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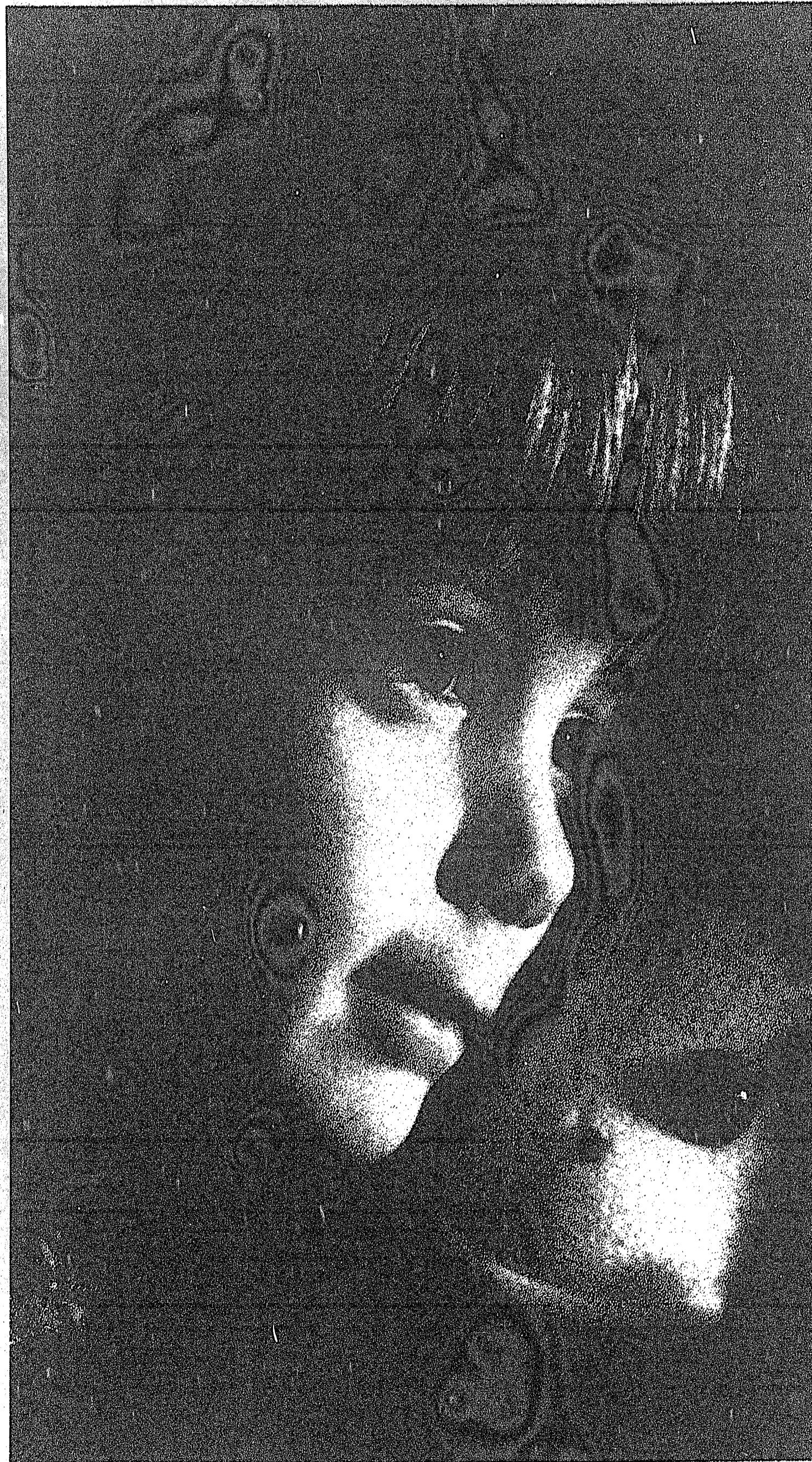
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Becky Archeaux displays the Sunshine Mountain rug she crocheted. Story on page 4.

by Janet Thorngate

A Day At Sunshine Mountain

Story and Photographs by Janet Thorngate



(Above) Becky helps Lena with lunch. (Below) The Beebe house is home for most of the retarded or handicapped residents and their house-parents.



We woke to the chatter of cardinals and chickadees at Linda's feeder. They still accept her charity though spring is clearly here in mid-March. For us too, her two-inch-high southern biscuits and honey sure beat scrounging. Harry stops in while we're eating, anxious to share some verses from Psalms he's just discovered this morning.

From the Jack Hays' home here off the upper edge of the Sunshine Mountain property, we have a panoramic view down across the basin — the ponds,

garden, pasture, yard and playground, the five buildings which house twenty full-time residents. First site on our tour is the newly-erected martin house that Jimmy has set high on a pole. So far, it has attracted only bluebirds.

Linda takes us through the four smaller buildings first. The brown house, where several of the older boys live, is constructed around the old bookmobile, first residence on the property. From it grew the rest — a special ministry to handicapped and mentally retarded persons op-



(Above) Paul gives us a tour of the animals and grounds.



(Above) Residents and church members gather for an evening meeting. Below) Sam and Becky count coins.



erated by the Sunshine Mountain SDB Church.

Pastor Ralph Hays joins us in the white house for coffee with Willie Rae and Mama, and then shows us the tin house which he describes as "our first parsonage." It now offers storage for such items as truckloads of Cambells® soup products. It also houses Harry's carpentry shop where Jimmy has been learning the trade by helping him build cupboards and cabinets for the Beebe house.

Ten-year-old Paul, who has

been helping Gary and Tom with some spring cleanup in the pasture, seems eager to leave the trash burning crew to show us the ducks, cows, pigs, chickens and ponies. On our way to the Beebe house, he points out the playground and the new 20-passenger bus.

Inside is a buzz of activity and the spicy smell of soup for lunch. Elsie and Cathy call greetings from the kitchen and come to introduce us to the children. Lena is absorbed in turning the finger-worn pages of her favorite catalog. Randy plays his Chipmunks' records — over and over — while Mary seems to be trying to sleep on the couch. Gwenette circles round and round the huge room on her crutches, apparently thrilled at the arrival of "company." Becky responds to the suggestion that she show us some of her crochet work — pot holders, place mats, rugs, a host of items which will be among those displayed for sale in the new case Harry is building for that purpose.

Cathy shows us the girls' bedroom off one end of the large living area. It is like a cross between a college dorm and camp barracks. We meet the other Tom in the boys' area off the other end. He's retreated there to get away from the Chipmunks.

Elsie later shows us the house-parents' room and separate bath in the back of the building. She and Bob got married after she came to Sunshine Mountain two years ago. "I came with a cane," she says. "I got rid of it and got a husband."

while Ralph takes Dale to his study to tape an interview for the weekly radio program, Becky begins telling me her sad life story and we are instant friends. She is an epileptic who cannot be left alone — ever. At twenty-one, she feels frustrated about the limitations of her life. School was unsuccessful. Marriage and having a family did not work.

But, here she is needed — and she is never alone.

The older boys begin to arrive for lunch. After the bell comes the prayer. After the prayer everyone waits for four people to fill plates for those who cannot help themselves. Randy chatters like his Chipmunks through the whole meal, but finds time to help Gwenette next to him. Becky feeds Lena her soup. since coming here she has learned to hold her own cup and feed herself finger foods.

Elsie is out of the kitchen while the girls do the dishes — with some welcome help from the guests. While someone takes

After the prayer, everyone waits for four people to fill plates for those who cannot help themselves.

Lena for a walk, I find myself on the porch watching Paul try to pick a fight with Gary, whose self-restraint is admirable. Paul finally hurts himself and goes crying off. Tom, Becky and Gary all proceed to explain to me that he is really OK. He'll be back all smiles and go through it all again. (They were right.) "He's only been here a week," they explain, "and we're just learning how to get along with him." Even Elsie's patience was tried later when he was found cracking pecans in the living room, oblivious to the mess on the floor or the plans for the pecans. She sent Bob off to take him for a walk.

For our afternoon walk, Ralph showed us the site planned for the new building — a meeting place for the church, a fellowship hall, perhaps someday a school. Back at the Beebe house other church members have arrived early for the evening meeting. Persus and Earl Deland are involved in a game with some of

the children. The school kids are home. Linda's helping Jonathan with his math homework while the Hays girls clean bathrooms. Randy is reading his favorite Tom and Jerry book to Rose, the nurse who lives in the house trailer next door.

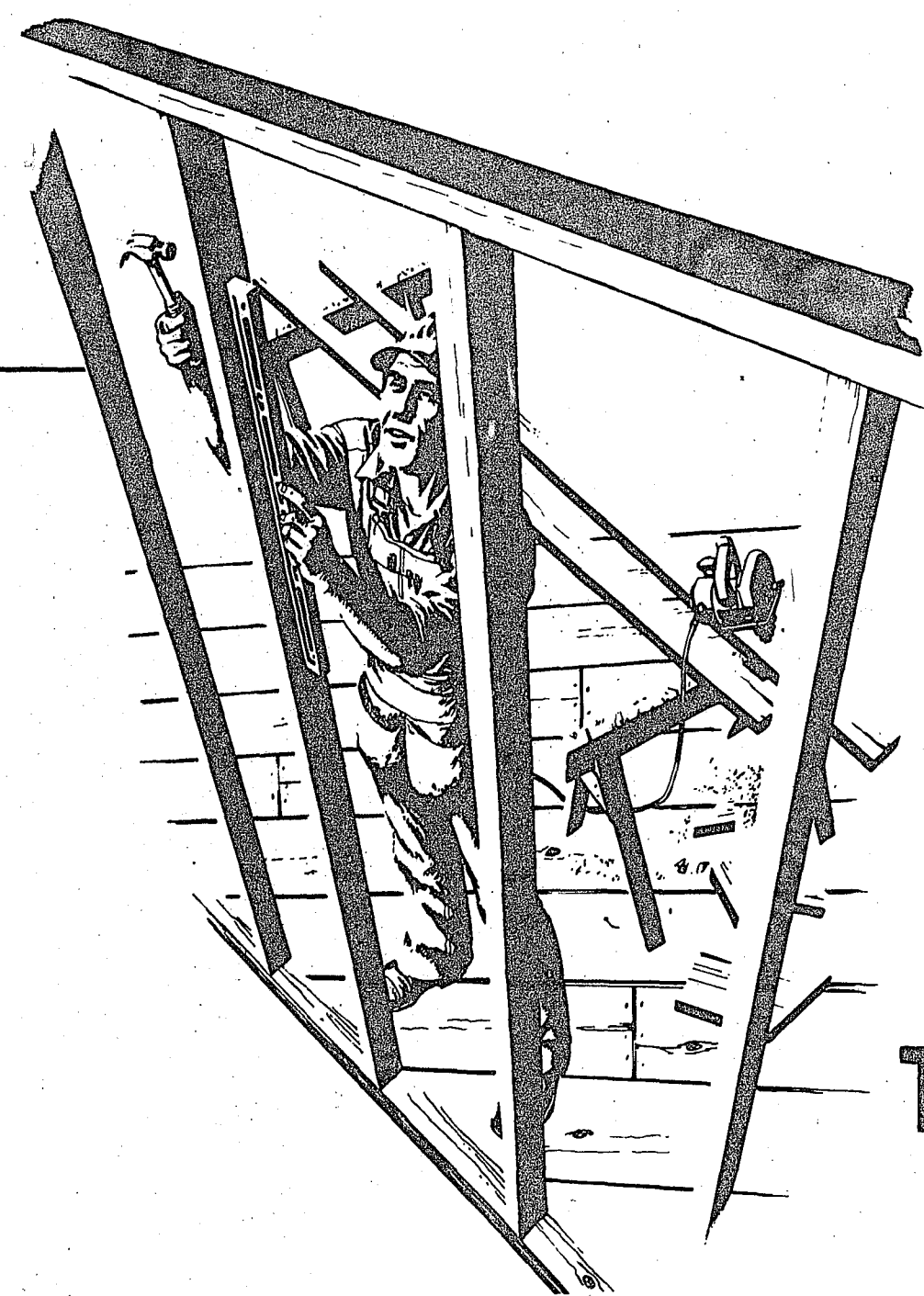
Sam and Marie get back from the day's trip picking up the Sunshine Mountain coin cans that have been placed in stores and banks for contributions. Becky helps count the money — pennies, dimes and quarters — lots!

After supper other "non-resident" church members arrive. Evelyn and her husband bring Jamie, a five-year-old boy who is blind and retarded. His parents wanted him to stay at Sunshine Mountain, but the staff felt unable to care for him here. Evelyn, who is blind herself, wanted to try. It is beautiful to watch.

Helen and Bob also come for the evening program. They are the young couple who operate the day-care center in nearby Magnolia. "We prayed for an SDB couple to do that," Ralph tells us. "Finally, Helen and Bob joined our church. So now we have our SDB couple!"

The Beebe house main room is nearly full. We can't imagine the 75 they had for church here last Sabbath! We are used to church families, but this one is different. Sunshine Mountain is an every-day family — a very big one.

Back at the Hays' house later, Jack shows us the application for United Way funds (successful last year), while he and Connie address the last of this month's 1000 newsletters. Linda plays one of her original piano compositions while Connie stamps (in rhythm) the box-holder copies for people in nearby towns. The McComb newspaper sets the type for them, puts it in the paper, and they print and mail the newsletter from Sunshine Mountain SDB Church, Box 37, Chatawa, Mississippi. □



The "Laity" Builds The Church

by Ernest F. Bond

Excerpts from a speech given in May of 1983, during Eastern Association meetings in Shiloh, N.J.

Laymen have carried the "Good News" of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection to millions of people throughout the world.

Active laymen and women (laypersons) have indeed been the builders of the church from the beginning, 2,000 years ago. The plan was set into motion when Jesus told Peter that God had blessed him and upon him he would build his church. Laymen have carried the "Good News" of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection to millions of people throughout the world. They have endured the wrath and harassment of those who do not recognize God's gift of salvation to the world. They have fed the poor, clothed the needy and administered to their needs in times of war and times of peace, throughout the lifetime of the church.

Who chose these individuals to carry out the tasks of the church? Who chose individuals to take on these enormous tasks of building a church or organizing an outreach program for an association? Who chose individuals to carry

on the business and services of a denominational board or an agency or the management and work required to operate our General Conference? Who makes these choices. **Who chose you?**

The Scripture

In the Scriptures we read about the choosing of leaders in the early church. These verses may be of some value to us as we seek to find out how, or even why, laymen are chosen from the ranks of the church body to do the work of the building of the church. The using of their gifts.

Luke, the doctor and master researcher, in recording the work of building the early church, relates in Act 1:9-14 that "As they (meaning the disciples) strained their eyes for another glimpse, suddenly two white-robed men were standing there among them, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why



Ernest Bond

Has your church carefully and prayerfully established your goals?

are you standing here staring at the sky? Jesus has gone away to heaven, and someday, just as he went, he will return."

They went out to the Mount of Olives with Jesus and he had risen into the heavens before their very eyes. What a shock! The Master was gone. So they slowly walked the five miles back to Jerusalem, retreated to an upper room and held a prayer meeting.

This was not an ordinary prayer meeting. After several days of prayer, Peter took over and expressed the urgent need to fill the vacancy in the twelve caused by the untimely death of Judas. Democratic policy took over and from the group were nominated Joseph Justus (Barabbas) and Matthias.

Who chose Matthias? He was elected to become one of the twelve disciples — simply by drawing straws.

There is no Biblical record that Matthias ever became a great preacher or vice-president of the Missionary Board, or was chosen later to become president of the Southern Judea Association of Churches. He was, however, an active layman, chosen to join

the other eleven disciples to establish the early church in Jerusalem at the request of the Master. He answered that call with God's help.

From Fellowship To Church

Who chose me? My faith in Jesus as my personal Savior was a result of a strong family tradition of Christian forefathers and mothers. I grew up in the church. My earliest training came not only from my mother's knee but also by walking by my father's side. This background was similar for each of my brothers; Robert, Leland and Thomas. Regular attendance at the weekly appointments of the church on the Sabbath Day was always a part of our lives.

My dear wife Helen and I found our lives, along with those of our four children, very comfortable and our lives had become almost a weekly routine; doing our daily chores on the beautiful 75 acre dairy farm in Jane Lew, W.Va.; attending church, school, Sabbath School and choir practice regularly, as we had been taught; and enjoying the security and happiness of

a good job. **Pow.** All at once our balloon burst. Our company was planning to move us from this beautiful situation to another state. Columbus, Ohio, or Harrisonburg, Va., were mentioned as possible new locations from my present selling job in West Virginia and southern Virginia. We were given two weeks to make a decision. This, indeed, was traumatic. What would we do? **Who chose me?**

With much prayer and a barrel of tears, we moved to Ohio. It seemed that we lacked the pioneer spirit of our forefathers — and we had hard roads and a company car! New faces, new customers, new surroundings, new neighbors, new job, no hills and **no church.**

There were, however, Seventh Day Baptists in Jackson Center, Ohio, when we arrived, but that was a two-hour drive from our home near Columbus. That was more than a "Sabbath-Day's journey." So to provide our family and ourselves with spiritual food and Christian fellowship, we visited several churches in our community. None filled the longing in our hearts to worship our Lord on the Sabbath as had been our practice.

For two years we journeyed each Sabbath Day to Jackson Center and fellowshipped with the four remaining Seventh Day Baptists, in the home of William and Nina Lawhead. With the death of William Lawhead, a stalwart Christian layman at Jackson Center, these Sabbath journeys ceased. **Who chose Willie Lawhead?**

Here again crisis seemed to enter our lives. How committed were we to our faith? We knew

that the Lord had been leading us step-by-step along our way, but it seemed that I had never made that commitment to his leading. I'd rather do it myself.

One night, in the comfort of our home and the privacy of our bed, Helen and I were contemplating our next step in our plan for our family. The Holy Spirit always seems to move positively in the life of a dedicated, loving woman. Helen, with her arms around me, said, "We will just have Sabbath School here at home each Sabbath Day." Having been a teacher with 12 years experience, I immediately saw the problem that existed within the ages of our family members at home. I suggested that this arrangement would be just impossible, with Helen a first grade teacher, Doris a sophomore in college, Richard a senior in high school, and Becky a fourth-grader. Who would be the teacher? With a calm and loving voice Helen turned to me and replied, "You're the father, aren't you?"

Who Chose me?

This was the beginning of my first real commitment. From this home Sabbath School beginning, we were joined by Dick and Mary Shepard from Monroe, Ohio, with their two little ones and at different times; Jim and Beverley Wells with their family from Reynoldsburg, then Marion and later Sandusky, Ohio; Mae Lewis Bottoms and her family from Alfred Station were with us while she was a student at Ohio State University, and John and Mary Curry with their family for one year before they returned to Lost Creek, W.Va.

Sabbath School first met in our home, then alternating among

members, with classes for adults and children. Needless to say I learned more about the Bible and my belief in Christ as my Savior than all those who attended my classes.

The Ohio Fellowship evolved from a need for a larger meeting place. It was in this search for a place to meet that I was forced to find out what I really believed. Who are Seventh Day Baptists? How do you differ from Adventists? What is the Sabbath? What

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is a legalist? What Bible do you use? **Who chose me? Who chose Helen? Who chose Dick and Mary Shepard?**

For some five years the Ohio Fellowship met in the United Methodist Church in Mt. Sterling, Ohio, and began holding weekly worship services along with Sabbath School. Rev. Lynn Rainsberger, the pastor of that church, was our friend and our supporter. He helped make it happen. **Who chose Rev. Rainsberger?**

The Lost Creek Church released their pastor, Rev. Francis Saunders, every fifth Sabbath (four times a year) and instituted our first communion service. When Rev. Saunders was called to Westerly, R.I., the Battle Creek

Church then released their pastor, Rev. Ken Davis, every fifth Sabbath to serve the fellowship, and Battle Creek became the mother church. **Who chose the Lost Creek Church? Who chose the Battle Creek Church?**

The fellowship called Dale Thorngate, then a seminarian in Washington, D.C., to come to Columbus, finish his two years of ministerial training at METHESCO (Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio) and serve the fellowship on a part-time basis. Dale and Janet accepted the call, and Dale became the first pastor. **Who chose Dale and Janet?**

The fellowship became a church, ordained a pastor and became one of the first fellowships and one of the first churches in our denomination's first organized attempt at growing since the late 1800's. **Who chose the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Columbus?**

Let each of us, as churches and as individuals, prepare ourselves to reach out to those about us as we were instructed to do by our Lord and Savior. We should *Proclaim The Word* as we have been encouraged to do by our Conference President, K. D. Hurley. Fellowships and home churches should be encouraged in many new areas where Seventh Day Baptist families live. New churches, with our support, will become a gleaming witness in our urban areas, and established churches will spawn new fellowships and mother churches all across our nation. Has your church carefully and prayerfully established your goals, as we strive as a denomination to double in size in this decade? **Who chose you? Who chose you?** □

Eastern Association Meetings Held

A Vital Church Is Active Christian Laymen.

by Donna Bond

The Eastern Association meetings were held in Shiloh, N.J., the weekend of May 20-22 with the theme, *A Vital Church Is Active Christian Laymen*. In his opening comments on Friday evening, President Tim Bond observed that a church can get along without a pastor for awhile, but not without laymen. He then announced that no ministers' names appeared on the program (except for host Pastor John Camenga).

Featured speaker Friday evening was Ernest F. Bond of Columbus, Ohio, with the topic, *Active Laymen Help Build the Church*.

James Davis of the Marlboro, New Jersey, church led the worship service Sabbath morning with General Conference President K. Duane Hurley giving a sermon entitled *Laymen Proclaim the Word*. Dr. Hurley, former Salem (W.Va.) College president and retired denominational Executive Secretary, said that we laymen need to *Proclaim The Word* for others and not just ourselves because we are commissioned to do it. We are to "put on the full armor of God" and "stand ready to announce the good news of peace." (Eph. 6:10-20)

After the Sabbath dinner, there was a panel discussion on *Christians on the Job and in the World*. Owen Probasco, who served as moderator, suggested that perhaps we should call ourselves "laying-it-on persons" to better describe our role in witnessing for Christ in the world. He also said that we cannot witness unless we do our job, and that Peter was at work but he was not on the job when he denied Christ.

Kay Maltby, of the Plainfield, N.J. church, closed the discussion by relating her experiences in witnessing for Christ as a *Bee Line Fashions*® area manager. At her first fashion show, 19 years ago, Kay was so scared she forgot her own name; with her husband, Ron, she now manages 100 saleswomen, holding devotions at each monthly meeting and mentioning the Lord at every single interview (10-20 per week). This opportunity, she believes, has come from her willingness to let God work through her and show his love. "If you will believe that Jesus is at your side, he will teach you how to direct conversations and, if you listen, people will tell you what they need," she promised.

Evening worship leaders were Mrs. Frances L. Palmer of Brookfield, New York, and Beatrice B.

Maltby of Adams Center, N.Y., both delegates from the Central New York Association. As a special treat, the president asked Betty Crane to sign (American Sign Language) for the first hymn, giving worshippers an idea of how her communication with the deaf works.

The evening speaker was Conference President Hurley, who, with his wife Shireen, shared pictures, a new theme hymn and program highlights of the 1983 General Conference sessions to be held in Houghton, N.Y.

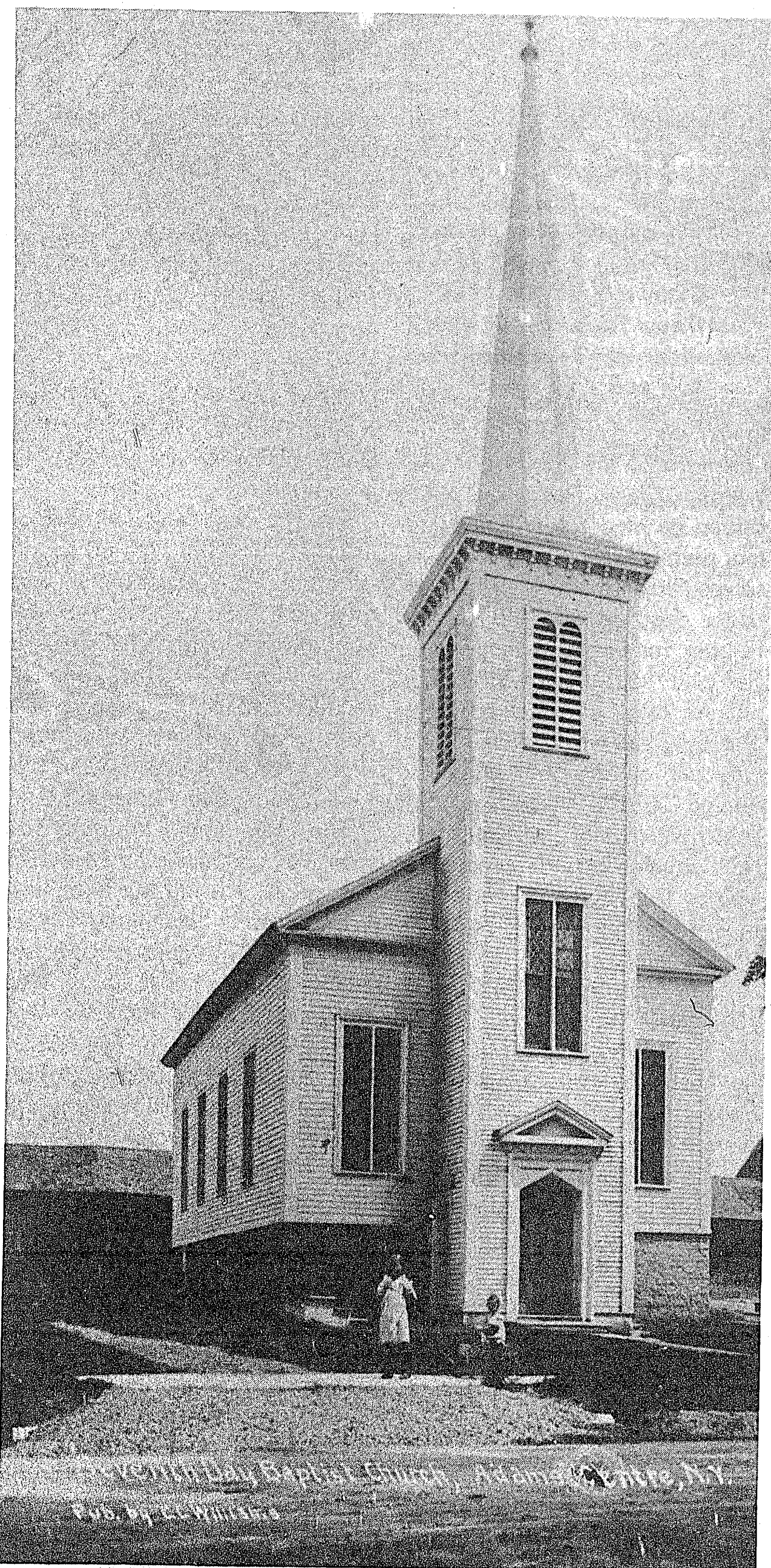
Just in case any laymen or ministers had felt slighted in the program, an opportunity was given for them to perform in the Sabbath evening activity — a talent show. A five-year-old recited his bedtime prayer and a great-grandmother played her harmonica with everyone in between doing everything else.

The 145th annual business session was conducted by President Tim Bond. In the business, the Evangelism Committee was authorized to request a listing of SDB's in our areas to see where pockets of SDB's may warrant funding for outreach. The Christian Education Committee will continue to support the Exchange Camper program and assist Pre-Con campers. Other business included election of officers and an invitation to the Ambler church to join the association.

The meeting was adjourned to convene in Westerly, R.I., in May of 1984, under the leadership of new president Althea Rood.

Delegates were challenged by these words from President Bond: "May God bless all of those you touch as you carry the experiences of this weekend back to your home churches." □

Conference 100 Years Ago



The Adams Center, N.Y. S.D.B. Church hosted Conference in 1883.

by Janet Thorngate

When General Conference met at Adams Center, N.Y., just 100 years ago, many people arrived by train or steamboat. One of the resolutions passed was an expression of appreciation for "the courtesy and generosity of the various steamboat and railroad companies who have given a reduction of fares of the delegates in attendance."

The delegates numbered 190 from 51 churches. Then, as now, many attended who were not official delegates — and more showed up at mealtime. In a *Sabbath Recorder* article written two days into the Conference, the writer estimated "300 or more" in attendance. In the next paragraph, however, he reported,

It was just announced that there are about six or seven hundred persons to take dinner at the tent... What will be done when Sabbath comes? We have faith to believe that the Adams people will be equal to the emergencies of that day.

This 1883 Conference took action regarding a Seventh Day Baptist headquarters, commended the Missionary Society's efforts "to occupy the opening fields on the frontier," and condemned "the evils of intemperance and the wickedness of the liquor traffic."

President that year was William A. Rogers, professor of

physics and astronomy at Harvard and Alfred Universities. He gave an opening address on "the history of the Conference and its lessons for the present hour."

Six new churches joined the Conference that year for a total of 101. (None of the six exists today.) Nineteen churches were reprimanded by the corresponding secretary for not sending in their statistical reports.

The finance committee announced the need for \$168.78 to pay Conference expenses and print the minutes (2,000). They assigned an apportionment to each church and recommended that the treasurer "send to each church in arrearage a statement of the amounts due the Conference, with request to at once remit said amounts."

Criteria used by the Committee on the State of Religion sound like modern measures for church growth goals:

1. The number of additions by baptism.
2. Average attendance at worship.
3. Amount of contributions to denominational work.

The committee expressed concern over a smaller number of baptisms than the previous year — 149 compared to 320. But there seemed to be "good attendance on the preaching of the Word," and each association had contributed "more to the cause of missions during the past year than during the previous one."

Conference appointed a committee with power to solicit funds and erect a headquarters build-

ing at Chautauqua, N.Y. But the Conference was not to be "involved in any way in the expense." Reasons given for a headquarters were "a rallying point for those who love God's holy day" and "a means of

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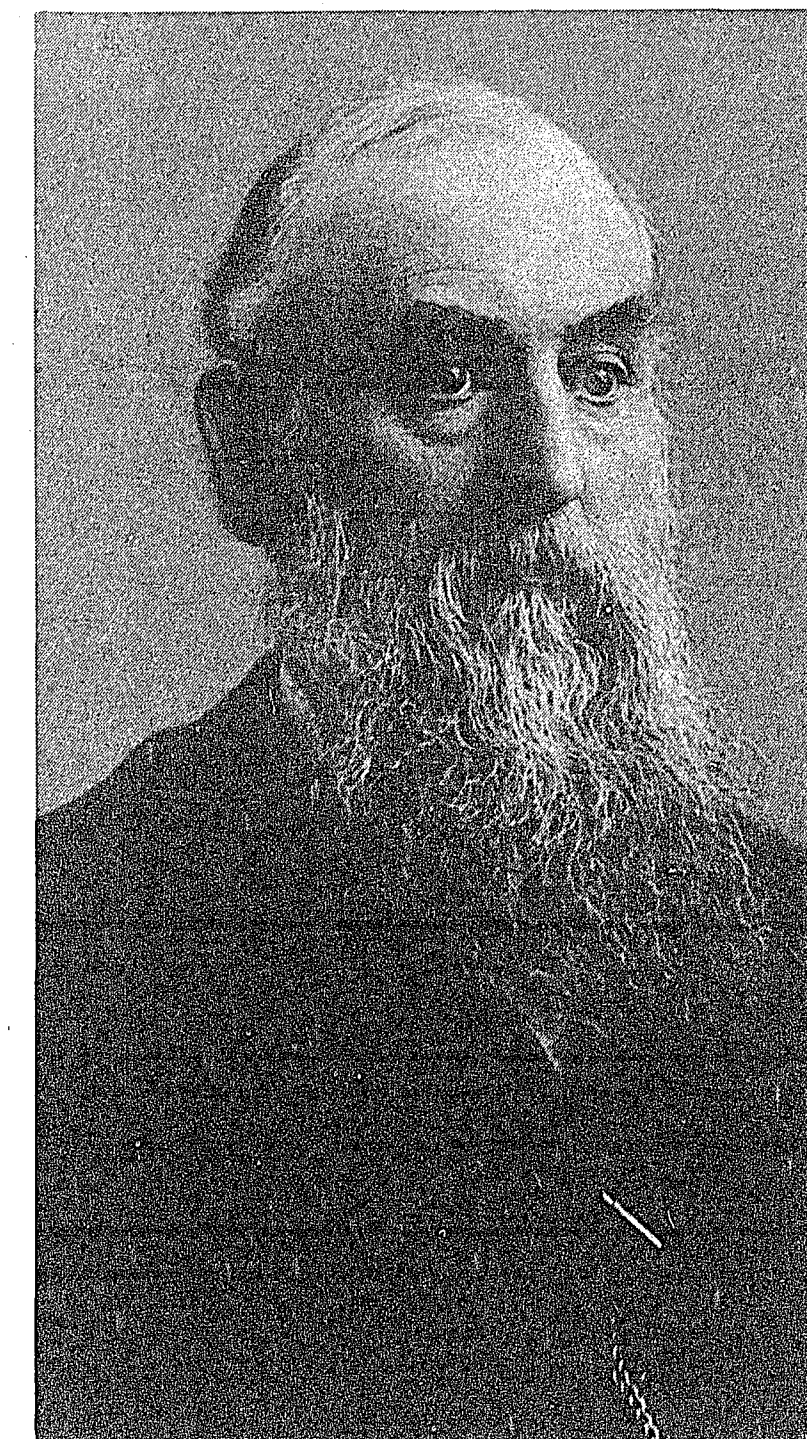
supplying information to those who seek to know the truth." (It was 35 years later before action on a headquarters build-

ing bore fruit.)

Regarding the liquor traffic, the resolution demanded that "the evil shall be prohibited, not protected by the laws of the land."

Lack of ministerial laborers to work in "feeble churches" and on the frontier brought an official recommendation "that special prayer be offered in our churches during the year for more laborers."

In summing it all up, a *Sabbath Recorder* editorial noted, "a large company has arranged to go on the excursion of the Thousand Island after the Conference... It proves one thing at last, that when we wish to do so, we can stay another day." □



Prof. William A Rogers

Nortonville Hosts Ministers' Conference

by Linda Harris

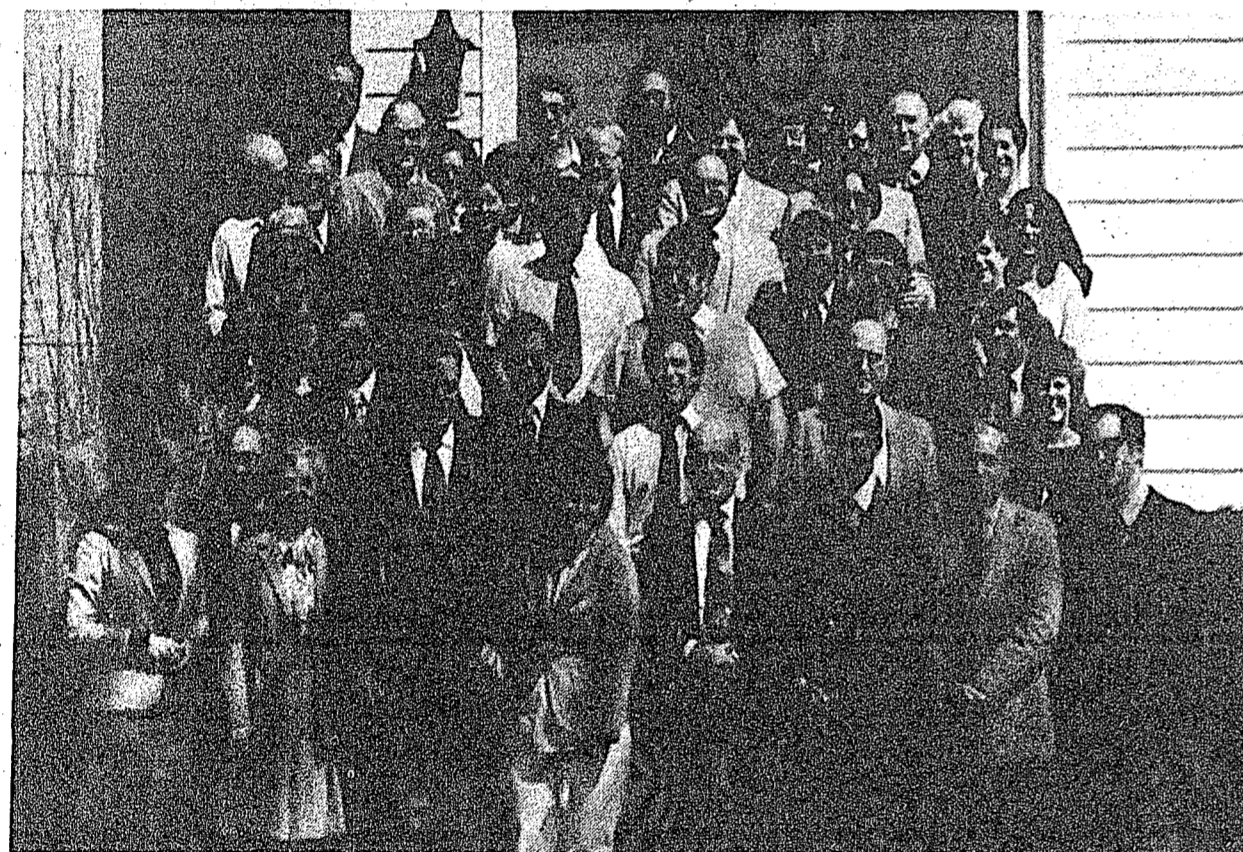
All of us benefit from times of intense learning and fellowship, and pastors are no exception. Seventh Day Baptist pastors had that opportunity on April 6-12.

Ministers' Conference 1983 was hosted by the Nortonville, Kansas Seventh Day Baptist church. The people of the church extended their hospitality to 36 pastors, 17 spouses, 11 children and eight others (staff, denominational leaders, etc.).

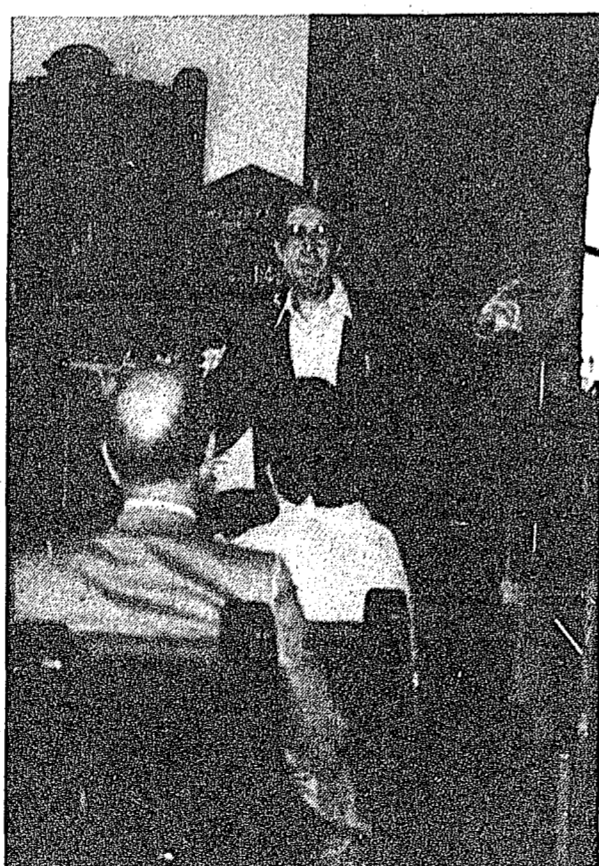
Though many of the Nortonville people gave of their time and effort to host the pastors and their families, these people deserve special thanks: Pastor Edgar and Xenia Lee Wheeler, host pastor and wife; Vivian Looper, head cook; Ed and June Johnson, transportation, meals and general assistance; Ruth Bond, child care. The meals were delicious and the overnight hosts were very accommodating.

On Wednesday, the first day of meetings, Gabriel Bejjani led four sessions on *Relating Effectively to Newcomers*. His emphasis was on how to help those who have come from other denominations or religions (such as Seventh-day Adventists, Roman Catholics and Muslims). But, he cautioned us not to make these people the primary object of our outreach, but to strive to reach those who have never accepted any religious faith. His work now involves ministering to Muslims in Southern California, which is very challenging. He says that much experience, understanding and prayer are needed in order to work effectively with Muslims. Gabriel Bejjani is a member of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist church.

On Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8, Maynard F. Hatch (a professor at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City) presented six sessions on *The Teaching Pastor in a Small Congregation*. His topics includ-



(Above) A large group gathered for Ministers' Conference '83. (Far Right) Dean J. Paul Green led the meetings. (Right) Gabriel Bejjani spoke on Cross-Cultural Ministries.



"Planning begins with a purpose statement, both individually and as a church."

— Maynard Hatch

ed: *The Pastor as Pastor; as Planner; as Priest; as Prophet; as Promoter; as Person.*

In his presentation on *The Pastor as Planner* Hatch said that the church needs to start with its purpose statement (which is usually found in the constitution). "Planning begins with a purpose statement, both individually and as a church." Professor Hatch also said that the *unstated* purpose of many congregations is *survival*, and that the church needs to think out its purpose.

Another professor at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, John S. Reist, led six sessions on *Shaping and Sharing: The Ministry of Christ*. He challenged us to examine our theology — why we believe what we believe.

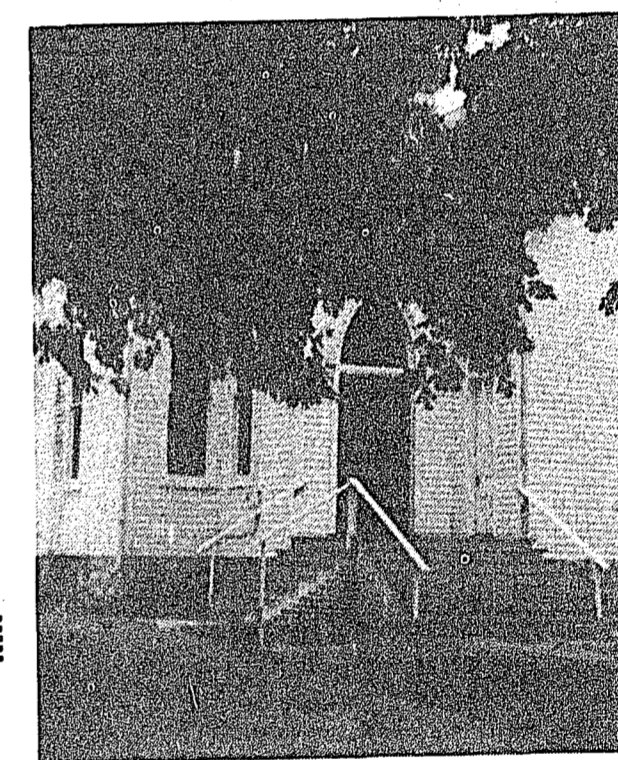
During some sessions, the spouses met together for informal discussions, led by Denise Green and Muriel Osborn. There were also sessions entitled, *Will the Real You Please Stand Up?*, *Life in a Goldfish Bowl*, and *Life With a Purpose*, all led by Gerry Van Dyke.

Gerry also led two sessions for the pastors on *Dedicated Service and the Congregation*. Gerry is Summer Christian Service Corps coordinator and trainer. She shared news, concerns and information about SCSC.

In addition to SCSC, a number of denominational activities were brought before the pastors by denominational leaders. On Wednesday, Dorothy Parrott emphasized Lay Ministry and Editor-Historian D. Scott Smith spoke about publishing and history. Alton Wheeler talked about computers on Thursday and Executive Director Mary Clare shared

Christian Education concerns on Friday. Social Security was the subject of Helen Wheelers' presentation on Sunday. Mel Stephan gave two sessions on tax planning and Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate shared General Conference concerns on Monday. Dean J. Paul Green, director of the Ministers' Conference, spoke about ministry and Executive Vice President Leon Lawton and Director of Evangelism and Church Extension

The Nortonville, Kan. S.D.B. Church



A total of 72 were in attendance.

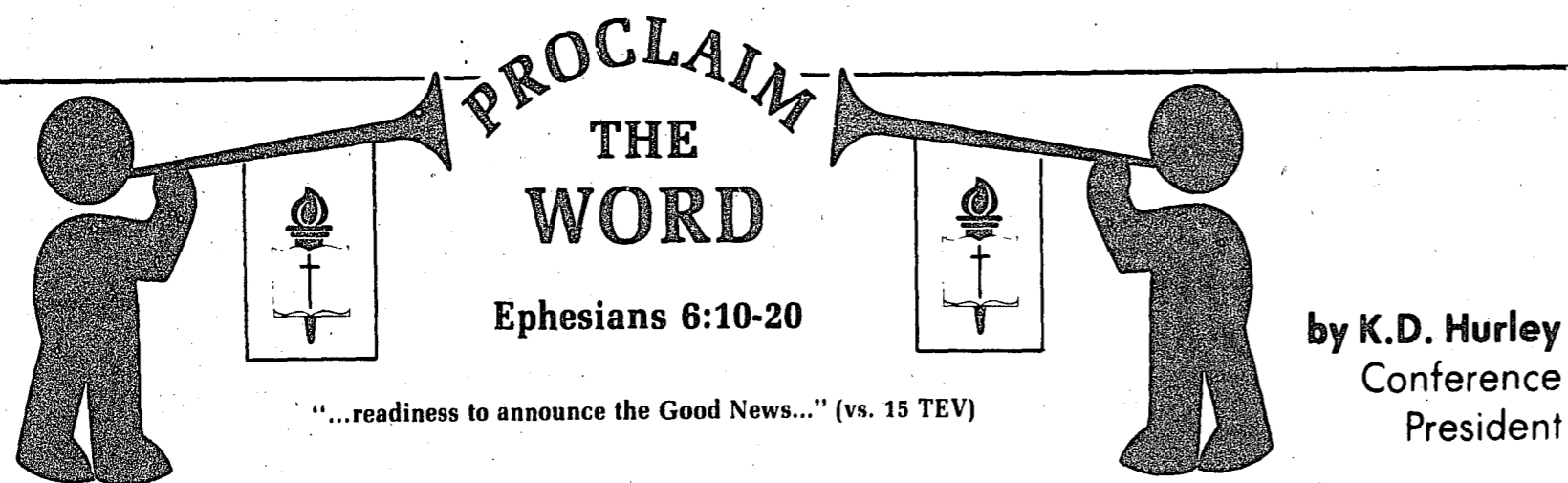
tion Mynor Soper spoke about missions.

Each day's sessions were opened with worship led by one of the pastors and morning Bible studies concentrated on the minor prophets.

Three evenings ended with

prayer sessions. On Friday evening, the community choir presented the musical *Alleluia* for Sabbath Eve Vespers. The next evening, Pastor Dale Rood hosted a variety program for the church and all its guests. Pastors Ken Burdick and Steve Crouch led a closing worship service on Tuesday evening.

Though the meetings were informative, inspiring and challenging, the pastors and their wives also benefitted from the informal sharing and fellowship which took place between meetings and at meals. □



The Goal:

"... Readiness to announce the Good News ..."

Ephesians 6:14a TEV

General Conference each year is made up of many special ingredients including outstanding musical events, distinguished speakers, unique learning opportunities, challenging sermons, rich fellowship, important business and spiritual inspiration.

There is always a temptation to use superlatives in describing conference: **monumental** — but a television premiere it is not; **stupendous** — but a Broadway or Hollywood stage or movie extravaganza it is not; or **super-colossal** — but a circus spectacle it is not.

It is the unusual yearly opportunity for Seventh Day Baptists to have an extra-special experience. My prayer is the conference in 1983 will measure up in every way. The "stage is set" for us to have a great time together at Houghton College, Houghton, New York, August 7-13. Just to review the list of notable activities planned gives us assurance.

Praise in Music

The tone of conference will be established in a vesper appearance on Sunday evening by **VIZION**, five young musicians managed by Raymond Fletcher. They "all share in testimony," says their promotional literature. "The spirit of Christ is felt during their performances... with a spiritual message powerful enough to put the world on its knees in praise to God the most high." What better way to start a conference dedicated to

the up-building of Christ's Kingdom through S.D.B.s!

The other musical treats will be outstanding, also. There will be a gospel concert on Wednesday evening. North Loup, Nebraska born Joe Babcock, now of Nashville country music fame, will be performing. Denise Green has arranged for a variety of

**SDB Conference
is an extra-special
experience.**

musical vespers as part of the evening programs. Lois Wells, conference choir director, has planned (in addition to the soul-stirring anthems) a series of special music spots to be shared at miscellaneous times through-

out the week. She will also be leading the entire delegation, from time to time, in singing the theme song, *Proclaim the Word*, which she has composed. The music of conference, as always, will obviously be **marvelous!**

Extraordinary Features

The list of other extraordinary features is long, including special Sabbath welcoming ceremonies at the fellowship time on Friday evening; mini-workshops provided by the boards and agencies on *how-to* Proclaim the Word; early morning and late evening devotions televised into the dormitory lounges; and participation on the program by our missionaries David and Bettie Pearson and Rodney and Camille Henry. Secretary of the Conference of S.D.B. churches in the Netherlands, Jan Lek, will report on recent visits to Sabbath-keepers in Poland and other European countries. In addition, our S.D.B. Senator Jennings Randolph has been invited to come to Houghton and will be presented at conference whenever his schedule permits.

These people and the related

activities provide assurance that conference in 1983 is destined to be outstanding. The truth is — **all** of conference will be important and extra-special: business meetings, worship services, Bible studies, prayer and praise sessions — every event, enriched by Christian love and fellowship.

Full Participation

My urgent recommendation to adults as well as young people is to come to conference with the intent of participating in **all** of it. Activities, as much as possible, are scheduled in such a way as not to conflict one with the other. The program is designed to provide a complete and universal experience. Families will be doing things together, gaining a common bond of understanding, feeling and enthusiasm for the cause of Christ.

Plan to arrive in Houghton (if at all possible) in time for the very first invocation and stay clear through the final benediction. Be ready to attend each session promptly at the hour appointed. Conference for 1983 is set to run on schedule. Events are to be precisely timed. Musical and other special features are interspersed among business and workshop events. You will miss some of the very interesting and vital activities if you come late or leave early. **All** parts of each day, **all** week long, are important.

Christian Growth

Conference will be what the delegates make it. The main value — the real greatness and excitement of conference — is found in what each delegate

gains in Christian growth from the experience. That is what makes it outstanding and worthwhile.

So, let's accentuate the positive and capitalize on the superior qualities of conference. We Seventh Day Baptists have a distinctive contribution to make in Proclaiming the Word. People at large are increasingly receptive to the message we have to share. We should strive to be

ever more effective in our Christian witness, conveying the fullness of the Gospel including creative Biblical Sabbath observance.

Conference will be really exceptional if it helps all of us to put on "the whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-20), always to be ready to "announce the Good News," and truly to be ambassadors for Christ. □

VIZION

Appearing at SDB General Conference will be the highly acclaimed musical evangelistic team **VIZION**.

The band consists of five dedicated young men who perform all styles of gospel music. **VIZION** brings more than music to their concerts. They bring life itself through their testimonies and the very atmosphere that they generate. The group's true dedication and sincerity creates a spiritual and professional experience that all will appreciate and enjoy.

Members of the band are Raymond Fletcher, manager and vocals; Chris Hicks, percussionist, guitar and vocals; Eric Lindahl, keyboards, flute and vocals; Steve Moore, guitar and vocals; and Rich Davis, bassist and vocalist. All are invited to share and participate in the Christian music experience of **VIZION**. □

Growing Through Trials

by Edward D. Lawrence

Blessings can come through setbacks! In January of 1981, my right hip was rebuilt a second time, and my surgeon warned me of the risk of infection with this type of operation. He prepared me for the prospect of a very long period of recovery. At this point, I got in touch with my family, and Christian friends, and asked them to pray for God's intervention. There is no doubt in my mind that the Lord answered those prayers; infection did not set in, and I recovered very soon. Instead of the expected 21 days in the hospital, I was there for only 12 days!

However, in May of 1982, I underwent a fourth total hip revision, and this time I did not experience the miraculously fast recovery. In fact, as a result of a surgical error, I had to return to the operating table two more times. As a result of these unforeseen circumstances, I discovered that there may be blessings in the valley as well as on the mountain top! While in the hospital, I had the opportunity of meeting a young woman patient who turned out to be a tremendous inspiration to me. This 18-year-old track star had fallen from a bridge during a practice run and was paralyzed completely, except for the use of her arms. The way she was able to cope with her disability, and the friendship we established in the hospital, made it easier for me to handle my own disabilities. I

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also read a book by Joni Erickson that proved to be very helpful.

My hospital stay gave me time to re-evaluate my life, and how to be a more effective witness for Christ. You see, before this last hospital stay, I didn't have much time for the Lord. I went to church and through the motions of being a Christian, with little understanding of what it really meant. God speaks to us in the tough times as well as the good, if we will but listen. Pride was a problem for me, especially in my own ability to work hard. The hip problems greatly curtailed my ability to do physical labor, and I didn't accept these limitations very gracefully! After all, I was only 53 years old! So I continued to seek part-time jobs, first as an electrician, later as a security guard. Eventually, I ended up slipping on the ice, which is what put me in the hospital back in 1981. What God is showing me

is that he can use us in any situation, if we will let him. I wanted to run my life my way, but the Lord is slowly showing me that his way is always better!

What have I learned from all this? For one thing, I appreciate the love and concern of Christian friends more than ever before. If it wasn't for the outreach of people like the Alfred Lewis family, the John Camenga family, and the Jim Mitchell family, I don't know what I would have done. I learned another thing from a very dear Christian friend. He wrote this to me: "I am so impressed time and time again that the things that the Lord takes from us are only so he can give us something better." I have felt for some time that the Holy Spirit has been preparing me for a special ministry to witness to others about the greatness of Jesus' love for us.

I still have periods when I become depressed because of my physical limitations, but God soon brings me out of it. There is much I can do for others that does not require physical labor. Praise the Lord for his great love in standing by us. One of my doctors in Arkansas told me that my strength in maintaining a positive attitude through all the setbacks was a source of inspiration to others around me. I know that this kind of strength is not in my own power, but only as I depend on Jesus! He is always there, if we will but let him in. □

Conference Attractions

by Frank and Jean Snyder

Perhaps many of you will be planning your summer vacation this year around General Conference, which is being held at Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y., August 7-13, 1983. For your planning, the following attractions are listed for your consideration.

Arcade and Attica Railroad is located in Arcade, about 35 miles from Houghton. It features antique railroad equipment and offers steam train excursions on Wednesday, Sabbath, Sunday and holidays — noon, 2 and 4 p.m. (716-496-9877)

Letchworth State Park, known as the Grand Canyon of the East, consists of 14,430 acres of scenic beauty and is located in the beautiful valley of the Genesee River. The Genesee roars over three major waterfalls, one of which is 107 feet in height. Within the park are two swimming pools, good restaurants, picnic areas, camping facilities, cabins, fishing, winter sports, inviting roads and trails leading to scenic beauty, and the last remaining Seneca Indian Council House and the grave of Mary Jemison, the "White Woman of the Genesee."

The Glen Iris Inn and Lodge is located at Letchworth State Park near the middle falls and was the home of William Pryor Letchworth, who gave the initial 1,000 acres to the state in 1907. The Glen Iris is open from early April through early November. The inn has guest rooms, a

dining room serving fine foods, and a gift shop — open noon-2 p.m. and 5:30-9 p.m., Monday-Sabbath; and from 12:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on Sunday. (716-493-2611)

The Letchworth Museum is located across from the Glen Iris Inn and is filled with Indian artifacts, arrowheads, and the furniture of that era.

Darien Lake and Fun Country is approximately 45 miles from Houghton at Darien Center and is America's newest theme park. It covers 1,200 acres and has more than 30 major rides and attractions, including "The Viper," a one of a kind steel roller coaster; Rainbow Mountain, the world's largest waterslide complex; Thunder Rapids Flume Ride, Kiddieland, sandy beaches, fishing, boating, nature trails, preserves, petting zoo, RV rentals and a 2,000-site campground. It also features six new live shows and an amphitheatre concert series — open daily June 26-Labor Day, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. For information, write Darien Center, 14040. (716-599-4501)

Niagara Falls, located about 21 miles from Buffalo and 65 miles from Houghton, is an exciting and fun city to see. Not only does it contain the majestic American and Canadian falls, but it also provides entertainment in the form of wax museums, good restaurants, the Aquarium of Niagara Falls, the Schoellkopf Museum and many other equally interesting attractions.

Marine Land and Game Farm is a large outdoor center located near Niagara Falls, Canada. In Marine Land is the Aqua Theatre, which hosts the world's biggest superstars — two killer whales, Kandu and Ms. Nootka. The whale act is preceded by many land and water animal acts. The Game Farm provides entertainment for children in the way of an outdoor zoo where they can pet and feed the animals.

Allegheny State Park, off Rt. 17 west out of Salamanca, boasts 65,000 acres, the largest in the state parks system. The park features 75 miles of hiking trails, lake and stream fishing, a nature education center, boating, camping, picnicking, playfields, swimming and tennis. Small game, turkey and deer hunting are available in season, and there are three cafes in the park, along with refreshment stands and stores — open daily, year-round, vehicle-use fee in the summer. (716-753-2182 or 716-753-2545)

Corning Glass Center, located in Corning, N.Y., and about 70 miles from the college on Rt. 17 East, is a unique complex depicting the art, history, science and industry of glass. Tour includes four main areas: The Corning

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Museum of Glass, the Technology Gallery, the Hall of Science and Industry, and the Steuben Glass Factory — open year-round, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (607-974-8271)

Rockwell Museum, located in Corning at the Old City Hall, Denison Pkwy. and Cedar St., houses the largest collection of Carder Steuben glass. The museum also features antique toys and Americana — open year-round on Monday-Sabbath, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. (607-937-5386)

Eastman Kodak is located in the city of Rochester, approximately 70 miles from the college. At Eastman Kodak, you can personally observe how photographic products are made and visit the International Museum of Photography. There are many other points of interest that surround Kodak, such as the Strasenburgh Planetarium and the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery.

Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum, 1 Manhattan Square, Rochester, is the nation's only major museum centering its entire collection on decorative arts, toys and history of the Industrial Revolution. It also contains the Western World's most extensive doll collection, miniatures and doll houses — open year-round Tuesday-Sabbath from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and on Sunday from 1-5 p.m.; closed Monday. (716-263-2700)

Motels

McCarty's Restaurant & Motel
S. Genesee St.
Fillmore, NY 14735
716-567-8552

Glen Iris Inn
(advance reservations)
Letchworth State Park
Castile, NY 14427
716-493-2622

Long-Vue Motel & Restaurant
Rt. 417 West
Wellsville, NY 14895
716-593-2450

Castle Inn Motel
3220 W. State Road
Olean, NY 14760
716-372-1050

Squirrel's Nest Motel
Rt. 244
Alfred Station, NY 14803
607-587-8107

Johnny's Motel
Arcade, NY
(24 miles from Houghton)
716-492-3600

Towne Motel
Highland Avenue
Wellsville, NY 14895
716-593-1650

Wheel In Motel & Restaurant
Rt. 19
Cramel, NY 14765
716-365-2525

Cook's Motel
Andover Road
Wellsville, NY 14895
716-593-1747

Wellsville Motel
Rt. 417 East
Wellsville, NY 14895
716-593-2494

Coachlight Motel
Rt. 36
North Hornell, NY 14843
607-324-0800

Colonial Motel
Castile, NY
(16 miles from Houghton)
716-493-5700

Nichol's Brook Motel
Chaffee, NY
(25 miles from Houghton)
716-496-7226

The Holiday Inn
Olean, NY
716-373-1500

Camping

Houghton College
(on campus)
8 sites with electrical hookups
\$3.50 per night
10 sites with no services
\$3.50 per night

All sites are very close to college dorms, and the facilities in the dorms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Letchworth State Park
(14 miles from Houghton)
NYS Park Office
Portageville, NY 14536
(Individual arrangements)
716-493-2611

Jones' Pond Campsite
(4 miles from Houghton)
Old State Road
Fillmore, NY 14735
716-567-8141

McCarty's Ranch
(all camping facilities, plus horse-back riding and fishing)
R.D. 1
Angelica, NY
716-567-8110

Deer Run Camp Grounds
Jones Road, Elm Valley
Andover, NY
607-478-8180

Hickory Lake Family Camp Ground
Centerville Road
Houghton, NY
716-567-4211

Park Meadow Camp Grounds
Rt. 19, Corner Ingrahm Road
Belmont, NY
716-268-7340 or 268-5714

Triple R. Camp Ground
(off Rt. 16, 1 1/2 miles west of signal in town)
Bryant Hill Rd.
Franklinville, NY 14737
716-676-3856



Restaurants

Listed under **Motels**:

McCarty's Restaurant & Motel
Wheel In Motel & Restaurant
Glen Iris Inn
(advance reservations)
Long-Vue Motel & Restaurant

Palmer's Dinette
Main Street
Fillmore, NY
716-567-8860

Coachlight Steak House
Rt. 36
North Hornell, NY 14843
607-324-3000

Cosio's Restaurant
Main Street
Almond, NY 14804
607-276-6633

The Belmont
40 Schuyler St.
Belmont, NY 14813
716-268-5332

Castle Restaurant
3220 W. State Road
Olean, NY
716-372-6022

Big Elms Restaurant
196 Seneca St.
Hornell, NY 14843
607-324-7450

Moonwinks Restaurant
Rt. 305
North Cuba, NY
716-968-1818

Turfside Restaurant
County Rd. 7B
Rushford, NY
716-437-2658

Guide to Houghton and Surrounding Areas

Downtown Houghton
The Village Country Store, which is located on the main street of Houghton, is within walking distance. The Country Store provides gift items, household necessities, and clothing. Open: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sabbath; closed Wednesday.

The Wooden Shoe, set in the middle of Houghton and just below the campus, is within easy walking distance. For snacks, ice cream or dinners, this restaurant is conveniently accessible. Open: 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-10 p.m. on Friday; and 7-10 p.m. on Sabbath.

Town of Fillmore
(4 miles north of Houghton on Rt. 19)
The Market Basket is a modern grocery store with a small five & ten section. Open: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday; 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. on Sabbath; and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday.

The Dugout, located next to the Market Basket, is one of Houghton's more recent restaurants. If you like ice cream, pizza or especially submarine sandwiches, this is the place to go. Open: 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Wednesday; 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Thursday; 9 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday and Sabbath; and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Sunday.

McCarty's Restaurant and Motel is located on Rt. 19 and provides a pleasant dining atmosphere, along with good food and prices. Open: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Sabbath; and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday.

Town of Rushford

Turfside Restaurant is located on Hardy's Corner Road, 2 miles past the school. In a nautical atmosphere, guests can choose from a complete menu. Open: 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday and Sabbath; and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday.

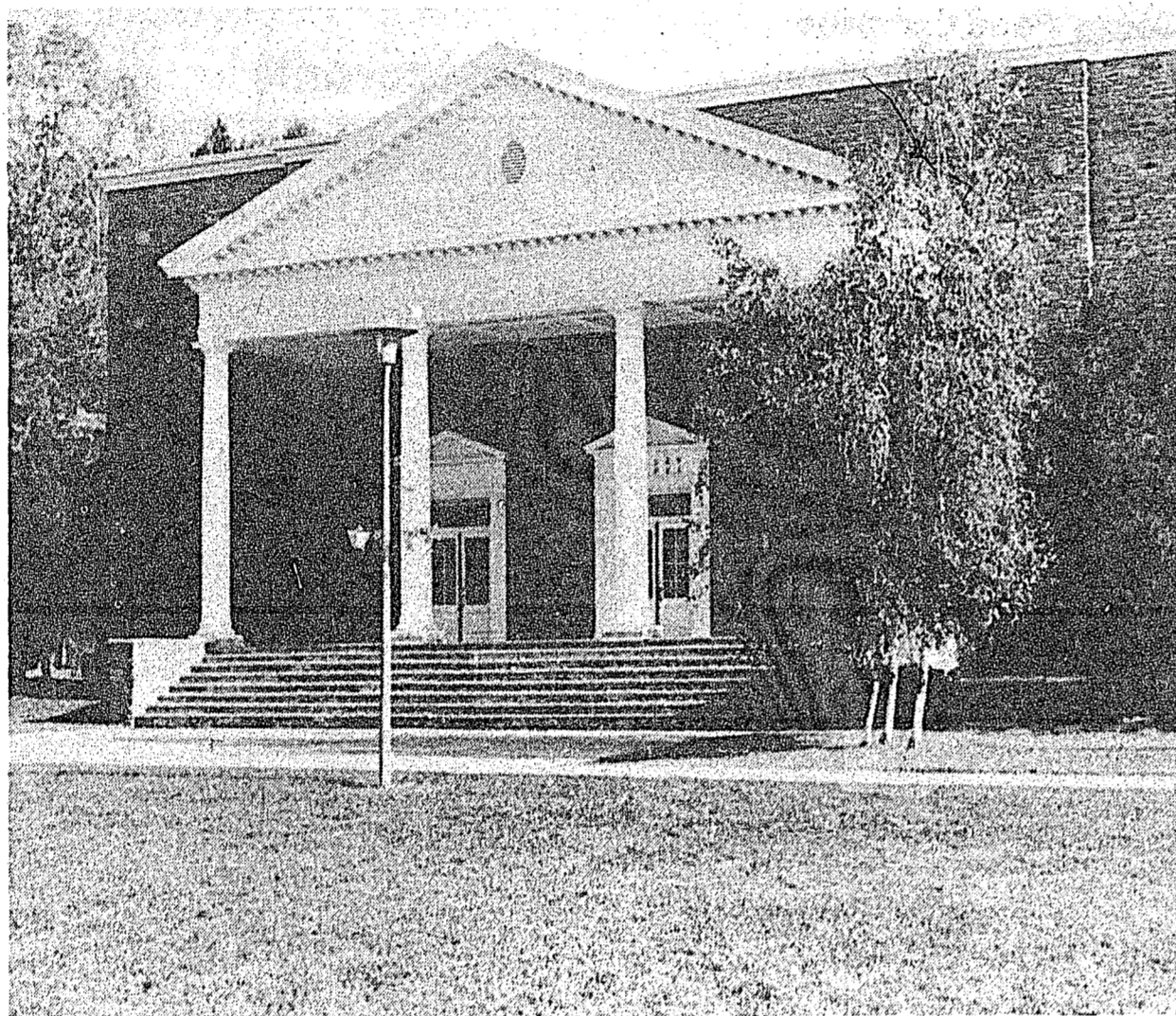
City of Olean

(45-minute drive on Rt. 17 West) For those who like to shop, Olean is a small but thriving city. It is filled with small shops, restaurants and theatres. It also contains the Olean Center Mall, which is open every day and evenings until 9:30 p.m. The shops in Olean are closed at 5 p.m., except for Friday nights.

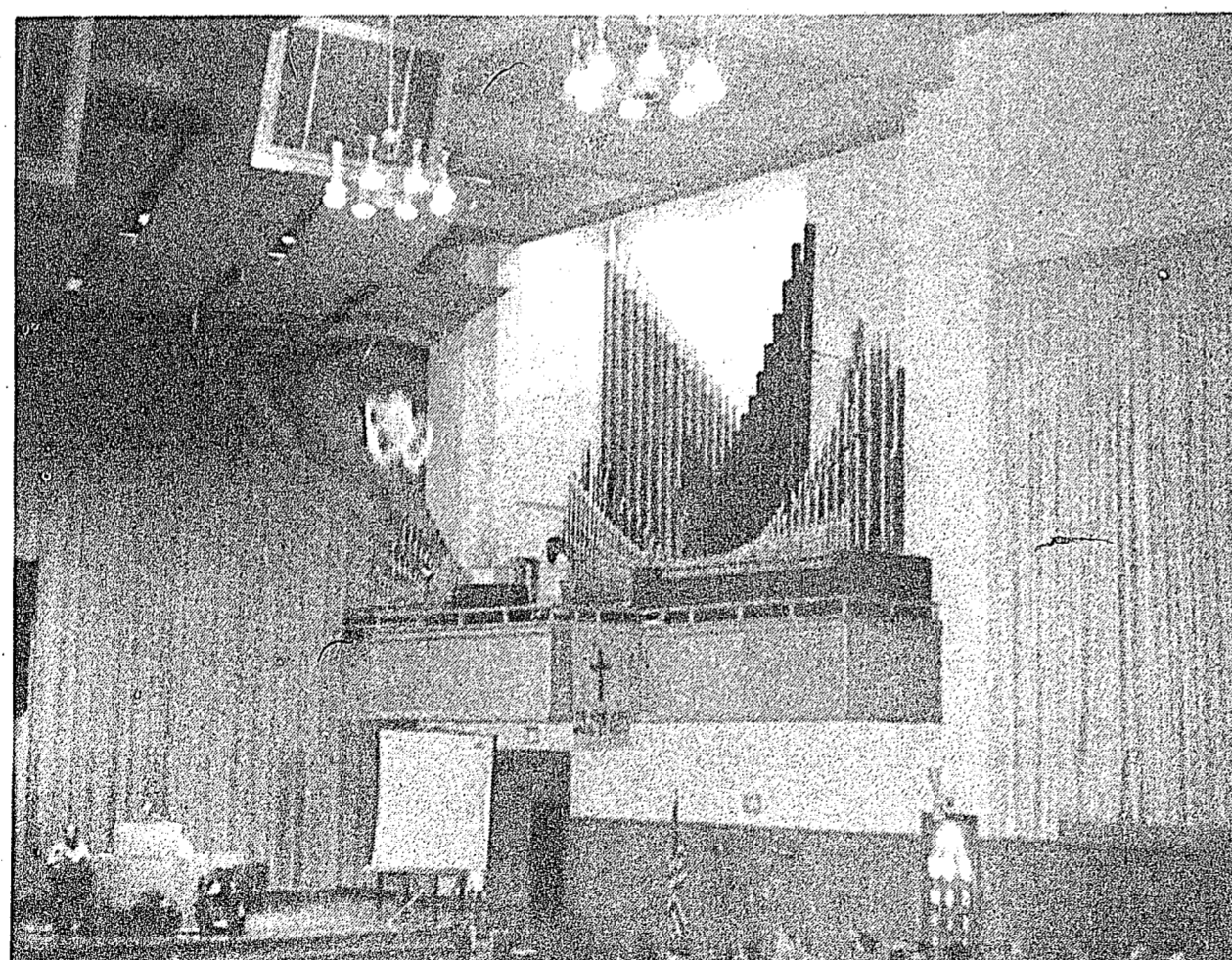
Town of Belfast

Six S Golf Course and Country Club is located at Transit Bridge, 3 miles north of Southern Tier Expressway (Rt. 17 East) at Exit 30. It offers golfing on an 18-hole course, with restaurant available. □

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Religion in the News

Judge Bars Christmas Sign in New York

A U.S. District judge has permanently barred the village of Suffern, N.Y., and its fire department from hanging a sign reading "Keep Christ in Christmas" during the holiday season on any public property in the village. Judge Henry F. Werker ruled that the sign created the impression that the village was "promoting or approving of the theological origins of Christmas," and was therefore a violation of the First Amendment doctrine of church-state separation.

Judge Werker's decision stemmed from a January 1982 lawsuit brought by a group of Suffern residents. While the defendants maintained that their intent was to discourage the commercialization of Christmas, Judge Werker concluded: "It cannot be disregarded that in attempting to achieve this purpose, the defendants used a means that

clearly refers to the Christian theory of Christmas. In fact, the sign created the obvious impression the defendants either were promoting or approving of the theological origins of Christmas."

The Suffern fire department hung the sign on their firehouse in December 1981. In January 1982, a group of residents responded by filing a suit against the fire department. Similar federal suits have been filed in other communities protesting Christmas displays in public places.

The plaintiffs, Sheldon S. Goldstein, Joyce A. Keough, Gerald Hirsch, Ilona Resnick, John A. Keough, David Feuer-

stein and Norman Resnick, were represented by John F. McAlevy, of the New York City law firm of Glickman & McAlevy & Greenwald, and Marc D. Stern, staff attorney for the American Jewish Congress. — AJC □

The Catholic Evangelist Published

A new magazine designed for evangelistic advance is apparently unique among such journals. The *Catholic Evangelist*, published by Catholic lay leaders, intends to fill a gap for Catholic witness. The publisher, William Glass, and the editor, Susan Blum, are recent converts who noted that there is no Catholic magazine comparable to Protestant evangelical publications.

The new journal will seek to win former Catholics back to their faith. □

BWA Officials Visit Poland

When Dr. Archie Goldie visited Poland in April, he discovered how grateful people were for all the help they had received from Western countries. Goldie, who is BWA associate secretary for Baptist World Aid, visited especially with Baptists. They are a relatively small group of about 2600 members in 55 churches.

Goldie was accompanied by Dr. Maurice Cook, a professor of agronomy and director of soil conservation for the state of North Carolina. Cook used his expertise to help assess the possibility of growing soy beans and other high protein crops in Poland. The goal is to help Polish farmers produce poultry without having to import scarce food from another country. □

Catholic Bishops Confirm Resolutions

By a vote of 238 to 9, the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States confirmed resolutions against nuclear war preparations, and in support of conscientious objection to war. The pastoral letter, called "The Challenge of Peace and Our Response", calls for a halt to all "testing, production and deployment of new nuclear weapons systems."

Development of the statement was started in 1980 under a committee headed by now Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago. □

242 Christians Arrested in Prayer for Peace

On Monday, May 23, a group of 242 Christians, including more than 100 clergy, were arrested for praying in the U.S. Capitol's Rotunda. The group had entered the Rotunda to pray for peace and voice their opposition to the funding of new nuclear weapons such as the MX, Pershing II, Cruise and Trident II missiles. According to police sources, this was the largest mass arrest in Washington, D.C., since the end of the Vietnam war. □

The Church in Action

Secret Presses Roll On In Soviet Union

Keston College reports that the underground Christian publishing house in the Soviet Union, *Khristianin*, has completed 10 years of operations. When it began, the secret press used a hand operated printing machine made from old bicycle and washing machine parts.

Thirty people have been arrested over the years and a number of printing shops closed down by the KGB. Over the last decade, *Khristianin* has printed half a million books — mainly Bibles and New Testaments — in seven languages. □

"Baptistified"?

Christianity Today (May 20, 1983) reports that Martin Marty sees American Christianity becoming more "Baptistified". In lectures at Baylor University, Marty said that the Baptist emphasis on persuasion and personal decision is becoming the dominant style of the Christian faith. He contrasted the so-called Baptist assumptions with a more "catholic" view that "Christian children spring from the loins of Christian parents."

Dr. Marty is professor of Church History at the University of Chicago. □

Philippine Homes Destroyed

Two Seventh Day Baptist families were among the 409 families left homeless after a large fire swept through Talisay, Surigao City, in The Philippines on March 22.

Hilario Tanduyan, Executive Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Philippine Convention, and Floriger Varona are living with neighbors while they seek a

way to replace their homes. "The little shanty which I have just constructed," says Tanduyan, "a shanty that I have just recovered from the recent fire that broke-out last July 13, 1978, was burned to ashes."

The Tanduyan family recovered only a handful of clothing and a half sack of rice from the rubble of their home. □

Lek To Represent SDBWF In Poland

The weekend of July 16-17 will be celebrated as the golden anniversary of the organization of the *Kosciol Chrzescijan Dnia Sobotniego w Polsce* (The Christian Sabbath Church in Poland). Their grand convention will be held in Warsaw.

Mr. Jan Lek, a vice president of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, will be the official

delegate of that body on this occasion. Lek has led in gathering and delivering food, clothing and materials to Poland and Czechoslovakia over the last several years.

The office of the sister convention is in the southern part of Poland at Bielsko-Biala and the single congregation in Czechoslovakia is at Ostrava. □



South America and Jamaica Trip In Progress

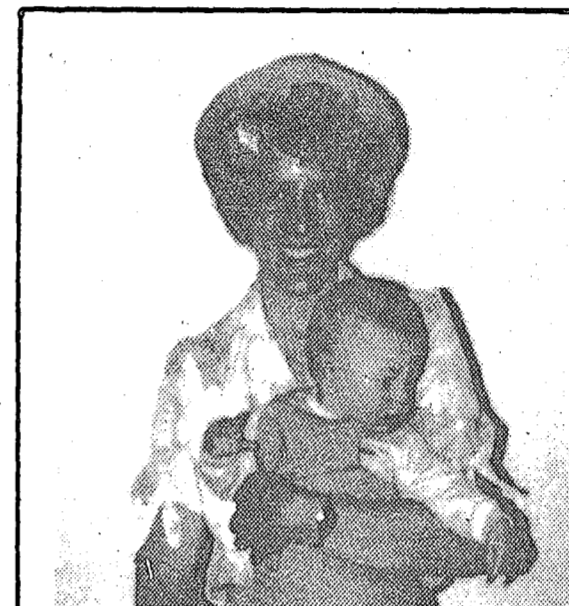
The Missionary Society and the General Conference Committee on Ecumenical Affairs are jointly sponsoring a field trip by Executive Vice President Leon R. Lawton to South America and Jamaica in June and July. Leaving June 21, Pastor Lawton is spending time with leaders of the sister Convention in Brazil and the Guyana SDB Conference prior to attending the annual session of the Jamaica SDB Conference to be held with the Post Road Church, July 18-24. □

Conrods Are Appointed Ambassadors

Rev. John and Mrs. Joyce Conrod have been appointed ambassadors by the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society Board.

The Ambassador Program is designed to encourage Seventh Day Baptists with specific talents to become denominational representatives in helping reconcile others to God. According to a Missionary Society statement, "The overall purpose would be to share one's own personal faith and experience in Jesus Christ, to share ideas from his or her home church or association and to encourage other Christians by sharing knowledge, skills, or spiritual insights."

The Conrods bring both pastoral and cross-cultural missionary experience to the position. □



On May 7, the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion, Wis., celebrated a special worship service in honor of mothers. Pastor Harris preached from II Samuel on the topic, "Rizpah: A Mother Who Loved." A bouquet of a dozen roses graced the altar in honor of the mothers worshipping that day. Special recognition was given to the mother present with the youngest child, and the mother present with the most members of her family worshipping with her. Martha Vaught's son, Gabe, was the youngest child present, and Mrs. Ruth Weidner had 10 members of her family in attendance worshipping with her. □



Verne Wright, his wife Betsy and their oldest daughter, Amy.

Amber Holds Missionary Service

by Rolli Thurman

April 23, 1983 was a very important day in the history of the Ambler (Penn.) Seventh Day Baptist Church, for it was the date of our first Missionary Service. As the date grew near and answers to our invitation arrived, we realized that we did not have enough space for everyone in our little storefront church at 32 North Main Street. A cry for help to the pastor of the Calvary United Methodist Church was graciously answered and we held the afternoon service in their lovely sanctuary, where the ninety people attending had ample room to enjoy and join the uplifting music. Music was provided by the choirs of the New York City Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Ambler SDB Church Choral group and the singing group from the Remnant Church of God Seventh Day of Philadelphia. □

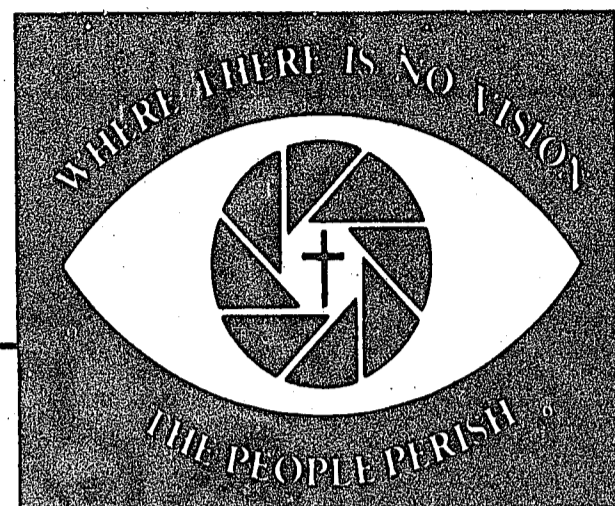
Wright Takes Pastorate

Verne M. Wright, who recently graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Penn., has accepted the call to the Brookfield and Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Wright has served as summer assistant pastor at the Milton (Wis.) SDB church and as a pastoral intern for the Shiloh (N.J.) SDB church.

Verne, his wife, Betsy Dee and their two children, Amy and Heather, will be moving to New York in mid-July. □

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MISSIONS TODAY

by Leon R. Lawton

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, CA — This new group, under the leadership of Extension Pastor John Peil, is now meeting in the First Baptist Church of West Covina, Calif., each Sabbath. Louise Crump, their clerk, has written "Our Fellowship continues to have a constantly growing enthusiasm and excitement for the witness we know the Lord has for our group. Pastor John is developing a program for singles, Bible studies and other programs. We have one young man who has re-dedicated his life to the Lord and is giving his witness to whomever will listen."

TALISAY, SURIGAO CITY, MINDANAO, THE PHILIPPINES — On March 22 "a large fire conflagration hit our Barangay Talisay, and rendered at least 409 families homeless and unfortunately two of our members, Bro. Floriger Varona and Hilario Tanduyan, were among the helpless victims," wrote Bro. Tanduyan. While our missionaries sought to meet immediate needs, additional funds were sent from the SDB United Relief Fund to aid in their need. "You Were There Because You Care." A like fire in July 1978 also destroyed much of the same Barangay.

NELLORE, INDIA — In May, Mrs. Mary Suseela visited the Orphanage run by the Mother Theresa Charities. Mrs. Suseela has written "The inmates there number about 150. I spent enough time among them to know the problems faced by the Orphanage. The plight of the children is pitiable and I decided humbly to do something for them. On my representation to Rev. (B. John V.) Rao and some of the Elders of the Conference, they agreed to help these orphans to the extent possible. Just before Rev. Rao left on tour, he gave Rs.500/ (nearly \$50) to me for the orphans and with which amount I purchased clothing uniforms for the poor children. May God bless them with His Grace."

ATLANTA, GA — June 1st marked a new beginning for the Metropolitan Atlanta SDB Church! Ground was broken at their new site for the foundation/basement of their new building. The large mobile unit will seat a congregation of 65 and have Sabbath School and other rooms. Church Extension Pastor Bill Shobe leads this new church that was organized in 1982.

GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA — "We spent a blessed weekend from April 1-4. Brethren travelled from (our churches in) Manawarin, Bonaventura, Dartmouth, Parika and Uitvult to be with us in Kitty (Georgetown) to study God's Word and have fellowship with each other. We felt refreshed and strengthened. Keep praying for us as we serve in this part of God's vineyard." — Inez Peters. Earlier Pastor Jacob Tyrrell wrote, "We also plan to cultivate the church land at Wakenaam and try to revive the work there and repair the church building."

SHAWNEE, OKLA. — Since Darlene and L.B. Lee began holding Sabbath services in their home in Shawnee, Okla., last winter, the group has grown to about 15 from six families. The Lees come from Riverside, Calif. The group is now a branch church of Texarkana, Ark. Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate visited them on his recent Southwest trip. Plans were made by Rev. Mynor Soper to baptize three young men late in June. □

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day

August 1983

Verse for the month: "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24

Pray For:

1. SCSC evaluation sessions
2. The meetings of the General Council of General Conference
3. Pre-Conference Retreats: directors, staff and those attending
4. Conference President Dr. K. Duane Hurley and his "staff"
5. Those from my church travelling to Conference at Houghton
6. The OWM offering received today in local churches
7. Wisdom from God as SDBs at Conference face opportunities
8. The work of the Interest Committees and their chairmen
9. That "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" in all done at Conference
10. Vision and decisive action by Conference delegates
11. The HOW TO sessions at Conference
12. Preparations for Sabbath
13. Praise the Lord with those at Conference this Sabbath!
14. General Council at its post-Conference meeting
15. Post Conference retreat for ministerial students and pastors
16. Our Newly elected Conference officers
17. Leadership needs at San Diego, Bay Area and L.A. churches
18. Rodney Henry and family as he begins further training
19. Bob Wright, new interim pastor of Upper East Tenn. Church
20. SDB groups meeting in homes
21. David and Bettie Pearson in their furlough ministries
22. Verne Wright, new pastor at Brookfield & Leonardsville, NY
23. New people to be reached and served for Christ in my church
24. Melvin Stephan, new pastor of Alfred Station, N.Y., Church
25. Outreach ministries of Extension Churches
26. Our brethren in Poland and Czechoslovakia
27. Retired SDB ministers, their wives and widows
28. Seventh Day Baptist ministries in South Africa
29. New groups meeting in the Southwestern United States
30. Pastor Tyrrell and other leaders, Guyana SDB Conference
31. All students about to begin a new academic year

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God Is Always Faithful

by Barbara LaFrance

Yesterday's SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES* lesson was on Genesis chapter 37. It seems that God is always just on time in answering my prayers for wisdom and understanding in my life. The answers begin coming, when all I am about to do is sit and cry.

God is faithful, always reaching down into my heart and giving me strength, reassuring me of his divine love amidst the trials of my life. Deafness is a hard handicap to understand, a hard handicap to live with. It is very much misunderstood and so different at times from what people think. So I have come to depend on God and to trust him to bring me through this life.

God always seems to bring me back to the story of Joseph when he really wants to teach me and lift me up. This time he centered upon people's actions and feelings. Jacob's favoritism of Joseph, the brothers' jealousy and harsh treatment. All the things beyond the control of Joseph but all part of God's plans for him. I wondered for a while how the story would have turned out if Joseph's brothers had not hated him and sold him? Perhaps the story would not have turned out so well. In Genesis 50:20 Joseph tells his brothers "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." Joseph saw God, not the problem.

We need to remember that there would be no risen saviour

if there had not been a crucifixion. Unpleasant circumstances have always been the best part of God's magnificent design.

When trouble comes, and days are dark and dreary. When no matter what you do everything seems wrong. Remember Joseph in the pit without water. Remember Jesus upon the cross. Remember Paul in prison. Paul had great faith, he did not depend on anything or anyone but Christ. "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him, who are called

according to his purpose (Romans 8:28)."

Unpleasant circumstances in your life today? Problems beyond your power to control? Praise God for them. They are only a part of his beautiful design because he loves you. □

*An adult class at the Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly, R.I., is urging this book as a guide for reading the Bible through in three years. SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES is published by InterVarsity Press.

Year Of Disabled Persons

Help me to see, O God, that the liberation of my friend with disabilities, no longer burdened by my own anxiety and embarrassment, has made me free as well, and now we are bound only to You in the common human endeavour. Amen

The United Nations, by proclaiming the 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons, aroused the hopes and aspirations of this significant segment of humanity. The continuing vision and leadership of member nations, officers and agencies of the U.N. will have radiating impact reaching people everywhere now that the U.N. has proclaimed this Decade for 1983-92, and fully one-half billion disabled persons of the world can look forward to a brighter future.

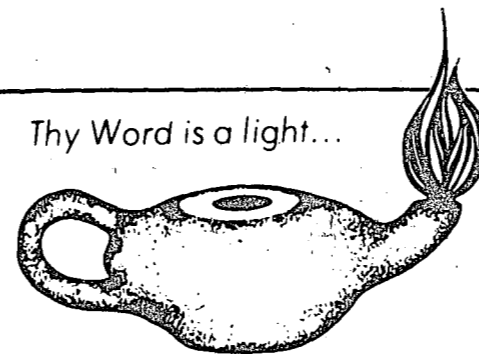
After three years of careful work, the U.N. adopted a "World

Program of Action" to focus worldwide attention on disabled people. The United Nations has thus opened an important area of trans-national communication across political boundaries on common problems affecting all peoples. It will improve the climate for solving other differences peacefully.

At the entrance to the U.N., these words are inscribed: "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed." The Decade of Disabled Persons will help to build the human foundation for the structures of peace.

(Alan A. Reich is president of the National Organization on Disability, headquartered in Washington, D.C., and is an Advisory Board member of Healing Community.) □
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Thy Word is a light...



Board of Christian Education

Mrs. Mary Clare

Teachers' Mini-lab

Children and the Handicapped

Children sometimes find it difficult to act normally around handicapped persons. One of the responsibilities of teachers is to help children learn to accept and love those who are different.

One resource which is helpful in teaching the concept that handicapped persons have feelings is "Nick Joins In" by Joe Lasker.

In this picture book for elementary-aged children, Nick, who is confined to a wheelchair, expresses his apprehension when he must attend school for the first time, after having a

home-bound teacher.

He wonders how he will get up and down the steps, and if the other children will like him.

The children in Nick's class wonder the same thing, whether the new boy will like them. They notice Nick's special desk, and they are assured that his disease is not catching.

On his first day, the children question him, and he answers them in a straightforward manner. When everyone gets to work, he looks around his schoolroom, and he no longer feels scared.

Nick watched at recess how

other children played ball. He wanted more than anything to take part, and one day he did — in his own special way.

This is a sensitive, beautifully written book for children. It should give them insight into the feelings of other children, and it may help them realize that other children have some of the same feelings and fears that they experience.

Purchase "Nick Joins In," written and illustrated by Joe Lasker and published by Albert Whitman & Company, Chicago, 1980, from any bookstore. □

HELPING HAND PREVIEW

Reviewing Our Heritage

Many of us need to reexamine our heritage and become better acquainted with our background and early history. For the December-February 1984 quarter, the Board of Christian Education presents a study entitled "Lives That Speak for Christ."

These lessons examine the lives of 13 Biblical persons who aided the work of the early church. Featured also are sketches of the lives of outstanding Seventh Day Baptists through the years. These lives also speak for Christ, although none would have claimed any equality with New Testament figures. The series is presented by the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Soci-

ety in cooperation with the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.

The material in this quarter, first written in 1961, was edited by Mrs. Abbie B. Van Horn, who wrote the Biblical studies, and Dr. Albert Rogers, then dean of Alfred University School of Theology and president of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. Mr. Rogers, who is retired and living in Alfred Station, has re-edited the material for the 1984 edition.

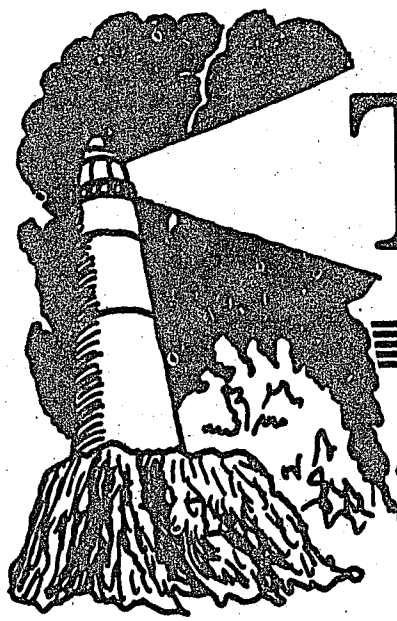
Mrs. Van Horn has a long record of devoted service and study. Her husband, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, was editor of the Seventh Day Baptist weekly, *The Sabbath Recorder*, for many

years before his death and a Seventh Day Baptist pastor before that. She has taught Sabbath School classes in several of our churches and served on numerous denominational boards and committees.

The sketches of Seventh Day Baptists were written by several different authors.

Subscriptions to *The Helping Hand* may be ordered from the Board of Christian Education, Inc., 15 South Main Street, Alfred, NY 14802.

The March-May quarter 1984 of *The Helping Hand* will be edited by Rev. Herbert Saunders, written by several contemporary ministers. □



THE BEACON

For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

July 1983

Produced by the Youth Ministries Committee of the Board of Christian Education, Alfred, N.Y. 14802

YF Looks For Fonz's Jacket In Smithsonian

by Keith Dasher and Owen Kagarise

The most recent Youth Retreat of the Southeastern Association was April 22-24 in Washington, D.C. At the beginning of the Sabbath, registration took place. We gathered together in the sanctuary and talked about the meaning of love and what it meant to us. Then we had refreshments and went to our hosts' homes.

Sabbath morning we had Sabbath School at 10:15 at the Washington D.C. church. After Sabbath School, we had the sermon which was given by Pastor Dave Taylor. Pastor Dave taught us a new song called, *We Got The Power*.

Then we had the fellowship meal.

Debbie Kagarise and Pastor Mel Stephan taught a class about relationships with the opposite sex. The second class was taught by Archie "Sweets" Oliver. It was a class about *The Trouble With Parents*.

Sabbath evening we went to a gym and had lots of fun. We returned to the church to see a movie about juvenile delinquents coming to the Lord.

Sunday morning we went to the Smithsonian Institute. Later we went back for lunch where we had closing circle. □

The members of the Salemville Youth Fellowship are Owen Kagarise, David Kagarise, Rodney Claycomb, Keith Dasher, Karla Dasher, Carl Stephan, Richard Stephan, Jeffrey Roberts and Christie Martin. Sponsors are Don Graffius and Lois Fletcher.

This issue of *The Beacon* has been produced by the combined YF of the Bell and German SDB Churches in Salemville, Penn.

Dating Is Theme Of Youth Retreat

by Karla Dasher

The Southeastern Association fall retreat was hosted by our Youth Fellowship the third weekend in October. Our theme was *Dating*. We discussed male-female relationships, with Don Graffius and Debbie Kagarise as our leaders. We hosted guests from Washington, D.C., Central, Salem and Lost Creek churches.

Friday evening we gathered for a movie and refreshments. We went to individuals' homes to sleep. Sabbath School was held at the Bell S.D.B. Church and we walked to the German S.D.B. Church for worship. Pastor Mel Stephan preached on the *Four Legs of Marriage*.

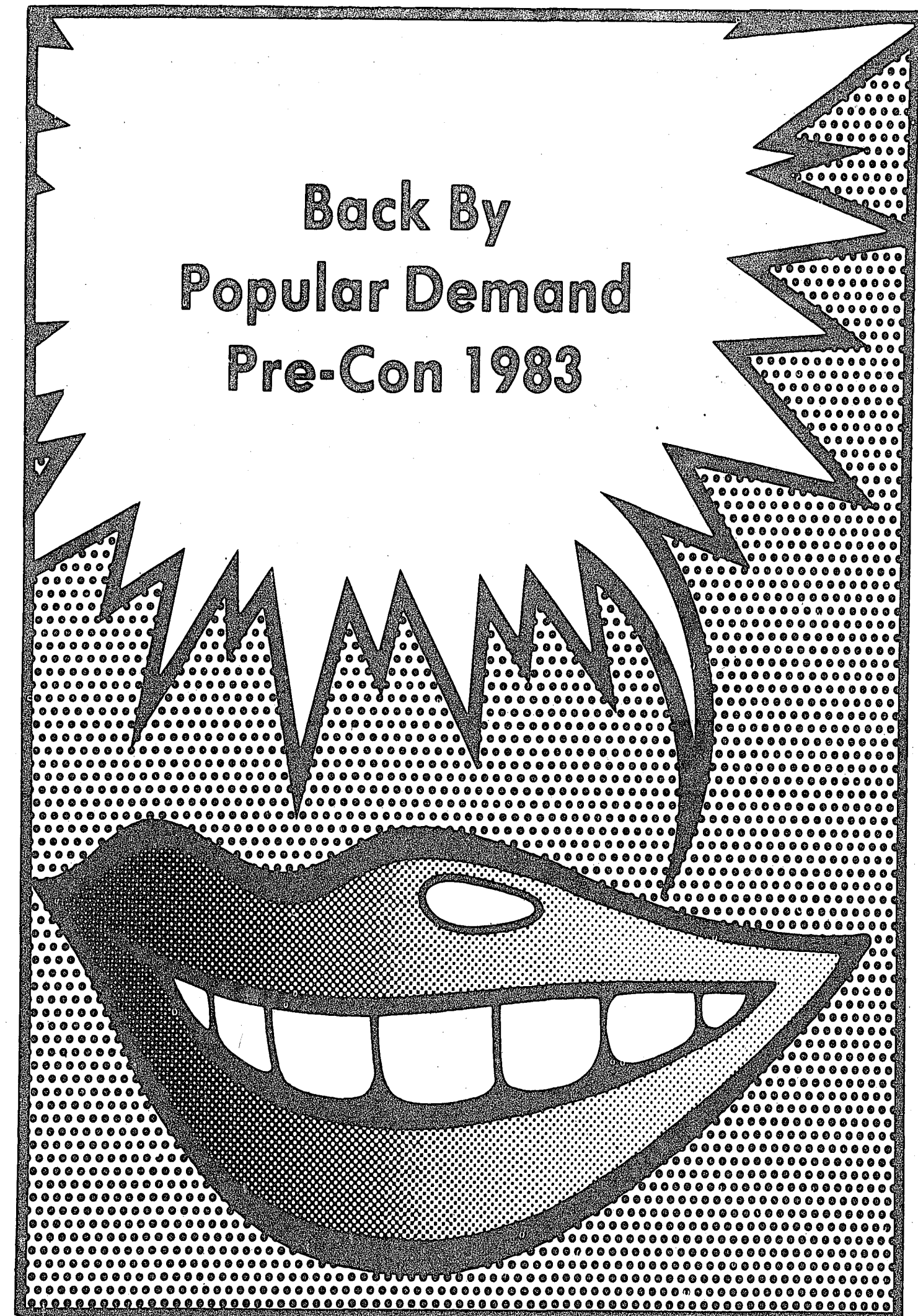
Sabbath afternoon, after a delicious meal served by the women of the two churches, we continued our studies with breaks for recreation. After supper, we went bowling at Martinsburg.

Sunday morning we had a business meeting. We elected new officers for the Southeastern Association. After lunch, we had our closing circle and went to our homes. □

The Books of the Old Testament

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P S A V U O B Y S N S X U Z V Z

by David Kagarise
Richard Stephan



Back By Popular Demand Pre-Con 1983

Fund Raising!

by Owen Kagarise

The combined Youth Fellowship of the Bell and German Seventh Day Baptist Churches are planning to have a car wash, sell hoagies (subs, grinders — depending on where you're from) and maybe candy and donuts to raise money for our youth group. This will enable some of us to go to Pre-Con and Conference.

Last year, we sold candy, hoagies and donuts and raised a fair amount of money. In the past, we have also sold pies. We wanted to go to Conference last year, but the distance was too great. We hope that a large group will be going from Salemville this year. How about you? Will you be at Houghton? □

Hey Kids!

Do you have suggestions, articles, artwork or photographs for *The Beacon*?

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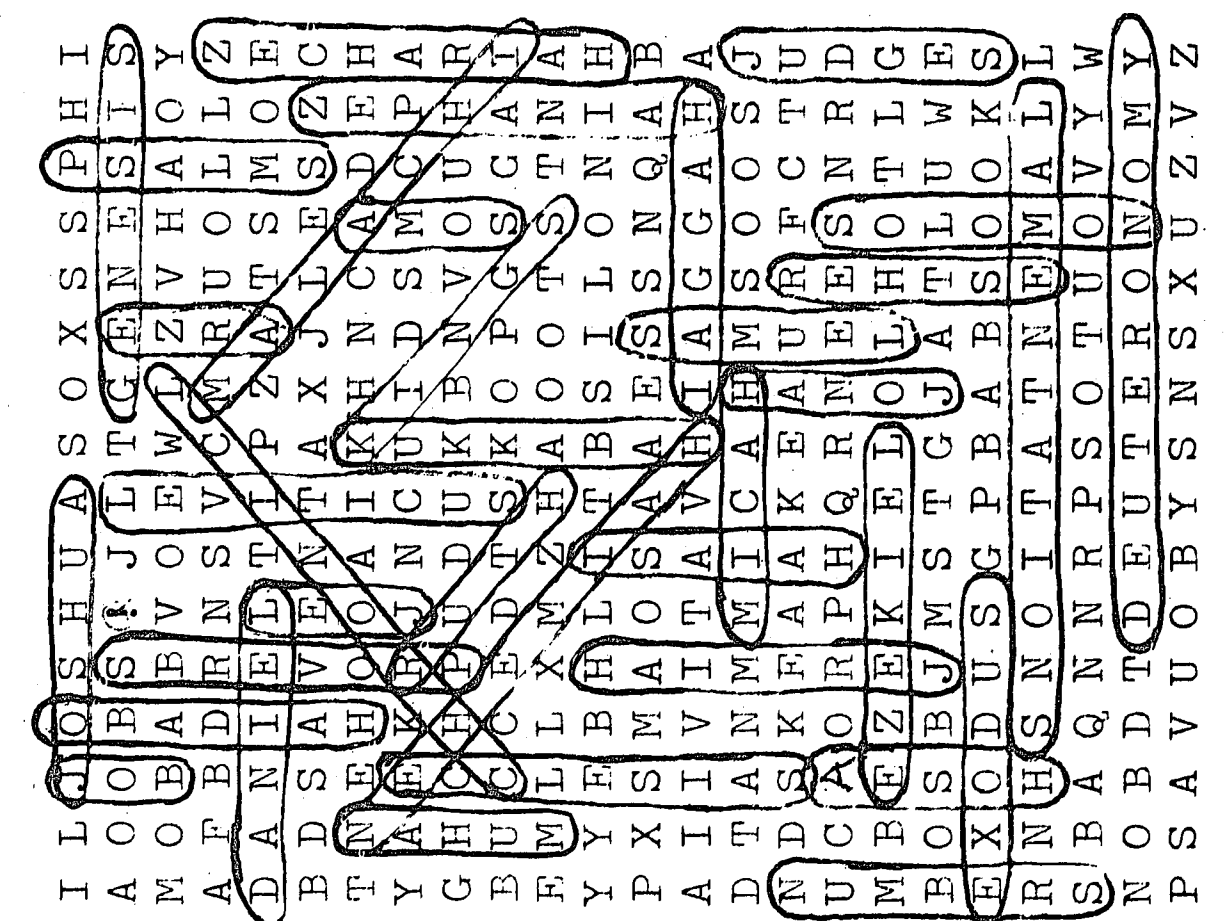
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Southeastern Assn. Meets In Salemville

by Rodney Claycomb

This year's Southeastern Association meetings were held at Salemville, Penn., June 24-26. Friday, the 24th, the youth were assigned to houses for their planned weekend. Sabbath morning there was worship and a fellowship meal. Recreation was in the afternoon along with a class. The theme of the meetings was *Jesus Bids Us Shine*. The moderator was Warren Lippincott.

On Saturday night, we saw a movie and ate popcorn. Sunday morning, we went to the Old Bedford Village, a recreated village that displays life on the old frontier. The Youth Fellowship then had a closing circle and went home. We always have a good time getting together. □



New Covenant Ministries Has Active Year

by Joyce L. Conrod

The New Covenant Ministries has had an active year serving the Lord and our Seventh Day Baptist churches. The *Week of Prayer for Seventh Day Baptists* prayer booklet, sponsored by the World Federation, was prepared and distributed to our brethren throughout the world. The theme for the first week of January was "A Week for Creative Meditating," and the study contrasted the created acts with our new creation in Jesus Christ.

Since it was felt that there was a lack of Bible-centered computer games on the market, and that secular games tend to distract from Christian goals, we felt led to prepare some Bible-centered computer games. There are presently eight games now available: "Elijah's Quail," "The Exodus Game," "Moses' Rod," "Manna from Heaven," "The Church Growth Game," "Noah's Ark," "The Rapture Game," and "Heavenly Mansions." The programs were originally written in Basic language for the Timex TS1000 Computer. They are now also written in an expanded format, including color and sound for the TRS80 Color Computer. Other computers using Basic language can also use them with minor adaptations.

An Ambassador Tour was made to several churches during the winter and early spring. Slides of our previous work in Malawi, Africa, were shown in Houston, Daytona Beach, Putnam County, Atlanta, and Stonefort. At the Sunshine Mountain Church the slides were shown, the Bible computer games were

demonstrated, and several messages were recorded for use on the local radio program. A sermon was also preached at Stonefort. The Bible computer games were also demonstrated at Minister's Conference in Nortonville and at a National Park Service program in the Florida Everglades.

Cassette tape Bible studies were prepared for the tape ministry of the Denver Church. A Colorado-wide Seventh Day Baptist phone directory was published and distributed in the Denver and Boulder churches. Quarterly "Our Daily Bread" devotional guides were also distributed. We have also been appointed financial audit agency for the Boulder Church and the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society. An historical summary has been prepared for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference Standing Committee on Support and Retirement, organizing the guidelines they have established over the years. A computerized actuarial and cash flow projection for 1983-2024 has also been prepared for COSAR.

Plans are being made and calendar dates are being filled in for the coming year, including working at the Young Adult Pre-Con retreat at Light House Camp in New York State. Plans are also being made to work more closely with the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society in their Ambassador Program.

We continue to stand ready to fulfill our purpose to serve the Lord and his church in every way we can. □

Christ Could Have

by Mabelle Wiard Willmarth

Christ could have said, "No,"
On the Sabbath days.
But He healed then, too,
For He wished to show
God's unrestricted mercy
Through the One
Who didn't say, "No."

Christ could have said, "No,"
To the woman who
Touched His robe to stop
A troublesome flow.
But her faith was
Rewarded by the One
Who didn't say, "No."

He could have said, "No,"
To the tree-pinned thief.
But Christ saw a penitent
Hanging there so
Gave him a home
In the house of the One
Who didn't say, "No."

Christ could have said, "No,"
To the shame and pain
Of the cross instead,
He came here below
Offering life through
The death of the One
Who didn't say, "No."

Obituaries

Lewis. -- Flossie L. Lewis was born November 22, 1886, and passed away at her home in DeRuyter, N.Y., on March 19, 1983, at the age of 96.

Mrs. Lewis was a life resident of DeRuyter. She faithfully attended the Seventh Day Baptist Church through Sabbath Day, February 5, then suffered a stroke.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Lewis, and her sister, Herma Priestley of California. Surviving are a niece, Kathryn Charlesworth of Fountain City, Calif., and several cousins.

Funeral services were held on March 22, 1983, at Smith Funeral Home by her pastor, Rev. Helen R. Green. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery, DeRuyter.

HRG

Wainman. -- Llewelyn H. Wainman of Little Genesee, N.Y., died May 11, 1983, in Olean, N.Y., at the age of 76. He was born June 25, 1906, in Eldred, Pa., the son of Erwin and Lelia Houden Wainman.

"Bus", as he was known, committed his life to Christ as a child and was baptized at the Evangelical Church in Coryville, Pa. He lived in Olean until 1924, when he moved to Little Genesee, where he lived ever since. On July 9, 1925, he married the former Arvida Voorhees of Friendship, N.Y. They owned and operated a grocery store in Little Genesee for several

years. Bus was a salesman for most of his life. Until his retirement in 1970, he was a sales representative for the Agrico Chemical Co. of Buffalo. In 1977, he became a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Genesee, where he served faithfully as usher and greeter for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Arvida; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Hottel of Annapolis, Md.; two sons, Robert of East Aurora, N.Y., and Richard of Branford, Conn.; and one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steven Crouch at Schaffner's Funeral Home in Bolivar, N.Y., on May 13, 1983. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Friendship.

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Barker. -- Mary Barker died May 27, 1983, at Newport Hospital in Newport, R.I. She was the wife of the late William Sinclair Barker, and was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R.I. She was 96 years old.

Surviving are a son, Howard E. Barker of Westerly, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the meeting house of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly on Sunday, May 29, 1983, with Pastor Dale E. Rood officiating.

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Births

Criswell. -- A daughter, Ella Marie Criswell, was born to James Kenneth and Carol (Swann) Criswell on August 23, 1982.

Carlson. -- A son, William Arthur Carlson, III, was born to William and Renee Marquis (Maddox) Carlson of Issaquah, Wash., on January 17, 1983.

Hedghes. -- A son, Joshua Joseph Charles Hedghes, was born to Lenice Hedghes of Sumner, Wash., on January 24, 1983.

Goodson. -- A daughter, Jessica Page Goodson, was born to Tom and Kim Goodson on April 27, 1983.

Bland. -- A daughter, Amanda Joell Bland, was born to Gary and Fredette (Zinn) Bland on May 3, 1983.

Clark. -- A son, James Michael Clark, Jr., was born to James Michael and Cathy (Ebersole) Clark of Salem, W.Va., on May 23, 1983.

Accessions

Boulder, Colo.
Gordon Lawton, Pastor

Testimony:
Jess Hawthorn
Ruth Hawthorn
Susan Hawthorn

Denver, Colo.
John D. Bevis, Pastor

Baptism:
Robert Coe
Pierre Varga

Testimony:
Angel Cordova
Debbie Cordova
Mark Knutson
Cliff McCrory
Mary Ann Newland
Barbara Robles
Jennifer Robles
Paul Robles
Estelle Quam
John Quam

Letter:
Tim Osborn

New York, N.Y.
Socrates A. Thompson, Pastor

Dawn Comerie
Andrew Samuels

Seattle Area, Wash.
Duane L. Davis, Pastor

Baptism:
Adrian Dodge, Spokane Fellowship

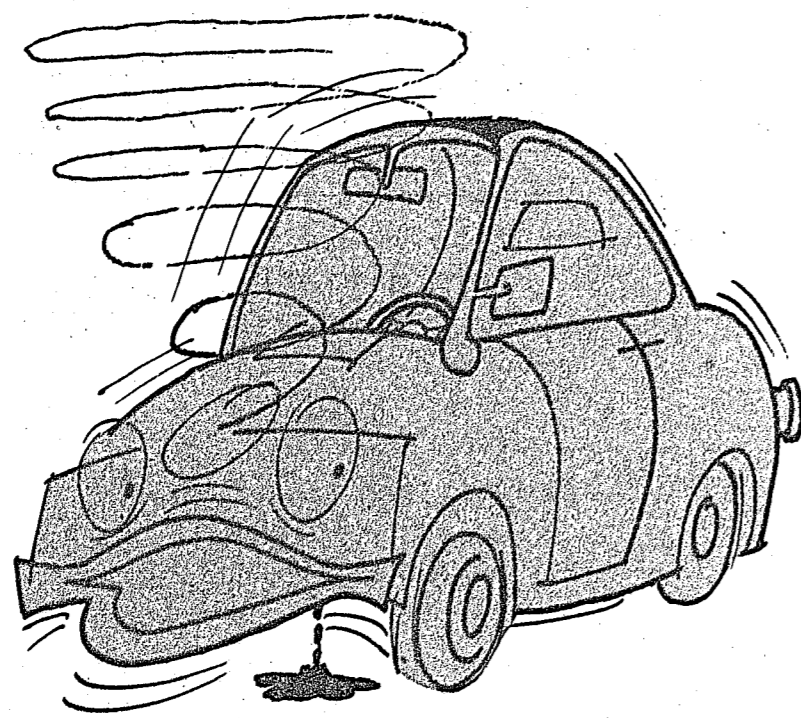
Testimony:
Jackie Johnson

«Off center»

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Life at the SDB Center
by Leanne Lippincott

We Only Act Crazy On Fridays



Some people have gotten the mistaken impression — and it's largely my fault — that all the denominational employees here at the Center are, to put it bluntly, a little weird.

Once and for all, I'd like to set the record straight by emphatically stating that everyone who works here is basically sane, serious-minded, hardworking and dedicated. Most of the time, we only act crazy on Fridays.

Take Friday, June 10th, for instance.

There I was, lying on the pavement of the Center's back parking lot. My husband was hard at work, flying a planeload of fishermen to Canada, and I was hard at work. Trying to figure out why our car was smoking and leaking, and wondering why it had to happen while my husband was out of the country. Then I remembered it was Friday, and everything made sense.

I walked away from my dying car and immediately headed to-

wards the Center's back door, vowing to make it a happy, uneventful, educational workday.

It definitely turned out to be a workday, since I spent the next 30 minutes working at cleaning up the mess I had made when I accidentally dropped 16 fluid ounces of Pepsi® on the cement just outside the Center's back door.

I never realized before how far glass can travel when it hits concrete from a height of four feet. Needless to say, the entire experience was very educational.

Once I made it safely inside the building, things settled down, and a normal, uneventful Friday at the Center began taking shape.

I walked into the paste-up room and tripped over Scott Smith's jogging shoes, which were standing by the large light-table with no one standing in them. Scott, who had an injured right knee and an injured left foot, was busy limping around his office in his stocking feet.

So I just quietly tucked his shoes under the light-table. It's Friday, I reasoned, so Scott should be allowed to suffer in peace.

Later that morning, I took my regularly scheduled Friday blood sample with my X-acto® knife. (I should know by now not to handle **anything** sharp on Fridays.)

As I entered the lunch room, Jean Jorgensen automatically opened a bottom drawer, pulled out a small metal box and began unwrapping a Band-Aid®.

"It's a shame you lost your pop, not to mention your bottle deposit," Jean sympathized.

"It's Friday," I shrugged. I walked back to the paste-up room and tried to hide in the closet. (Of course, since it was a Friday, I didn't fit.)

Surprisingly, the day eventually turned out to be a happy one, just as I had vowed. That afternoon, Jean smilingly handed me a can of Coke® (non-breakable aluminum) and a beautiful card. Printed on the outside of the card were the words, "Have a Beautiful Day in Jesus." Inside the card, Jean had written, "Leanne, it's nice of you to want to christen the building, but you should wait for an audience..."

I told Jean she was really clever; for a Friday.

All in all, Ivan FitzRandolph said it best when he heard me giving a detailed, blow-by-blow account of the day's events.

"It sounds to me like you need the Sabbath," he said.

I heartily agreed; but first I have to live through Friday! □

Children's Page

Be Comforted

by Linda V. H. Camenga



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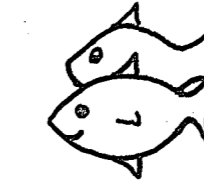
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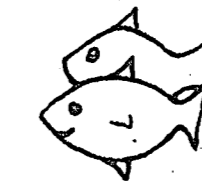


was crying. His uncle had moved away.

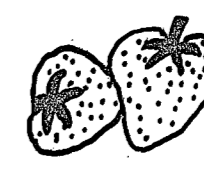


was

missing him very much. They had gone



and



together

many times.



was feeling very lonely.

"Come on," said



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began to hear the birds

singing.



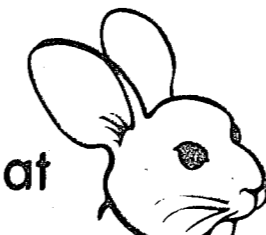
saw the pretty flowers.



began to feel better.



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and



, who were busy catching fish.



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was not alone. God cares. God comforted*

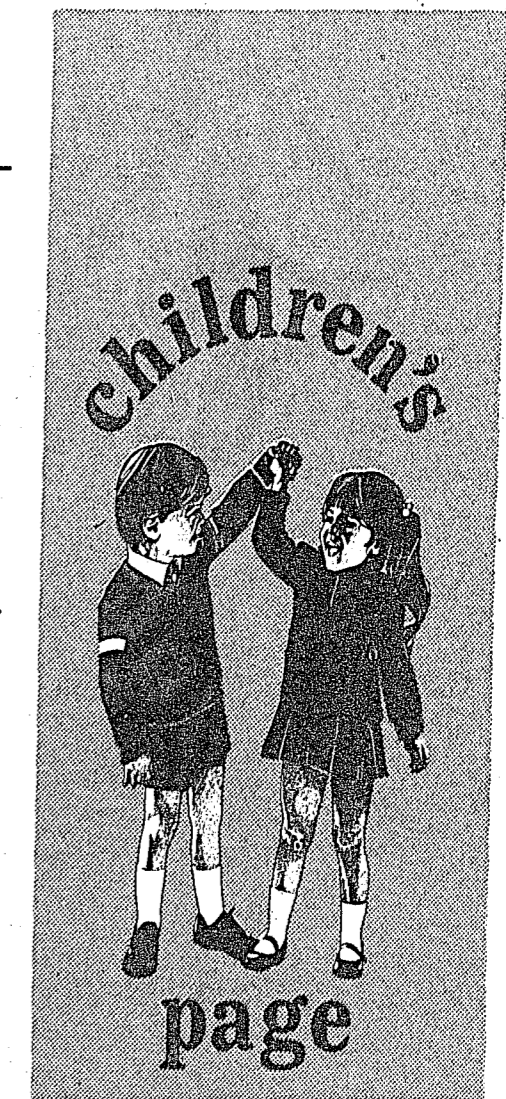


through others and the world full of good things.

Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

*Comfort — that is — made Racco feel better.

For the parents, please read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5.



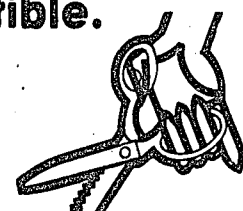
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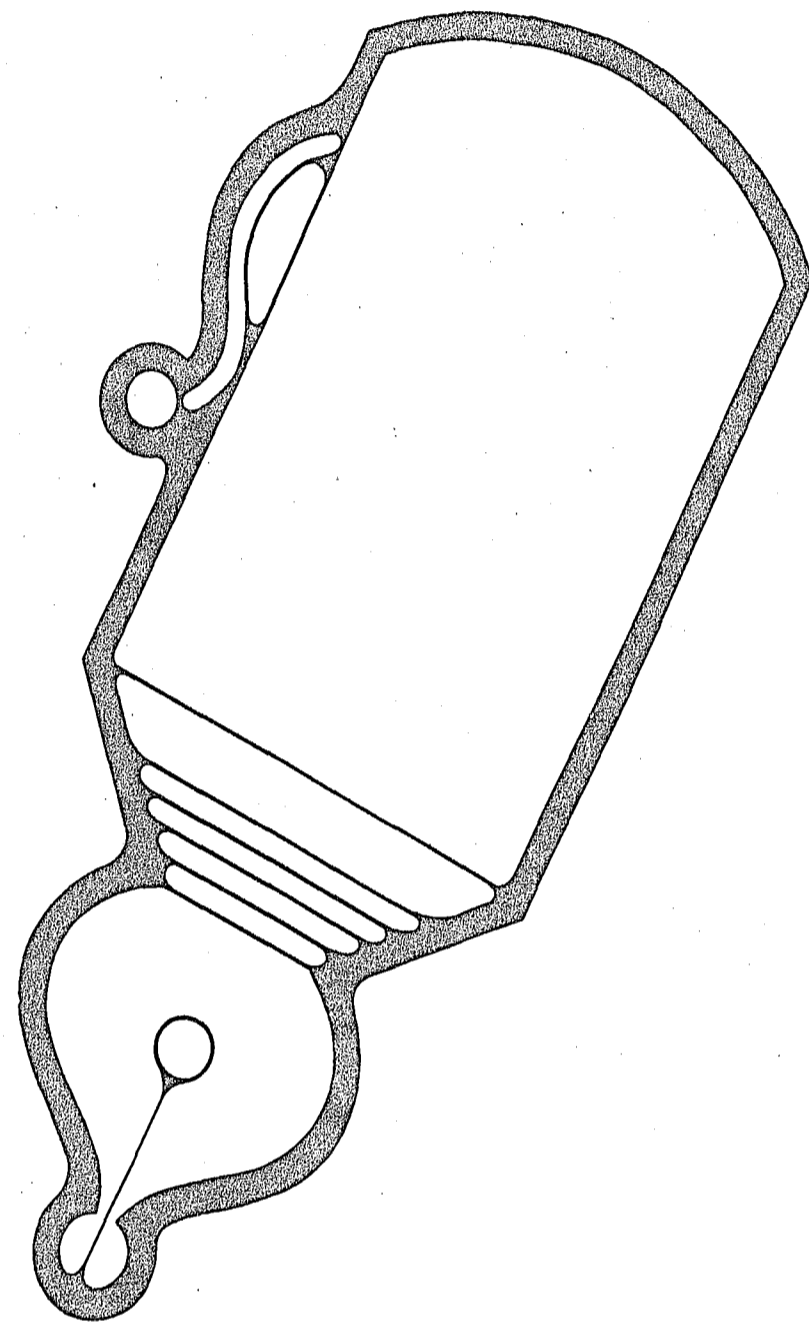
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