

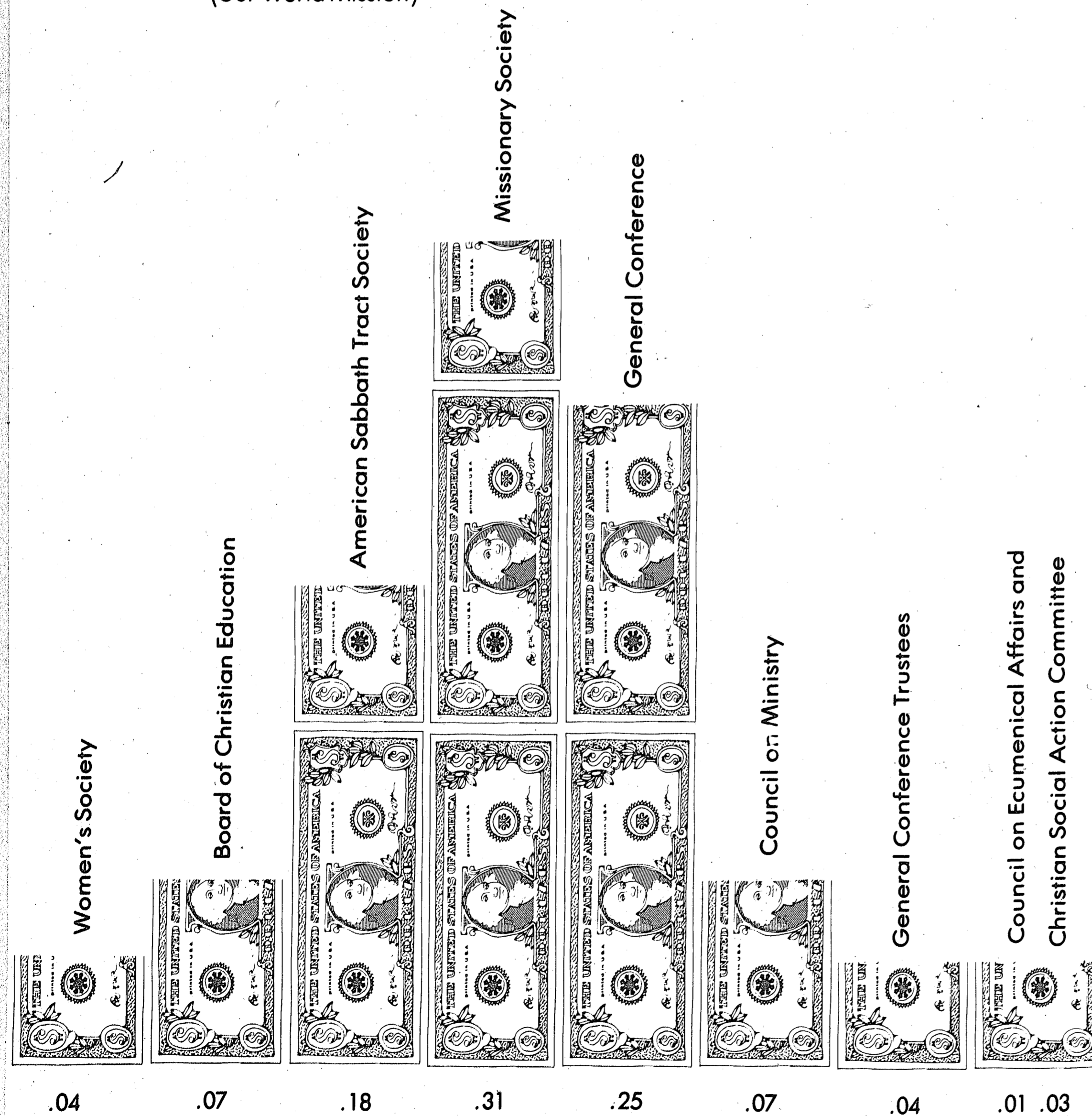
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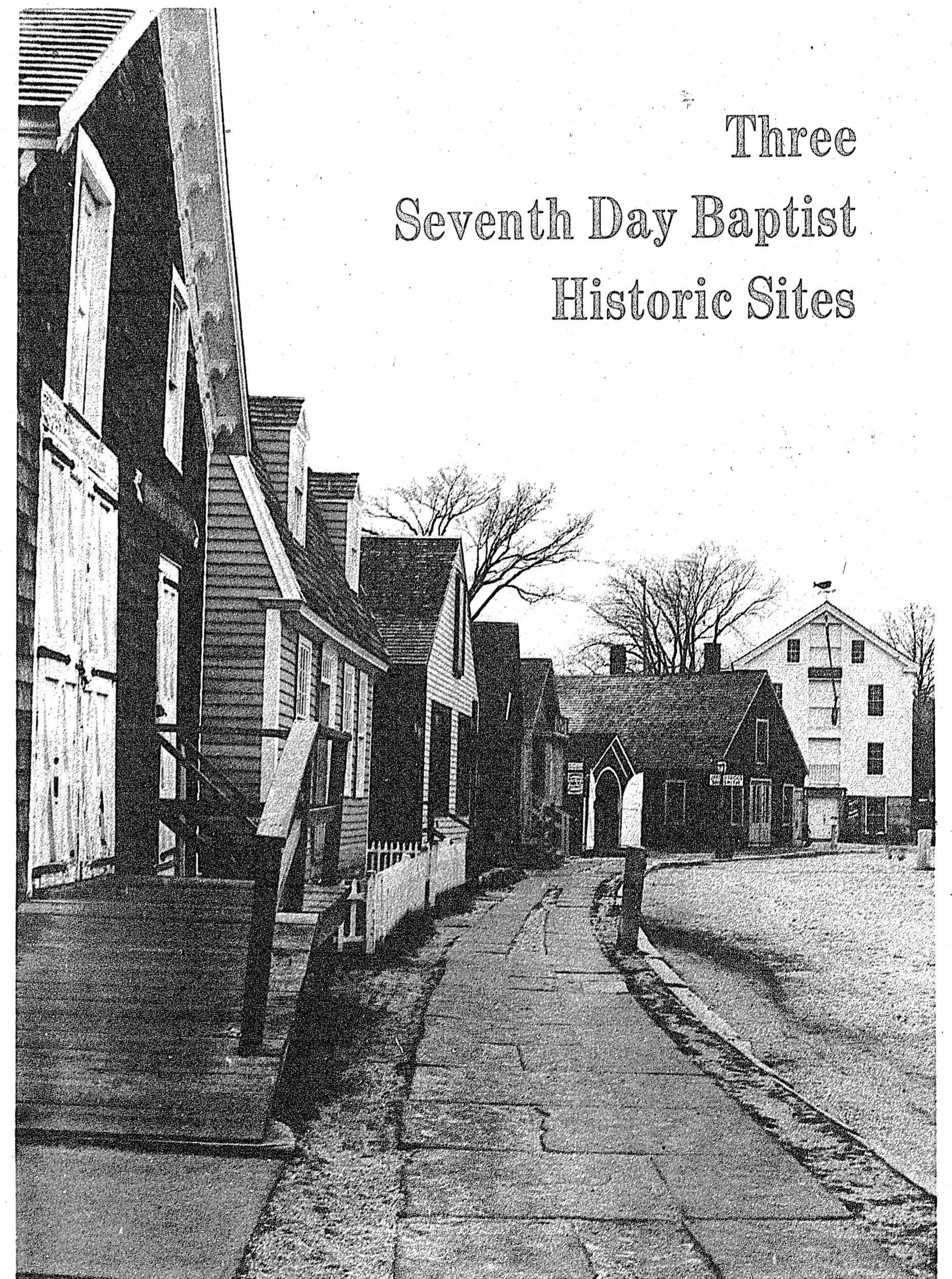


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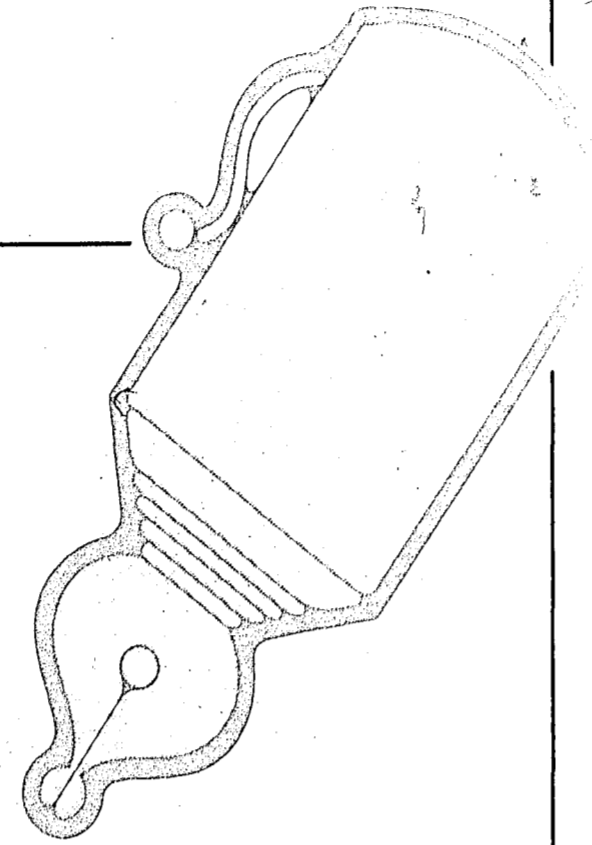
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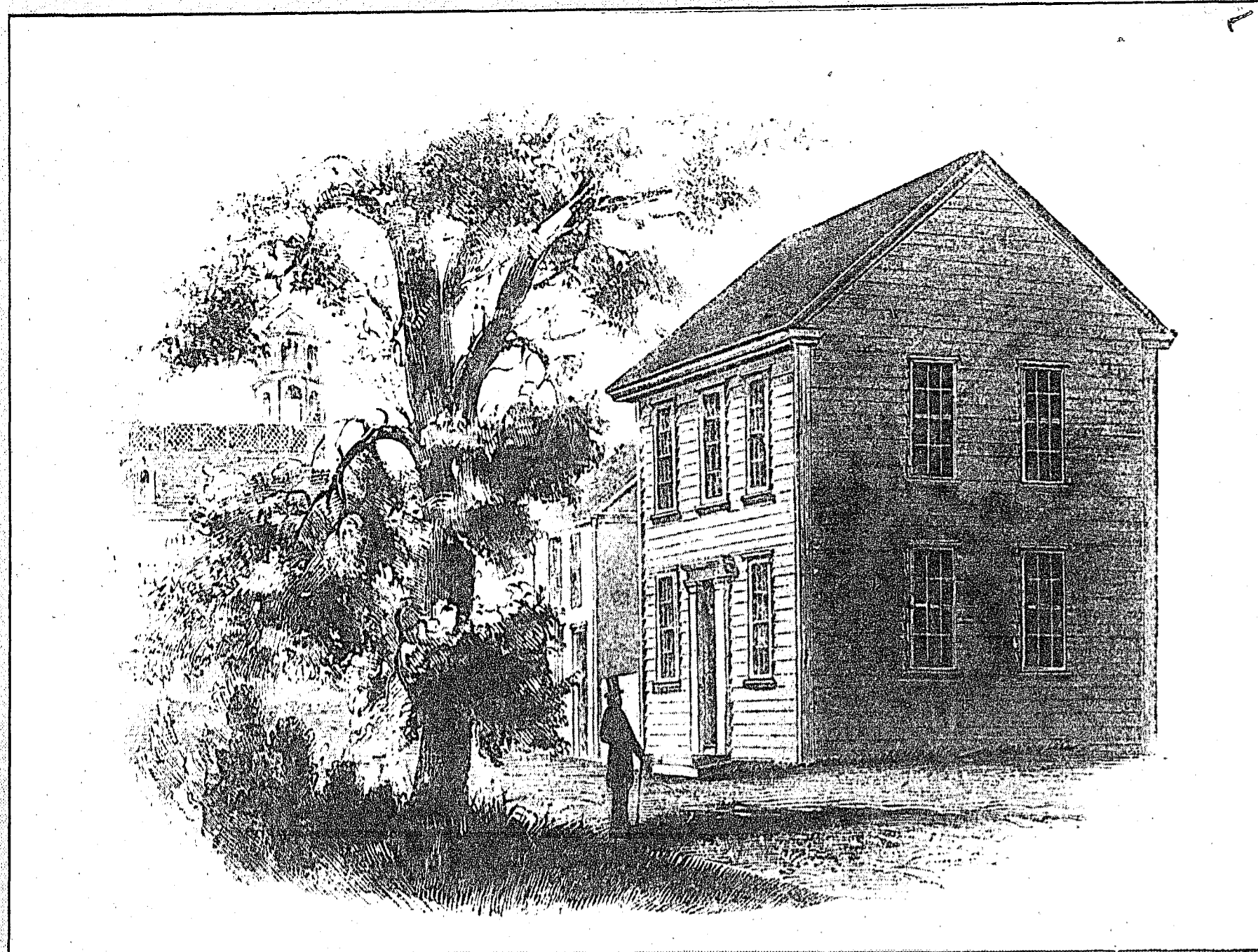
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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND.

Three SDB Historic Sites

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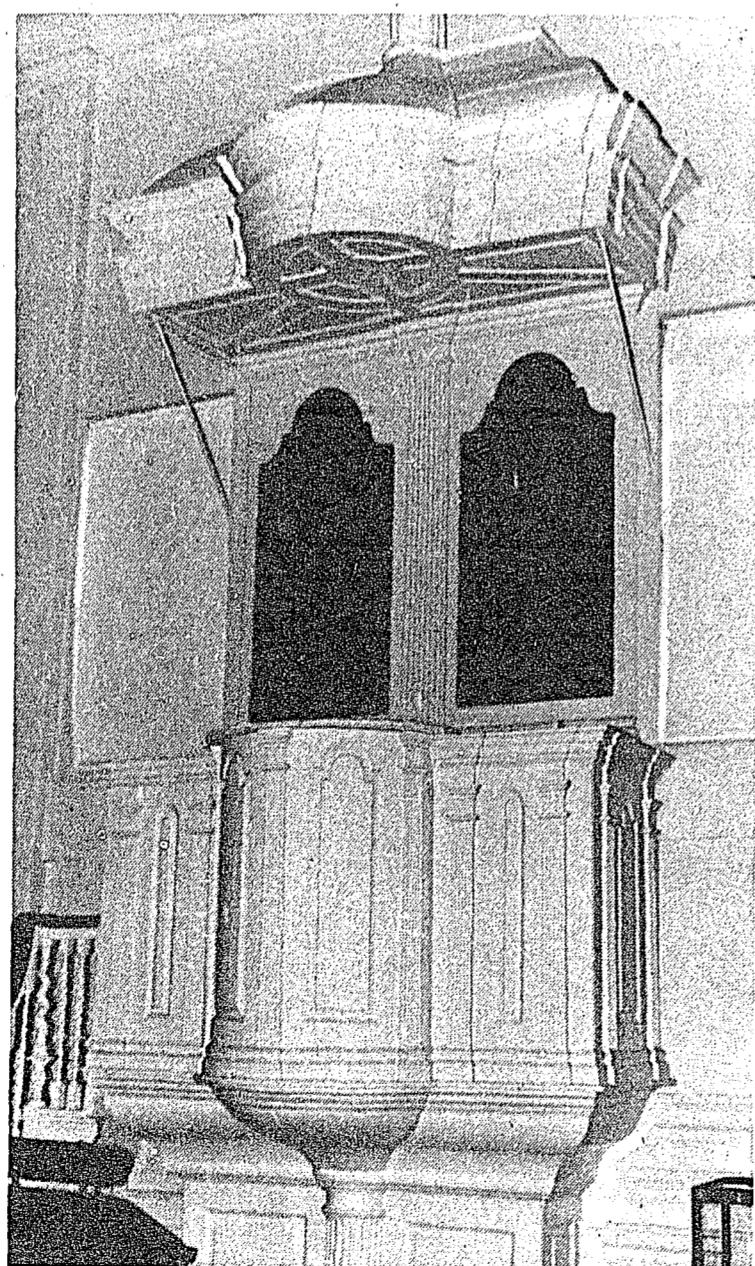
Once again, the scene for Seventh Day Baptist General Conference sessions in 1983 returns to the eastern United States. With it comes the opportunity to visit some of the sites that are of interest to Seventh Day Baptists as we remember our long and interesting history. Though some of these historical sites are still a good distance from western New York, if you are traveling to conference in 1983, you may want to consider visiting one (or all) of these places. After all, General Conference sessions will not be in the east again until 1986!

The Newport Historical Society Museum

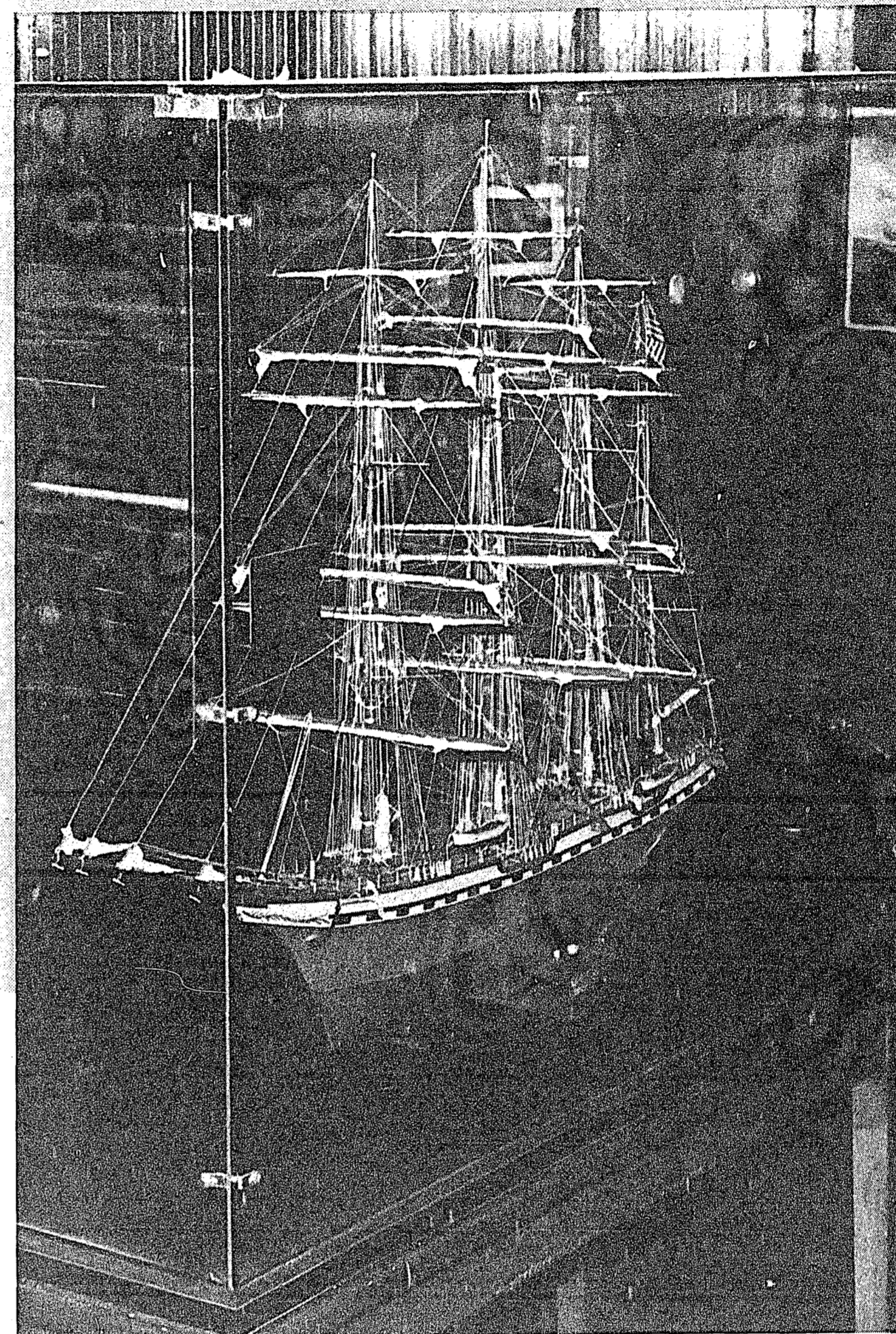
In 1671, a small group of Seventh Day Baptists began the first church of their denomination in America on the island of Newport, Rhode Island. The group built a church building in 1729. The *Sabbatarian Meeting House* was the first 18th century building to be restored and preserved in Newport. It is now faced with brick to protect it and is incorporated in the Historical Society building at 82 Touro Street in Newport.

Exhibited throughout the society's first and

second floor galleries are outstanding examples of Newport's 18th and 19th century decorative arts including silver, pewter, china, needlework, clocks and furniture. Small but select collections of miniatures and silhouettes are shown on the second floor.



The pulpit in the Sabbatarian Meeting House in Newport, RI



"The Newport Room," located on the first floor, is an 18th century "slice of life" depicting the elegant life style of the wealthy Newport merchant. "The Newport Room" contains fine examples of furniture crafted by the noted Newport cabinetmakers Job Townsend and John Goddard. In addition, this paneled room has on view selected pieces of the society's extensive collection of Oriental Export porcelain.

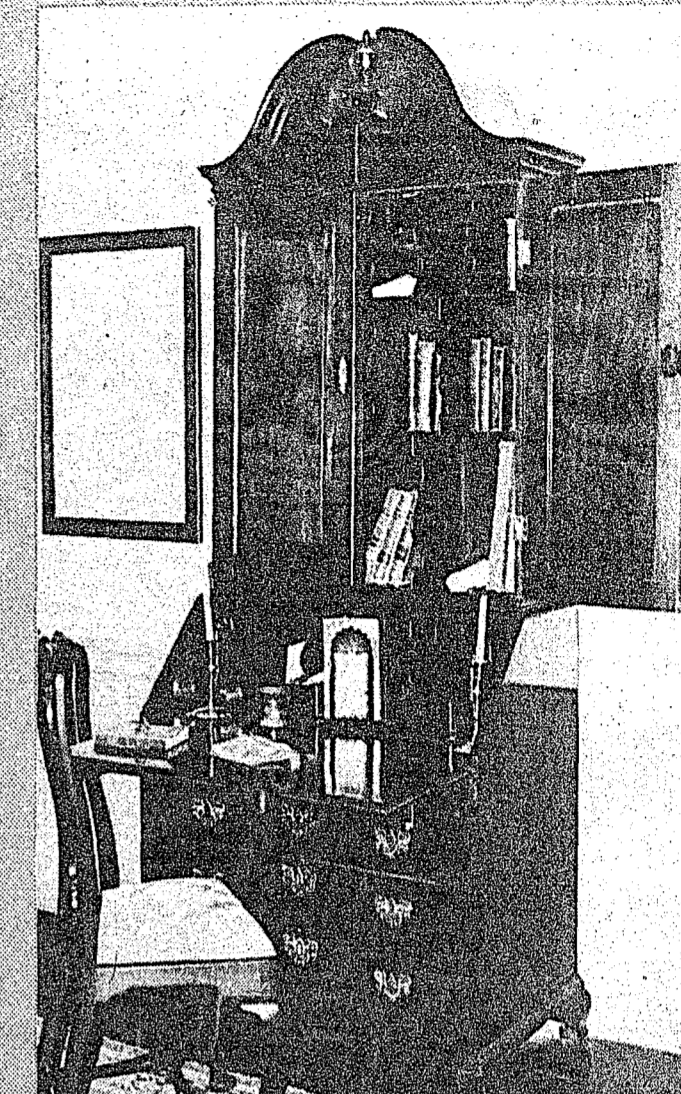
On the basement level is the Marine Museum displaying models and pictures of the merchant marine, local boating activity including the famous Fall River Line, yacht models and the figurehead of the yacht Aloha owned by the late Com-

modore Arthur Curtiss James. Excellent examples of scrimshaw and early navigational instruments are featured along with

The Meeting House was the first 18th century building to be restored...in Newport

the dory and other mementos of the famed Ida Lewis, lighthouse keeper's daughter, who received medals and honors for

Included in the museum are a merchant marine display (above), samples of 18th century furniture (above right) and examples of the "decorative" arts (right).



saving lives in the waters off the old Lime Rock Light. There are also relics of Commodore Perry's flagship at the Battle of Lake Erie and of Captain Cook's ship HMS Endeavour which spent her last days in Newport.

The museum is free to visitors although donations are welcome. The library and manuscript collections are also available for researchers. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

The Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House is located in the Mystic Seaport Village.

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Mystic Seaport Village

Many Seventh Day Baptists who have toured the Mystic Seaport Village Museum in Mystic, Connecticut have been surprised to find the Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist church building standing as an integral part of the village. *The Meeting House* was built in 1851, just after George, Clark and Thomas Greenman opened a shipyard at Adams Point on the Mystic River. The Greenman brothers had been members of the 1st Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist church and the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church before setting up the little church in Greenmanville (which is now Mystic).

The Greenman's shipbuilding company and their woolen mill became thriving businesses and Seventh Day Baptists in the area moved to Greenmanville to work for the Sabbath-keeping brothers. Today, many companies have chaplains on their payrolls to tend to the spiritual well being of the workers. The Greenman brothers were well ahead of their time. The pastor of the Greenmanville

church was on the payroll of the company, as was the rest of the town.

Though the church never reached more than 56 members, it exerted a strong influence on the denomination because of its members' active roles in the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Education Society and the Memorial Fund. When the shipbuilding industry declined, so did the Greenmanville church. In 1904, the trustees of the church were authorized to sell the property and the proceeds were divided among the "benevolent societies of the denomination."

Today the Meeting House has been moved from its original site to become a part of the Mystic Seaport Museum.

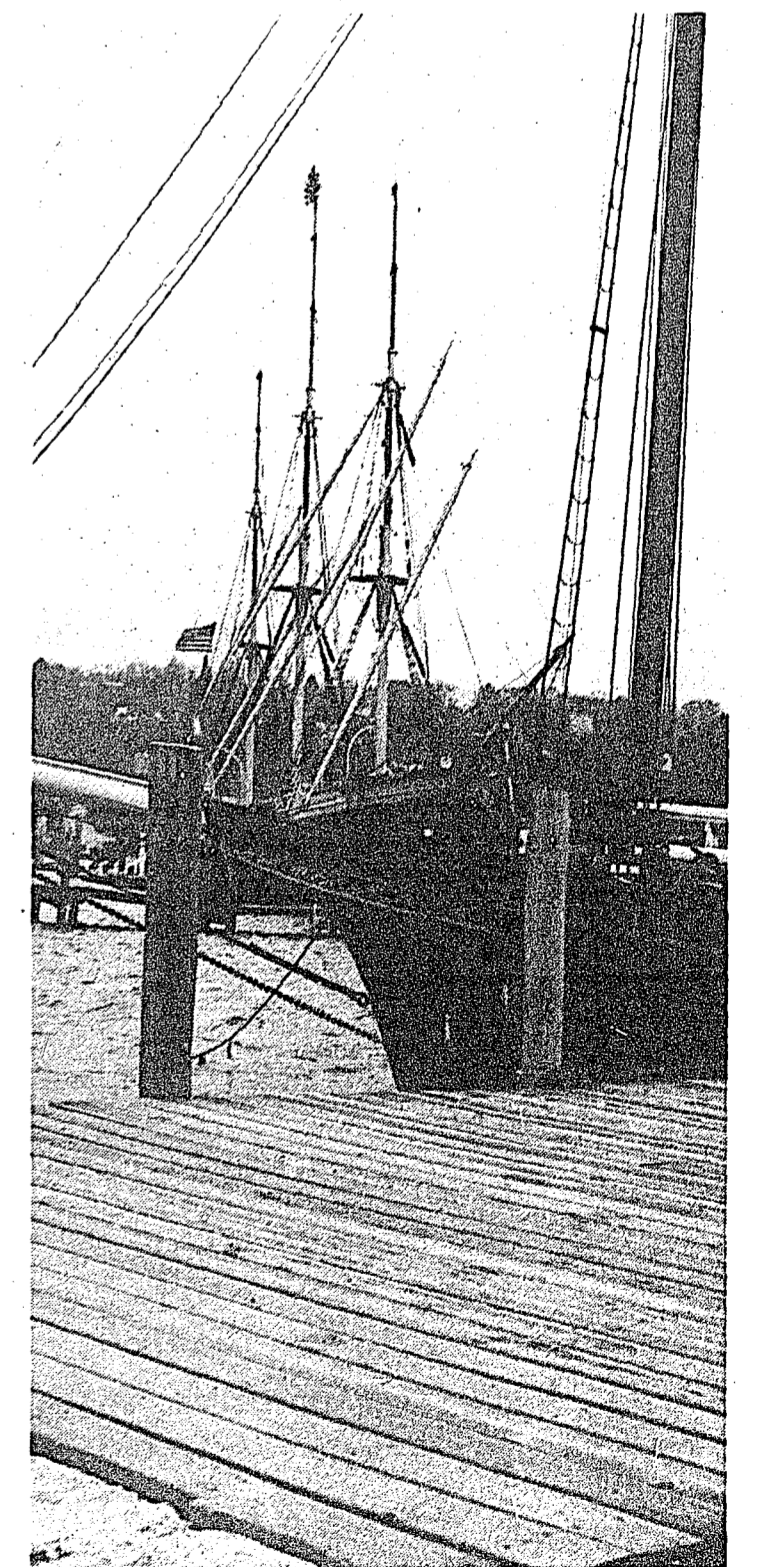
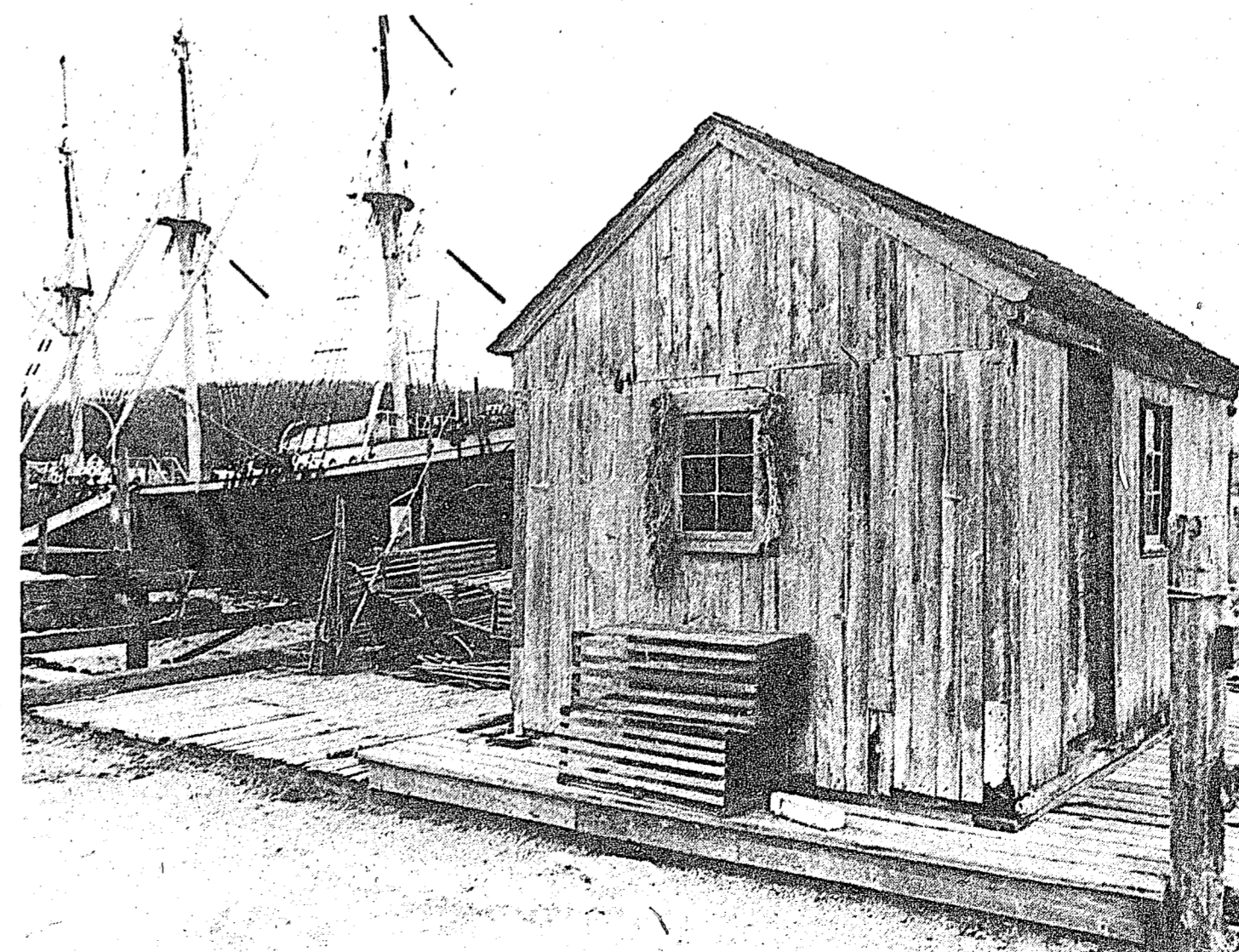
The museum concentrates on America's maritime history and covers 17 acres of "historic houses and waterfront buildings, great sailing ships, small craft and exhibits of many kinds."

At Mystic you can go aboard the wooden whaleship *Charles W. Morgan* or the square-rigger

Joseph Conrad. The fishing schooner *L. A. Dunton* and the steamboat *Sabino* are also displayed.

The village includes a waterfront area where you can tour homes in which seafaring New Englanders lived (including the home of one of the Greenman brothers). There are demonstrations of boatbuilding and ship-smithing. There are also exhibit buildings filled with collections of ship models, figureheads, scrimshaw, marine paintings and other maritime arts and artifacts. The Seaport is open year-round except Christmas Day. For more information, call (203) 536-2631.

The Mystic Seaport Museum sets a realistic atmosphere of waterfront buildings and great sailing ships (Photos by James Fetrow).



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The Ephrata Cloister is a German Seventh Day Baptist monastic settlement that has been restored by the State of Pennsylvania.

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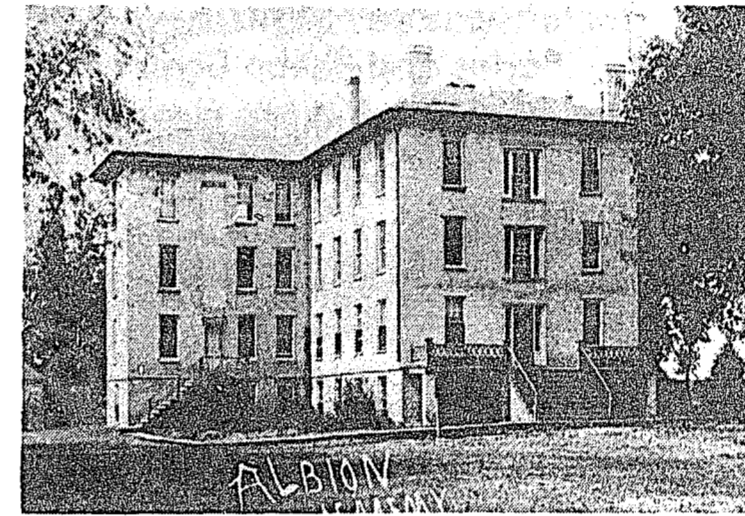
One of the most unique historical sites for Seventh Day Baptists to visit is the Ephrata Cloister in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. An 18th century German Seventh Day Baptist monastic settlement in the Pennsylvania "Dutch" country, the cloister has been beautifully restored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

A summer visit to Ephrata is made even more worthwhile due to the *Vorspiel*, a musical drama depicting 18th century cloister life. The drama is presented at dusk, Saturday evenings and selected Sunday evenings from late June to early September. Pre-performance activities include a tour and craft demonstrations.

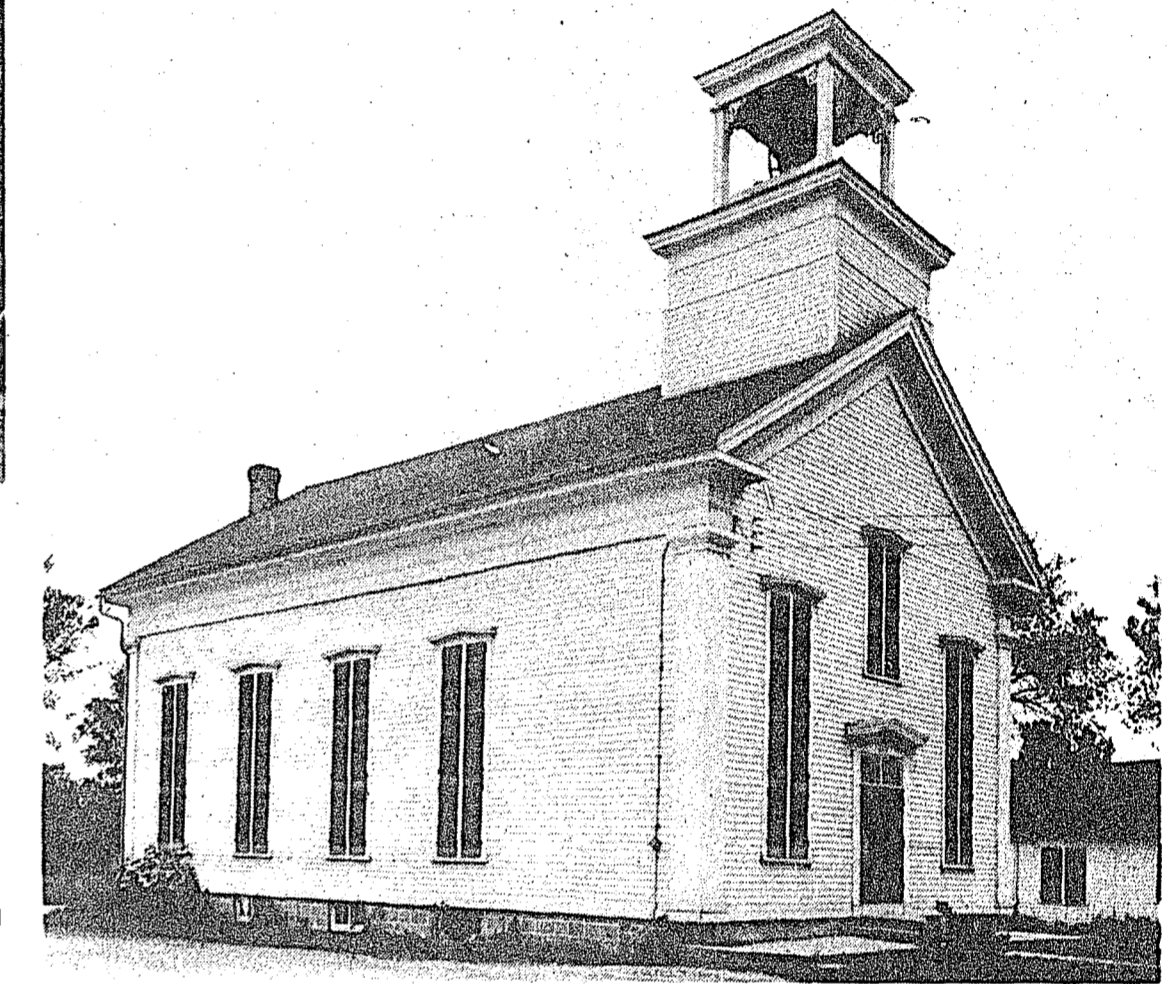
A stop at Ephrata would make an excellent and worthwhile portion of your 1983 conference travel plans. □



Our Pioneer Spirit



The Albion Academy



The Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church

by D. Scott Smith
Historian

Albion Celebrates Its 140th Anniversary

Why do people leave comfortable homes and set out on dangerous journeys into almost unknown lands?

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." (Gen. 12:1)

Many of the settlers of the early 1800's felt very strongly that it was God's voice that told them to gather together their possessions and begin a trek that would be fraught with hardships on every turn of the trail. Just as Abram gathered his possessions and people together and answered God's call, so did the early settlers of Albion, Wisconsin.

Most of the original members of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, which was first called the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dane County, came from

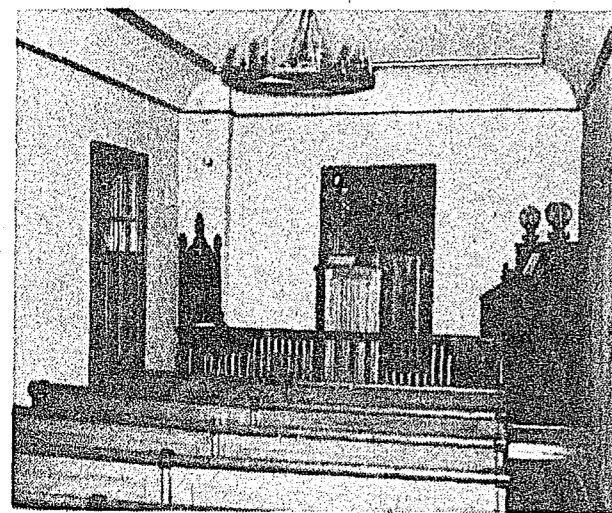
western New York state. By the 1830's, many farmers in western New York were giving up. They had plowed the hillsides, their soil had washed away and their crops were inadequate to feed their families.

When the Blackhawk Wars ended in 1835, soldiers returned to the east with reports of Wisconsin's crystal clear rivers, lush prairies and endless timber. The major Indian threat in the area, Chief Blackhawk, had been defeated and southern Wisconsin was open for settlement. Farmers scratching out a living in the hills of New York saw a very good reason to risk the perils of the trail.

The first Seventh Day Baptist to answer the call of Wisconsin's open land was Joseph Goodrich. A financial depression in 1836 and crop failures in 1837 helped to make up his mind to move

westward. Goodrich, who founded the Milton SDB church, chose the overland route and suffered many of the same hardships that Albion's founders would later endure. In Rev. Don Sanford's book, *A Free People In Search Of A Free Land*, we read:

January 30, 1839. Mr. Goodrich started for Wisconsin with his family, consisting of his wife, son and daughter, three hired men and one woman, and four companions from Alfred, New York, with four teams and covered wagons mounted on sleighs, by the overland route. The snow was four feet deep and on the first day's journey, Mr. Goodrich's spring wagon, with himself and family, tipped over, breaking Mrs. Goodrich's collar bone in such a manner, that the surgeon, after repeated efforts, could not set it, and bandage it so as to hold it in place. Thus



The Chapel of the Albion Academy

she was obliged to ride with it loose in a sling.

Genesis 12:7 says, "but the Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him."

Just as Abram had sought a place to worship God in his wanderings, so the early settlers of Albion quickly turned their attention to the Lord after arriving in their new home.

In September of 1842, Jesse Saunders and Duty J. Green arrived from Allegany County, New York. Recognizing that there was a need for a church, they called upon the three-year-old Milton SDB church for assistance. It is clear from the record books of the Milton and Albion churches that the Albion church was not organized by the Milton church, as some scholars have asserted. It was a cooperative effort.

The record book of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church states:

January 18, 1843...A request was received from the brethren on the west-side of the Rock River for counsel in regard to forming

a Seventh Day Baptist Church in Dane County...(It was) voted, that the church appoint a counsel of seven...The committee met in Dane County on the 22nd of January, 1843 and organized a church of 30 members of the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination.

That record book should have shown 29 members of the newly organized church. The assertion that Milton's council of seven organized the church is too strong. However, it is undeniable that Milton had a powerful effect on the beginnings of Albion. Seven of the constituent members of the Albion church were also constituent members of the Milton church. One in particular, Mr. Solomon Head, was not only a constituent member of the Milton church, but a moderator of the church and a member of the committee to write Milton's constitution and choose its first deacon. When the opportunity arose to begin a church on the west side of the river, he joined with the brethren and became a member of Albion. The founding members of the Albion church knew how to form a church.

Many other SDB churches gave up prominent members when the new Church in Dane County organized. If seven of Albion's first members came from Milton, where did the other 22 constituent members come from?

Almost without exception, the other 22 members came from various Seventh Day Baptist churches of New York state. Their journeys are too complicated to recount in detail; however, a few moments of retracing the steps of Albion's founders will tell us much about our fore-

fathers' pioneer spirit.

Charles and Phebe Coon were the ninth and tenth signers of the Dane County church's membership roles. Reading from *The Sabbath Recorder* of 1878 we find:

(Phebe was) converted under the preaching of Elder Jacob Ayers and baptized by him and received into the Alfred (NY) church. From Alfred she went with her husband to Albion, Wisconsin, then to Alden, Minn., and lastly to Calamus, Nebraska...though never able to attend service at the North Loup church, she sent in her letter, with that of her husband, and was received into its fellowship with him, by her request. ...she was buried in the North Loup cemetery.

Though it is not mentioned in her obituary, her husband, Charles, was one of the Milton church's organizing members. The Coons were founding members of 1st Alfred, N.Y., Albion, Wis., and Alden, Minn., before joining the North Loup church.

A similar trail was left by Solomon Head and his wife, Sarah Coon Head. Sarah joined the Petersburg SDB church at that age of 10, moved to Alfred in 1812, helped to found the 1st Alfred church in 1816 and the 2nd Alfred church in 1831. In 1840, she and her husband were founding members of the Milton church and later were constituent members of Albion. She was a founding member of four SDB churches.

The plain statistics are that among the 29 original members of the Albion church, were 11 who had formed other Seventh

Day Baptist churches on their way west. From only 29 members had come 22 signers of original articles of faith for our churches. First Alfred, 2nd Alfred, Scio, 3rd Brookfield and Milton — all gave up founders when Albion began its work.

They were, indeed, pioneers and church planters. Our efforts to begin new churches are pale next to our forefathers' efforts to begin churches in each village that they called home.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dane County was welcomed into the General Conference on August 6, 1843. Rev. O. P. Hull was the church's first regular pastor and was paid the sum of \$200 per year. In those first years, the church called James Weed to be a deacon. When the village of Albion opened a post office, the name was changed.

It is hard to imagine the explosion of growth that was going on during these years. Seventh Day Baptists were coming from the east in increasing numbers, drawn by letters in *The Sabbath Recorder* that spoke of the fine farm land in Wisconsin and the high quality of the education to be had at the academy.

By 1861, the Albion congregation had completely outgrown the chapel at the academy and had begun work on a church building. By the time this building was dedicated in 1863, 278 souls were worshipping in there. At the same time, the Civil War was calling young men away. Some from Albion never returned. The church was reaching out in missionary efforts toward Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas. Locally, the academy had gained the reputation of providing one of

the finest educations in the state. Southern Wisconsin was becoming very settled by 1867 when the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church reached its peak of 383 members.

Men began to return from the war — they had seen new places and the itch to move was strong in many mid-western communities. The pioneer spirit was still alive. Gradually, the size of the church declined. Perhaps the neighbors' farm was just too close. Whatever the reason, the peace following the Civil War brought a new westward expansion. Churches in Minnesota, such as Isanti, Twin Cities, Freeborn and Dodge Center, began to grow. Grand Junction, Garwin and Welton, Iowa — Pardee, Kansas — all gained by the second wave of western expansion. Even some of Albion's founders chose to press toward the frontier. Charles and Phebe Coon left for Alden, Minnesota. James Weed went to Freeborn,

Minnesota. Why did they leave Albion? We cannot be entirely sure. But it is likely that the same reasons that pushed them from New York prodded them onward. They were settlers — but not the type to settle down. Just like Abram of the Old Testament, they built a place to worship and then, "set out and continued toward the Negev."

Where is our frontier today? There is no mission field to the west, yet we can continue to be pioneers. Albion's founders set a fine example for us. Reaching out to new places is a high calling. But, today, reaching out to a neighbor may be our frontier. Is there a wilderness around you? Be a pioneer like Jesse Saunders, Duty Green or Solomon Head. Albion's and Seventh Day Baptist's opportunities are greater than ever!

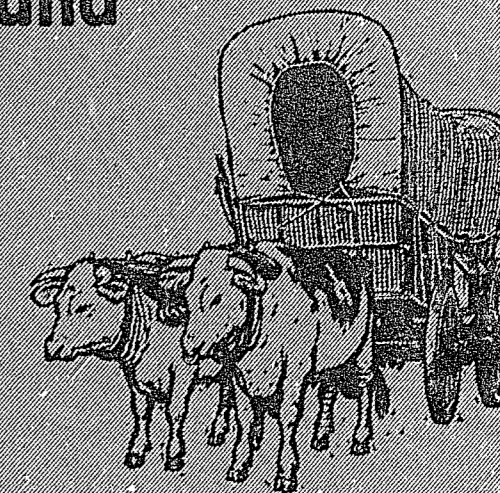
And all the peoples of the earth will be blessed through you (Genesis 12:3). □

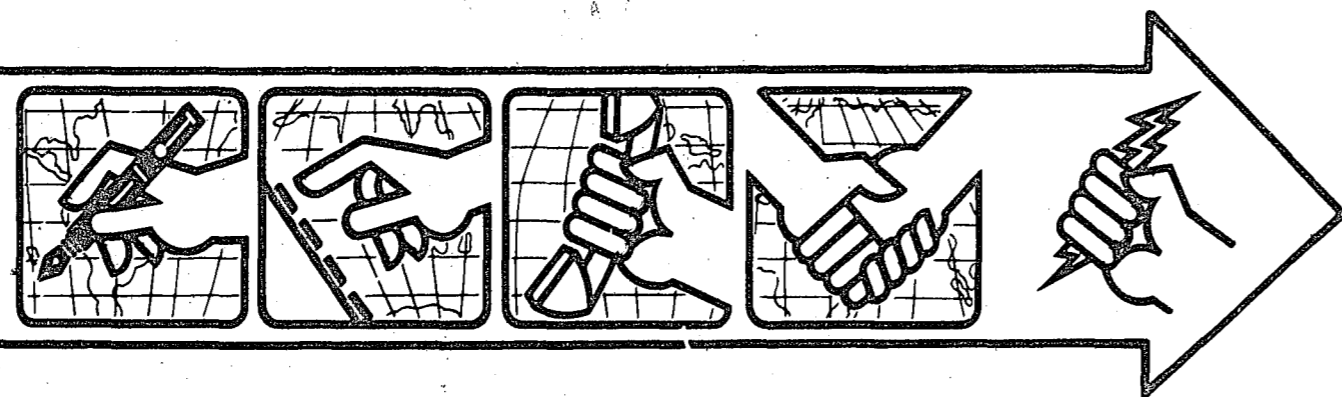
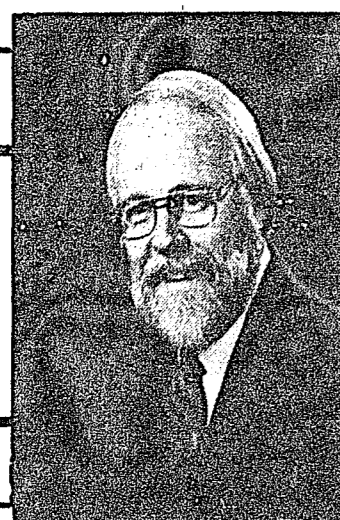
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First of three on The Pursuit of Excellence

Looking Up At Eagles

I have always understood that being a Christian meant that I was to somehow or some way live a life that was different. Even though I was aware that I had my shortcomings, I was still to try to be better, do better, achieve more because Christ set the perfect example that I was to emulate. And yet, I always fell short of the goal which had been placed before me. I always failed to achieve "the highest and best."

I have just finished reading and re-reading a book by Dr. Ted Engstrom, the new president of World Vision, entitled *The Pursuit Of Excellence*. Engstrom describes the Christian lifestyle not in terms of perfection but of obedience. He challenged me with words of the apostle Paul in his letter to the Colossians: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." What a challenge to excellence! Every act — word or deed — is a matter of choosing the "highest and best."

Choice: Eagle or Prairie Chicken?

Engstrom tells the story of an eagle that was raised as a prairie chicken: "All his life, the changeling eagle, thinking he was a prairie chicken, did what the prairie chickens did... One day the eagle saw a magnificent

I want you to be able always to recognize the highest and best and to live sincere and blameless lives until the day of Christ.
Philippians 1:10 (J.B. Phillips)

bird far above him. 'What a beautiful bird!' said the changeling eagle to his neighbor. 'What is it?'

"That's an eagle--the chief of the birds! But don't give it a second thought. You could never be like him! The changeling eagle never gave it a second thought and it died thinking it was a prairie chicken. What a tragedy. Built to soar into the heavens, but conditioned to stay earth bound, he pecked at stray seeds and chased insects."

We have all been given the opportunity through Christ to "soar like eagles" but too many of us only scratch for insects with the prairie chickens. The difference is in our vision — our goal. In obedience, we must set our eyes on "the highest and best." In obedience we must choose to do only those tasks or projects worthy to be done "in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Saying Yes Means Also Saying No

Committing ourselves to excel means choosing the best of many good options. Saying "yes" to one goal means saying "no" to others. It means not spreading ourselves too thin, but concentrating precious energy and resources "in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him."

If I choose to teach a Sabbath School class, committed to excellence, it may mean I must say "no" to the call to serve on the church communications committee or to campaign for the Cancer Society. To try all three may mean never to get off the ground, to say nothing of soaring toward "the highest and best." Before I can soar like an eagle I must "recognize the highest and best."

Check Out the Price Tag

Engstrom cautions us, however: "Every truly worthwhile achievement of excellence has a price tag. The question you must answer for yourself is, 'How much am I willing to pay in hard work, patience, sacrifice and endurance to be a person of excellence?'" Jesus, too, challenged us to count the cost. If we will take time to do that, we are less likely to commit ourselves to being eagles, cardinals and prairie chickens all at once.

For the Christian, excellence in our work is not an option. It is our duty. People surely measure our witness by our performance in everything we do. God uses a different measure. We will often fail, of course, but the goal must remain "to live sincere and blameless lives." That is a matter of obedience. Jesus did not encourage us to a life of mediocrity but of "faithfulness and truth."

Dr. Engstrom indicates that "people who truly excel in their endeavors are the ones who determine clear-cut goals and habitually direct all their energ-

ies toward fulfilling them." The decision to go after a goal is the key to success. The determination to stay with it is what brings out the quality of excellence.

I have been challenged by this book to a new effort toward Christian lifestyle — the pursuit of excellence. Won't you join me in the quest for a life of faithfulness and striving for the highest and best? Let's claim the ancient promise that "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles..." (Isaiah 40:31, NIV). □

The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ

by John Conrod

At his last supper with his disciples before He died, Jesus told them his testament was being offered in his blood. What was it Jesus was willing to us? To find the answer we must look all the way back to creation.

When God created man, He breathed into him the breath of life. Mankind was loaned the opportunity of being alive. He was expected to be a good steward and return this loaned life back to God with a profit. But instead of accomplishing this, even though created in the image of God, man fell short of the Glory of God. How could he now repay his debt to God?

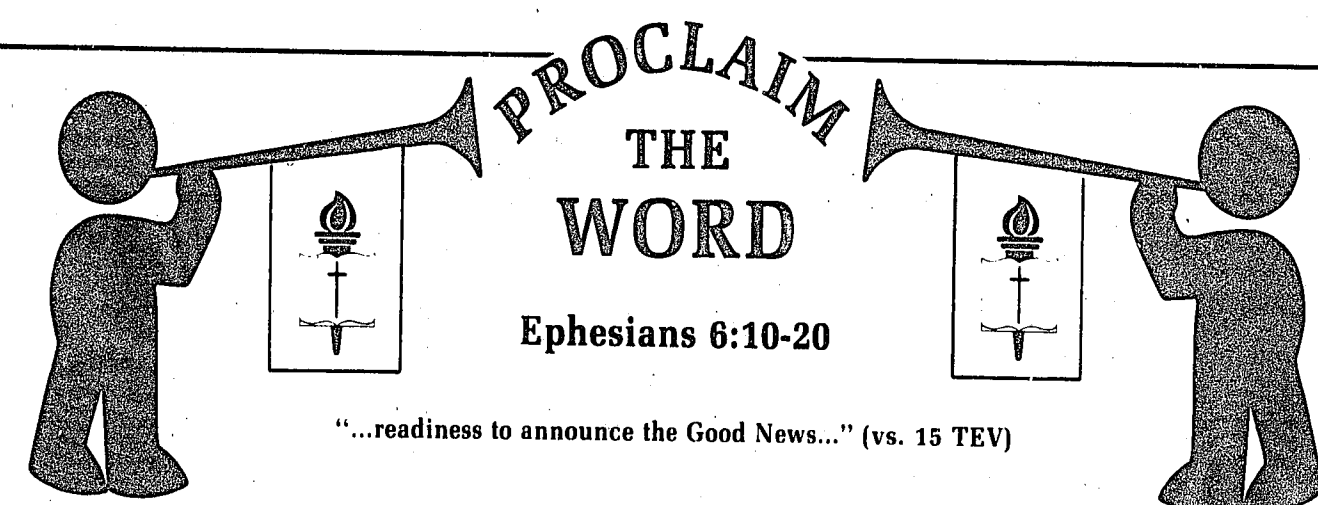
Did God make man incorrectly? He created man in his image but not with his fullness. Without the fullness of God, man can never be what God intends him to be. God didn't intend for man to succeed without his fullness, either. It may sound strange, but God expected man to fail even before He created him.

Before the foundations of the world, God already planned how mankind could receive the fullness needed to become one with him; He planned to offer it as an inheritance. God himself would live a perfect life as a man and since it was

his life in the first place, He didn't need to return it to anyone. In the life of Jesus, not only was there the image of God, the fullness of God dwelled in him also. Jesus lived a perfect life and when He died, He told us that we can repay our debt to God by offering to him the perfect life that Jesus lived. We can do this because when we accept his life as a gift, it becomes our life, which we can now offer to God to repay our debt to him. This is why Paul made such statements as: I am crucified with Christ; For me to live is Christ; and especially: In Him you have been made complete.

This is what God planned from the beginning. This is the only way we could be made complete and have the fullness of God dwell in us. This is the only way Jesus' prayer that we would be one with him even as He and the Father were one could be answered; Through the last will and testament of Jesus Christ.

References: Matthew 26:28, Genesis 2:7, Luke 16: 1-13, Genesis 1:27, Romans 3:23, 1 Peter 1:20, Ephesians 1:4, Revelation 13:8, Hebrews 4:8-9, Colossians 2:9, Galatians 2:20, Philippians 1:21, Colossians 2:10, Ephesians 3:11, 19, John 17: 21-23. □



by K. D. Hurley
Conference President

Seven Day Christians

"A 'seven-day' Baptist is what I'll have to be!"

That was the decision of a lady who lives in one of the southern states. Through careful Bible study she had become convinced regarding the seventh-day Sabbath. Through extensive inquiry, she had learned about Seventh Day Baptists. She contacted denominational officials only to learn that no church yet existed in her part of the country and there was no hope of one being established in the near future.

So, she said: "My friends of like persuasion and I will have to continue to fellowship with the Sunday-keeping churches to which we belong, worship in our own special ways on the Sabbath and become seven-day Baptists instead of Seventh Day Baptists."

Of course, it is regrettable that an SDB church does not now exist in that area. We hope and pray that one can be established in the near future. In the meantime, a basic truth is subtly underscored for all of us. No matter what our church affiliation may be, we should be reflecting our Christian commitments every day during the week, including Sabbath observance and the witness we can provide in the week day world of work.

That is why, during General Conference next summer at

Houghton College, Houghton, New York, August 7-13, the topic for Wednesday, August 10 will be *Proclaim The Word In The Professions and Vocations*. All features on that day — early hour devotions, late night prayers, morning worship and Bible studies, afternoon prayer and praise time — will emphasize the importance of living one's faith and, therefore, *Proclaiming the Word* in occupational en-

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deavors.

To do so is Biblical. Jesus did not hesitate to work. If we follow his example, we will be serving in God's kingdom. In Matthew 20:28, we are told that "the Son of Man came to serve, not to be served." A Christian's concern should be to serve rather than to seek personal gain.

Christ was and is "a holy craftsman" who loves us and seeks to remake our lives. Work, in that context, is a partnership, letting us help in God's process of

creation and re-creation. "For we are co-workers with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Any worthwhile work can be divine vocation, if we have answered God's call to serve in that way. It is when we are constructively busy — not just doing a job — that we hear the call of God. We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give.

A mid-week gospel concert will be the means both of highlighting the Christian work theme and of providing a transition from the necessary business of conference (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and the personal enrichment days (Thursday, Friday and Sabbath).

The Wednesday evening concert will feature country music artist, Joe Babcock, born of SDB parentage in North Loup, Nebraska and making his professional pilgrimage through Chicago, and Hollywood to Nashville where for more than twenty years now he has been a character actor, singer, song writer and performer (See article entitled: *Babcock To Sing At Conference, in this issue. Ed*).

His struggles for achievement in his chosen field have been and continue to be exemplary. But, even more praiseworthy is his demonstrated testimony in connection with the spiritual con-

tent of his professional life. He is a writer who keeps the material clean in his compositions. He is a singer who refuses to use lyrics that are not in keeping with his convictions. He is a musician who stands by moral and ethical principles against commercial implications. He was the first president of the Music City Christian Fellowship, which is made up of concerned

and active church members who are in the entertainment business. He will undoubtedly talk about these and other facets of his spiritual quest as he shares his musical talents.

Joining Joe Babcock on the Wednesday evening program at conference '83 will be several outstanding SDB lay leaders who will give brief accounts regarding *Proclaiming the Word* in their

professions or vocations. Fred Zinn, a member of the Salem, West Virginia, church who now lives in Franklin, Tennessee, and provides management and promotional services for entertainers, will assist in presenting the program which will be coordinated and introduced by our denominational Director of Evangelism and Church Extension, Mynor Soper.

Undoubtedly, all who participate in the various General Conference activities on Wednesday, August 10, will verify in one way or another that professional and vocational life is really a part of discipleship. The end result of both what we say and what we do as Christians should be to win others to Christ. To be seven-day Christians means that we will be doing our part toward **doubling** during our Decade of Discipleship.

It is important for all lay people to approach their daily work, whatever it is, with complete dependence on God for inspiration and to respond as "bright and shining testimonies for Christ!"

As our Executive Secretary, Dale Thorngate, has suggested in one of his official reports, let us pray that "our words and our work on behalf of the 'living Word' will indeed be worthy of his name and will in fact, help to further God's kingdom on this earth.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Psalm 127:1



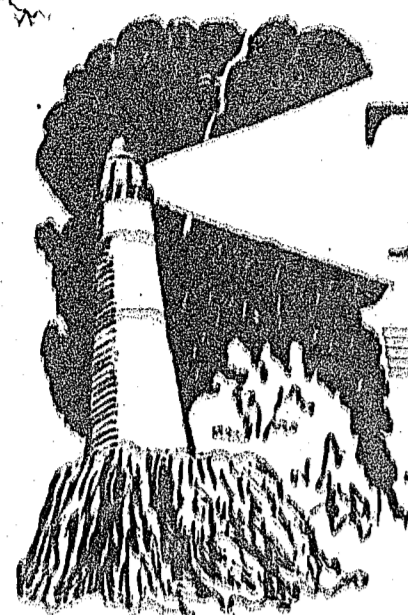
Conference '83 MEMO

Re: Goal Setting
From: K.D. Hurley, President

Each church, fellowship, and association of the SDB denomination is challenged to set growth goals for the years ahead in our Decade of Discipleship and to report the goals at Conference '83. A special convocation will be held on August 13 for that purpose.

Has your group started a careful, prayerful consideration of your goals as a part of the overall objective to double in the decade?

**NOW IS THE TIME
TO SET GOALS!**



THE BEACON

For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

March 1983

Called To Be A Christian

by George Calhoun

Can Christians serve God in their everyday jobs? Can God actually use us in what we may think to be ordinary employment?

A common mistake among many Christians today is that they think the "minister" is the only one who can and should do the ministering. However, the Bible tells us in Ephesians 4:12, that the ministers' job is to equip the people for the work of the ministry. Christianity is not a spectator sport, but has ample opportunities for everyone to get involved (1 Cor. 12:12-17).

Now there are those who are definitely called into full-time Christian service, such as the Apostle Paul, or perhaps your minister or a missionary you know. But, on the other hand, we rarely ever hear a typical Christian say that they are called into their present occupation. I believe that the reason for this is that so many feel that they are not or cannot be used by God in their present or future position. As you have read in Corinthians 12, if the body were all an eye, where would the hearing be? If all Christians were pastors or missionaries, how could we reach the billions of ordinary people who work at conventional jobs? God uses an infinite variety of methods for people to do His work. It is a privilege for average Christians to work in fields, factories or offices because God has given the call to that occupation. We may never understand why God has put us in a particular position or occupation, but "His thoughts are not our thoughts, and His ways are not our ways." According to our thinking, it would seem logical that Christians should stay out of the mess of an ungodly work en-

vironment. There are, of course, certain occupations that are strictly out of the bounds of God's children. If the job does not line up with God's basic principle set forth in His word, we have no business being in that position. Much of the world is unclean, because it has not been touched by the hand of God, but that does not mean we should avoid it as much as possible. Escape from planet earth is not God's plan for Christians. He tells us to be in the world but not of the world (1 John 2:15), not to flee from it but to conquer it with the love of God (Romans 12:21).

The book of Daniel describes the manner in which that young man continued to hold to his beliefs though surrounded by a sinful world. Although Daniel could not be physically separated from ungodly people, he became spiritually isolated and did not defile himself (Daniel 1:8) while working right smack in the middle of them.

The Lord has a problem on this planet, for His children have gone astray and everyone has gone his own way. Therefore, God is recruiting individuals who will not waver to the left or to the right, but stay on the straight and narrow path while pouring out the divine message. Those persons selected will be located in strategic places throughout the whole world according to a special design. Whether a carpenter, doctor, janitor or lawyer, God desires to use each person to tell others of His loving kindness.

Each person must rely upon God's calling for direction (Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 6:33). If God calls you to fulltime Christian work, obey Him. If God calls you to do other work, obey Him just as heartily.

God has given ministers of Christ's Good News the privilege of sharing it practically everywhere. A person working in a full time ministry is not necessarily more committed to Christ than a Christian working in a secular position. Each person has answered God's call, each person is in the place God wishes, each person has the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

How will you answer God's call to work for His kingdom? □

From Tim

Dear National SDBYF members,

Hi! I'm Tim Ellis, the National YF Treasurer, and I'm writing to tell you that the National officers are making great plans for youth activities at conference in Houghton, August of '83. Even though Houghton is not a booming metropolis, there will be exciting events for the youth.

In order to make this possible, we will need some financial assistance from the youth across the nation. If you or your group would like to make a contribution, sent it to:

Tim Ellis
Pleasant Valley Road
Alfred Station, NY 14803

With your help, we can make this one of the best conferences for the youth. We are looking forward to seeing you at Houghton. Thanks for the support.

Sincerely Yours,

Timothy Ellis

Verona Fellowship

by Joan Davis

This year's Verona Youth Fellowship has almost doubled in size! We are looking forward to a great year and have already accomplished some of our major goals. We are meeting on the second and forth Sabbath of the month after church with bag lunches.

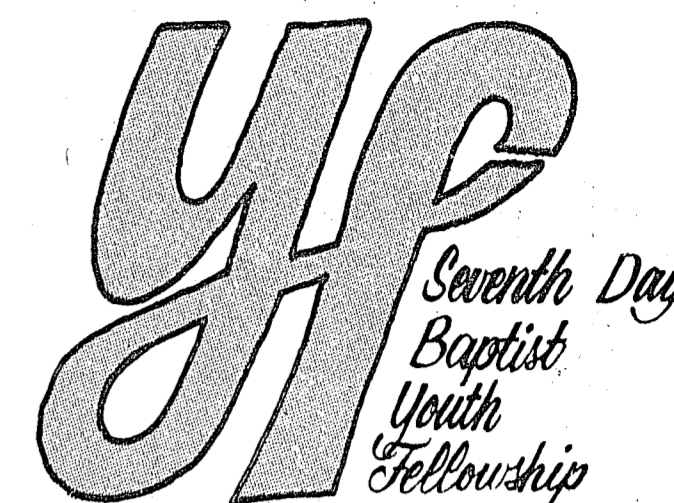
Our first event was sponsoring the food booth at our 27th annual church auction. We sold many items and donated half of our profits to the church.

Christmas is traditionally a very busy time for our group. At the beginning of December, we decorated the church Christmas tree. This is always a fun event and it helps to get the church in the Christmas mood. The theme of the tree's decorations was Christ and

the meaning of Christmas. We also coordinated the annual Christmas caroling. The young adults joined us as we caroled at several of the church member's homes. We also organized the Christmas Eve candle lighting service. This year, some families participated in the program.

This year, our devotions are coming from *The Discussion Manual for Student Relationships*, introduced to us at conference by Ken Phillips. We are learning and growing together by using this manual.

Our YF is looking forward to conference in the East this coming summer! We will be having fund raising events this spring to raise money so that more members of our group will be able to attend. □



BOOKSBOOKSBOOKS

Peabody, Larry, *Secular Work is Full-Time service*, Christian Literature Crusade, Fort Washington, PA 1974 142 pages.

For personal or group study of how to be a full-time Christian witness in secular work.

Sabbath Observance In a Technological Age

In Keeping of the day — "If you keep not the Sabbath as Sabbath, you will not see the Father."

Gospel of Thomas, Logion 27

Is it possible to keep the Sabbath but not keep it as it should be kept?

What constitutes Sabbath-keeping?

What activities are conducive to making Sabbath, Sabbath?

What ones detract?

Is everyone agreed? Should everyone be?

When is "picking up your bed and walking" a Sabbath activity? When not?

Is there a difference between watching football on TV and going to the game?

Is either wrong? Is either right?

HERITAGE CORNER

Seventh Day Baptist Christian Endeavor Society Refused Recognition at International Convention

Astonishing as this may seem, it actually happened in 1892.

The International Society held a convention in New York City, to which our denomination sent many delegates. On a Sabbath preceding the convention, a Seventh Day Baptist Rally was held in Plainfield, N.J., in which prominent workers of the Christian Endeavor Society addressed our delegation and aroused much enthusiasm.

Following the International Convention, it developed from correspondence between Dr. A.H. Lewis and Dr. Clark, president of the United Society (C.E.), that SDB Christian Endeavor Societies had not been recognized in the official program by being placed on the roll of denominations. They had also been refused representation on the Board of Trustees. The following reasons were given for this intentional omission:

Refused to sign a petition for the Sunday closing of the World's Fair (1893).

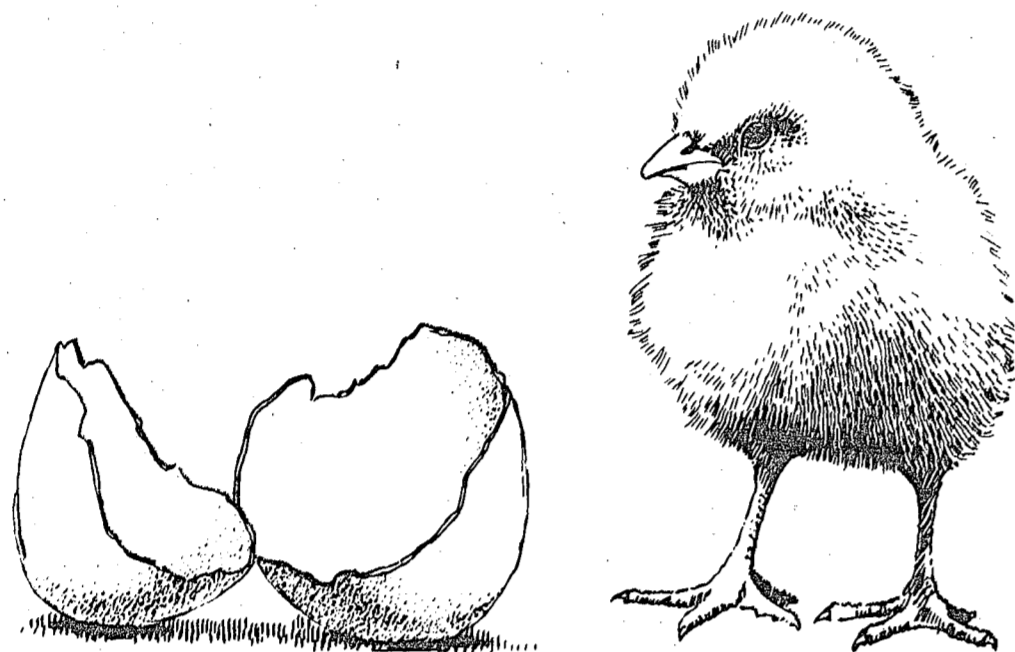
The SDB position on the Sabbath question was directly opposed to the United Society's efforts to promote better Sunday observance.

For a time this action threatened to antagonize many young people in our C.E. Societies. However, mature judgment prevailed — the leaders felt secure as to the points in question and the matter was dropped. Since that time the Christian Endeavor movement has had the loyal support of SDB young people and is a recognized influence in our denomination. □

From Vol. 1, *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*.

Loosing Sight Of The Resurrection

by Steve & Joan Pierce



Many years ago, on an annual basis, a cardboard box came to S. J. Davis in Fouke, Arkansas. It was about a yard square and three inches deep. Holes about the size of a dime riddled it. Inside were one hundred baby chicks. I was told these chicks had not been fed or watered but were nourished by the yoke of the egg from which they hatched. Some of these chicks, despite loving care, would perish. Some would go on to enter the ministry as fryers and others would enter the ministry as baking hens. Nearly all of them saved my life at one time or another.

Occasionally one of these little chicks would get hold of something too large to pass through its digestive tract. This object would cause an occlusion so that no nourishment reached its body. Consequently it was continually ravenous. But though it ate continually it was not satisfied. This excess food accumulated in its craw until eventually it literally dragged on the ground. The compassionate Deacon Davis

would massage the chick's craw daily to try to free the restriction. His failures were marked by hollow-eyed, cadaverous little creatures peeping in misery and looking constantly for food. Death for them was a relief.

How very like the life of these unfortunate chicks is the Christian life and especially the events surrounding the resurrection Sabbath for many of us. Did you every hear someone say, "that kinda stuck in my craw?" They were talking about my Grandfather's chickens. It didn't go down too well. Lots of things get stuck in the craw. One of the best *craw stickers* I know of is pride. Other good ones are greed, guilt, anxiety, fear, timidity and discontent. There are many others that keep us out of harmony with God.

It seems that just like these unfortunate chicks, we keep pecking away, trying to find happiness. Perhaps we have the traditional Easter dinner. We give Johnny and Susie Easter baskets with chocolate bunnies and gaily colored eggs. We buy

Mama a whole new outfit and even get ourselves a preppie tie and new shoes, but something is missing. What can it be? It must be the new car we can't afford this year for our grand entrance to the church parking lot.

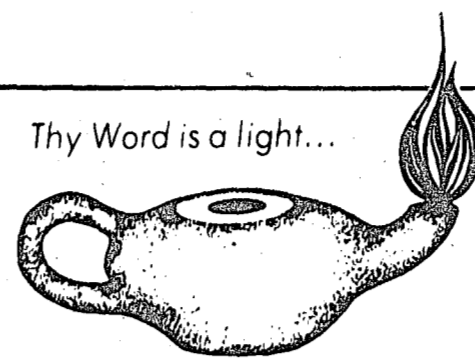
Some people are quite concerned about the name of the season itself. They explain that its' source is the Phoenecian goddess Astarte and that the spring date coincided with the fertility rituals. I shall not now propose to tell you how to celebrate Easter or Resurrection Sabbath or the Resurrection, for in my fifty-four years I have not learned how. *God isn't done with me yet.*

What I **do** believe, is that if it is a ham steak, a bunny cake, matching accessories, a Phoenecian goddess or a Constantine edict that *sticks in your craw* and there produces an attribute of character such as greed, envy, or hate, then you stand with me in the need of prayer.

If anything has diverted your attention from the empty tomb, Satan is at work in your life. As C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters* points out, if a man starts out to do a **very good** thing and he is distracted and does a **good** thing, the devil rejoices.

We approach the celebration of the most momentous event of all time. Be ready when he says to you — as he did to the woman who fervently sought him 2000 years ago, *Mary...or Steve...or Joan...or...* □

Thy Word is a light...



Board of Christian Education

Mrs. Mary Clare

by Donald Van Horn &
Marjorie Bond

Searching For Employment

The Holy Bible, the text-book of Christians, is about serving and ministering. Jesus trained men to be servants rather than masters. According to the dictionary, a vocation is a calling. *Where does Christ call you to serve?*

Being a servant is probably one of the greatest challenges for a Christian. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Jesus told his disciples just before his crucifixion, "I am among you as one who serves." What an example He has given us! When Jesus Christ becomes the Lord of our lives, we will express that Lordship by serving others.

Now let us consider some of the principles the Apostle Peter set forth in his first epistle as they apply to modern-day searching for employment, the choosing of a vocation and the attaining of job-success.

Will hire all qualified trainees, 17 to 25 years old. Welding, metal working, mechanics. Excellent pay, advancement, regular raises. High school graduate. Must relocate. Call 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This classified ad in a recent metropolitan newspaper implies several principles known to vocational counselors. Job consultants look for abilities, preparation through education or

training experience and the willingness to move to a new location if necessary.

Peter recognized, fully, that each of us has special abilities and aptitudes. Only when the worker recognizes his particular skill and applies it to the job which he has chosen to pursue, will satisfactory results be evident. He may even discover that because he has not used his unique gift, it has been lost.

One of the job guidance thrusts of this decade is the re-training of workers. Employment

"I am among you as one who serves."

in such a job as the one described at the outset of this article implies familiarity with metal, mechanics and the ability to handle tools. The unskilled worker should not apply for this position unless she or he is prepared by much training.

Jobs seldom move to the worker. The willingness to move to the job supports any statement of the desire for the position. Peter was advising workers who had moved from their traditional home state. He was very aware that sometimes similar jobs and

vocations would not be found in the new location.

Peter, in his letter to the exiles from Jerusalem, had good advice for these displaced Christians in their search for employment in Asia Minor. He said, *As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles from God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies, in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 4:10

Finally, Peter was asking for the single most important quality for job success — determination to do good work. Peter speaks of the glorification of God. By this he means that achievement will be pleasing to God only if it represents the best that a person can possibly do.

Carefully and prayerfully choose your life's work and priorities. Remember that in choosing, it is not the position that brings the greatest amount of money or recognition that is important. It is the one which gives opportunities for service to God and each other that will bring the greatest amount of satisfaction and happiness.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might (Eccl. 9:10). Not as pleasing men, but God (1 Thes. 2:4). □

Helping Hand Preview

by David Clarke

Leaders of classes using *The Helping Hand* or other uniform series lessons will find good stimulus for their May 21 Sabbath lesson in the *International Annual*. That is the date of Pentecost. Horace Weaver, editor of *The Annual*, secured an article on Pentecost from Mrs. Mary G. Clare, Executive Director of our SDB Board of Christian Education. "The Harvest of Pentecost" is her title of the three page article.

You will find good stimulation for exploring the meaning of Pentecost in her piece. You will also find lessons in spiritually-powerful witnessing. Seventh Day Baptists will recognize some of the beautiful SDBs whom Mary used to illustrate the meaning of cross-bearing.

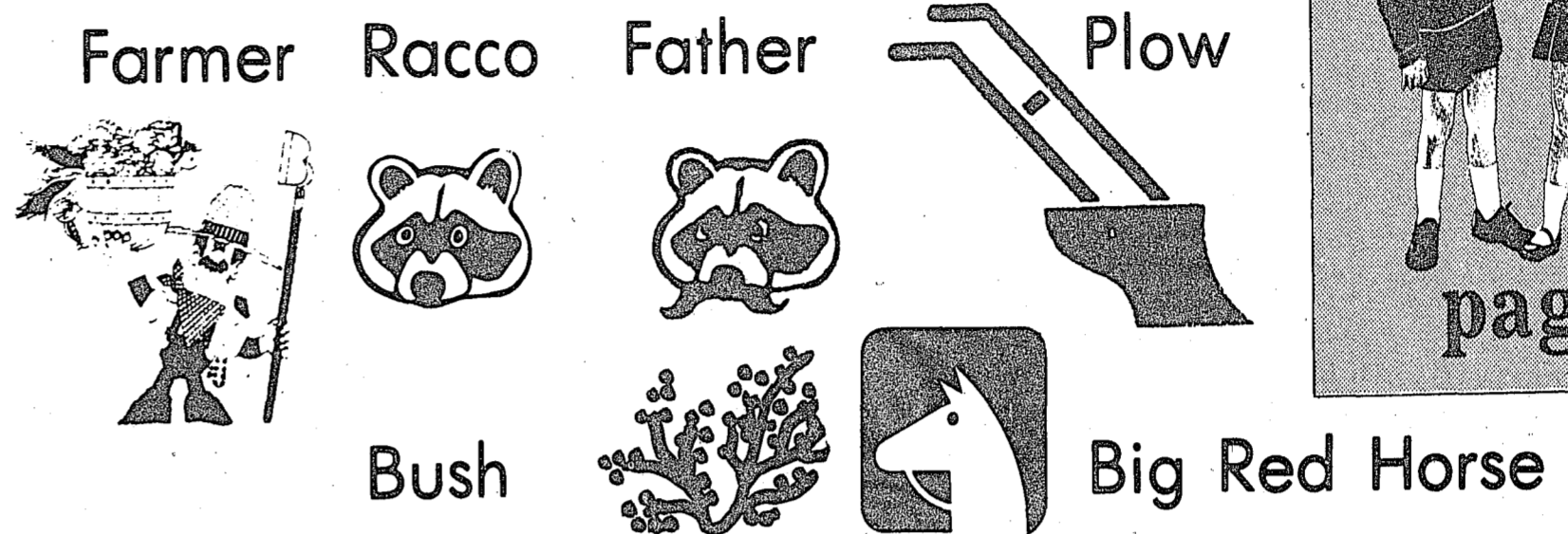
The International Lesson Annual is published by Abingdon Press and has been a standard resource for teachers of Uniform Series Lessons. Through the Co-operative Christian education agency producing the Uniform Series, SDBs work with the editor and several of the dozen authors who contribute sections each year. We are happy Mr. Weaver asked our executive to contribute to his widely-known Bible study aid. □

Who Can Find A Good Woman?

Proverbs 31
 (In honor of a "beautiful" person)
 --Paraphase by David S. Clarke

Who can make clear the qualities of real womanhood?
 Her neighbors can always trust her word;
 Her young friends get the life-long inspiration of a truly beautiful person.
 She lives her whole life drawing the sting of evil, and nourishing good in others.
 She chooses good seed and good soil and labors to bring good fruitage.
 Like resourceful merchants, she brings together healthful produce and creates delicious foods.
 Long before daybreak she begins her work.
 Carefully weighing the expenditure of her money for herself, she generously and painstakingly organizes her work for the good of others.
 Her hands skillfully grasp the tools and materials she has chosen and create useful products;
 Her hands are graciously outstretched to share with anyone in need;
 Her hands are clasped in prayer for God's Realm to come here and everywhere.
 She knows well how to prepare the household for the changing seasons;
 She provides well for those who come and go in the business of life.
 She is a bright light in a society that too little recognizes its dependence on volunteer workers.
 Dignity and strength of character are her adornment;
 The twinkle in her eye bespeaks her trust in God's Tomorrow.
 A good woman brings wisdom to her conversation, and loyal kindness in her urgings.
 She remains aware of her home and neighborhood ways, and does not turn a deaf ear or preoccupied hands to any need.
 Her pupils and young friends stand up to proclaim her virtue and give thanks that she is a channel of God's love.
 "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
 Give her the fruits of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates."

Raccoo And The Big Red Horse



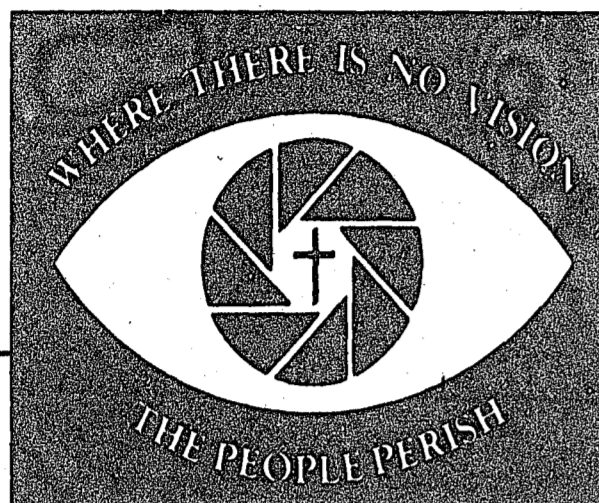
Farmer Raccoo Father Plow
 Bush Big Red Horse

Raccoo and his father sat very quietly under a berry bush. They watched a Big Red Horse run across the field. The Big Red Horse jumped over the berry bush easily. Oh, the Big Red Horse was so-o-o big, so-o-o fast, and so-o-o wild.

A week later, Raccoo and his father could see the Big Red Horse pulling the large plow. When the farmer said, "Whoa," the Big Red Horse stopped. The Big Red Horse seemed so quiet, so easy to control, so gentle.

Raccoo read Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth." When God is in control of our lives, we can be strong and very active, yet gentle.

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MISSIONS TODAY

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MEMPHIS, TN — Pastor Bill Shofner closed his ministry in January and has not felt led to enter the pastorate with the Upper East Tenn. SDB church, as was originally planned. He will remain in Memphis, we understand, an active member of the Christ SDB Church of which he was the founding pastor. He asks our prayers that the Lord will give him wisdom and understanding for further service. Remember, too, the Memphis church as they seek new pastoral leadership!

THE PHILIPPINES — "A strange and wonderful thing happened on New Year's Eve morning. Two men from the province of Bukidnon, one of the least developed areas of the Philippines, came to our house with a companion from Cebu. To make a very long story short, one of the men, Bro. Magsayo, had heard the message of salvation from Pastor Paypa, when he was living near Paypa. He then moved to Bukidnon with his family. He took with him this message of salvation by grace and shared it with the Vice Mayor of a nearby town where he lived. He also was saved. They then came together to Cebu to tell me that they had heard the message of salvation through Paypa and believed. Now they wanted to start a church in their town in Bukidnon. These two men are very bright and since there is no apparent way, as of

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now to get them into one of the training programs, I simply gave them materials and told them I would be in correspondence with them." - from letter of Missionary Rodney Henry, Cebu City, The Philippines, January 1983.

WASHINGTON, DC — Pastor Leland E. Davis wrote the Missionary Board, and the following was shared at their January meeting: "In behalf of the Washington Church, let me express our deepest gratitude to the Missionary Board for their extended support during the past ten years. By God's grace we have been able to plant not one, but two churches in the metropolitan area of Washington, DC (Central SDB in MD). Now we believe that we are strong enough spiritually, numerically and financially to expand our present physical facilities to accommodate a body of 150-200 members. Furthermore, we hope in the near future to plant a church

across the Potomac in Northern Virginia."

THOMAS, MALAWI, AFRICA — Finish work should be about done on the new rural hospital building. Because of the shortage of staff housing, some of the workers are to use part of the building. Pray for the medical assistant and staff at Thomas!

GOALS IN 1983 — The Atlanta, GA SDB church adopted specific goals in their plans for the new year. These were a part of their Extension Pastor's report at the January Missionary Board meeting and are published in the February MISSIONARY REPORTER (pg. 11,12). All voting members of the Missionary Society have received a copy. Our conference president has asked all churches to set goals during this SDB DECADE OF DISCIPLESHIP with 1983 being the "Year of Ministry." Has your church specific goals on which to focus during this year?

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, 120 Main St., Westerly, R.I. 02891, on Sunday, March 20, 1983, at 2:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- ☆ To elect voting members, a Board of Managers and officers to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors are elected.
- ☆ To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Managers and officers for the fiscal year January 1, 1982, to December 31, 1982.
- ☆ To ratify the appointment of independent public accountants for the current fiscal year.
- ☆ To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Managers has fixed the close of business on February 28, 1983, as the time at which members entitled to notice thereof and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be determined.

Elston H. Van Horn, Secretary

Goal Setting For Our Churches

by Leon R. Lawton

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Extension and Missionary Pastor Churches Set 1983 Goals

Though annual advance planning and goal setting has been a regular procedure for Missionary and Extension Pastor churches for nearly 20 years, the call and challenge of our 1983 Conference President, Dr. K. Duane Hurley, gives new meaning and emphasis to such a procedure. It is interesting to note some of the goals set forth by these churches:

Atlanta, GA "A food closet has been set up to aid the hungry." We plan "to train at least two new Sabbath School teachers in preparation for expected growth."

Bay Area, CA "Good News Clubs" (for children and youth) are to be held this summer in three areas — Half-Moon Bay, Antioch and Vacaville. Once-a-month meetings for worship and song services at Carlson Convalescent Hospital. Continued support and participation in LITA."

Central, MD "To become independent and self-supporting in the near future. Membership — reaching for 28. Attendance — 50 in worship service." (Note:

Central, MD was our "Growing-est Church" in 1982!)

Houston, TX "Weekly Bible studies at a Nursing Center. A committee will research a more extensive program of advertizing for our church and its activities. We have budgeted \$400 and have discussed the possibility of expending 10 times that amount with a set of specific goals."

Memphis, TN "To begin a new witnessing program aimed at outreach and more closely contacting visitors. To increase our OWM goal."

Portland, OR "To progress with Decision to Discipleship in at least two study groups. To use the first quarter in study of principles and promises, inventory talents, time and treasure and to commit them according to scriptural instructions."

Raritan Valley, NJ "One week vacation Bible school. Monthly newsletter, church directory update, newspaper box ads, increase Nursing Home involvement, continue Christian Book Center service and increase support of Community FISH program."

Salemville (Bell), PA "We are hosting SE Association this spring and plan to make media coverage one primary objective. We will continue to seek and implement ways to make the church more visible. Tract distribution emphasis is being planned and we are considering invitation of a speaker (for evangelism emphasis)."

San Diego, CA "We will try to add one new Adult and one new Junior Sabbath school class. We have agreed to double our budget. We will continue to use sponsoring families and advertizements in newspapers and yellow pages."

Upper East TN "We hope to improve our SS classes and also our Y.F. and Young Believers programs and will continue with Ladies Love Circle and restart Men's Fellowship. As we grow we must look to ways to add more room for our attendance — either a larger sanctuary or more than one service."

White Cloud, MI "Decision to Discipleship resumed. New teachers and materials in Sabbath School. Church membership classes. Lay people actively engaged in evangelism. Additional Deacons and Deaconesses to be elected."

While some may consider such objective goal setting a bane, those who become involved in dreaming, setting faith goals and commitment to specific goals are bearing testimony of the rich blessings and excitement discovered in seeking to know and do what they understand to be God's will for them and their church.

Individual, as well as local church goal setting can also bear fruit in 1983. Let us seek the vision that God wishes us to have and do the work He calls us to accomplish. As has been often quoted, "Those who set no goals, usually reach them!" □

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day

April 1983

Verse for the month: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

Pray For:

1. Praise the Lord that we can know him as our living Savior!
2. Resurrection Sabbath! King's College Choir, Westerly, RI.
3. The growing medical ministries of the Central Africa Conf.
4. The Madison (WI) Fellowship and its new contacts.
5. Pastors as they travel to Minister's Conf., Nortonville, KS.
6. Dean J. Paul Green, and staff, as they lead Minister's Conf.
7. Pastor Benessee, Mozambique, East Africa.
8. Those leading worship this Sabbath.
9. Sabbath School Mission Offering.
10. Memorial Board Trustees meeting today.
11. Memphis, TN church and their pastoral leadership.
12. Gabriel Bejjani's new ministry to Moslems.
13. Vision for the Lord's work for me, my church and assoc.
14. Young people going into SCSC this summer.
15. Medical administrator at Makapwa (Malawi) hospital.
16. Bay Area, CA church in their community service.
17. Board of Christian Education quarterly meeting, Alfred, NY.
18. Ministerial students finishing their seminary terms.
19. Those in our churches seeking employment and ministry.
20. Sabbath School teachers as they prepare lessons.
21. New youth to prepare for ministry in church/missions.
22. Ron and Luan Ellis and Conference Host Committee.
23. Sabbath blessing for those worshipping around the world.
24. Missionary Board quarterly meeting, Westerly, RI.
25. Jin Sung Kim, Korean pastors and churches.
26. OWM giving 1983: May our united goals be reached today!
27. Churches preparing for SCSC team projects.
28. Conf. Pres. K. Duane Hurley as he "Proclaims the Word."
29. Preparations for Institute on Sabbath Philosophy in May.
30. Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson in their final weeks.

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Religion in the News

Growth in Religious Studies Crystal Cathedral Loses Exemption

Evidence of enrollment growth in religious studies at major colleges and universities was reported last month by *The Christian Century*. Michigan State, Columbia, Penn State, Missouri and Louisiana State were among schools cited in the survey, and some schools reported dramatic gains. While the survey involved 700 institutions, it was viewed as a poll rather than a thorough study of enrollment. □

FCC and PTL

The Federal Communications Commission has turned over its lengthy investigation of Jim Bakker's PTL to the Justice Department, and has dismissed the charges of the original complaint. According to *Christianity Today*, the Justice Department must now review complaints regarding PTL's financial management. The FCC hearings focused on broadcast regulations and not on other charges regarding use of donor funding. □

Groups Ask Court To Throw Out Tuition Tax Credit Law

A "friends-of-the-court" brief filed in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of more than 60 religious, education and public affairs organizations asks that a Minnesota law be declared unconstitutional.

The Minnesota statute in dispute grants state income tax deductions for the cost of tuition, textbooks and transportation for

Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral (the Garden Grove Community Church) was ruled to have violated the requirements for property tax exemption in California. The decision by the California Board of Equalization cited public concerts and performances by popular entertainers, and the commercialization of the facility, including a Ticketron outlet on church property.

Estimates are that the revenues

for the church, including its popular television programs, total nearly \$30 million yearly. Dr. Schuller indicated that changes will be made, and a return to tax-exempt status should be achieved quickly. The loss of the exemption would cost approximately \$250,000 each year. □

Liquor Licenses And Churches

A Massachusetts law which allowed churches and schools to block liquor licenses within 500 feet of their property was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. In an 8-to-1 decision the Court ruled that the law violated the first amendment, since it gives churches unusual rights in the conduct of law.

The decision does not remove similar statutes in other states, but spoke to the automatic denial of license under previous Massachusetts law. □

Hindu Efforts to Hold Numbers

Faced with conversions to other religions, Hindu leaders have launched a campaign to raise funds and workers in a "mass awakening" in India. Contributions of \$2.5 million have been raised to place 1,000 full-time workers in community efforts to stem conversions. □

children attending both public and private schools. However, since public schools are prohibited by Minnesota law from charging for tuition, textbooks and transportation to and from school, the tax credit benefit in reality affects private school students only. Minnesota taxpayers taking advantage of such deductions reduced their taxable income by \$32 million.

The organizations filing the

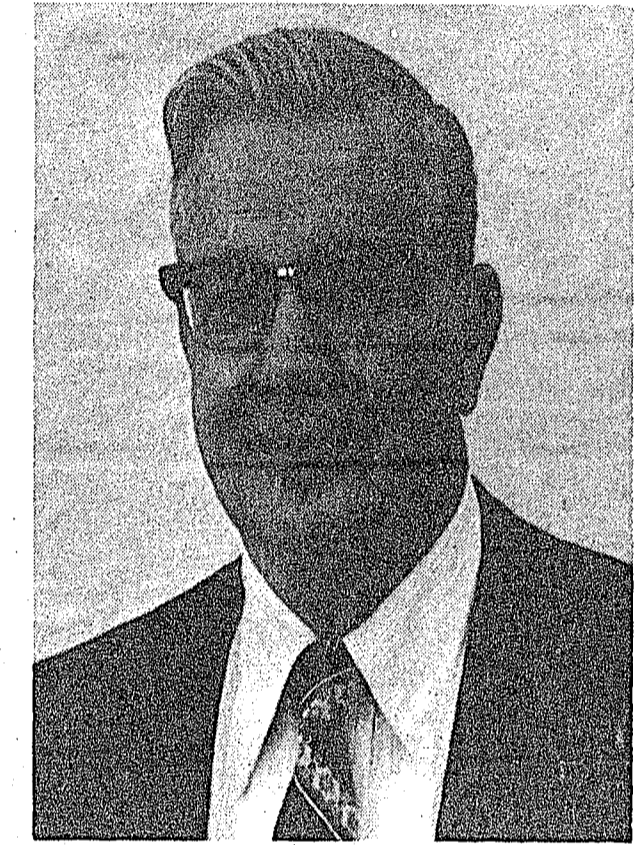
brief claim such tax tuition credits violate constitutional provisions requiring church-state separation.

Major sponsors of the brief are the National Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty; the National Parent Teacher Association; the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations; and the American Jewish Congress. □

The Church in Action

Skaggs Honored for 40 Years in Ministry

by Ruth Parker



Rev. Victor Skaggs

A surprise celebration in honor of Pastor Victor Skaggs' forty years in the ministry took place in the Plainfield, N.J. church on Sabbath, January 22. The postponed Communion service was attended by an unusual number of nonresidents and visitors including many members of the

Nortonville Says Farewell to the Chronigers

by Juanita Wheeler

On December 4th, Don and Charolette Chroniger presented an hour of music in the afternoon. Their music consisted of vocal selections by Don and both organ and piano selections by Charolette. Their personal testimonies and reflections of their time and work at the Nortonville (Kansas) church was a beautiful time of sharing. That evening a farewell reception was held for

Skaggs family.

The bulletin had announced that Rev. Dorcas Diaz Shaner, a Christian dramatist, would provide the afternoon program. She proved to be a very gifted monologist, but she was not the only one on the program. Mrs. Nina Coon, Ardale Skaggs' mother, was wheeled in and *Happy Birthday* was sung to her for her ninety-third birthday.

Jeanne Wilhelm introduced Mrs. Shaner, who acted out several monologs before she called Pastor Skaggs to the platform for an impromptu dialog. Then Jeanne called Ardale to the platform and with a smooth transition, launched into a review of our pastor's forty years in the ministry, giving full credit to Ardale. He has served as executive secretary and as our first dean of the Center on Ministry as well as serving in several pastorates.

Jeanne read congratulatory

letters from many in the denomination including Conference President K. D. Hurley.

Everyone was invited to the Sabbath School room to partake of the large lettered cake and punch and to enjoy a time of fellowship. □

The Holidays at Plainfield, N.J.

by Ruth Parker

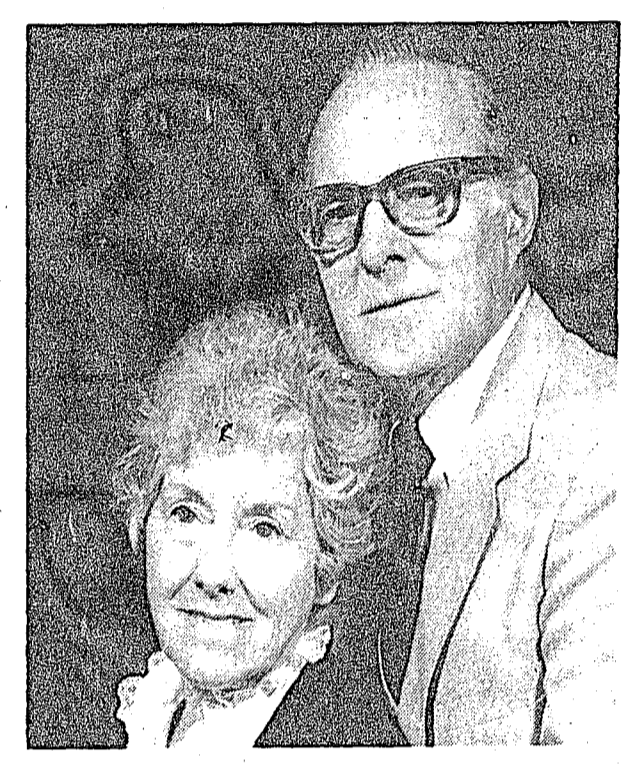
The Plainfield SDB church was chosen to host the Plainfield Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service on November 21. Pastor Victor Skaggs led the well attended service and the United Church of Christ furnished an anthem and a duet. Mayor Everett Lattimore brought greetings, Father Carney took part in the service, and Rabbi Goldman presented a Thanksgiving message. The large offering was for Star Fish, the arm of the Association of Religious Organizations that furnishes emergency aid to the unfortunate.

A group went caroling to several old folks' homes on Dec. 18 and refreshments were enjoyed at the parsonage. The next afternoon Pastor Skaggs conducted the Christmas service at McCutchen Nursing Home. Four members of the congregation helping with the singing.

The Christmas Eve candle lighting service included carol singing, Bible readings and a meditation. □

Vis Called to Paint Rock Pastorate

by Art Rowe



William and Rose Vis

William Vis has been called to the pastorate of the Paint Rock (Alabama) Seventh Day Baptist Church. Brother Vis had served the church as interim pastor since June, 1982. Bill and his wife, Roselyn, also represented the Paint Rock church at the 1982 General Conference sessions.

The Paint Rock church, which is located one block off of U.S. Hwy. 72, has just completed a new church sign. The sign is prominently displayed, complete with floodlights, on the parsonage property, which adjoins the highway right-of-way. Many

more travellers along this busy road will now become aware of the church's presence.

During the past months the church has welcomed two special musical guests. In June, Cathy Carrier of Nashville, Tenn. gave a Friday night concert. In November, Cindy Bruce, a student at the University of North Alabama, sang in a morning worship service. On the same day, members of the Atlanta Seventh Day Baptist Church were visiting and their pastor, William Shobe, preached. The worship was followed by a fellowship turkey dinner.

The Paint Rock and Atlanta churches continue to collaborate in the publication of the monthly newsletter, *The Mid-South Messenger*.

During the holiday season, several food baskets were distributed. Also, every resident of Paint Rock received a flyer by mail, entitled, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. It read, in part:

When you hear the tolling of the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church bell, it is to let

you know that its members are, at a specific time each day, praying for the wellbeing of you and all the people of Paint Rock and its vicinity.

The bell is being rung on a daily basis. □

Year-end Youth Conference Held

Year-end Youth Conference was held December 26-31 with 15 young people in attendance at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The theme was *Jesus and Me in 83*. Lessons, singing and recreation were a part of each day's meeting.

Once again, success was due to a combined effort of many — pastors and theological students, laymen and young people not eligible to attend. Generous donations of food, time and labor were made by many. □

Spokane Elects Officers

The Spokane Area Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship elected new officers at a December 1 business meeting. Wayne Grouns was elected Chairman, Harland Severance was elected Secretary-Treasurer and Larry Hunter, Adrian Dodge and Vesta Severance were elected Trustees.

These five officers will make up an executive board. The

board will work together on planning, aiding those in need and organizing the Sabbath School.

During the meeting, the group voted to continue working under the Covenant, Constitution and Articles of Faith of the Seattle Area church, as a branch church fellowship, for the present.

It was agreed to seek for an-

other church building to rent for Sabbath services in a more centrally located part of Spokane.

The group voted that *Our World Mission* should be supported with designated gifts only and that the trustees would be authorized to decide if more funds should be contributed from time to time. □

A Letter From Denver



The Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church Choir

Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

The past year in the Denver Church has been one of caring, sharing and involvement.

We honored Pastor John Bevis and family at the fellowship hour the first week of June and it seemed that before we knew it, we were into the full swing of a busy summer schedule. VBS, Junior and Senior Camps and an SCSC Team kept us busy until it was time to prepare for conference.

Our Sabbath Morning Worship Service is such a special time. Worshiping includes praising God, hearing our choir sing and listening to the Word of God brought to us by Pastor John. Following a short fellowship hour, we continue our study of the Bible during Sabbath School. Our weekly average church attendance for the last six months of the year was 140. Our Christian Education Department reports

the Sabbath School attendance averages have risen 71% in the last quarter compared to the annual averages for the last three years. We praise God for the enthusiasm everyone feels. We pray that it will continue to grow.

We have welcomed seven new members into the church; three by baptism, four by letter and one baptism without membership.

The other activities of the church continue, including a Wednesday morning Bible study. The re-activated College Career Class is busy with seminars, ski-trips and socials. The Carroway Street class continues to be a real success with the younger members of Sabbath School. This is such a fine way for the little ones to learn the Bible and to love Jesus.

A group who call themselves the Senior Adults was formed. The purpose has been to get

older adults together, once a month, for worship, good food and an afternoon meeting.

There are monthly socials, fellowship dinners and church picnics, held of course when the snow is not on the ground. Last July, our fellowship dinner was held at Camp Paul Hummell with the members of the Boulder church. Such an inspiration to be part of over 170 people gathered in that mountain meadow for hot dogs and fellowship! Following the dinner, there was a program to honor Gerry Van Dyke for her work with the SCSC team and to honor the team for their outstanding work and dedicated service.

On December 18, the choir presented the cantata, *Dawn of Promise* by Walt Harrah. That evening we had the Christmas program by the young people. Both presentations were such beautiful experiences. The beautiful sounds helped us to rejoice for the Christmas season.

Church had to be cancelled on Christmas Day due to our "Blizzard of 82." No one was able to drive their cars. However, on January 2, Pastor John had the Christmas message. We all came away feeling happiness, peace and joy. Jesus Christ came to earth and lives in our hearts.

We are looking forward to 1983 as a time for knowing that we are...*A Caring, Sharing, Growing Fellowship.*

In His Love,

Donna Hastings

The Sabbath Recorder

Ministers' Conference Meets In Nortonville

The 1983 session of the biennial Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Conference will be held in Nortonville, Kansas, on April 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m., and go through April 12 evening worship experience. The conference will make use of the facilities of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist church. Plans for housing, feeding and transportation are being coordinated by Pastor Edgar and Xenia Lee Wheeler and the host congregation.

Key leaders will be Dr. Maynard Hatch and Dr. John Reist of Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Several Seventh Day

Baptist pastors and lay people will lead worship, Bible studies and various aspects of the program. Dean Paul Green is directing the conference.

Dr. John S. Reist, Jr. is Professor of Theology at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. He is a graduate of Houghton College, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago. Dr. Reist will present six lectures on *Shaping and Sharing: The Ministry of Christ.*

Dr. Maynard F. Hatch is Professor of Religious Education at Central Baptist Seminary. He is a graduate of Eastern Baptist

College, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and New York University. He is director of the annual Conference on the Small Church. He will present six lectures dealing with ministry in small congregations.

Highlights of the conference will be worship together each day, Bible studies on the *Book of the Twelve Prophets*, sharing times and daily prayer. The wives of our pastors will be an integral part of the program, with some of the presentations planned especially for them.

The Center on Ministry would encourage all of our churches to send their pastors and wives to the 1983 Ministers' Conference. It is an opportunity for them to share together in personal experiences of mutual benefit. Continuing Education funds of the Council on Ministry are being used to bring outstanding leadership to the conference and expenses for the conference itself will be kept to a minimum. This is a continuing education experience which will almost certainly be very beneficial for your pastor, your pastor's wife and your congregation.

The cost for the week-long session will be only \$30 (\$25 for meals and \$5 for registration). Information about attendance should be sent to Pastor Edgar Wheeler, Box 366, Nortonville, KS 66060. Further details on transportation and other aspects of the conference have been sent directly to the pastors, or will be sent on request from the Center on Ministry, Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547. □

Summer Institute

Sabbath Philosophy will be the topic of the 1983 Summer Institute to be held May 23-June 10 at the Center on Ministry in Janesville, Wisconsin. The course will be taught by Dean J. Paul Green and guest leaders.

The three-week intensive course is offered for ministerial students and others interested in a study of the major distinctive of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, the seventh-day Sabbath. Readings and discussions will center about an understanding of the Biblical character of the Sabbath, its history, the theological implications of Sabbath observance and modern-day application. A comparative study of Sunday observance and its development will be included.

No tuition or fees will be charged. Travel and living ex-

penses during the Institute are paid for students regularly enrolled in the Center on Ministry program. Licensed pastors, theological students not enrolled at the Center and ordained pastors are encouraged to attend as partial fulfillment of qualification for General Conference accreditation. They may apply to the Dean for financial assistance.

Although the Institute is conducted as a graduate level course, anyone interested in attending the lectures and doing the reading is welcome to audit. Additional work, including the writing of a paper, is required of those taking the course for credit.

For further information including a course outline, reading list and application form, contact Dean J. Paul Green, Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547. □



Country entertainer Joe Babcock

Babcock to Perform

Country music performer, Joe Babcock, will perform on Wednesday night during the 1983 sessions of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in Houghton, New York.

Babcock, who was born in North Loup, Nebraska, has been a professional entertainer for 20 years and has done vocal background work for music greats such as Charlie Rich, Merle Haggard, Lyn Anderson, Elvis Presley,

Ann Margaret and Nancy Sinatra. He has received 39 "Super Picker Awards" for background vocals. For 11 years, he has been a cast member of the television show, *Hee Haw*.

During his years in the entertainment business, Babcock has written 300 songs, recorded 40 songs and has sold between 5 and 7 million copies. He performed on a remarkable 10,000 recorded songs. □

Sunshine Mountain Seeks Workers

"If you can get a thrill out of daily walking and serving the Lord, have I got a place for you," says Jack Hays of the Sunshine Mountain Home in Chatawa, MS. "The work is hard and the days are long, but you won't go hungry and you will have a chance for more opportunity to witness than most people have in a week."

Sunshine Mountain has one full time Public Relations team in the field now and they are praying and planning for two or three more full time teams soon.

"If you are afraid to talk to people, or unless you have Jesus so close to you that you can talk of Him, please don't answer. If Jesus puts this on your heart, then contact Ralph Hays, P.O. Box 37, Chatawa, MS 39632 or phone (601) 783-3426.

The home is also looking for a "mother's helper" to do laundry, housekeeping chores, cooking and part-time baby sitting.

"All we can offer is room and board and a very small weekly allowance in return for full time help," says Linda Hays. "But the side benefits include being on the receiving end of a whole lot of love, living in a Christian home, being part of the growingest SDB church in the country (in 1981), and experiencing firsthand the many wondrous ways the Lord works in and among His people." □

The Peace Of Christ

by Rev. Paul S. Burdick

We have heard so much of the angry God, the God of battles, the God of vengeance in the Old Testament, that it is a relief now to find the Old Testament witnessing to the Christ of peace, forgiveness and love even in the Old Testament. The purpose of God throughout the Bible is to win a people to Himself. He wishes to win all men to Him, to cast away the false gods who are mainly worshipped for fertility, good crops, things that appeal only to the body. We owe so much to the Jews and to their treasuring the Old Testament: the message of a God who is interested in the spiritual life of His people which prepared the way for the coming of Jesus.

When in Lev. 18:19 it was stated, "Love your neighbor as yourself," the Jews thought that meant to love their fellow Jew. But Jesus, in his parable of the Good Samaritan, expanded the word to include the larger community. When Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Malachi all predict the coming in of the Gentiles (*I have given thee for a light to the Gentiles. Is. 49:6*), we are prepared for Paul's words that now he has chosen to preach the gospel to the Gentiles.

With the coming of Christ, God shows His true character. Not only toward the Jews does God show himself as a God of love, but to the whole world is this word spoken; "God so loved the world that he gave..."

As we read the words of Jesus, to "love your enemies," we are reminded of David's action in sparing Saul, his enemy, at the cave near Engedi: an example of

love to enemies.

Later on, when David's son Absalom had driven David and his family out of Jerusalem, an enemy, Shimei, passed along on a higher road, cursing and throwing stones at David. A bodyguard said, "Shall I kill him?"

David replied, "No, the Lord has sent him. Maybe the Lord will do me good because of it." A later saying, *turn the other cheek* was fulfilled in that day.

When Absalom was defeated,

and Joab found him caught by hair in a tree, Joab killed him. But David wept when he heard of it, crying, "Absalom, Absalom, my son Absalom!" An enemy was forgiven. Thus we find as we read the Old Testament that God is more than a God of battles and of judgement and vengeance, but as Jesus was to say at a later date, "Before Abraham was, I AM," so Jesus can say, "I and the Father are one." □

How I Minister In My Vocation

by Barbara Green

I consider myself lucky to have two vocations; homemaker and nurse. Both enable me to minister in similar ways. As a full-time homemaker, I was able to open my home to friends and neighbors, to teach my children about Jesus, to just be available to listen when someone needed to talk. As my children grew older, I had time to become involved in community and church activities; to help do those jobs which can only be done by volunteers.

Three years ago I started working outside the home as an occupational health nurse in a large factory. I soon discovered that many of the people coming to the medical department have that same need to talk and be listened to as my family and friends do. Often their physical complaints are only a mask for feelings of loneliness and unhappiness. They need to be ministered to with patience and understanding.

I am presently also employed as a clinical instructor in an associate degree nursing program. Once again I am working with people who have the need to be seen as individuals, who need to know that someone really cares. This is not only true for the patients in the hospital but also for my students. I minister to them also by being their advocate with the hospital staff and other instructors. Many of the students have home lives and work situations that are unbelievable; these, in addition to the stresses of a demanding educational program, cause problems. Once again, I find myself listening, counseling, just being there.

If I had to sum up the way I feel I minister in my vocations, I would say in one word, "caring." However, I would hasten to say that on my own I am not a caring person. It is only when I let God care through me that I can truly minister.

«Off center»

Life at the SDB Center
by Leanne Lippincott

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A Building Treasure Hunt

Anyone who has taken the time to explore every nook and cranny of the Center will readily agree there are a number of interesting posters, banners and plaques lurking about. However, they're a lot like cobwebs; you don't really notice them until someone points them out.

One of my favorite posters is taped to a file cabinet in Jean Jorgensen's office. It sports a large picture of a monkey and states, simply but eloquently, "It's finally happened. My withholding is more than my salary!"

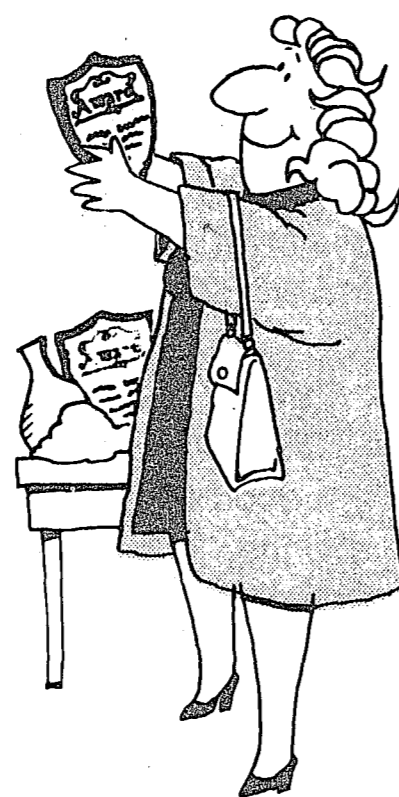
Quite often plaques or posters reflect a person's interests. For instance, Scott Smith loves to fish. So it makes sense that there's a wooden plaque in his office that reads, "Lord, let me catch a fish so big that even I, when talking 'bout it later, will not be forced to lie."

I love to fish, too, but the plaque on my wall reads, "The world is two-thirds water and one-third land. The Good Lord knew you would fish more than you would plow."

Another interesting plaque is the one in Dale Thorngate's office: "Use me, O Lord, in thy work -- especially in an advisory capacity."

The "Sometimes I think we are all nuts" sign on Jean's desk is also among my favorites; in fact, I crack up every time I read it. Although I like it, I hope Jean didn't have to shell out a lot of cash to buy it (Maybe she got it for peanuts).

Then there's the Bible verse that **should** be on a plaque



(Ivan FitzRandolph ran across it, and Scott typeset and photocopied it for center-wide distribution). The verse reads, "Only someone too stupid to find his way home would wear himself out with work." Eccl. 10:15 TEV

Although the banners in J. Paul Green's office are attractive, I'm drawn more to the skull that lives in his bookcase. It's a cat skull with numbered bones, a project of Paul's when he was a chemistry and biology major at Milton College.

Why does he have the skull in his office?

"Why not?" Paul replied.

While searching for witty plaques in Paul's room, I ran across two other interesting items: a can of Wyoming Simulated Jackalope Milk and a can of Genuine Canned Florida Sunshine.

The Jackalope milk, which is rich in vitamins J, U, M and P, is advertised as a "balanced diet for unbalanced people" (Given

half a chance, it could prove to be the favorite drink of Center employees).

Priced at 50 cents — Paul must have bought it before creation, or at least inflation — it's touted as "a fast action diet for lagging, dragging salesmen, truck drivers, fishermen, hunters, golfers and bowlers."

Paul's can of Florida sunshine — more welcome at the Center this time of year than a hundred plaques — contains "nothing but pure, undiluted and unadulterated Florida sunshine..."

The label goes on to state that "Containers of this product should not be opened in hostile environments such as regions north of the Mason-Dixon Line, especially by envious Yankees with unstable dispositions. When such unfortunate individuals are exposed to these contents, they occasionally fly into a blind rage and have even been known to fatally stab themselves with an icicle."

It's quite obvious, from the examples I've just mentioned, that an intensive nook and cranny tour of the Center is well worth the effort. Pearls of wisdom and gems of knowledge abound for those who are willing to search and dig.

Speaking of knowledge, Paul approached me in a hallway the other day and explained the presence of one of his office memorabilia.

"The reason I have my cat skull here," he confessed, "is that Denise and Laurie wouldn't let me keep it at home." □

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Accessions

Bay Area, Calif.

Stephan F. Saunders, Pastor

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David Tucker
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Los Angeles, Calif.

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By Baptism:

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By Letter:

Stephen Lewis

Lost Creek, W. Va.

David Taylor, Pastor

By Letter:

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Dina B. Taylor

Milton, Wis.

Herbert E. Saunders, Pastor

By Letter:

Robert Appel
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Milton, cont.

By Testimony:

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Gregory Reiersen
Mona Reiersen

Westerly (Pawcatuck), R.I.

Dale E. Rood, Pastor

By Baptism:

G. Michael Nikodem

Riverside, Calif.

Alton L. Wheeler, Pastor

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Marriages

O'Meara-Petrone.--Michael K. O'Meara and Rosanna Petrone, both of Westerly, RI, were united in marriage on November 28, 1983 by Pastor Dale E. Rood of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, RI.

Smith-Matheny.--Quintin E. Smith Jr., son of Virginia Meade of Emporium, Pa., and Quintin E. Smith Sr. of Clarksburg, W.Va. and Brenda Sue Matheny, daughter of Minnie and Marvin Matheny of Pine Bluff, W.Va. were united in marriage on December 4, 1982 in Pine Bluff, W.Va. by Reverend Edward Sutton.

Salysers-Boatright.--Gary Salysers and Lorrie Boatright were united in marriage on December 19, 1982 in Los Angeles, Calif. The bride's uncle, Pastor Archie Boatright, officiated.

Loofboro-Green.--Carroll Loofboro and Dortha Green of Milton, Wisconsin were united in marriage on December 26, 1982 at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders.

Births

Coombs.--A son, John Howard, Jr., was born to John H. and Donna (Cruzan) Coombs of Elmer, New Jersey on August 27, 1982.

Conrad.--A son, Steven Christopher, was born to Mark and Vicki Conrad of Garden Grove, Calif., on November 28, 1982.

Curry.--A son, Jared Daniel, was born to Daniel and Bonnie Curry of Lewisburg, W. Va., on January 21, 1983.

Ebersole.--A son, Jacob Edward, was born to Wayne Lee and Pamela Jean (Kolher) Ebersole, of Roaring Spring, Penn., on February 2, 1983.

Obituaries

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Chedester.--Rhea Gail Chedester was born June 16, 1886, in Doddridge County, W. Va., the daughter of the late Marshall and Mary Ford Chedester, and died November 13, 1982.

Miss Chedester was a music teacher in the Salem area for 65 years and is fondly remembered as the prim little lady who taught countless people to play the piano. Her name always seems to recall happy memories.

She was remarkable also for the patience she expressed in her long years of physical suffering. Terribly crippled with arthritis, she remained keenly alert and interested in others and her own fond memories of her parents and friends from the past.

Surviving are two nephews: Raymond Chedester of Lewes, Del., and Early Chedester of Salem, W. Va., who cared for her during her illness.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Melvin Nida.

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Turner.--Louisa Green, daughter of Fred W. and Minnie Clement Green, was born at North Loup, Nebraska on May 22, 1908, and died at Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1982.

Louisa grew up in North Loup and Wheat Ridge, Colorado, then moved to Los Angeles to seek employment. She was married there on October 31, 1944, to Jack Turner, who died in 1963. She was a member of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church for over 50 years.

About five years ago, she moved to Seattle, Washington. She moved her membership to the Seattle Area SDB Church, where she served faithfully in many ways. Perhaps she will be remembered most of all for her encouragement and her strong prayer life, and her deep commitment to faith, missions and evangelism.

She is survived by her sister, Lois Kerwin, of Seattle and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Duane L. Davis, and interment was in the Washington Memorial Cemetery, Seattle.

DLJ

Green.--J. Paul Green, Sr., died of an apparent heart attack on December 11, 1982, after attending Sabbath services and a Meal-of-Sharing at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church in Wisconsin.

Memorial services were conducted at the Milton Church on Sunday, December 19, 1982, by Pastor Herbert E. Saunders, assisted by Extension Pastor Earl Cruzan. A men's chorus, composed of members of the Milton Church and members of Mr. Green's family, sang.

Mr. Green was born in Farina, Illinois, on April 19, 1901, the son of George G. and Rena Rogers Green. He graduated from Milton College in 1926 and took graduate studies in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin and Cornell University.

He was married to Elizabeth Johnson in 1928 and taught vocational agriculture in New York State schools until returning to Milton in 1944. Except for six years as a Veteran's Administration instructor in farming methods and eight years as a U.S. Department of Agriculture fieldman working with ASC programs, he continued teaching at various levels in the Milton school system until retirement in 1968. He also operated a dairy farm during those years and, following retirement, started

subdivisions which eventually grew to over 200 lots in the town of Milton.

He was an active and faithful member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church where he was president of the Eutharsos Class at the time of his death. He was also active in the Milton Kiwanis, Milton Junction Cemetery Association and the Milton Grange.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, Helen Ruth of DeRuyter, N.Y., and Mrs. Georgia Colflesh of Sedalia, Mo.; two sons, Paul, Jr. and Frank of Milton; four brothers, Ralph of Milton, Maurice of Stronghurst, Ill., George of Monticello, Ill., and Clark of Altamont, Ill.; three sisters, Mrs. Sue Maxson of Milton, Mrs. Marian Lewis of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Mildred Harwood of Granville, N.Y.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Byron.

Memorial were given to the Seventh Day Baptist Center on Ministry Scholarship fund for the training of Seventh Day Baptist pastors.

HES

Clarke.--Rena B. Clarke, 68, of Alfred, N.Y., died December 13, 1982, in Buffalo, N.Y. She was born in Alfred Station, the daughter of Rosco and Mary Ella Pierce Clarke.

She was a member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church for 58 years.

Survivors include one aunt, Mrs. Edna P. Lewis, of Alfred Station, and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held December 16 at Maplewood Cemetery in Alfred Station.

The Rev. Albert N. Rogers officiated at the memorial service at the Alfred Station Church on January 12. Rev. Rex Zwiebel, her pastor during the past few years, wrote a very appropriate tribute for her contributions to her church in the field of Christian education.

Rena was always cheerful in spite of personal difficulties. She left all her possessions to the Alfred Station Church.

Davis.--Laurence D. (Tim) Davis, son of the late Hannah Davis, was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., on November 11, 1897, and died at his home near Salem on December 31, 1982.

Tim married Edna Zinn on March 3, 1923, and Edna survives him. He and Edna were both active members of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church during their long and happy marriage. He is remembered by local residents as a business man, farmer and a retired employee of Salem College. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; a sister, Mabel Spencer of Stockton, Calif.; two sons, Carlton of Bridgeport, W. Va., and Edsel of Salem; six daughters, Mrs. Juanema Kinney and Mrs. Donna Ash of Salem, Mrs. Glenna Van Pelt of Charleston, Mrs. Lula Ann Rukema of Pensacola, Fla., Mrs. Carolyn Hutson of Trenton, N.J., and Mrs. Elaine Marks of Wheeling, W. Va. There are also twenty grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. A son, Robert H. Davis, and a daughter, Nola DeVera (Davis) Sutton, preceded him in death.

The funeral service was held at the Harbert Funeral Home in Salem, W. Va., with interment at the Knights of Pythias Cemetery in Salem. Services were conducted by Rev. Edward Sutton.

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many times and in many
ways through the prophets,
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spoken to us through
his Son.

(Hebrews 1:1-2)

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