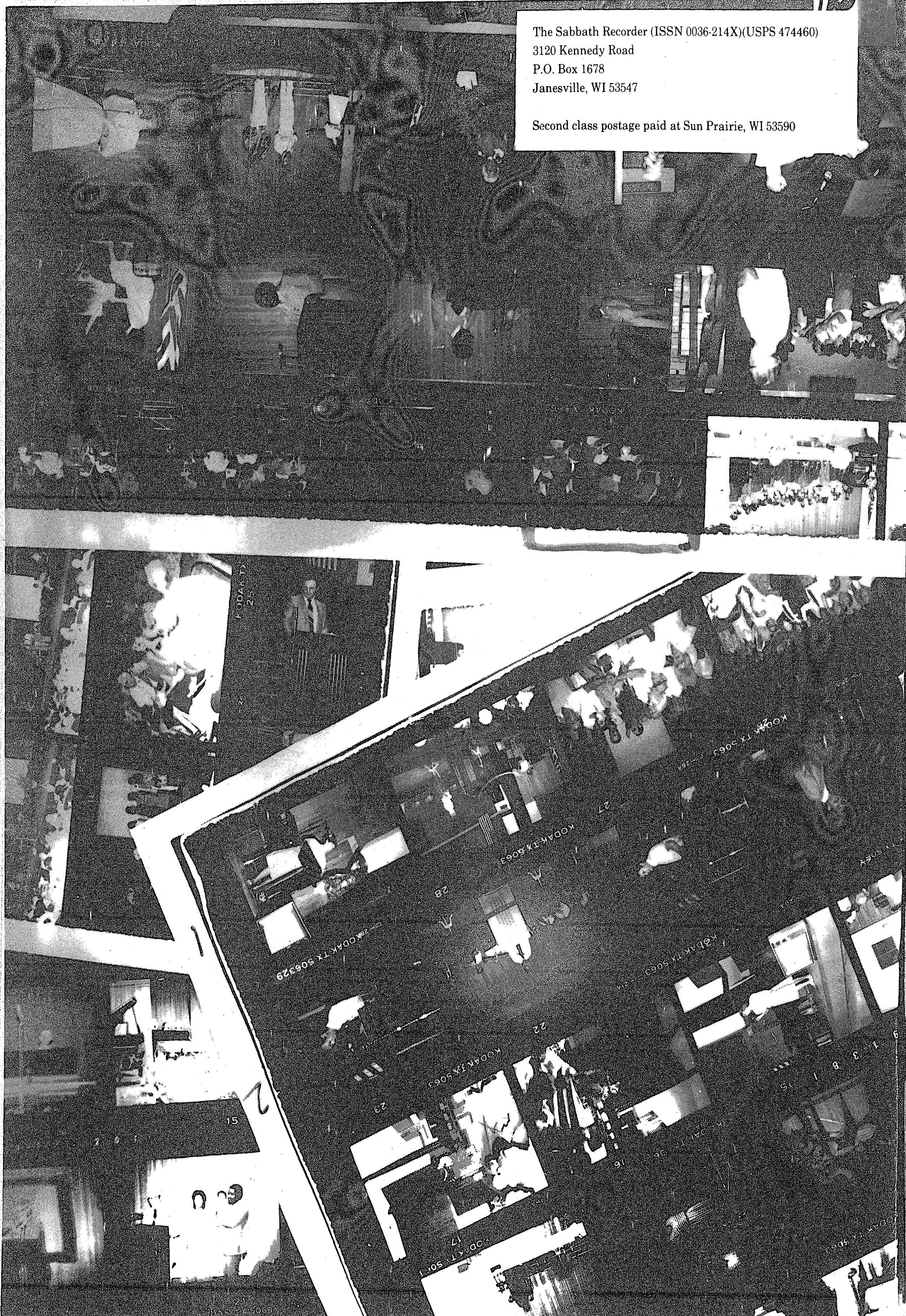


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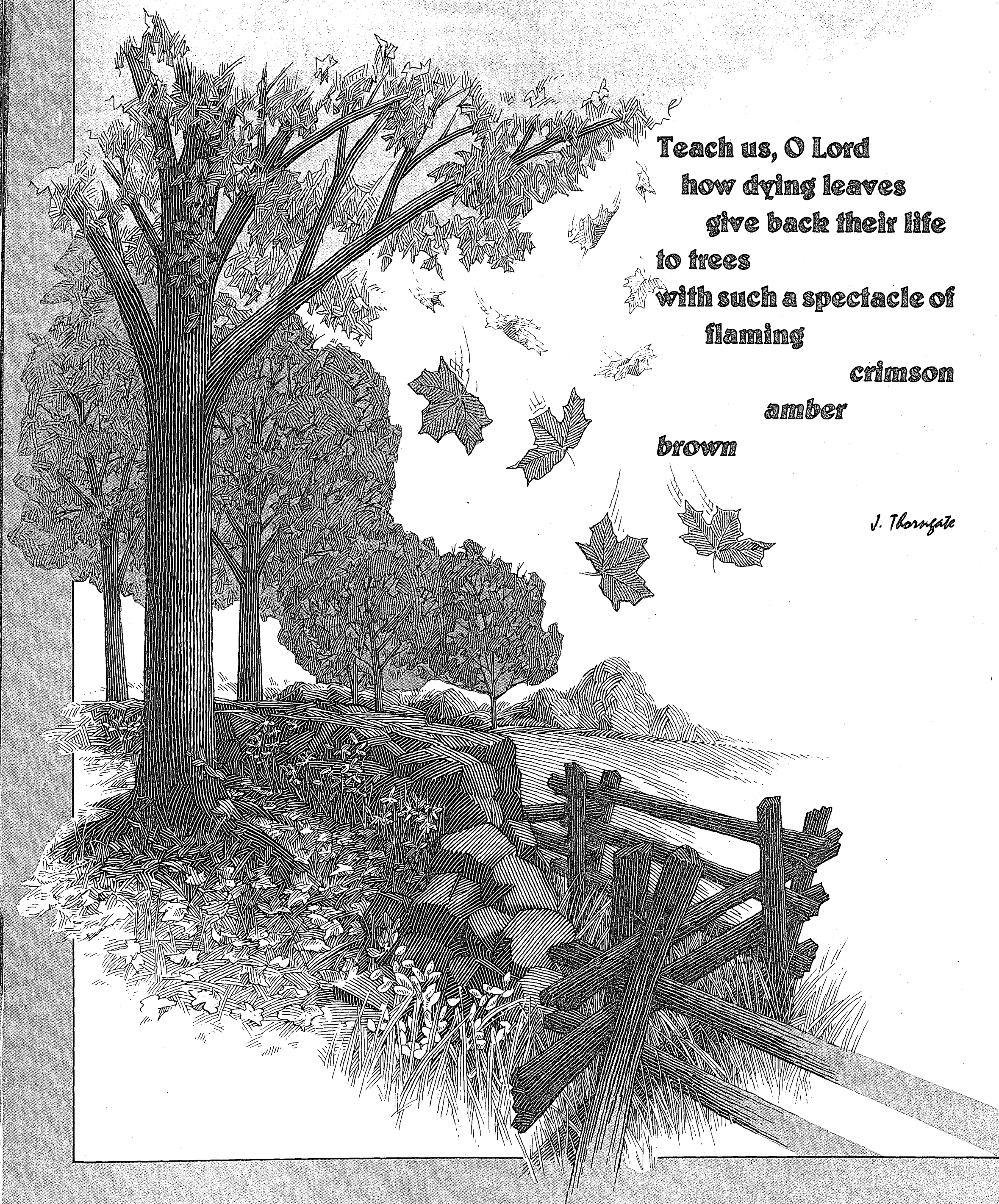
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how dying leaves  
give back their life  
to trees  
with such a spectacle of  
flaming**

**crimson**

**amber**

**brown**

*J. Thorngate*



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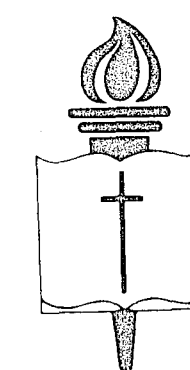
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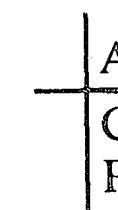
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# I believe; An ordination statement

by William L. Sharon

A few years ago, I was standing, figuratively, in life doing my own pleasures. I was attending church and taking care of the activities of the day. I was a great deal like Amos, as he was herding his flocks and tending his sycamore trees.

He said, "Neither was I a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit, and the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, 'Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.'" I truly feel in my life that this is what happened. It was a forceful incident in my life. I felt as though I was taken by circumstances, by the nape of the neck, and turned around and pushed in this direction.

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## I believe in Seventh Day Baptists

I have enjoyed my three years' association with the Seventh Day Baptists and I believe in them. That is my first belief. I believe in the Seventh Day Baptists for three reasons. They have those beliefs that are necessary to Christianity and salvation. They have some desirable beliefs that can pertain to each and every one of us as individuals. When it comes to the Word of God, they let the Holy Spirit guide their lives for a fuller understanding for each and every one of them as they read the Word. I believe in the Seventh Day Baptists.

## I believe in the Bible

I believe in this book. I believe this book is all-sufficient for our salvation. I believe that this book is unerring. I believe that this book is infallible. We turn to John 3:1-5 and we find, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." The fifth verse says, "And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

## I believe in God the Father

The very first verse in our Bible says that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." And who is God? I believe that there is only one God, infinite and perfect. He is the Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe. Nothing happened by chance. I believe that God exists eternally in the past and eternally in the future; that he exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that he desires to share his love in a personal relationship with mankind, you and me.

God the Father is sovereign above all. He is loving in his desire that everyone, both sinner and saint, might turn to him. He is just in his judgements toward those who disobey him.

## I believe in God the Son

I believe in God the Son. I believe that God the Father has, at this time, elevated him above every name, with a name above all other names in the universe. I believe that he is our Lord and Savior, and that he became incarnate in Jesus, the Christ. Jesus, the Christ, gave himself on the cross as the complete and final sacrifice for our sins. I believe that, as our risen Lord, he is our moderator between God and mankind.

## I believe in the Holy Spirit

The third person of the Godhead is the Holy Spirit. I believe in the Holy Spirit. Christ called him the Comforter, and if we allow him, he will give us comfort beyond understanding. He gives us spiritual rebirth. Without him, I do not believe we can have a rebirth. We cannot be born again without the Comforter. He empowers us to a witnessing service. He is the inspirer of Scripture. I believe that is what makes the book an unerring, sufficient Word of God. He also convicts us of our sins and instructs us in righteousness.

## I believe in salvation from sin

God would love a personal relationship with mankind; however, because of sin, he cannot. I believe that in the beginning, man was created in the image and likeness of God. There are some who would argue this point on how man was created in the image and likeness of God. I take the Bible for what it says, that we are created in the image of God; but because of sin, we have deteriorated to the point we are today, as *humankind*. I believe that man is the highest work of God's creation.

I believe that man has a moral responsibility, that he was created as a child of God, and that he was created for

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human and God relationship on a face-to-face basis. Because of sin, he has lost that relationship. I believe that, because man has fallen in sin, he is in need of a Savior—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I believe in sin, and in believing in sin, I also believe in salvation. Sin is disobedience to the will of God in our lives. I believe that the human race is the only race that has that problem.

I believe in salvation from sin and death. It is the gift of God through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This price was paid by redeeming love, by the willful death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe that mankind can receive salvation by repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. I believe that if we refuse to repent, we are doomed to be punished in the final judgement. If we have confessed, if we have repented, confessed our sins, and accepted Jesus Christ, we are promised by God himself that we will have eternal life. Jesus Christ was the first fruits of this eternal life. For Jesus Christ died, if you would, from eternity past. I believe that because Jesus Christ lives today, that you and I have eternal life. In the future, we will all have glorified and spiritual bodies to spend eternity with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

## I believe in the Church

I very much believe in Seventh Day Baptists. But, I believe even more in the Church of God as being redeemed members of the human race from every denomination, every walk of life, every nationality—from everyone mentioned in the Great Commission. The Great Commission says to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. I believe that the church is composed of people from every walk of life, every nationality, every attitude that might exist in the human race.

I believe that the local church, of which Seventh Day Baptists are one, is composed of a community of believers organized for worship, for fellowship, for service, for proclaiming and practicing common convictions.

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## I believe in baptism

Christ told us to go and baptize everyone. I believe that baptism is indeed a part of our Christian witnessing to our faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. I believe in the baptizing of believers. Those individuals who have received a call from God to change their lives, to turn around and to become born again. I believe that we are to be baptized as a witness to our accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and as a symbol of death to sin, a pledge to a new life in Jesus Christ.

## I believe in communion

I believe in the old Passover as being very appropriate for those individuals who were looking forward to the coming of Jesus Christ. Christ came, and he was being prepared, as he was preparing himself, to be the Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world. He instituted an

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ordinance that we call the Lord's Supper, and I believe that the Lord's Supper commemorates the suffering and death of the world's redeemer. I believe that you and I should practice faithfully this Communion until he comes. It is a symbol of Christian fellowship which pledges us to a new allegiance to our risen Lord.

### **I believe in the Sabbath of the Bible**

I was born a Sabbatarian and for years I have searched, and for years I have continued to propagate the Sabbath with argument and with reason, but primarily with the Word of God. It says, from cover to cover, that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord our God. I believe in the Sabbath of the Bible, and I believe it is the seventh day of the week that we have today, the day that we commonly call Saturday. It is sacred time. I believe that in the beginning when God created the Sabbath, God made himself a part of the Sabbath, and eternity came down for a brief moment of time so he could hold face-to-face communion with mankind. Today we have the distinct privilege of holding a spiritual communion with God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. It is a gift of God, an institution to his creation, a day when we can come aside from all the activities of our daily lives and, if you would, close the door on them and open the door to eternity future.

I believe that the Ten Commandments, all ten of them, are binding on mankind. The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." It also says that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; no one should do any work. It was practiced by those of old. It was practiced by Jesus Christ himself. It was practiced by his Apostles as long as they lived and by the Christian Church for generations after the death and resurrection of Christ. I believe that we should faithfully observe it. I believe that all Christians should keep the seventh day Sabbath. And in their not keeping it, I wonder sometimes what their true relationship is to God. It is a symbol, if you would, of God's presence with mankind throughout the history of the world. It is a symbol of God's presence in time and a pledge of eternal Sabbath rest. I am looking forward to that and I hope that each and every one of you are looking forward to eternal Sabbath rest. I have

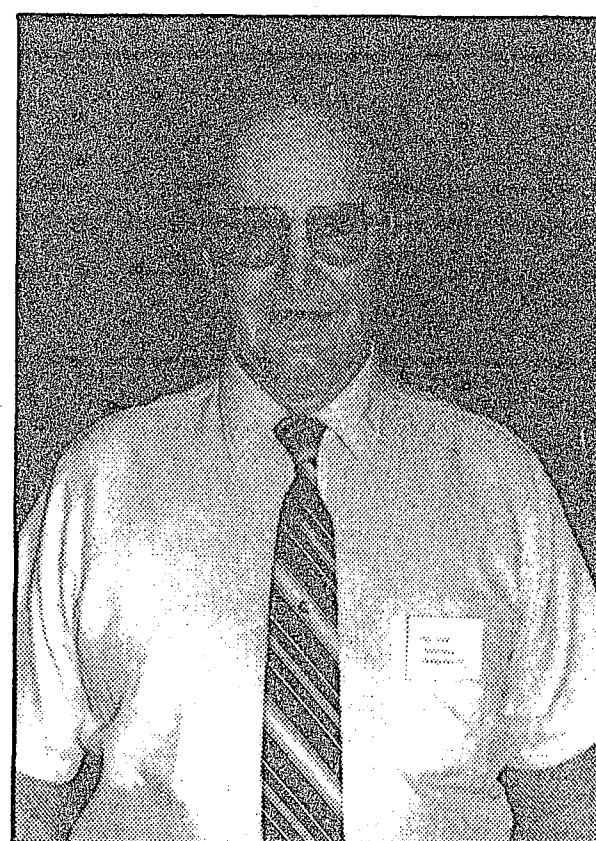
questions to ask during that time. They are questions that I have from the Bible. There are many mysteries there. I think that if God wanted me to understand them, he would give me the knowledge today. If he does not give me knowledge to understand them all, I will understand joyfully that which I do understand.

### **I believe in evangelism**

This has been the year of the Great Commission. The Great Commission has to do with evangelism. I believe in it. I would like to ask, have you mentioned Jesus to someone today? If not, are you obeying God's Great Commission...Christ's Great Commission to you? I believe that Jesus Christ commissioned us to proclaim the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, that he commissioned us to make disciples and to baptize, and then, to teach those that we have baptized into the Gospel, to teach them the Word of God in those areas where they may be deficient. We are called upon to witness to our faith throughout the world, and we are to begin at home. Have we taught our children that which they should know concerning God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Word of God? I believe in evangelism.

I believe that we should tell the whole world about Jesus Christ. There are some parts of the world today that do not have a difference between "believing" and "doing." So, if you and I believe what we say we believe, then we should be practicing it.

I believe that our lives should demonstrate what we believe, that our declarations of belief should be consistent with our practices, and that our deeds testify of our faith. Yes, there are many things that I believe; of these, I am sure. SR



*Rev. William L. Sharon, pastor of the new church in Wichita Falls, Texas, was ordained to the ministry during sessions of the Southwestern Association in Texarkana, Arkansas, June 7-9. Sharon has been leader of the Wichita Falls church since it began meeting in 1982.*

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## *Memories in granite*

From the *Milton Courier*, Milton, Wisconsin, July 3, 1985.

by Leanne Lippincott

Every once in a while, I take a leisurely stroll through the Milton East cemetery. Although it may sound like a morbid pastime to some, I have learned a few things on those walks that I hope are worth sharing.

As a person walks among the tombstones, pausing to read names and dates, it does not take long to realize that most people living today have had their lives touched by death—either directly or indirectly, superficially or profoundly. As we struggle with our varying degrees of pain and become caught up in our individual senses of loss, we quite often forget—or fail to realize in the first place—that there is always someone, somewhere, who carries a burden of pain and loss greater than our own.

The granite, marble and bronze monuments give mute testimony to the tragedies of life that are all too commonplace: A son who would have been 29 this year, probably with sons of his own, if he had not died at the age of 12. Three tiny lives, triplets, ended before they had an opportunity to begin. A young husband, killed with his wife in a plane crash, buried next to his mother, who took her own life.

The casualties of war, inevitable but nonetheless agonizing, are also etched in hearts and stone: A Civil War veteran, killed in action, 13th Wisconsin Infantry. A 24-year-old pilot instructor, killed on a training flight at Waldo, Kansas, in 1943.

The tombstone inscriptions are sometimes lengthy, sometimes terse: Died Sept. 3, 1853, in the 20th year of his age. Born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, Jan. 21, 1800. Poet. Our beloved son. Always in our hearts. Going home. Safely home.

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As I walk through the cemetery, I am amazed by the number of headstones inscribed with the names of husbands and wives still very much alive. It is a precious gift, mutually given, which will eliminate some difficult decisions for the surviving spouse. The Grim Reaper somehow seems less foreboding when we face up to the fact that death is very much a natural consequence of life.

Main Hall, the church I attend, groves of trees, acres of grass. I look at the grass, and my tears shake hands with my smile. The seed that had been scattered over the dirt on Denny's grave is struggling, and I think of the time, money and energy my husband invested trying to grow our lawn. I kneel by his grave, pluck a few weeds that have taken root among the sparse blades and whisper, "You

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Strange as it may seem, a stroll through a cemetery can actually be comforting. For mixed in with all the pain and sadness is warmth and joy. Beautiful memories of beautiful people that neither time nor distance can erode or destroy. A family reunion of silent voices beckoning from the past; the Family of Milton: Beloved MUHS principal C.H. Dorr, who once asked how I managed to keep my spit curls flat against my face. My high school English teacher, Dorothy Shaw, who smiled knowingly when she talked about the Merry Christmas sign that mysteriously sprouted on her lawn one Halloween. Forry Branch, who doctored my teeth and my crush on his son for at least 20 years. They are gone, but they will never be forgotten.

Especially in the early spring months, I can see many sights from the cemetery. Freshly plowed fields waiting to take seeds into their fertile wombs in anticipation of bursting forth with new life. The bell tower on

never could grow grass, Denny." Sacrilegious? I do not think so... Given enough sunshine, water and time, nature will take its course and the grass will grow. It will eventually grow over Denny's grave, as well as over those which have been dug since. But the "new" grass will never be the same as the "old" grass, just as the lives of people are never the same after losing a son or daughter, brother or sister, husband or wife, mother or father. But deeply wounded hearts, like barren graves, are eventually covered over—with the help of time and love, friends and God. This protective layer is inherently good and vital for our well-being, but it is also surprisingly fragile. The appearance of total healing is deceptive, much like a scab that seems strong but bleeds easily when bumped.

I pray that all of us, to the extent of our gifts, can be healers and grass growers for all of those who have loved and lost. SR



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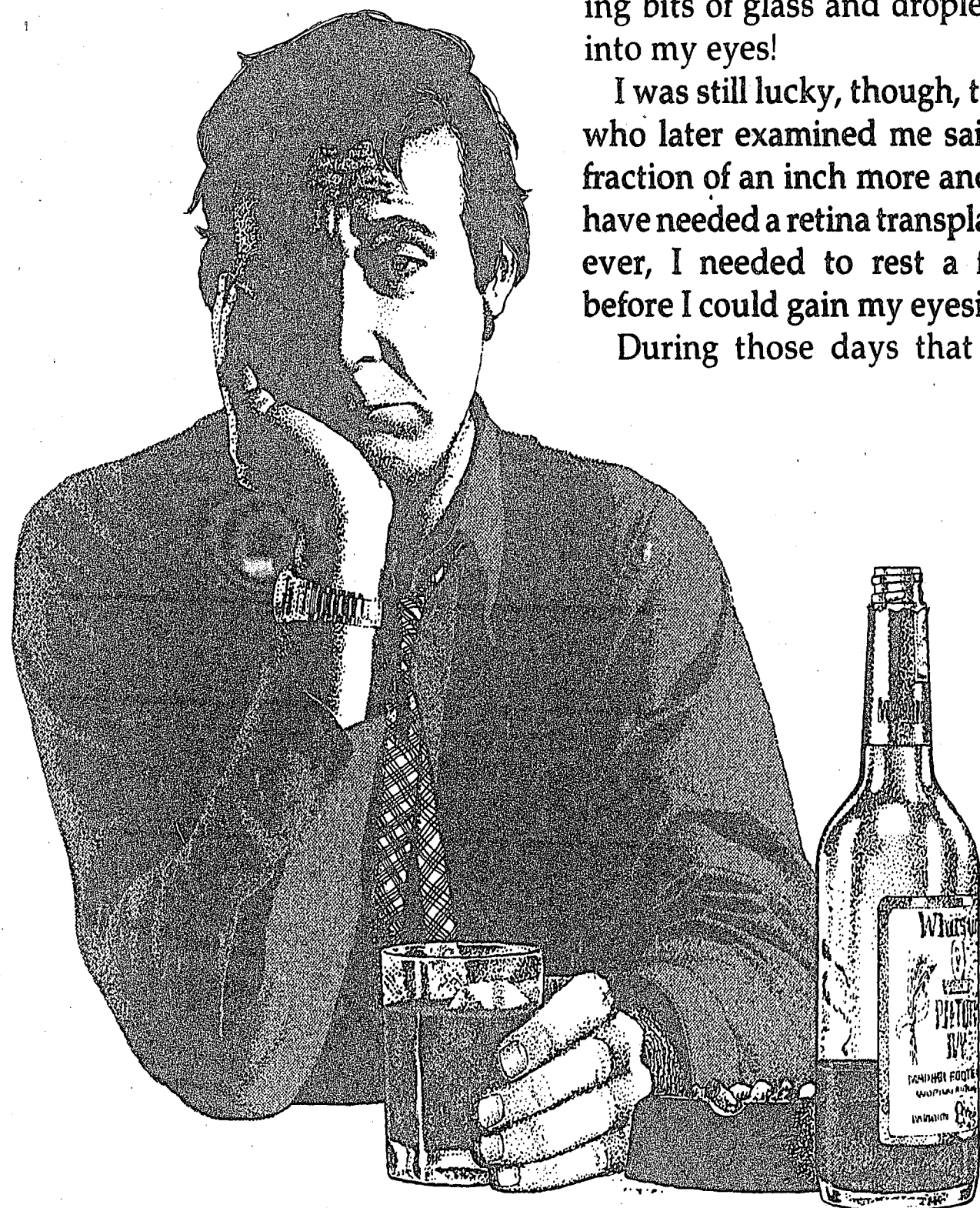
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I was still lucky, though, the doctor who later examined me said. A tiny fraction of an inch more and I would have needed a retina transplant. However, I needed to rest a few days before I could gain my eyesight back.

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were blinded, I began to look at myself within, introspecting on my life and the events that had just transpired. I recalled my days in high school. It being a private school, we had religion classes and I remember how we were all required to read the Bible. At that time, however, I was not the least bit interested and I wrongly intellectualized everything I read. There was one part I remembered—Genesis 3:9. *Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'*

I used to laugh at this verse saying to myself, "How weak can God be? There was only one man on earth but he could not even find him!"

This time, however, it struck me with a new meaning and I understood. The reason God said that was for Adam to know that he was looking for him. At that very moment I also felt that the Lord was looking for me saying, "Leo, where are you? Why are you hiding from me?" Very soon after that I surrendered my life to Jesus and accepted him as my personal Lord and Savior. I was *born again*.

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Being in medical school made me considerably occupied, but not too occupied to again hear the calling of the Lord! As in Isaiah 6:8, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?'"

Was God calling me to do something? Was there a certain mission I

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was supposed to accomplish for him? I am willing to give up my very life just to serve Jesus, so I said "Here I am. Send me!" As soon as summer vacation began, I departed from the Philippines towards the opposite side of the globe.

After months of travelling through some countries in Europe and the Middle East, including Israel, I decided to spend time in America before I finally went back home to my country. Somehow I felt that God had a plan for me there. My visit here in the States was almost over and nothing was happening. I was beginning to feel frustrated and was already asking myself, "Was God really calling me or did I just mistakenly hear my own voice?"

One day, I decided to spend time at the mall. After being there for several hours until late afternoon, it seemed to be another fruitless day for me. I was already on my way home when suddenly, somehow, I felt the Spirit telling me that I must go back into the mall.

I did, although I was not quite sure why I had to. I decided to sit on a bench where, a few moments later, I was joined by a Filipino gentleman.

We had been chatting for quite a while when I noticed that he was carrying a Bible. I was immediately delighted, because after all the months I had been travelling only now did I get the chance to meet another Christian and to fellowship. I was telling him how I became *born again* back home and how I was seeking to discover God's plan for me when he fully introduced himself to me. He was Oscar Godoy, a minister of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California.

Ever since then, Pastor Godoy has helped me discover more of the endless beauty of the Word of God and its precepts, especially of the sealing power of baptism and the Lord's blessing of the Sabbath. He introduced me to his church and after a few weeks there I received my baptism into the Family of God.

Now I know I am in the midst of God's will as he had promised— "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope... And you will seek me and find me, when you search for me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29: 11,13)



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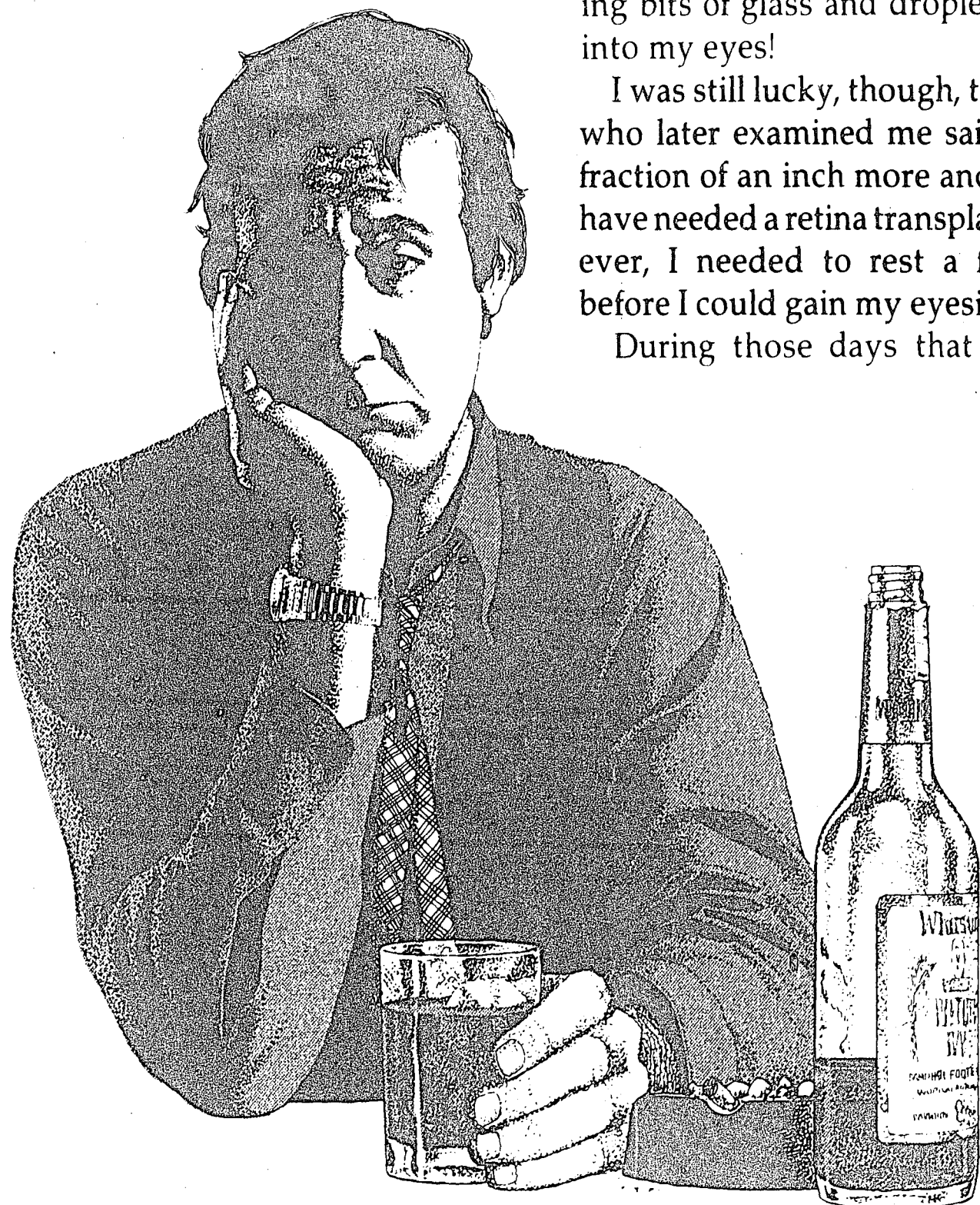
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I was still lucky, though, the doctor who later examined me said. A tiny fraction of an inch more and I would have needed a retina transplant. However, I needed to rest a few days before I could gain my eyesight back.

During those days that my eyes



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were blinded, I began to look at myself within, introspecting on my life and the events that had just transpired. I recalled my days in high school. It being a private school, we had religion classes and I remember how we were all required to read the Bible. At that time, however, I was not the least bit interested and I wrongly intellectualized everything I read. There was one part I remembered—Genesis 3:9. *Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'*

I used to laugh at this verse saying to myself, "How weak can God be? There was only one man on earth but he could not even find him!"

This time, however, it struck me with a new meaning and I understood. The reason God said that was for Adam to know that he was looking for him. At that very moment I also felt that the Lord was looking for me saying, "Leo, where are you? Why are you hiding from me?" Very soon after that I surrendered my life to Jesus and accepted him as my personal Lord and Savior. I was *born again*.

Getting me out from the miry clay, my life was soon set straight by the Lord. Through God's leading, I was able to give up old habits and regain my health. I recovered my grades, graduated with my bachelor of science degree and finally entered medical school. And my soul began to continually pant for the Lord, "as a deer pants for streams of water." (Psalms 42:1)

Being in medical school made me considerably occupied, but not too occupied to again hear the calling of the Lord! As in Isaiah 6:8, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?'"

Was God calling me to do something? Was there a certain mission I

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was supposed to accomplish for him? I am willing to give up my very life just to serve Jesus, so I said "Here I am. Send me!" As soon as summer vacation began, I departed from the Philippines towards the opposite side of the globe.

After months of travelling through some countries in Europe and the Middle East, including Israel, I decided to spend time in America before I finally went back home to my country. Somehow I felt that God had a plan for me there. My visit here in the States was almost over and nothing was happening. I was beginning to feel frustrated and was already asking myself, "Was God really calling me or did I just mistakenly hear my own voice?"

One day, I decided to spend time at the mall. After being there for several hours until late afternoon, it seemed to be another fruitless day for me. I was already on my way home when suddenly, somehow, I felt the Spirit telling me that I must go back into the mall.

I did, although I was not quite sure why I had to. I decided to sit on a bench where, a few moments later, I was joined by a Filipino gentleman.

We had been chatting for quite a while when I noticed that he was carrying a Bible. I was immediately delighted, because after all the months I had been travelling only now did I get the chance to meet another Christian and to fellowship. I was telling him how I became *born again* back home and how I was seeking to discover God's plan for me when he fully introduced himself to me. He was Oscar Godoy, a minister of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California.

Ever since then, Pastor Godoy has helped me discover more of the endless beauty of the Word of God and its precepts, especially of the sealing power of baptism and the Lord's blessing of the Sabbath. He introduced me to his church and after a few weeks there I received my baptism into the Family of God.

Now I know I am in the midst of God's will as he had promised— "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope... And you will seek me and find me, when you search for me with all your heart.'" (Jeremiah 29:11,13)



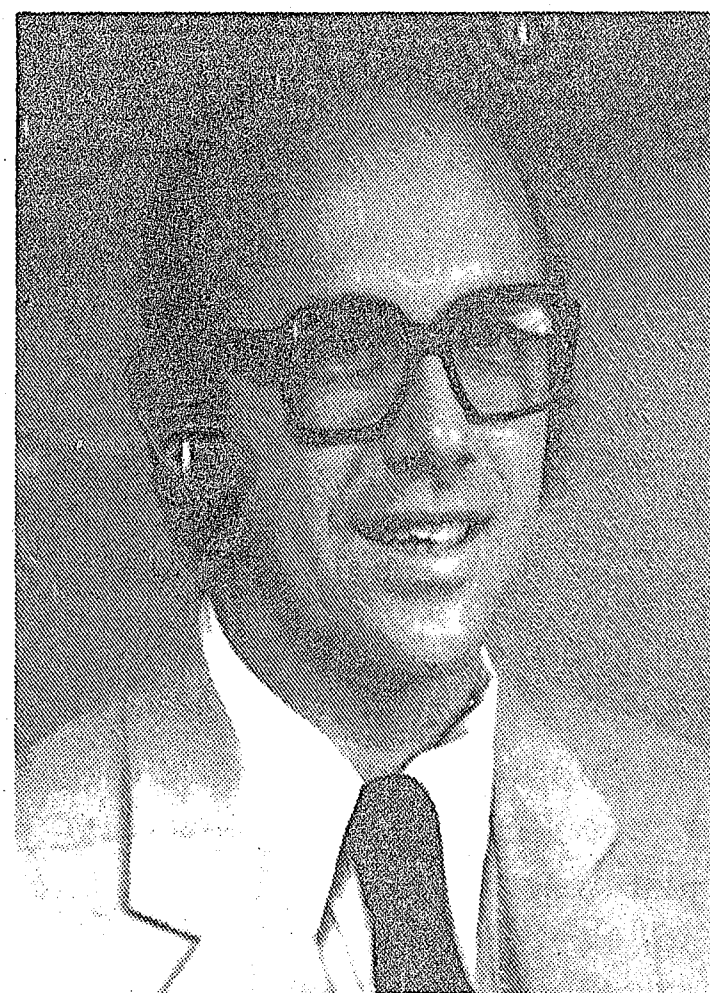
## Speak to people's real needs

by Russell Johnson

Seventh Day Baptists, historically, have been a people of vision and have been on the front lines of the action that God is seeking to change. There have been times when vision lagged, and people became more interested in protecting the local church interests than in accomplishing dynamic and effective ministries. When there was a crying need for a type of education, Seventh Day Baptists set up schools to meet that need. When a moral injustice was condoned, Seventh Day Baptists have gently taken a clear and firm stand of opposition, and have worked to see those attitudes and the accompanying actions changed by a sincere change of life. Of course, that can only happen in the work of the Holy Spirit bringing the reality of Jesus Christ alive in human hearts. So wherever Seventh Day Baptists have been effective, the spoken and lived Gospel were close at hand.

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God has been showing us that not only were we no longer speaking to real needs in people's lives, we had seemed to have lost our eyes for those needs. But one of the exciting things



that God promised me several years ago was that he had a purpose stored up for this people, and that we would be very important in the time before his return. I see throughout our people a growing discovery of their voices in expressing the central truths of the Gospel, in ministering to the lives of people to bless and fulfill them, and having a hunger and thirst to see people discover all that we can find to share about Jesus Christ and this salvation that has been given to us as a free gift.

I have rejoiced in the people from all across the country that have shared their vision for the realistic future and the urgent present needs that God is calling for us to address.

I find that God never asks us to do what he does not prepare us to accomplish. We have been through a period of preparation, and now we need to turn to accomplishing what God is challenging us to do today. Since he glories to do things beyond

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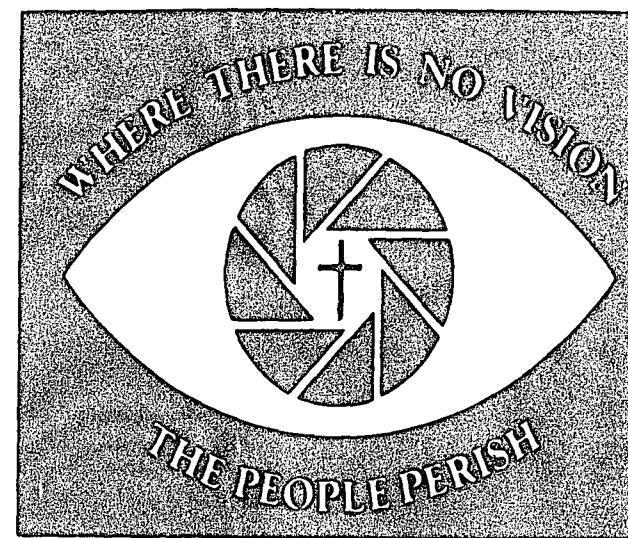
our imagination, I know that the things he is asking will seem impossible right now. But will you not join me in this year before us in becoming a partner with God in his work?

I just know that God is ready to amaze us this year, if we will set apart the limitations of the past and seek the expansiveness of the Kingdom in front of us. Not all will appreciate what we do, not all will give God glory, but I believe that, no matter what the response of the community around our churches, God will show his favor to us as we earnestly and actively again seek to bring his changes to the lives of those around us. We will discover this year that new people will begin to be sent to our local churches, and again we can rejoice in the growth of this work of the Lord.

God is challenging Seventh Day Baptists... "Prepare Ye the Way in all my ministries." Praise God, his Will will be done. SR

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## FOCUS



MISSIONS TODAY

by Leon R. Lawton

### Well projects continue in India

**NELLORE, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA, ASIA:** While severe weather and flooding have hit many areas of India in mid-year, this area has been spared. The wells projects continue with irrigation wells at Uyyalawada, K.Bitragunta, Kanigiri-to and Chapalapalli under construction. Rev. Rao's health has been poor requiring complete rest for a period in July. Yet he continued to care for the work, held Gospel meetings at Cuddapah and made field trips to inspect the well work. Continue to uphold him in prayer! SR

### Progress in San Diego work

**SAN DIEGO, CA, USA:** In his report, Pastor George D. Calhoun wrote: "The second quarter of 1985 has been a busy one and much has happened to be thankful for. We have been active in many areas including: classes for people with Adventist backgrounds; a church outreach picnic; many contacts and counseling sessions...it is quite apparent that we are entering into a new phase of growth. We plan on doing more advertising, implementing lay worship leaders, expanding the Sabbath School program and developing the office of Deacon. ...we remain trusting and believing that He who has begun a good work in us will continue to strengthen us." SR

### Pastor welcomed

**Tucson, AZ, USA:** This new branch church of Denver, Colorado, welcomed their new extension pastor, Bill Shoffner, following Conference in August. As you make your travel plans, include a Sabbath in Tucson if possible. Services are held at the Sagauo Evangelical Free Church, 10111 E. Old Spanish Trail at 10:00 a.m. each Sabbath. The church telephone is (602) 886-2030 and the mailing address is in care of Curt Davis, 10500 E. 29th St., Tucson, AZ 85748, or pastor Bill Shoffner, 9780 E. Celeste, Tucson, AZ 85730. If you are planning to spend the winter in Arizona, why not be in the Tucson area? SR

### Lozani returns home

**MALAWI, AFRICA:** Bettie Pearson wrote on August 22nd, "It was a joy to welcome Mrs. Lozani back on Sunday. After meeting her at the airport, a few of us went over to their home for a visit, and Pastor Harawa led us in a short praise and prayer time for her safe arrival home. Then we had some discussion of her experiences there.

She is really enthusiastic about all the things she saw and took part in. She said she was so thankful for the privilege of being there, but glad to be back home as she would not like to live in the U.S.

Yesterday was our weekly Women's meeting of the Blantyre church, and she had a lot to tell the ladies about things that we ought to be doing here, which she had seen that other women's groups do. I think she will get the women to work on our baby clothes project. That will hopefully proceed well since one of our Blantyre women is now away at a Home Economics course, I believe sponsored by the Christian Service Committee." SR

### Malawi field trip

**MALAWI, AFRICA:** Secretary A.K. Harawa and Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson, returned from a journey to northern Malawi in mid-August. They visited 16 places on route holding meetings, classes and discussions. At Lilongwe, the national capital, Pastor Manyamba is the new pastor; it is hoped that a new pastor can begin service at Mzuzu soon; Pastor Ganunga, from the Central Region, is now serving the Luwazi church in the north. The 1971 Bedford truck made the journey but not without problems and repairs.

David wrote, "Prior to the trip a lot of repair had gone into the truck, but on the first day out we had a lot of strange vibration. At one place I looked underneath and saw that the drive shaft had become loose. This was easy to tighten. A few days later on a very hilly section, a radiator hose burst... I shortened the old hose which was little more than putty on the inside, and re-connected it and re-enforced it with tape." A new oil pump was installed at Lilongwe. Other repairs to radiator, hoses, water pump, and engine have been made. "We praise Him for His help all along the way. About 1,450 miles were covered." SR

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## A prayer reminder for each day!

November 1985

*Verse for the month: To this end also we pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power; in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 1:11,12 NAS*

### Pray for:

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|---|---|
| 1. the work of faith with power, in my life             | 17. Rev. B. John V. Rao, India, his health and ministry                                     |
| 2. pastors in their ministry for the Lord today         | 18. Rodney Henry and the project Training in Ministry a grateful heart giving thanks to God |
| 3. Pastor Russell Johnson, conference president 1985-86 | 19. Rodney Henry and the project Training in Extension                                      |
| 4. new seminary student Rod Noel in Atlanta, GA         | 20. the work of the SDB Board of Christian Education  |
| 5. youth reached through camping and Bible schools      | 21. Jan Lek and ministries in Poland and Europe   |
| 6. Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson, Malawi        | 22. people to know the joy of Sabbath truth   |
| 7. Gene Smith, missionary pastor, Adams Center, NY      |   |
| 8. a generous offering for SDB United Relief Fund       | 24. SDBs in Brazil, South America   |
| 9. young people to enter seminary                       | 25. Ely Paypa, Minister's Training Course, Philippines                                      |
|   | 26. safety for all those traveling  |
| 10. Pastor Siwani and sister churches in South Africa   | 27. God's strength for those who are in grief   |
| 11. Faith and Order Committee meeting in Janesville, WI | 28. end of year giving to reach Our World Mission goal                                      |
| 12. Extension Pastor Bill Shoffner, and Tucson church   | 29. Bronislaw Ciesielski and the Polish Conference  |
| 13. Prudence Robinson and pastors in Jamaica Conf.      | 30. National SDB Youth Fellowship officers  |
| 14. Leadership needs in our churches                    |   |
| 15. Elders in the churches in The Netherlands           |   |
| 16. thanksgiving for an opportunity to worship          |   |

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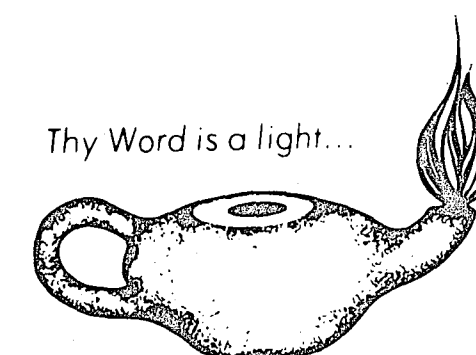
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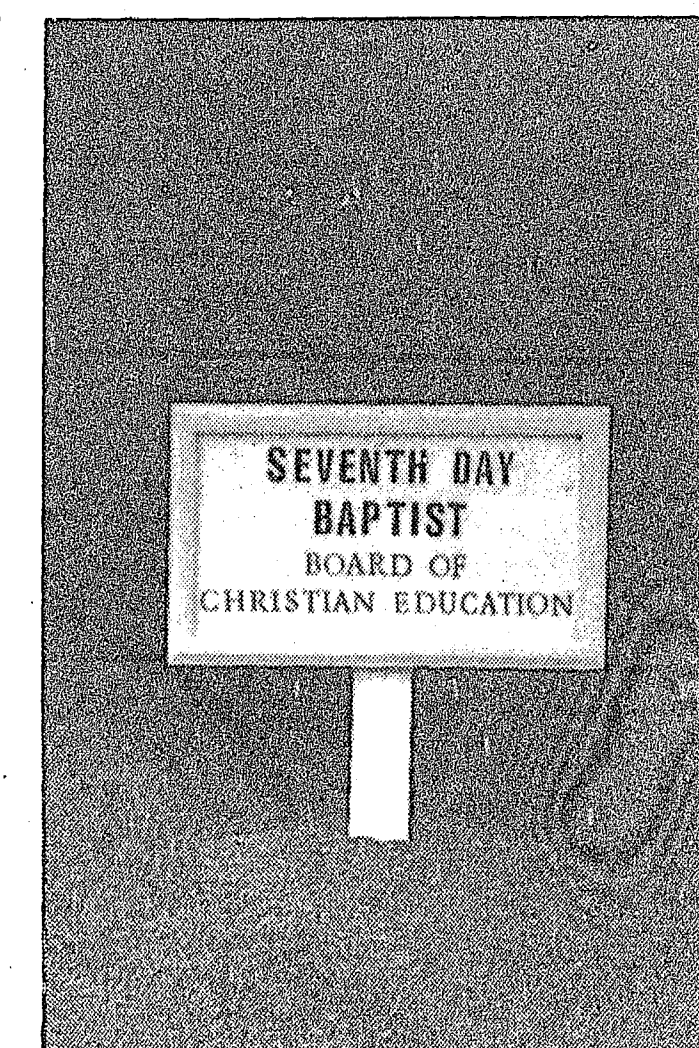
## Board of Christian Education



**July 21, 1985—Directors and guests**  
(L to R)(Front row) Rachel Kenyon, Luan Ellis, Amanda Snyder, Leta DeGross, George Bottoms. (Second row) Mae Bottoms, Arthur Rowe, Terry Ellis, Marjorie Bond. (Third row) Marion Brannon, Robert Stohr, Janette Rogers, Jean Pierce, Onnalee Saunders. (Back row) David Clarke, Yvonne Stephan, Sharon Wauls, Gordon Kilts, Beverly Kilts.

## New sign at board office

Following a protracted process of petitioning the local zoning authorities, permission was granted to install a sign at the Board's office on 15 South Main Street in Alfred, New York. Vice-President George Bottoms designed, constructed and installed the sign just prior to the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors in July. We have had our first "out of town" visitors as a result of their ease in locating us. The substitute UPS drivers and mail carriers are happier. We feel it advertises the presence of Seventh Day Baptists in Alfred. We are easy to locate. As you travel south from the main business block, we are on the east (left) side of the street. You may wish to park behind the building.

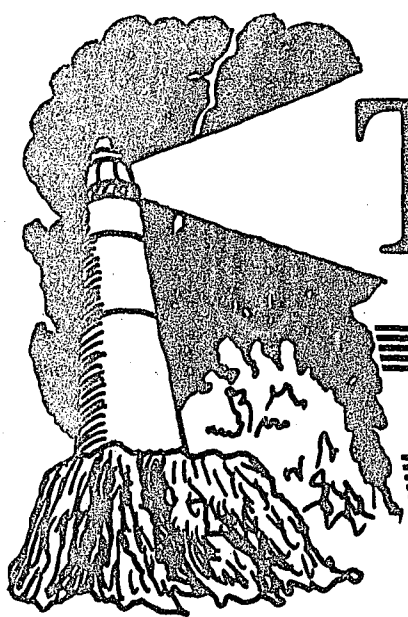


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## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc. will be held at the Alfred Parish House, West University Street, Alfred, New York, 14802, on Sunday, October 20, 1985, at 2 p.m. The purpose of this meeting shall be to hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Directors; to elect members of the Board of Directors; and to consider and act upon such matters that may properly come before said meeting.









# THE BEACON

For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

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## National SDBYF officers are elected

The National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship officers for 1986 were elected on Sunday evening, August 4, at General Conference in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Bill Shoffner, Jr., 1985 President, and Corina Soper, 1985 Vice-President, conducted the business session. The New Jersey slate was elected. Ideas for 1986 General Conference Youth Activities may be sent to President Bill Probasco, National SDBYF, RD 1, Box 464, Bridgeton, NJ 08302.

<b>President</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>
	
Bill Probasco	Cheryl Davis
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	
Suzanne Vanderslice	Andrew Camenga

## Polish Conference sessions held

by Bronislaw K. Ciesielski

On June 22 and 23 we had the election for members of the Board of the church, which is held every four years according to our bylaws. The delegates chose:

- President . . . . Bronislaw K. Ciesielski
- Vice Pres. . . . . Stefan Matuszewski
- Secretary . . . . . Roman Witek
- Treasurer . . . . . Emil Stekla
- Missions . . . . . Stefan Matuszewski
- Editor . . . . . Bronislaw K. Ciesielski
- Youth Pres. . . . . Marek Hoffman



Other officers elected (other than to the Board of the church) were: Rudolf Hoffmann, Chairman of the Commission of "TABITA"; Emanuel Wiecek, Chairman of the Auditor's Committee; Stanislaw Kosowski, Chairman of the Church Discipline Commission. The Conference delegates also elected the 22 person Church Council. The Board members began service at the July 13-14 Conference in Bielsko-Biala, Poland.

During the Conference, the delegates resolved a new *Statute*, which will be presented for confirmation to the Warsaw Religion Affairs Office. It will take affect when the Office confirms it.

The Conference's theme was, *Prepare a way for the Lord*, taken from Matthew 3:3. There were six preachers who spoke on the following themes: *Honor God and praise his greatness, We are therefore ambassadors substituting for Christ, Apostle religion—God's will for men, Man destroys himself and the earth, The Kingdom of God and The faith which is victorious.* We had a guest, Albourne Peat of London, England, who also preached. Brother Peat visited the World War II concentration camp at Oswiecim, which is now a monument. He also attended church in Lodz.

Our church musical group played and sang a special program at the Conference. Music specials included other groups, choirs, children and adults. We all praised the Lord together; there were about 400 of us.

It was a blessed event and gave us rich spiritual food and a true family atmosphere.

## Annual treat held for mothers

by Phillipa Powell

On the 11th of May, 1985, youth of the Post Road Seventh Day Baptist Church, Clarendon, Jamaica, held their special treat for the mothers on behalf of their appreciation to them on their official Mother's Day.

It was a cheerful service which commenced at 12:00 p.m. with our efficient moderator, Sister Marva Hamilton. She opened the service with the hymn, *Faith of Our Mothers*. The Scripture reading from I Samuel 1:17-18 was read by Jennifer Davis and Carleen Scott. This was followed with prayer by Deacon S. Ellis. The welcome was made by Brother Latly.

The children's message was given by Sister Andrea Hyman who spoke to the children telling them *How Jesus helps in time of need*. Then a tribute was given to the mothers by Brother

Clive Barnes. The day's offering was collected and then blessed by Brother A. Thomas.

A special tribute was given to the mothers by Phillipa Powell entitled, *What is a Mother?* The Gospel Trio gave a selection and a selection of Scripture from St. Luke 2:36-52 was read with a selection given by the Youth Choir. The service was then handed over to our special guest speaker for the day, Miss Lynch, who spoke deliberately on the topic, *The role of mothers in our society*. Her speech was very eloquent and factual.

Our moderator closed the service with the hymn, *Blessed Assurance*, and prayer was given by Sister J. Thompson. A special lunch was served to the mothers on the ground. It was a great expression of appreciation to all mothers. God bless them all. Amen. SR





## Restoring souls

by Marilyn Merchant



Dear Ones All,

Are you enjoying *October's Bright Blue Weather*? When I was a fourth grade student in Nebraska, every child in North Loup had to memorize that poem. Sorry to say, that is all I remember of it—the title—but it describes the glorious color of the sky right now around the country.

Last month I spoke of Phillip Keller's book, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. As I was struggling through a difficulty here, I was particularly struck with a passage as he covers the section on restoring the soul. Even David, the beloved of God, knew what dejection and defeat felt like. In Psalm 42:11, David questioned, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me?" Mr. Keller goes on to explain about "cast down sheep," an English shepherd's term for a sheep that has turned over on its back and cannot get up. It is pitiful to watch as it flays and thrashes around in frustration. The author explains that the sheep will die in a very short time if help does not arrive. All the creatures of prey know that a "cast" sheep is helpless and vulnerable to attack.

Now you must think I am really depressed this month but that is not the case. What set me thinking was how suddenly one can get the "blues" or be vulnerable to Satan's pricks if one is not up to par—off their feet, so to speak. When we hear of some of our acquaintances who are ill, in trouble or having some kind of problems, we think "I should...," but I'll wait a few days until they feel better." My point is that time is of the essence. One, of course, has to use good sense as to calling on the ill, but a prayer, a short

note in a card, or some easily digested food (if they are at home) never hurt anyone and it lifts the spirits so much. I guess what I am trying to say is put your good intentions into words and actions right away. Do not let anyone get discouraged and "cast down" because you did not act. You ladies are such loving, caring people and I know how many you have already helped.

Isn't it strange that there were just about the same amount of reports to the Women's Committee of Conference as send me their bulletins and many were the same groups? I was so pleased that those of you who did respond to the Women's Board request had been so busy in the Lord's work.

A report from the Lost Creek, West Virginia, Ladies Aid tells of their extensive redecoration of their church—paint, drapes, new chairs for the dining room and new linoleum for the church dining room and kitchen. How lovely and fresh it must look to all the service organizations they serve. The money to do these projects, along with others, comes from one big ice cream social, hot dog and baked goods sale, and from yard sales in the summer. Another excellent idea is that they send *Upper Room* and *Guidposts* magazines to their elderly shut-ins.

The Verona, New York, Ladies Aid Society has done great things with their monthly Mission Love Banks (they save their pennies, dimes and quarters in baby food jars to turn in at the next meeting) and tithe from the two public dinners they served this past year. They also had a food booth at an auction of one of the church families. Speaking from personal experience, I know that the food booths at auctions are money-makers.

Two of the reports to the Committee mentioned things I have told you about before but which I continue to be much impressed with. One from Plainfield, New Jersey, mentions their intensive study of Colossians pre-

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pared and presented by Jeanne (Wilhelm) Yourke. The thing that impressed me most was the way they used it in their projects. One month they wrote notes to absent members based on Colossians; another month, Colossians-based valentines; and, another, picnic invitations. That really writes the Word in your heart and mind. They are very active in collecting food and clothing for our Jamaican people and shipped a huge barrel from New York City.

Our other repeated report is from the Union Industrial Society in Alfred Station, New York, and their study of *Homemaking, a Bible Study for Women at Home*. The programs that went with the study sounded very worthwhile, especially one done by the pastor's wife, Yvonne Stephan, on Categorizing People. She gave a test to prove the theory by having the group look at figures of people and determine what they thought they might do in life. We are all so quick to make judgements. Their society is surely a busy and active one.

Nortonville, Kansas, has been one of the most faithful of the societies to write, send bulletins and newsletters, and report to Conference. In their report, they stated the object of the society, which I would like to quote. "The object of our society will be to promote spiritual, cultural and social advance to the ladies of our church. We will work in harmony each for the other and all for Christ in sisterly

patience and in love, and support the activities and functions of our church as 'Women of the World.' " Truly a worthwhile objective. I imagine the Wheelers appreciate the dehumidifier the society bought for the parsonage. Their fall bazaar has been taking hours of everyone's time.

I saw evidence of such an outpouring of love from groups all across the country. Besides the usual responses to requests from the Board of Love Gifts, individual societies found their own special recipients—families or persons who for some reason were "cast down" temporarily. Verona, New York, Milton, Wisconsin, and Hebron, Pennsylvania, were three that I especially noted.

Hebron's Women's Study and Serve Society really live up to their name and listed service to the local hospital's extended care facility in serving cake and beverage and in assisting patients to play games. They also make lap robes and bibs for a local nursing home and pack fruit boxes for shut-ins at Christmas. These are their "outside" the church activities; their "inside" activities are just as numerous.

Did you see the Cook and Craft book put out by the Little Genesee Sunshine Society at Conference? One (at least) came back to California and was unique, not only for its recipes, but for the craft ideas. Their reports through the year have been intriguing. Cont. to page 20.



## Camp Joy continues its witness

by Doyle K. Zwiebel

The Southeastern Association youth camp has had a long and happy history. The future seems especially bright in view of recent events.

Originating probably in the twenties, the site was first at the Middle Island S.D.B. Church near New Milton, West Virginia—then a thriving country congregation. The church building and parish house, along with tents, provided space for eating and sleeping. The Middle Island Creek, purported to be the longest creek in the world, gave the youngsters a place to boat and swim, and a spot in which baptism could be performed. The Late Carroll and Lucreta Bond are credited with being the directors; they hailed from Jesse's Run and held membership in the Lost Creek church.

Through the years, the camp became mobile, moving sometimes to Berea, West Virginia, and at other times to area 4-H camps. Whoever ministered, the Association churches invariably became involved as directors or teachers in the camps.

The year 1968 saw the camp—now called *Camp Joy* (Jesus, Others, You) firmly settled on a plot near the Ritchie Church at Berea and deeded by that body to the camp. An abandoned frame school building, which had been erected following the great flood of 1950, served as the major center of activity, while religious services and studies were held frequently in the Ritchie church edifice.

In order to deal properly with the workings of the camp, a Board of Directors was formed under the aegis of the Association to deal legally with the necessary business. Some funding was budgeted via the Association treasury but it

was soon evident that a business manager was needed, not only to raise operating funds but to oversee the upkeep of the property. During the '70's, this position was held by Francis Saunders, who, along with his wife, Lila, was able to

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establish a monthly income pattern to permit continuing operation. His retirement elsewhere left the position open. While not officially appointed manager, Edward Sutton has given *yeoman* service in this regard while acting as the chairman of the Board's facility committee. Ed's recent move to the pastorate in Berlin, New York, again leaves the Board with a vacancy in this position.

Funding from the Memorial Board has permitted the Board of Directors to have a professional firm review the site and project a plan for future development. A two-story weekender was purchased and built a short distance from the lodge. This was given impetus by the members of the Middle Island congregation who put up \$1000 for matching money for the building, and given with the provision

that it be named for Ms. Greta Randolph, a long-time educator-camper. Acreage has been cleared for mowing and landscaping has begun around the recreational fields.

The most recent development of great and grave consequence has been the deeding to the Board of the Ritchie Church building and its trailer parsonage. While it seems reasonable at the outset to assume the facilities may well be utilized in the future, there comes with these additional facilities an increased liability for insurance and upkeep—items not immediately budgetable.

Requests for specific planning information arose at the Southeastern Association meeting last June in Daytona Beach. The Board is presently attempting to pull together facts and figures to answer these requests. In addition, the Board is struggling to define the philosophy undergirding the fuller use of the facilities, such as; what other groups could use the camp, what restrictions should be made and what costs should be levied. At present, the camp is the appointed place for several church retreats and family gatherings, as well as nearly three weeks annually for Association youth camping.

While the Board is faced with how best to employ facilities freely given to it, it senses much frustration in determining the most effective approach to underwriting the cost of programming that will witness to the work of Seventh Day Baptists. The primary goals seen for the immediate future include the hiring of an on-site manager and the expenditure of monies for improving the lodge for year-round rental use. The Board feels that if the project is God's will, he will show the direction to be followed. SR

## In the eye of the beholder

### Thoughts on the Morality in Media Conference

by John A. Conrod

When you see the flood of obscenity that is permeating our society today, does it cause you to feel overwhelmed? Do you wonder if there is anything you as a person can do to stem the tide? Believe it or not, the United States Supreme Court says you can! They have ruled that obscenity can be outlawed and they have defined obscenity as that which offends the moral values of a local community. Obscenity, like beauty, is defined in the eye and mind of the beholder.

If you see something in your local community that offends you and you feel it is obscene, you can take action. All you need to do is file a complaint with your local District Attorney's office. You can put more weight behind your complaint if you are not alone. A petition with many signatures will be more forceful than a complaint from just one person.

You may ask, 'Isn't obscenity protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution? Aren't laws that outlaw obscene materials a form of censorship and therefore unconstitutional?' Although the purveyors of obscene materials want you to believe such laws are

unconstitutional, the truth is just the opposite. Let me explain.

Censorship is legally defined as the prior restraint of ideas. The key is the word, *prior*. It is illegal for a person to yell, 'FIRE!' in a crowded auditorium if there isn't any fire. Such a law would be constitutional and the person breaking such a law can be arrested and convicted. But a person could not be arrested simply because he said he was going to yell, 'FIRE!' That would be prior restraint and therefore unconstitutional.

In the same way, censorship by legal definition is only when the law tries to stop the distribution of obscene material before it is produced. Once it is available to the public and the public has determined it to be obscene, it can be legally banned.

Don't let yourself be overcome by the flood of obscene materials in your community. You have a legal right and moral obligation to do something about it.

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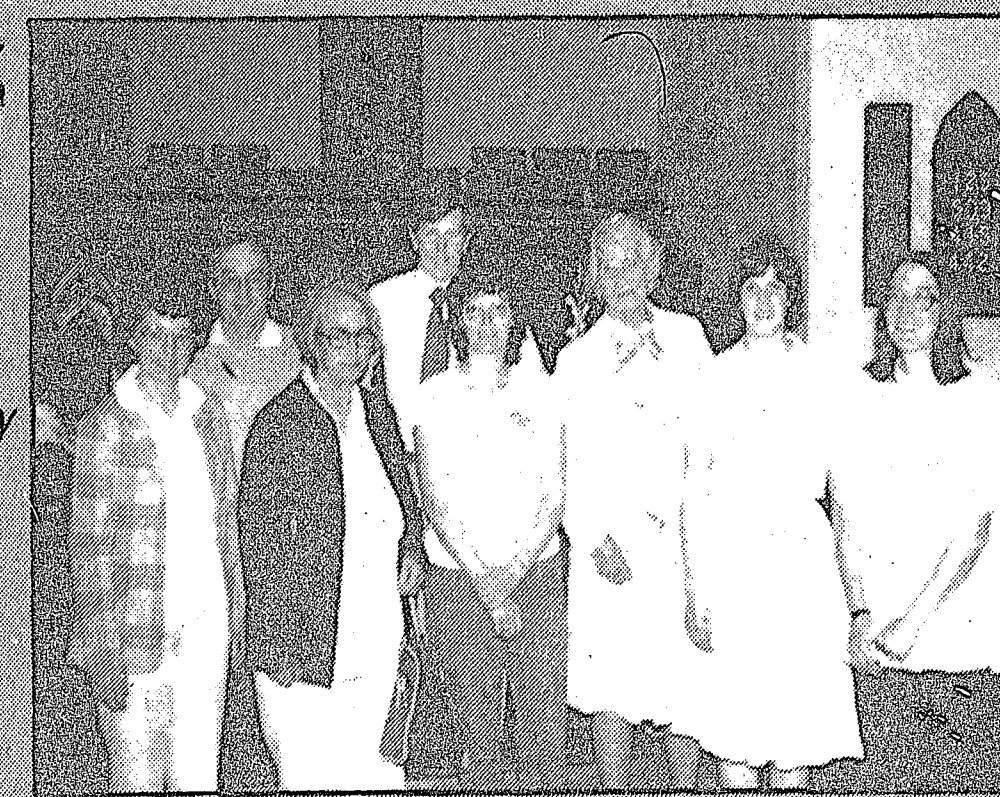
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Photo at Verona, New York, SDB Church, by Ernest K. Bee.





## Restoring souls

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ing in the crafts mentioned. They, too, are service-oriented with wheelchair pockets, bed pads, etc. made for nursing homes at the afternoon section of their all-day meetings.

The Dodge Center, Minnesota, Ladies Aid went into the Food Wagon and Flea Market business. Everyone can smile at their comment, "We learned a lot and made a modest amount of money." It is from this society that many of our "Mite" suggestions have come, and they have a calendar game they play monthly.

**Your response to our "Nighties for Newborns" campaign for Malawi was fantastic. Seventy nighties and 58 diapers came to Conference and were mailed on.**

The report of the Daytona Beach Aid is always exciting for they have both men and women in the group and their projects are many and varied. They spoke of selling cutlery, a different listing for any of the societies.

I will guess Battle Creek, Michigan's Society was the only one to have zoo animals at one meeting. Jean Davis did a great job of coming up with unique program ideas. One was delightful and she will be the first to tell you it was suggested by another

member. That was the in-depth honoring of one of the senior members of the society, Mae Lippincott, for all her many years of service to the church, the community and the society, their own local Robe of Achievement recipient.

Your response to our "Nighties for Newborns" campaign for Malawi was fantastic. Joy Ross, of the Women's Board, reports 70 nighties and 58 diapers came to Conference and were mailed on. How wonderful. Thank you. I am sure Bettie Pearson will say thanks from the other end, too.

I had nearly forgotten about the tuition fund the Board maintains to assist pastors' families with enrichment courses until I read the lovely thank-you note from Barbara Saunders for the handbells workshop it assisted her in enrolling in at the University of Wisconsin. She got hands-on experience which is invaluable to a director.

"Experiencing God's Healing" will be the theme of the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer on Nov. 4, 1985. This day is celebrated by Baptist women around the world. I urge you to mark the date on your calendar and search out a local program to attend. It will be well worth your time. Remember the chorus we sing, "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord"? We are, you know.

Until next month (the best month of the year, in my book), I will sign off. See if you can get a head start on your Thanksgiving by finding someone who needs a lift and giving it to them.

Keep Looking Up,

*Marilyn*

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## Week of Prayer for World Peace scheduled

LONDON—A consortium of peace organizations is encouraging people of all religious faiths throughout the world to observe the Week of Prayer for World Peace October 20-27, 1985.

The week includes United Nations Day October 24, which will officially launch the International Year of Peace 1986. Some of the organizations associated with the Week of Prayer for World Peace include: Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, The British Council of Churches, Campaign against Arms Trade, Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, Christian Action, Christian Action for East-West Reconciliation, Christian Peace Conference, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Justice

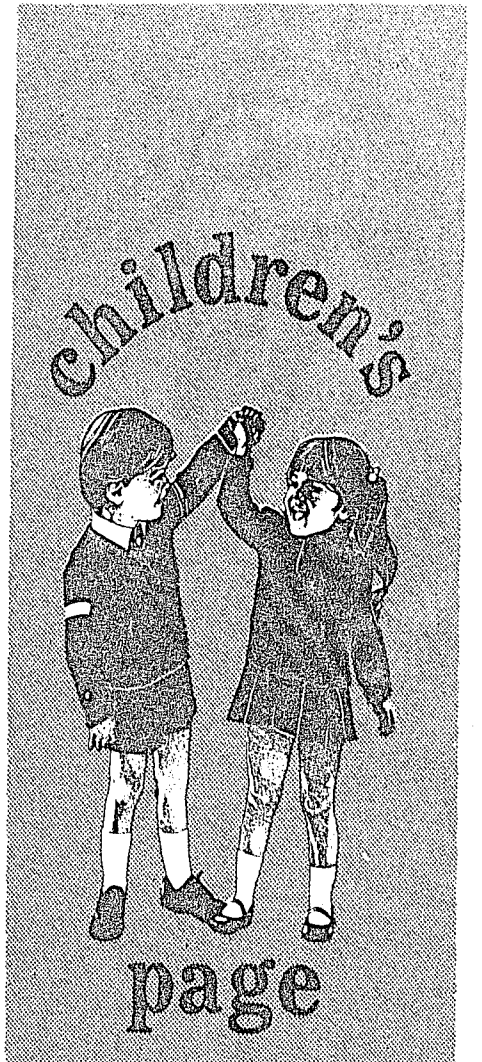
and Peace Commission, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United Kingdom, Northern Friends Peace Board, One World Week, Oxfam, Peace Tax Campaign, Pax Christi, Quaker Peace and Service, Quaker Universalist Group, Schumacher Society, Sikh Divine Fellowship, TOC H, Unitarian and Free Christian Peace Fellowship, United Nations Association, The Vigil for Racial Justice and Peace, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Conference on Religion and Peace, World Congress of Faiths, World Disarmament Campaign, and World Prayer for Peace.

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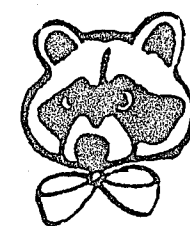
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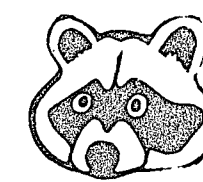
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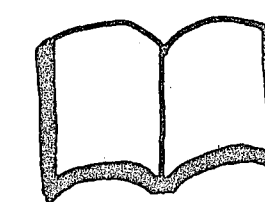
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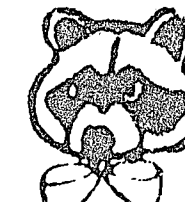
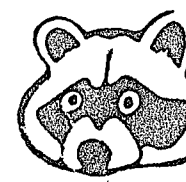
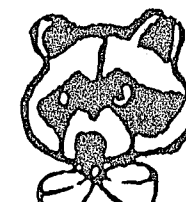
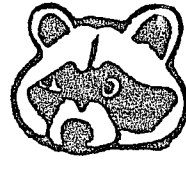
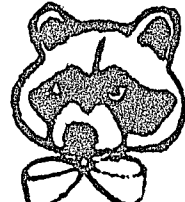
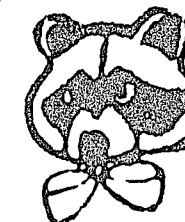
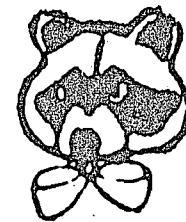
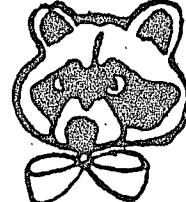
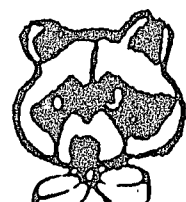

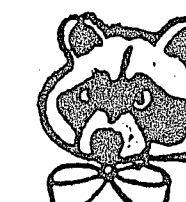

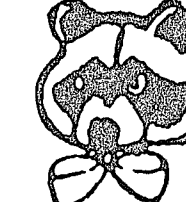
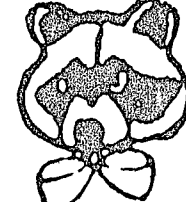
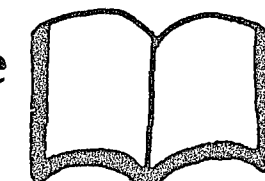



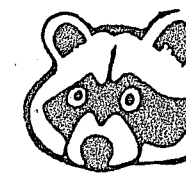

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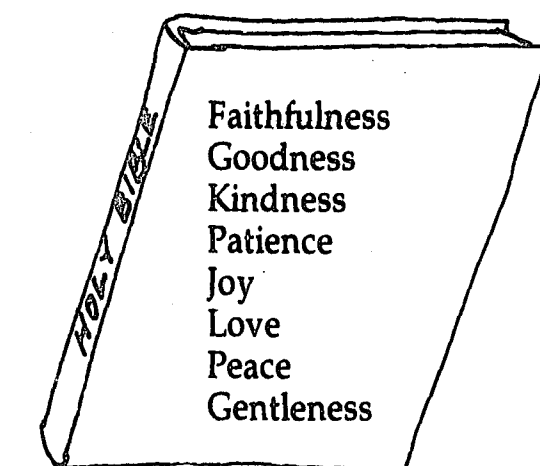


Heart



Gently  tucked  into bed. "Good night, I love you,"  said.  loved his  very much.  was gentle.  spoke calmly.  kept things in order.  would hold  when he was afraid.  helped him feel safe. Even when  did something wrong  would correct him—gently.  would pray and read the  many times during the day.  had shared that this was the way she learned to be gentle—like Jesus.

 wanted to be gentle like Jesus, too. Matthew 11:29c "For I am gentle and humble in  " Parents, please read Matthew 11:25-30.



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## Baptists Featured in Church History Journal

by Carol Gale Woodfin

WORCESTER, Pennsylvania (USA) The entire current issue of "Christian History" is devoted to the Baptists. The richly illustrated quarterly magazine presents articles, charts, diagrams and documents portraying aspects of the early history of Baptists

and present day issues of concern. Dr. William H. Brackney, Executive Director of the American Baptist Historical Society, edited the special issue. The Society, in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, is the official archive for Baptist World Alliance documents.

Brackney also contributed an article on the Southwark disputation of 1642, in which Baptists were forced to define and defend their beliefs.

The Rev. Roger Hayden, Secretary of the British Baptist Historical Society, and his staff trace the early history of English Baptists, the source of modern-day Baptist movement, in an article entitled "To Walk in All His Ways."

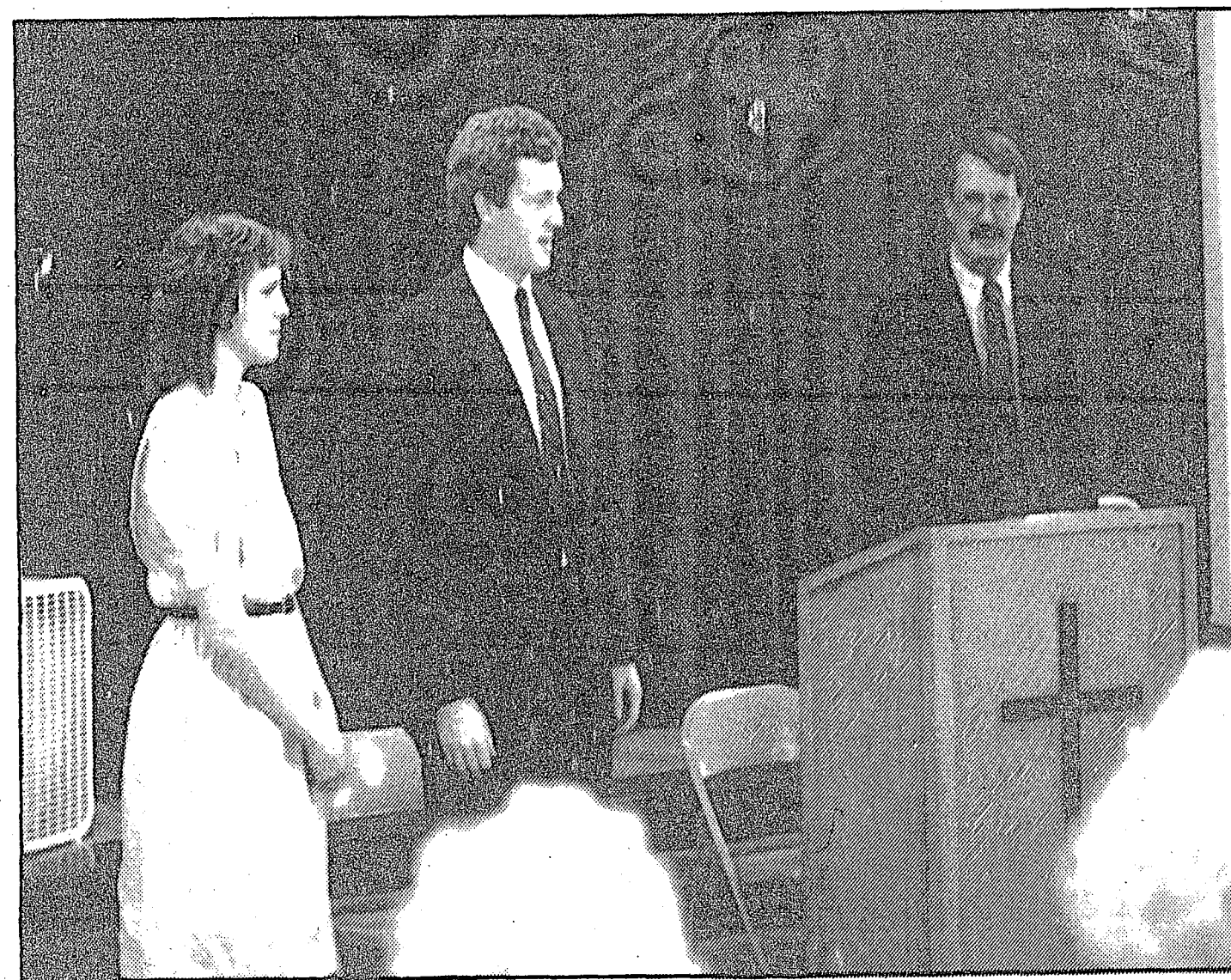
Brief biographical sketches of leading Baptist men and women over the centuries are included as well as a feature article on John Bunyan. Another section on "Religious Liberty: An Emotional Issue Still Not Settled," is a collection of statements of several points of view on the issue, both historical and modern.

The magazine notes five "Baptist Distinctives": the supreme authority of the Bible, believer's baptism, local church autonomy, preaching and evangelism, and separation of church and state.

Dr. Edwin S. Gaustad, Professor of History at the University of California, Riverside, in "Where Are the Lions When We Really Need Them?" points out that throughout their history, Baptists have often been forced to defend their views in the face of persecution or against those of majority churches. In some parts of the world today, however, Baptists as an established and respected denomination, may have an "identity crisis" and need a reassessment of what it means to be a Baptist.

The magazine concludes with a guide for discussion and a bibliography for further reading.

The Baptist issue is the sixth in the "Christian History" series. The journal is published by the Christian History Institute. Previous issues have dealt with Anabaptists, and Ulrich Zwingli, and future ones will concentrate on Jonathan Edwards and C. S. Lewis. SR



## Kevin Butler installed as pastor

by Laura Streich

"It is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious and a song of praise is seemly." Ps 147:1 RSV

The Madison, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church holds July 13, 1985, as a special date since that was the chosen time for the installation of its first pastor, Kevin Butler. Kevin had just graduated a few weeks earlier and had moved here with his wife, Janet, and their two little daughters, Jennifer and Crystal. He began pastoral duties in Madison on June 1.

With Jim Skaggs as worship leader, special services were held in the Fel-

lowship Hall of our meeting place at 518 N. Franklin Avenue. Paul Green provided a vocal solo, "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place."

A plaque was presented to Rev. Earl Cruzan in appreciation of his dedicated work with our group for several years. Rev. Leroy Bass was also surprised with a plaque, honoring him for his willing service during the time that Mrs. Bass was in Medical School at the University of Wisconsin and interning in the area. A beautiful cake was another surprise for the Besses, who have since moved to Washing-

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## Living care-free

by Dobra Keown

First Peter 5:7 says to "cast all your anxiety upon the Lord, for He cares for you." This past weekend was the first time I ever acted on this verse. You see, I discovered that it was a sin to worry. Worrying, and carrying my own burdens was telling God I could not trust him;

I could not depend on him to do what his word said he would do.

From now on, however, I will live free of care. When I pray I will entrust God with my needs and relax! Satan will try to get me to take them back, but I'll laugh at him. I will fret no longer. God is in charge of my life and by trusting in him I am allowing him to work.

You might say, "It won't work for me because my problems are too many and too overwhelming." Well, God knows our needs and he is the one who said to give them to him. It is not easy at first because we are in the habit of worrying. We have been taught to be anxious. Get into a new habit instead—one of faith. God cares for you and watchfully. He loves you as much as he does his Son Jesus.

Kenneth Hagin writes, "There are those who are on the verge of receiving their manifestation for healing but it hasn't come yet—and the reason is because you are holding onto that sickness, disease, or physical condition. Turn it loose! Quit holding onto it. Let it go and just lean back on Jesus. Just fall back on him. Jesus is there. Just relax and rest in him." SR

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# Procrastination

by Gabriel Bejjani

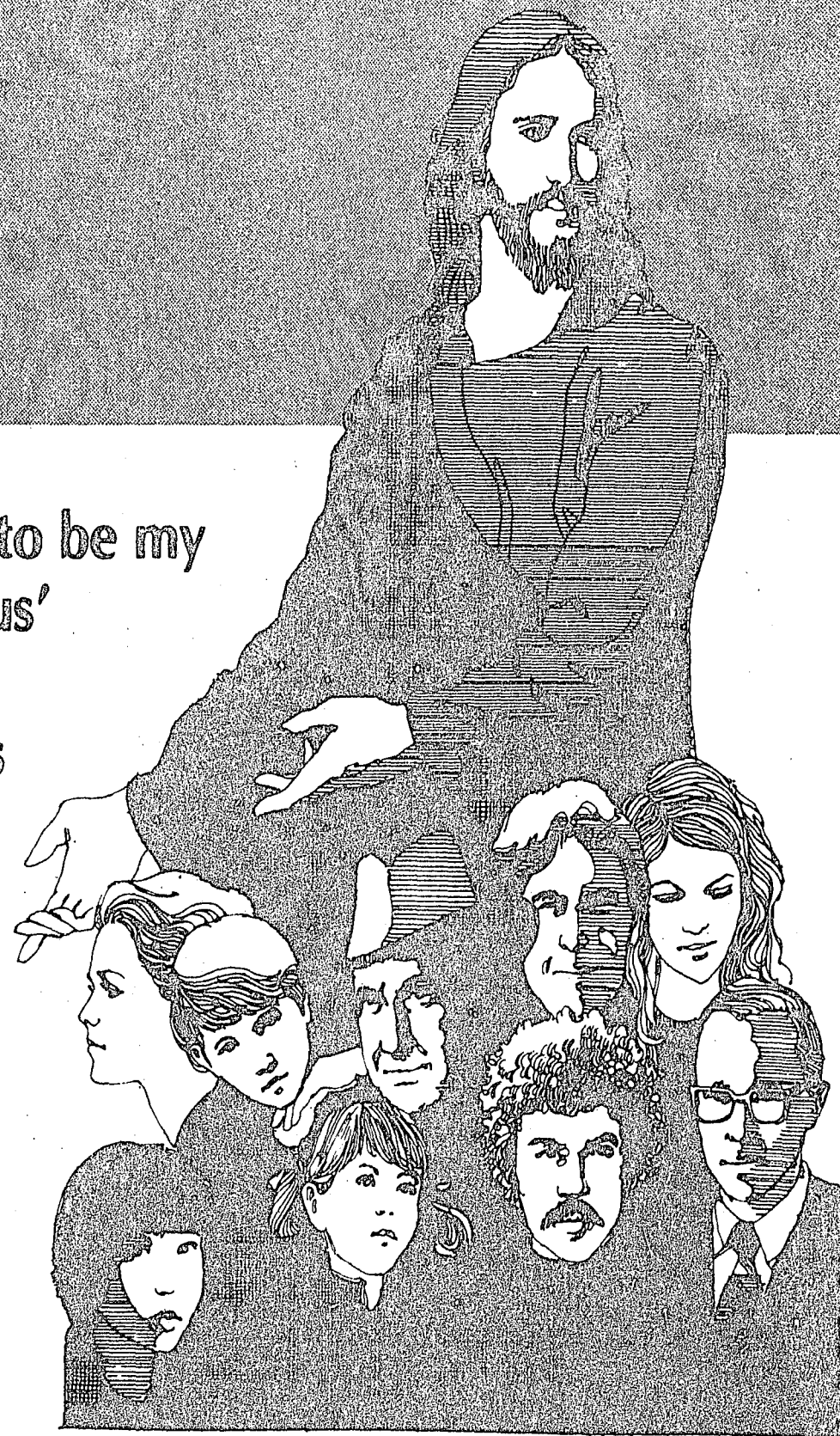
**M**others are always protective of their children. But when their children grow up and they are about to get married, mothers always have some doubts about the persons who are going to marry their kids. They are still their kids.

So she had always been suspicious about the man that came to marry her daughter. Then she started to think that her suspicion had a foundation. He turned out not to be such a good man after all. He had deserted his family. Her daughter never said a word about him; she loved him. But she always sensed that there was something wrong and this proved her point. He had a business, a family business, and he had brothers and relatives working with him and for him. But this time he had left his family. And her daughter was alone, so she came to spend time with her daughter, to encourage her. She wanted to tell her what she really thought of her husband, but she held back because she did not want to really hurt her daughter. She was waiting for that man to come so she could tell him what was on her mind. And the more she thought about it, she became really sick because of her thoughts. She became so sick that she was in bed. "Who is this man that he thinks he could do this to my daughter?"

She was angry, and then she heard sounds outside and she thought that this must be the man. He was coming. She wanted to get up but she was too weak and too sick so she stayed.

Finally, the procession approached their home. Peter's mother-in-law was laying there, wanting to tell Peter what she thought of him, but then the Master came in, took time to go into

"I want you to be my witnesses." Jesus' method of evangelism was touching and healing.



the room, touch her and heal her. You read about it in Matthew chapter 7—she went, got up and she started serving him. Her son-in-law was not that bad after all. He followed a man who was a great teacher and great physician.

That was Jesus' method of evangelism, of out-reach. Jesus wants you. That was his method of fulfilling the Great Commission. He wants us to follow him, he wants us to follow him.

Before he even started any public sermon, he went about choosing his disciples. That was his first act. You read about it in John, chapter 1, and verses 35 and following. He chose Peter, and his brother, and Phillip and the others. He wanted people. His method was very simple. He wanted to enlist people who could share this testimony with others. He spent much of his public ministry with these people, training them to the task.

I tell you, maybe there were not many results in the beginning. Be-

cause in I Corinthians 15, Paul tells us that when Christ left his earth, there were about 500 believers. That was not that much. Thousands followed him. But he took time to enlist people and tame them.

He said, "I want you to be my witnesses," in Acts, chapter 1, verse 8. "I want you to be my witnesses." Now Jesus used this word the first time—my witnesses—here in Acts, chapter 1, verse 8. But if you read Matthew 28, the Great Commission, you would not say "witnesses." But here he uses the word *witnesses*. "I want you to be my witnesses." And he used this word from an Old Testament reference.

In Isaiah 43, starting with with verse 10, we find:

"You are my witnesses," says the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the

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I say to myself, "I will witness next time. I will have another opportunity."

Lord, and beside me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," says the Lord. "I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?"

"You are my witnesses." Are you his witnesses? If you are not, why are you not his witness? Why?

I want you to think of the word *witness* and start thinking of images that come to your mind when I use the word *witness*. You know, we are conditioned by association of images. Does anyone here have a Mustang that he drives? Does anyone have a Mustang? Does anyone use Crest as a toothpaste? When I use the word *Crest*, you think of the toothpaste. When I use the word *Mustang*, you think of the car. I could go on because we associate words with things that we use. We do not think of the mustang as a horse or the crest as a crest of a mountain. So when we use the word *witness*, what comes to your mind?

Let me give you some images that come to my mind from the word *witness*. When I use the word *witness*, I think of two Mormons riding their

bicycles. Or two Jehovah Witnesses knocking at my door. Or someone standing in the street handing out tracts or a person on a streetcorner preaching.

That really amazed me when I was in Los Angeles for the first time over nine years ago. I went to downtown L.A. and there was a man at a busy streetcorner with his Bible in his hand preaching, shouting, walking around, and nobody was looking at him.

These images come to my mind when I think of the word *witness*. And some are negative images. I would like you to have a positive image of what the word *witness* is. Because "You are my witnesses," the Bible says. Christ is telling us we are his witnesses.

Everytime I want to witness, I like to procrastinate. I say I will do it next time; I will have another opportunity. I want to give four groups of procrastinators this morning and I hope you will identify with one of them.

The first group of procrastinators are those that feel unworthy. Have you felt unworthy? Some people feel unworthy. We are people that have faults; we are sinners. "How could we be witnesses? I am not worthy to be a witness. I cannot be a witness. I am not worthy."

We procrastinate, until our life is put back together, until we will be able to really be witnesses. Paul would like to talk to you if you were people

You do not win people to Christ. Christ wins people to himself through you.

that feel this way.

Turn with me please to I Timothy, chapter 1:15.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; ...

If Paul felt unworthy, he could not have witnessed. If you feel unworthy, it is as if you are saying, "I believe Christ paid it all, but yet I am still unworthy; I cannot do it, I cannot witness for him." Never feel unworthy. When you feel unworthy, it is as if you are thinking it is by your own power that you are winning people to Christ. That is not true. I have heard people speak of their testimony and they speak of how many people they have won for Christ. This is a mistake, friends. You do not win people to Christ. Christ wins people to him through you and through your testimony, no matter how unworthy you are.

I am reminded of the story in John, chapter 4—you see the Samaritan woman there. When the Samaritan woman heard what Jesus said, she went to the city and started telling them about Jesus. They invited Jesus to be over there, and they started



to listen to him. And they said, "Because of your word, we came to Jesus. But now it is not because of word, but because we have heard him personally." Do not feel unworthy because it is not you who is winning people to Christ. Christ wins people to him through you. So we are worthy to be his witnesses.

The second group of procrastinators reminds me of my Catholic background. On almost every beautiful mountaintop and hill overlooking the city of Beirut and the Mediterranean Sea, there is a monastery. They felt so insecure about their faith that they went into monasteries and stayed there to be in a pure spiritual isolation. Some procrastinators feel they want to be in spiritual isolation. The world is too dangerous. They are so insecure that they do not want to be out witnessing to Christ. We stay in our own group, among our own people, and do not want to witness because we feel insecure.

In John, chapter 17, we see what Jesus says about this subject. Let us start with verse 15.

No matter how you feel that someone else could do it better—that you are not educated, that you do not have as much knowledge as a pastor or some other leader in your church who knows more than you—if you are with Christ, you will be able to be a witness. Friends, you are witnesses.

Since we are in Acts, turn with me to Acts, chapter 8. God's people, because of fear, I guess, were gathered together. They were in Jerusalem, in homes just waiting and praying, hoping that the Lord would come again and end their situation. So the Lord permitted a persecution to come on

**Do not procrastinate because someone else could do it better. God wants you. You are his witness.**

them. In verse 1, we find "...a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the region of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles."

Except the apostles. Everybody else was scattered. The 12 apostles were not scattered; they stayed in Jerusalem. And in verse 4 it says, "Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word." Who did it? The apostles? They were in Jerusalem.

You were the witnesses. You are the witnesses. That is the only way that we can obey the Great Commission. Do not procrastinate because someone else could do it better. God wants you. You are his witnesses.

I want to go to the fourth kind of procrastinators, and I must admit that this gives me the most difficulty because it has some merit in it. Those are the people who think that they are the silent witness. They are the silent witness. I am not going to ask for a show of hands because I am sure many would raise their hands, but I want you to just think—between

you and the Lord—have you thought to yourself, *I am the silent witness?*

Now turn with me to I Peter, chapter 3, verse 15. "But in your hearts acknowledge Christ as Lord." In your

"In your heart acknowledge Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you."

How many times I went through experiences when I did not verbalize the thoughts that the Spirit put in my mind. Then the thoughts drifted away, the opportunities to witness were gone, and I remained just as a silent witness. Have you seen yourself in any one of these groups?

I have been through all of these stages of procrastination. At one time I felt unworthy. At times I felt insecure. At times I felt others could do it better. At times I felt just content with the life of the silent witness.

Friends, my prayer for you and for all of us is that we will stop being procrastinators and follow Jesus as witnesses. So let us stop wishing and let us start fishing! SR

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## Five more pastoral changes

Rev. S. Kenneth Davis concludes his 15-year pastorate of the Battle Creek, Michigan, church in mid-October to become pastor of the church in Salem, West Virginia.

Rev. Edward Sutton of Salem, West Virginia, has assumed pastorate of the Berlin, New York church. His previous full-time pastorates were in New Auburn, Wisconsin, and Alfred Station, New York.

Charles Thomas, a lay leader in the Upper East Tennessee church in Blountville has accepted the pastorate of the Little Genesee, New York, and Hebron, Pennsylvania, churches.

Eugene Smith began service as pastor of the Adams Center, New York,

church in mid-August. A member of the Salem, West Virginia, church, he has been a student in the Certificate Pastor Training Program of the Council on Ministry.

Rev. Kenneth Burdick, pastor of the Raritan Valley, New Jersey church since 1978, has accepted the call to be pastor of the North Loup, Nebraska, church in October. SR

from Lead-Line

## Noel begins seminary training

Rod Noel, a member of the Battle Creek, Michigan, church and recent graduate of Adrien College, begins seminary this fall at Candler School of Theology, part of Emory University in

## Joanna recovering

Four-year old Joanna Harris of Albion, Wisconsin, who was hospitalized with serious illness during General Conference sessions, is reported "almost back to normal" with only some slowness in speech remaining from the viral meningitis and encephalitis she suffered. Her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Robert and Linda Harris, wish to thank everyone who supported the family with their prayers and expressed concern. SR

Atlanta, Georgia. Noel served three years in the Summer Christian Service Corps and used his SDB dedicated service scholarship to attend college. SR

## Tennessean Thomas elected new BJCPA General Counsel

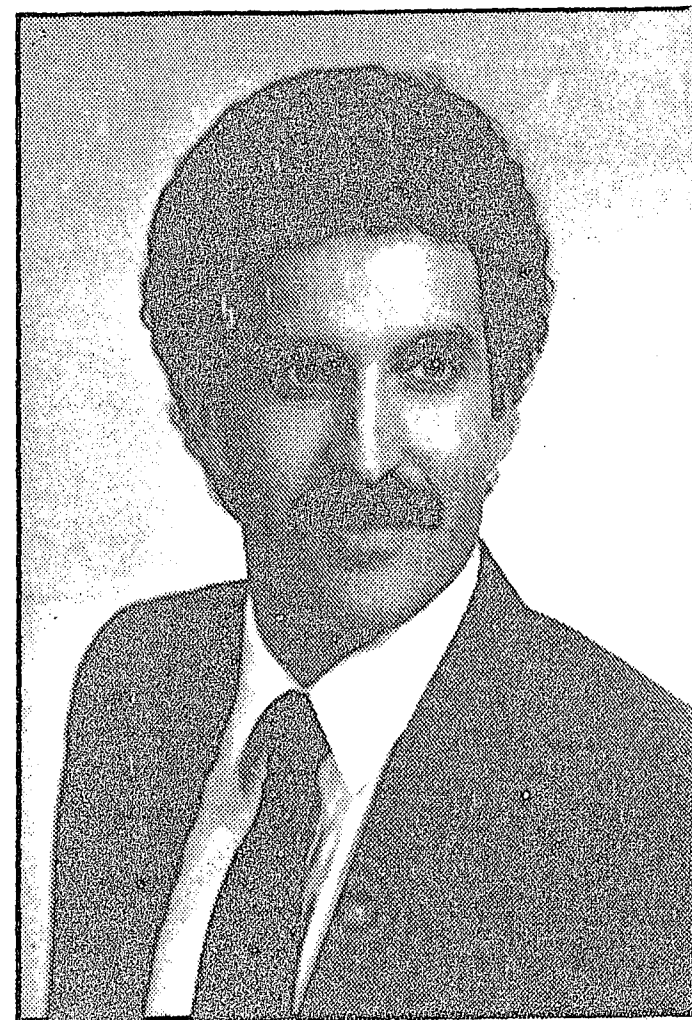
WASHINGTON (BPA)—Oliver S. (Buzz) Thomas, a partner in the firm Thomas and Thomas of Maryville, Tennessee, has been unanimously elected general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The Tennessee native will assume his duties October 1.

Thomas, 30, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Tennessee and an honors graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Thomas succeeds the late John W. Baker, who worked at the Baptist Joint Committee from 1969 until his death last January.

Search Committee Chairman Wes Forsline, pastor of the American Baptist affiliated Calvary Baptist Church of Minneapolis said that the young attorney is "a Baptist who knows what a Baptist is and can work among our varying groups and with non-Baptists reflecting our Baptist heritage." SR

BJC executive director James M. Dunn said that Thomas "represents a rare find" for the BJC. "He has engaged



ed both in the practice of law and in the ministry of the local church," Dunn added, a background that "has sharpened his formidable educational preparation for our specific tasks." SR

## Butler

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ton Island where Marjorie is the new physician.

We were happy to receive four new members during our worship service on the 13th and, more recently, another new member after baptism.

A nursery is provided during both the church service and Sabbath School each week, and additional classes were scheduled to begin Sept. 7.

There is joy in our congregation each week when Julie Millis leads us in a chorus time.

For our growth so far, "Glorify Thy Name." This is the chorus we sang on installation day and is always appropriate. SR

## Births

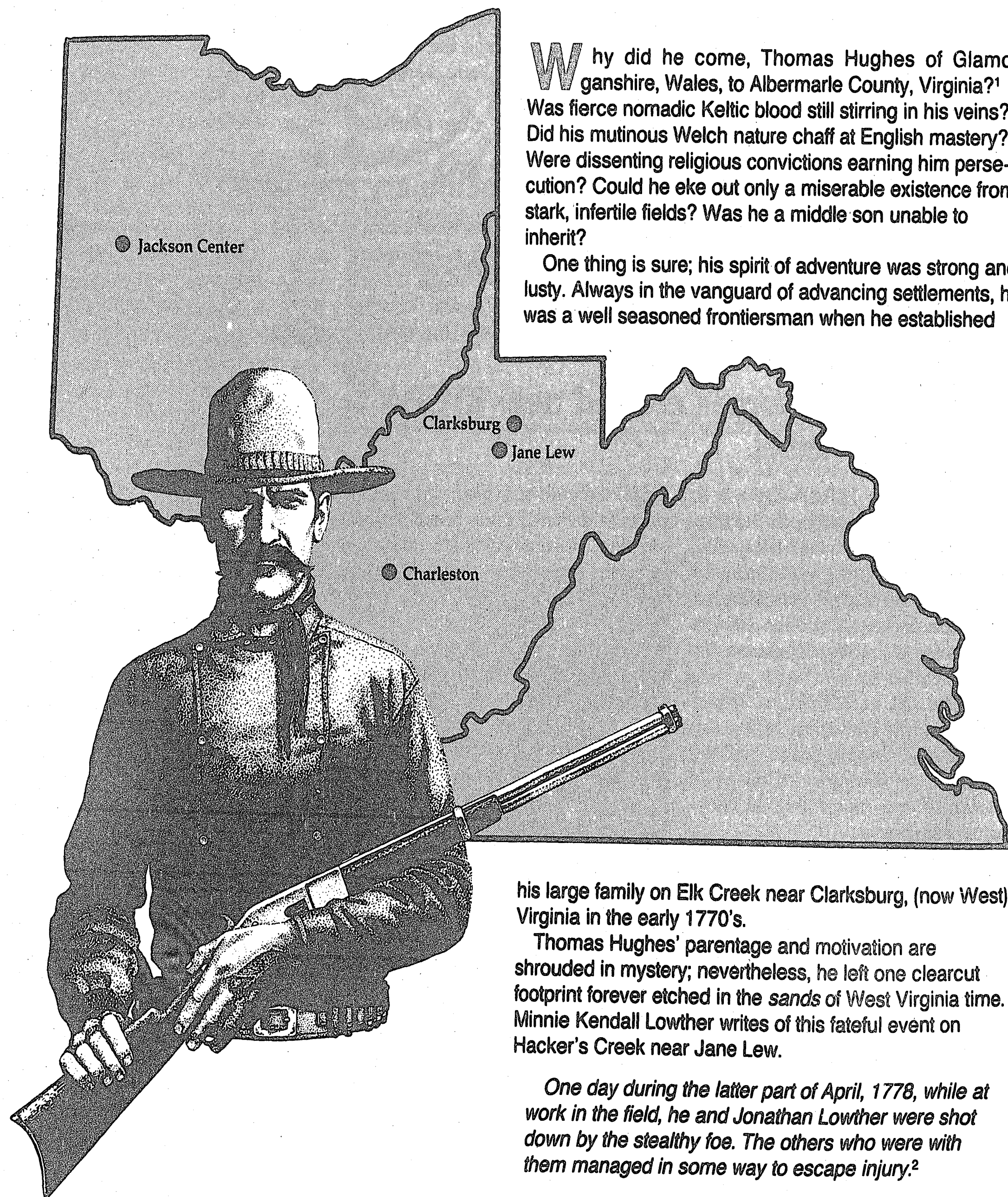
Ashcraft.—A son, Taylor Ryan Ashcraft, was born to Mark and Lynn Ashcraft of Chino Hills, California, on March 12, 1985.

Ash.—A son, Justin Michael Ash, was born to Richard and Roberta Ash of Clarksburg, West Virginia, on July 31, 1985.



## Descendants of dissenters: Those notorious, meritorious Hugheses

by Ilou Sanford



**W**hy did he come, Thomas Hughes of Glamorganshire, Wales, to Albermarle County, Virginia?<sup>1</sup> Was fierce nomadic Keltic blood still stirring in his veins? Did his mutinous Welch nature chaff at English mastery? Were dissenting religious convictions earning him persecution? Could he eke out only a miserable existence from stark, infertile fields? Was he a middle son unable to inherit?

One thing is sure; his spirit of adventure was strong and lusty. Always in the vanguard of advancing settlements, he was a well seasoned frontiersman when he established

his large family on Elk Creek near Clarksburg, (now West Virginia) in the early 1770's.

Thomas Hughes' parentage and motivation are shrouded in mystery; nevertheless, he left one clearcut footprint forever etched in the sands of West Virginia time. Minnie Kendall Lowther writes of this fateful event on Hacker's Creek near Jane Lew.

*One day during the latter part of April, 1778, while at work in the field, he and Jonathan Lowther were shot down by the stealthy foe. The others who were with them managed in some way to escape injury.<sup>2</sup>*

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Thomas Hughes, Sr., sired a temperamental generation of sons who carved out first place in the annals of border warfare in West Virginia and Ohio. L. Virgil McWhorter writes of Jesse Hughes;

*Jesse Hughes grew up in the school of hardship to be a brave, handsome, active man. The stories of the murder of his father and other kindred and friends embittered him against the Red Man, and terrible was the retribution he visited upon them.*

Accounts of retribution rival some of the vengeance wrought in Old Testament days as Israel practiced the ancient code of "lex talionis" upon those who opposed the occupation of the promised land.

*His name was a terror to the savage foe and a household word of comfort to the scattered settlers on the Buckhannon River, Hacker's Creek, and elsewhere where he visited with the brave and chivalrous spirit of the knight-errant to ward off the savage blow. Always on the alert and courting danger at every point, he pursued the savage with the pertinacity of a bloodhound and never stopped short of his prey.<sup>3</sup>*

To his credit he was true to those who gained his friendship. When rations were scarce, his deadly fowling piece supplied those in need.

Second only to his brother, Elias Hughes figures prominently in numberless Indian skirmishes. A mere lad of 17, he survived the bloody slaughter of Lord Dunmore's War in 1774. Shortly after Wayne's Treaty in 1795, Hughes left his mountainous home to cultivate fine bottom land on the Licking River in Ohio. Howe's Historical Collections of Ohio recount this tale.

*Hughes had been bred in the hot-bed of Indian warfare. The Indians having at an early day, murdered a young woman to whom he was attached, and subsequently his father's death, the return of peace did not mitigate his hatred of the race. One night, in April 1800, Indians stole the horses of Hughes and Ratliff from a little enclosure near their cabin. Missing them in the morning, they started off, well-armed in pursuit...*

*At the grey of the morning, they came upon the Indians, who were asleep and unconscious of danger...*

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*They drew up their rifles to shoot, and just at the moment one of the Indians discovered them, and instinctively clapping his hand on his breast, as if to ward off the fatal ball, claimed in tones of affright, 'me bad Indian—me no do so more!' The appeal was in vain, the smoke curled from the glistening barrels, the report rang in the morning, and the poor Indians fell dead. They returned to their cabin with the horses, and swore mutual secrecy for this violation of law.<sup>4</sup>*

Other stories of Martha's abduction, of Thomas Jr. and his young son, also Thomas, of James and Job would fill another volume. For Jonathan Hughes, grandfather, six times removed of the author, we find service records on file. Ensign Jonathan Hughes' commission of November 9, 1779 was signed by Thomas Jefferson.<sup>5</sup> He spied on Indians, defended forts, fought Torys, and rounded up deserters.

The clash between diametrically opposed cultures ended with one the victor, the other vanquished. Jesse Hughes spent his impoverished declining years hunting and fishing. Elias Hughes volunteered for one last scrap, the War of 1812, before retiring in Utica, Ohio, to give thoughtful consideration to religious subjects. In 1819, Jonathan Hughes, along with wife Abigail and son Dudley Sr., joined the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church.<sup>6</sup> In 1840, while enjoying a Revolutionary War pension, he resided with Robert Stutler of Harrison County.

"Ohio Fever"<sup>7</sup> swept across the New Republic. Dudley Hughes, Jr. and his brother David, who was drowned en route, crossed the Ohio River on a raft.<sup>8</sup> A constituent member of the 1840 Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, he colored the settlement with the overwhelming evangelistic convictions of his Welch forbears and founded a new dynasty of church-centered descendants.

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<sup>1</sup>Seaver, J. Montgomery. *The History of the Hughes Family.*

<sup>2</sup>Lowther, Minnie Kendall. *The History of Ritchie County.*

<sup>3</sup>McWhorter, Lucullus Virgil. *The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia.*

<sup>4</sup>Howe, Henry. *Historical Collections of Ohio.*

<sup>5</sup>Clarksburg Exponent—Telegram. August 13, 1933.

<sup>6</sup>Fitz Randolph, Corliss. *Seventh Day Baptists in West Virginia.*

<sup>7</sup>Hartmann, Edward G. *Americans from Wales.*

<sup>8</sup>Sutton, Rev. Erlo. Oral Tradition.



## Obituaries

**Armstrong.**—William Waugh Armstrong of Middlesex, New Jersey, died April 17, 1985, in the Somerset Medical Center, Somerville, New Jersey, at the age of 70 years. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1915.

He was a graduate of Eastern District High School in Brooklyn and held a certificate in Industrial Electricity from Pratt Institute of Brooklyn. He attended Youngstown Ohio College.

Bill served on the Middlesex Board of Education from 1969 to 1975. He was a member of the American Sabbath Tract Society for 20 years, a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ in Plainfield, New Jersey, and a Marine war veteran of World War II.

On April 23, 1945, Bill married Margret Seeman. The union produced three children: Daniel, Nancy and Celia. Seven grandchildren also survive him.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Joe A. Samuels at the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ on April 22, 1985. Interment was in the Forest Green Park, New Jersey. JES

**Lawhead.**—Nina R. Lawhead of Jackson Center, Ohio, daughter of Linville B. and Dora E. Cozad Davis, was born in Doddridge County, West Virginia, December 13, 1893, and died in Heartland of Indian Lake, Lakeview, Ohio, August 24, 1985.

Nina was a loyal member of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. The last meeting of the congregation was held in her home in December, 1964.

Her husband, William C. Lawhead, preceded her in death January 3, 1965.

Surviving Nina are two daughters, Dorothy Helmlinger of Quincy, Ohio, and Mary Stiefel of Jackson Center; 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Clara Ferguson of Oakland City, Indiana.

Farewell services were held in the Van Horn Funeral Home of Jackson Center with the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel officiating. Interment was in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. REZ

**Rood.**—Elsie Rood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rood, was born June 3, 1897, at North Loup, Nebraska, and died at Janesville Health Care Center, Janesville, Wisconsin, on July 14, 1985.

Elsie moved to the Wisconsin area around 50 years ago. She served as a domestic worker and companion to a number of people. She was always active in the Seventh Day Baptist Church. She retained her membership in North Loup but was an active member where she lived.

Funeral services were held from the Albrecht Funeral Home in Milton, Wisconsin, on July 16 with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating, and at North Loup on July 17 with Pastor Victor Skaggs officiating. Burial was in the North Loup Cemetery. EC

**McKee.**—Emma F. McKee of Shiloh, New Jersey, died August 15, 1985, at the age of 77 at the Bridgeton Nursing Home, Bridgeton, New Jersey, where she had been a patient for two years.

She was born in New Jersey, the daughter of the late Allen and Mary Jones Loveland. She was the wife of the late Charles B. McKee and the former wife of the late Albert R. Davenport. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, which she attended faithfully as long as she was able. For many years she taught the smaller children of the Sabbath School, and in the Community Bible School.

She is survived by three sons, Robert A. Davenport of Ocean City, New Jersey, James R. Davenport of Bridgeton, and Kenneth R. Davenport of Tampa, Florida; a daughter, Mrs. Rodman (Helen) Mullins of Newark, Delaware; a brother, Allen Loveland, Jr. of Barrington, New Jersey; five sisters, Dorothy Holsinger of Sacramento, California, Marion Wilson of Brooklawn, New Jersey, Ruth Hadley of Salem, New Jersey, Mrs. Robert (Pearl) Cooper of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Raymond (Wilma) Coxe of Gloucester City, New Jersey; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were held on August 19, 1985, at 11 a.m. from the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shiloh, with the Rev. Charles H. Bond, Pastor Emeritus, officiating.

Interment was made in the church cemetery. CHB

## Accessions

**Alfred, New York**

Associate Member  
Louise V. Foote

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Kevin Butler, Pastor

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Kevin Butler  
Janet Butler  
Joel Osborn  
Doneta Osborn

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Joined by Letter:  
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David A. Saunders

Joined after Testimony:  
Jonathan A. Saunders

**San Diego, California**  
George Calhoun, Pastor

Joined by Letter:  
Bob Baker  
Kay Baker  
David Baker

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John Peil, Pastor

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Nathan Atencio  
David Eberhardt

Joined by Letter:  
Cheryl Eberhardt  
Bruce McMastster  
Betty Wear

## Marriages

**Burdick-Lacher.**—Mark D. Burdick, of South Pasadena, California and Marcel Marie Lacher of Hacienda Heights, California, were united in marriage on June 9, 1985 at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Faith, San Gabriel, California, with Pastor John Peil officiating.

**Thorngate-Garrett.**—Dan Thorngate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thorngate, and Vanna Garrett were united in marriage on August 17, 1985, at the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Mary Jo Adams of the Happy Church and the Rev. John D. Bevis of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church officiated.

**Berry-Hight.**—James Berry and Jo Ann Hight of Arvada, Colorado, were united in marriage at the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 31, 1985, by their pastor, John D. Bevis.

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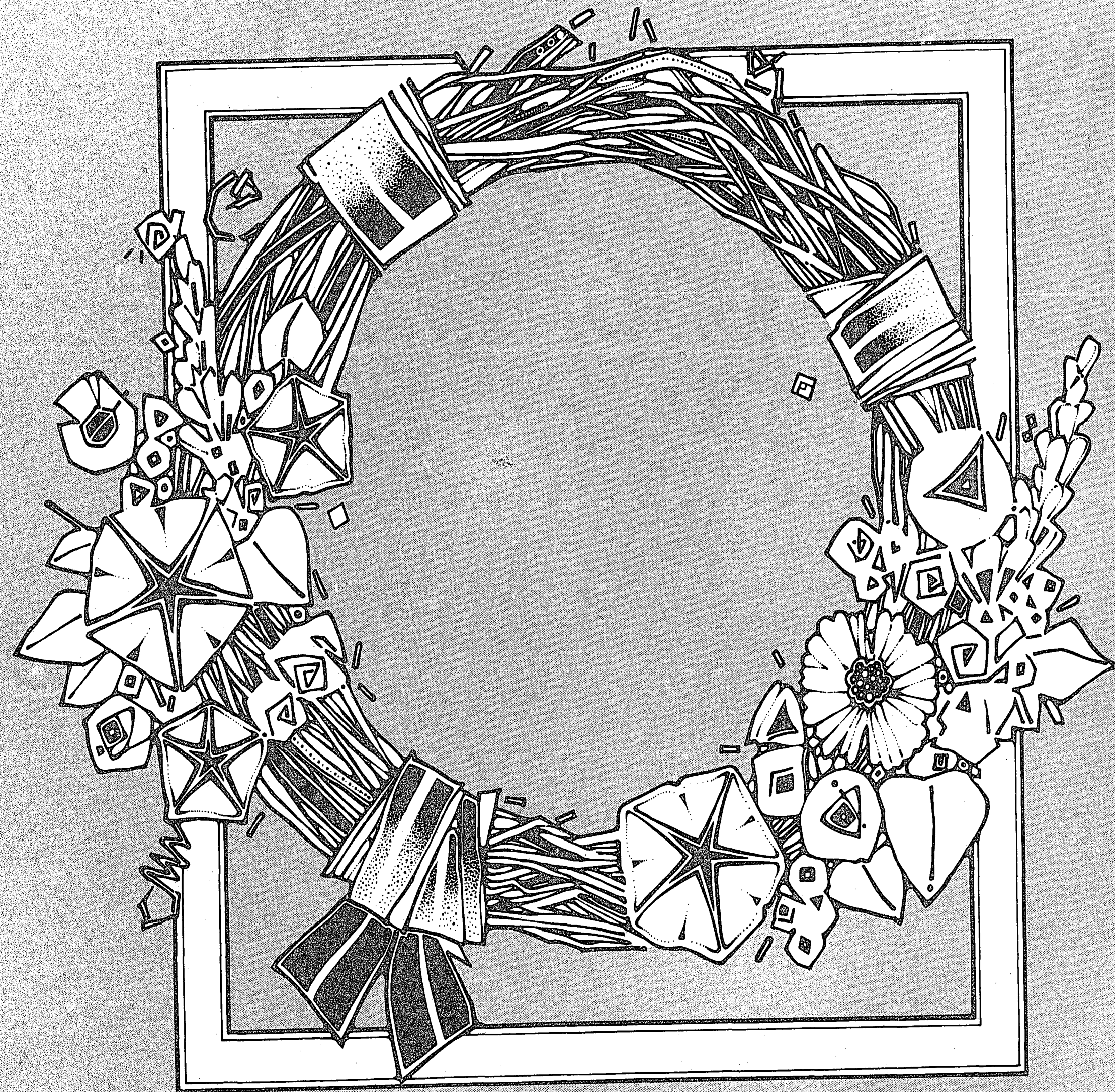
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