a special welcome letter from our pastor in which he tells of the uniqueness of Battle Creek and our SDB Church and its services. The tract, "Get Acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists" is included with the letter. A personal visit is then given each newcomer by us with an invitation being issued to attend our church and transportation offered. Any questions the newcomer has about our church can be answered and literature left if interest is expressed. Several letters have already been sent and visits made. Your prayers would be appreciated for this new ministry.

Our church will be trying out a

Fouke Academy Begins Third Year

The 1983-84 school term opened for Fouke Academy on September 6, 1983.

Presently eighteen students are enrolled. The five full-time students include one second grader, two fifth graders, one ninth grader and one 11th grader. There are also two elementary extension students.

Eleven part-time students are taking classes in piano, shorthand, Spanish, Bible, sign language and typing. □

new reorganization plan January 1, 1984. At our October business meeting, the more streamlined organization plan was adopted with the second reading on the necessary bylaw changes.

The seed for the idea was planted during a church brainstorming session last February. That we needed fewer committee meetings, to streamline our structure, and have a more central operating body for the church was suggested. A subcommittee considering the suggestion agreed our church could operate much more efficiently, and have more time for "people ministry", if we spent less time talking about the work to be done and spent more time actually doing it.

Under the new plan, a Coordinating/Trustee Council will have the responsibility for policy. Cont. on page 26.

Going For The Goal

Conference President Leland Davis and his wife visited the Dodge Center and New Auburn churches while in Wisconsin attending the North Central Association. He presented his theme on *Body Building* with an overview of Ephesians along with suggested goals, and showed slides of the Beloit Campus where the 1984 Conference will be held.

"I am gratified to see and hear how the churches and the association in the North Central region are carrying out their goals for growth," Davis said. "I would like to hear from other churches and associations on their progress." □

FitzRandolph Family

An article of interest to Seventh Day Baptists was published in *The Mayflower Journal*, August 1983, entitled, *John and Sarah (Bonham) FitzRandolph of Belvidere, New Jersey*.

Quoting from the Journal article, "No records were found at Belvidere for those early dates. However, one of the earliest Seventh Day Baptist Churches was founded in Piscataway, New Jersey in 1706, with the Rev. Edmund Dunham as pastor. Their records show that John FitzRandolph, wife Sarah and son John, were all members prior to 1722 (*History of Union-Middlesex Counties, N. J.*, page 596)."

The Mayflower Journal has a circulation of 20,000 worldwide. □

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Washington D.C. Church Serves Community

At an evening Vacation Bible School held during July, 12 staff persons ministered to 60 children in the community, the majority of whom are not connected with the church. Several youth made professions of faith and four are now attending Sabbath School and church services.

Thirteen teachers and substitutes were installed this fall for serving among six Sabbath School classes. Sabbath School officers were elected with Charlotte Rausch as Superintendent. A picnic was held in Rock

Creek Park.

Aside from their summer experiences at Camp Joy, 18 teen-agers participated in the Fall Retreat at Berea, W.Va., October 14-16. The Y.F. is meeting every other Sabbath afternoon with Susie Fox as their sponsor. Te-Ann Andries received the Wilson Memorial Scholarship which enabled her to attend Conference and Youth Pre-Con.

The Washington Church has begun its fifth year in Evangelism Explosion Discipleship Training

with a refresher course for trainers and the basic course for new trainees. SCSC workers Paul Andries and Sean Wells are both active in the E.E. ministry.

Don Harris and Sheila Simon were ordained to the Diaconate on Communion Sabbath, Oct. 1, with 80 persons filling the church center. We were pleased to have representatives from Shiloh, N.J., Salemville, Pa. and Central Maryland. A bountiful luncheon climaxed the day of dedication. □

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and programming of the church and oversee the church work through continuing and temporary task forces. A personnel task force will find the people willing to use their gifts on the needed task forces. Standardized guidelines for the necessary task forces are now being formulated. Persons familiar with the work areas now, previous job descriptions, and resource materials are all contributing ideas to what should be included.

The task forces will allow members to work in their areas of expertise without serving on a committee whose work is administration. Most task forces will be temporary and dissolved when the task is completed and evaluated. New task forces will be formed when new opportunities are discovered and discontinued when the need ceases.

Much time will be spent in the next few months working out the details of the changeover — putting the principles into practice — but we are excited about the prospects this new plan affords. □

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Missions Interview

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SR. Through the American news media, we hear a lot about African unrest and political instability. Have you seen any of that and has it affected your work?

BP. In recent days, Malawi has been a very peaceful country. Back in the 60s, there was some turmoil before their independence ... but that has all passed and we are thankful for the fact that Malawi has had a government that has remained calm and seems to be in the interests of the people. That does not mean that it will always be that way, but at the present time it is and we are thankful for it.

LL. I've heard Malawi spoken of as the Switzerland of Africa.

BP. In more ways than one. I think that generally we have thought of that for its landscape; it's part of the Rift Valley. But it definitely has been sort of a go between between the white south and the African Independent Nations. It has always cooperated with South Africa and even Rhodesia, while it still had the white government. At times, it has been a way for the missionaries in Nigeria or Zaire who couldn't write to their friends in South Africa because the Post wouldn't permit it to come with that postmark — then they would send the letter to Malawi and Malawi would send it on for them.

DP. Back in 1982, we went to Kenya to attend Baptist World Alliance meetings and we came back to Malawi in July, just before the attempted coup d'etat in Kenya. Fortunately, they failed, but we didn't get out of there any too soon.

SR. Last year in *The Sabbath Recorder*, we ran a series written by Rod Henry, our missionary to The Philippines on "Cross Cultural Communications." It was about some of the unusual difficulties that he had run into in handling the cultural differences and problems that that posed to his ministry. You are dealing with a culture that is very different than ours. Have you found those kind of problems?

BP. There are very many kinds of differences, of

course, and there are ways in which you can make blunders, but the people are always forgiving. That is something that we have seen of the Malawians ... they are very forgiving, very understanding, very loving and very respectful. They never let you know about it when you make mistakes. They just forget it. We have tried to learn, but I don't think that we understood everything in all the years we have been there. Every step you make towards understanding them better, helps you in getting across the message. Loving them individually helps.

SR. Can you tell us something about the area that you serve? What is it like?

DP. You can find practically anything in Africa. If you were to go to the modern cities, you'd be reasonably impressed. If you were to go out into the African village, you would find a situation that was entirely different. We began our work at Makapwa, which was very rural, but our recent terms have been in town, out about two miles from the center of things. You might call it suburban. We have about eighty five hundredths of an acre with a beautiful view of mountains in the distance and it is a lovely place to live. The temperatures vary from 45° to 95°.

SR. When you come home on furlough, you get a slice of American life again. What do you see this time; in Americans and especially Seventh Day Baptists, that is different?

BP. What's impressed us the most is the computer age. When you're away for four years there are bound to be changes, but this has sort of struck us. Another four years over there and when we come back we might not know how to go from house to house unless we know how to operate a computer. I'm afraid we won't learn over there.

HS. Those of us who have lived with it are having the same culture shock.

DP. We are aware of certain changes, Scott, in the denomination which I think are for the better, but it hasn't happened in just this last term. It goes back further than that. We've got a lot of our folks

that are turned on and are enjoying Christ and a relationship with him and are happy. We're happy for this.

BP. We're really impressed with the Bible-based faith of Seventh Day Baptists at home. Enthusiasm. Another thing that always strikes me when we come home — when you are over there, living among the people, even though we are in town and we do have a nice house, yet every time we come home it can't help but slap you right in the face — the richness of America and the luxury in contrast to that from which we've come. You can't help but think about it — when you shouldn't so much, because this is just the way of life here. But, I do think that if people here understood more about what the rest of the world is like, and not only Malawi, it would help them to be more giving.

MS. That's another one of the reasons we invited the missionaries here; for us to become more aware that what we have here is so dramatically different from what people have elsewhere. When we think in terms of luxury, we think of a gold Cadillac, when they think of luxury they think of a meal set before them. We are ignorant of the difference. It helps us for these people to come and to give us insight as to the tragedy of life elsewhere.

LL. We need to be aware, though, that our society with its gross materialism is not what we want the people in other countries to know. That won't bring them fulfillment.

I remember waiting for gasoline in India. While we were waiting I heard a baby crying. Across the road in a ditch was a mother and baby. I wanted to take pictures to share, but I just couldn't. Just a few branches supporting a few leaves for shelter; hardly enough for the mother to be covered. A couple of stones and a simple pot ... a little fire ... almost nothing beside the dusty road. It touched me and has left an unanswered question: How best can we help people like that? I couldn't have even talked to her. I suppose I could have given her a coin. I should have, maybe. I was very upset. The Lord had a reason for my delay there. That experience has been put in the back. I think this is only the second time I've ever shared it, publicly. It's a picture and experience I'll never forget.

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BP. It makes an impression on you. I've seen Malawian mothers, not in that bad a situation, but they go back home from our maternity unit with their babies and they don't have one scrap of clothing for that child. One time, just after we had gotten back on furlough, I was invited to go to a baby shower. I practically just sat there and cried. Everybody was rejoicing at all the things she got, and it was nice, but I couldn't help but compare it to where I had been.

I think that if Seventh Day Baptists could get a glimpse of their lives in comparison to these others that it would help them not to feel that 'I can't give so that OWM will have its full support.' I know that there isn't any way we can solve the ills of the world, but if we could have a vision of what the rest of the world is like, we just couldn't dare say again that we can't afford to give.

SR. When you return to Malawi, what do you expect to be your challenges and what are your hopes for your next term?

DP. Earlier on our visits to the churches, we had a meeting with the African Interest Committee of the Missionary Society in Nortonville, Kansas, and it's the desire of the committee that in going back we serve as advisors and try to stay in the background

Audrey and Menzo Fuller



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as much as possible. It's awfully difficult for us to train leaders when the quality of the leadership at present is so low. But, the emphasis there was on training leaders so that they can train leaders and on and on.

I'd like to get to know some of the people better. I'd like to get out among them and talk to them one by one and take notes and then report the findings.

BP. There is more to do with the TEE (Theological Education by Extension) program with the village pastors. We did that last term. There are four books in Chichewa which are good basic books. The program that Rod Henry has done is in English and we would like to get those for translation.

SR. This afternoon in the worship, we had a discussion on how those of us here in the U.S. can help with international missions. Can you comment on what you see as the most important ways we can help?

MS. One of the keys to that is to be informed. The more informed we are, the more interested we become. That's one of the reasons for this conference ... to be informed.

LL. You certainly can't pray very meaningfully without being informed as to needs.

DP. That puts the burden on us too ... overseas ... doesn't it? To supply you with the information and reports that you require to know what is going on.

LL. In some church bulletins, they have a missionary of the week for their prayer time. They also pray for church leaders in other countries and Extension Pastors and Missionary Pastors here at home.

SR. Are there any new mission fields opening on the horizon?

LL. Korea has requested a missionary; Nigeria in West Africa, the newest members of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation has suggested that someone might come and help them. Malawi

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continues to seek a medical doctor. South Africa: the new work in Transki, which is an independent state within South Africa, though not internationally recognized ... the brother there suggested that it would be nice if we could send someone to help in their ministry.

There's been some very informal discussion about a worker in the Australasian Conference, with specific intent toward training pastors and leaders. It may be that as the guidelines for Rod Henry's new term are formulated they might include a broader area as it has for the Pearsons in Africa. As the Lord opens doors and there are specific needs to travel in the area to meet the needs, it may be that Rod will be traveling in the later part of his next term. We are not certain yet, this is all tentative.

Doors are opening in Finland and in other places around the world. Though we are not announcing a position that needs to be filled, we are talking with some individuals who have said, "I'm interested! Is there a place for me to serve?"

There are also places for ambassadors on the home field too. Leland and Lettie Bond have retired within the last two months and have responded to the call to the field in Florida.

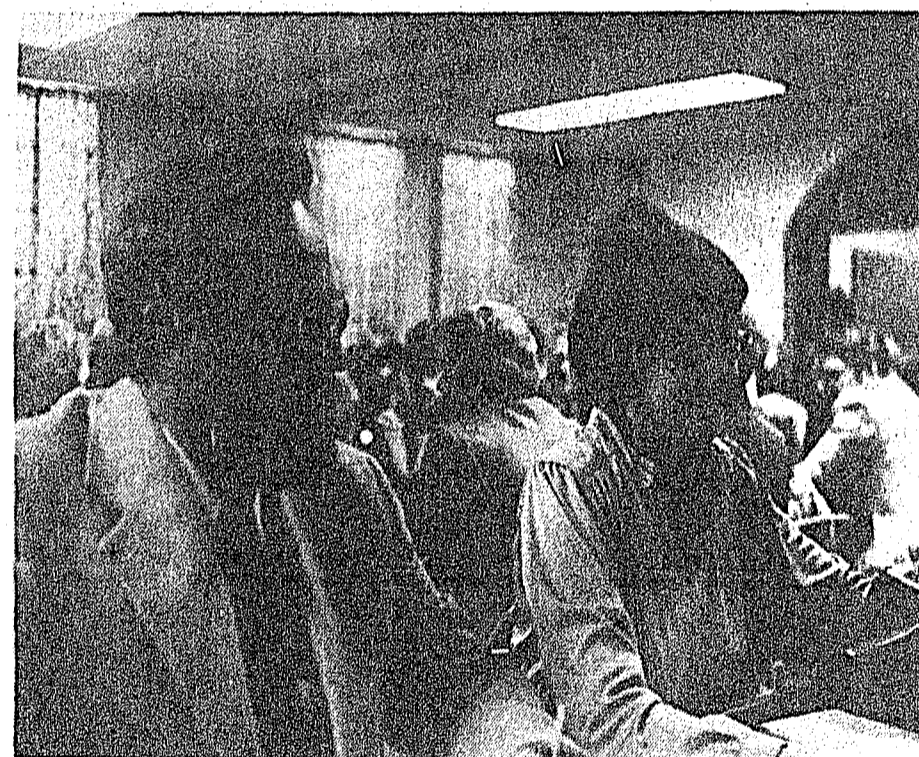
SR. And all this takes funding...

LL. Well, yes, it does. But, I think that, number one, it takes a vision; an understanding of where the open doors are and what the Lord is calling us to do. Then, secondly, it takes personnel. I think we need to sense and pray that the right people, that God is calling, are known. And funding comes. I have faith that if God has a work for us to do, and he calls out the people to do that work, then he's going to touch the hearts of people as well, to give as he leads them in their stewardship. Funding problems are real, but they are down the list. To me, we are not doing certain things today, not because we don't have funds, but because we don't have the vision and we don't have the personnel.

MS. People will generate funds more frequently than programs will.

LL. That's right.

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Interview

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(Top) Nicholas Kersten thought the children's choir looked like fun. (Above Left) John and Joyce Conrod. (Above Right) Leroy and Marjorie Bass.

SR. One of the main topics that I've heard this weekend is 'Where is the mission field, really?' In closing, would any of you like to comment on where our mission is today?

HS. Scott, I feel that, first of all, most of us must come to a point where we can share the love of Christ in a personal way. We'll never be interested in missions unless we are interested in what we are as a Christian and what our responsibilities are as Christians. I don't think we can get excited about overseas missions unless we first get excited about the fact that 'I am redeemed by Christ myself ... because of what Christ has done for me I cannot help but share the Gospel.' The more we are committed to proclaiming the Gospel where we are, the more we touch individual lives with the message that Christ is Lord and Savior — at that

point, we become interested in the intensity of being a Christian that envelopes the world. We have to start at home, because if we don't we can't understand what the experience is for someone else. The more we have that experience in our own lives, the compelling force of that is such that we can't resist the urge to support other people who are willing to be out there as Christ's ambassadors in the world. We begin to see other people as desperately needing the love of Christ. As John Conrod said in his message this afternoon, we become more world-minded because we become part of it. So, the first step is a personal involvement with the Lord Jesus Christ, followed by a commitment to be a witness and an ambassador for Christ ourselves. That will give us the world vision that will make us committed to world missions. □

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Lord's Acre Celebration at Nortonville

by Juanita O. Wheeler

On October 29, 1983, the church family gathered to celebrate Lord's Acre Sabbath. This celebration late in October each year begins our year-end observances, followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is a "sharing" celebration that the church family works and plans for all through the year. This observance was instituted by our local church and has continued through the years. The offering is designated at a regular church business meeting early in the year.

Last year, 1982, was our "peak" year due to special effort by all. In April, 1981, the recommendation was made to purchase the Zwygart property directly north of the church for a new parsonage since the house was a new house, and to use the old parsonage as a parish house for classes, meetings, dinners, lodging, etc. Selling price to the church was \$30,000, and the first payment was made on April 13, 1981.

After only 18 months, with help from the 1981 and 1982 Lord's Acre offering, personal loans without interest, and loans from other church funds, our largest project was successful and the new parsonage was free and clear. Repair and improvements to the new parsonage have also been made, taking several more thousand dollars. In addition, the church has been rewired, air conditioners have been put in, and new light fixtures have been installed in the basement.

The recommendation to purchase the new parsonage was

not unanimous, but the many blessings of fellowship and service to the church family and community by use of the parish house have proved that the decision was made with God's guidance.

The theme for Lord's Acre this year was "The Bible, the Word of God." In Public Law #97-280, October 4, 1982, the 97th Congress of the United States resolved: "That the President is authorized and requested to designate 1983 as a national 'Year of the Bible' in recognition of both the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures."

The worship service was divided into two parts: Character of the Bible (Unity, Timeless, World-Wide, Indestructibility, and Simplicity and Depth) and Study the Bible (Reverently, Prayerfully, Intelligently, Purposefully, and Regularly). Both parts were read responsively — Pastor Wheeler read the statement, and the congregation responded with Scripture. Special music during the service included a girls' trio (*Give Me the Bible*), a mixed quartette (*The Bible Satisfies*), and the choir anthem — a medley of the old hymns, including "Thy Word, O Lord, Is My Delight," "Wonderful Words of Life," and "Holy Bible, Book Divine." Sermon title was "Biblical Living — a Science," and Scriptures used were Ps. 119: 11 and 105, and James 1:21-25. The following pledge to the Bible was repeated by all:

*I pledge allegiance to the Bible
And to the Gospel for which it
stands,
One Saviour, crucified, risen,
and coming again
With life and liberty for all who
believe.*

During a special time of quiet organ music, Lord's Acre offerings were brought forward individually to the altar table displaying the open Bible and lighted candle. An autumn motif, in colors of off-white and maroon, was used with bouquets of grasses, cattails, and grain (wheat). The wheat was used generously, noting the lessons in the Bible concerning wheat, chaff, and tares. The offering was dedicated and lives rededicated with prayer for service and glory to God.

With this year's offering, more improvements and repairs will be made to our church properties. Of top priority is a new roof for the parish house, new front steps for the church, and a ramp will be added at the church.

Some interesting Bible facts were noted in the Lord's Acre bulletin:

*God is Alive! God is Real! God is Available!
If you know the Author, you will love his book!
The great question is not what you make of the Bible, but what it makes of you.
The Bible commends the good, comforts the sorrowful, and warns the bad.
READ it to be wise; BELIEVE it to be safe; PRACTICE it to be Holy!*

It is with deep pride that this correspondent can say here what a privilege it is to be part of a working TOGETHER church that abides by the decisions of the majority and resolves to do it according to God's leading. It isn't just in the financial transactions, but the stepping out in faith, the challenge, the dedication, recognizing the opportunity of each situation, and the service and fellowship that has resulted. □

Accessions

Centralia, Wash.
Jerry Vaught, Pastor

By Testimony:
Brad Grooms
Julie Grooms

By Letter:
Lynden McPherson

Hendersonville, N.C.
John Thompson, Pastor

By Letter:
Darrol Evans
Mrs. Darrol Evans
Ellen Lyddane

Memphis, Tenn.
Bill Shoffner, Pastor

By Testimony:
Clarence Otis
Laura Burchette

Riverside, Calif.
Alton L. Wheeler, Pastor

By Baptism:
Virginia Rosa

By Testimony:
Ted Masek
Julie Masek
Robert Graine
Kathy Graine

Arthur Rowe Accepts Pastorate

On October 15, 1983, Arthur Rowe officially began his responsibilities as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Paint Rock, Ala. His Sabbath morning message was a testimony of "how God has led me thus far in my spiritual pilgrimage."

The new pastor and his wife Levin live in Florence, where he is a student and she a nursing instructor at Northern Alabama University. Art is known to many in the denomination as director for two years of the Light Bearers for Christ evangelistic singing group. He became a Seventh Day Baptist through the church in Seattle, Wash. □

Births

Otis.--A son, Joshua Ithiel Otis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Otis on May 17, 1983.

Johnson.--A daughter, Cynthia Johnson, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Johnson on July 5, 1983.

Van Dyke.--A daughter, Katie Lynn Van Dyke, was born to Nick and Fe (Steele) Van Dyke of Mesa, Colo., on September 11, 1983.

Wilson.--A daughter, Rebecca Lyn Wilson, was born to Carlton W. and Carole (Stuart) Wilson of Loveland, Colo., on October 18, 1983.

Winkleblack.--A daughter, Katie Joy Winkleblack, was born to Bruce and Robin Winkleblack of Northglenn, Colo., on October 25, 1983.

Poling.--A daughter, Abby Denise Poling, was born to Dennis and Cindy (Sleeth) Poling of Clarksburg, W.Va., on October 30, 1983.

West Coast Churches

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lines on the metro map. He is a part-time pastor, but his list of goals for the coming quarter are more than a full-time challenge. In each of these western cities, our churches have a regional ministry — really reaching out. Forty-three joined in Portland's Sabbath celebration.

Despite midweek visits in Centralia, Washington, and Bay Area (El Cerrito), California, we met with good-sized groups in the homes of Sarah Becker and Oscar Burdick respectively. Each group eagerly awaits its new pastor. Each is assimilating new-member families and planning for growth.

Not quite in time for his 90th birthday, we stopped in Pebble Beach for a delightful visit with Dr. George Thorngate, medical missionary to China for many years, both before and after World War II. Such a joy to follow him around (Try to keep up!) in a tour of his city and of his remembrings!

Our time with the churches in Southern California included the Pacific Coast Association meetings in Riverside (250 people — *We've a Savior to Share* theme), a fun-filled inter-

national dinner (Japanese, Mexican, Jamaican, Portuguese, Kansas, etc!) and sharing of cultures in Los Angeles, midweek meeting with six couples in San Diego, and the grand finale —

On Sabbath, October 29, we participated in the organization services of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Faith in San Gabriel Valley, California. Twenty-five signed the covenant, four just baptized. Their program includes weekly studies in *Commitment to Growth* led by Pastor John Peil. They meet in a Baptist church in West Covina.

Not all the growing is going on on the West Coast. During our four days in Denver, Colorado, Pastor John Bevis had us sit in on a building committee meeting (plans for addition to bulging facilities), pray with the diaconate for the nurturing of many member families (old and new), and join with 166 in a jubilant Sabbath worship experience. The "Fill the Tree in '83" poster has an apple for each of 34 new members — each with a unique story to tell, a God-with-us testimony.

Home for Christmas! Immanuel! God with us! Noel! □

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Obituaries

Marquess.--Dorothy Marie Marquess of Riverside, Calif., died May 31, 1983, in Riverside at the age of 60 years. She was born on May 23, 1923, in New York State, the daughter of Henry and Jeannette Naylor.

She was united in marriage to Clay Marquess on July 31, 1972, and they renewed their vows on March 28, 1981, after both had rededicated their lives to the Lord and had been baptized.

She is survived by her husband, Clay Marquess; and by her daughter, Glenna Garcia.

Services were conducted on June 3, 1983, by her pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler. Interment was in the Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside.

ALW

Hemminger.--Gladys Coon Hemminger died May 19, 1983, at the age of 84. She was born September 18, 1899, in Little Genesee, N.Y., the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. Burdette Coon.

In years to follow, she committed her life to Christ, and as a nurse she enlisted in the Army Reserves. At the Fitz Simons Army Hospital near Denver, Colo., while in service, she met Glendale Hemminger, and they were married on December 18, 1927.

After she had received her discharge, they moved from state to state. Following her husband's death, her latter years were spent in southern California, where she was ever active in the Lord's work.

She is survived by one daughter, Alice Bauer, White Rocks, Utah; seven grandchildren; one sister, Tracy Brackett, San Diego, Calif.; and countless friends, many to whom she left a priceless legacy of faith, hope, and love.

Interment was in the Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, Calif.; and services were conducted by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler.

ALW

Maxson.--A. Russell Maxson, formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., and most recently of Charleston, W.Va., died September 26, 1983, in a Charleston hospital at the age of 78. He was born March 4, 1905, in Farina, Ill. He was married to Marjorie Willis on September 18, 1926, by the Rev. Henry Jordan.

He had been a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1944 and held many offices in the church including moderator, trustee and Sabbath School superintendent. He was a carpenter most of his life and was active in community affairs. In 1976 he and Marjorie moved to Arizona for her health.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; a brother, Clarke; four sons, Ward, Wayne, Richard and James; a daughter, Donna Sponseller; and several grandchildren. Memorial services were held both in Charleston and at the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis on October 1, 1983.

SKD

Maxson.--Beulah B. Maxson of Riverside, Calif., died September 13, 1983, in Riverside at the age of 77. She was born November 13, 1905, in Friendship, N.Y.

During the years of her youth, she committed her life to Christ, and in February of 1927 she was married to Lary Maxson.

For an extended number of years they served in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church as deacon and deaconess until poor health rendered them inactive.

She is survived by her husband Lary Maxson; one daughter, Mrs. Beulah Jean Patton, Oceanside, Calif.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on September 16, 1983, by her pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, with interment in the Evergreen Memorial Park in Riverside.

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Marriages

Artis-Cousins.--Craig Artis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy E. Artis of Battle Creek, Mich., and Tina Cousins, daughter of Kenneth and Paulette Cousins, were united in marriage on August 27, 1983, at Colon, Mich., by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis.

La Moure-Coffelt.--Arnold "Skip" La Moure and Sharon Ruth Coffelt were united in marriage on September 25, 1983, at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler.

Travers-Fatato.--Michael James Travers, son of Marjorie Travers of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mary Ellen Fatato, daughter of Freda Fatato Hoebke of Battle Creek, Mich., and the late Rev. Eugene Fatato, were united in marriage on October 1, 1983, at Fort Custer, Battle Creek, by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis.

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She was born March 29, 1911, in Scott's County, Va., the daughter of William Abner and Catherine Arnold, and was the youngest of 13 children.

She was united in marriage to Torrence Springer, a deacon in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, on April 21, 1958, and they were honored on more than one occasion for their faithful attendance in weekly services. Dott served as a dearly-loved Sabbath School teacher as long as her health and sight permitted.

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Elsie Cummings was a member of the Ft. Worth-Dallas Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Charlotte Morrison, also a member of the Ft. Worth-Dallas church, and Nancy Webb of Benbrook; her son, Dixon, of Virginia Beach, Va.; two brothers, Joe Calvert of Austin, Texas, and Walker Calvert of Henderson, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held October 3, 1983, in the Gause-Ware Owens and Brumley Funeral Home chapel. Burial was at Woodland Park Cemetery in Mineral Wells, Texas.

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Allie was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Genesee for more than 77 years, having been baptized on July 14, 1906. Her many years of membership in the church included serving as treasurer, trustee, choir member, and

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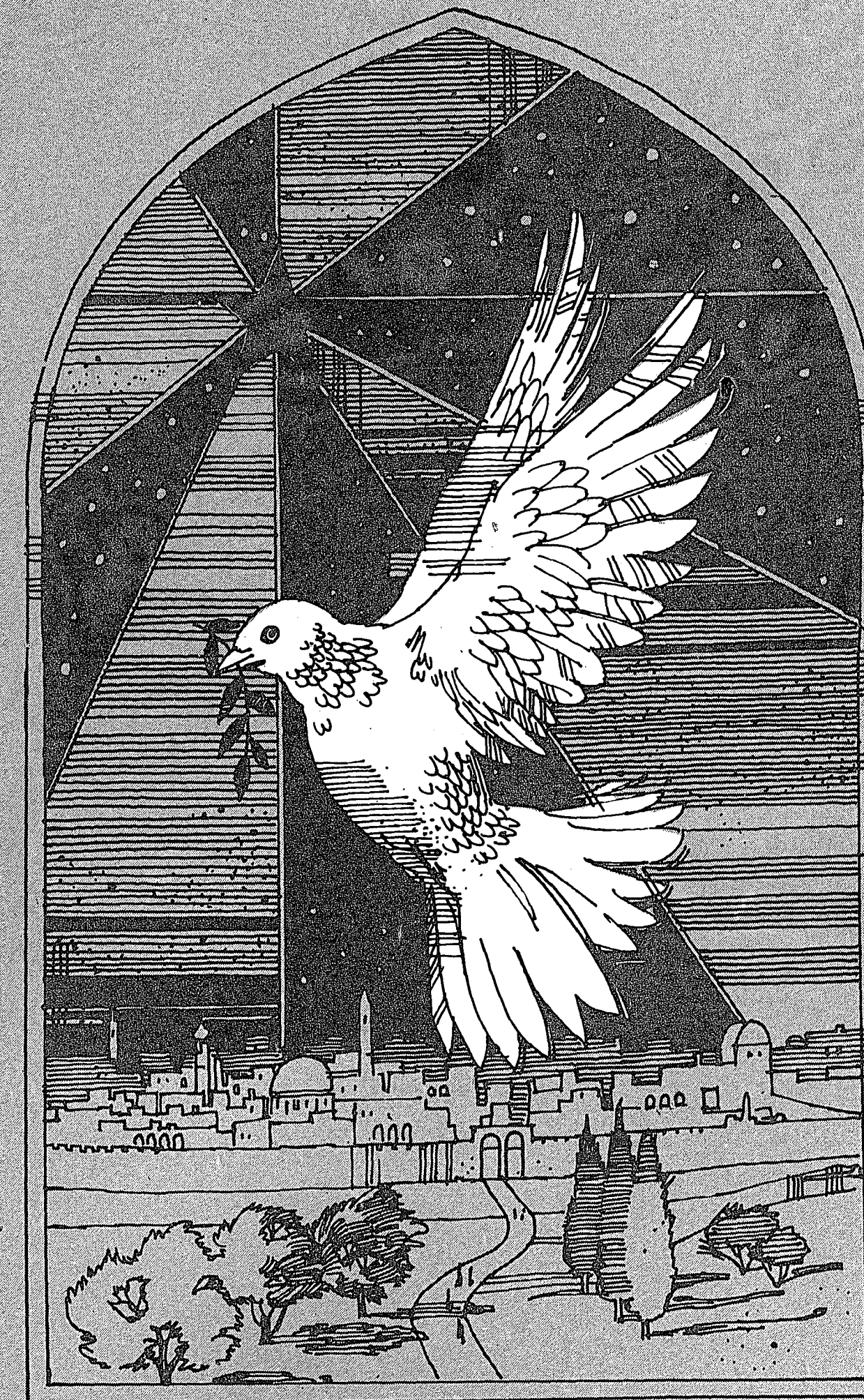
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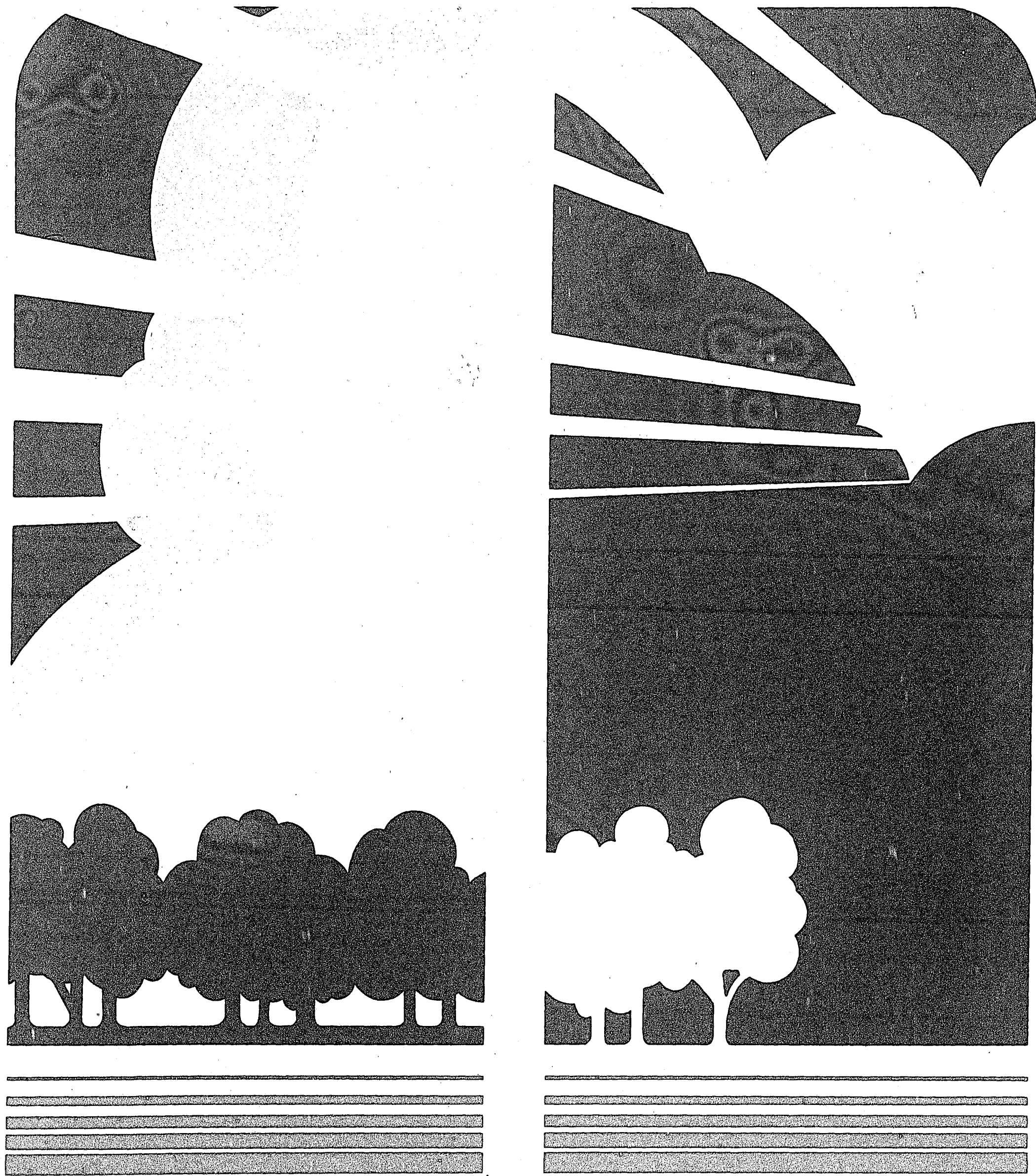


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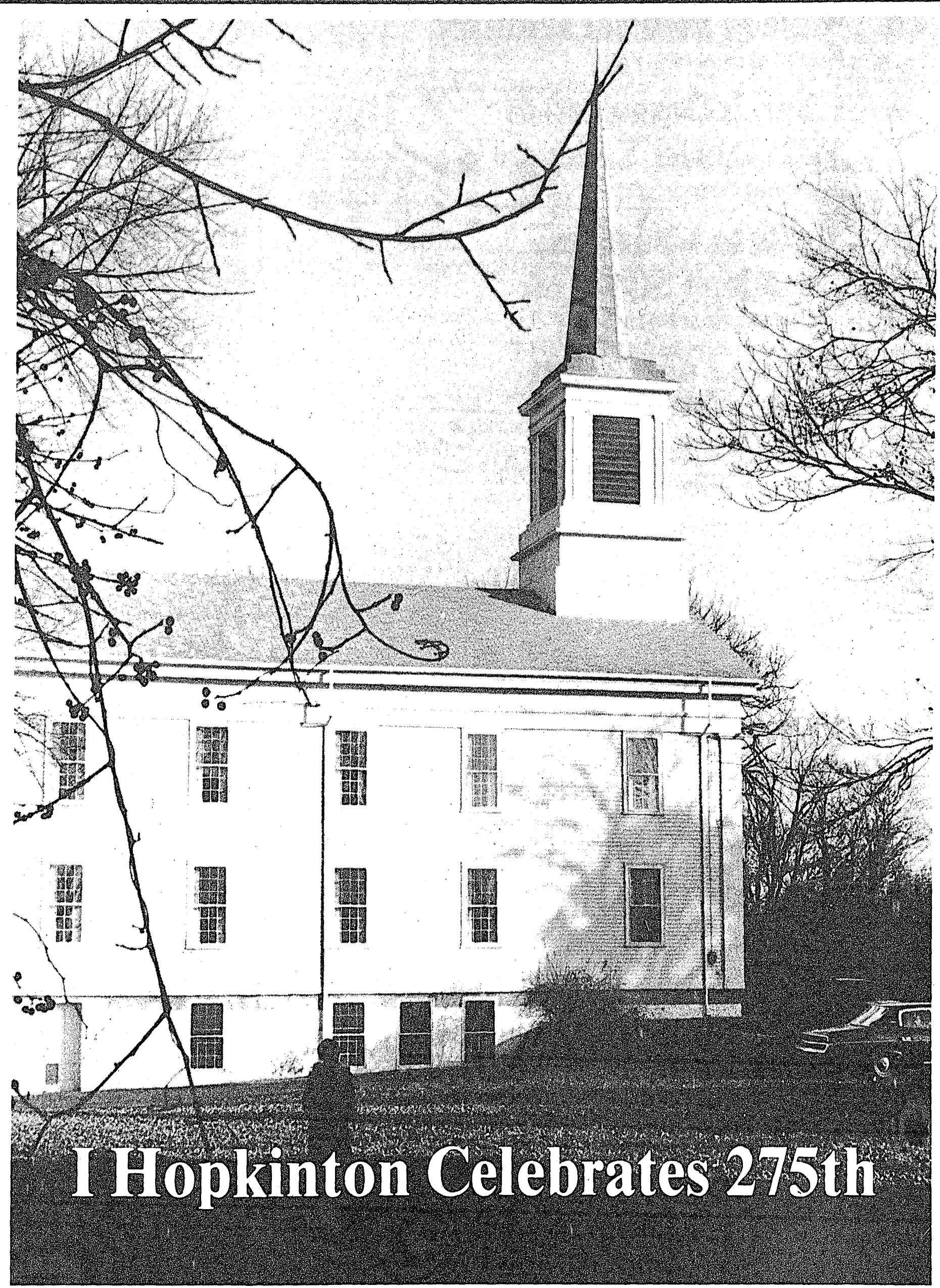
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