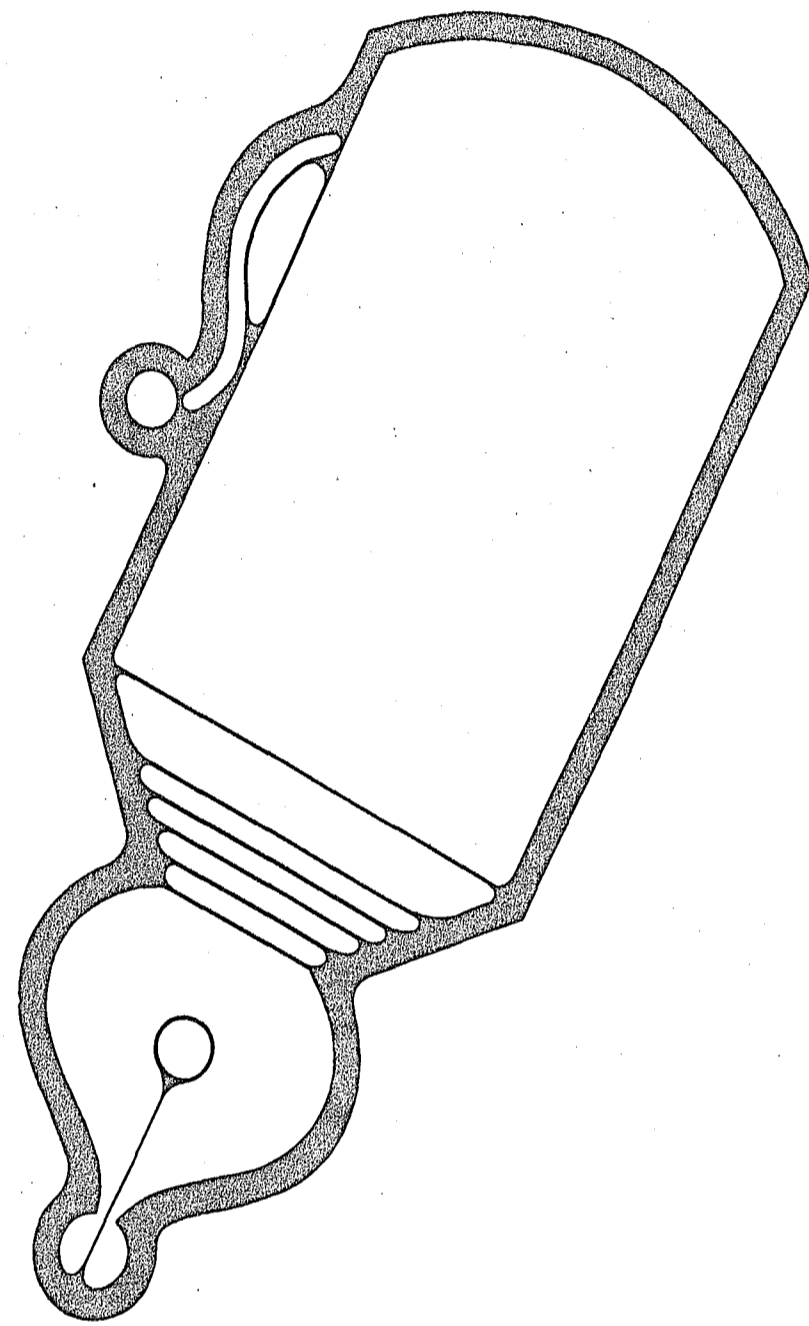


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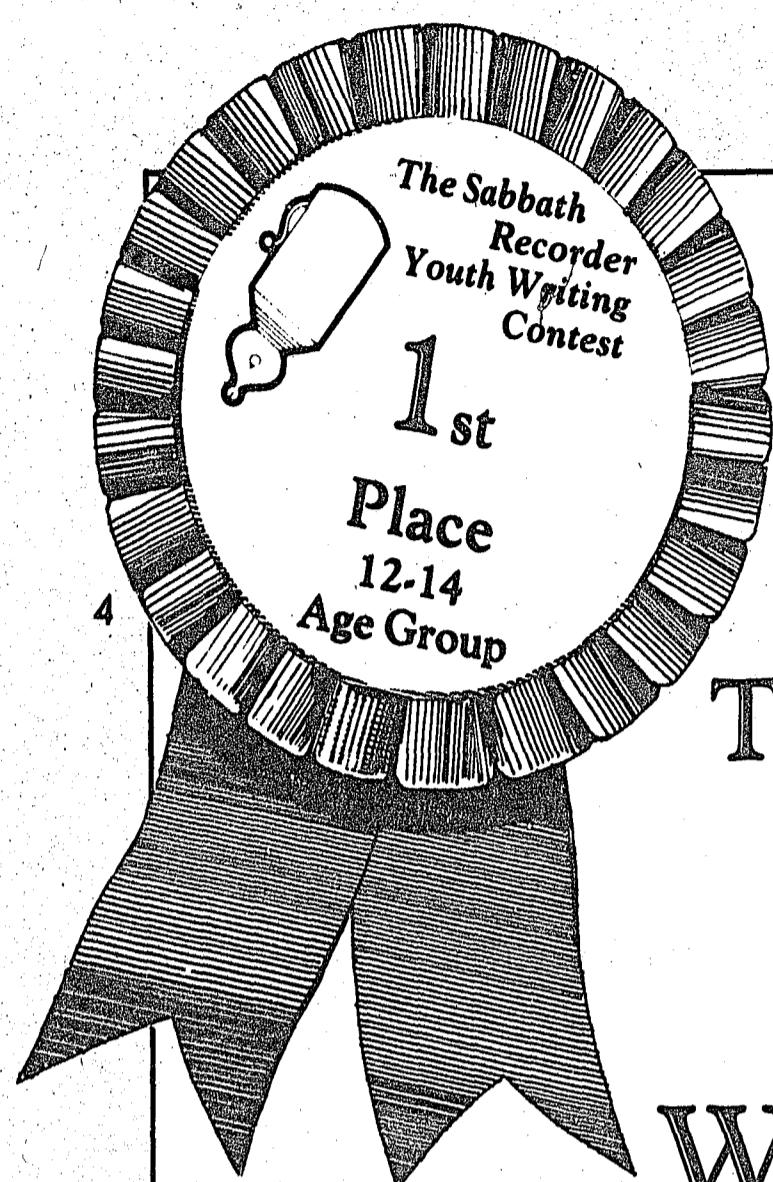
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The Eyes of a Life Once Lived

by Deanna Wright

When I look into your eyes,
I see something that's no surprise:
Courage, determination, ideas that are wise.

You take those ideas and mold them together,
They're strong, hard, yet as light as a feather.

They're your life, what you have lived for,
I see accomplishment, yet desire for more.

As you lie there in your bed,
I think of the great times we had,

Most are good, some are bad, some sad.

Your eyes say yes, but your heart said no.

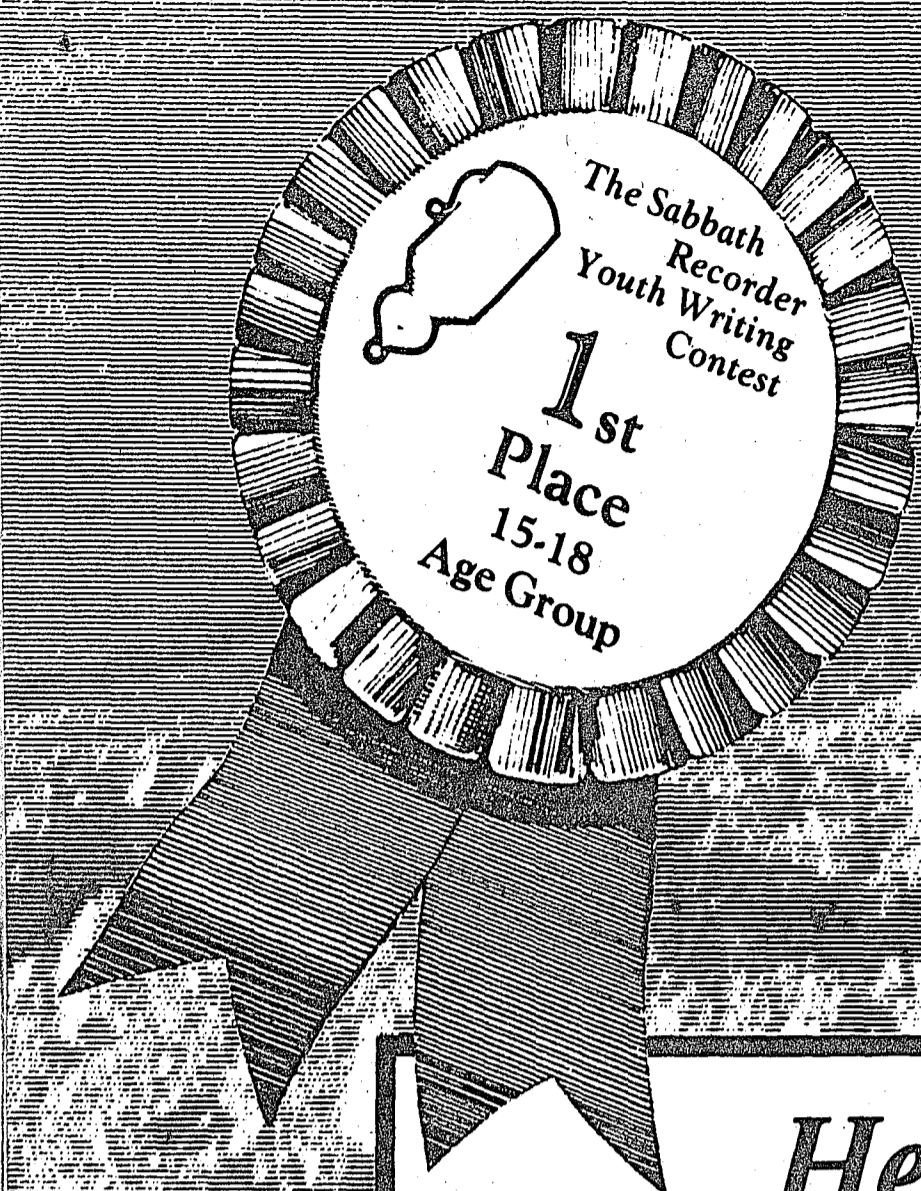
It's been a long worthwhile life, but now you
have to go.

My face is wet with tears as I think of those
precious years.

I'll never forget this day or any other...

A daughter never forgets her mother.

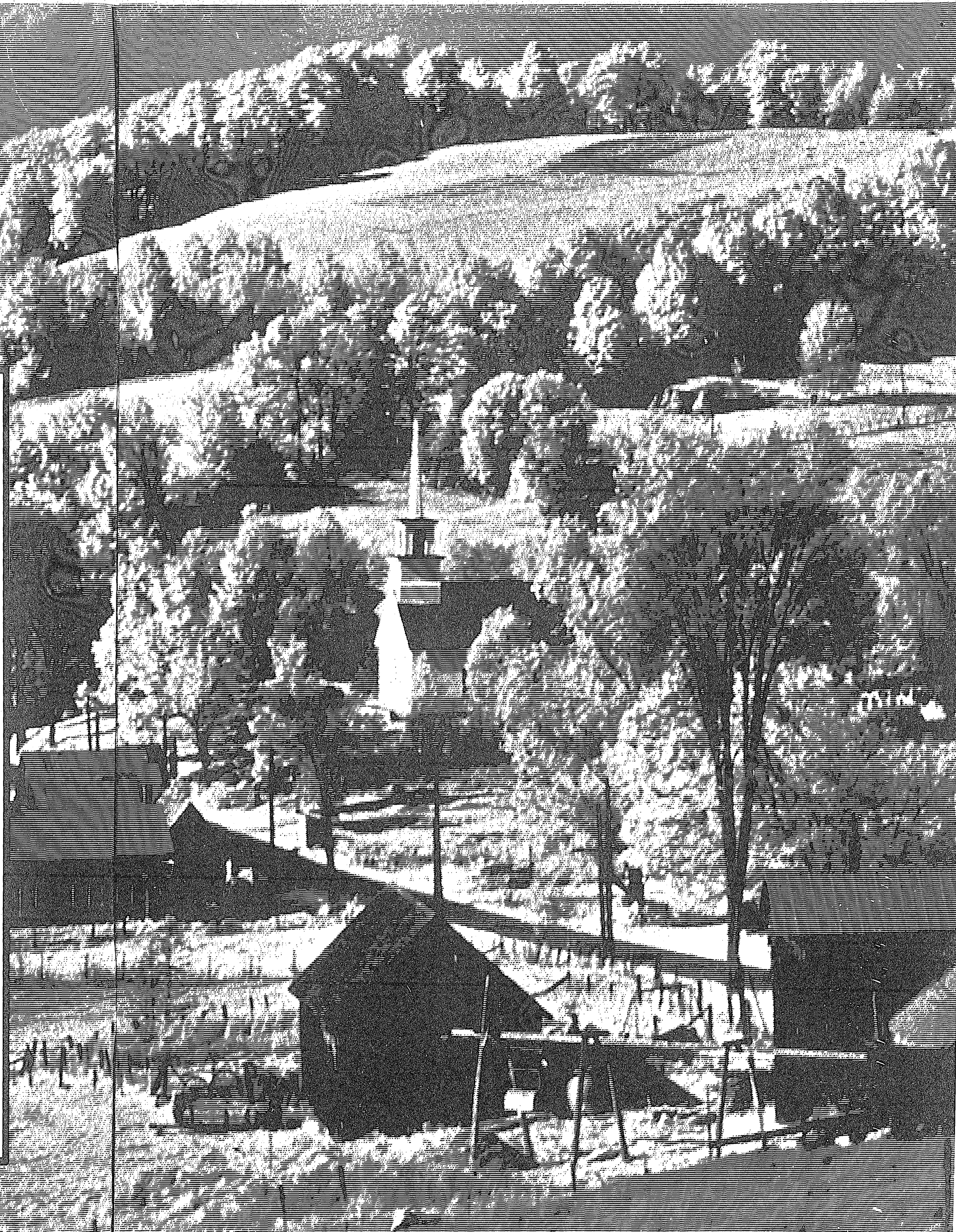




He Is Your Refuge

by Kelli LeCroy

*Be strong in the Lord
and in the power of His might,
For He is your refuge
He is your light.
He leadeth you home
at the end of the day.
So always give thanks
always pray.
Because He forgives you
for what you do wrong
Make a joyful noise
with your song.
I'll say it again
please understand,
It's not for God or Jesus Christ
It's for you, because you are man.
Be strong in the Lord
and in the power of His might,
For He is your refuge,
He is your light.*



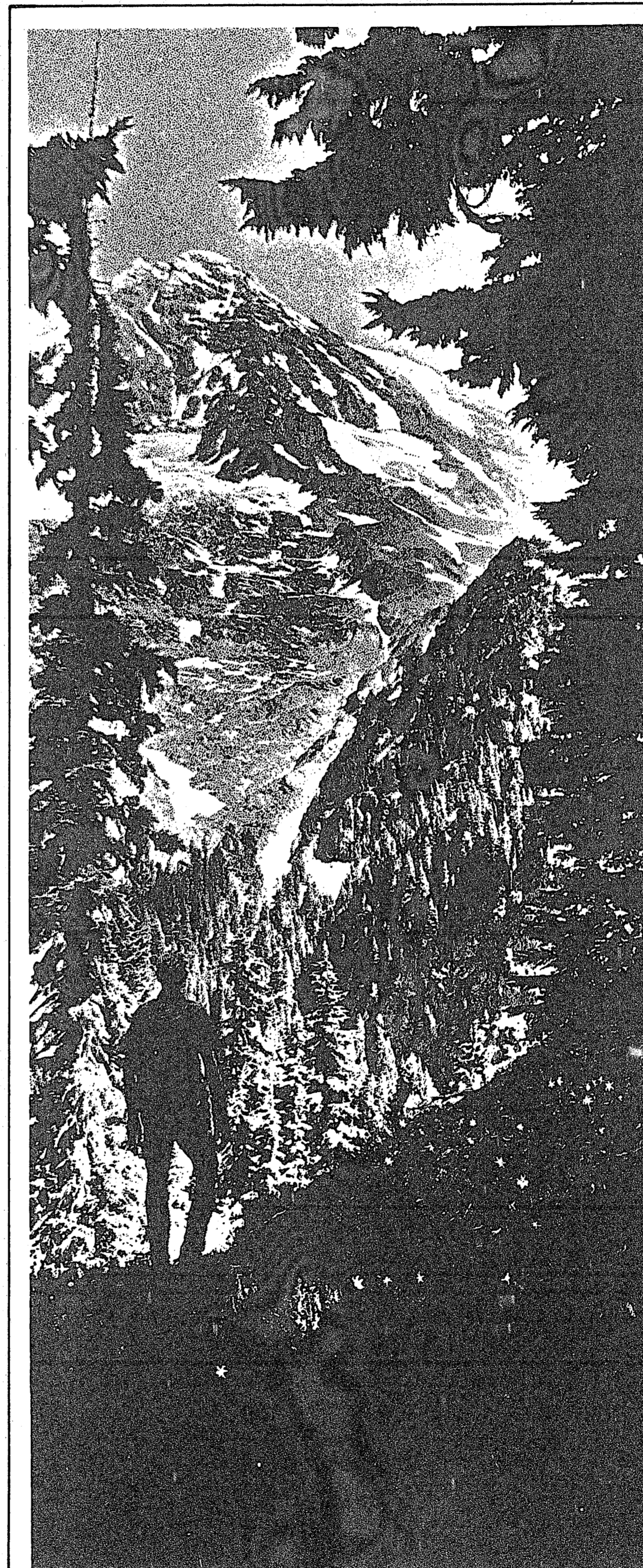
A Child's Prayer

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by Jill Martin

**Thank you, Jesus, for this day,
Lead me; guide me; in every way,
Teach me to learn, teach me to be:
The Christian child we both wish to see.
Amen**



MOUNTAINS

by Dana Taylor

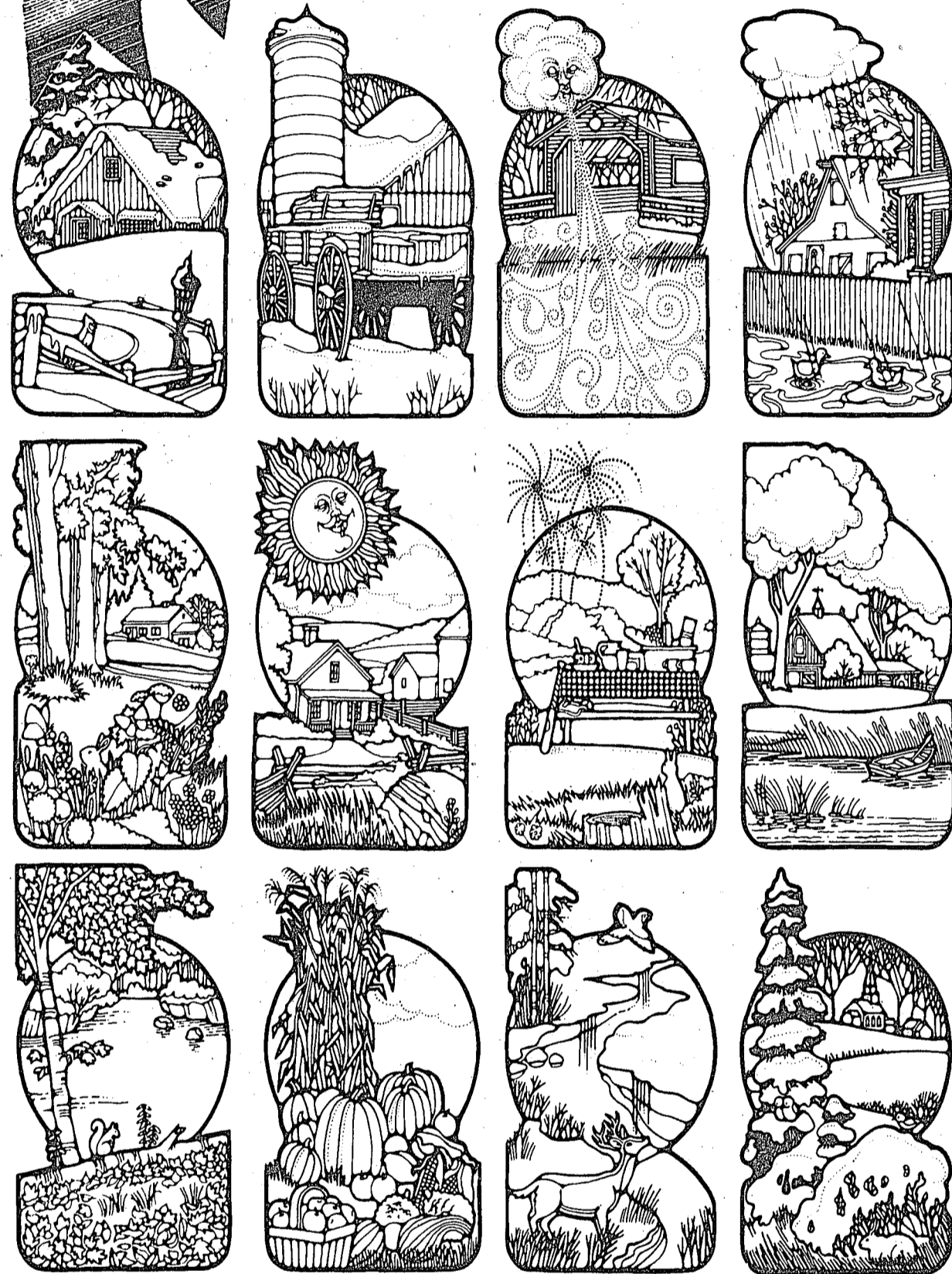
It looms, it towers,
it's covered with flowers.
It's many or one,
they're lots of fun.

It protects, it hides,
it hurts, it chides.
It's nice or rough,
it's hard or tough.

They block our way
where they always lay,
they twist and wind
and are easy to find.



The Seasons



by Dina Taylor

As I sit here on my rock the sound of running water comes to my ears. The sweet music it plays has always touched my heart. Summer has just begun and already the lawn mowers that were put up for the winter have begun their summer songs. The birds near our house are preparing to take on the jobs of parenthood as the little eggs get ready to break and bring forth a new life. How exciting! All of the little chipmunks, ground-hogs, squirrels and rabbits come out in the sun to see the bright,

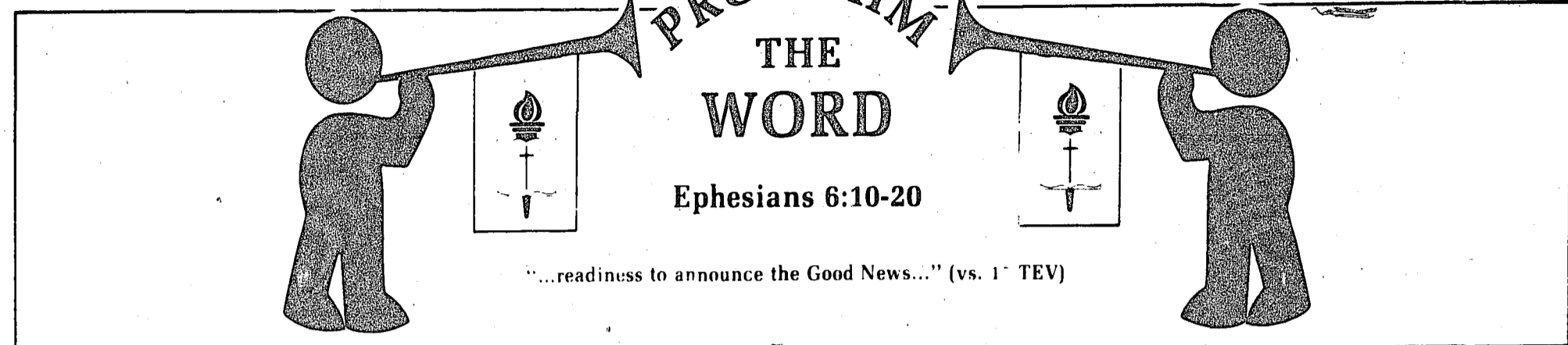
glaring light warm the earth. These, along with the laughter and joyful shouts of children, are the sounds of summer.

Then as the months pass the summer sounds die down. No longer can the children play in their shorts or swimsuits in the pool, autumn has come. The sounds of the lawn mowers turn to the sound of rakes gathering the leaves that children will soon be bounding through. The squirrels and chipmunks become busy as they gather their nuts for winter storage. A few family picnics fill the air with the last scent of the warmer months.

Autumn has ended.

Snow, now filling the sky with its glistening flakes, takes the place of all the leaves. Instead of rakes, shovels go to work. Children all get out their winter jackets, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens, and scarves and prepare to build their own version of *Frosty the Snowman*. The brooks are now frozen over so skaters can enjoy their winter activities. Most of the animals are either down south or in hibernation. Horses now take their stand as they are hitched for the ever loved sleigh rides. Then the Christmas bells and carols that are sincerely sung, sound in the streets at night. Christmas trees and lights glow in the windows. Presents flood the floor in the living room as they are stacked in neat piles under the Christmas tree. Anticipation and excitement on Christmas morning fill all of the hearts and homes of America.

Spring comes in full color with the budding of flowers and leaves. Bicycles come out of their winter hiding places and begin long treks to and fro. The mud puddles so frequently found attractive by small kids, sound warnings to mother. Animals come out from their long winter naps and birds find their way back to the old, familiar tree. Picnics are back in season with the insects attending as uninvited guests. Baseball equipment finds its way back into the hearts of teenagers in the neighborhood. Spring cleaning and the airing out of all the bedrooms occupy the hours of a mother's busy day. This is spring, but as months pass, the seasons change and repeat the cycle again, and again. □



After The Fun And Fellowship, Then What?

by K. Duane Hurley, Conference President

It is August 1983 and Seventh Day Baptists from many, many churches in the USA and Canada are meeting in the 171st annual session of the General Conference.

Seventh Day Baptists enjoy getting together. Great fun and fellowship are involved. Much of what happens is inspirational and helpful. Through all the activity there is evident a sense of community — indeed, a very special family feeling.

That is good — but there is much more to it than just the fun and fellowship, the inspiration and encouragement. Membership in the family of God carries responsibilities and calls for commitment.

Conference '83 is designed to be a learning experience. It is action-oriented — the action to be carried over into the year and years following. The 1980s are years set aside by Seventh Day Baptists for emphasis on *discipleship*, a time for doubling during the decade.

It is planned that many features of Conference '83 will be captured on tape for use back home by the delegates.

For example, the mini-workshops in evangelism (*How-to Proclaim the Word*) will be made available for use in follow-up training in the churches and associations.

The music and messages will

"... Forgetting those things which are behind ... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Phil 3:13-14

be recorded so the inspiration can be shared with those who could not attend Conference.

The video taped early morning

Conference is designed to be a learning experience.

devotions and late evening prayers will become available as a series of 13, 15-minute programs which could be broadcast on local T.V. stations to give SDBs greater public visibility.

For information about how to obtain these and other tapes from Conference '83, contact Rev. Charles H. Graffius (Media Project, Inc., P.O. Box 153, New Enterprise, Penn. 16664) for the video recordings and Calvin Babcock (605 W. Holly Ct., Carthage, TX 75633) for the audio cassettes.

A Common Bond

Conference '83 is designed to be a happy, universal experience, with adults and youth participating in all activities — worship services, business sessions, workshops, fellowship times — together, as much as possible. In this way, a common bond of understanding, feeling and enthusiasm for the cause will be gained.

Conference '83 is designed to be both a spiritual experience, stimulating renewed Christian commitment, and a practical experience, providing Christian leadership training. There will be demonstrations of discipleship techniques, examples of Christian life styles, and explanations regarding methods of evangelism. The expectation is that all of these will be utilized in personal ways for outreach, for help to individuals in their response to the Great Commission.

A Call To Action

Action is called for: go, do, love, rejoice, help, assist, teach, win, convert, baptize. There is

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In The Year Of Ministry...

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A Challenging Vocation

by Jim Goodrich ?

Seven years ago my wife and I began careers in education with little notion of the real vocation to which we had been called. The paths our work have taken are quite different in many respects, but the calling and the goal are the same — to provide care and training for children in such a way as to glorify God and help them see him in us, and through us, and sometimes in spite of us.

At first we both taught in rural elementary schools, and though I was in a school in town we both had children of several grades age span. It was a good place for us to be at the time, because it was where God had placed us through circumstances that we did not understand nor really appreciate at first. Looking back we can see that God was looking out for our best interests through it all and even then we knew that he was in control. While we weren't sure of the plan, we knew he had one.

I continue to teach, now in a larger school where I have a room full of sixth graders. The opportunities there continue. It is exciting to see the growth of students during the nine months they are placed under my supervision. It is even amazing to me at times to see this scholastic enrichment take place, but then I am reminded that it isn't really to my credit at all but God's,

for without his continuing guidance I know things would be very different.

After four years in her school Helen took a leave from public education for a yet to be determined length of time. In the time since then she has provided countless hours of care for babies and toddlers, usually a few at a time. We believe that it has been more than just babysitting. Again, God has made his guidance prominent in this endeavor. On several occasions, just when

God has made His guidance prominent

we began to doubt or wonder at our situation, God would lead just the right little one to her care. Each time we are amazed, but not really surprised at, how well God has planned for us.

We also have a joint effort in this vocation. Our children at home provide us with a completeness in our work that we might not otherwise have been able to experience. We rejoice for each one. Mike has been a family member for nearly four years. He and Brian, who was ours for only a month, came to us through adoption about three

years ago. And now we have Amy who came more conventionally, but none the less as miraculously as the others. From each of these we have learned, and will continue to learn. But that is only one of the side benefits of living up to God's expectations. None of these would be part of our family and its calling without it being part of the Master's plan.

I hope this all sounds like the results of God's leading and not the words of someone boasting in his own accomplishments. We have not done anything to deserve acclaim. Those who think otherwise just don't understand how God works. God could have used anyone to do what he has done through us, but he made it possible by making us people who enjoy this work. Without his active part we could have done little.

I have made a personal paraphrase of Deuteronomy 6:7 a guide for my own efforts toward our vocation. It is: "You shall teach God's ways diligently to the children in your care, both in word and by example, and shall do so at home and away, from the time you get up until you retire at night." It is a goal that leaves room for much improvement, and a high standard. I am confident that it follows Jesus' example.

Whatever God expects of us in years to come we rejoice that he gives us the desire to carry it out and the capability to perform it. We depend on him for all that we need, and he will not let us down. □

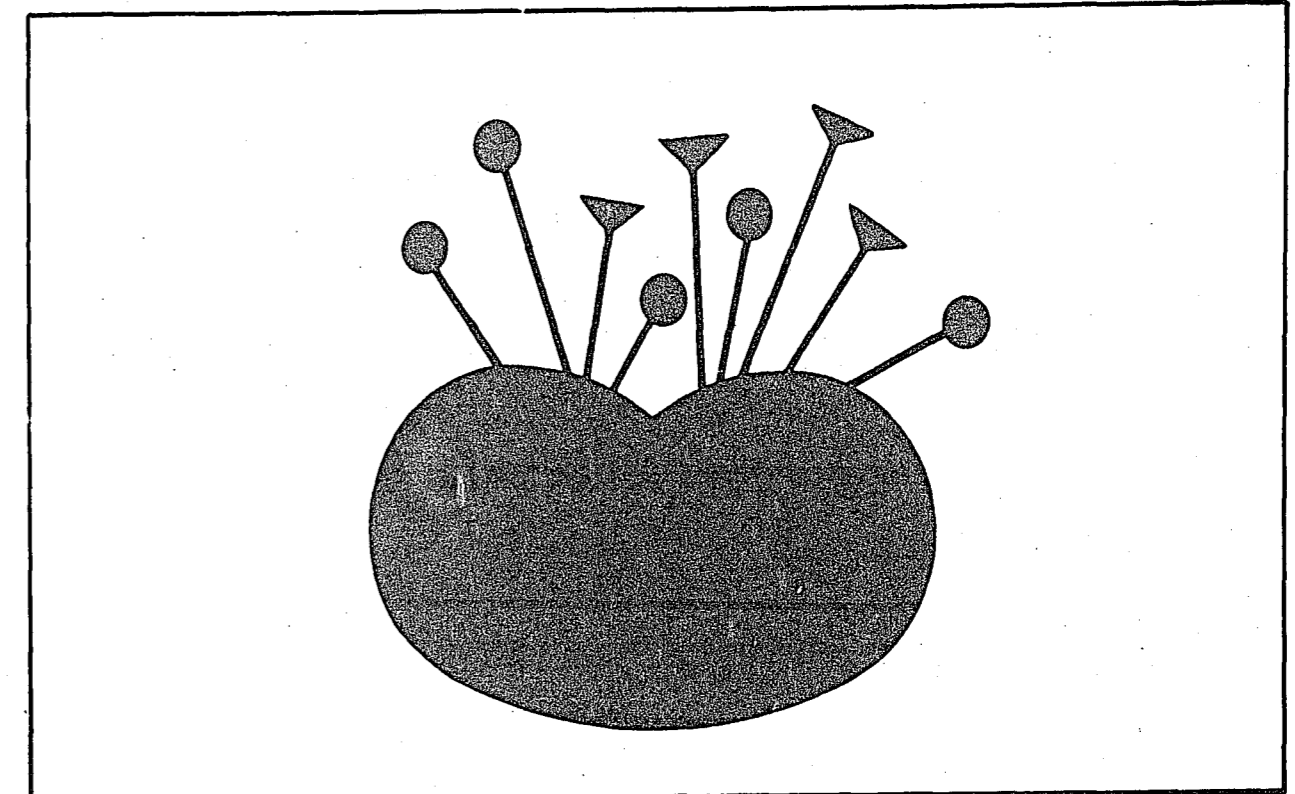


"We love because
God first loved us."
1 John 4:19

From Sewing Baskets to Saints

Jane Mackintosh

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Marjorie Goodrich, from North Loup, Neb., recently sent me a letter with an idea that she used during an installation of officers service. She gave each person present a numbered slip then passed a basket filled with sewing items and asked each participant to choose something from the basket. Everyone was then asked to use the item she had chosen to illustrate a truth about her walk with the Lord. The order of sharing was determined by the number on the slip each had received. Marjorie wrote down some examples of the thoughts shared as well as some scripture verses to illustrate them.

From Sewing Baskets To Saints by Marjorie Goodrich et. al.

1. Pattern: Pattern your life after Jesus' perfect example. When you look to men they will let you down. Only Jesus never fails. Ps. 89:33 — *I will never completely take my loving kindness from you nor let my promises fail.*

2. Scissors: Cut away all unkind criticism, gossip, fault-finding and cutting remarks. Prov. 18:21 — *Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it will eat the fruit thereof.*

3. Yarn: Many yarns aren't true but we know for sure that

salvation is. Rom. 6:23 — *The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus.*

4. Lip Zipper: Lord, fill my mouth with proper stuff and nudge me when I've said enough! Prov. 17:1 — *A dry crust eaten in peace is better than steak every day along with argument and strife.*

You can pin your hopes on salvation.

5. Elastic: Be open and flexible to things and not narrow and close-minded. Prov. 16:2 — *We can always 'prove' that we are right, but is the Lord convinced?*

6. Bobbin: Try not to keep

bobbin' around, drifting from one thing to another. James 1:6 — *When you ask, be sure you really expect God to tell you, for a double mind is as unsettled as the wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind and every decision you make will be uncertain as you turn first this way, then that. If you don't ask with faith, don't expect the Lord to give you a solid answer.*

7. Pin: You can pin your hopes on salvation. John 6:37 — *Jesus said, All that the Father giveth me shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

8. Facing: Face the tasks of life. Phil. 4:13 — *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

9. Patch: Patch things up. Don't let the sun set on anger. Eph. 4:30-32 — *Don't cause the Holy Spirit sorrow by the way you live. Meanness, bad temper, anger, quarrelling, harsh words,*

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Helping Hand Preview

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Faith And Practice — 1880

Seventh Day Baptists have always held to an Evangelical doctrine. Their statement of faith has been gradually developed as each age restates its understanding of that faith.

Because we are about to study the present Statement of Beliefs (Helping Hand, September-November, 1983), it is of interest to examine the Expose of Faith and Practice adopted by General Conference, 1880.

I. Of God — We believe in one God, self-existent, infinite in wisdom, power, justice, and goodness; the Creator and Governor of all things. Deut. 33:27; Psa. 90:2; Isa. 44:6; I Tim. 1:17.

II. Of Christ — We believe that Christ possessed both a divine and a human nature, and was therefore both the Son of God and the Son of Man. Matt. 1:1; Psa. 2:7; Luke 1:35; Rom. 1:3,4; Gal. 4:4; II Cor. 5:19; John 1:1.

III. Of The Holy Spirit — We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose office was to inspire the prophets and apostles, as the instructors of men, with a knowledge of the mind of God, and who is the regenerator and sanctifier of men through the truth. John 14:26; II Peter 1:21; Acts 2:4,5; John 3:5; Rom 8:2; Gal. 5:22.

IV. Of The Holy Scriptures — We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that they are a perfect rule of faith and practice. Heb. 1:1,2; II Peter 1:21; II Tim. 3:16,17;

I Cor. 2:12,13.

V. Of Man — We believe that man possessed a two-fold nature — physical and spiritual; that he was created holy, but that by transgression he fell, and so came under condemnation; that in order to be saved he must be born again, and that this salvation is the gift of God. II Cor. 4:16; Rom. 7:22; Eph. 3:16; Cor. 3:10; I Peter 3:4; Gen. 1:26; 3:6-19; Rom. 5:12; John 3:3,5,7; Eph. 2:5; Rom. 3:24,25; 4:16; Eph. 2:8.

VI. Of Heirship and Eternal Life — We believe when one is constituted a child of God, he becomes an heir of eternal life. Acts 26:17,18; Rom. 8:14-18; Gal. 3:29; 4:7.

VII. Of Repentance, Faith and Baptism — We believe it to be the duty of all men to repent, believe in Christ the Saviour and to be baptized. Matt. 28:19; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38,41; 8:12; 10:47; 16:15,33; 18:6; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

VIII. Of The Lord's Supper — We believe the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of religion, to be perpetuated in the church. Matt. 26:26; I Cor. 11:23-26.

IX. Of The Sabbath — We believe the seventh day to be the Sabbath of Jehovah, and that it should be kept holy as a memorial of creation and as a type of the saint's rest in heaven. Gen. 2:2,3; Exod. 20:8-11, Heb. 4:1-11.

X. Of The Resurrection Of The Dead, And The Eternal Judge-

ment — We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the righteous will be everlastingly justified, and the wicked everlastingly condemned. Dan. 12:2; Acts 24:15; 17:31; Matt. 25:46; John 5:28,29; Rom. 2:7; II Thess. 1:9,10.

XI. Of The Resurrection — Body Of Saints — We believe the saints will be raised with spiritual and incorruptible bodies. I Cor. 15:35-54.

It will be seen that each point in the foregoing statement is supported by direct reference to the Scriptures. Seventh Day Baptists recognize the Bible as the only authority in matters of faith and practice. The foregoing expose indicates their understanding of what the Scriptures teach, upon the points noted. If it be suggested that such a creed gives comparatively great latitude, it will be noted that this latitude is with reference, rather than concerning matters of practical obedience and holy living. The people whom it represents define Christianity as a life and character, rather than a creed, although they recognize the fact that what men believe is a determining factor in character. At the Session of the General Conference, held at Milton, Wis., in 1886, the following resolutions were adopted relative to certain questions concerning which an expression seemed to be demanded: the Second Coming

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Religion in the News

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Religious Liberty Conference To Be Held

Bill Moyers, CBS television news analyst and producer, his wife Judith Moyers, an education specialist, and Charles Z. Smith, law school dean and former president of ABC-USA, are the latest to confirm their participation in the 1983 National Religious Liberty Conference on October 3-4 in Washington, D.C.

A biennial event of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, this 1983 conference theme will focus on *Affirming Baptist Identity*. Seventh Day Baptists are one of the eight U.S. Baptist national bodies which cooperate through the BJCPA in the nation's capital on religious liberty issues and church-state relations.

Others on the program include Harvey Cox, Harvard theologian; James Autry, editor of *Better Homes and Gardens* and William R. Estep, church historian. □

'Year of the Bible' Stirs Debate

The American Civil Liberties Union has entered a suit against the 'Year of the Bible,' a project authorized by the U.S. Senate. In response to Senate urging, President Reagan has encouraged all Americans "to reexamine and rediscover" the message of the Bible.

In the suit, the ACLU claims that the proclamation violates the separation of church and state, and uses the Bible for "political rather than religious purposes." □

Bahai Persecution In Iran

The U.S. State Department has confirmed reports of renewed violence against the Bahai sect in Iran. In addition to reports of government-directed murders, there have been public hangings in recent months. Children of Bahai families are not allowed to attend school, and reports indicate more than 4,000 Bahais live as refugees within Iran.

Bahai is regarded as a heresy with historic roots in Islam. □

Nun Responds to Papal Directive

Sister Agnes Mary Mansour has elected with "deep regret" to seek a dispensation from her vows as a Sister of Mercy. Until last month, the Roman Catholic director of Michigan's social services had held the post with the approval of her religious superiors, but she became the focus of a right-to-life debate.

A papal directive required that she resign from her government position, or be dismissed from her religious community. Sister Mansour elected to continue in her position while seeking a release from her vows. □

John MacKay Dies

John Alexander MacKay, long-time president of Princeton Theological Seminary and founder of the quarterly, *Theology Today*, died in June at the age of 94. Dr. MacKay was a leading Presbyterian scholar, and a conservative theologian. □

Colleges Found "More Religious"

A Gallup survey of college life indicates that students report stronger religious commitment as a result of their college experiences. Over 500 students were interviewed and more than 80% reported that their religious beliefs were important to them.

The survey appears to confirm reports from colleges and universities that courses in religion have assumed greater popularity. Michigan State University reported an increase of 60% in its religion courses. Ninety six campuses were involved in the Gallup study. □

Religious Leaders Oppose Gene-Alteration

Congress has received an appeal from 59 religious leaders opposed to the alteration of human genetic materials. Representing a wide spectrum of theological views, including the Moral Majority and twenty-one Catholic bishops, the statement holds that no one has the right "to make decisions on behalf of the rest of the species alive today, or for future generations."

The petition has been challenged by scientists and researchers as a block to progress in areas of human pathology. □

August 1983

Baptist Youth Will Meet In Buenos Aires

from Baptist World

More than 6,000 young people are expected to make Buenos Aires their home for five days in 1984. From July 11-15, 1984, youth from about 60 countries will attend the 10th Baptist Youth World Conference, to explore the theme "Jesus Christ — The Truth: Our Faith, Our Commitment, Our Peace."

"This Youth Conference will be a significant conference for Baptist youth from around the world," said Denton Lotz, Baptist World Alliance youth director. "Young people will have an opportunity to profess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour."

Asked why young people will want to attend this conference, Lotz explained: "The future leaders of the Baptist world, who will come to Argentina in 1984, will gain a larger vision of the world and the Christian's responsibility to work prophetically and responsibly in the name of Jesus Christ."

The 10th Baptist Youth World Conference will have a program of great variety. Daily lectures, workshops and discussion groups will deal with

various aspects of Christian living. There will be concerts and drama, plenary sessions and a city wide rally.

"The goal of the program is to demonstrate unity through diversity," states Beverly Sutton, program chairperson. "We hope the program will show the message of peace is not just the absence of war between nations but an energizing personal peace available through Christ."

Argentine Baptists are very enthusiastic about the opportunities of hosting a world-wide Baptist conference in their country, which is 98 percent Catholic. It will give Baptists there tremendous visibility and a positive witness to people with whom they otherwise would have no contact.

Because of varying economic situations around the world, registration fees vary accordingly. Registration will be \$60 per person for the USA, Canada, Europe, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. The fee will be \$20 per person for Latin America, South America, Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, Asia and the Middle East. On October 1, 1983, registration fees will increase to \$70 and \$25 respectively. □

Hebron Plans Sesquicentennial Celebration And Reunion

On the 10th day of February, 1833, a community of believers covenanted together in Potter County, Pennsylvania, to form first Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ in Hebron. This year, 150 years later, a commemorative celebration and reconsecration will be celebrated on Sabbath prior to General Conference, August 6. A covenant service similar to ones held periodically over the years will be part of the morning worship led by Rev. Steven Crouch,

Pastor (11:30 a.m.). A dish-to-pass luncheon will follow at the community building.

The afternoon service beginning at 2:30 will commemorate the 150th anniversary. Rev. Don A. Sanford of Milton, Wisconsin will be keynote speaker. Former pastors and others connected to the church and denomination will also share in the service. It is hoped that many will come to share in the celebration as a prelude to General Conference sessions at Houghton, N.Y. □

Judge Strikes Down 'Baby Doe' Rule

Federal district judge, Gerhard Gesell has struck down a ruling that required hospitals to post a notice that stated that failure to nourish handicapped infants is against the law. Gesell struck down the regulation on procedural grounds but concluded that it would not produce higher quality care for infants.

Infant "Baby Doe," was born with multiple problems including Down's Syndrome. The parents, doctors and the Indiana courts requested that food and treatment be withheld from the baby, who died during the appeals process.

After Conference...What?

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no such thing as a passive Christian. Each person must respond and is accountable.

Life is filled with many demands and many distractions. There are multitudes of ways for us to be contacted in these days: T.V., radio, newspapers, magazines, telephone — and church communications. We are limited in our responses only by our choices.

We cannot do everything. Therefore, priorities must be set. We cannot afford to take our religious convictions for granted. We are judged by our deeds not by our intentions.

Our faith must be measured by

our being "doers of the Word, not hearers only." Accomplishment is an important ingredient of faith. No matter how inspirational, practical, spiritual, happy and family-like the Conference experiences may be, they are as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal" if there is no follow through. They must be stepping stones to Christian living and service, not ends in themselves.

The value of Conference '83 will be measured by how effectively we incorporate the content and inspiration into our own lives and how effectively we reach out to others with Christ's message of love and salvation. □

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and dislike of others has no place in our lives. Instead, be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ.

10. Ruler or Tape: How wide is your understanding? How long is your patience? How deep is your love? How high are your goals? Eph. 3:18-19 — *Those who believe him discover that God is a fountain of truth. For this one sent by God speaks God's words, for God's Spirit is upon him without measure or limit.*

Galatians 5:22 says, *But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.* If we are now living by

the Holy Spirit's power we will follow the Spirit's leading.

This idea is certainly adaptable to many situations. The first one that enters my mind aside from regular Women's Society meetings is bridal or baby showers. Using different or the same items participants could share advice or wishes for future brides or future mothers about God's best for their new experiences. Adaptations of the idea are certainly plentiful. Thank you, Marjorie and the North Loup women for this fruitful idea.

If you have experienced or know of an idea that could be of use to women in their meetings, please share it with us. My address is: Jane Mackintosh 150 Bridgeport, Half Moon Bay, Calif. 94019. I would love to hear from you. □

Helping Hand

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and the Resurrection:

"Whereas, there are many who misunderstand, and therefore misrepresent, our attitude in reference to the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead; and

"Whereas, we deem it important that we define anew our position on these Scriptural questions; therefore,

"1. RESOLVED, That, while a few of our people may dissent from the doctrine, it is nevertheless the general belief of our denomination that our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures, will certainly and personally come again 'without sin unto salvation.'"

"2. RESOLVED, That, while a few of our people may hold differing opinions, it is nevertheless the general belief of our denomination that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, as set forth in the Scriptures."

"3. RESOLVED, That, while we know not the day nor the hour when either of these great events shall transpire, we nevertheless believe that God has appointed a time for each of them, and that they will certainly occur in his own appointed time."

from — Seventh Day Baptist Handbook
A. H. Lewis, D. D.
American Sabbath Tract Society
Alfred Center, N.Y. (1887)

Teachers — (particularly of youth):
You And Your Church, the Board of Christian Education, 1981, is a good reference to accompany the *Helping Hand*, Fall 1983. □

The Church in Action

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Pacific Northwest Day Held In Seattle

from Seattle Soundings

Sabbath, May 14, is a day we'll long remember, as 88 people joined at the Christ's Training Center — Seventh Day Baptist church in Seattle for Pacific Northwest Day — the north part of the Pacific Coast Association. Representatives were present from all four active church groups here, and Miss Harriet Saunders from Alfred, N.Y. There were 16 from Portland, Ore., area church, 11 from Centralia, Wash., and two from Spokane Area Fellowship.

It was a musical treat with the Portland choir providing five a

capella numbers for the morning service, and special music provided by Sandy Bowen, Sue Garritano, Kerri Sanford, Eric Davis, Jeff Inabnit, Maude Posey, and Gwen Balish, throughout the day. Wayne Grounds, Leader of the Spokane Fellowship, brought the Sabbath morning message, speaking on *Perseverance*. In the afternoon, six representatives of the Seattle Youth Fellowship presented a play, *Jonah*, and churches reported on the Lord's business in their areas, interspersed with the musical numbers.

Two bounteous meals were served at church, headed by a

committee made up of Ruth Rossi and Rexanna Inabnit, and a host of good cooks! In the evening, a Pacific Firs Camp reunion party was held at the Davis' by the youth. Seattle Deacons Dave Inabnit and Larry Sanford took the church bus and took a busload of out-of-towners for a tour of Seattle sights. It was a wonderful day of Christian fellowship and inspiration for all. □

Plant A Tree! Sew Seeds!

Need a fund-raising project for your Youth Fellowship or Men's Group? Plant a tree! or a light pole!

The General Conference Trustees are suggesting a special gift campaign to fund several improvements in the SDB Center property. Major concern is for landscaping work to prevent erosion and to provide an attractive wind-break on the property border: \$993 for plantings on the lawn and \$4300 for grading and seeding. Additional projects are outside lighting (\$700) and remodeling of the room being used as a mailing center (\$500 for cabinet work). Also needed is a lawn tractor with 48" snow-blower or blade.

Contributions should be sent to Treasurer Ivan FitzRandolph, SDB Center, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547, designated for "Center Improvements" or for an individual project. □

Fouke Academy Holds Graduation

Three students graduated from Fouke Academy, Fouke, Ark., on May 20, 1983. The three were Alex Landrum, Bobby Cooper, and Everett Jones.

Alex was a full-time transfer student from Arkansas High at Texarkana. He has already enlisted in the Air Force and is to be called to active duty in August of this year.

Bobby Cooper dropped out of Fouke High School as a senior in 1979. He married Wanda Wilson and went to work at Cooper Tire, but felt the need to earn his diploma.

Everett Jones dropped out of school after the eighth grade and enlisted in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He began to study with Dr. Goodson last September and passed the GED Examinations with high scores. He

plans to enroll in Texarkana Community College in August.

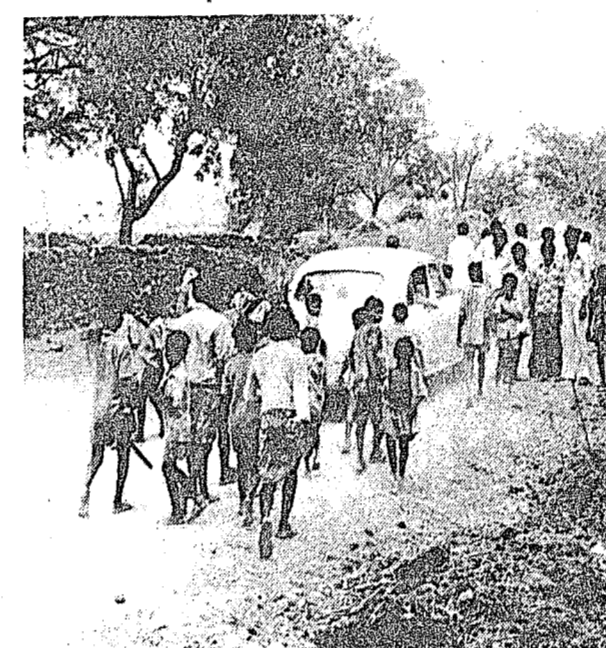
The Commencement Address was given by Dr. Glenn Cunningham, one of America's greatest athletes. He recovered from severe and crippling burns suffered when he was seven. He not only learned to walk again but also to run. He ran in the 1932 and 1936 Olympics and was the Sullivan Award winner in 1933. At one time, he held seven world records in the middle-distance races.

The school's enrollment grew from 10 in 1982 to 15 in 1983.

"We want to thank all the SDBs and others who made donations to the school," said Dr. Floyd L. Goodson. "The school could not have operated without the support received in prayer and financial gifts." □

A Frontline Report From India

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Rev. Rao, taking leave of the elders, left Cherlopalle. Seen off by the officials and members for a little distance.



(Top) The SDB Conference of India, April 24, 1983. Group during a General Body meeting. (Directly above) Delegates, pastors and others taking their lunch at a nearby school building.

The Annual General Body meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India (SDBCI) was held in Nellore, April 24. Secretary B. John V. Rao reported 413 baptisms during the previous year. Action was taken to open a new church in Bangalore City in 1983.

The completion of 11 irrigation wells (two with pumpsets) and two drinking water wells (with costs from Seventh Day Baptist United Relief Fund (SDBURF), Baptist World Aid (BWAid) and local contributed work) began the larger project of providing wells for many arid needy areas. A second major project is the establishment of three SDB Housing Colonies under special Trust Boards with "beneficiaries as its members," with funds possibly raised by BWAid over a period of several years. The first was designed at Uyyalawada, Giddalur, Prakasam District.

In May, Rev. B. John V. Rao visited at least 18 places holding special meetings, counselling with pastors and leaders, and

raising funds in support of their Conference ministries. One of these revival services was at Cherlopalle.

At the Executive Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India on June 5, the distribution of Relief Funds for the needy following the cyclone early this year was confirmed. These came through BWAid and were in part also from SDBURF. Two more irrigation wells were authorized (when funds were received) and Rev. Rao was ap-

pointed their observer at the Baptist Union of India meetings in Dimapur, Nagaland in March 1984.

Seventh Day Baptists in the USA join in ministries with the SDBs of India through regular monthly support, as a part of Our World Mission. In June a special grant was voted, from funds unexpectedly received by the Missionary Society, to provide a motorcycle that will make possible expanded travel and field witness. □

FOCUS



MISSIONS TODAY

Did God Make A Mistake?

from *The Pilgrim*

Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

The name by which men and women must be saved is Jesus Christ, and there is no other. There is nothing "iffy" in the statement St. Peter made to the religious and political leaders whom he was addressing. It was bold. It was dogmatic. It was positive. Jesus Christ, and only Jesus Christ, is able to save a soul eternally.

If there were some other person who could redeem his fellows, if there were any other way for sins to be atoned for and forgiven, then why the cross of Christ? Was God mistaken when he sent his Son into the world to give his life a ransom? If there is salvation apart from Christ, then Christ did not need to lay aside the glory he shared with God the father and come to earth to suffer death at the hands of men. If it were possible to obtain forgiveness for our sins by any other way than that which is prescribed in the Bible, then the incarnation of the Son of God was not necessary.

Was the risen Christ's command futile? If the Gospel, that "Christ died for our sins

according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-5), is not essential for man's salvation, then our Lord's charge to his followers to be witnesses concerning him, his command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mk. 16:15), was not only unnecessary but also completely empty. Why should believers in Christ proclaim the

Was God mistaken when he sent his son into the world...?

Gospel to all nations if those nations do not need the message at all?

Was Peter a liar? If any kind of leader or god, if any religion is enough to save men's souls, then the apostle, although he is reported to have been "filled with the Holy Ghost" when he insisted that only one, the Lord Jesus Christ, is able to save, was not telling the truth but talking nonsense.

God did not err when "he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have ever-

lasting life" (Jn. 3:16), for God never makes a mistake. The Lord Jesus did not give a vain order when he instructed his disciples to tell all mankind of his redeeming love. Peter did not speak a falsehood when he stated that there is no other name on earth whereby we must be saved.

There is no righteous person in the world, not even one, for, as Scripture declares, "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Through sin, both inherent and deliberate, men and women have been separated from God and need to be reconciled to him. God has made this reconciliation possible. "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given unto us the ministry of reconciliation, to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ" (II Cor. 5:18-20).

An ambassador is appointed and dispatched to carry out his leader's mission. The message of reconciliation between God and man has been committed to us, as Christ's ambassadors — to proclaim the Gospel in all the world. That is what missions is all about. —ESE

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day

September 1983

Verse for the month: "First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be offered for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires that all men be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim. 2:1-4

Pray For:

1. Those entering school and college from my church
2. William Shoffner, newly ordained pastor at Memphis, Tenn.
3. New Sabbath School students from summer outreach
4. Our national leaders
5. Leon Lawton and the work of the Missionary Society
6. George Calhoun, new student at Bethel Seminary, St. Paul
7. My pastor
8. Christians in Communist countries
9. Polish SDBs, beginning their 2nd half century of witness
10. Churches without pastors
11. Dale Thorngate, Executive Secretary
12. Rev. B. John V. Rao, India
13. Billy Edwards, new student at Claremont Seminary, Calif.
14. The Conrads, as they work as "Ambassadors"
15. Seventh Day Baptists in Australia and New Zealand
16. Guyana Pastors Rickford English and Terrence Allen
17. Ordination of Pastor Larry Watt, White Cloud, Mich.
18. Annual meeting of American Sabbath Tract Society
19. Floy Owen, Women's Society President
20. Leon Wheeler, student pastor at Ashaway, R.I.
21. SCSC workers, to keep up growth & service at home, school
22. Jamaica SDB Conference headquartered in Kingston
23. Sabbath School teachers as they prepare their lessons
24. New England yearly meeting at Waterford, Conn.
25. Peace with justice in Latin America
26. My sensitivity to those in need near me
27. Leland E. Davis, new president of General Conference
28. Everett Dickinson, student pastor at Marlboro, N.J.
29. My church family and its ministry
30. John & Suzanne Brisson, lone Sabbathkeepers in Quebec

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Answering Christ's Call ... To Teach

A dynamic Christian faith is the most important attribute to sustain and direct a person above the ordinary evils that we face day to day. It is one of the great hopes in the world that stands against forces which will make us less than we ought to be. Therefore, teaching the gospel of Christ is the most important vocation or avocation in the world.

If we agree that teaching is important, then every person ought to set the example by preparing to teach and offering to teach. Robert Breth, one time Executive of Christian Education for the New York Council of Churches,

stated that he could make a good teacher of **any** committed Christian. This suggests that every person in the church dedicated to spreading the gospel should attend teacher education seminars and become ready and willing to teach when invited to do so.

The person who says, "I don't know how to teach," and doesn't take the time to learn how, is actually saying that teaching the gospel is unimportant.

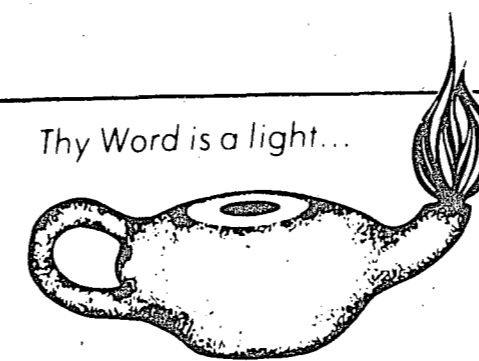
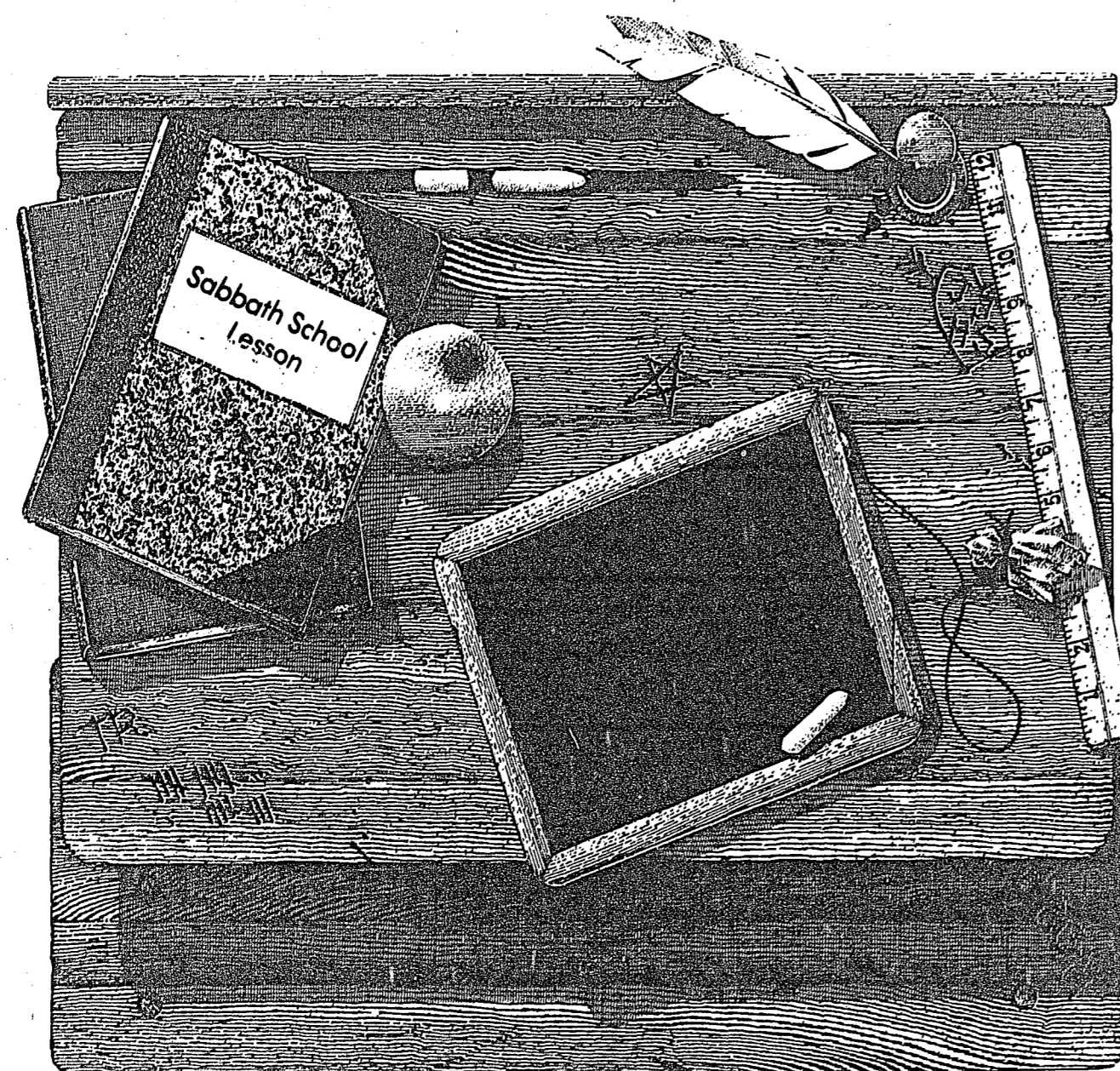
There would be no shortage of Sabbath School teachers if every family provided a teacher for two years, for each child in the family.

There are special rewards

which come from teaching. We will know and understand the Bible better through teaching. We will understand children and adults better. Teaching will help us to begin to live more creatively. We may have the joy of seeing persons learn a new way of living by committing their lives to Christ.

Our prayer should be that more people become aware of the importance of teaching the gospel and that more individuals enter into training and teaching.

In teaching, we are answering Christ's call. Is there anything more important? □



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Worship Him In Spirit And In Truth

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24 (KJV)

True worship is more than reading a few verses from the Bible and praying often repeated phrases. True worship is a joyful celebration, an act of love, doing for each other as well as talking about, or to, God.

As the day is started with a planned period of praise and prayer, each family member will be reminded that he or she is God's child and will be better able to withstand the pressures of society. The key word is **planned** — a time given to anticipating the joys of the day and praising God for them. Each person in the family should have an opportunity to plan and participate in this celebration. From this moment of togetherness, the family will continue to worship as they go about the business of living, sharing each other's work, problems, joys and sorrows.

Sacred moments may be spread throughout the day as the family gathers for lunch or dinner, just before leaving for evening activities or at bedtime. If a family member is to be absent from any one of these times he or she could be aware of the celebration and that he or she is to be remembered in a special way.

If the family schedule does not permit every member to be present in daily worship, special days or times may be celebrated. These celebrations may be based on significant occasions — birthdays, anniversaries, start or end

of the school year, beginnings of seasons as well as the joy of living, etc.

The place for these celebrations may vary. The children or youth of the family may invite the others to their rooms which have been prepared in a special way. A lovely garden, fireplace or other special spot in the house might be meaningful; many families prefer devotions immediately after the evening meal.

Although it is not necessary that the worship celebrations have a continuing theme, at least at first, it might be helpful.

The Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Beliefs would be a good sequence to follow. By studying them together, new Christians

may learn with understanding. Those persons who have professed being Seventh Day Baptists for many years will find it a refreshing review.

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc. and The Committee on Faith and Order were asked to present the Friday afternoon *How-To* session at General Conference. *Family Worship* was selected for the theme, SDB Beliefs the basis of the presentation.

Each month there will be an outline for family worship in this magazine which may be deleted or added to according to the size and need of each family. May each and everyone have a rich and rewarding experience with the Lord and your family. □

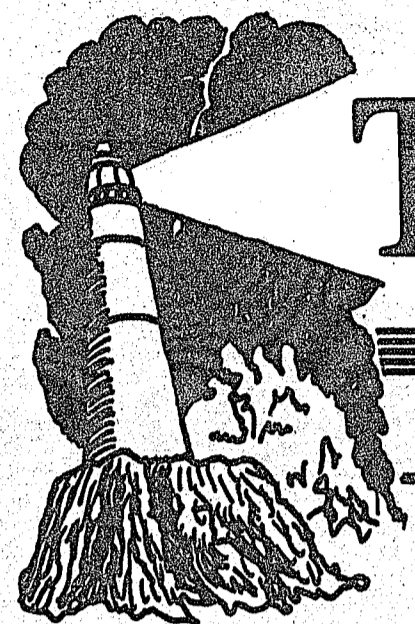
Teacher's Mini-Lab: New Staff

As churches approach the 1982-83 learning year, many will be acquiring new staffs. Rather than make the often repeated statement, "The job is easy, it won't take much time," be honest — make the position important, give reasons the one being asked will be able to do the work well, explain exactly what the position entails.

Teachers may be expected to do several things which should be carefully discussed when a new person is invited to be a part of the teaching staff:

1. Attend regularly, be present well in advance of the opening of each session, and notify the department principal as soon as possible of any anticipated absence.

2. Faithfully teach the established curriculum, with only such modifications as their particular abilities and the needs of the class make desirable.
3. Participate in the service of worship, and encourage pupils in proper participation and good behavior.
4. Take an interest in each pupil and his development; follow up on absent pupils.
5. Keep in close touch with homes, including at least one personal visit each year.
6. Keep an accurate record of attendance and other items if requested by the secretary.
7. Attend workers' conferences, department staff meetings, training classes, and cooperate in efforts to improve the church school. □



THE BEACON

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Discovering God's Word

by Beth Dutcher

In our Youth Fellowship meetings we have been studying a book called, *Omega Teens* by Christian Ed. Publishers. In this study we examined a section on Discovering God's Word. In the following paragraphs I would like to share with you some of what we learned.

What's In It For Me?

The Bible is an amazingly compiled book. The Old Testament is composed of five general divisions. Each division was recorded independently of the others; yet, all divisions are connected. The New Testament has three general divisions. The Bible is also a unified book. Forty distinct human authors, who were spread out over 15 long centuries, managed to come up with 66 books that fit together. The

only way they could do this was through the communication each of them had from their Creator. God spoke through them, and continues to speak every time you open His Word.

How Do We Get It?

Was there a need for the Old and New Testaments? The Old Testament was needed to keep the Jews together as one people, as they were scattered all over the earth. Also with the spread of Christianity, the people needed the Old Testament to distinguish from Christian writings. Some groups were spreading false teachings and using false writings. The New Testament was necessary to tell true books from false books.

How Do We Know It's True?

Some people say that the Bible is misleading. They believe that it isn't reliable. However, there is evidence that it is dependable. According to the most recently discovered evidence (the Dead Sea Scrolls), the Old Testament is reliable. The Bible itself says that it is never out of date, and that it can never be destroyed. The Bible is remarkably accurate. Both internal evidence (what the Bible says about itself) and external evidence (what history says about the Bible) supports its absolute trustworthiness. "The whole Bible* was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right." (II Timothy 3:16) □

*Or — "Every inspired scripture..." Ed.

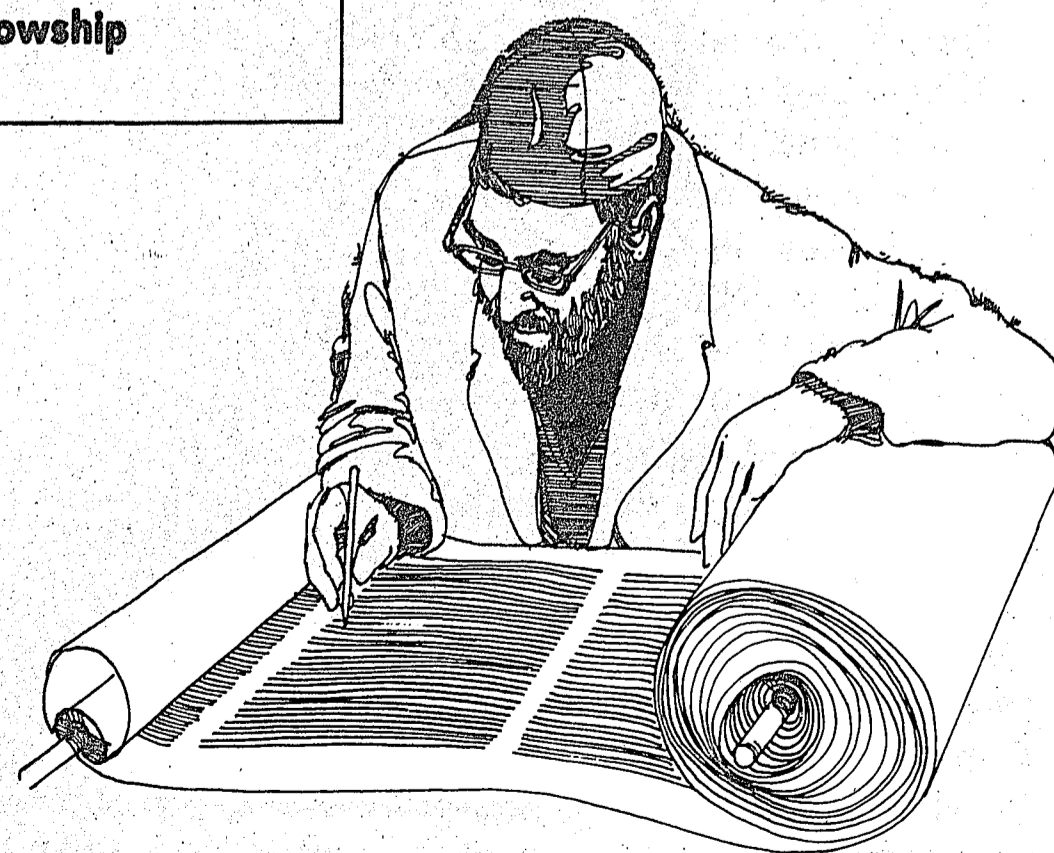
This month's Beacon is by the members of the North Loup, Neb. Youth Fellowship

Our Belief In The Sabbath

by Chris Severance

Our beliefs about the Sabbath should be very precious to us. A noted historian is quoted as saying: "...Just why Christians chose another day rather than the Jewish Sabbath as their own special day is hidden in the mists of history. Probably they did so in order to distinguish themselves more clearly from the Jews who observed Saturday as their holy day."

The Sabbath should be a special day of worship dedicated to God. It is also a symbol of the presence of God in our world and in time. To set it apart from the other days of the week, holding it to be more sacred than other days, is to acknowledge our belief in God and in a moral universe. □



North Loup, Neb. YF Activities

by Nora Kay Dutcher & Loretta Cargill

This summer our Y.F. plans to keep real busy. We are painting a shed on the corner of the church lot as a service project. We already have the primer on; it was messy but we had fun, even though it was a little chilly. We are planning to go to Grand Island to Mini-gold and see a movie in celebration of school getting out and getting the shed painted. We also plan to go canoeing

or inner-tubing or both if we have time this summer. We may also go to our former Y.F. leader's home for a weiner roast and some volleyball. We now have 13 members including the leader, having just recently gained one. We hope to get all these things done but don't know if we can fit them in. Hope your summer is as great as ours promises to be!

Hey Kids!

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

Send submissions to:

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I Am A Promise

by Vonnie Williams

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

I Cor. 12:4-7, 11

God has given to each of us specific gifts to use according to his purpose. He has a special plan for each of our lives and has given these gifts to us to use for him. Use your gifts in the name of the Lord, for he will reward you greatly. □



Don't Wait

by Mike Goodrich

Don't wait
until someone is nice to you
before you are nice
to someone else.

Don't wait
until the Bible seems
perfectly clear
before you start to read it.

Don't wait
until you understand
God completely
before you ask Him into your
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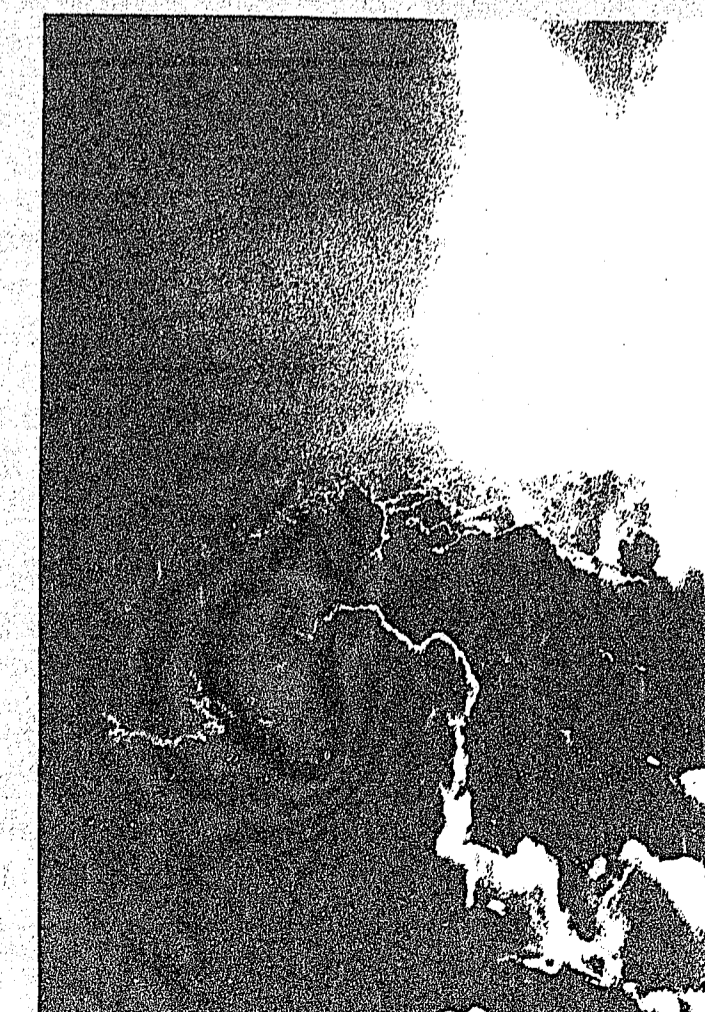
For it is time
to ask Jesus
into your heart.

Don't wait.

Have Courage!

Romans 8:35-39

...What can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or the sword? "We are being done to death for thy sake all day long," as Scripture says; "we have been treated like sheep for slaughter" — and yet, in spite of all, overwhelming victory is ours through him who loved us. For I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths — nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



First in a series of 12 Family Worship Celebrations based on Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs.

God — The Creator

God — We believe in God, the one personal, perfect, and eternal Spirit; Creator and sustainer of the universe, our Father, who manifests a holy redeeming love toward all men.

God is the creator of all good things. Where did you see his handiwork today?

Game — I am thinking of a name for God that begins with S or C, etc.

or

I spy something God made, it is green, etc.

or

Close eyes and pass around seeds, leaves, spices, etc., have individuals identify. May use peanuts, popcorn, other edible seeds and use as snack after game is finished.

Bible Reading by child (help if necessary)
Genesis 1:1, 1:31, 1 Timothy 1:17

Sing — He Has The Whole World In His Hands
(use motions)

Read — Genesis story from favorite book or tell the story with Bible open.

Discussion — Review each day's happening, why in that sequence, what does that mean in our lives?

Learn — After you discuss, Psalm 136:1

Activity — Have large piece of paper and crayons ready. Draw a creation picture together. One person draws, others give directions where, what and what color is drawn.

Prayer — Each one shares thankfulness for one thing God made.

Where can each person see God this week — this month. Talk about it at meals — tell God "Thank You" for it.

An alternative for a person alone or older couples; listen to quiet music, read Genesis 1. Write in notebook or to the Board of Christian Education, your response or feelings about the passage. Additional scripture for study: Isaiah 44: 5-6, 45:18-19, John 1:1-5. □



The Sabbath Recorder

Obituaries

Munro. -- Florence Ada Scriven, daughter of Isaac Jasal and Georgiana Scriven, was born in Philadelphia on July 6, 1886 and died in Long Beach, Calif., on February 10, 1983.

Florence's ancestors were Seventh Day Baptists whose history is traced back to the colonial days. Florence was baptised in the Plainfield, N.J. Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She attended Cooper Union Art School and became a commercial artist in New York. In the early 1900s she worked as a suffragist to gain the right to vote for women.

She was married to James Gordon Munro in April of 1917. They were married for 47 years before he was called home in 1964. They moved to California where their children were born and raised. Florence is survived by a daughter, Alice Munro Isaacs; a son, Arthur Scriven Munro; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burdick. --Erna L. Burdick of Janesville, Wis., died March 21, 1983 at the Janesville Health Care Center, at the age of 84.

The former Erna Dudley was born August 18, 1898, in Hartland. She married Prof. William D. Burdick in June of 1920. He died March 21, 1971. Most of her married years were spent in Milton, Wis., where her husband taught for 40 years at Milton College.

An avid gardener, Mrs. Burdick was one of Milton's first 4-H leaders. She was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, its Women's Circle, Milton Women's Club and Milton Historical Society.

Surviving are a son, Dr. William L. Burdick of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a daughter, Ida Jean Burdick of Milwaukee, Wis.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 24, 1983.

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Breitkreutz. -- Aaron Breitkreutz of Janesville, Wis., died March 29, 1983 at the Edgerton Community Hospital at the age of 87.

Born December 28, 1895, in Lake Mills, Wis., he married Rubie Freguson on July 1, 1939, in Illinois. He worked for A.C. Olstead and T.S. Willis for 50 years as a carpenter.

He was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife Rubie.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 1, 1983.

HES

Crandall. -- Roy Emerson Crandall of Janesville, Wis., died at his home on April 10, 1983 at the age of 70. He was born in Walworth, Wis., on May 12, 1912.

He lived in Milton, Wis., during most of his childhood, attending the Wisconsin School for the Blind and helping part-time in

his father's funeral home.

He attended Milton College for a year, leaving his education when he became active in managing the Crandall Funeral Home in Milton and Walworth during the years 1931-39. During these years he married Mary DeLand, with whom he had two children, Mary Elizabeth and William.

After working for two years in the Rock County courthouse, he lost his sight; although he regained partial vision for a brief period of time, he became totally blind in 1948. During this time, he worked for the U.S. Weather Bureau in Chicago, and he remained stationed in Chicago until 1954.

He worked in the repair of weather instruments in Joliet, Ill., until his retirement in 1965. In 1967, he returned to college life, attending Wisconsin State University at Stevens Point, where he received his B.A. in 1970. He married Alvera Luecke in 1968. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alvera.

He is survived by a brother, Lester, of Delavan, Wis.; a son, William, of Evansville, Wis.; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, of Kenner, La.; and fourteen grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 16, 1983.

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Frederick. -- Carrie Nelson Frederick of Janesville, Wis., died May 4, 1983 at the Cedar Crest Nursing Home at the age of 104.

She married Louis Frederick in 1934. A 20 year resident of Milton, Wis., Mrs. Frederick taught school in Arkansas, Janesville, Wis., and Battle Creek, Mich. She attended the Seventh Day Baptist church in Milton.

She was preceded in death by her husband Louis. Surviving are nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 7, 1983.

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Saunders. -- Doris Bliven Saunders of Albion Wis., died May 30, 1983 in Stoughton, Wis., at the age of 81. She was born January 17, 1902 in Albion, the daughter of John and Jessie Van Horn Bliven.

Doris was a lifetime member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion. She served the church in so many ways as a faithful servant of God, having joined on July 5, 1913. She was a charter member of the Albion Historical Society, serving as an officer at its beginning. She was a long time member of the Home Benefit Society, a part of the church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, who died in 1964. They were married March 15, 1924. To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Jane Algrim of Milton, Wis., and Mrs. Joan Roush of Rockford, Ill. She is also survived by a brother, Horace; three grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a number of good friends who loved her very much.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Robert E. Harris, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion on June 2, 1983.

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Green. -- Ralph H. Green of Milton, Wis., died June 2, 1983 at his home in Milton at the age of 75.

Born January 11, 1908, in Farina, Ill., he married Pansy Scouten on October 15, 1932, in Fouke, Ark. Green attended Milton College and the University of Illinois. He farmed in Fouke until 1946, when he moved to Milton and became self-employed as a dairy farmer. He was a Milton 4-H leader, a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and a former member of the school board.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Edwin of Milton and Dale of Janesville, Wis.; 10 grandchildren; three brothers, George of Monticello, Ill., Maurice of Stroghurst, Ill., and Clark of Altamont, Ill.; three sisters, Sue Maxson of Milton, Marian Lewis of Riverside, Calif., and Mildred Harwood of Hartford, N.Y.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders and Rev. Earl Cruzan at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 6, 1983.

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Stillman. -- Rose H. Stillman of Milton, Wis., died June 11, 1983 at her home in Milton at the age of 80. She was born on August 8, 1902 in Nortonville, Kan., the second daughter of Adelma and Mary Coon Stillman.

A 1926 graduate of Milton College, Miss Stillman also was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Madison, School of Nursing. She was formerly employed by the Salvation Army Martha Washington Home, Milwaukee. Returning to Milton in 1933, she was employed by Drs. Crosby, Davis and Burdick, from which she retired. She was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Milton Historical Society, the Women's Club and was named Citizen of the Year in 1974 by the Milton Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 14, 1983.

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Lippincott. -- Dennis C. Lippincott of Janesville, Wis., died in an airplane crash in West Virginia on June 30, 1983 at the age of 38. He was born on November 21, 1944 in Owatonna, Minn., the eldest son of Darwin and Dorothy Lippincott.

After high school, he spent four years with the Air Force Strategic Air Command, stationed at Dreux Air Force Base in France. He received his associate degree and his Federal Aviation Administration Aircraft and Power Plant license after attending Glendale College in Glendale, Calif. He worked in evangelism with Arthur Blessitt on the Sunset Strip for several years.

On May 30, 1970, Denny married Leanne Martinsen of Milton, Wis., the daughter of Bob and Bernice Martinsen. To this union were born two children, Jennifer Robin in 1972 and Jay Darwin in 1975.

From 1970 to 1976 Denny and Leanne lived in Dodge Center, Minn. He worked in Austin, Minn., for one year as an airplane mechanic before beginning his own aircraft maintenance and pilot service, Lippincott Aviation, at the Dodge Center Airport. For a time he also acted as airport manager.

In 1976, they moved to Swea City, Iowa, where Denny worked as a corporate pilot for Dudley, Incorporated.

They arrived in Janesville, Wisconsin in March of 1979 and Denny became a pilot for Blackhawk Airways. He was on duty, doing what he loved most when he died. He was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Jay, a daughter, Jennifer, both at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lippincott of Lexington, Neb.; two brothers, Daryl of Janesville and Dan of Lincoln, Neb.; and three sisters, Diane Merchant of Jacksonville, Ill., Dawn Deiss of Laramie, Wyo., and Darcy Burdick of Loma Linda, Calif.

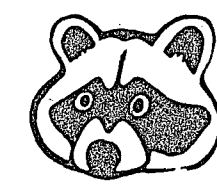
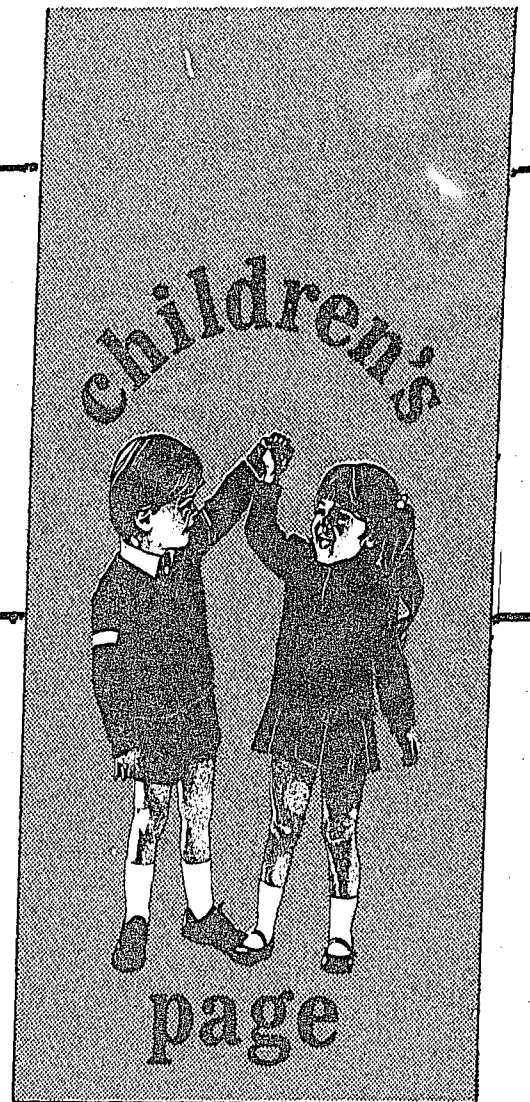
Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 5, 1983.

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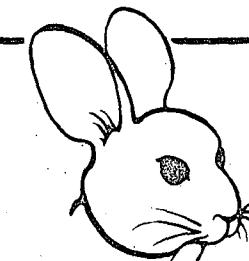
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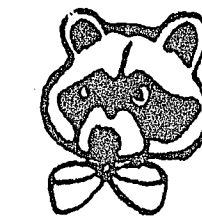
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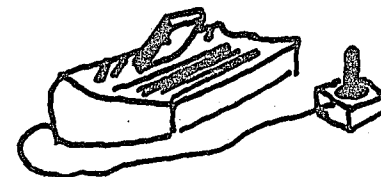
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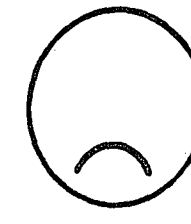
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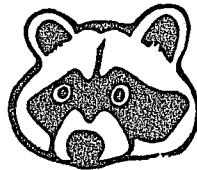





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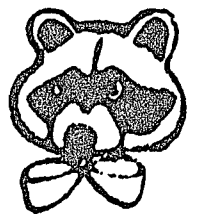



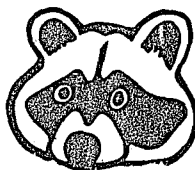
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was playing with  .  got to jumping around in  room and landed on

 favorite  . Smuch! Crunch! Oh what a mess!  was  .  was  .

 came to the door in time to hear and see the boys show mercy that Jesus teaches.  said, "I'm

sorry."  said, "I forgive you." The two boys then picked up the pieces and threw them away.

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

Births

Adams.--A son, Gregory Paul Adams was born to Richard P. and Pamela (Spells) Adams of Battle Creek, Mich., on Feb. 17, 1983.

Morris.--A daughter, Sophia Grace, was born to Peter and Sue Morris of Los Angeles, Calif., on February 25, 1983.

Smith.--A daughter, Kristen Ashley Smith, was born to Todd and Wanda Smith on June 10, 1983.

Brissey.--A daughter, Amanda Lee Brissey, was born to Doug and Leah Brissey on June 14, 1983.

Rice.--A daughter, Noelle Lynn Rice was born to David and Esther (Losey) Rice of Bend, Ore., on June 15, 1983.

Johnson.--Twin sons, Andrew Christopher Johnson and Christopher Andrew Johnson were born to Richard D. and Karen L. (Van Gemert) Johnson of Woonsocket, R.I.

Marriages

Brannon-Wheeler.--Kenneth D. Brannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brannon of Freeville, N.Y., and Helen F. Wheeler, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of Nortonville, Kan., were united in marriage by the bride's father in the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, on May 21, 1983.

Thorngate-Carpenter.--Jeffery E. Thorngate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell L. Thorngate of Battle Creek, Mich., and Terrie Sue Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis D. Carpenter of Athens, Mich., were united in marriage on June 5, 1983, at the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis.

Billings-Owen.--George James Billings, III, and Paula Claudette Owen were united in marriage on July 9, 1983. Pastor Charles Graffius of the Los Angeles SDB Church, officiated.

Accessions

Alfred, N.Y.

Baptism:
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Ken Galle

Testimony:
Nancy Hahn
Peter Stull
Coral Link
Dottie Hotaling
James Inserro
Sue Inserro

Letter:
Craig Mix
Donald Mix

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Dennis Palmer, Pastor

Letter:
Phillip Osborn

Los Angeles, Calif.

Baptism
Shelley Tabor
Danielle Herrera

Testimony
Oscar Godoy

Letter
Julius Henry
Helen Henry
Randy Henry
Carmen Henry
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But, like Moses, I have no voice with which to speak
And there is no Aaron to be a mouth for me.
So, until I acquire the eloquence I seek,
I am just a stepping-stone to Jesus.

Some say, "They serve who only stand and wait."
But, to me, dull and unrewarding seemed this part
Until I read that Jesus washed his helper's feet.
Then, in shame, I asked God to change my erring heart.
And now, although obscure the part, I find it sweet
To be just a stepping-stone to Jesus.

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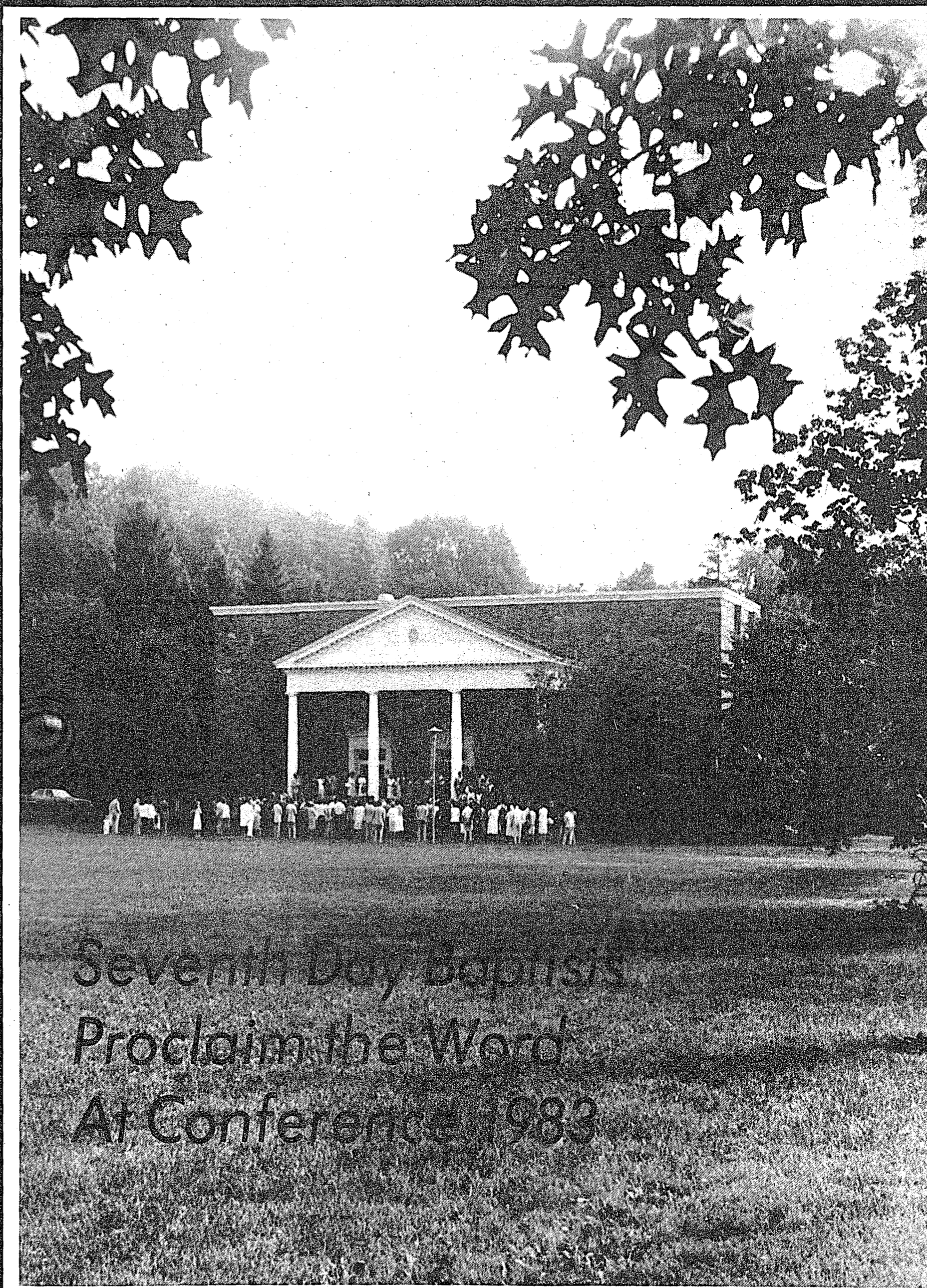
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