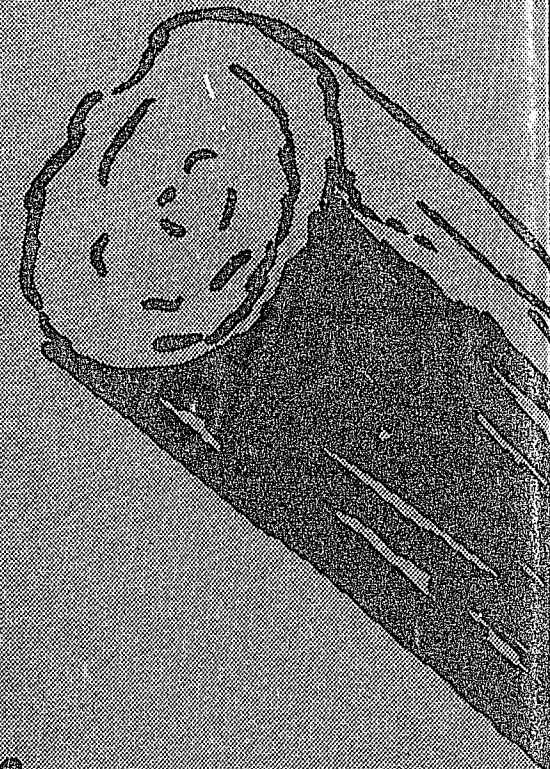


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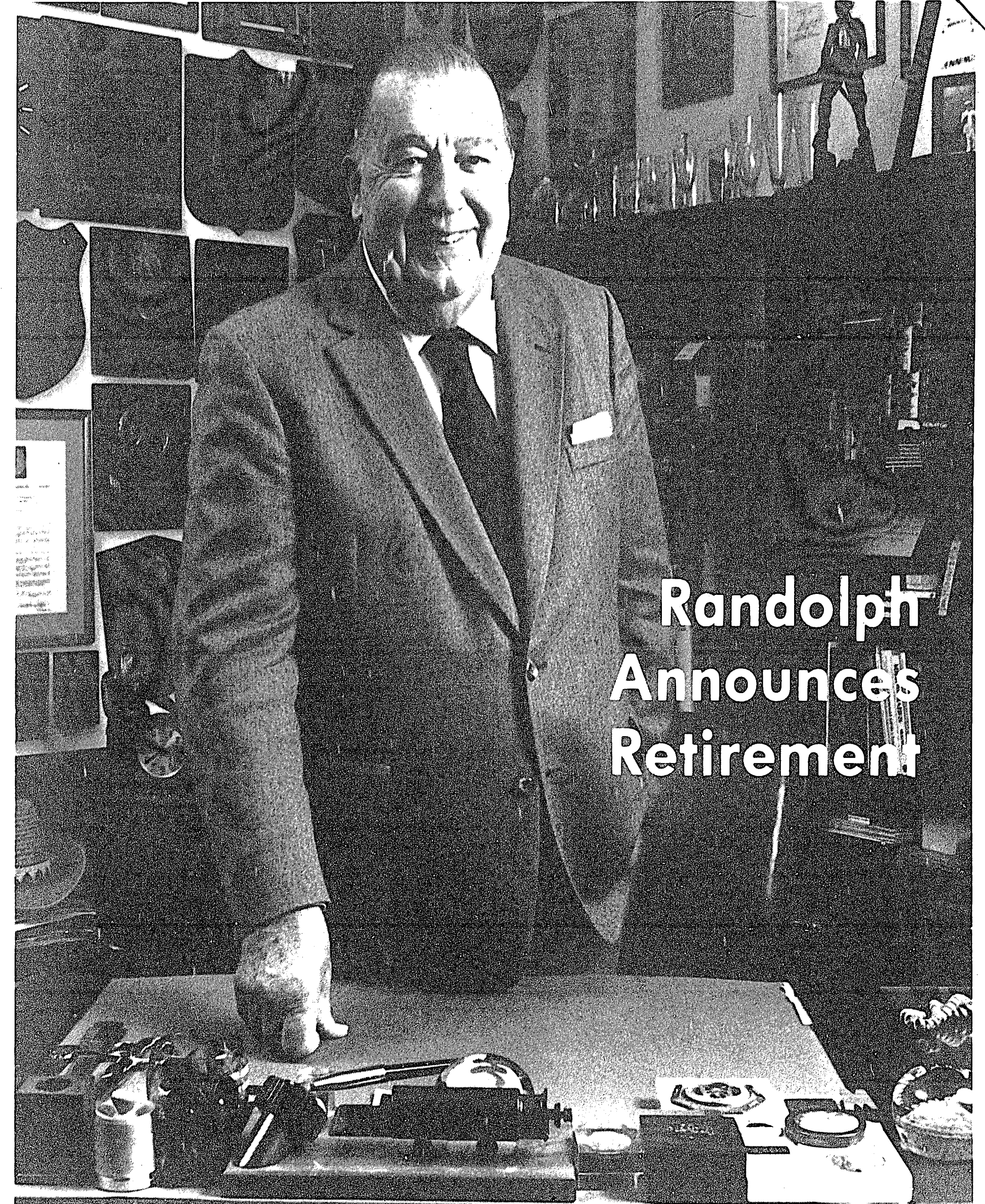


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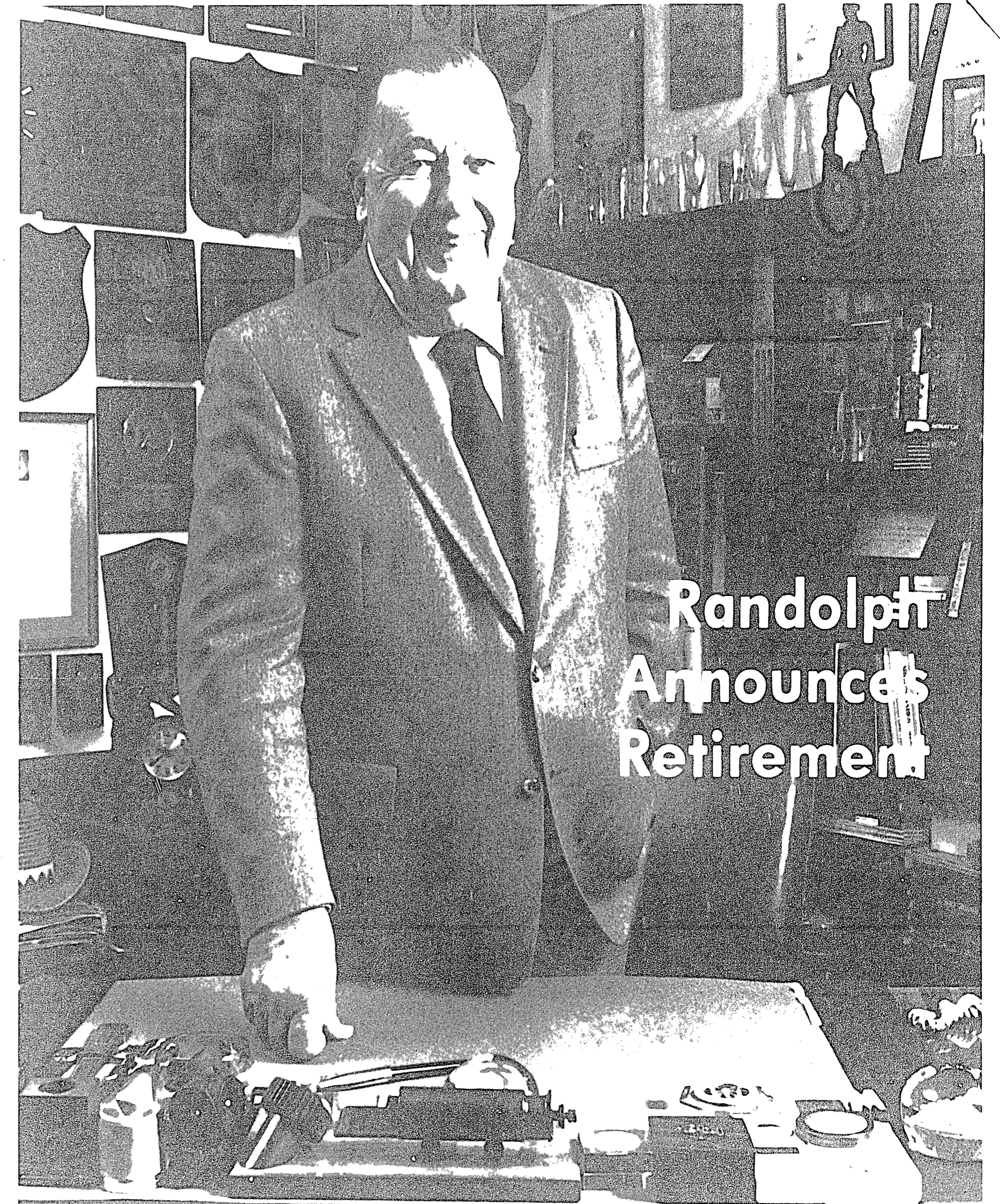


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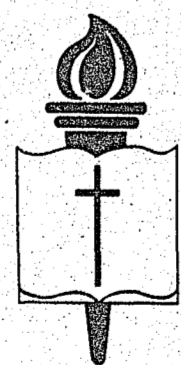
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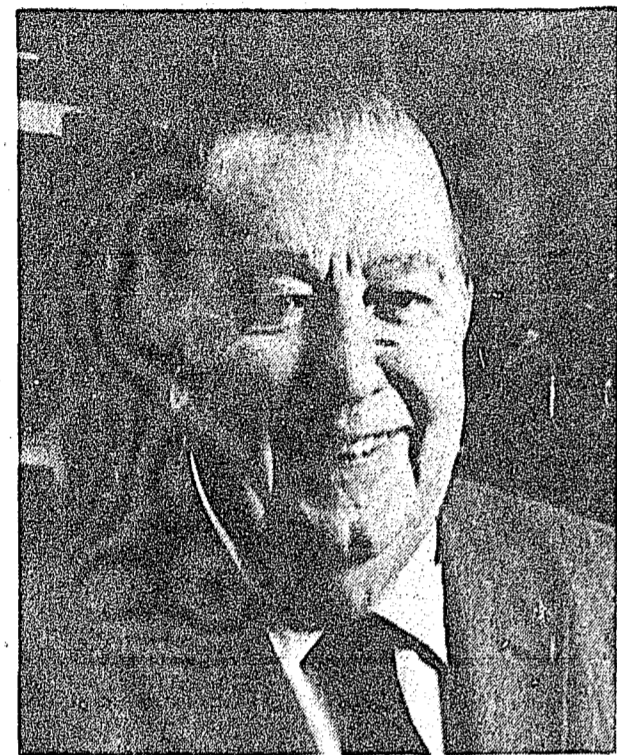
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Randolph Announces Retirement



Senator Jennings Randolph

On the evening prior to announcing that he would not seek another term, a tribute dinner was held for U.S. Senator Jennings F. Randolph (D-W.Va). The dinner, which was held at the Bolling Air Force Base Officers' Club, was in honor of Senator Randolph's 81st birthday and the 50th anniversary of his entering the U.S. Congress.

Seven hundred and fifty guests were present, including Rev. Leland Davis who is President-elect of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and Senator Randolph's pastor. The following statement is an excerpt from the evening's program.

Jennings Randolph: Builder, Teacher, Legislator, Humanitarian...

Elected to the House of Representatives in 1932, Senator Jennings Randolph is the only present member of Congress to participate in the early New Deal legislation which created such landmark programs as Social Security, the Tennessee Valley Authority, The Securities and Exchange Commission, the Soil Conservation Service, the National Labor Relations Act, the Fair Labor Standard Act and many others.

Randolph served for 14 consecutive years in the House but was defeated in 1946. In 1958, he was elected to the U.S. Senate to complete the term ending in January, 1961. He was reelected in 1960, 1966, 1972 and 1978.

In his 38 years of Congressional service, Randolph has written or strongly influenced legislation in many fields, often pioneering government initiatives which have created constructive changes in our society. In 1936, he authored the Randolph-Sheppard Act which provided blind vendors with opportunities to become independent entrepreneurs. This program was the vanguard of subsequent rehabilitation for handicapped laws which Randolph guided into reality as the first chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Handicapped.

The West Virginia Senator is a leader in transportation. He was the chairman for the first hearings of the House Roads Committee in 1937 on a transcontinental highway system which led to the construction

"I will not be a candidate for reelection to the United States Senate in 1984.

"My decision was made after the most careful consideration.

"On completion of my current term in January, 1985 I shall have served in the Senate since November, 1958 — a period of almost twenty-seven years.

"Prior to that service to all West Virginians, it was my responsibility and privilege to represent the citizens of the second Congressional District for 14 years.

"Men and women numbering nearly four million persons have voted for me. I am exceedingly grateful for their confidence and counsel in building of a better nation.

"I have had the support of loyal and knowledgeable staff. I will with diligence and dedication labor with my colleagues and friends in the challenging years ahead."

— U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph

of the present Interstate system. He also introduced airport development legislation in 1946 which created the present network of airports nationwide. Randolph was the chairman of the first House Coal Subcommittee created in 1942 and in 1943, he authored synthetic fuels legislation that resulted in the development of alternate energy sources. In 1944 he authored the bill to establish Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and in 1946 he sponsored legislation to authorize construction of a National Air Museum (now the National Air and Space Museum). Randolph is the author of the 26th amendment of the Constitution which he first introduced in 1942. The amendment, which was ratified in 1971, guarantees 18, 19 and 20-year-olds the right to vote.

As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and its chairman for over 14 years, he guided the development of a variety of legislation in transportation, environment, economic development and water resources. He was the author of the Solid Waste Disposal Act and a major contributor to other basic environmental statutes, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and the "Superfund" Act.

In his years of service, the West Virginia Senator has cast over 10,100 career roll call votes.

Among his many legislative efforts, Randolph sees one long-standing project as only partially successful. In 1943, he introduced a bill to create a *Department of Peace*. In the Senate, he resumed his efforts to form a peace agency or institution dedicated to resolving conflicts before they erupt. Bills were offered in 1959, the 1960s, and 1970s. In 1979, a study commission was created and later recommended the establishment of a National Peace Academy. Randolph currently is a sponsor of the legislation to create such an academy and is hopeful that, finally, a peace academy will be established. "It will come," he says with typical faith, "It will come."

Jennings Randolph's philosophy in life perhaps can be best summed up by a favorite quotation he credits to an old friend, inventive genius Charles Kettering: "My interest is in the future, because I am going to spend the rest of my life there." The Senator's father said it another way, "Remember the man and woman by the wayside of the road."

Jennings Randolph was born at Salem, West Virginia, on March 8, 1902, son of Ernest and Idell (Bingman) Randolph. He graduated from Salem Academy in 1920 and Salem College in 1924. He married Mary Katherine Bobb (deceased) in 1933. The couple had two sons: Jennings (Jay) Jr. and Frank. The Senator is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. He has been a newspaper and magazine editor, a college professor and an airline executive. Randolph holds 20 honorary degrees, including degrees from Milton College (1967) and Salem College (1943). He has been a trustee of Salem College for 50 years (now emeritus) and is also a trustee of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. □

Randolph Is Sponsor For Peace Legislation

Legislation to establish a United States Peace Academy was introduced recently by Senator Jennings Randolph along with 53 Senate co-sponsors.

Randolph joined with Senators Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) and Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) as prime sponsors of the bill to authorize \$31 million over the next two years to create an academy. Similar legislation was approved by the Senate last year.

"Let us take the time from our busy, fast-paced lives to develop systems for the resolution of conflicts before they turn into confrontations of bitter struggle between nations as well as communities," Randolph urged his Senate colleagues. The West Virginia Senator first introduced legislation to create a government peace agency in 1945, as a member of the House of Representatives, and has introduced a variety of peace initiative bills in subsequent sessions.

Emphasizing that the project costs are minimal compared with multi-billion defense expenditures, Randolph added: "Establishing a national peace academy will not end conflicts or wars overnight ... but we can surely learn better ways of managing those that do occur. And as we learn more and more over the years, we may save our people untold human misery, suffering, lost lives and property." □

Christchurch '83

by Stefan A. Kube, editor
LINK, the Australasian
SDB quarterly

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Australasian Conference In New Zealand

The Motukarara Conference Centre, about 30 km. south of Christchurch, offered a beautiful setting for our third Australasian Conference (January 14-18). Most of the 50 delegates and visitors travelled long distances to come here; 17 of them flew across the Tasman from Australia.

The conference started Friday night, January 14, with a welcome dinner hosted by Daniel and Joan Barrar. Then followed an address by our president, Mervin Rudd, in which he pointed out that we have a Gospel to proclaim, that we don't need to be ashamed of it and that it is powerful to save us and others.

On Sabbath morning we worshipped with the Christchurch congregation and rejoiced to see their chapel *bursting at its seams*. Each of the conference speakers had an important message to convey. Brother Mervin Rudd preached Sabbath morning on the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. That same afternoon, Pastor Ronald Barrar emphasized the Holy Spirit's role as an advocate and intercessor for us, leading us according to the will of God. On Sunday morning, we heard Pastor Edward Barrar speak on the "True Worship — In Spirit And In Truth," telling us that although we all are different, just like the characters of the Bible, yet our message of God's love and of Christ's coming kingdom is the same as theirs.

On Sunday night Brother Stefan Kube told us that by accepting Christ we have passed from death to life and have become agents of reconciliation. The most important task to be

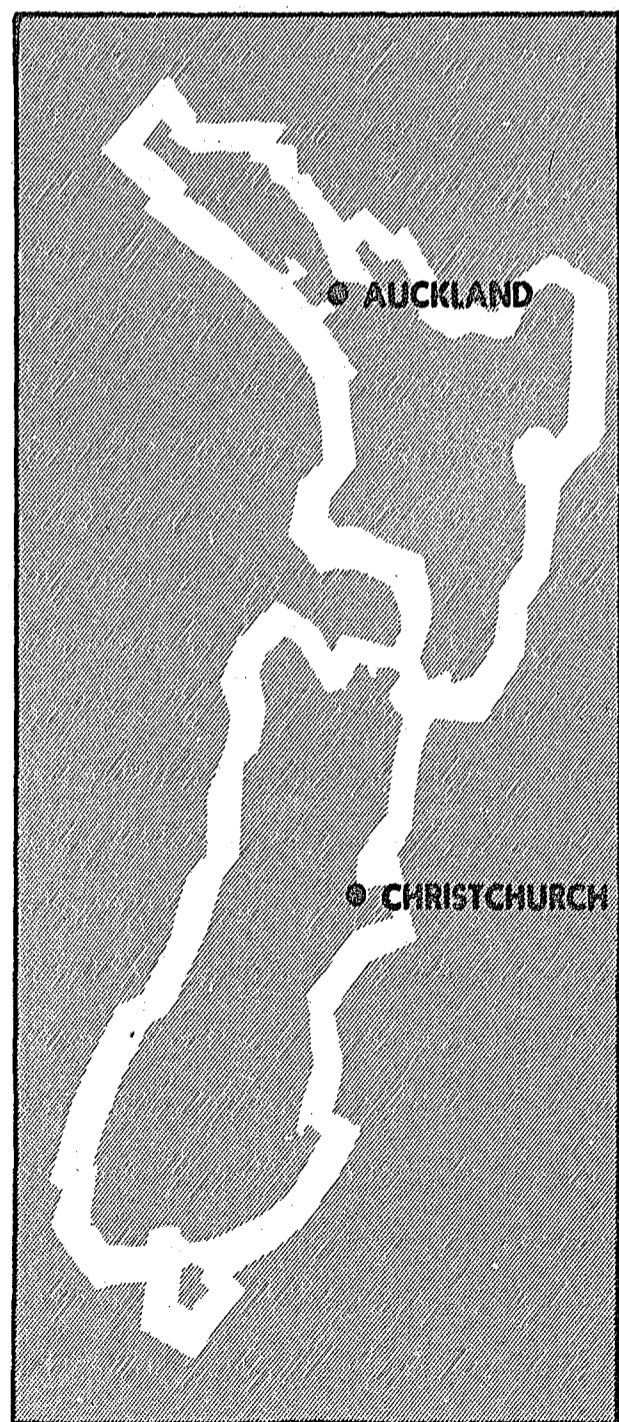
done at the conference is to set our missionary goals and identify our prayer targets. On Monday night Sr. Betty Alegre spoke on the parable of the Sower from Mark 4:2-8, telling us that we all should be engaged in sowing the precious seed of the Gospel.

An important part of the conference was the daily Prayer Workshop conducted by Bro. Ronald Barrar. We were encouraged to widen our horizons of prayer by asking the Holy Spirit to help us to define our prayer aims and to be persistent in prayer, as our Lord Jesus was (Luke 6:12).

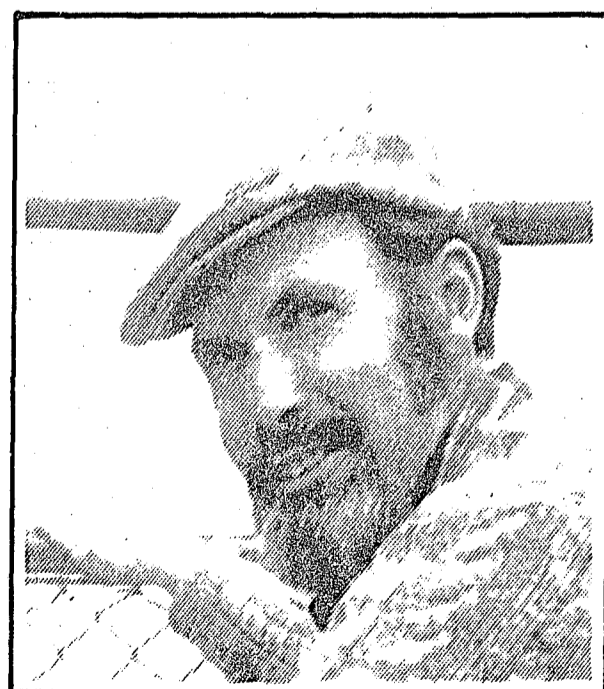
Saturday night, the young people presented a well prepar-

ed program of musicals, poems and games and an amusing skit on Faith in a Desert, ably acted by Merv Rudd. The conference delegates voted Andrew Goulding to become the first Youth Director for the 1983-84 session, responsible for setting up a program for our youth. There were also several graphic and photo displays showing the scope of SDB activity in Australasia and a display of available tracts and literature.

Even the business meetings were far from dull, as many important matters were discussed and decided. Perhaps the most important decision emerging from **Christchurch '83** is our willingness to engage in an even more active missionary outreach and our desire to deepen and widen our prayer life. Special thanks to our New Zealand hosts for their love and hospitality, but above all, praise to our Lord for his blessings. □



Daniel Barrar is the new Australasian Conference president. Barrar is a sheep farmer from Gebbies Pass on the South Island of New Zealand.



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(Left) Conference Sabbath at Christchurch. Delegates and visitors gather in front of the chapel. Pastor Edward Barrar kneeling in front row; Dortha Shettel, U.S. representative to right of Mrs. Goulding (in wheelchair).

(Below) A group of young people at the conference.

Australasian Conference Business

by Mrs. D. A. Goulding

The third Australasian Conference was hosted by the Christchurch (NZ) church who were celebrating their 41st year as a church and the 80th birthday of their pastor, Rev. Edward Barrar.



Special mention was made of these events at the Sabbath morning service when over 70 crammed the small chapel to capacity.

Seventh Day Baptists in Christchurch were first represented by one, then two, gradually increasing to about fourteen members, worshipping in an upstairs chapel on the corner of Worcester and Manchester Streets in the Central City.

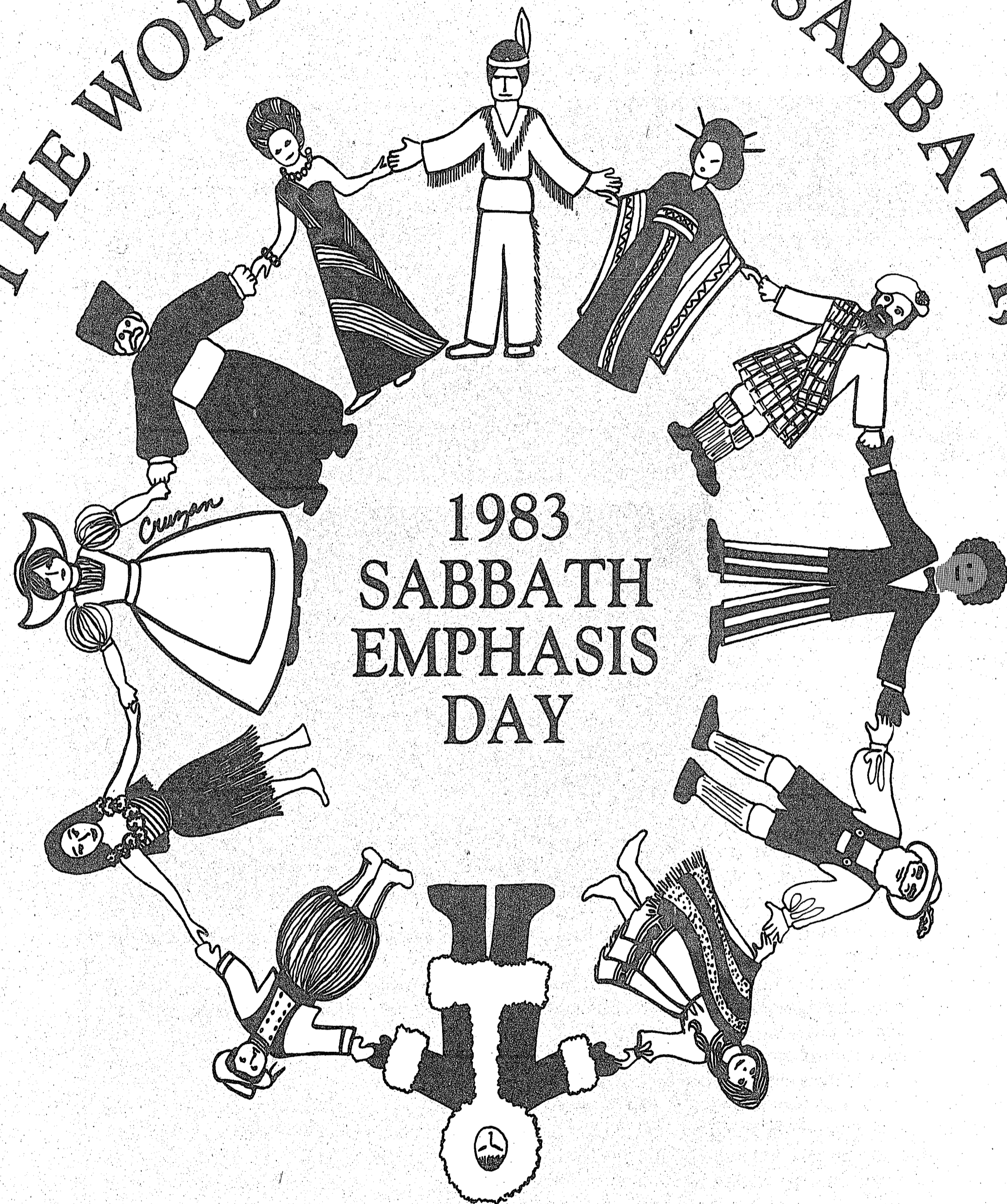
The call for evangelical aims and goals was well received and much of the business session was devoted to this. Two objectives emerged and received the unanimous endorsement of the conference.

The need for more dedicated and trained ministers was recognized as urgent. The conference will aim for a minimum of four, there being an immediate need for three, with a fourth for 1988. It was agreed that we would start praying immediately that the Lord would provide suitable candidates. Three churches offered free board and/or lodging and tuition at suitable theological colleges, these being Auckland, Christchurch and Melbourne. A three-month program was adopted for our churches in their evangelistic efforts. Every member would give a tract to someone each week. Every member would invite some person to dinner once a month and talk to them about salvation through Jesus Christ. Every member would visit hospitals, prisons, old people's homes, etc., telling of Jesus' love for them.

We would have a special advertising program in a city or town adjacent to the city or town near our church or fellowship. Further programs are to be arranged by the executive to complete the 18-month period between conferences. □

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THE WORLD NEEDS THE SABBATH,



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LET US PROCLAIM IT

The World Needs The Sabbath

by Donald L. Chroniger

Today is a day of restlessness, with truckers' strikes, people out of work and taxes out of sight. The health of the general population of America is at a low ebb. Relationships are all too often cut off or at least cut short because we rush from one pressure cooker to the next without a loosening of the lid to let out some steam and pressure.

The universe is seen as hostile to human life. Confidence is lost that there is a relationship between Christ and creation. The crucial end of all this frustration and restlessness is that Christianity becomes schizophrenic, suffering from a split between the world within us and the visible world without.

The Christian, let alone the world in which he or she lives, has forgotten the Biblical concept of rest. This occurred in Old Testament times as well as in our materialistic age. Many people have looked at profit and pleasure and not at the prophets and God's presence.

Cure-all pills seem to provide temporary dodges of what life should be, but not anything that will last for any length of time. The inner tension and restlessness never seem to stop. Augustine points to the resolution of this ingrown problem when he says:

Thou hast made us Thyself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in thee.

The world needs the Sabbath because it helps us listen with our ears. To hear the voice of Christ and know his presence in the midst of a storm in our lives

brings stillness (Matt. 8:23-27). It causes us to turn our ears from our circumstances and realize God's presence with his people. The Sabbath is needed in our world in order for us to hear the voice of the one who said, "My sheep hear my voice" (John 10). We will be able to sense his presence in times of trouble, when we exercise our listening by a weekly turning to him.

The world needs the Sabbath because it helps us lift our eyes. The phrase "and God said" is the repetitious word that God communicated.

**The Sabbath is for
the world because
of the tension ...
of living.**

By the word of the Lord the heavens were created (Ps. 33:6).

God's word was power like an atomic bomb, creating and calling into existence. The seventh day is holy and is a perpetual memorial to the creative action of God. We don't read in the Scripture the phrase "and evening and morning was the seventh day" (Gen. 2:3). If the world in its restless state would lift its eyes it would realize that we are God's creatures and he is our creator. The Sabbath reminds us that we are more than a name

on a punch card, or one in a number of many, because we can feel our significance as God has made us.

The world needs the Sabbath because it helps us love one another. When the Lord spoke of rest to the weary and heavy laden, he promised us, if we come, that we shall cease from our toil and replace labor that doesn't satisfy with labor that does (Matt. 11:29). The labor that satisfies is the service that we can take part in by becoming closer to our families, friends and needy people. This ministry can only be practiced when our own restlessness has ceased and the peace of God takes control. We can develop the openness to each other only when we are given Christ's rest in his yoke which is easy and his burden which is light. The Sabbath reminds us of the unconditional love of God and this ultimate unselfishness towards one another.

The world needs the Sabbath. Let us proclaim it! The Sabbath is for the world because of the tension-compression of living. It means that every prayer we pray, every Psalm we read, every silent utterance we speak, every hymn to God we sing and every thought that seems so warm, crisp and worshipful is that taste of the future rest of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. This Sabbath that we are proclaiming does not come merely by action, but from within the depth of our faith. If we are to grasp the depth of both time and eternity, then we must act in a spiritual manner and do what our creator did — labor for six days and share in the rest on the seventh day. □

Remember The Sabbath

by John Farenhorst
Amsterdam, Holland

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"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8

As a Seventh Day Baptist, you have read, heard and said this many times, but what does it **really** mean?

I think it's very difficult, if not impossible, to give one explanation because to each of us it can have a different meaning. But, no matter how we keep the Sabbath holy, there is one thing that we all have in common: We enjoy the fellowship of the church as we pray, sing and worship together.

I want to share with you an experience I had just recently.

My mom took me to church as a child and, over the years, I began to find out that God was serious about his holy day. It was not always easy to wait to buy a new fishing rod and, a few times, I told God a million reasons why I had to buy one on Sabbath. Of course, God did not speak to me in a human voice, saying something like "Not today, my friend," but he did speak to me.

How do I know for sure? Because the rod would always break within a few days, or I would never catch anything but real tiny fish with it. Even a slow learner like me got the message.

Even today there are occasions when I need to get something on the Sabbath, but I always have a word with the Lord before I do it. There have been times when the answer was "yes," and at other times, it was a plain "no."

I always have been very fortunate to have a job that allowed me to be free on Sabbath. To be honest, I took this more or less for granted.

My uncle, the late Pastor Cornelius Bosch, told me often about the hardships the early Sabbathkeepers had to endure when they lived in a time when you worked six days a week. One of the stories was about himself, how he could not accept a job when half the country was unemployed because he knew he could not work on Sabbath.

My uncle was a carpenter, and contractors didn't bother to ask him to work because it was known he was a Sabbathkeeper. This, as it turned out, was an answer to his prayers. How could he refuse a job when his mom had problems providing food, and his dad and brothers worked long days to earn the money?

It was this story that came to mind when I asked for a transfer at the bank office where I work. Jobs are scarce today, and it is difficult to find a vacancy. I had to move due to some serious working conditions, and I had been praying about it.

After many interviews, I was offered a different job. Great! Yes, until I heard it involved working on Sabbath every three or four weeks. I'm not very good at telling people about my faith, but I had to either speak up and say "no" or keep quiet and say "yes."

I did say "no," but on the way home I began to argue with God. Working one Sabbath out of four didn't seem so bad. Yes, I did know God gave us a day of rest, but I could find more reasons to accept the job.

Halfway home, I saw a billboard with a gospel message, "God is greater than your need." I had seen it before, but it had always been just another

"advertisement" until that evening.

God is greater than your need. What a comfort when everything looks dark.

Still, I wasn't sure, and I thought about telling the manager to forget what I told him about my faith.

When Sabbath came and I went to church, it was not with a joyful heart. Even the thought of a special youth service couldn't make me happy. I had heard we would have two visitors from Australia, but I didn't bother to take my English Bible and notebook to translate the message for them. Shame on me. But soon someone gave me a pen and notebook and asked me to translate.

It was just what I needed, and the service took on a completely different meaning. We talked about sin, what it is, why we do it and, of course, how Christ died on the cross to take away the punishment for us. We sang songs, both in Dutch and English, and Marianne Kube told us about the church in Australia. She and her brother, John, were our Australian guests.

It was a time of fellowship and joy, and I suddenly realized I never wanted to miss this. You may meet new friends when you travel, but meeting friends from another country — who go to the same church — is even more special. There is a bond the moment you meet, and I really do thank the Lord for it.

Yes, the Lord is greater than your need. When we let God be the Father that he wants to be, we will see great things; things that looked impossible for us. What a friend we have in Jesus! □

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The Most Precious Jewel

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by Francis D. Saunders

On the occasion of our fortieth anniversary, I received a beautiful tie-tac; a most precious jewel!

At the very beginning of time, at the close of God's creative week, mankind received the Sabbath; a most precious jewel!

My jewel is most precious because it is a gift of love. Presented to me by my children and grandchildren, it expresses to me how much they care — how deeply they love.

The Sabbath is most precious because it is the gift of my heavenly father's love, showing how much he cares.

My tie-tac is precious because of the beauty of its setting: It is a tiny diamond centered in the midst of a symmetrical design of white gold, which in turn is set in a larger field of yellow gold. It is a beauty to behold, and most precious.

The Sabbath is precious because of its setting: Placed by an all-wise God at the close of a week filled with physical and mental activity, it is designed to give physical rest and mental and spiritual renewal.

My jewel is most precious because of its intrinsic value. I have no idea as to its monetary cost, but it is worth a great deal — especially to me.

The Sabbath is a most precious jewel because of its intrinsic value. Who can measure the worth of God ordained times of rest and spiritual blessing — of moments of human and divine fellowship in the family of God?

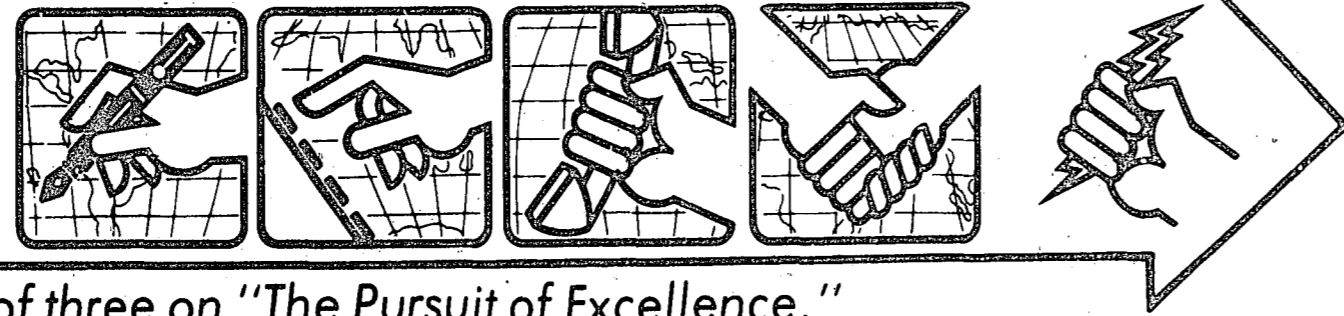
My jewel is most precious for what it does to my own life. I look at it, and am aware of the love of my family extended to me, and I am filled with a great desire to return that love in any way I can.

The Sabbath is a most precious jewel because of what it does for my life. Week by week I am renewed and blessed in body and in spirit, and because of the Sabbath I have a greater desire to serve my heavenly father, who has given me this most precious jewel. □

May 1983



Dale D. Thorngate, Executive Secretary



Third of three on "The Pursuit of Excellence."

Qualities of Excellence

Most Christians are familiar with the Biblical passage about Paul's pursuit of his goal. And yet I wonder how many of us are willing to set this same kind of standard for our daily lifestyle. It is even hard to ask the question: How much am I willing to pay in hard work, patience, sacrifice and endurance to be a person of excellence? I have heard it said about purchasing: You get what you pay for. I have the feeling that that adage also applies to the Christian lifestyle — the pursuit of excellence.

"It takes action to achieve excellence — deliberate, careful, relentless action. There are no shortcuts to quality." That is the conclusion of Dr. Ted Engstrom, whose book, *Pursuit of Excellence*, we have been using as the basis for these last three articles.

Engstrom lists the following qualities that set apart the person who excels:

Personal discipline: Those who excel...take charge of themselves. They plan their work and then they work their plan. They know they have physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs; and they see to it that those needs are met.

Vision: Above-average people have developed the foresight to see how things will work out. They are always looking ahead, so they always have the insight to make good decisions.

Optimism: "...for the most part they respond to life with a cheerful spirit and an attitude that 'this problem can be solved.' ...the optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty."

I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:13-14

A sense of adventure: Above-average people create their own adventures and engineer a large measure of their own happiness. These people take risks, push themselves to the limit, and stretch their minds and bodies in pursuit of their goals.

Courage: Above-average people know that it is always too soon to quit. That excellence demands courage in the face of defeat... God's leaders in every generation have been commanded to be of good courage. Remember God's words to Joshua. "Be strong and of good courage... I will not fail you nor forsake you."

Humility: People of excellence do not talk excessively about themselves or their accomplishments. They are content to let their track records do the talking. The apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15, "I am the least of the apostles, and do not even deserve to be called an apostle."

Humor: Humor can relax the most difficult situations and create an atmosphere of good will. Perhaps one of the most

outstanding qualities of above-average people is their ability to laugh at themselves.

Confidence: People of excellence know that if they don't believe in themselves, no one else will believe in them either. Self-confidence is not unspiritual... it is the honest belief in the gifts and talents given to you by God.

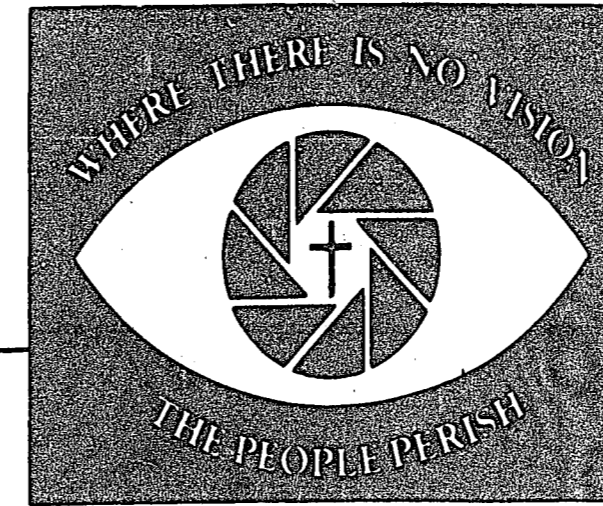
Anger: Above-average people are healthy enough to get angry, but angry at the right things — like injustice, incompetence (especially in themselves) and poor use of time and money. This quality of anger was present in our Lord when he swept the money changers from the temple... The apostle Paul said, "Be angry, but sin not."

Patience: Above-average people are patient. They are careful listeners. Only after all the facts are in do they make a decision.

Integrity: A life of excellence is one which has trustworthiness as its base. Above-average people can be trusted. They can be counted on to deliver.

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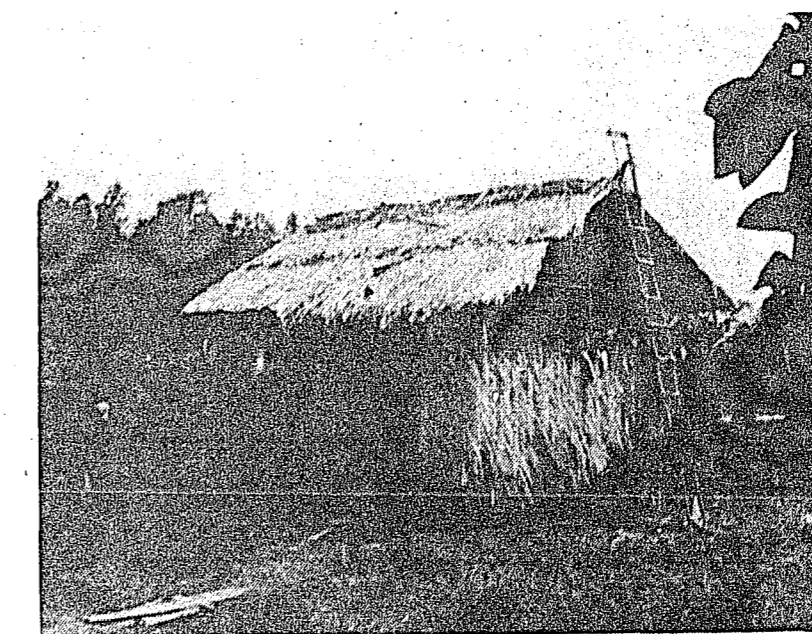
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, CALIF. — A group of members from the Los Angeles SDB Church began Fellowship meetings in March with the intent of establishing a new SDB church. Church Extension Pastor John Peil officially began ministry with them in April, as they sought a regular place for worship (other than a home where they began) and to minister to those in this large urban area.

THE PHILIPPINES — The three Pastor Training Courses, administered by Dean Paypa, have 15 men enrolled. Missionary Rodney Henry has completed the Evangelist Training Course book and is working on a book on the spirit world and the Filipino Christian. The new microcomputer (TRS80) with word processing is a vital aid in his work!

MEMPHIS, TENN. — Pastor Bill Shoffner continues his ministry as a Missionary Pastor in Memphis. As founding pastor he was under the Church Extension plan until January of this year. Praise the Lord for the continuing outreach of this congregation.

MALAWI, AFRICA — "Because of the promise by our Lord Jesus Christ to let His Kingdom be preached, and looking at the need for preaching points, the Central Africa Conference (CAC) Board of Trustees considered the possibility of holding an effort in Chikwawa district some miles from Blantyre. They appointed the CAC secretary, the South-

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(Left) The boy's cabin at Camp Riverview on the Pomeroon River in Guyana, South America. There are now three buildings on the camp site.

(Below) Two young girls lead the singing during Sabbath Day services in the camp chapel.

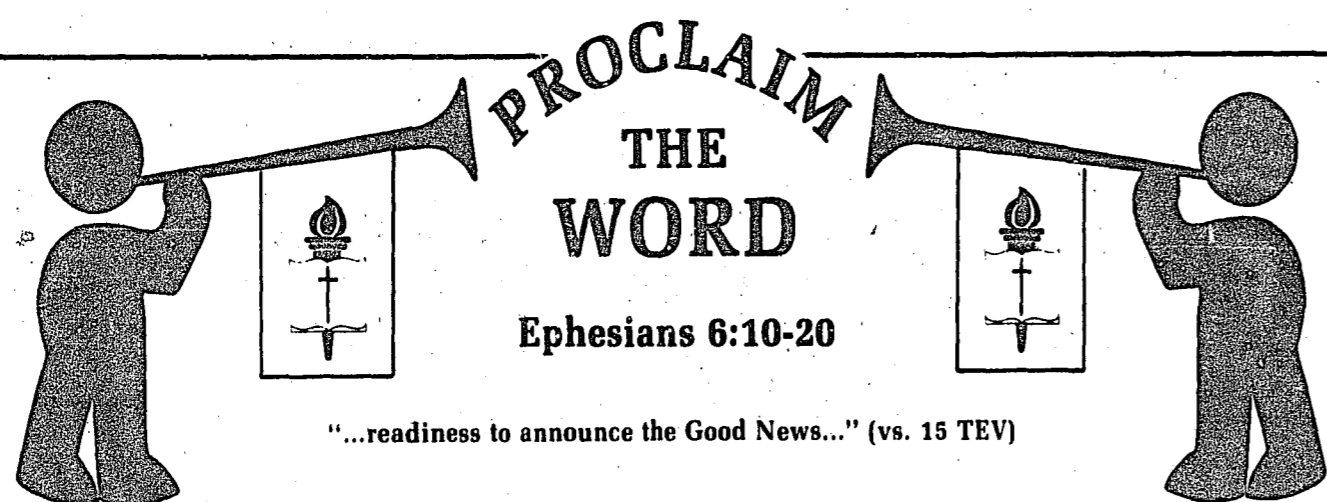


eastern Association director and one pastor to conduct this effort beginning June 9-18, 1983. Knowing that it is not done by power nor by personal wisdom, we would request prayers from all SDB believers so that He will do the effort before we arrive there. Prayer assistance and being remembered by friends is appreciated." — Pastor A.K. Harawa.

COLUMBUS, OHIO — Because of need and opening opportunities, Pastor Perry I. Cain is under the Missionary Pastor plan in 1983. The church was formerly under the plan but assumed full financial responsibility about three years ago. It is their hope that by fall, when a review is made, they may again be able to meet all their needs.

JAMAICA, WEST INDIES — The annual session of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference will be held July 18-24 at the Post Roads SDB Church. The theme will be "The Sword of The Lord and of Gideon" — Judges 7:15-21. Pastor V. Smith is the president. Some of the Young People from Jamaica are planning to be at Pre-Con in New York State this year.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. — This new congregation released their Extension Pastor and, for an interim, will have members lead out in their regular services and in making personal contact with new contacts. They are seeking a new Extension Pastor and ask our prayers that the Lord will provide his man for this ministry. □



by K.D. Hurley
Conference
President

Joyful Sabbath Observance

"Rejoice evermore...the joy of the Lord is your strength!"

Conference '83 (to be held at Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y.) will culminate in a joyous worship experience on Sabbath Day, August 13. The events of that day will all be designed to enhance the joy of Sabbath observance and demonstrate in positive ways the uniqueness of the Seventh Day Baptist witness.

Evidence is that our denomination has multiplying opportunities to share the validity of Biblical Sabbath keeping with a world in need of such "spiritual reconciliation". The celebration on the 13th can — and should be — a prelude to Proclaiming the Word with ever increasing effectiveness and assurance.

Study and Commitment

In preparation for Sabbath, two specific activities will be among the elements involved. First, on the eve of the Sabbath (Friday) after special vesper music and a message from Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, pastor of the Riverside, Calif., church, a chance will be provided for conference delegates to reaffirm their full commitment to Christ as the foundation for Proclaiming the Word. Then, during the late evening refreshment hour, the Saunders family from Milton, Wis., will lead out in a special Sabbath Eve fellowship time. In the spirit of family togetherness, there will be lighting of Sabbath

To enjoy the Sabbath and the Lord of the Sabbath, one must first have entered into rest through faith in him....When fellowship is restored, then the Sabbath has meaning for man.

Lester G. Osborn
The Sabbath Recorder
January 21, 1957

candles, reading of Scripture passages, and the singing of Sabbath songs.

The daylight hours of Sabbath will be filled with meaningful experiences, too, including a complete series of classes during the Sabbath School hour. Arranged by the editor of *The Helping Hand*, Rev. David S. Clarke, the groups will be conducted in such a way as to provide Bible study opportunities for everyone attending conference and, at the same time, serve as models for teachers who want to take back to their local churches some new ideas and new techniques.

Worship Experiences

Sabbath morning worship will be conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, pastor of the Milton, Wis., church and former dean of the SDB Center on Ministry. The conference choir, under the di-

rection of Lois Wells, member of the Los Angeles, Calif., church, will provide special music.

In the afternoon, following a program presented by the Associated Conferences under the supervision of Mary G. Clare, executive director of the SDB Board of Christian Education, a communion service will be conducted. It will be led by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, retired pastor of the Plainfield, N.J., church, and Rev. Kenneth B. Burdick, pastor of the Raritan Valley, N.J., church.

This very unusual day will conclude with musical vespers, reflecting all of the happy special activities and messages "praising the Heavenly Father for Jesus as our precious crucified and resurrected Saviour and Lord" and verbalizing our desire to promote with increasing effectiveness the Kingdom of God,

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Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society Annual Meeting

When? 1:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 29, 1983

Where? Plainfield SDB Church
Plainfield, New Jersey

Missionary Society Elects New Members

At the annual general meeting of the Missionary Society March 20, two new members of the Board of Managers were elected: Leo Frenette of the First Hopkinton SDB Church and Mrs. Donald (Shirley) Richards of the Waterford SDB Church.

It was noted that Mrs. Paul A. (Emma) Johnson (a member since 1959), Arling A. Kenyon (a member since 1976) and Mrs. Howard E. (Marguerite) Keuhn (a member since 1961) have retired from the board, and the society voted its appreciation for their past service. Together, they have served 54 years! □

A Joyful Conference Sabbath

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including the Sabbath.

Rev. Saunders, who will preach the Sabbath sermon, has published a book entitled *The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation*.* He may or may not refer to the book in his message; but certainly he will share, by words and attitude, the essence of it. If you have not read the book (or read it lately), now would be a good time to do it — as background for Conference '83 and in preparation for more completely Proclaiming the Word in the days ahead through creative daily living, redemptive discipleship and weekly Sabbath observance.

In the book the author dramatically documents the fact that "a new and dynamic understanding of the Sabbath and its role in modern society" is need-

ed; that people are "searching for something that has the spiritual quality that will restore God's human creation to his rightful place as the highest order"; and that there is renewed realization of the importance of "a Sabbath dedicated to the restoration of relationship with God and designed to build the individual character of man."

A Sacred Trust

"God's Sabbath," Rev. Saunders points out, "was given to man as a trust and as a symbol of the constant personal relationship that he so desperately desires....Seventh Day Baptists ought to stand in unique contrast to the present world's preoccupation with busyness and its over-emphasis on the material... Contemporary Christianity is being caught up in the overwhelm-

ing pressures of secular life."

"Seventh Day Baptists," Rev. Saunders concludes, "are at the heart of a new contemporary spiritual Christianity....God's call reaches deep into our hearts and ought to compel us to more lasting and joyous Sabbath-keeping!"

And, it might be added — giving! Ours is the rare privilege of not just Sabbath keeping but Sabbath sharing.

"The time has come for us to be aware of the tremendous responsibility we have to our world to give it the most perfect expression of communion with God — the SABBATH, ordained of God, kept by Christ, and handed to us as a spiritual trust...."

*Available at \$2.50 per copy from the ASTS, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547 □

Youth Pre-Con

Ages 15-18 (or completed 9th grade)

The Youth will be at Camp Harley Sutton out of Alfred Station.

Nelson and Amanda Snyder will be directors
 Theme: Dear Me: On My Identity
 Cost: \$35 plus \$2 for bus to Houghton

Young Adult Camp

For ages 18-35

This camp will be at Light House Camp on Lake Ontario.

Rev. Mel and Yvonne Stephen will be directors
 Theme: God Calls to Share the Good News
 Cost: \$35 plus \$5 for bus to Houghton

Family Camp

Family Camp will be held at Deer Run Camp, about eight miles from Alfred (see map).

Rev. Kenneth and Doris Van Horn are directors.
 Theme: Improving Your Serve
 Cost: \$30 plus hook-ups

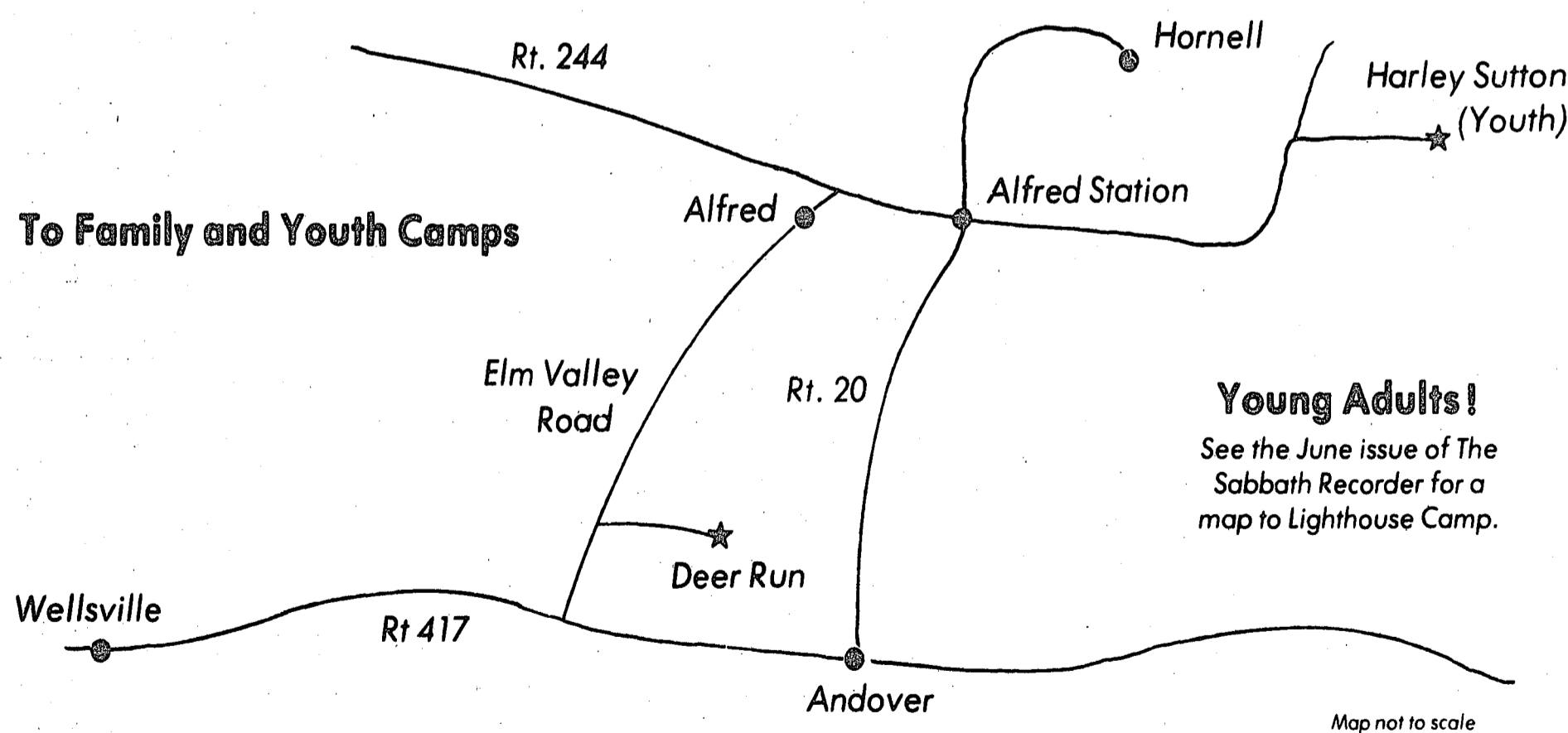
Plans For Pre-Cons Announced

August 3-7, 1983

The Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce plans for Pre-Conference Retreats for 1983. Each of our facilities are very good and we invite all of you to come experience a special Christian time of learning, sharing and fellowship.

All camps will begin with supper on the evening of Wednesday, August 3 and end Sunday morning, August 7.

Each camper please bring: Bible, pen, notebook, sleeping bag, pillow, warm jacket, personal items, (optional, boots or some other means of keeping your feet dry). **Youth and Young Adults:** bathing suit. **Family Campers:** Recreation vehicles or tents. **Let us know if you need one provided.**



The Sabbath Recorder

Family, Young Adult and Youth Pre-Con REGISTRATION FORM

Please pre-register. We must know how many will be at each camp in order to have space and food for all.

Send registration so it will arrive by July 29 to:

Mrs. Mary G. Clare
 15 South Main Street
 Alfred, NY 14802

Enclosed is fee of \$_____. I plan to pay at camp _____.
 I will attend Family, Youth, Young Adult (circle one). I expect to arrive (place) _____
 by private car _____, bus _____, plane _____.
 Carrier _____ Number _____

Family Campers: I have my own RV or tent _____. I need to have space provided _____.
 Registration for _____ people, age _____ (Youth).

Transportation will be provided Sunday morning to Houghton.
 I will need bus ride to Houghton Sunday. Yes _____ No _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

New York State requires the following information must be filed before camper may register at camp.
 (This does not require doctor's signature)

Camper's name: _____

Please give dates of last immunization: Diphtheria _____ Polio _____ Measles _____

Mumps _____ Rubella _____ Tetanus _____

Any recent illnesses besides colds? What? _____ When? _____

Allergies (please list) Insects _____ Penicillin _____ Aspirin _____ Foods _____ Other (list) _____

Medicines currently being taken: _____

Please do not send medicines other than prescriptions with camper.

Please list any physical limitations _____

Is this camper allowed to swim? _____

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

Date _____ Signature _____

In emergency notify:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____-_____

**Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
Houghton College
Houghton, New York
August 7-13, 1983**

Pre-registration: Fill out form and mail to: Ronald Ellis
Pleasant Valley Road
Alfred Station, NY 14803

Deadline: Pre-registration must arrive on or before July 15, 1983

On Campus Registration: Under the direction of Mae and George Bottoms. Lounge, Campus Center.

Hours: Sunday, August 7, 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

See Line (1) **Registration Fee:** All persons attending General Conference are
(2) required to pay a Registration Fee of \$17.00 for adults and \$12.00
(3) for children 15 and under. This includes all local people attending
(4) General Conference. This fee includes Health, Accident, and Liability
(5) Insurance for the week at Houghton College. People arriving after
(7) Wednesday will pay a registration fee of \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children.

See Line (1) **Registration, Room and Board:** \$135.50/adult for the week — Sunday Dinner
(2) (August 7) through Sunday Breakfast (August 14). This fee also includes
(3) Linen packets (plus pillow and blankets). Room keys will be available at
(6) each dorm with a deposit of \$2.00, which is refundable.
Cost for children ages 11 through 15 for the week is \$130.50. Cost for
children ages 10 and under for the week is \$101.25. A child (10 and
under) may sleep on an army style cot for the week for \$87.25. Children
(10 and under) may sleep on the floor at a cost of \$69.75/child for the week.

See Line (10) **Recreational Vehicles:** There are 6-8 electrical hook-ups behind
Brookside Dorm. Self-contained vehicles may park in the parking lot by
Shenawana Dorm and use the dorm facilities with no hook-ups. Electrical
hook-ups will be assigned by first-come, first-served basis. Cost for
parking an RV is \$3.50/night. Each person staying in an RV must pay
a facilities fee of \$2.50/night.

See Line
(11-13) Checks should be made payable to SDB General Conference Host Committee.

See Line (16) **Transportation:** You must let the Host Committee know if you need
(17) transportation from airports, trains, etc., to the conference site.
(18) Please try to arrange air travel to the Buffalo Airport. Depending on
flight arrival time, there will be pick-ups at the airport on Sunday,
August 7, at approximately 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you
have problems on arrival, call the Registration Desk at Houghton College,
(716) 567-2211 after 12:00 noon on Sunday, August 7. Other transportation
problems may be addressed to: Mr. Wesley McCrea (716) 593-6849
201 Stevens Street
Wellsville, NY 14895

Additional Information: Single meals may be purchased:
Adults: Breakfast \$2.25 Lunch \$3.25 Dinner \$4.25
Children: Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$2.00 Dinner \$2.75

Check Cashing: Weekend requests must be in the registration office by Friday noon.

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Initial) (Sex) (Age) (Delegate)

NAME _____
(Spouse) (First) (Initial) (Sex) (Age) (Delegate)

NAME _____
(First) (Initial) (Sex) (Age) (Delegate)

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(First) (Initial) (Sex) (Age) (Delegate)

(Additional Children — Use Extra Sheet of Paper)

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CHURCH _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Dormitory _____
Room # _____
Roommate _____
Name of youth being sponsored _____
If youth, name of adult sponsor _____
No. of children using nursery _____
Ages 0-2 _____ 3-4 _____
AMT Due \$ _____
AMT Pre-Paid \$ _____
Balance Due \$ _____
AMT Over Paid \$ _____

Read Information Page Before Filling Out Form

OPTIONS	CHILD (10 & -)		AGES 11-15		ADULT 16+		TOTAL AMOUNT
	NO.		NO.		NO.		
(1) REGISTRATION, ROOM & MEALS Sunday Dinner through Sunday Breakfast		\$101.25		\$130.50		\$135.50	
(2) Child (10 and under) with a cot		87.25					
(3) Child (10 and under) with a sleeping bag on floor		69.75					
(4) Registration and Meals		53.75		77.00		82.00	
(5) Registration Only		12.00		12.00		17.00	
(6) Room and Meals per day		13.25		17.75		17.75	
(7) Registration (Thurs. — Sabbath)		7.00		7.00		12.00	
(8) Women's Banquet							
(8) Women's Banquet With Meal Ticket						7.00 2.75	
(9) Youth Banquet With Meal Ticket						5.50 1.25	
(10) RV Parking On Campus/No. of nights _____ Facilities fee/person/ No. of people _____ No. of nights _____						3.50 2.50	
(11) TOTAL AMOUNT DUE							
(12) TOTAL AMOUNT PAID							
(13) BALANCE DUE							

(14) Special requests — housing _____
(15) Special Instructions — Health _____
(16) Need Transportation to Conference site (Yes _____) (No _____) From Conference Site (Yes _____) (No _____)
(17) Traveling by: Air _____ Auto _____ Bus _____ Train _____
(18) Arrival/Departure _____
Information Date Airline Flight# Time Date Airline Flight# Time
(19) Roommate preference _____ Sponsor (if under 18) _____
(20) Off Campus Location _____
(For those attending but not staying on Campus — home, motel, camp)

ATTENTION YOUTH!

We, the undersigned, have read the General Conference rules and regulations and agree to comply with them during the 1983 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

As the parent of _____, I further agree that my child is legally responsible to the undersigned sponsor, and that said sponsor may also make any necessary decisions regarding medical services.

SIGNATURES

PARENT _____ DATE _____
 YOUTH _____ DATE _____
 SPONSOR AT CONFERENCE _____ DATE _____

**Guidelines for Christian Conduct at
 General Conference**

SDB General Conference Regulations and Rules:

Generally, wherever Seventh Day Baptists have held their sessions of General Conference, they have left behind a strong witness for the Christ whom they serve and a spirit of goodwill because of their high level of morality and attitude of cooperation.

In order to maintain our witness for Christ, in order that our people may be spared from social pressures that might otherwise involve them in unapproved activity, and in order to help conscientious parents and sponsors of young people at Conference to give proper supervision, and out of respect for those who need a good night's sleep in order to fulfill their Conference responsibilities, the following regulations have been drawn up by the Youth Ministries Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and approved by General Council.

1. All unmarried young people under 18 years of age in attendance will have their own parents or a sponsor over 25 years of age who are also in attendance at Conference. All young people will be assigned to rooms on the same floor of the same dorm as their sponsors. It is the responsibility of the youth to be certain that if dorm rates are different, the sponsor and youth will cooperatively choose the dorm selected, (i.e. non air-conditioned vs air-conditioned, etc.).

2. Parents or sponsors assume full responsibility at all times for the conduct and discipline of the young people whose sponsorship they accept. Such

responsibility does not extend to direct supervision when youth are engaged in a scheduled Conference activity. But the sponsor's responsibility does cover necessary transportation to and from any activity if not provided. This responsibility includes actions **day and night in the dorms.**

3. Local rules of the school and facility are binding on all Conference attendees unless changed by Host Committee or the General Council.

4. Curfew hours will be established for the consideration of others, for health reasons, and will mean that each individual will be in his own assigned room and quiet at that time. Such consideration should be the sign of a maturing Christian.

5. Socializing between boys and girls is to be limited to public areas so that no one may have reason to question even the most innocent of intentions.

6. A Disciplinary Council composed of two National Youth Ministries Committee members, two Host Committee members and a member of the General Council shall be established before Conference convenes. The General Council member shall be chairman.

7. Any person damaging property or breaking these rules shall be considered by the Disciplinary Council as to the course of action. Any young person who refuses to accept the decision given by the Disciplinary Council or continues to challenge the good image and Christian standards of Seventh Day Baptists shall expect that he will be required to leave Conference facility under the supervision of his sponsors at their cost. □

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day

June 1983

Verse for the month: "Moreover, as for me (Samuel), far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way. Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."
 1 Samuel 12:23, 24 NAS

Pray For:

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| 1. Sec. David McLean, Jamaica SDB Conference, Kingston. | 12. Sec. Jacob Tyrrell, Guyana SDB Conference, Georgetown. |
| 2. Students studying at the Sabbath Institute in Janesville. | 13. A troubled family in your church. |
| 3. Our graduates as they enter vocations and ministries. | 14. Sec. H. Sizmann, Conf. of SDB Churches, Netherlands. |
| 4. Central NY Assn. at the Adams Center, N.Y., SDB Church. | 15. Participants in the SDB Writers' Conference, Alfred, N.Y. |
| 5. David and Bettie Pearson as they begin their furlough. | 16. Sec. Dr. Ruben Nisio, SDB Convention of Brazil, Curitiba. |
| 6. Bible school ministries of our churches this month. | 17. The camp ministries of our churches this month. |
| 7. Missionary Pastor Perry Cain and the Columbus church. | 18. Families unable to meet with a church of their faith. |
| 8. Sec. A.K. Harawa, Chikwawa evangelism project. | 19. Children and adults in the Bible memorization program. |
| 9. Southwestern Assn., held with the Fouke, Ark., SDB Church. | 20. Pres. Daniel Barrar, SDB Australasian Conf., New Zealand. |
| 10. SCSC workers, training staff and project directors. | 21. The outreach efforts of your church. |
| 11. Conference Pres. and Mrs. K.D. Hurley on their eastern trip. | 22. Sec. L.S. Thanga, Burma SDB Conference, Rangoon. |
| | 23. A newly baptized person you know. |
| | 24. Southeastern Association, Salemville, Pa. |
| | 25. Today's Sabbath School classes around the world. |
| | 26. Sec. Sis T. Williams, British Conf. of SDBs, London, England. |
| | 27. The nurture of young leaders in your church. |
| | 28. Sec. B. John V. Rao, SDB Conference of India, Nellore, AP. |
| | 29. Those preparing for responsibilities at General Conference. |
| | 30. Sec. Hilario Tanduyan, SDB Philippine Conv., Surigo City. |

Ministry That Demands Our Best

Doing is important! Jesus said, "For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother." — Matt. 12:50. It is not enough to know. But knowledge of God's word and will must lead to action — individually and as the Church of Jesus Christ.

In the **Decade of Discipleship** in which we are presently living, the coming year — 1983 — is a Year of Ministry — Doing.

But what? One has said, "We all know better than we do." How true. It helps to set personal and group goals. To make decisions on just where we feel the Lord wants us to become involved in ministry. Our conference president, Dr. K. Duane

Hurley, has called and challenged us to focus on specific things we can, and will, do.

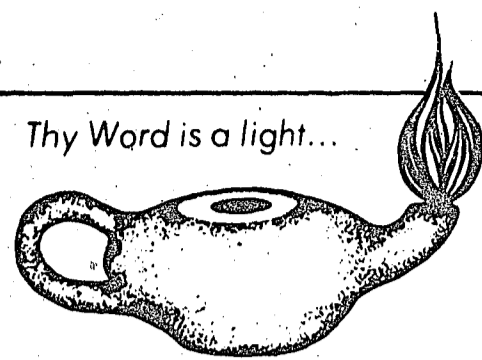
Beyond knowledge is faith. Our Lord does not expect us to do the easy, unchallenging tasks. He calls us to ministry that demands our best and our reliance on him. We are truly, "Workers Together With God!" Nothing great will be accomplished if we are not willing to take God at his word, and step out in faith, believing that the One who calls us, who leads us, who gives us the vision, who promises strength for every day, **will lead and help us do.**

Exciting things are happening! There are problems. There seems at times to be dramatic setbacks.

Not all planned or attempted develops as we feel it should.

Yet, every situation is an opportunity for God to prove himself able to meet our need, and more. Insight, new vision, awareness of our own selfish aims or easily hurt feelings, new cleansing and empowering by His Spirit come. Praise the Lord! "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6)

Double in a Decade expresses figures. Ministry in 1983 expresses our concern for others who need his love flowing through our lives. Both nationally and internationally! □



Board of Christian Education

Mrs. Mary Clare

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Extend Camp Experience

The camp experience has become, for many, a tremendous spiritual experience which has profound effects on their young lives. But, much too often the encounter with God does not last very long after the week at camp.

How can we help these young people make the transition from camp to home? I don't have any sure-fire answers, nor do I claim to be an expert; but as I have thought and prayed about this crucial time of welcoming the camper home, several ideas have jelled in my mind.

First, it is of ultimate importance that the camper know that we as parents and church leaders really care about what has happened to the campers. We should care about the nonsense fun times as well as the deeply spiritual experiences. Be ready to share these times as they recount them. Don't pry into their privacy, but communicate to them by your attentiveness and taking time to listen that their week's experience is important.

Camp Leaders' Workshop

All camp directors, counselors and others interested in camp administration: There will be a Camp Leaders' Workshop at Camp Wakonda, May 20-22, 1983

Directed by Mary G. Clare, director of the SDB Board of Christian Education. Please save the date — Check with your pastor for more detailed information.

Of Special Interest To Writers, Potential Writers And Friends

The Board of Christian Education is holding a Workshop for Writers — June 24-26, 1983 at Camp Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, N.Y. The staff includes Dr. Fred Gertz, Alfred University professor; Rev. James Moser, Carol Burdick, Rev. David Clarke and Mary Clare, director.

Everyone who writes for church news, bulletins, letters or stories is urged to attend.

There are twelve spaces open — register early. Cost \$25 per person.

Second, become a part of the growing process. Customarily young people make some sort of commitment at camp. It may be a decision to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, or to rededicate their lives to him. It may be that their decision is to read their Bibles regularly, or to stop fighting with their little brothers. Whatever the decision was, our job is to affirm and support them in these endeavors. Don't nag, but encourage them and reward positive steps by your recognition and appreciation. However you do it, become involved in helping them keep their commitment.

Third, pastors, Sabbath school

leaders and youth group leaders should present opportunities for the campers to verbalize their experience. Most (probably all) young people do not like to stand up and make a report to a large group. There are alternatives to this, such as collages, posters, banners or slide shows depicting the week at camp. But, there is something about verbalizing decisions. When a camper says to a trusted leader, or to his or her group, "I have committed myself to _____," there is much more of a chance that he or she will keep that decision. Those to whom the camper shares a commitment become helpers who can encourage and support. Continual sharing of these experiences by campers enhances their ability to carry it over into their daily life at home.

Fourth, pray for, and with, the campers. Pray, not only while they are at camp, but even more when they come home. When we pray for and with the camper, we help him or her carry that spiritual growth from the camp, and transplant it into daily life back home. □

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Helping Hand Preview

What A Character!

by David Clarke

Is there a congregation among Seventh Day Baptists where almost any of us could not point to another member with appreciation for individuality and say, "What a character!"

Some of our thoughts would turn to some humorous events in which that person relieved tension with her or his wisdom. Some of our memories might point to a person risking ridicule for a peculiar action intended to awaken congregational minds and hearts. Still other memories might focus on behavior that seemed inappropriate to either Christian or normal community standards. We learn what **not** to do from such characters! "What a character!"

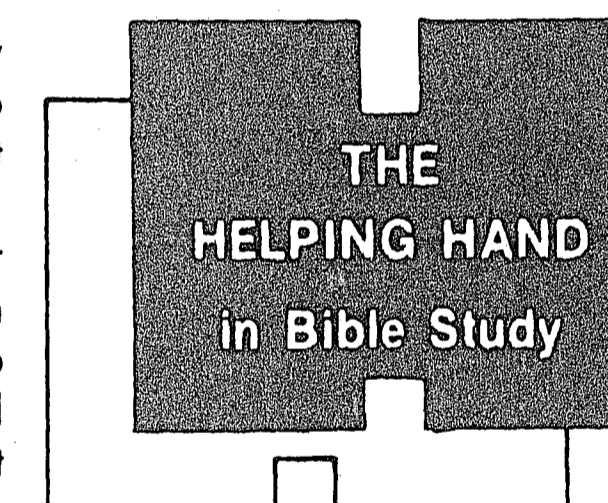
Then there are those other persons who continually astonish us with their singular devotion to God's will in seeming total oblivion of styles or luxuries that so many of us consider quite important. Perhaps dressed in yesterday's styles and unimpressed by seemingly urgent social events, such persons "go about doing good" within their community. "What a character!"

This quarter's course revolves in three units around some ancient personalities who might well be called *characters*. We will note varying levels of moral and spiritual commitment to God and his children. We will be unhappy with many of the violent choices of action which were considered *God-directed*. We will have to remember the prim-

itive experience of these people and their neighbors. We have, after all, been blessed with the reports of actual experiences of persons who saw and heard Jesus live out his messiahship. Killing and political intrigue come under his judgment of us, but Deborah and Jephthah and even David only dimly saw the roots of his daring righteousness!

The direction in which persons

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move in their chosen actions and reactions becomes a part of the total energy God can direct toward his "peace on earth." This course will reveal many different ways that persons, within their social situations, either furthered or hindered the movement of God's kingdom.

In a day when seeking status often has been substituted for seeking happy relations with

God and others, this quarter's characters may suggest to you the **hows** and **whys** of Christian discipline.

Lesson Scriptures

June 4, 1983

Devotional: Exod. 32:30-35
Background: Exod. 4:14-30; 17:9-13; 28:1-4

Key Verse: He shall speak for you to the people; and he shall be a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. Exod. 4:16

June 11, 1983

Devotional: John 1:43-51
Background: Exod. 18:13-27
Key Verse: You and the people with you will wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it alone. Exod. 18:18

June 18, 1983

Devotional: Acts 11:19-26
Background: Num. 13:30-33; 14:24; 32:10-12; Josh. 14:8, 9
Key Verse: Surely the land on which your foot has trodden, shall be an inheritance for you and your children for ever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God. Josh. 14:9

June 25, 1983

Devotional: Acts 16:11-15
Background: Jud. 4:4-9, 14-16; 5:1-3

Key Verse: If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go. Jud. 5:8 □

The Church in Action

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Alfred Church Sponsors Evangelism Training

In May of 1982, the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church sent Community Outreach Minister Roger Gardner and Student Minister George Calhoun to Walden, N.Y., for the Evangelism Explosion Training Clinic. Since their return, Roger and six members of the church, along with 10 others involved in prayer support, have been using the E.E. program to aid in community outreach.

George has adapted the program for use on the campus and has approximately the same number of students involved in visitation and prayer. As both groups bear fruit for the Lord in reaching out to others with the Gospel of Christ, they have experienced God's blessing in many

Baby Boom Expands Church

The arrival in 1981-82 of eight new babies in the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church (at least two more are on the way), along with the growing number of young families, has led the church to vote to have a mother's room and nursery provided in the church building. Existing rooms were used for both.

The mother's room has built-in cribs, a large window overlooking the sanctuary, and safety glass and church pews. Speakers have been installed in both rooms to allow mothers and nursery attendants to listen to the worship service. The new facilities have proven very useful to all concerned. □

ways.

Some church ministries available to new contacts, aside from the Sabbath morning worship service, are: Wednesday night Praise and Prayer Time coordinated by Roger, which includes worship in song and prayer with a teaching brought forth by one of the men in the church; and six home Bible studies available on different evenings each week, providing a small-group atmosphere for newcomers.

The Thursday night college-age Bible study led by George and the weekly coffee house music ministry are ways of introducing new student contacts into our fellowship.

We in the Alfred Church are excited about the new direction the Lord has given us in ministering to others as we have opportunity. □

Alfred Church Begins Monthly Prayer Vigil

The Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, following the suggestion of one of its younger women, has started a 24-hour prayer vigil on a once-a-month basis, beginning at noon on Sunday and continuing until noon on Monday. Church members and students are encouraged to sign up for one-hour segments. Those who have specific prayer concerns leave their written requests at the church and they are prayed for individually by those taking part in the vigil.

It has been a blessing to share one another's burdens (Eph. 4) in this way, and also to use this time to pray for national and world concerns as well. □

Stonefort To Celebrate Homecoming

Old Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist Church will be celebrating its annual Homecoming on May 21, 1983, with services starting at 10:30 a.m. The church invites friends, former members and other churches of the association to worship with them. Communion and a basket dinner are included in the program.

Church clerk, Jeanette Appel, also reports that Rev. Carlos McSparin was seriously ill in December. He had a pacemaker installed and Mrs. Appel says, "We thank God for his

improved health." Rev. McSparin has been providing the Sabbath messages for the church. □

Correction

Pastor Victor Skaggs, who was honored earlier this year for his 40 years in the ministry, was corresponding secretary of the Tract Society, not executive secretary as reported in the March issue of *The Sabbath Recorder*. □

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Religion in the News

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Jews For Jesus Face Attacks

Militant members of the Jewish Defense League have initiated attacks on representatives of the Jews for Jesus group. Several incidents have been reported in the New York City area as the JDL has sought to halt the distribution of pamphlets for Jewish conversion. The most serious incident was a kidnap to provide "deprogramming" of a Jewish-born Christian. □

Methodist Bishop In Controversy

Efforts by Colorado Methodists to secure the resignation of Bishop Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr., have focused on his appointment of a gay pastor to a Denver church. Although the appointment was upheld by a church investigation, the second largest congregation of Methodism in the West (First United Methodist of Colorado Springs) has called for Bishop Wheatley's resignation, or early retirement. □

Churches Pay Debt On Home

A debt of one million dollars on a Christian home for the aged has been paid by a group of churches in the Houston area. The home, which closed in 1980, was independently operated, and the Church of Christ congregations were said to have no legal obligation for the debt. Local church leaders expressed a "moral obligation" in raising funds to pay off the creditors. □

NAE Explains Political Tactics

The director of the National Association of Evangelicals' Washington office says that the association is not attempting to build a political power block.

In remarks at the association's convention in March, Robert P.

Dugan, Jr., the director of NAE's Office of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., told the opening night gathering that because of the Christian community's responsibility to be salt in the world, NAE is diligently working to equip that community with the wherewithal to fulfill this responsibility in the context of good citizenship.

"We equip people to write better letters to their Congressmen, encourage them to attend political meetings, exhort them to enter party politics and embolden them to campaign for others or even run personally for office," Dugan said.

The result, stressed Dugan, is "an individualized involvement in politics rather than an institutionalized involvement."

★ See story this issue on President Reagan's speech to the NAE convention. □

Private School Certification Is Growing Issue

Legal snarls over State's right to license or accredit church-related private schools is a growing issue, with current court cases in several states. Nebraska, Maine and Kentucky are involved in similar issues of teacher certification. In Nebraska, the Reverend Everett Sileven was released after spending a total of four months in jail for refusal to close down his church-school in Louisville, Nebraska. □

Evangelist Destroys Art Works

Evangelist James Robison has admitted that he and millionaire Cullen Davis destroyed more than one million dollars worth of art treasures. The objects were given to the evangelist by Davis to pay off debts of his television ministry. Robison says that after reading Deuteronomy 7:25 regarding carved images and idols, he refused the gifts. The two men smashed the artwork with hammers, according to Robison. □

Enrollment Down At Church-related Colleges

Private colleges reported a 2.4 per cent decline in enrollment for the current academic year, a loss shared by several categories of U.S. colleges. Much of the decline was attributed to fewer eighteen-year-olds in the population, and cuts in student financial aid.

Enrollment at 18 colleges of the Lutheran Church in America dropped by 3.3 per cent, the largest drop since 1974. Fifteen of the eighteen colleges were reported down in full-time students. □

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Dear Daughters,

by Jean L. Pierce

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I have spent many hours considering your dilemma. I do know that you feel bombarded by the media, friends and relatives as to your role as a woman, wife, mother and wage earner. I can give you no pat answers as to what would be right for you. All I can do is to summarize Dad's and my decisions.

Dad and I have spent thirty-two years striving to be the best homemakers that common sense and prayer could help us to be. We have each earned incomes at other vocations, but making a home has been our first priority.

You are saying, "Mother, you have always been a liberated woman." My reply is, "No, your father has been the liberated person; he was a completely mature man when we were married: compassionate, understanding, with a directness in his feelings and desires. I learned to be an adult too." In our marriage there has been room for two adult selves. We have worked at marriage, with a sense of humor. We have always had a commitment in which each has cared more about the other's happiness than our own. We have given each other security and understanding, space and sympathy. We have always communicated; sometimes we have even argued quite loudly. Times for aloneness have been our gift to each other.

For fourteen years I stayed in the home, looking after my husband and nurturing you girls. I had good and important and useful things to do in our home. I never felt that I was being deprived of anything worthwhile. Nor did I feel envious of women who had their own income. I wanted the time to play with and read to our little girls, to sit in the sun and listen to the birds, to knit and to read, to visit with my friends. Time was more important than money. I felt at peace with myself.

Your father and I made certain that you and your sister had special times with him. He was your friend and playmate, too. At no time were you my daughters nor our home, my home. Together we tried to live in such a way that you could gain the values of love, honesty, self-confidence, enthusiasm, compassion, respect, courage, faith and the habit of being happy.

When we considered our daughters' education after high school, we had to make a choice between Dad's taking a second job, or my returning to teaching. We were not going to allow you two to mortgage your future. The decision was not an easy one. We figured that we could all have more time together if I were to return to teaching. It was not always easy. We had to learn to accept rooms that were not as neat, windows not quite so shiny, more simple meals, less time with friends. I believe that I found the little time I had for myself to be the hardest part to accept. We had to readjust our priorities. Vacations together were especially cherished; dinner time was family renewal time. Our home life became better organized; everyone shared in the work. Mother and father were at home, available, during the hours that we were needed. We agreed that illness would be the only excuse for failure to carry out all church obligations. We have never regretted our decision.

In retirement the two of us are again devoting our full time to joyous homemaking.

Love,
Mom



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

Jane Mackintosh

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It's Okay To Be A Homemaker

We were challenged to consider our own attitudes. Do we judge a woman's value by the size of her paycheck?

Second of two on the North American Baptist Women's Union by Marion Soper.

Mrs. Libby Steeper, seminar leader, presented the familiar acrostic using the letters J-O-Y. First we considered **J**esus and what he said concerning the roles of men and women. His teachings and example seem to point out that men and women are equal but different. They have different needs and abilities. While on the cross Jesus felt strongly that his mother needed to be cared for, so he gave her into John's care to be a son to her. Jesus was always careful to meet needs, no matter who was in need.

Second, we discussed our relation to **O**thers. "Am I pulling my own weight?" "What value am I in the total scheme of things?" We were challenged to consider our own attitudes. Do we judge a woman's value by the size of her paycheck? What is our attitude about housework? Whom do we serve? Home is where you

should be able to go when you haven't "made it." It's really okay to fail. It's okay to hurt. It's okay to lose. It's okay not to have a high I.Q. The important thing is our attitude about what we CAN do. Our churches should be helping to equip our young mothers to feel adequate to meet the needs and problems of a household day after day. Being "foster grandparents" was suggested as a way that retired people, who are no longer quite so busy, could help young families and relieve some of the strain on young mothers. The most real thing you can do for **O**thers is to open up your home with a loving hospitality of friendliness and caring, ministering to others' needs.

Third, you must consider **Y**ourself. "Can I be fulfilled as a homemaker?" It has been said that a homemaker is not just a housewife but an ecologist conserving the most important element of society. If you can take care of even one person (your own child or someone else in

need) you are just as important as the person who is employed working for society. If you care for and train that person, making him or her a good Christian citizen, then you have done as much as those who are caring for people in prisons or other institutions and you have saved society that expense.

Jesus said "Go into all the world..." This doesn't necessarily mean we have to go far away to serve him. It means that we should go to persons who are far from Jesus and minister to them. It may be someone next door. As homemakers we need to ask those in our household or neighborhood, "Have I failed you? Have I hurt you in any way? How can I help you get the most out of life?"

To be a homemaker truly is an important ministry and a "high calling" of God.

We were proud of Floy Owen and Madeline Randolph as they stood with the executive committee of the N.A.B.W.U. on several occasions and represented us. And our buttons nearly popped when Floy so capably presented the report of our Women's Society before the whole assembly on Thursday night. You may be sure our Society was well represented.

To the Women's Society and all those who contribute to its program, I say a hearty "Thank You" for affording me this beautiful opportunity. My prayer is that the Lord will constantly show me how I may put into action all the inspiration I received.

President Champions Morality, Denounces Freeze

President Reagan Addresses National Association of Evangelicals

President Ronald Reagan urged U.S. evangelicals not to support a nuclear freeze, calling the measure a "dangerous fraud" and "an illusion of peace."

In remarks at the recent convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, Reagan said, "I urge you to speak out against those who would place the United States in a position of military and moral inferiority. I urge you to beware of the temptation of pride; the temptation blithely to declare yourselves above it all and label both sides equally at fault, to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire, to simply call the arms race a giant misunderstanding and thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong, good and evil."

Reagan received standing ovations for his statements sup-

porting prayer in public schools, his acknowledgement of NAE's commitment to Biblical principles and for his challenge against immorality in the U.S., referring to the government's recent ordering of federally-funded clinics to notify parents when birth control devices are given to their children.

"Isn't it the parents' right," he said, "to give counsel and advice to keep their children from making mistakes that may affect their entire lives?"

But not everyone was cheering Reagan's stance on all issues. About 20 protesters lined up outside the Sheraton Twin-Towers in Orlando to oppose U.S. involvement in El Salvador, the use of nuclear energy, conservative economic policies and anti-abortion legislation.

While Reagan made clear his view of the nuclear arms race

President Ronald Reagan addresses NAE annual convention. Photo: NAE-Singer



during the Tuesday meeting, the issue is far from settled among evangelicals. Two Christian leaders — Ron Sider, president of the Evangelicals for Social Action, and Harold Brown, professor of Biblical and systematic theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School — presented the varying views represented by the broad spectrum within the 3.5 million-member constituency of the NAE.

"There are a great many God-fearing, dedicated, noble men and women in public life, present company included,"

Isn't it the parents' right...to keep their children from making mistakes that may affect their entire lives?

Reagan told the NAE gathering. "And, yet, we need your help to keep us ever mindful of the ideas and principles that brought us into the public arena in the first place."

As the president's speech continued, it became apparent that those ideas and principles included a specific agenda which would hopefully rally evangelical support.

"Senators Denton and Hatfield have proposed legislation in the Congress on the whole question of prohibiting discrimination against religious forms of student speech," he continued. "Such

(Right) Harold O.J. Brown supports peace through strength position during debate on the nuclear freeze. Freeze proponent Ron Sider is seated.



(Below) Author Jill Briscoe addresses session at NAE's 41st annual convention. Photos: NAE-Singer

legislation could go far to restore freedom of religious speech for public school students. And I hope the Congress considers these bills quickly."

Courting evangelical support, the president added, "With your help, I think it's possible we could also get the constitutional amendment through the Congress this year."

During his 32-minute speech, the president also touched upon his pro-life stance and rallied for support of pro-family values, which included disapproval of adultery, teenage sex and pornography. He also spoke out against all forms of racism.

The point that seemed to weigh heaviest on the president's mind was the current movement toward a nuclear freeze. In hopes of rallying evangelical support, which remains divided on the issue, the president built his case by citing the moral evils of communism and by calling trust in the Soviets "simple-minded."

"The truth is that a freeze now would be a very dangerous fraud, for that is merely the illusion of peace," Reagan said.



"The reality is that we must find peace through strength."

The president urged his listeners to "speak out against those who would place the United States in a position of moral inferiority."

"I ask you to resist," Reagan continued, "the attempts of those who would withhold support for our efforts, this administration's efforts, to keep America strong and free, while we negotiate real and verifiable reductions in the world's nuclear arsenals and one day, with God's help, their total elimination." □

In The Year Of Ministry:

How I Minister In My Vocation

by Mary Hummel Wells

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The year 1969 found me on constant call to the lawyer's office to handle the details of a job I was totally unprepared for: that of fulfilling my father's specifications that I serve as the executor of his will. Little did he realize what this was to entail in that period of high prices and greedy men out for their kill.

If you want a real education and a faith stimulant, add a federal estate tax and state tax levy of well over \$100,000 due to overrated evaluation, a bill of \$10,000 for a good lawyer and a life savings of around \$30,000 cash, and you have a picture of where I started as owner and operator of Fort Chambers Ranch.

God, who had been good enough to bring me out of a bedridden childhood into a normal adulthood, truly — as never before — became my partner. He used helpful advice from many people to bring me through, and I rely heavily on his guidance. The funds from the farm do not enter into my own income but rather into a farm emergency fund and the Lord's work.

We have reclaimed the ugly gravel pits as a wildlife haven, which has served to give several troubled teenagers a chance for that first job and a place to refresh their souls. To most of them, we've

found a way to give them a Bible in modern English. Our interest in them still follows them, and many keep in touch. Many of the exchange students and former employees of my husband keep in touch with us, also.

I see myself as a seed planter, very much in keeping with the farm. I cannot see the harvest, but those who have bowed their heads at our table know who brought me through and who gave me health and strength to work here on the farm when there was nothing left to hire much help.

In my 23 years in school food service, I can always pray for the students who have somehow attracted my attention. It has been a real thrill to be able to help bring the Camp Cookbook for the Board of Christian Education into reality; to fly down to Memphis and help them prepare for last year's seminars, to help feed Navigators and SCSCers who have been at Camp Paul Hummel. "Marthas" are important, especially when they're troubled about using "their thing" in every way for the Lord.

I'm graduating to a senior citizen of 65 this year. I'm crazy enough to plan on working as long as God gives me strength; not for myself, but for him. □

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When the Council on Ministry met at Janesville, Wis., on January 30-31, one of its tasks was to update and revise its job description. In order that all Seventh Day Baptists may have a better understanding of the purpose and work of COM, that description is printed below:

SDB Council on Ministry Job Description

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Purpose:

The purpose of the Council on Ministry shall be to promote, educate and sustain pastoral ministry for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA and Canada.

Duties of the Council on Ministry shall include these areas of activity:

I Pastoral Students

1. Recruitment

- Actively search out candidates for the pastoral ministry and promote ministry as a calling
- Promote activities and programs to accomplish these objectives

2. Educational objectives

- Provide for the theological education of candidates for the ministry
- Provide for supervision and counseling with theological students
- Review requirements for General Conference accreditation of ministers
- Review applications for General Conference accreditation of ministers and make appropriate recommendations to General Conference

3. Support (Financial Responsibility)

- Center on Ministry Program Students (i.e., those attending an accredited seminary and Summer Institute and other specific periodic conferences)
 - Within Council on Ministry Guidelines, financial aid towards tuition costs of seminary
 - Reasonable travel expense between the Center and the seminary
 - Living accommodations while student attends the specific periodic conferences
 - Grants and aid for living expenses contingent upon need
- For Non-program Students, grants towards travel expenses to specially scheduled Council on Ministry classes and workshops.
- Submit an annual budget to the General Council to be included in the General Conference Our World Mission budget.

II Active Pastors

1. Continuing Education

- Administration of Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conferences
- Promote short term continuing education programs
- Assist pastors in postgraduate work including the Doctor of Ministry

2. Pastoral/Church Relations

- Provide for counseling services for pastors in current parishes
- Provide counseling service for pastor/church relations committees of local churches
- Provide counseling services for churches seeking pastoral candidates
- Provide counseling services for pastors seeking a pastorate, or those desirous of a change in pastorates.

III Administration of Center on Ministry

1. Personnel

- In consultation with General Council employ a dean for the Center
- Supervise the activities of the dean

2. Facilities

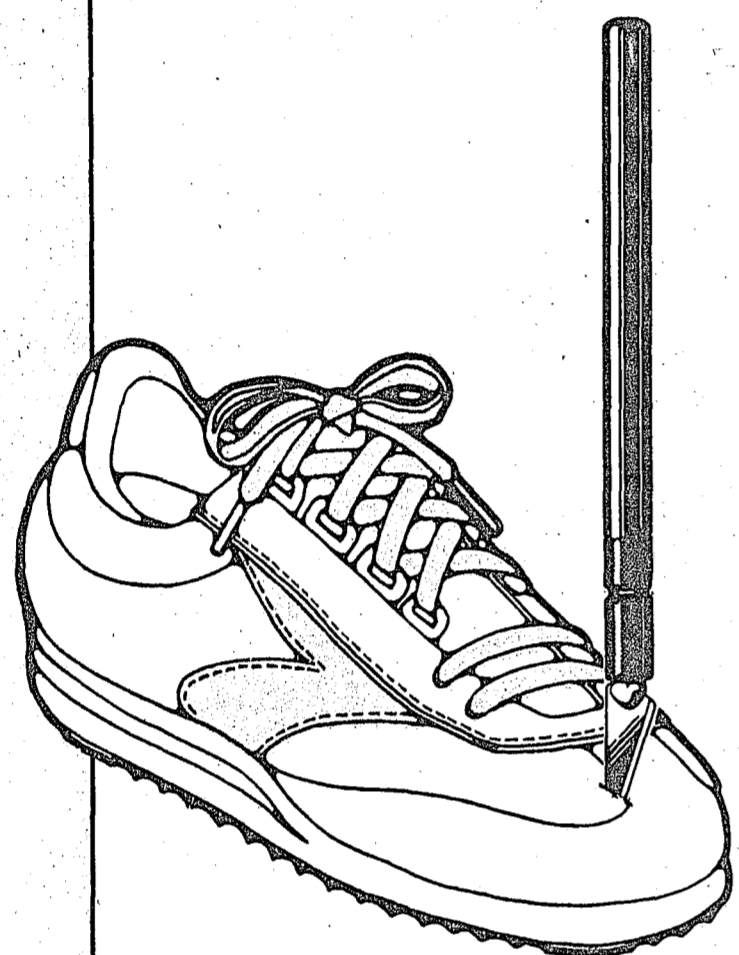
- Provide the necessary facilities for the Center on Ministry and supervise their maintenance and administration

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«Off center»

Life at the SDB Center
by Leanne Lippincott

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time performing surgery on my hands without a medical degree.

An X-acto® knife — for those unfamiliar with the tool — is a small, round-handled, sharp-bladed instrument used to cut a variety of things. (A warning label on the blade box reads, "X-acto® blades are extremely sharp. Use with caution. Wear safety goggles.") In my case, I use the blades to cut stripes of typesetting paper and see-through sheets of orange, peelable plastic (Amberlith® masking film) used to put color on the printed page.

Although it's harder to see

Although there's a long-standing family legend that I tripped while making my way down the birth canal, I've never thought of myself as clumsy. Never, that is, until I became an art director.

I've been working here at the Center for about 10 months now, and there still are a few clumsy, klutzy things I haven't done.

For instance, I haven't fallen down a flight of stairs yet. (I fell down a flight when I was a sophomore in high school.) I also haven't fallen off a chair and sprained a finger or an ankle. (I used to sprain my fingers and ankles all of the time when I was in my Midwest tomboy phase, which lasted about 25 years.)

So, if I'm not busy tumbling off chairs or rolling down steps, what clumsy things do I do at the Center?

Basically, I spend most of my

Scott Smith...alertly noticed that a knife was protruding from the top of my shoe.

through, I've come to prefer Rubylith® (red masking film) when it's time to "cut color" for *The Sabbath Recorder*.

For one thing, the red film helps mask the blood that I invariably drip on my light table — the small, self-illuminated, glass-topped table where I operate several times a week.

Although I'm always carelessly cutting my fingers on the razor-sharp blades, other parts of my body aren't immune from injury.

For instance, several weeks ago my knife accidentally rolled off the light table and landed on

my foot. Blade first.

I stood there as calmly as possible, staring at my shoe and wondering if anyone else in the world had ever stabbed their toes while working on *The Sabbath Recorder*.

Scott Smith, who was also working in the paste-up room at the time, alertly noticed that a knife was protruding from the top of my shoe.

"Are you alright?" he asked.

I assured him I was; the knife had just sliced leather, not flesh.

Speaking of Scott, I'm not the only klutz at the Center. Although he's not half as dangerous as I am, he's been known to perform a little unlicensed surgery of his own now and then.

One day Scott was bleeding like a stuck pig while trying to figure out how and where he'd cut himself. Much to his relief, not to mention mine, he finally discovered he only had a hangnail.

Although I was using an average of three Band-Aids® a week, I haven't had many on-the-job injuries the past few months. That's largely due to the scalpel mailed to me by an oral surgeon living in Los Angeles. (The scalpel's handle is molded to fit the human hand and thus is easy to hang onto; plus, it doesn't roll.)

Yup. I may be a klutz, but I'm getting less klutzy. Now if I'd just buy a pair of leather gloves and those steel-toed safety shoes Scott keeps talking about, I could quit spending my entire paycheck on first aid supplies. □

Children's Page

Racco's Mother

by Linda V. H. Camenga



Racco



Mother



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One day in the Spring,  went for a walk along the creek bank.




 saw that some changes had taken place. Can you draw a line

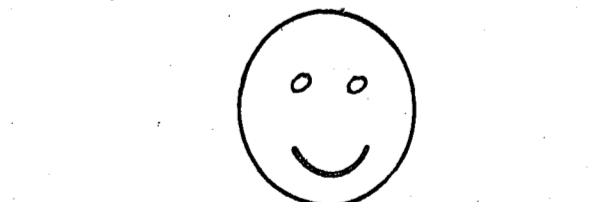
from the old things to the new?

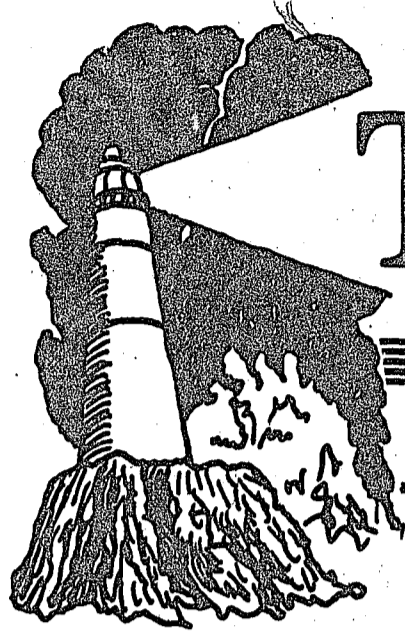


Later,  read 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If any man is in Christ, he

is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

 knew about some more changes. Can you draw a line from the old to the new?





THE BEACON

For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

May 1983

Preparations For S.C.S.C. Training Are Underway

A Call To Commitment At Camp Paul Hummel

A Call To Commitment will be the theme for this year's training session for Summer Christian Service Corp. Though applications are still being considered, plans for the training session are well underway.

The staff for this summer includes Pastor Chuck Graffius, who will be leading Bible studies and sessions on "sharing your faith." Mrs. Hope Bevis will instruct SCSC team members in aspects of Christian Education and

Doreen Sanford will lead in sessions on music, campfire and recreation. Dean of the SDB Center on Ministry, J. Paul Green, will provide worship experiences and a Sabbath emphasis. Mrs. Gerry Van Dyke will teach classes in Interpersonal Relationships. Assisting in the kitchen will be Deirdre Sanford.

The twelve day training retreat will be held at Camp Paul Hummel in the foothills above Boulder, Colorado. Staff members will arrive at the camp on June 14 and the SCSC workers are to arrive on June 16. Project Directors will join the training on June 22, and on June 27 the workers and their Project Directors will go to the project locations.

Plans for the training and processing of the project and worker applications

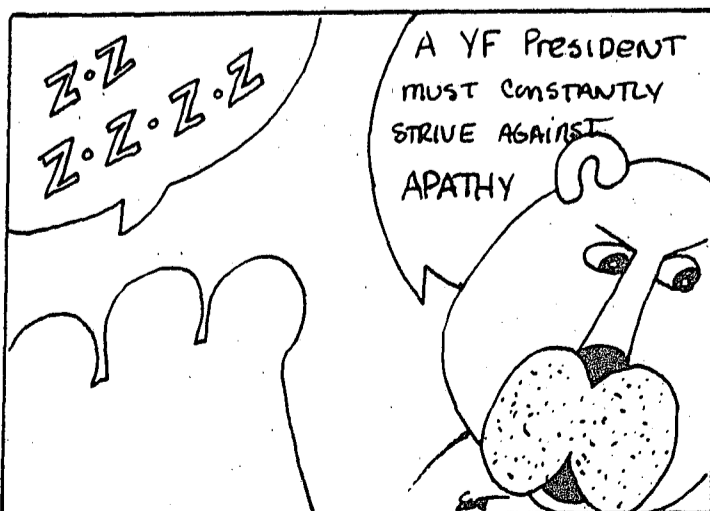
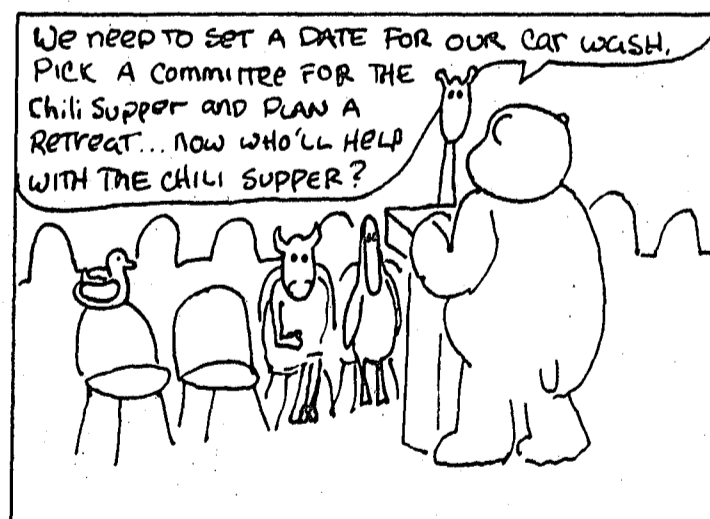
are done by the SCSC Search Committee of the SDB Women's Board. Members of the committee are: Eloise Burdick, Lorrie Curry, Fran August, Doris Rood, and Beth Burdick, chairman. □

Tying YFs Together Seattle YF Goes To The Mountains

The Seattle Area SDB YF had a snow day, January 9, on Snoqualmie Pass. They boarded their church's bus and went to the mountains where they inner-tubed, skied and shivered. After getting back to the valley, the rear axle went out. It has since been repaired by YF assistant advisor and bus-mechanic, Jeff Inabnit. □

Why YF?

By Scott



Sabbath Observance In A Technological Age

In meeting human need — My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.
John 5:17
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Mark 2:27

A friend is sick in bed on Sabbath and has had nothing to eat, nor have her children. Do I...

- Prepare a meal?
- Take the children out to eat?
- Tell them to wait until sundown?

I learn at 9:00 pm Sabbath eve that company is coming to spend the day with us and our cupboard is bare. Something kept us from getting our shopping done on Friday. What do I do?

I am a nurse. When I took my job at the hospital they promised me Sabbaths off. Then came this epidemic and the hospital was overcrowded and many of the other nurses were sick.

- They called and said I must come in or lose my job.
- They called and pleaded with me to come in and work.

Excellence *Cont. from page 12*

They have a deep sense of personal responsibility. They will not cheat on themselves, their family or their work.*

I don't know how you measure up, but I must share with Paul in my self evaluation. "I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it." But, in God's grace, I keep trying.

Engstrom closes his book with this poem by James Russell

Lowell. I use it to remind us to begin today to pursue the quality of excellence to which we are called:

*Life is a leaf of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two.*

And then comes night.

*Greatly begin, though thou have time
But for a line,
Be that sublime,
Not failure, but low aim, is crime.*

*Ted W. Engstrom, **The Pursuit of Excellence.** Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1982. □

Marriages

Wheeler-Nessan.--William R. Wheeler, son of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of Nortonville, Kan., and Jennifer Lee Nessan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Nessan of Littleton, Colo., were united in marriage on October 2, 1982, in Littleton, Colo. The bride's pastor, Rev. James Rasmussen, and the groom's father, Edgar F. Wheeler, officiated.

Laughlin-Nagel.--John Lewis Laughlin and Pearl Hibbard Nagel were united in marriage on March 5, 1983 in River-side, Md. by Rev. Dale D. Thorngate.

Births

Thorngate.--A daughter, Erin Alison, was born to Russell and Lynne Thorngate of Milton, Wis., on June 22, 1982.

Davis.--A son, Kyle Douglas, was born to Kenneth H. and Karen (Fletcher) Davis of Lancaster, Pa. on November 3, 1982.

Lacey.--A son, Nathan Gilchrist, was born to Alfred and Barbara Lacey on December 1, 1982 in Cheverky, Md.

Accessions

Alfred, N.Y.

By Baptism:
Ann Droppers

By Testimony:
Russell Hudson
Mark Laurence

Associate
Ellen Weaver

Memphis, Tenn.

Raymond Gaber
Johnnie Howell
Marie Howell
Jackie Otis
Ouida Otis

Upper Marlboro, MD (Central SDB)

Ken Chroniger, Pastor

By Baptism:
John Laughlin
William Williams

By Letter:
Geraldine A. Cramer

Obituaries

Lippincott.--Norma Adalyn Lippincott, daughter of William and Ada Humphrey Crandall, was born in Walworth, Wis., December 24, 1898, and died at Rock Haven, Janesville, Wis., on February 7, 1983.

She was married to Ernest Pierce in 1920. To this union were born two daughters, Thelma Hall and Ernestine Lippincott. Following her husband's death in 1924, she was married to Luen Lippincott in 1934. To this union were born two daughters, one of whom died at birth, the other, Della Fern Davis. Besides being survived by three daughters, she is also survived by three stepsons, Warren, Leslie and Darwin Lippincott; two brothers, Leslie and Roy Crandall; three grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on March 4, 1983, from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church where she was a member. Pastor Earl Cruzan officiated, assisted by Pastor Herbert Saunders. Her body was cremated and the ashes will be interred at the Alfred, N.Y., cemetery.

Wilcox.--H. Ethel Wilcox, 97, was born the daughter of Henry E. and Leola Allen Witter in Alfred, N.Y., on January 7, 1886, and died on February 23, 1983.

On March 25, 1905, in Alfred, she married Jay J. Wilcox, who died November 28, 1969.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mrs. Wilcox was a member of Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Mazella) Schoenborn of Tonawanda, N.Y.; a son, Richard M. Wilcox of Wellsville, N.Y.; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Paul (Frances) Johnson of Severna Park, Md.; two brothers, E. Allen Witter of Almond, and Raymond Witter of Matawan, N.J.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 25, 1983. The Rev. Albert N. Rogers, of Alfred, officiated. Burial was at Alfred Rural Cemetery.

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as a special day, because by that day he
had completed his creation....Genesis 2:3



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