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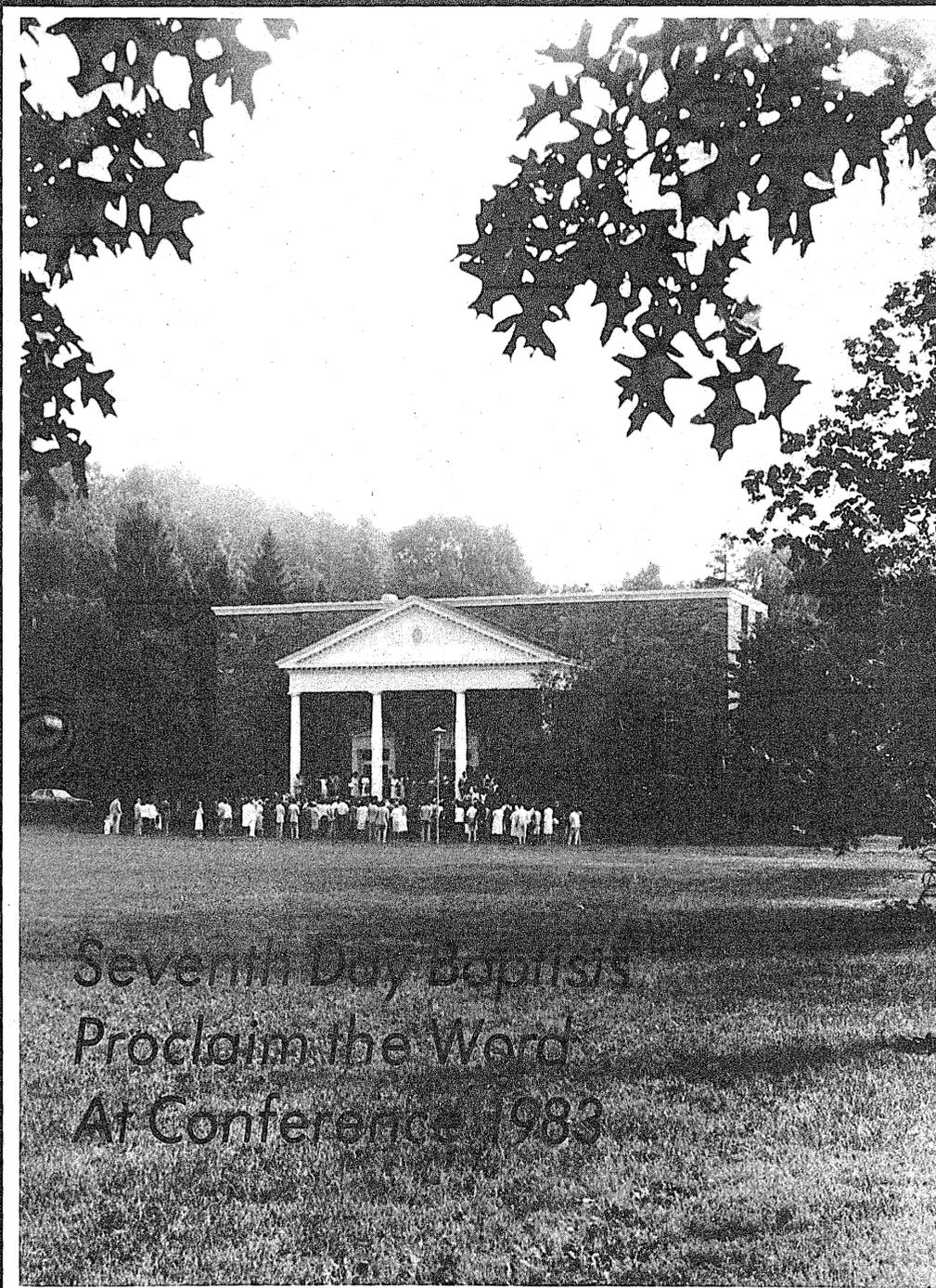
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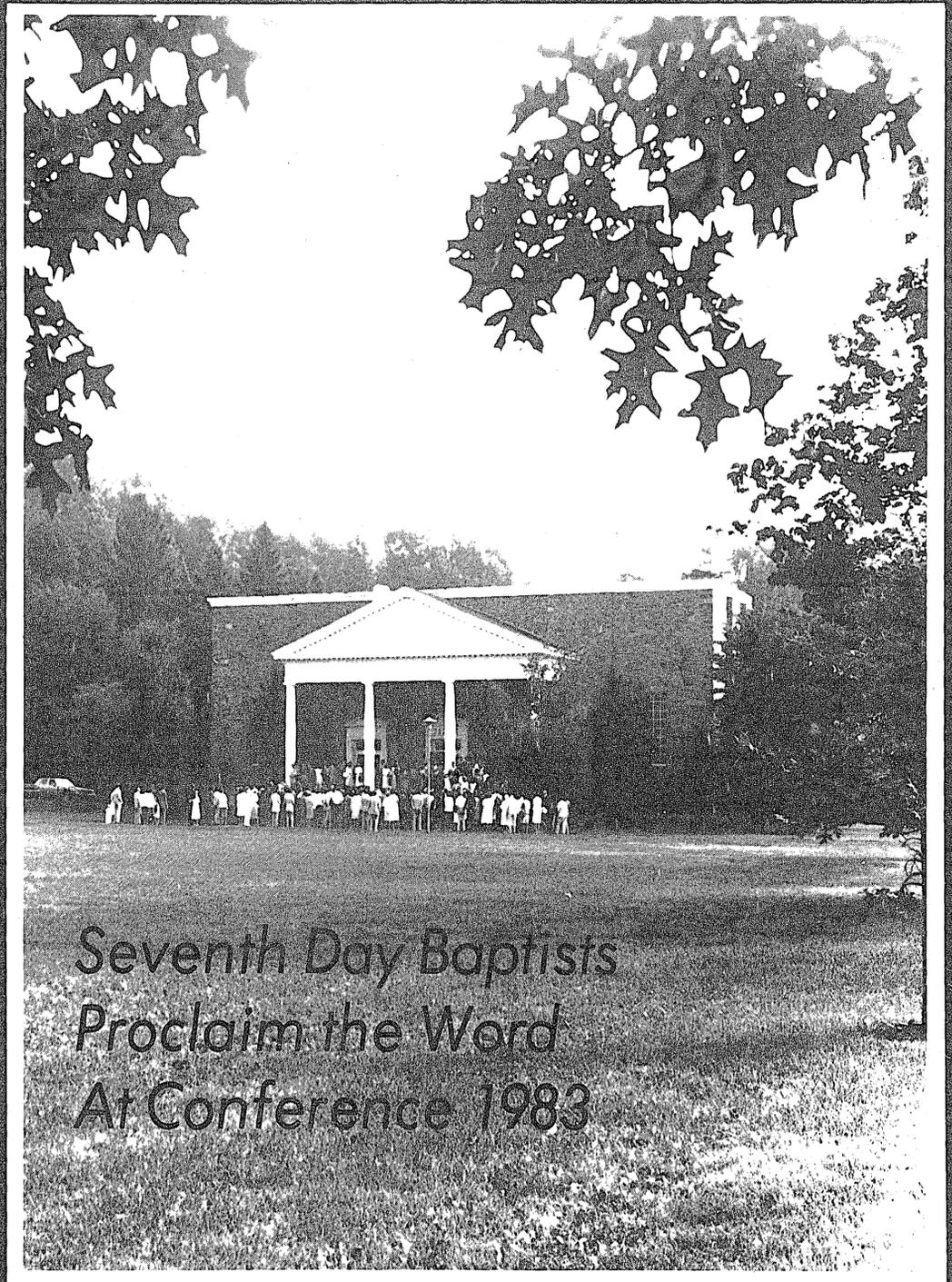
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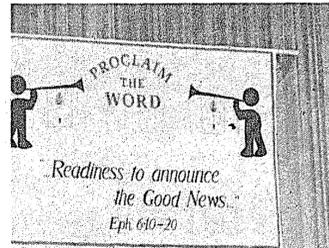
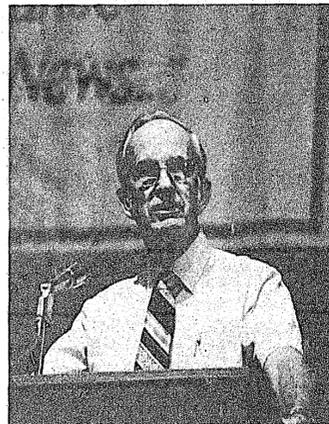
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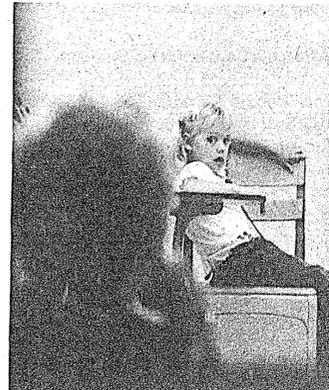
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Delegates gathered on the steps of Houghton College's Wesley Chapel to begin Sabbath School sessions at Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Conference Highlights



(far left) 1983 President K. D. Hurley. (left) The New York City SDB Youth Choir performed on the Sabbath. (below) Committee work was stimulating, though not all were agreed.



★ Fine handling of program by President K.D. Hurley. Business completed by Wednesday, p.m.

★ Outstanding messages and Bible studies on the theme "Proclaim the Word."

★ Slide presentation on work at the Center by Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate.

★ Televised morning and evening devotions by Gordon Lawton via Media Project.

★ Council on Ministry developing a program for training lay ministers.

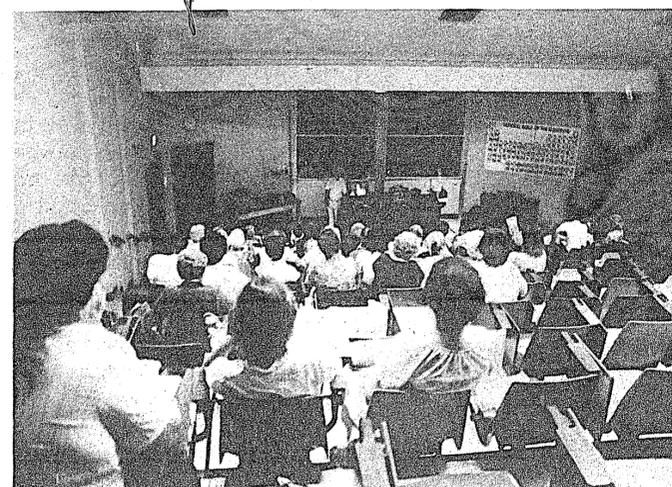
★ Reduced budget askings, 1984 budget \$408,178.

★ Bylaws change adopted for new procedures on roll call vote. Once the question has been formulated and sent to churches, it cannot be amended without being brought back to the churches for reconsideration.

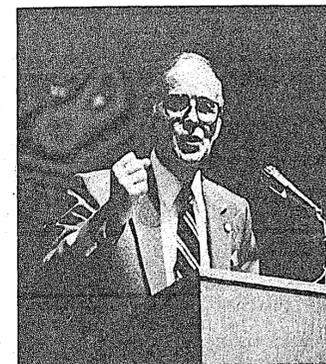
★ New officers of General Conference for 1983-84:
 Leland E. Davis, president
 Calvin Babcock, president-elect
 Phillip Burrows, Second Vice-president
 Oliver Dickinson, Third Vice-president
 Linda Harris, Recording Secretary
 Beverly Kilts, Assistant Recording Secretary



(above) Country musician Joe Babcock performed, as did the Associated Conference children (below).



The Women's Interest Committee was well attended as always. Committee meetings were held in Houghton's modern science hall.



(top) 1984 President, Leland Davis presented his theme. (above) The Christian rock band, VIZION. (below) The quartet from Wisconsin sang.

★ Debt Retirement Plan: Voted to accept goal of debt retirement and mortgage burning at Conference 1984 for denominational center building. Interest suspended on loan by Memorial Board for one year.

★ Recognition of Ambler S.D.B. Church, Pa., and acceptance into General Conference.

★ Accreditation of John Peil, San Gabriel Valley SDB Church, Calif., as SDB minister.

★ Senator Jennings Randolph, W.VA., spoke on Tuesday evening.

★ Joe Babcock, SDB professional performer from Nashville, brought a program of testimony and music Wednesday evening.

★ Jan Lek, of The Netherlands, presented informative slides and lecture on his visits to Eastern European Seventh Day Baptists.

★ An abundance of special musical talent.

★ Appearances of returned missionaries Rod and Camille Henry, Philippines, and David and Bettie Pearson, Malawi.

★ Incoming President Leland Davis presented 1984 conference theme "Building the Body of Christ." Theme scripture: Eph. 4:11-16. Theme verse, 12b NASB (relating to the 1984 Year of Nurture)

★ Plan to attend 1984 General Conference, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, August 5-12, 1983.



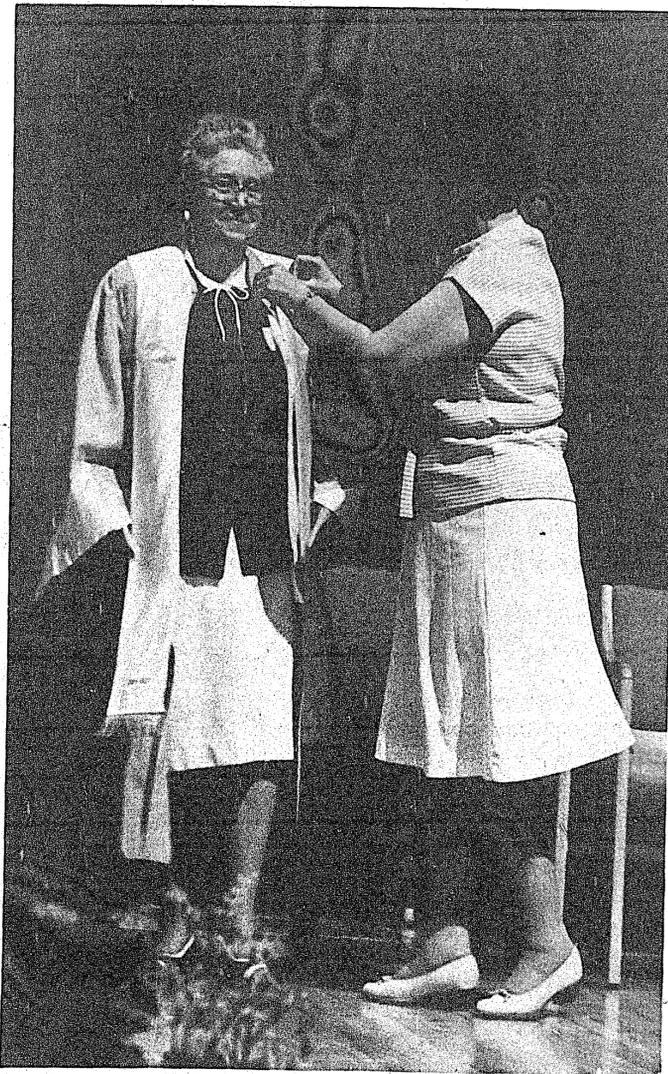
Missionaries Rod and Camille Henry led in daily prayer and praise sessions.



The Robe of Achievement

Dorothy Parrott

Jean Lewis assists Robe of Achievement honoree Dorothy D. Parrott with the robe during Saturday night's awards service.



The Robe of Achievement for 1983 goes to a lady who is very dear to many of us. She has been led by the Lord for all of her life — even when she was not aware of it, which leads us to ask, "What is the Lord preparing you to do in his service?"

As a young girl, our honoree accepted the Lord and, as many of us did in our younger years, vowed to be a good girl.

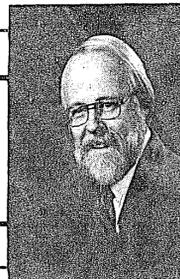
Later as a mother of four and a wife of a struggling young farmer, she filled her role admirably but with not too much thought of the Lord's leading.

Because of her desire to be a better teacher and leader and to improve herself, she went back to school when her children were grown and home responsibilities lessened. She earned her bachelor's degree and taught in an adult education program.

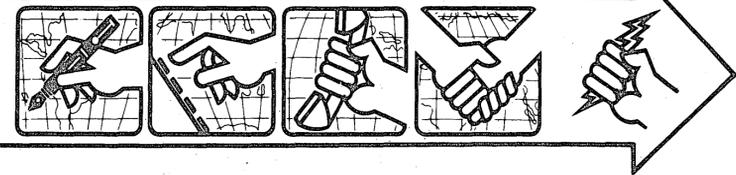
In her local church she has been given a license to preach and has served as a deaconess. She has been church moderator and teacher of classes in *Decision to Discipleship* and *Evangelism Explosion*.

Over the past few years, God has used her greatly in his work through the program of our General Conference, where she has served as our representative to other national church bodies. She has also worked diligently on several denominational committees and boards. She has just completed a term on the General Council.

By this time you may realize that I'm speaking of our 1982 conference President, Dorothy Davis Parrott. □



Dale D. Thorngate, Executive Secretary



SDBs are Responding to God's Word

In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:1

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

The challenges are unlimited. The needs to match the opportunities seem to be equally limitless.

Proclaim the Word

If we are called to *proclaim the word*, it is God's Word — his Son, our Lord Jesus. As I report to you my activities during the past year, I am indeed encouraged that Seventh Day Baptists are proclaiming God's Word. We gain strength from God's promise through the prophet Isaiah that his word would accomplish what he sent it to do.

Relocation

On September 29, 1983, exactly one-year from the day that we closed on the purchase of the new Center in Janesville, the final closing was completed on the sale of the New Jersey building to the City of Plainfield. This leaves us with two things to do to finish the relocation of the denominational offices.

Paying for the move. The first is to finish paying for the building. The total cost of the move including purchase of the building and furniture plus the move of offices and people as well as legal fees, assessments, etc. was \$311,516.30. To date, we have received from Faith Promises and gifts \$132,674. The sale of the

building in Plainfield was \$127,500 and we received \$2,003 from sale of furniture.

It is my prayer that we can complete the purchase of the building before General Conference in 1984 so that a mortgage burning ceremony and building dedication service can take place then. To do this will take approximately \$211,000 to cover principal and interest to that date.

Incorporation in Wisconsin. The second item to be completed regarding relocation is the incorporation of the boards and agencies as well as the General Conference in Wisconsin. A committee appointed to coordinate this work is James Skaggs, Donald Graffius, Don Sanford, and Dale Thorngate, chairman. Legal counsel in Wisconsin and New Jersey have been consulted to determine the necessary action for merger of the New Jersey corporations into new Wisconsin corporations.

The actual act of incorporation in Wisconsin is very simple and can be done quite easily. The necessary revision of bylaws to eliminate those unique to New Jersey could take longer but that is no problem once the agency is incorporated in Wisconsin. Each

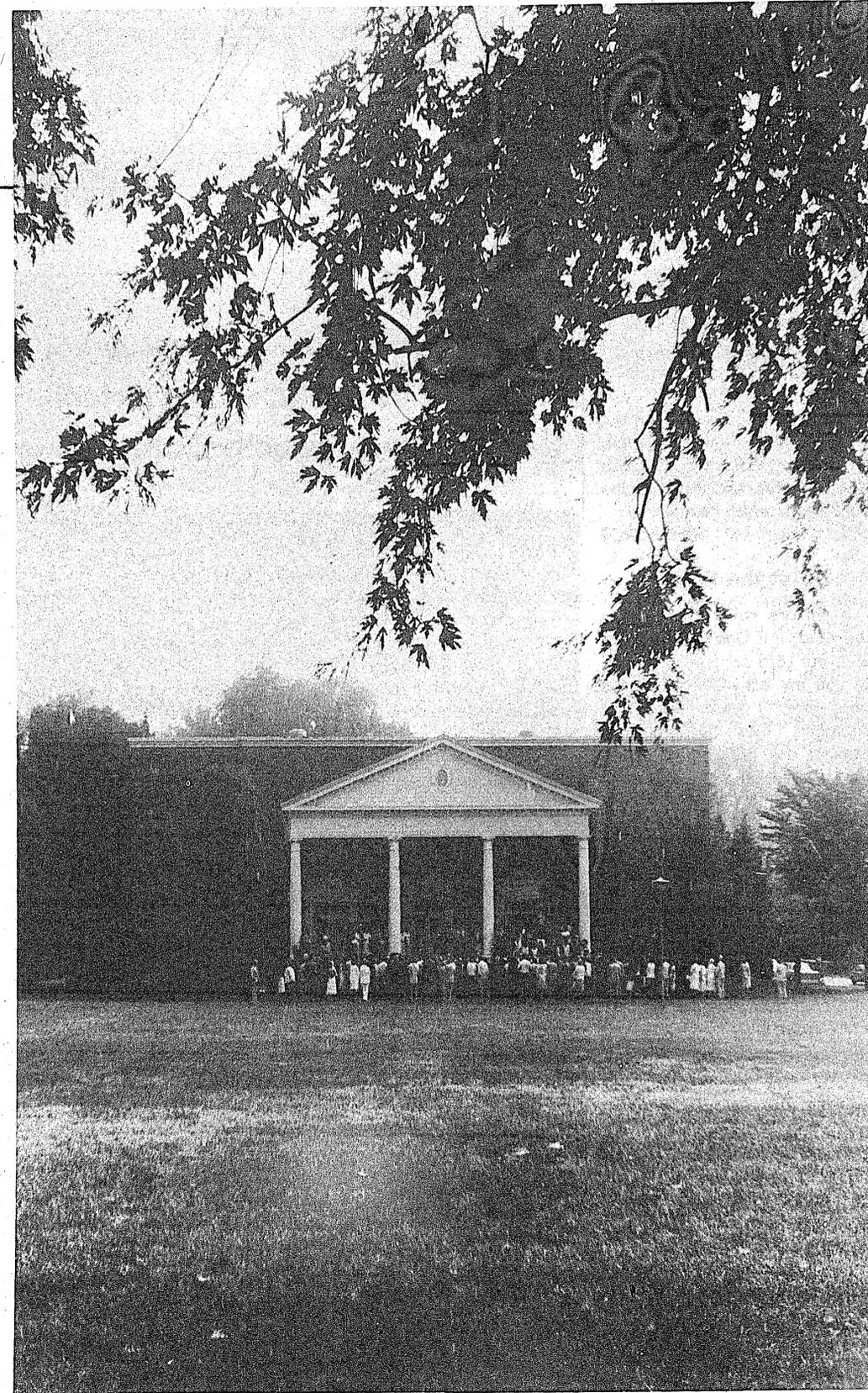
agency involved in the move is in a different stage regarding this necessary action. My hope is that most of it can be completed by January of 1985.

Office Management

Staff. One of the significant events of the year was the transfer of Our World Mission treasurer's duties from Gordon and Wilma Sanford, Little Genesee, New York to Ivan FitzRandolph and Jean Jorgenson in the Center offices. We much appreciate the dedicated service of the Sanfords over a 19-year period. The ability to coordinate the entire denominational financial function more efficiently from one location has been very helpful.

Dedicated service and volunteers. During 1982, Ronda Jacobson worked as a dedicated service secretary performing her duties in an outstanding manner for a full year. From June 1982 to February 1983, Joel Osborn worked as a dedicated service computer operator and programmer. On March 1, he began work as a half-time, salaried, employee essentially doing the same work. He has also been instru-

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The Word of God — God Speaking to Us

A conference sermon
by J. Paul Green

I Samuel 9

Let us go way, way back in time and in the scriptures to the time of Samuel and Saul.

Samuel, old, well established, was something less than a prophet but a great deal more than a fortune-teller. He was known to the people as a seer, or a see-er, one who seemed to have the gift of seeing things that other people could not see. We might call it a gift of vision. Things hidden from other people, he saw plainly and clearly. So it was natural that when people were in trouble of some kind, they came to Samuel.

Sometimes it was relatively trivial, like lost donkeys, but then donkeys were the poor man's camels and important to them. So, they went to him and he could tell them where to look. Often, he was asked to judge disputes and to be the law for the people of the land. Sometimes he was their leader in worship; a kind of a "circuit-rider" from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpha to Rama, the towns of the hills of central Israel. From season to season, Samuel made his rounds.

At this time in their history, the

Israelites were in trouble. They had made their way out of the desert, into the land of promise several decades before, at great cost and great sacrifice. They had taken the hill towns, which to them seemed impregnable.

Just a few days ago, we took a ride out of Almond, New York, near Alfred Station, going west on the old "Turnpike Road." We went up and up and up and up into the hills. I have decided that while the hills of West Vir-

The Bible is an interesting story. It can move you as you read it.

ginia may be steeper and closer together, the hills of this area are, indeed, higher. We were on the original road from Almond to the west. The reason that it took to the high places was that when you were traveling you wanted to be above the Indians. In that way, it was harder for them to attack you.

This was the same philosophy followed by the Hebrews, some 3000 years earlier; but they underestimated the Philistines. The Philistines lived over along

the coast, in the flat country. They had no open country behind them to retreat to the way the American Indians did. So, the Philistines were determined to rid the country of these interlopers.

The Israelites were no match for them. Even in their mountain strongholds, they were a loose-knit bunch of tribes with no unity. It seemed the only time that they succeeded was when Samuel led them. Now, he was making noises about retiring. In fact, he had given some of his duties over to his sons; Joel and Abijah. But, they were pale copies of their father.

The people came to Samuel and said, "Give us a king. Appoint a king for us."

Can't you hear the debate? "My sons are going to take over my job," Samuel said, "You don't need a king, you'll have..."

"No!" the people said, "Your sons are not like you; they cheat us; we can't trust them. Give us a king."

"The Lord, Yaweh, is your king."

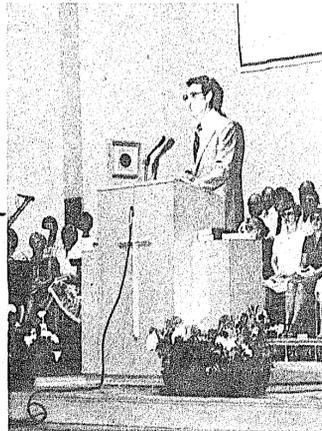
"Yeah, we know that, but that's not enough. We need a king. We need somebody to lead us into battle."

"Yaweh will lead you into battle."

"OK, but we still need a king like other people have. We're tired of being a second-rate power."

Samuel continues, "A king will mistreat you. He'll make your sons serve in the army. He'll make your daughters work for him. He'll take the best of your crops. He'll take your land and give it to his officers. He'll make

(right) Rev. J. Paul Green, Dean of the Center on Ministry. (below) This year, 19 young people participated in Summer Christian Service Corps.



you pay high taxes and eventually, he'll make slaves out of you!

"Come on, Samuel, you're overstating the case. We want a king."

"Then," said Samuel, "after all this has happened and you're enslaved, you'll call out to God to be saved and he won't listen to you because you didn't obey him."

"We want a king! We want a king! We want a king..."

"All right, all right," said Samuel.

The Lord said, "Yup, that's the way they treated me. Go ahead and let them have their king."

"Well, who shall I get?" Samuel thought. Where was there a man with the leadership qualities equal to the job. There was no one in sight. Then, one day up the path came a young man looking for Samuel. He was young, tall, strong and handsome. As he came up the path on his strange errand, Samuel, who had never laid eyes on him, saw his man; a man with the gift of leadership.

"Forget the donkeys," Samuel said. "Come with me to the feast." He gave him the best

seat at the feast and the best lodging. The next day when he got him alone he said, "Saul, let me tell you the word of God. The Lord has appointed you to rule his people, Israel, and save them from their enemies."

We are told that God gave Saul a "new heart." The Good News Bible calls it a "New nature" and things happened just the way Samuel had said.

For me, the Bible centers on the narratives and teaching of the gospels on Jesus Christ.

It is a great story. It is history. It is a record of something that happened in the past. The Bible is filled with history along with many types of writing. It is filled with the ancient traditions of a people. Sometimes we might wonder how historical it is. However, it is the tradition of a people who are somehow, mysteriously, the people of God. Therefore those traditions have

special meaning for us.

We also have lyric poetry, like the Psalms, parts of Luke and Philippians. We have meditations on the nature of God; how he revealed himself and on the meaning of human life in books like Job, Colossians and many others. We have collections of good advice for daily living like Proverbs and the book of James. There are tracts for hard times like Daniel and Revelation. For me, it all centers on the narratives and teaching of the gospels on Jesus Christ.

One of the keys to understanding and appreciating the Bible is to distinguish the kind of writing that we have as we read. In I Samuel, chapter nine, it is history. We can say that this is great literature. It is an interesting story and it can move you as you read it. It is narrative writing at its best, but it did not have to be that way. The textbook that I had when I was a college freshman, somehow, did not move me. A few years later, I read a book entitled, "Napoleon's Russian Campaign" and I was fascinated. I remember Rex Burdick reading the story of Jacob and Esau at a minister's conference and it was electric. The Bible as history could have simply recorded the death of Saul and Jonathan like a newspaper account. But when the Bible records David's expression of grief, all of us who have lost loved ones, are moved.



(left) A large men's chorus performed. (below) The close of the conference included a colorful parade of banners from SDB youth fellowships.



On the hills of Israel, our glory is dead.
How have the mighty fallen?
Do not announce it in Gath or in the streets of Ashkelon,
Do not let the women of the Philistines be glad.
Do not let the daughters of the pagans rejoice.
May no rain or dew fall on Gilboa's hills.
May its fields lie always barren,
For the shields of the brave lie there in disgrace.
The shield of Saul is no more polished with oil.
Saul and Jonathan, so wonderful and dear,
Together in life, together in death,
Swifter than eagles, stronger than lions.
Women of Israel, mourn for Saul.
I grieve for you my brother Jonathan.
How dear you were to me.
How are the mighty fallen, their weapons perished.

The Bible is full of literature like that.

I want to call your attention, particularly, to the beautiful words of Samuel as he stands alone with this young man who is about to become king, realizing all that that will mean for him and for Israel. He says, "Stop for a moment so that I may make known to you the word of God."

Think what that little expression means ... the word of God. We use that phrase so glibly,

so casually. What does it mean? I am sure that the meaning, for each of us, is somewhat different. The definitions vary. In its simplest form, I would like to suggest that it means that God speaks to us. Behind all the complexities of human events is the mind of the creator. From time to time, he speaks his mind to man. Remember how Hebrews starts out that in past ages he has spoken to us through the law and the prophets, but finally in Jesus Christ.

Did you notice in the hymn that we sang earlier, the various ways in which the hymn says that God speaks to us?

Oh Father, who at sundry times
Did speak by sage and seer
And in the Son of Man
Hath given a revelation clear.
The living word, revealed to men
The life, the truth, the way.
The pages of the written word
Record redemption's plan.
The spoken word, ordained by God
Conveys its truth to man.
Lord thou dost speak in every age
Through deeds of truth and power.
Now speak again, our souls engage
Inspire thy church this hour.
Then send us forth, as sons of God
To show our kingly birth;
That men, through us, this day may see
They kingdom come on earth.

Some may say that to talk of the word of God in such ways is too simple and not precise enough. I have listened to, read about and sometimes participated in the debates about the scriptures and how they are inspired and what inerrancy means. I confess that I have trouble warming up to the whole topic. Arguing about inerrancy reminds me of Sharon Scott's limerick:

Oh, we Baptists just cannot agree
On the meaning of inerrancy.
On new Bible versions,
Some cast deep espersions
And say, "Jesus spoke KJV."

I find that, more and more, I am agreeing with Dwight L. Moody when he said, "I know the Bible is inspired because it inspires me." Some are troubled by things in the Bible that seem obscure and difficult, apparent contradictions, events, sentiments, actions of God that seem, to them, to be unbelievable or unworthy of God. They suggest, "Why take any of it seriously?" But I say that they are asking too much. If they are saying that you cannot take any

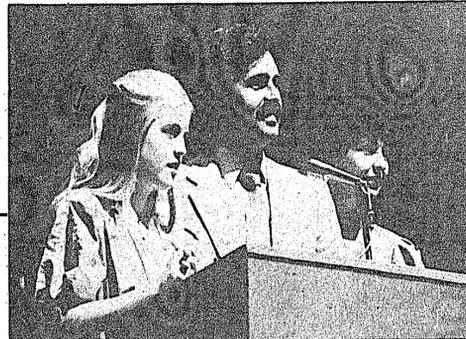


(above) Barbara Green and Donald Graffius.

of it seriously, then they are asking me to give up the 23rd Psalm and I Corinthians 13 and Luke 10 and Luke 15 and John 3 and John 9. I am finding that as I go along and study and grow, my list of favorite chapters and books gets longer and longer. That is one of the reasons why we need to study and memorize. As we study, our own Bible, what we really use and know, will grow.

What difference does it make what our theory of inspiration and inerrancy is if we do not really know the Bible and make it a part of ourselves? Sure, we find passages that are difficult, that trouble us or confuse us. But, unless that is all we are looking for, for every one of those we find several more that intrigue us, inspire us and bless us. The others seem to fade away by comparison, until the question no longer seems important. At least, that is my experience.

We each need to find our own way to study and to memorize, but we need to do it. I have found a rather unusual way, I think. I put a bit of scripture on a card, and as I walk the dog at night, I go under a number of street lights. Under the light, I pull the card out and read a little bit and then go on in the dark. At each light I review a little more. Sometimes by the



Laura, John and Hope Bevis (right, l to r) led the closing service. (below) Pres. Hurley & his wife, Shireen sang a duet.



The word of God; God speaking to us.

If God does speak to us, how do we know what he is saying? Probably, we need to ask that kind of question as we read. Probably, you will find that not every passage of scripture will speak to you, nor will it necessarily give you the same message.

Just as an example, think again about I Samuel, chapter nine. This is what it says to me; or what God is saying to me. "Above and beyond all your attempts to run your own life, there is a greater plan by a greater planner. While you were looking for a king, he has prepared a king for you, if you will recognize him. While you were trying to work out the problems of your life, he is working, sometimes in hidden ways, to bring his highest purposes to pass — through you."

This is what he says to me, "When a need arises, God will send someone to fill it. When you are in trouble, when you are 'up against it,' God is already preparing something to help you meet that. When you are at your wits end; when you don't know which way to turn; when you are afraid that the Philistines will come and destroy everything that you cherish, don't panic. Stand still awhile, until you hear the word of God."

The word will come, as it came then, to the person who carefully and patiently listens. □

time I am home I have memorized several more verses. When the ball games are on at the park, I can read all the way down and all the way back.

I find that when I am reading, studying and memorizing, for me, the word of God is growing. Sometimes a particular scripture does not mean much to me at that moment, but often it is just as the Summer Christian Service Corps kids have said as they have tried to memorize. They say that it comes to mind at appropriate times — when you need it. They are surprised to discover this. If we stop learning it and stop reading it, it goes away. It fades quickly out of our thought and out of our memory. We need to keep on learning it so that we can share it, and most importantly, so that we can live by it.

Hebron Celebrates 150th



(left) The church on Crandall Hill — The Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church. (below) Rev. Don Sanford was the keynote speaker. (bottom) Church Clerk, Rachel Kenyon reads letters from sister churches.



students from the former seminary came to Hebron for their first pastorate, or to supply the pulpit in the absence of a minister. Rodney and Camille Henry, missionaries on furlough from The Phillipines were also present.

Pearl Brock was the organist for a congregation that filled the sanctuary.

A fellowship dinner in the community building was folled by the Anniversary Celebration in the church. The congregation for the afternoon celebration filled both the sanctuary and the vestibule.

William W. Thompson, moderator, recognized all former pastors from the Rev. Rowse Babcock, the first minister, called in 1844, to the present pastor, Rev. Steven P. Crouch. The oldest living minister of the church, the Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, who was called for one year in 1925 but resigned after six months because of ill health, is now living in a rest home in New York.

Keynote speaker was the Rev. Don A. Sanford, who spoke on *Claiming Our Inheritance From The Lord*, using Joshua 14:13 as his text. Sanford, the son of the late Deacon Mark Sanford of Little Genesee, N.Y., came to Hebron as a child with his family on a regular basis, as his father served the church by preaching twice a month for three or four years. On alternate Sabbaths laymen filled the pulpit as they had done during the church's

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by Rachel Kenyon

Members of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hebron, Pennsylvania, on Crandall Hill, August 6, met to renew and sign their covenant on the occasion and observance of the 150th anniversary of the church's organization, February 10, 1833.

The Rev. Steven P. Crouch led the morning worship service preceding the renewal and signing ceremony which was conducted by a former pastor, the Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn of Daytona Beach, Florida.

A medley of praise songs was sung by a quartet composed of Pearl Brock, Kathryn Thompson, David Hauber and Pastor Crouch. A prayer for the Hebron church was offered by another former pastor, the Rev. Herbert E.

Saunders of Milton, Wisconsin.

Twelve churches were represented with delegates from California, Oregon, Illinois, New York, Connecticut, Wisconsin, West Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan and Florida. Letters of greeting were read by Rachel Kenyon, clerk, from 26 sister churches and former members from across the United States.

Noted visitors were General Conference Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate and Editor-Historian D. Scott Smith. Another special visitor was Mrs. Agnes Bond, 96, of Alfred, New York. Mrs. Bond was the wife of the late Ahva J. C. Bond, Dean of the old Seventh Day Baptist School of Theology in Alfred. Many



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For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

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Tips for Youth Fellowship Advisors

by Roger Langworthy

Being YF advisors has become a great experience for Melanie and myself. It has given us some big challenges now and then, but the rewards have been much greater. Maybe some of the things that I share with you will be helpful to your YF group and advisors.

I think our biggest challenge has been in planning lessons that will meet the needs of all the kids. When you have a group of kids ranging from 7th grade to 12th grade or college age, there is not only a great difference in physical and emotional maturity, but also in spiritual maturity. Bible study needs to be basic enough for all to understand, but yet not too simple that it offers no growth or learning.

We have also tried to vary our ways of teaching in order to keep things interesting. We have done play-acting in which the kids are assigned a role to play from a character in a Bible passage. After acting it out, we discuss what needs to be learned from the passage. One Easter we had a pass-over supper in which we discovered the meaning and the symbolism of the foods eaten in the Jew's celebration of their deliverance from Egypt. The following week we had the Lord's supper.

At the present time we are studying the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in Acts 1:8, "but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses..." Some of the kids have shared how they have friends in school, even Christian school, who don't know Jesus and are having problems with drugs and other things. This causes them to want to be able to share Jesus with them. We are trying to help the kids to grow and learn to become the

most effective witnesses they can by learning to rely on the power of God through the Holy Spirit.

The most important thing when planning lessons is to be led by the Lord. He knows each individual youth group and what they need.

One of the greatest rewards of being youth advisors is that we have grown very close to a great group of kids. So close that it sometimes seems they are our own. We have been able to watch them mature and develop and become firm in their faith, even in the midst of those tough adolescent years.

Another benefit is the terrific times we have in fun and fellowship. Many times are made available so that the

A Which Day, What?

by Steve Osborn

I'm sure most of you realize that it isn't always easy to be a Sabatarian. And it's even harder explaining over and over and over what, why, and how you don't do the things "normal" kids do on Friday nights and Saturdays.

My case is no exception because I'm really into sports. This didn't present that much of a problem up through junior high since most events didn't occur on Sabbath. Also, after living in the same place for 14 years, I had most of my friends, coaches and teachers trained that "Steve doesn't do those things on Friday night or Saturday."

Then came high school where many sporting and musical events, dances, plays, etc. just happen to take place on Sabbath. Moving didn't help things a lot. I had to start over again

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Youth Fellowship

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by Kim Zincke

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We are all very close to one another. I guess most of the reason for this is our town is pretty small, and most of the kids here are into some bad parties and are jerks. So we stick close and do a lot of things together. We have parties, go biking, have picnics, etc., together whenever we can.

Our YF has been keeping pretty busy so far this year. We've had three or four fund raisers; we also had a retreat

in May and two more fund raisers in July to raise money to help four of us get to conference this year. We took the responsibility of teaching Sabbath School (for the graded department) for the whole summer. We meet every Friday night for Bible study lessons and YF business. Roger and Mel keep these interesting by letting us pick what we would like to study about. This way it's our choice, so we pay more attention and learn!

We weren't always this close, and I know how it is with the ones that aren't. We have something very special, and I wish that all YFs were as much of a family as the eight of us are. It took the right advisors and time to get this way, but I wouldn't want to do without this family now! They are all very special. □

Why Should the Devil Have All the Good Music?

by Steve Osborn

"I want the people to know,
That He saved my soul,
But I still like to listen
To the Radio!"

Does this line from a Larry Norman song apply to you? Do you want to live for Jesus but like to listen to music that you can tap your toes to and get up and dance to? Are you tired of listening to secular music which has lyrics that definitely don't glorify God?

Then, Christian Rock is for you! Contemporary music without those worldly words to drag you down.

If you're thinking that it just isn't the same, you're right. It's better. Many Christian rock artists and bands, such as Larry Norman, Petra, Resurrection Band, Sweet Comfort Band, Randy Stonehill and Matthew Ward (to name only a few) are coming out with sounds unmatched by even secular rock bands. Phil Keaggy is a Christian artist considered by even many secular artists to be one of the greatest guitarists in the world. And he uses his talent to glorify God.

If you haven't heard of these names before, rush down to the nearest Christian book store and look for them. If they haven't got them, ask if they can get them. It's worth it.

You see, the devil doesn't have all the good music. 'Cause Jesus is the rock that can roll your blues away. □

Water

*It shines and glows
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it goes until it reaches another ledge
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by Dana Taylor

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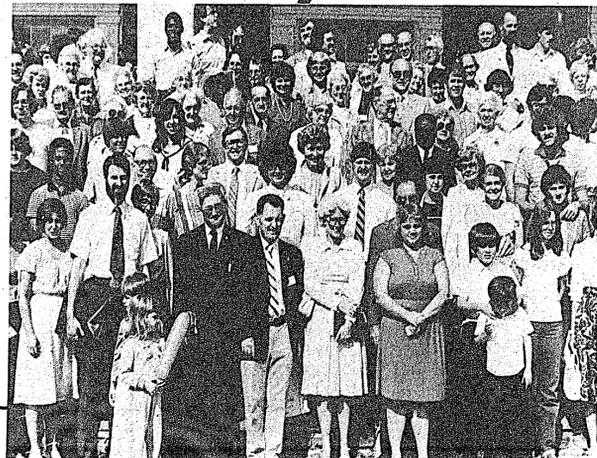
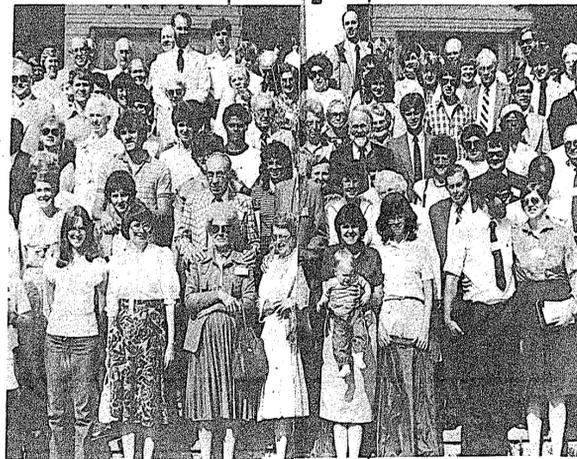
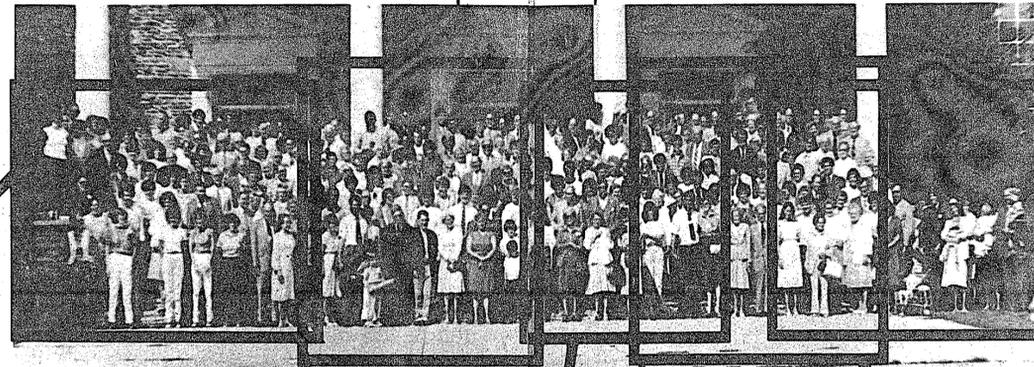
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A Prayer Reminder for Each Day

October 1983

Verse for the month: "Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! Thou hast relieved me in my distress; Be gracious to me and hear my prayer ... Thou hast put gladness in my heart, ... In peace I will both lie down and sleep, For Thou alone, O Lord, dost make me to dwell in safety." Psalm 4:1, 7a, 8 NAS

Pray For:

1. A Sabbath of celebration, sharing and fruitbearing
2. '84 local church planning — Discipleship/Nurture emphasis
3. Area Association meetings: PCA, NC, MC, CNY, AL
4. Dean J. Paqi Green, Center On Ministry
5. Council on Ministry's lay pastor training program
6. New seminary students
7. Pastor Jin Sung Kim, Sung Nam City, Republic of Korea
8. Mid-Continent SDB Association at Boulder, CO
9. Responsibility in stewardship
10. Planning of SDBWF Week of Prayer 1984
11. Missionary Pastor Bob Wright, Upper East TN, Blountville, TN
12. Secy. A.K. Harawa, Central Africa Conf., Blantyre, Malawi
13. Nigerian SDB Conference
14. Extension Pastor C. Justin Camenga, Portland, OR
15. Sabbath School teachers
16. Board of Christian Education quarterly meeting, Alfred, NY
17. My church's ministry in the community
18. Rev. James Sawani, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
19. Missionary Pastor Perry Cain, Columbus, OH
20. Peace in the world
21. Ministers' wives
22. Pacific Coast Association of SDB, Los Angeles, CA
23. Missionary Board Quarterly Meeting, Westerly, RI
24. Rev. B. John V. Rao and his ministries in India
25. People in ill health
26. David and Bettie Pearson as they visit local churches
27. College students as they seek to bring Christ into their lives
28. Churches seeking pastoral leadership
29. That new people will worship with us this Sabbath
30. Unity in the SDB World Federation
31. Those who are unemployed

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MISSIONS TODAY

by Leon R. Lawton

SOUTH KOREA — Douglas Williams, a member of the Atlanta SDB church is visiting Korea this fall seeking to be of aid to Pastor Jin Sung Kim and the three congregations of Seventh Day Baptists there. For years Williams has had "children" which he supported in their school in Korea. Any SDB who is traveling abroad should plan to meet with other SDBs on their journey. Write the SDB Center, PO Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547 for guidelines for visitors, names, addresses and information. Such visits can be a positive help in Christian fellowship and understanding!

BLOUNTVILLE, TN — Following several weeks as lay parttime pastor at the Upper East Tenn. SDB church, Pastor Bob Wright became full time pastor from August 1, 1983 and a missionary pastor under the board's plan. This is also a special project of the Southeastern SDB Association.

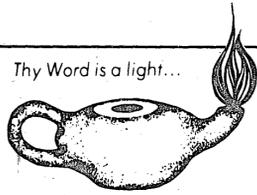
ATLANTA, GA — August 27th was a day of "opening" for their new building and marked a new beginning for the Metropolitan Atlanta SDB church! With these facilities, it is now possible to more effectively reach out into this large metropolitan area. The modular unit will seat a congregation of 65 and has Sabbath School and other rooms. Church Extension Pastor Bill Shobe leads this new church that was organized in 1982.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, KINGSTON, JAMAICA — The lightbearers Association, formed some years ago, is active in social ministries including twice monthly "days" for the older residents of their community. A medical clinic, staffed by a SDB Dr. and nurses, is also held on these days to meet needs in that area. At their July meeting, the Missionary Board voted funds to aid in this new medical outreach. An adjacent residence has been leased and a new building on land purchased by the local church is planned for their growing witness and ministry.

BRAZIL, SOUTH AMERICA — Floods of record intensity hit the three southern states of parana, Santa Caterina and Rio Grande do Sul in July, were the majority of the Seventh Day Baptist churches are located. Some church buildings --Temples-- on higher ground were spared buy homes and businesses were severely damaged. This came the week following a visit to this area by Missionary Society Exec. VP, Leon R. Lawton.



CHURCH GROWTH 1983? — Our Growingest Church in 1982 was Central SDB, Upper Marlboro, MD who received the banner at the closing service at Conference in Houghton, NY, August 13th. Data is based on the Accentions column of The Sabbath Recorder. (Growth is measured on the percentage of new members to the church's current congregation.) Be sure your church information is sent in regularly. The Memphis, TN church reported ten new members in the first six months of 1983.



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Family Worship Is Celebration

Rev. Gordon and Linda Lawton of Boulder, Colo., enjoyed preparing this material, anticipating other Seventh Day Baptist families would be blessed as they worship together.

The following Family Worship Celebration is designed as a series of five, 3 to 10 minute sessions, which can be done everyday for a week, or once a week for five weeks, etc. If you wish to have just one 15-20 minute celebration, we suggest either session 2 or 3, plus sessions 4 and 5.

These sessions are designed for evenings, before or after the evening meal. Session 5 is planned around the main meal of the day, since the lesson itself involves the foods to be served.

IV The Bible

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Session 1 — "We believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man..."

God's Book

The purpose of this activity is to make children aware of what people are found in the Bible, how they (the children) fit into God's family, and how the Bible is God's book.

You will need:

- Large piece of paper with outline of tree drawn on it
- Pictures of Bible characters (may be taken from Sabbath School materials)

- Picture of your child/children
- Scissors and glue
- Bible (translation easily understood by your children)
- Other books

Read to your child several verses about each Bible character. Then help the child select the picture of that person, cut out the face, and glue it to "God's Family Tree." Examples: Abraham (Gen. 12:1-7), Noah (Gen. 6:9-22), Moses (Ex. 3:1-10), etc. You may want to use longer or shorter passages, depending on the ages of your children. Explain to the child that he is a part of God's family, too, when he has asked Jesus to come and live in his heart. Then glue the child's picture directly below a picture of Jesus.

Show the child the other books you have and tell him, "These stories were written by (Shakespeare, Laura Ingalls Wilder, etc.), so we could call this his/her book. The stories in the Bible, like the ones we've read, come from God, and that is why the Bible is God's book."

Session 2 — "... of which Jesus is the supreme interpreter..."

This is a time to read some scriptures and discuss them. The ages of your children will, of course, determine the level of your discussion. Be sure to use a translation which will be readily understandable by all members of your family. Choose scriptures which show Jesus' high view of Old Testament writings, and those which show how he re-interpreted or appealed to the authority of scripture.

Some suggestions are:

- Matt. 5:17-20, 21-22, 27-48; 19:1-12
- Mark 2:23-28; 12:35-37
- Luke 17:26-29

Session 3 — "... and that it is our final authority in matters of faith..."

This is a time when the message of salvation may be presented, since it is only by faith that we are saved. For small children a good way to do this is to teach all the verses of "Jesus Loves Me". For older children and adults, you might want to use the "Romans Road", or any other method which appeals to you.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide,
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Jesus, take this heart of mine,
Make it pure and wholly thine;
On the cross you died for me,
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Hymns for the Family of God, #226

The Romans Road

- Romans 3:10
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
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- Romans 10:9-10
- Romans 12:1, 2

Session 4 — "... and conduct."
For small children — make an

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"Obedience Book"

The purpose of this activity is to make children aware of what things God wants them to do (and not to do!), and to make a book to help remind them.

You will need:

- Scrapbook (construction paper tied with yarn is fine)
- Old magazines with pictures
- Scissors and glue
- Bible
- Pen or pencil

As you read to your child scriptures that tell what God wants him to do, let him look through the magazines to find a picture which shows that to him. Help him cut out the picture and glue it in the book, then write on the page the scripture reference and a word or two to describe it.

For the entire family — discuss those areas of your life in which you have the most trouble being obedient to God's word. Pray for the ability to be more obedient in these areas.

Some suggestions:

- Love your neighbor as yourself — Luke 10:25-37 (especially verse 27)
- Lay up treasures in Heaven — Matt. 6:19-24; 1 Tim. 6:17-19
- Thou shalt not covet — Ex. 20:17; 1 Tim. 6:3-10
- Keep the Sabbath Day holy — Ex. 20:8-11; Is. 58:13-14

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In doing this, scripture will become more alive. This may be especially helpful for small children, but it is an interesting activity for all ages.

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Put whatever limitations on this you feel are necessary, such as only using food items already in the house. You might even want to restrict it to Old Testament foods. Children too young to actually plan and/or prepare a

course by themselves may help an older child or adult by pouring, spreading, etc. (The Open Bible has a listing of "Foods of Bible Times" which would be a great help in the planning.)

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Session 5 — Extra activities for children.

1. Collect various items which have smells mentioned in the Bible, such as cinnamon, mint, cedar, etc. Show the child where these are found in the Bible.

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by Ruth Bucher

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Where and when shall our Christian responsibility begin? If Christ felt accountable to his Heavenly Father at the age of 12 years, would it not seem reasonable that we too should start assuming our Christian responsibilities as soon as we have the capacity to perceive the distinction between right and wrong? What better time to commence a truly Christian life than the early opportunity to show consideration for fellow students, respect for our elders and loving obedience to God and parents?

When childhood has given way to youth and late teens, our Christian responsibility widens. Now we must face new temptations such as smoking, drugs, alcohol, sex, etc. We may be armed with only our faith in God to sustain us, when our fellow beings and the world around us seem possessed to do the very opposite of what we, as followers of Jesus, have been taught. What a wonderful chance to set a Christian example.

Next, we find that early adulthood has brought many major crises, among the most important of which are, for young men, serving the armed forces, and for both sexes higher education and marriage. What is our duty to God and country? Shall men submit without question to the idea that we must be trained in war-like manner for self-preservation, or shall they better temper their submission by requesting that they be given obliga-

tions which do not require the taking of lives? Perhaps armed with the Holy Spirit and their Bible they can help to save more souls there, than at any time during their life.

Much thought should be given to the career that we choose in life. Is it one that can be used to the glory of God, in that

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we can not only better serve our fellowman, but be able to keep the Sabbath and do his bidding as well?

What about marriage? Should we not show some ethical discrimination in choosing a life partner? We all know that many times our hearts rule where it might have been wiser to have let our head make the decision. We know too that love is all

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Elsie Burdick, Esther Ruggles, and Ada Davis.

We have had two weekend seminars so far this year. The first in March on Personal Insight, and the second one in June on Stewardship. Both have been attended with great enthusiasm, and all feel they have received a real blessing from them.

Vacation Bible School this year was "Take It To The Lord In Prayer." Carol Willhoit was the director. It was a real success; there were so many young ones who were so eager to learn.

important in marriage and love involves the heart much more directly than the head; therefore, shall we not put ourselves in the most favorable place and position possible for meeting a prospective mate? When circumstances make this impossible, as it does so often with Seventh Day Baptists, we must be able to rely on our (hopefully) good judgement and prayerful guidance from our Heavenly Father.

As early adulthood transcends into full maturity, our responsibility broadens to include parental, community and church obligations. No longer do they require simple, uncomplicated decisions and duties. Couples are now at liberty to decide if and when to become parents and if, unfortunately, an unwanted pregnancy does occur, whether or not to have an abortion. Our Christian love and ethics dictate that we have a moral obligation to see that our children are loved, fed and clothed properly. We cannot Cont. on page 27

Junior Camp was well attended at Camp Paul Hummel with 29 juniors. There was a four-day Midget Camp held for kindergarteners through third graders.

The SCSC team were a great help in all these functions as well as distributing pamphlets, painting, and general grounds work. A big "thanks" to Matt Olson of New Auburn, Wis., and Eric Davis of Seattle, Wash.

God has richly blessed us here in the Denver area, and we ask that he continue as we do his work in the following months.

Teachers' Mini-Lab Issue Packets

Joint Educational Development (JED) is a partnership and process in ecumenical teamwork. It is a way for different church bodies to accomplish shared goals. It is not an organization, but a covenant relationship among persons of 12 denominations to work together on tasks that are important for church education.

JED has developed a series of issue packets which may be used with youth of our churches. The purpose is to enable senior high school age young people to in-

telligently address issues of current interest and to enable them to become responsible decision makers.

It is for leaders of youth (adults and young people).

Each issue packet contains a theme article which provides basic information about the topic, and usually includes references to related Scripture passages. Included are **Strategies for Learning Through:** Direct Experience/Observation; Simulation Games/Activities; Media; Discussion; and Worship.

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ignore the fact that God has forbidden us to take life, therefore, we must trust that God who is all-knowing and understanding will provide, if we but trust in him to help us. As parents of growing children, we must be ever vigilant in example, that our children may grow in character and in favor with God and man, teaching them also that their bodies and minds are his temple and should be kept pure and undefiled.

Community obligations are a necessary part of one's life if we are to live a normal co-existence with those about us. Common interests and needs require that we work together. Gone are the days when each family was more or less dependent upon others for survival. With all the graft and misappropriations of time and money, Christians should be ever ready and able to serve their fellow countrymen in preserving freedom and in giving help to those who are truly in need.

Every dedicated servant of Christ should feel it his duty to

assist in the work of the church, be it however humble. Never should we feel that because our talent is not as great as another of our brethren, that there is nothing we can do. If we cannot ably fill an office of the church, we surely can do, each in his own way, what God has instructed all his followers to do. "Tell others about his saving grace and of his son Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins." You may not feel that you have the "knack" for a door-to-door evangelistic approach, but rather would use a more subtle yet nevertheless effective method through thoughtfulness, helpfulness and just plain listening to others who are troubled in mind and body. These avenues of approach give us ample opportunity to give the "message" once they have come to know and trust us. Many times these decisions for Christ are more lasting than those made in other ways. No matter what your way, be assured it is your "Christian responsibility" and "to God be the glory."

Topics for 1982-83

Economic Justice

The purpose of this packet is to explore the role of economic wants and needs in the youth culture. The packet will include: Working to Buy — Wants over Needs; Why Designer Clothes? (Kalvin Klein Klan); The Haves and Have Nots — It's All in the Way You Look at It (Valuing); So What — Now What? (Living Justly in an Unjust Society).

Racism

This packet will explore the concept of racism as an institutionalized entity rather than an individualized phenomenon. It will be a multi-racial perspective: Discussion of the resurgence of the KKK; New Segregation Movement; Multi-racial (Asian, Native Peoples, Hispanics, Blacks) Experiences in North America. Hows and whys in addressing this issue.

Single Parent Home (Living Separate from Other Parent)

The purpose of this packet is to help senior high age young people cope with divorced parents and the changing family unit. It will include the following strategies: Myths on Single Parenting; Living Single in a Double Home; Caught in the Middle, Parents/Step Parents — You Can Love More than Two; Coping with Feelings — Yours, Theirs, and Ours; and Peer Ministry.

Prices may vary. Order from:

Mr. Bernie Dunphy-Linnartz and
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United Presbyterian Church USA
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1164
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Australian Link to Mill Yard History

by Mavis Rudd

from LINK, the SDB Newsletter in Australasia

Thank the Lord for answered prayers and rewards for our years of advertising. For some years now we have had our name listed in the local tourist booklet under the churches in the area, but until now we have not known of any results from this. However, during this last month the Lord has shown some results and we have now the Elwall family fellowshipping with us and the wife has already become a member.

This family came all the way from Tasmania to settle in Bundaberg, Australia, and to find Seventh Day Baptists. On May 1, 1983, history repeated it-

Alfred Station Welcomes New Pastor

The Alfred Station (N.Y.) Seventh Day Baptist Church welcomed Rev. Melvin F. (Mel) Stephan and his family to the pastorate of the church with a reception, July 23, 1983.

The evening's activities were coordinated by master of ceremonies, Jim Palmer who brought some of his friends from the Hornell Area Barbershoppers. Welcomes were extended by Rev. David Clarke for the Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptists, by Rev. Larry Dunn for the Alfred area clergy, and by George Bottoms, president of the Alfred Station SDB church. □

self when Richie Elwall was baptised and requested membership of the Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship here.

Richie's history links up with that of a Mr. Edward Elwall who, on the first day of May, 1720 (263 years ago) joined the Seventh Day Baptists in England. This is recorded in a family history book, *The Iron Elwalls* and also in volume one of *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America* (p. 76). Here it tells us that Edward Elwall was a member of the Mill Yard (London) SDB church and was

Church Women United Set Dates For '84 Assembly

"Come! Build a new Earth: Pieces to Peace." This is Church Women United's challenge to all women of faith across the nation and around the world. It is a call to the 1984 Ecumenical Assembly, July 19-23, 1984, at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Church Women United envisions that this assembly will generate the creative energy to equip and empower women of faith to take action steps for global change. It will be a time and place for women to accept personal responsibility for building a new earth — from pieces to peace.

If you would like information about registration, write Church Women United Assembly Office, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 827, New York, NY 10115. □

one of the very first in England to advocate "Disestablishment" or separation of church and state. He also published tracts and was nick-named "Jew-Elwall" because of his Sabbath-keeping and closing his shop on the Sabbath. □

New Building For Sunshine Mt.

—from Sunshine Mt. Newsletter

There has been a change in the skyline at Sunshine Mountain Home, Chatawa, Mississippi, as a new building stands on the green with foundation, walls, doors, windows and roof work complete.

The concrete block structure, 100 feet long and 24 feet wide, has been designed as a multi-purpose building, with one of the foremost uses to be as a temporary chapel for Sabbath worship services of the Sunshine Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church. With kitchen facilities and two complete bathrooms, it can easily be adjusted to dormitory facilities for hosting camps or association meetings. Interior work is yet to be completed.

The roofing work was done by a team of five young volunteer workers with the Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC). The team was made up of Jeff Inabnit of Seattle, Washington; Eric Camenga of Portland, Oregon; Marith Williams of Berea, West Virginia; Ellen Green of Janesville, Wisconsin and Brian Saunders of Milton, Wisconsin. □

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mental in the installation of the two new terminals purchased by the Memorial Fund Trustees and the Historical Society for expanding their use of the system.

Many hours of dedicated service are given by volunteers at the Center — 65 people who have worked in the offices or hosted Center guests in their homes. We were pleased to honor them at a reception on June 4 with time for recognition and fellowship.

We were happy to have Mary Jo Johnson, Eric Inabnit, and Sean Wells, SCSC team Confidence, with us for the summer. They have worked in the historical museum and library and the theological library helping with cataloging artifacts, organizing books, and filing index cards.

Communications and Public Relations

Correspondence. As corresponding secretary for the General Conference, I spend at least eight hours a week reading and answering correspondence. I especially enjoy the communicating with new contacts asking about Seventh Day Baptists. Coordinating the work of the denomination requires a great deal of communication between the agencies and their executives. Much is done by letter, but also much by phone as well as meetings.

Meetings. During the year I attended 27 meetings: four each with the American Sabbath Tract Society and the Memorial Fund Trustees; three each with the Coordinating Leadership Team, the Board of Christian Education, the

Missionary Society, and the General Conference Trustees; two with the Committee on Support and Retirement; and one with the Council on Ecumenical Affairs, the Christian Social Action Committee, the Council on Ministry, and the Historical Society. Association sessions attended were North Central in Battle Creek, Mich.; Southwestern in Fouke, Ark.; and Southeastern in Salemville, Pa.

In addition to preparations for two General Council sessions, I attended the meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals in Orlando, Florida and the SDB Ministers' Conference in Nortonville, Kansas.

Visits. An important part of my work is visiting the people and leaders in the churches since communication can truly be two-way as we share our concerns and our vision for the work of God through Seventh Day Baptists. I had opportunity this year to visit 35 different churches plus four fellowships or branch churches. I counseled with 41 pastors or retired pastors as well as 12 students or prospective students.

World Federation

Your executive secretary also serves as executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, corresponding with the 13 member conferences around the world and meeting with the executive committee. This year the federation has accepted the Nigerian Conference into membership and is considering the application of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of South Africa.

Week of Prayer. A major

unifying effort of the federation is the annual Seventh Day Baptist Week of Prayer to begin each new year. The 1983 Week of Prayer booklet was edited by Rev. John and Mrs. Joyce Conrod of Denver, Colorado, former missionaries to Malawi. The 1984 booklet has been edited by Dr. and Mrs. Victor and Beth Burdick of California, also former Malawi missionaries. Rev. Owen and Mrs. Jossett Lynch of Birmingham, England have agreed to edit the booklet for 1985.

In 1984 the Baptist World Alliance will be meeting in Berlin, Germany. It is my hope that I will be able to attend these meetings and have opportunity to visit several of our sister conferences in connection with those travels. These expenses would be shared by the Council on Ecumenical Affairs and the World Federation.

Stewardship

I have prepared an Our World Mission (OWM) analysis paper that discusses this item in depth. It has been used by the General Council and the conference interest committee on Budget and Finance.

The paper defined the problem to be essentially three: (1) the need for more effective and efficient response to church needs and programs for ministry, (2) the concern for the size of the denominational organization in relationship to the number of churches and people, and (3) the gap between the budget goal and monies received toward that goal.

Strategies we are using to address these problems:

1. Keeping communication

lines open through
—visits to churches and associations
—*The Sabbath Recorder*
—Lead Line
—every-member mailings
—church participation in the goal setting process

2. Better management beginning with the zero-based planning process.

Zero-based Planning. All boards and agencies with the General Conference have used zero-based planning to develop the 1984 OWM budget. This planning process asks and answers the following questions:

1. What is the purpose of your agency?
2. What functions do you perform to achieve this purpose?
3. Are there other ways to perform these functions?
4. What would happen if you didn't perform a particular function?
5. What resources does it take to support these functions?
6. What value is each function on a scale of from 1 to 5, 1 being most important and 5 least important?
7. What is most important to do and what function is least important? This includes all functions performed by denominational boards and agencies. It is essentially a way of prioritizing the functions of the denomination.

After the budget was prioritized by the Coordinating Leadership Team (CLT), the bottom line figure for current giving plus any invested funds income were combined to determine what functions could be funded using

projected income for 1984. The result showed that not all functions could be funded; some deletions were rather significant. Because the CLT has no authority to stop any of the functions, each agency was asked to reduce their budget by 7.5%. The result of that budget adjustment was what conference delegates considered.

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Reflections

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Because of all the new groups and individuals seeking a Seventh Day Baptist understanding of God's kingdom, the needs for study materials are highlighted. We need a colorful tract to give to new contacts that tells them who and why we are. We need a Bible study series which brings the new Christian to a full understanding of what it means to be an active SDB church member. The need for a short history is voiced especially in the new churches. The Historical Society is providing the funds for such a project.

I am concerned that with this demand for materials is also the need for scholarship and leadership. As we move toward the 21st century we should respond with provision for training, financing, and a necessary context or situation in which SDB writers and scholars can work.

Our zero-based planning process has highlighted for us the need to again seriously look at our organizational structure. I use the analogy of the Cadillac engine in the Volkswagen bug to describe our situation. The engine of our auto is so big and high-powered that we tend to beat the wheels off and not get far. To truly make proper use of our limited resources in the time of unlimited opportunities requires us to seriously make some changes and to eliminate some of our machinery. Good stewardship of our resources, I think, demands it. □

Salem College Meets Benedum Challenge

At its June 30, 1983 deadline, Salem College, of Salem W. Va., had raised in excess of one million dollars, as it had been challenged to do by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After successfully completing the challenge, the Benedum Foundation presented the college with a one-to-two matching grant in the amount of \$500,000.

According to an announce-

ment from the college, the amount raised has been enough to pay "in-full all of the institution's debts to outside vendors." At the beginning of the 1981-82 fiscal year, the school's accumulated deficit had reached \$913,756. Completion of the challenge has not only allowed the college to pay-off its outside debt, but it means that the school's employees will have a "rollback" of a 10% salary de-

crease that was imposed in 1982. In addition to the restoration of salaries, a 5% increase has been granted.

Complicating the liberal arts college's efforts was the fact that the two top executive officers resigned in 1982. With the Benedum Challenge ahead and two administrative officers missing, Chairman of Salem College's Board of Trustees, Cecil H. Underwood announced the appointment of Norman P. Auburn as acting president. His responsibilities were to "lend guidance and counsel to a nationwide presidential search process, get the fund-raising effort off the ground and establish sound procedures upon which a new college administration might build."

In February of 1983, the trustees announced that Dr. Ronald E. Ohl, former vice-president of Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ) would be the next president of the college. Dr. Ohl's first actions were to freeze discretionary funds, construct an 83-84 budget with a new system of controls and restore the salary roll-back. Ohl also delayed contract renewal for non-tenured faculty so that the college's curriculum could be reviewed. Changes in the academic curriculum included the reconfiguration of some courses, dropping majors which proved weak and reducing faculty teaching loads.

Reports from the college are that they are expecting approximately 400 freshmen and a large returning student group for the new school year. □

Prayers for Peace and Healing at Conference

Special prayers were lifted up at General Conference sessions at Houghton, New York. Conference delegates remained after evening services on Tuesday and Thursday to pray together for world peace and for healing.

On Tuesday evening, many stayed after the worship services for a special time of prayers for peace. The sessions were to have been led by Rev. Paul Burdick of Waterford, Conn., but due to ill health he was unable to attend. He was represented by members of his family and by Rev. David Clarke and Rev. Albert Rogers, both of Alfred, N.Y., who conducted the service. The group prayed for world leaders, areas of conflict and for the peace of Christ to be felt around the world.

Thursday evening was set aside as an opportunity for those who wished special prayers for healing. Many participated in the after worship service that

was led by George Parrish of Battle Creek, Mich. One member of the congregation said afterward, "It helped me to open myself up to express my love in praise and adoration to the Lord like I'd never done before."

Another said, "It was tastefully done. Many were afraid of it because they thought it would be highly emotional, but this was very quieting and tastefully done."

Other prayer opportunities during the conference week included morning and evening devotions that had been recorded on video tape. These tapes were played in the lounge areas of the dormitories. Rev. Gordon Lawton of Boulder, Colorado was the featured speaker for the devotional tapes.

Another prayer opportunity during the week was the daily prayer and praise times, led by Rod and Camille Henry. These times concentrated on focused prayer by the entire group. □

American Bible Society Continues Work Around the Globe

"You wanted to kill people by the power of the gun; here is the Bible. Go and face people with the power of the Word."

With these words, a prison guard in Kenya gave a convict a copy of the Bible which had been supplied by the Bible Society in Kenya. As a result of his reading it, the prisoner committed his life to Christ and is now beginning a new life with hope and faith.

Similar miraculous conversions are taking place daily all around the world and the American Bible Society is grateful for the support of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in helping to win these people to the Lord. Through the ministry of the ABS and the Bible Societies with which it is associated, men, women and children in record numbers and in over 150 nations and territories are receiving the Scriptures that often lead to such personal encounters with the living Christ. Bible Societies around the world distributed a total of 484,633,537 Bibles, Testaments, Portions and Selections in 1982. This represents a 9.1% increase over 1981's figures, and includes 10,883,159 Bibles, 12,177,593 Testaments, 32,575,846 Portions and some 428,996,939 Scripture Selections.

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Raccoo Tells a Friend

by Linda V.H. Camenga



Raccoo



Otis Otter



Lion



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: "I can't wait to get to Sabbath School and church."



: "What is so special about going there?"



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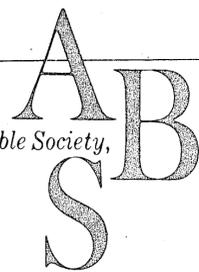


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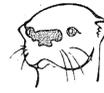
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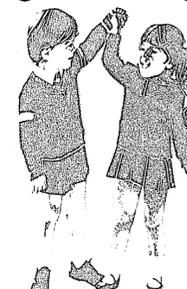
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Obituaries

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Kenyon.--Lawrence W. Kenyon of Hopkinton, R.I., died June 29, 1983. Mr. Kenyon served as Town of Hopkinton town clerk for 25 years and was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

A farmer, he was born July 15, 1900, in Alfred, N.Y., and was husband to the late Sarah M. (Coon) Kenyon.

Surviving are three daughters, Marguerite Coon of Succasuna, N.J., Dorothy Palmer of North Kingstown, and Ruth Szklony of Westerly; four brothers; a sister; and four grandchildren. Pastor Leon Wheeler officiated at the funeral service. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery.

Monroe.--Gathan Olney Monroe, 48, of Fouke, Ark., died at his residence after a short illness. He was born November 11, 1934, in Fouke, the son of Nathan and Elva (Scouten) Monroe.

Mr. Monroe was an inspector for the Arkansas Highway Department, a member of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church, and a member of Sidney Masonic Lodge #455. He was baptized October 28, 1945, and was a trustee of the Fouke SDB Church.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Gladden Monroe of Fouke; four sons, Ronny of Fouke, Donny and Tommy, both of Texarkana, Texas, and Eddie of Dallas, Texas; three daughters, Freda Whittington and Sharon, both of Texarkana, and Karen of Fouke; his father, Nathan, of Fouke; four brothers, Lusbert of St. Louis, Mo., Berwin of Little Rock, Ark., and Kenneth and Everon, both of Fouke; three sisters, Colett Soper of North Loup, Neb., Melita Babcock of Carthage, Texas, and Susie Nearhood of Texarkana; seven grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in the Texarkana Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Floyd Goodson officiating. Burial was in the

Fouke Cemetery with Sidney Masonic Lodge #455 in charge of graveside rites.

Burdick.--Isabel Smith Burdick, 94, of DeRuyter, N.Y., died July 21, 1983, at the home of her son, Wendell Burdick, after a long illness. She was born May 3, 1889, in DeRuyter, the daughter of Sherman and Clarissa Marble Smith.

Mrs. Burdick was a devoted and hardworking member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of DeRuyter. She taught the junior high school age Sabbath School class for many years and was respected and loved by her students.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll Burdick, in 1954. Surviving are six sons, Wendell, Willard and Eugene, all of DeRuyter, the Rev. Rex Burdick of Berlin, Wayne of Albuquerque, N.M., and Gordon of Oneonta; 17 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Sabbath, July 23, at the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Helen R. Green, her pastor, and the Rev. Kenneth Burdick officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery, DeRuyter.

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Arnold.--Eldred A. Arnold of Hopkinton, R.I., husband of Alice (Main) Arnold, died July 24, 1983, at his home. He was born on October 1, 1904, in Charlestown, R.I., and was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, two sons, 14 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, one brother, and five sisters: Marion Brayman, Virginia Crandall, Elsie Leighton, Hazel Stockbridge, and Dorothy West.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Leon Lawton, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R.I.

Births

Parrish.--A daughter, Kristen Danielle, was born to Robert L. and Susan (Farnum) Parrish of Livonia, Mich., on December 12, 1982.

Malone.--A son, Jason Bryan, was born to Tony and Angie (Palmer) Malone of Bristol, Tenn., on April 7, 1983.

Crider.--A son, Jeffrey Paul Crider II, was born to Jeffrey P. and Barbara (Harrison) Crider of Ashaway, R.I., on June 28, 1983.

Tauscher.--A daughter, Lisa Michelle, was born to Philip and Patty (Lawton) Tauscher of Bristol, Va., on July 5, 1983.

Thomas.--A daughter, Nicole Darleen, was born to Matthew and Toni (Balcom) Thomas of Kingsport, Tenn., on July 11, 1983.

Accessions

Battle Creek, Mich.
S. Kenneth Davis, Pastor

By Baptism:
Eric Oswald
Scott Paulin

Shawnee, Okla.

By Baptism:
Doug Powers

By Testimony:
Larry Whitney
Donna Whitney
Mrs. Lia B. Suttle

By Letter:
L.B. Lee, Sr.
Darlene Lee

Texarkana, Texas

By Baptism:
Stephen Yarberry
Shane Yarberry
Tina Schweitzer
David Yarberry

Annual Meeting
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Of Christian Education
October 16, 1983 -- 1:30 pm
Alfred (N.Y.) SDB
Parish House

PRAYER POEM

As thou didst teach God's love

So full and free,

help me

To walk along life's path

and love and teach and pray,

That those who live in darkness

through thee shall see

the day.

By Isabel S. Burdick
DeRuyter, N.Y.

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