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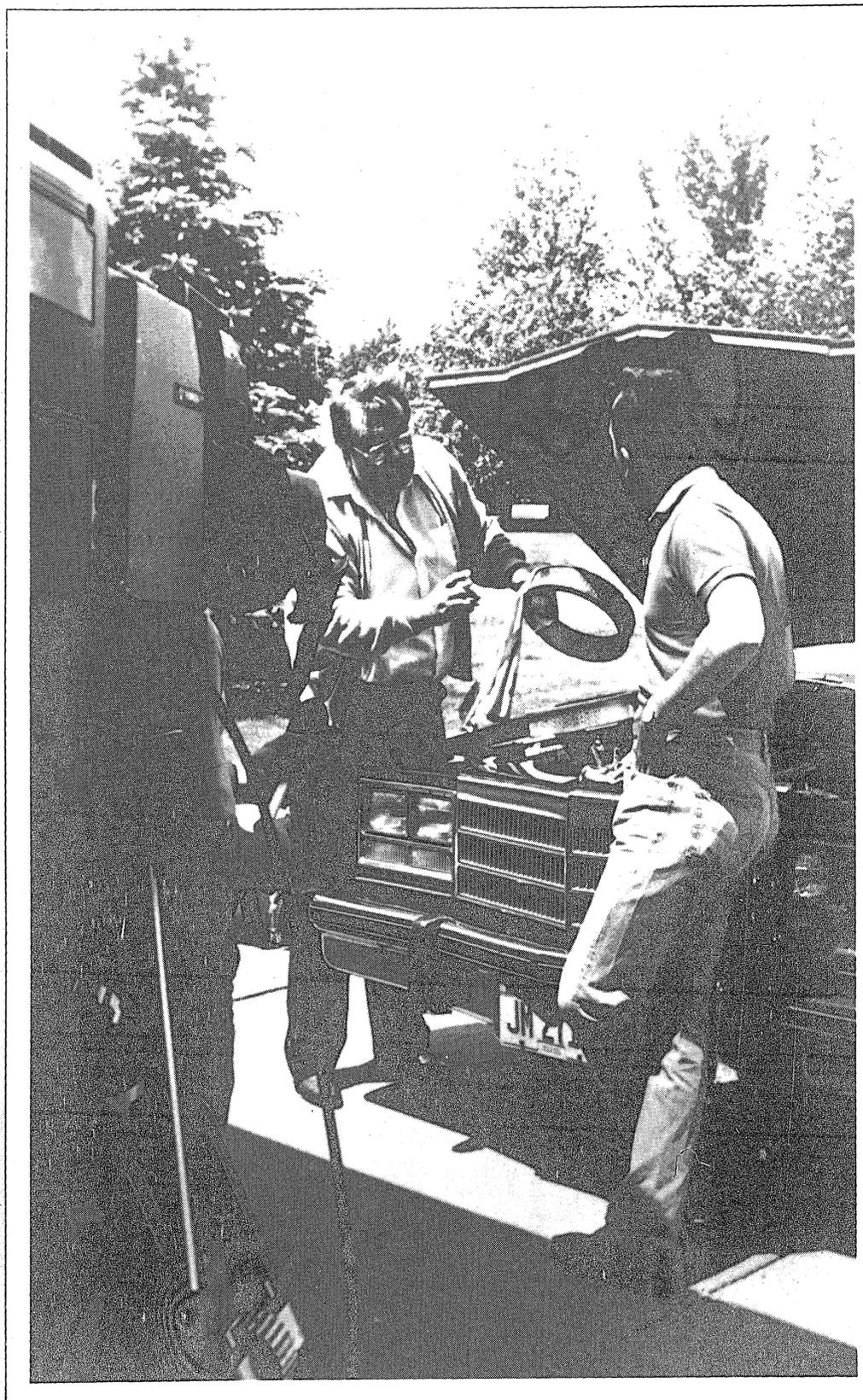
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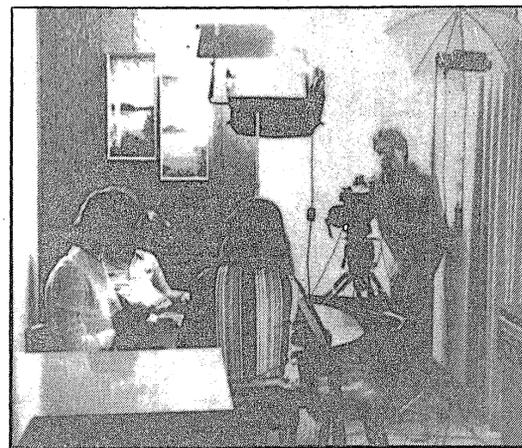
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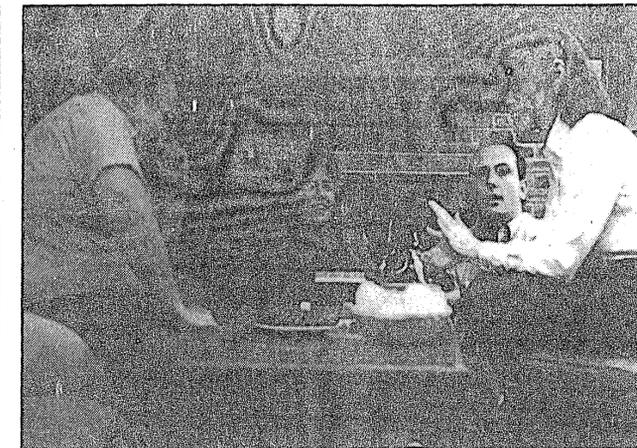
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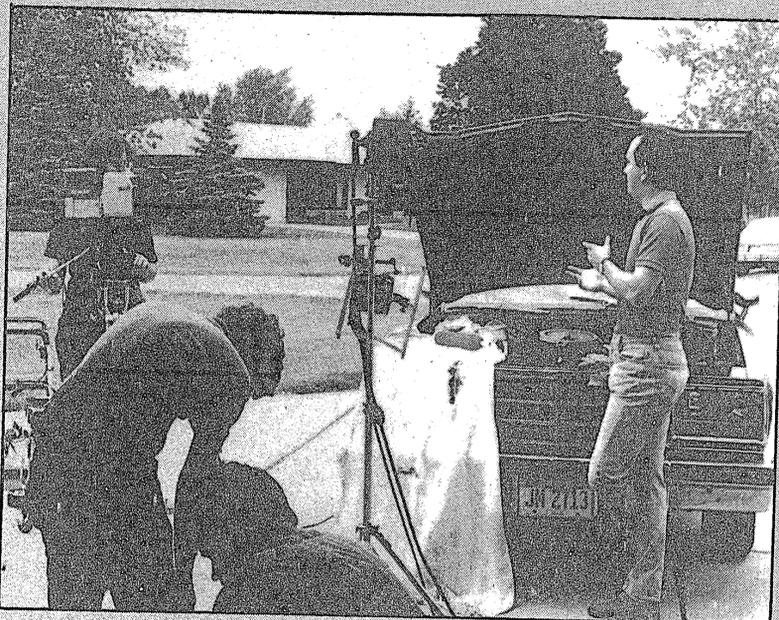
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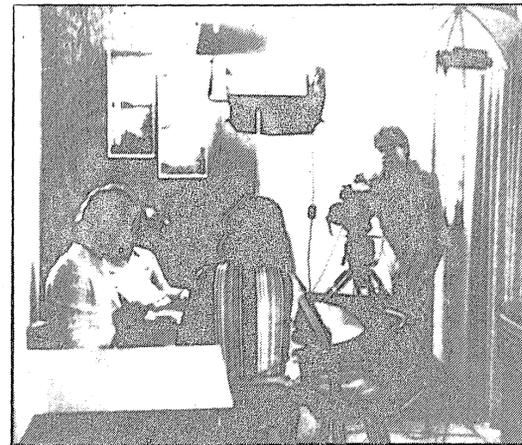
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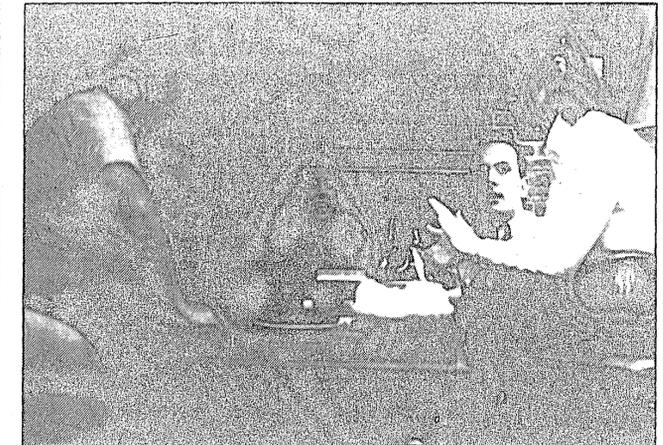
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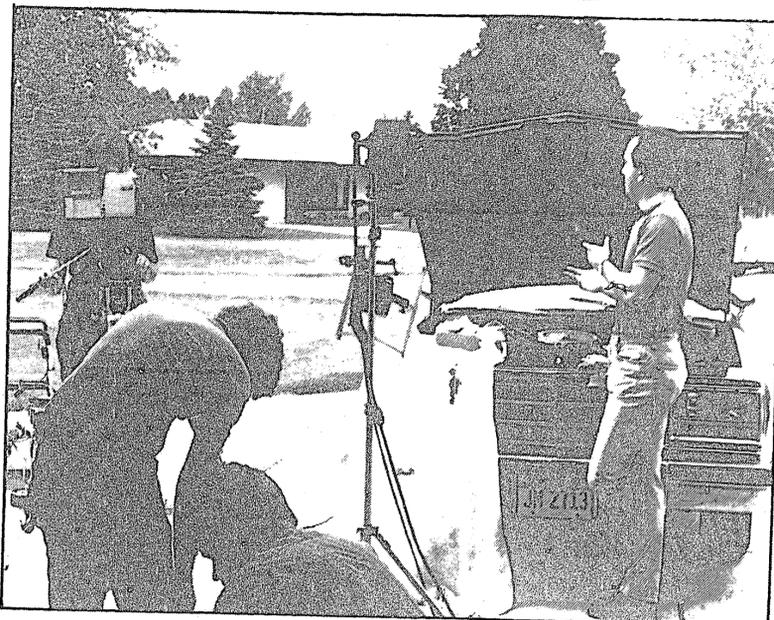
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Baptist World Congress meets

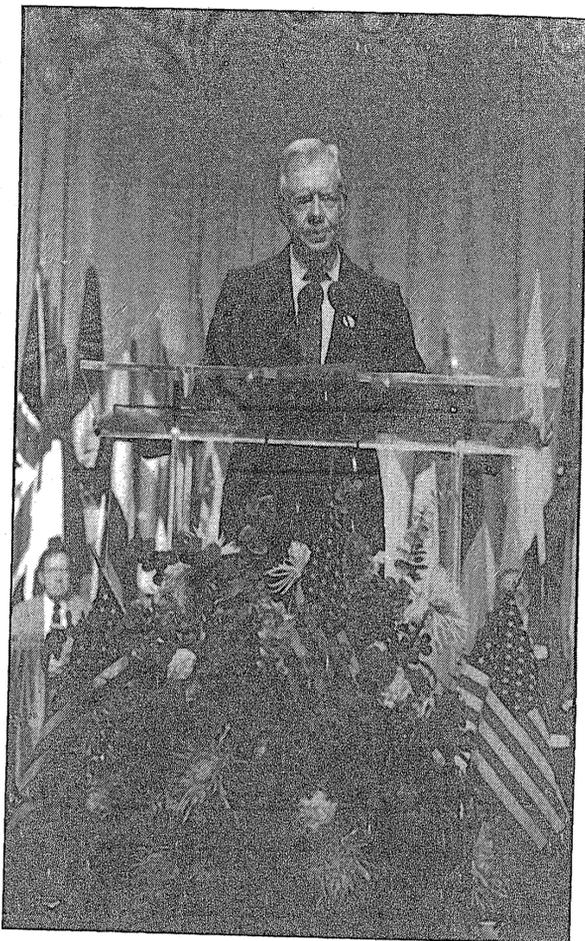
SDBs attend Baptist World Congress

More than 20 people represented Seventh Day Baptists at the Baptist World Congress in Los Angeles, July 2-7. The Heralds quartet, directed by James A. Ayars, represented SDBs on the program and shared our booth.

"The Heralds were a big hit among the over 11,000 delegates," Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate reports. "Their videotape brought hundreds of people to our well-situated booth where many were eager to pick up our literature and talk about SDBs and the Sabbath."

Seventh Day Baptists attending included Alefa Lozani (Malawi), Dorothy d'Alpuget (Australia); Leon Lawton, Dale Thorngate and Dorothea Shettel (USA Conference), pastors Duane Davis and Steve Crouch, K.D. and Shireen Hurley (West Virginia), Lelia Bishop (Washington, D.C.), returning Philippines missionaries Rod and Camille Henry, and others from the Los Angeles church, including Shinsei Hokama and Oscar Godoy.

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CARTER'S COUNTRY—Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter addressed the 15th Baptist World Congress on July 4 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Appropriately for the national holiday of the United States, the podium decorations included numerous U.S. flags. Carter urged Christians to validate their Christianity by meeting human needs and leading the fight against any form of human oppression wherever it is—in the Soviet Union, the migrants in the United States or in any nation.

(Photo by David Haywood)

Baptist World Alliance General Council meets

LOS ANGELES, July 2—In a two-day meeting preceding the 15th Baptist World Congress, the Baptist World Alliance General Council approved the 1985-86 operating budget, elected a new staff member and heard a myriad of reports from commissions, committees and regional fellowships.

Two representatives from Mainland China also spoke briefly. Their appearance marks the first time Christians from China have been allowed to attend a denominational meeting outside their country, though others have been permitted to attend ecumenical

gatherings.

The 1985-86 operating budget of \$832,860 was approved without debate. However, budget committee chairman Jack Jones, a layman from Washington, D.C., expressed concern about the financial condition of the alliance.

John Wilkes, director of the European Baptist Press Service, was elected to a newly created position as director of the division of communications, effective Dec. 1, 1985. The position was created with a division of the responsibilities of Reinhold J. Kerstan, who has been director of the division of com-

munications and promotion.

Kerstan was elected to serve in a new position as director of the division of study and research.

Harold Bennett, chairman of the staff evaluation and search committee, said, "We felt it was time for a division of some of the responsibilities Dr. Kerstan had been given. As funds become available, we likely will recommend additional staff positions."

Wilkes, 52, has directed the European Baptist Press Service since 1973, and is currently based in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. A native of Oklahoma, he holds

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the bachelor of arts degree from Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Texas, and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has completed additional studies at the University of Paris (France), Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of Oklahoma.

Three other BWA staff members, including General Secretary/Treasurer Gerhard Claas, were unanimously re-elected, along with six regional secretaries.

The council voted to recommend the nomination of Joseph Horak of Yugoslavia as one of 12 regional vice-pres-

idents for 1985-90, after a second candidate, Adam Piaseki of Poland, was nominated by representatives of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the Soviet Union. Horak had been recommended by the nominating committee as regional vice-president for Eastern Europe after the death of Michal Stankiewicz of Poland, who had been nominated earlier.

After the vote, council members agreed to also recommend that Piaseki be given the responsibilities and duties of a vice-president but without the title.

Explaining the situation, Claas said, "The problem is not with the individual

but with the country." He said Eastern bloc nations consider Yugoslavia a capitalist country, and, therefore, part of Western Europe while Western European nations consider Yugoslavia part of Eastern Europe.

The rest of the 1985-90 slate of officers was ratified by the general council in 1984. Noel Vose of Perth, Australia, will be nominated for president.

In other business, the council approved admitting three groups to BWA membership—Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference, Baptist Union of Transkei, and the Baptist Haiti Mission—bringing the total membership to 134 Baptist bodies with a total membership of more than 32.2 million.

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Reagan speaks to World Congress

LOS ANGELES, July 2—The five-day 15th Baptist World Congress opened with a videotaped message from President Ronald Reagan, live greetings from Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and the pageantry of a dramatic presentation of the Apostle Paul's conversion.

A crowd estimated at 8,000 lifted tiny lights high in the darkened hallway of the Los Angeles Convention Center at the conclusion of the drama as they sang, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

In his videotaped message to the Congress sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance, Reagan said the United States includes persons with no religious faith, but "we remain overwhelmingly a nation of believers."

"Your faith knits you together as one community united under a single Lord. You are indeed carrying out the great commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves."

Bradley, who was inaugurated July 1 for an unprecedented fourth term as mayor of Los Angeles, arrived at the Congress after inspecting the site of a

massive fire believed set by arsonists in a residential neighborhood that afternoon.

"Los Angeles is known as the city of angels, though I know there are sometimes devils among us," said Bradley. "There is evil, there is hatred in the world. Your mission becomes even greater because of it. I know the strength of your commitment based on your dedication to Jesus Christ."

The drama, "Out of Darkness," was written by Robert Don Hughes, associate professor of communication and mass media at Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. The cast included Ragan Courtney of Southern Seminary and members of the Act 1 Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, California.

Hughes said when he thought of the conference theme, "Out of Darkness into the Light of Christ," he immediately thought of the Apostle Paul and his blindness and conversion on the road to Damascus.

He said the message of the drama is stated in Paul's description of himself in the play, "What can God do with one

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GRAHAM CHALLENGES CONGRESS—International evangelist Billy Graham was the speaker for the closing session of the 15th Baptist World Congress, July 6. Graham, aided by a cortisone shot, preached despite doctor's orders after breaking three ribs the week before the meeting. Graham challenged the delegates to become "hard men" for God—people like mountain climbers who use no safety equipment or aids—and deny self and follow Christ even unto death.

(Photo by Don Rutledge)



To a chosen lady

Author's note: One of the most challenging and rewarding assignments of my first year in seminary was my work as a student chaplain at the Hospice of St. John. During the spring quarter I spent several hours each week with patients at this 48-bed facility for the terminally ill. The Hospice of St. John is operated by the Knights Hospitaller, the founders of the hospice movement in the 11th century, under the direction of Father Paul von Lobkowitz. As with other hospices, the philosophy at St. John is to help those who have a terminal illness to live as fully and as long as possible, and then to allow them to die with dignity. The goal is to express a reverence for life, not by prolonging the terminal illnesses of patients, but by emphasizing loving care and the quality of life.

by Arthur Rowe



A sermon preached at the Hospice of St. John, Lakewood, Colorado.
Text: 2 John

Someone has said that when we read those parts of the New Testament called the "Epistles," we are "reading somebody else's mail." And so we are, for these letters were written by early Christian leaders to specific persons, churches or groups of churches, and to meet specific needs.

The letter which is identified in our Bibles as "Second John" was written to a church in danger. Itinerant preachers were travelling throughout the region, teaching a new doctrine. They were denying that Jesus Christ had been a real man of flesh and blood. Instead, they said, he had only created the appearance of being human; he had

only *appeared* to suffer. They did not deny that Jesus was divine; but divinity, they said, could never really become humanity, could never really suffer as we do. This was the teaching known as Gnosticism; and at any time one of these preachers might turn up in the church to which this letter was written, claiming to have knowledge much more advanced than what had been taught there already. The church was in danger of being torn apart by controversy. And so the letter warns the church not to receive these "deceivers," as the writer calls them.

But can a letter written nearly 1900 years ago have any meaning today? I think it can. This morning I would like to look with you at this letter as if it had been sent to us, to the church which is at the Hospice of St. John. I do not claim to be as old and wise as the "Elder" who wrote the letter, or to have his authority. But with the help of the Holy Spirit, I want to reflect for a few

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moments on this letter in the light of our experience together here at St. John, as I have been privileged to share in it these past few months.

The letter is addressed to "the elect lady and her children." This word "elect" means "selected" or "chosen." God's chosen people, whether in the Hebrew Bible or the New Testament, were often personified in feminine imagery: as a woman, a virgin, a bride. So the Elder writes to a church—we

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aren't told where it was—and calls this church a lady; indeed, a very special lady, for she has been chosen to be God's own lady.

I spoke a moment ago of "the church which is at the Hospice of St. John." Father Paul often reminds us that this is a "Christian house." I have become firmly convinced that all who enter here—whether those who have come to live with us, the members of their families, or the staff who serve in different ways—all of us enter here into the presence of God. This is a holy place. It is a place where love shows itself in action. It is a church: a chosen lady. And all of us, in whatever ways we have become part of this hospice, are her children.

Now here at St. John we may know little or nothing about Gnosticism. That theological dispute was largely settled centuries ago. But we do know about suffering. We know about anger, bitterness, denial; about fear and frustration and pain. We know about death. We know about loss, about separation, about heart-rending grief. So when we hear how the Gnostic teachers denied that God could ever suffer, could ever die, we can be thankful that this teaching did not triumph in the Church.

For in our suffering and in our fear, we need to know that even God, as God was in Jesus Christ, suffered as we suffer, feared death as we fear it. In our loss, in our separation from those we love, we need to know that even God felt the agony of separation when Jesus died; yes, that even God experienced death. Try as we may, we cannot really adequately explain why suffering and death are part of the human condition. But in the Christian doctrine of a God who suffers with us we may find consolation. A God who understands our situation from firsthand experience is a God who may be trusted to stay with us in all the circumstances of our lives; yes, and even in the circumstances of our dying.

We have said that the church to which the Elder wrote was in danger: in danger of being torn apart by controversy over the nature of Christ. In the church which is at the Hospice of

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St. John we are not, thankfully, caught up in any such doctrinal controversy. But perhaps as *individuals*, we are facing issues which we feel are threatening to tear us apart. Perhaps one who has come here to live is struggling because his family has not yet accepted that he has also come here to die. Another, perhaps, knows all too well the pain of friends who never come because they cannot face the reality of suffering and death.

To you the message of the Elder is not, "Do not receive such persons or give them any greeting," for your circumstances are not the same as those to which the Elder spoke at first. But perhaps to you the Elder says, "Do not receive such *attitudes* or give them any quarter. So far as you are able, do not let those who do not understand your situation destroy you by their attitudes. But at the same time, so far as you are able, do not turn away from such persons, for to turn away in anger is only to add hurt to hurt. Seek instead to let

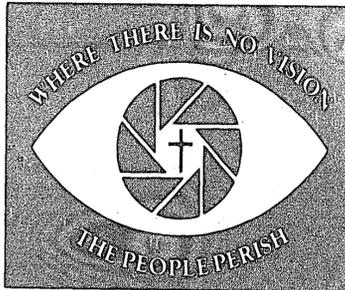
the spirit of this place—the hospitable spirit of love—sustain you and give you peace. And perhaps, even in the midst of your own sorrow, you will be the bringer of this eternal love to others."

For this is the heart of the Elder's message: "The truth abides in us and will be with us *for ever*; grace, mercy, and peace *will be with us*." We can picture the old and wise leader of the Church looking back over his long life and seeing how God has been with him through all the years. We can see him contemplating how over the years the good news about Jesus Christ has borne fruit in the Christian churches now scattered over many lands. And as he looks back, he looks forward also, and in confidence exclaims, "God's grace, mercy, and peace *will be with the Church*—including the church which is at the Hospice of St. John—and with her children: in the future as in the past, both now and for ever, unto the ages of the ages. Amen and Amen."

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MISSIONS TODAY

by Leon R. Lawton

Inaugural festivities held

NELLORE, INDIA, ASIA: "We are very happy to inform you that our Head Church and Conference Office were formally opened with an Inaugural Function and Worship on June 13, 1985, in the presence of our local brethren and of a distinguished gathering. Delegates from all Fields (Associations) have come and the Conference office was also shifted on the same day and the work has begun after prayers."
—Rev. B. John V. Rao

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Worship plans put on hold

HONOLULU, HI, USA: It seems, for the present, that a regular Seventh Day Baptist service is not practical. Those SDBs in the military are to return to the mainland this year and local leadership is not presently available. We will continue to monitor possibilities and seek the Lord's leading.

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Plans made for branch meeting

SANTA BARBARA, CA, USA: In early May pastors Gabriel Bejjani of Riverside and Duane Davis of Los Angeles met with members and friends who live in this general area. Plans were laid for a New Work...a branch meeting of the Los Angeles SDB Church. Late that month a newspaper ad had been designed and was being published. The local leader is Ralph Remick, who asks that we pray that God will bless in the placing of these ads and that people will respond favorably.

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Church seeks governmental approval

CAMEROON, WEST AFRICA: An update on the personal individual witness of those of like faith has been shared by Rev. John Mpacko who wrote: "There is a Seventh Day Baptist church in Cameroon. I say this because our doctrine is accepted here and many families are standing by it. ...Because the conditions for legal registration by Government cannot be met by us, ...we are still not allowed to operate in public." Pray that the Lord might help work out their legal status. Any church receiving requests for funds directly should check with the Missionary Society office before responding.

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Church involved in televised ministry

CENTRAL, MD, USA: This Missionary Pastor church is now on TV. One of their members, Kevin Chroniger, as part of his Bible College classes, prepared the initial video tape. The local cable company offered a free course and use of their equipment by those they trained to produce other programs. A second tape has now been produced and others are sought. When five have been made, and used, then it is possible for the local congregation to have a regular free program time. Have you checked with your TV Cable Co. to discover if there might be opportunity for such a witness/service?

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Missionary reports repairs

MALAWI, AFRICA: "I've been into Thomas (Medical Centre) three times fairly recently with the Bedford, carrying timber. Although the road surface has improved from a standpoint of rocks, the loose surface of the road in places is hard to negotiate, coming out, up, without a load, causing the back end to bounce around. I've had a strange noise for some time and it got worse, probably due to this Thomas work. Truck is currently in the garage and about \$300 is going into the rear end. The garage had a second-hand, low mileage axel housing and diff. You should see some of the gears, really torn up, yet driveable. You would be surprised of the major nature of the improvement. Hard to believe."
—Missionary David Pearson in letter of June 5th.

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The Sabbath Recorder

A prayer reminder for each day

September 1985

Verse of the Month: "Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him." Luke 17:3,4 NAS

Pray for:

1. safe travel for many on holiday this long weekend
2. youth entering college from our churches this month
3. our children beginning a new school year
4. missionaries David and Bettie Pearson, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa
5. understanding of and implementation of Conference action
6. Extension Pastor William Shoffner and the Tucson, AZ branch church
7. a Sabbath blessing
8. the continued improvement of our Sabbath Schools
9. our new Conference President, Rev. Russell Johnson, Verona, NY
10. pastors and leaders in the SDB Convention of Brazil, So. America
11. SCSC workers as they seek continued witness opportunities
12. Central Africa Conference sessions at Makapwa Station, Malawi
13. church evaluation and planning session this weekend, Milton, WI
14. that the beauty of Jesus be seen in me
15. meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society, SDB Center
16. Coordinating Leadership Team this week, SDB Center, Janesville, WI
17. seminary student Harold King in Kansas City, MO
18. Rev. Ely Paypa and other pastors in the SDB Philippine Convention
19. Extension Pastor Kevin Butler and the Madison, WI SDB church
20. new seminary student Rod Noel in Atlanta, GA
21. Sabbath joy
22. the Netherlands SDB Conference meeting in Haarlem, Holland
23. Rev. B. John V. Rao and the work of the SDB Conference of India
24. Extension Pastor Oscar Godoy and his witness in the Los Angeles area
25. seminary student Art Rowe in Denver, CO
26. seminary student and Extension Pastor George Calhoun in San Diego, CA
27. Our World Missions goals to be reached at nine month level
28. a sympathetic understanding of my neighbor's need
29. seminary student Sharon Wauls in Columbus, OH
30. Rev. L.S. Thanga and pastors in the SDB Conference of Burma

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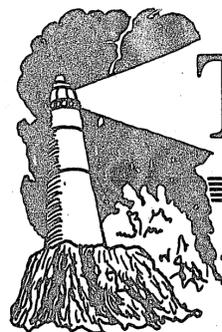
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August 1985

Marvelous Youth Fellowship Week

by Phillippa Powell

The youths of the Post Road Seventh Day Baptist Church in Clarendon, Jamaica, held their special week with the theme, "Youths Answering God's Call." It was held the 2nd-10th of March. During the week, it was real wonderful to see our youths lead and worship and witness to their faith in Jesus Christ. The meetings were really an exaltation in Christ with the youths. It went on successfully with these features of the weekend.

Friday night service

Present with us for the night were Brother James and wife and other youth from the Blue Mountain Seventh Day Baptists in Manchester, and our dear faithful Brother Victor Downes from Kingston. Special for the night with us also were our musicians that Brother James had brought for us, who were Brother Prince and Brother Linvol who musically cheered our meeting. The meeting began with our youth president, Sister Marva Hamilton, reading the evening's lesson, Jeremiah 1-10. Then the hymn, "Yes, Lord, I Will Say Yes," was sung.

Brother James prayed and came forward to speak to the youth, telling them they must keep close with God and don't try to be like the ones out in the world who fancy the great Disco Man, Michael Jackson, and wear the "chicken foot pants." But they should heed to God's call and be close to him.

A special song was given to the audience by Brother Prince and then the chorus, "You Better Get Right with God" was sung. An altar call was made with the hymn, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." One youth went forward and accepted the Lord. Others went for prayer to strengthen their life in Christ.

Then Sister James closed with prayer,

praying for those at the altar. It was a great ecstasy for the youth that night.

Sabbath Day's service

Before the service commenced, a cheerful song service was led by Sister A. Hyman and a prayer was offered by Brother A. Rose. He handed over to Sister M. Hamilton, moderator, for the service, which began at 12 p.m. with the hymn, "Mighty Army of the Young." Prayer was given by Sister Vyris.

Welcome was extended to all by the moderator, especially to the youth from the Blue Mountain church in Manches-

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ter. They were Sister Vyris, Sister McClean and Brother King. "We praise the Lord for them."

The day's lesson was II Kings 22:1-13. Then Deacon S. Ellis gave the day's comment and announcement. He handed the meeting back over to our speaker of the day, Brother V. Downes, who spoke eloquently on the theme, "Youth Answering God's Call." A special selection was given by the Post

Road Youth Group. Also a special song by Sister J. West, who also gave the children's message. Our speaker spoke so eloquently for the day. He exhorted the youth to keep on the right track and be cautious in their doings because 80% of today's fathers in our society are at the age of 18-20 and the mothers at the age of 12-19. The service was closed with the hymn, "Come unto Me."

Then the youth gathered by the altar and a special prayer was offered by the elder brethren asking God to strengthen us to do his work more. Thank God! He had spoken through his faithful servant for the day and made it a blessing for us. "We praise his name."

Fellowship worship

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. with the president, Sister Marva Hamilton, and acting secretary, Brother M. Comings, leading. The song to begin was "How Great Thou Art." Prayer was given by Christine Thompson. Reading for the lesson was taken from Psalm 48. Then roll call was made and welcome was extended to all.

Activity for the evening was an open discussion on "The Importance of Serving God from Youth." Two persons from the Bible were chosen to use in the discussion. They were Samson and Joseph. Readings about these were taken from Judges, chapters 13 and 14, and Genesis, chapter 39. Our discussion was a successful one. Brother King closed with prayer and we sang the hymn, "He Leadeth Me." We ended the day with repeating Proverbs 3:5 and 6.

We thank God for our faithful ones who had helped us make our week a marvellous one. We pray he might continue to bless and strengthen us as we continue in his name. We thank the Lord. Amen. SR

The Sabbath Recorder

Dickinson ordained

by Diane Cruzan

Everett C. Dickinson, pastor of the Marlboro, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church, was ordained during the afternoon service on March 30, 1985. Several Seventh Day Baptist ministers were in attendance, including three former Marlboro pastors: Rev. Rex Burdick, who was also ordained at Marlboro; Rev. J. Paul Green, Jr. and Rev. Donald Richards.

The morning message, which was entitled "Priesthood of Believers," was given by Rev. David Laubach of the Cohansey Baptist Church of Roadstown, New Jersey. Rev. Robert Davis of the Greenwich, New Jersey, Presbyterian Church gave the call to worship, and the responsive reading was led by Rev. Leon Lawton of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly, Rhode Island.

A fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all of the congregation and guests in the church basement.

The examination council, and anyone who wished to join them, met with Pastor Dickinson at 1:30. During this meeting, the pastor was questioned on many subjects and was also called upon to give his statement of belief.

The ordination service followed, led by Rev. Ken Burdick of the Raritan Valley, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church. A sermon, "Budded for Life with Christ," was given by the former pastor of the Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rev. Charles Bond, now retired. This was especially meaningful since Rev. Bond was, for many years, pastor to Pastor Dickinson.

After a congregational hymn, the charge to the candidate was given by Rev. J. Paul Green, Jr., dean of the Sev-

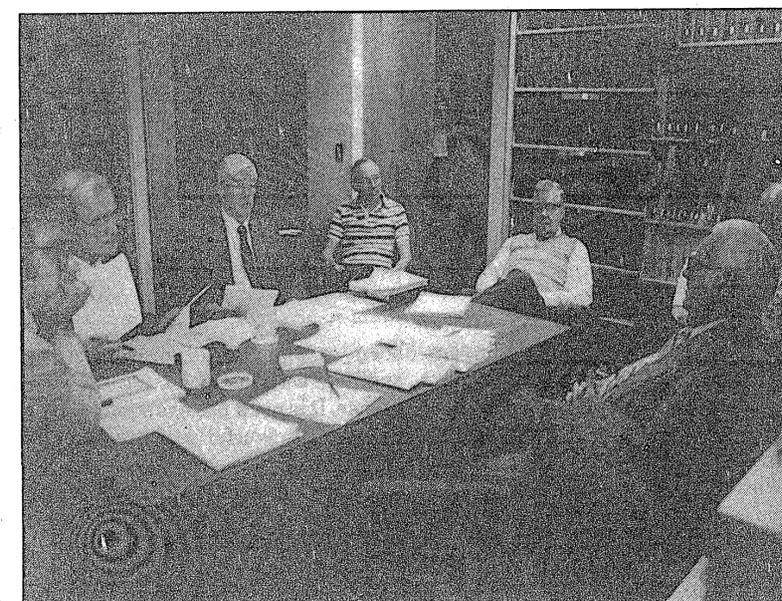
enth Day Baptist Center on Ministry. The charge to the church was given by Rev. John Camenga of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. Owen Probasco, also of the Shiloh church, sang a solo, "The Church Triumphant." Pastor Dickinson was then happily and warmly welcomed to the ministry by Rev. Leland Davis of the Washington, D.C., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Donald Richards of the Waterford, Connecticut, Seventh Day Baptist Church gave the consecration prayer. After a hymn, Rev. Dickinson led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. Dickinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett H. Dickinson of Shiloh. He and his wife, Linda (Ayars), have two children, Greg and Jeremy—ages ten and seven.

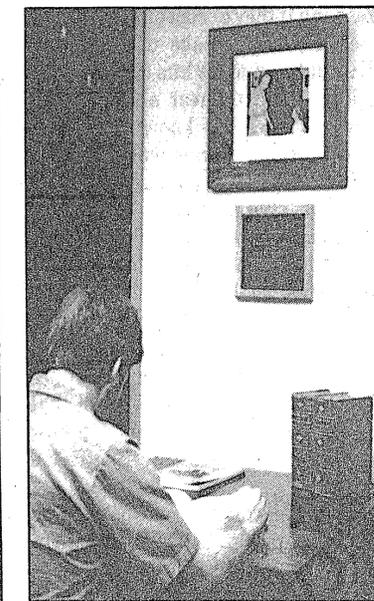
We at Marlboro are very thankful to have as our pastor, Rev. Everett C. Dickinson. SR

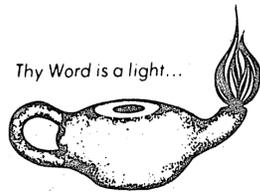
Historical Society Trustees meet

Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society Trustees met at the SDB Center, Janesville, Wisconsin, on May 12. Pictured below (left to right) Editor-Historian D. Scott Smith, Leland Skaggs, Albert Rodgers, Tract Society President Neil Aiken, Historical Society President Victor Skaggs, Executive Dale Thorngate, and Harmon Dickinson.



Among other business, the trustees dedicated a library study area to the memory of Evalois St. John.





Board of Christian Education

Reach, touch, teach

Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20, NASB)

Conference President Calvin Babcock has focused our attention on the Great Commission. We are familiar with the words and acquainted with the Gospel writings. The frequent concern is with our personal knowledge and application of the Great Commission.

Reach

Jesus reached out to individuals by extending an invitation to follow him. Jesus was always giving invitations. Some went unclaimed and others had reservations. Nevertheless he still invited and invited.

In our lives we frequently find occasion to invite someone to the circle of Christ's followers and do not give the invitation. It is a matter of habit—our not inviting. The habit may be the underlying wish to not appear "religious." It may be we do not know how to respond if they accept our invitation. Other times we make up the other individual's mind for him or her: "They wouldn't want to hear about Christ, anyway." "I don't know them well enough." At other times we feel that we must bring the individual to "conversion" at that moment.

Reaching is best described by the educator who told of his elementary teacher who at the end of school each year gave a book to each pupil. He told how many of these books never made it beyond the trash can. Some made it home. Some were even read and that educator will tell you to this day how such a simple act profoundly affected his life.

Giving is reaching. People have needs which we can help. Gifts bind the giver and the receiver together in a unique relationship. Something is known by

the giver if the gift is to meet the need within the receiver. A relationship is bonded by this knowledge. I well remember the young person who had been attending church for a few Sabbaths at the invitation of one of the members. The young person, upon specific invitation, attended a "house" evangelistic meeting and discovered that the Sabbath was important to members of the Church. That young person did not return to church. The gift was not accepted and the relationship was not completed because the young person could not accept the gift. Gifts may not always be fully used in the lives of those to whom they are given. It is at this point we begin deciding for others and restrict our giving of invitations.

Touch

Dr. Terry Borton wrote in his book, *Reach, Touch and Teach* (McGraw-Hill, 1970), that "Giving is the only reaching that can touch." Jesus said we were to make disciples and baptize them. It was the Master's style to touch and be

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touched. The crowds had an urgent need to touch him and be whole again. People reached for him and he reached back. He healed their bodies and their spirits.

When the pastor baptizes an individual, there is a commitment upon the parties involved. The word "commitment" means to join together or to bring together. The pastor touches the

candidate, holding and guiding the new disciple into the water. This is not something the candidate does in private, by himself. It is a special relationship that forms, actually living out the promise of Jesus to be with us always. Through the leader of his church, the pastor, the new disciple is supported and guided into the experience and through it to oneness with the church of Jesus Christ.

Did you ever give something that was not yours to give? If you have not experienced that situation, you are fortunate. Gifts may only be given when we, the giver, have the right and full title of possession. That, we say, is obvious. Yet, how can we invite another to become a disciple of Jesus unless we have already claimed that gift for ourselves? Attempting to give gifts that we do not have will, at the very least, cause us embarrassment. It will hinder the discipleship process.

Teach

Reaching and touching form the basis for teaching. Once the invitation has

been extended and processed by another, we must wait for their response. It is not a passive sort of thing. It is our prayerful attention to the other's need by our actions that shall touch and then present the opportunity to teach. Leigh Stewart, writing in the June issue of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church newsletter, *Heart and* *Cont. to page 18.*

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Mr. Grey Raccoon



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"Some



, sir," said



"Why?" asked



"Because I want to be a friend," said



"No one has ever been this good to me since I lost Mrs. Raccoon. Thank you," said



"I have watched your family all summer. You help each other and are



. You look like a

good family. What makes you so good?"



smiled. "We love God and we chose to live the way Jesus shows us in the Bible. Jesus

teaches us to be good, not evil. God made us to be good.

3 John 11b: "The one who does good is of God;"





Women's Society NEWS and IDEAS

Take a holiday

by Marilyn Merchant

Dear Ones All,

Greetings from sunny California. After some of the most traumatic days of my life, I am here. I shall have a permanent address for you by the October *Sabbath Recorder* but, until then, you may continue to use the Battle Creek address. All mail is being shipped to me by a very dear friend.

You may have noticed that I am a very holiday-oriented person. Last year, I had charge of the program for Battle Creek Michigan's annual Home-Coming and we celebrated a lot of the holidays on which families come home. There was a table decorated for each and some kind of entertainment commemorating it. I could think of nothing more fitting for August than Conference and *When the Saints Come Marching In*. If you have ever worked the registration desk at Conference, you will know why I chose that song, even though I was informed by Dr. Johanson that it was a funeral hymn.

Well, the "Saints" are gathering this month and celebrating a very special time in the year for Seventh Day Baptists. What makes it special is the coming together from all over the world of members, friends, families, inquirers, Fraternal Delegates, anyone who is interested in what we espouse. The hugs, kisses, handshakes, boisterousness—**Yes, we can get loud**—and oh, the music! Is there anything more beautiful in the whole world than the congregational singing by a group of happy, relaxed S.D.B.'s at the worship services? I think God stops, listens and smiles. And while all this relaxed happiness goes on, there is an inordinate amount of work being accomplished by committees and groups gathered for that purpose.

It is amazing to many, I am sure, that many people take their entire vacation time to attend a religious conference and work as hard as they do. True,

In Exodus 20:8-11, God tells us he wants us to take a vacation every Sabbath Day. It is his gift to us and it is not polite to turn down a gift.

there are those who stay shy of the committee work, but only by wading in can you discover what the water is like.

Now there are many who, for various reasons, cannot get to Conference. I am one of them. Things just did not work out for me this year, but I will be there in spirit and in prayer.

A few lines back, I mentioned using your vacation time for Conference. At one time in our lives, my family found itself unable to take a major vacation each year so we decided to take a lot of mini ones. It worked out pretty well and we got so we looked forward to the weekends, plus a day at one end or the other.

In Exodus 20:8-11, God tells us he wants us to take a vacation every Sabbath Day. It is his gift to us and it is not polite to turn down a gift, but there are lots of rude people in the world. They refuse his gifts of life, faith, repentance, prayer and promises, as well as Sabbath rest. It is a gift, not a "do it or else."

What is a vacation? Webster says it is a time of respite from something, a rest. Our scripture tells us why we need this rest. God himself rests. He has the freedom to stop, rest and enjoy his work.

Who ever heard of anyone who turned down the offer of a day off, from the boss. (Come to think of it, I had a boss who did it regularly. When they let her go at 75, she had so much "comp" time that they paid her for a year and a half after she stopped coming in.) Accept God's gift of Sabbath rest and make the most you can of your mini-vacation. Join your family and friends and worship the giver of all good and perfect gifts.

To all of you who have sent bulletins and letters, I cannot thank you enough. There is no way we can share news of what each of you are doing unless you let us know. We need to know what you want of your Board of Directors. Are you looking for inspiration, program helps, project suggestions? I sincerely hope that at the September meeting of the Women's Board, they will have a mandate from those of you who attended Conference, as well as from those who could not attend but sent representatives—whether in person or by letter—to let it be known what your needs are. **Speak up.**

Our ladies must be some of the greatest cooks in the world. The Union

Industrial Society of Alfred and Alfred Station, New York, alone list in one monthly report five different functions at which they were responsible for meals. They also were assisting the Youth Fellowship to raise funds for six of their young people to attend Pre-Con and raising a Love Gift for Mrs. Lozani. Shiloh, New Jersey, held a Sub and Bake Sale to help their young people get to Pre-Con and held a Memorial Day Pot Pie Dinner at which Pepper Cabbage (?) was also served. Denver, Colorado, lists a Spagetti Dinner (they

quet, and the Milton Y.F. served a Community Easter Breakfast to 130 people—using 32 dozen eggs—and a May Meal of Sharing. Sounds like the plates are going to be well-filled for years to come. Seventh Day Baptists do like to eat. If you doubt that, check out the cafeteria at Conference.

By now you must be aware of the Nighties for Newborns project for Malawi. (See inside back page of the *June Sabbath Recorder*.) Up to now, the Women's Board has sent both a nightie and a diaper with large-sized safety pins for each set. However, Bettie Pearson has notified Project Director Joy Ross that the diapers can be purchased there at about the same cost, thus saving postage. These should be "used" but may be new and laundered to qualify. The nighties are the short jacket type. Maybe your Women's Society would like to sew some. They can be plain, printed, decorated with whatever—just not too fancy, please. Monies for diapers, pins and postage will also be most welcomed. Mrs. Ross' address is 1436 7th Street, Riverside, CA 92507. You can let these African mothers know how much God loves them, and how much we care for them, too, by this one little gift to their newborn child. *The Sabbath Recorder* lists 100 births per year, but we also have another hospital there where many times that many are born during the year, making about 500 births per year. You can see we can use all we can get.

Did you meet the S.C.S.C.'ers at Conference? Were they not splendid? Watch

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made \$838.91—that is a lot of meatballs) and hosting of the Lakewood Ministerial Association Luncheon. Albion, Wisconsin, listed a Smorgasbord and also a Rummage Sale. North Loup, Nebraska, lists a Community Dinner, two Breakfasts and two Condolence Meals. Milton, Wisconsin, Evening Circle sponsored the Honor's Banquet, and though they did not mention food service, the Afternoon Circle raised \$2,109.00 to buy a new commercial refrigerator when the old unit gave up. I will guess food figured in it somewhere.

Not to be outdone by their elders, the Los Angeles Youth had a Mexican Dinner; the Nortonville, Kansas, Youth Fellowship served the adults a ban-

The Sabbath Recorder for further reports of their projects and urge your young people who are the appropriate age to start thinking about next year now.

Here are the Mitey suggestions for this month. Pay 20 cents if you did not memorize a Bible verse this month. Pay 10 cents if you remembered to pray for Joyce Burdick as she leads Women's Work Committee at Conference, pay 20 cents if you did not. Pay 15 cents if you heard a bird sing, and PTL for its song and again for your hearing. Pay 50 cents if you did not give God any of your time today. One last one—50 cents if you did not pray for the success of Conference, and 10 cents and PTL if you did.

Look for your book lists and your copies of the activities of your sister societies at Conference. Take them home and use them. Till next month,...

Much love,



Leroy and Marjorie Bass

New SDB physician ready to practice

Dr. Marjorie Ann Darrow Bass, with 12 others, graduated on June 21, 1985, completing her three-year Residency in Family Medicine and Practice under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin and St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, Madison, Wisconsin. She also received a certificate from the American Academy of Family Physicians. Previous to this, Marjorie completed four years of Medical School, graduating from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Bass will take up practice at the Community Medical Clinic on Washington Island, off the tip-end of beautiful, naturally air-conditioned Door County, Wisconsin. She and her husband, Leroy, a chaplain, and their youngest children, Valerie and Marvin, were scheduled to move to their new location at the end of July. Marjorie will fulfill four years of obligated service to the National Health Service Corps to pay back the NHSC Medical School scholarship they had granted to her for four years.

The Basses are members of the recently formed Seventh Day Baptist Church of Madison, Wisconsin. SR

Salemville news

by Ruthanna Roberts

Pastor Kent Martin, who has served as pastor of the Bell Seventh Day Baptist Church, Salemville, Pennsylvania, for the past year and a half, has received a vote of confidence from the church and will continue ministering to their needs. He has spent much time communicating with the church family and with a new Sabbath group meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Seven of our church members worshiped with the group one Sabbath, which hopefully and prayerfully will someday become a Seventh Day Baptist group.

We have an active youth fellowship and junior fellowship in conjunction with the Brick Church. The youth are under the direction of Debbie Kagarise and Don Graffius. They have an average attendance of eight and have enjoyed a number of activities, such as holding a pizza party; selling doughnuts, pins and stickers; and going to youth retreats in Tennessee and Maryland. They earned money for Pre-Con and plan to attend a retreat in Georgia.

The juniors are under the leadership of Ruthanna Roberts, Cindy Snyder, Debby Dasher and Linda Graffius. Others in the church also help. They have an average attendance of 17 each

Reach, touch, teach

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Mind, relates such an opportunity.

"During the turkey season in April, I worked a gobbler for some time only to discover I had another hunter between us. To be sportsmanlike, I backed off.

"Moving nearly a half mile—there was a shot—and screaming like you never heard before. I ran, stumbled back to see two men tagging the bird, a father and son.

"I told them that I was sure they got the bird or someone was badly hurt. It was the father's first turkey. As we walked back to the forest trail, they remarked that I still had two days left to get mine. Nope, only one. I don't hunt on the Sabbath. I go to church. The

week and have done many things: sang three times at the Morrison Cove Home for the Elderly; went Christmas and spring caroling; held a Halloween party, plus birthday parties for the juniors every other month; made fans for the older church members; and presented a Christmas Eve program for 70 people.

They also held a Junior Family Retreat Day June 1, which was a great success. Over 100 people attended the morning worship service, 70 enjoyed a fellowship meal, and 50 enjoyed an old-fashion hymn sing with the juniors presenting a program, *Tribute to Fathers*. The juniors then enjoyed outside games while everyone else viewed a video presented by the Media Project. The day closed with an evening meal and vespers done by the youth fellowship. We thank the Lord for the great support and, most of all, for the fellowship with many Christian friends.

We indeed have had a busy year, but next year is looking even busier. We are in the process of planning our 100th birthday celebration, scheduled for April of 1986, so be on the lookout for notification—and plan to visit and worship with us on this great occasion. SR

Missouri turkey season is only in the mornings of the season so in the afternoons there isn't much to do. It was a surprise to have those same two hunters pay me a visit in the P.M. They were sure interested in why I went to church on Saturday. I had my Bible. There is the proof. It made my day and prayerfully theirs."

We hear a great deal these days about education, both in society and in the church. It has always been so. Jesus said we are to teach all that he commanded. Are you willing to accept his commission? Well you Reach, Touch and Teach others for Christ? Contact your pastor. SR

Religion in the News

Lutherans oust rebel pastor

D. Douglas Roth of Clairton, Pennsylvania, was defrocked by a regional convention of the Lutheran Church in America. Roth had previously been fired as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Clairton, and had spent 112 days in jail for his refusal to leave the church property.

Roth, and other area ministers, had organized protests against unemployment in the economically depressed area, and had taken confrontational actions against corporate leaders. The group had broken up church services attended by business executives, and the Lutheran church in the area had been divided by such tactics.

Delegates to the convention voted 499-33 to dismiss Roth from the ministry of the three million-member Lutheran Church in America. SR

Romanian Bibles destroyed

In a recent press conference, Rep. Robert Dornan gave evidences of religious intolerance by Romanian authorities. Dornan said that 20,000 Bibles donated by the World Reformed Alliance to Romania had been diverted to a recycling mill in Braila. Laszlo Hamos, chairman of the Committee for Human Rights in Romania, says that "over the past two years physical brutalities, imprisonments, house-searches and beatings against minority-rights advocates have markedly increased."

Testimony on the intolerance of the Romanian authorities has been in response to efforts of the Romanians to renew their Most Favored Nation trading status with the United States. SR

Supreme Court rules on prayer

In a six to three decision, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that states cannot set aside a moment of silence to encourage prayer. Acting on an Alabama law which authorized "a moment of silence" for meditation or voluntary prayer, the Court held that such an enactment violates the First Amendment.

In the historic action the Supreme Court made it clear, however, that the ban was directed against the specific intention of the Alabama legislature which was to "return prayer to the public schools." It was expressly indicated that the Court would not rule against a student's right to engage in voluntary prayer, and an "appropriate moment of silence during the school day" was not at issue, according to Justice John Paul Stevens, who wrote for the Court.

Moment-of-silence statutes are in effect in 25 states, and they will be allowed to stand, provided that they do not endorse or sponsor prayer as the purpose of the silent time. "The individual freedom of conscience protected by the First Amendment embraces the right to select any religious faith or none at all," Stevens wrote.

The Reagan administration had backed the Alabama law as a means of allowing a time of prayer or meditation to accommodate religion. SR

Southern Baptists re-elect Stanley

Conservative pastor, Charles F. Stanley, was re-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas, defeating W. Winfred Moore. Moore was later elected vice-president.

The outcome was described by observers as a strengthening of the fundamentalist leadership of the nation's largest Protestant body. At issue during a heated campaign was the question of Biblical interpretations and teaching in Southern Baptist seminaries and colleges. SR

Panel to study pornography

Attorney General Edwin Meese has appointed a special commission to study the "nature, extent, and impact on society" of pornography. Public hearings are to begin this month and a report is expected within a year.

The 11-member commission has been asked to recommend ways for the federal and state governments to deal with the problem, within the constraints of First Amendment rights. SR

My call to the Christian ministry

by Jacob N. Tyrrell

*Ordination statement
Jacob N. Tyrrell
Georgetown, Guyana
November 28, 1984*

Ever since I was a boy, and the son of a gospel preacher, I was always thrilled to hear the preaching of God's Word.

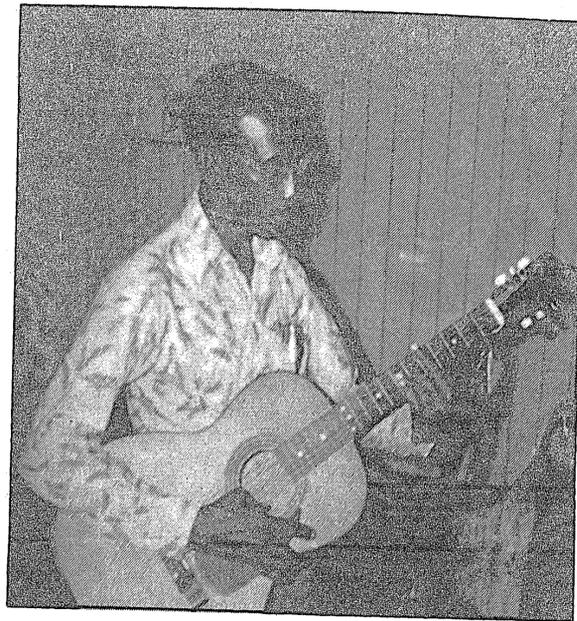
Growing up, I had in my thought to one day become like my father, who after many years of preaching was ordained a minister of the gospel. I was not a Christian even though I grew up under the Christian influence. I left school in my mid-teens, and left my father's home in the village, and went to live with my sister in the city. There, I engaged in a life I thought will give me the joy and happiness I was seeking.

While engaging in these activities, I constantly felt the pressure of God warning me of the danger of such pursuits. I resisted these pressures and warnings until one day in January, 1960, the conviction came strongly upon me that I am a sinner, and I was convicted of my need for a Saviour.

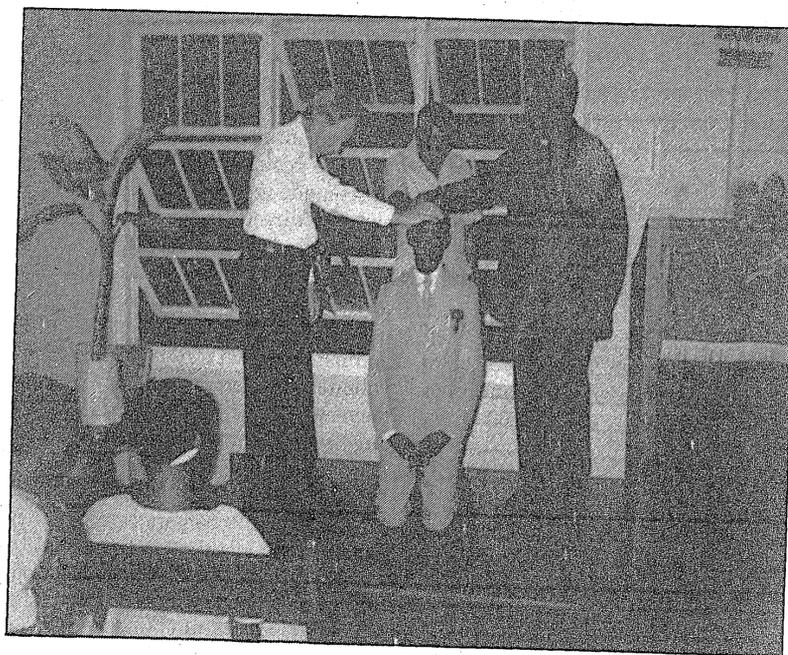
Because of my Christian upbringing, I now knew what I had to do and, seeing I could not resist God any longer, I decided to accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I then made my decision known to my father and mother who were delighted and so happy. I also made it known publicly in April, 1960, when I was buried with the Lord in baptism.

Following my baptism, I was constantly reading the Scriptures, and one verse of Scripture challenged me the most to enter the Gospel ministry. That verse is John 4:35. Jesus asked his disciples: "Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until summer ends four months from now?...Look around you; vast fields of human souls are ripening all around us, and are ready now for reaping, but the laborers are few." I then began to prepare myself for the ministry.

In 1964, I enrolled in a Bible School and studied for four years, then graduated (from Guyana Bible College). My



(Right) Rev. Jacob Tyrrell playing guitar.
(Below) Rev. Tyrrell ordained in his church in Guyana.



studies at GBC were able to confirm my beliefs. During my studies I was already a lay-pastor/preacher, and even after my graduation I enjoyed preaching and serving the people. These activities and the encouragement from my parents (even more so after the death of my

father in January of 1966) all indicated to me the call to the ministry. I therefore accept the call (of my brethren).

Note: Since last fall, Rev. Tyrrell has become a teacher at Guyana Bible College two evenings a week. SR

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Tyrrell ordination

by Leroy C. Bass

The atmosphere of the ordination was charged with the Holy Spirit—it really was beautiful under his inspiration. The planning of the service outline was prepared in advance of my coming by Conference President Eleanor Andries and Conference Treasurer Inez Peters. I was both truly grateful and proud of what they were doing. Then they asked me to be in charge of conducting the public service. These two Conference officers are very active lay leaders, giving sacrificially of themselves in the work of the Lord Jesus whom they love very deeply. They also make trips over to Wakenaam Island to

visit the lonely believers some Sabbaths.

The ordination was held in our Kitty Village, Greater Georgetown, Seventh Day Baptist Church. All our pastors attended, plus members from all our churches. Pastor George Bowen offered the Prayer of Invocation and Preparation for this service. The Prayer for the Candidate was offered by Rev. Don Kearns, principal of Guyana Bible College (Pastor Tyrrell was teaching a course on "The Triune God" one evening a week during the fall term of GBC). Then Jacob Tyrrell gave his statement.

I then read the Scriptures from Revelation 14:1-5 and 14-16; and John 4:34-36. My message to both congregation and ordinand was entitled: "A New Vision of Jesus." Following my message, I gave an eight-fold Charge to the Candidate and called upon the other clergy to assist in the Ordination Prayer and Laying on of Hands. Besides Rev. Kearns, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Berry was present. The latter also made the

Charge to the Congregation, commenting that he also had a part in the ordination of Jacob's father many years before.

Sister Inez Peters, as chairman of the Committee on the Ministry, presented a gift—a cross—to the new Rev. Tyrrell. Rev. Tyrrell was welcomed to the ministry by both clergy and our own pastors, and then gave the benediction, thus closing the service. Rev. Kearns took some pictures for us during the service which was much appreciated. Hymns which we sung during the service were: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" and "Lord, Speak to Me." These were sung to the accompaniment of the piano, which was a gift to us from the Marlboro, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church when our family went as missionaries in 1966.

My heart was so greatly blessed; I was so full of pleasure that my cup was overflowing in the glory of the Lord God. We all knew something special had happened. SR

Columbus church news

by Susan Bond

Operation Joshua (termed so by layman Bob Freeman) got underway on June 8, 1985. The Columbus church gathered after several weeks of prayer to bring special gifts for the purchasing of land on which to build a church center.

Attendance in both Sabbath School (44) and worship (60) were record highs, and the amount given that morning for the land was nearly \$4,200. This does not include the many other gifts coming in from sister churches and friends around the country.

Pastor Perry Cain and former pastor Dale Thorngate exhorted those in attendance, reminding them that building a physical structure can be a good thing to do if it is built unto the Lord and then used for his purpose, especially for witnessing. Inserted between their spoken messages was a musical message from Krystal Priority and a time of glorifying in God.

How we praise him and thank him that he is faithful and can be counted on to lead us to that land he has in mind and, most of all, to that land he has in Zion.

Thankful for his love as shown in your prayers and gifts. SR

Who am I?

I be he who gave my life

To save those who nailed me to

a cross;

To save you.

I am the Word,

Which is a Lamp unto your feet;

I am the Shepherd who leadeth

you in the paths of righteousness

For my name's sake.

I am that which is, and which was

And which is to come.

I am Christ.

Jill Martin

Bell Seventh Day Baptist Church

Salemville, Pennsylvania

Persia Sesquicentennial

from the Gowanda, New York, *Penny Saver News*, April 1985

by Jean Hillis

In local historical circles there has been talk for years about an old settlement on the Skinner Hollow Road, Town of Persia, and rumors about old gravestones turning up now and then. New information obtained in the past few years has given the fourth grade classes at Gowanda Elementary School an interesting Sesquicentennial project.

With Mrs. Carole Lipinski as coordinator, they are illustrating letters written by an elderly lady, Hannah Thorngate Stillman in 1897, which tell about her girlhood and what it was like growing up with her brothers and sisters in 1830 and 1840 in early Persia. This project is in keeping with a new curriculum for local history in New York State, which is being set up in all fourth grade classes, statewide.

Women's Retreat held

by Donna Hastings

From the Denver, Colorado, Seventh Day Baptist Church *Rocky Mountain Messenger*.

Sabbath afternoon, May 4, 1985, found 61 ladies from the Denver, Boulder and North Loup Seventh Day Baptist churches, and their friends, attending their second annual Women's Retreat. This is sponsored by the Women's Outreach group of the Denver church. Michelle Wheeler and Myrna Cox were our directors.

The seminar was held at the "Y" camp at Estes Park, Colorado. There we were, surrounded by God's beauty in the towering peaks capped with snow, and the promise of spring in the air at Estes Park.

22 Each one seemed to enjoy the lecture

An exhibit is being prepared for Himelein's Store under the direction of art teacher, Mrs. Carolyn Moscato, and fourth grade teachers Mrs. Carole Lipinski and Mrs. Cathy Rosati. Each class is making a booklet.

Hannah Thorngate's parents were George and Matilda Thorngate, who came to Persia in a covered wagon to buy land on "The Holland Purchase" in 1824. Their farm was located on the south side of Skinner Hollow Road about 1½ miles from the hollow. They lived there from 1824-1845.

A land investor, Isaac Skinner of Buffalo, had hired James Locke in the 1820's to come out to Persia to build a grist mill on the Cattaraugus Creek. Over the years, a small settlement grew and there followed a sawmill, a tannery, a cheese box factory, and a brick yard. The homes were log cabins, and one had a store in the front.

Hannah's folks were Seventh Day Baptists and a colony of that denomi-

sions, the small groups, the alone time with God, the peace and tranquility of the area and, of course, the excellent food served.

The topic for the seminar was "Meeting Yourself in the Bible." Our speaker was Nancy Harden from Denver.

Some highlights overheard by the women attending:

"The feeling of closeness and getting to know one another on a more personal basis."

"The enjoyment of studying and sharing in God's word."

One mentioned she had overheard the statement, "There is no way next year's retreat might be any better," but we do hope the new executive officers will try...

The retreat means a great deal of work on the part of many people, and we would like to thank each and every one involved this past year. SR

nation came, mostly from Brookfield in Madison County. They organized a church in 1832. Some families lived on the Persia Road and also on what we know today as Broadway Road.

Hannah tells about a high bridge across the creek and going up Nash Hill Road to pick strawberries, and the time that wolves howled at her parent's sleigh and team while returning from Lodi (now Gowanda). The family lived a typical pioneer life: at first their log cabin had only a blanket hung up to serve as a door. Her father often had to go away to work to earn the money to buy things they could not produce on the farm. He worked on the original covered bridge at Lodi, the one that burned in the great fire of 1856.

In the 1840's, a Cattaraugus Creek flood washed the settlement downstream. Not long after, most of the "Seven Day" people moved west to Wisconsin. Today, Skinner Hollow is a dead end road. There is no bridge across the Cattaraugus and foundations of the ancient buildings are covered with brush and the sands of time.

Ronald Gemmill, Broadway Road, has come across some old gravestones thought to have been in a Seventh Day Cemetery, abandoned in the 1850's. It was located on his land, which belonged to John Babcock in 1830 and later to the Zuzek and Dispenza families. There are five gravestones, all children of Daniel Newcomb and Teresa Sweet Newcomb and they died in the 1850's. The first Daniel Newcomb to settle in Persia was an ardent abolitionist. Born in Connecticut in 1782, he died in Milton, Wisc. in 1865. The Newcombs are forebears of Mrs. Betty Newcomb Poole and her brother, Daniel Newcomb, who was born and brought up in Gowanda.

The letters and information that the fourth grades are enjoying have been sent by Mrs. Janet Thorngate, librarian for the Historical Society of the Seventh Day Baptist Church with national headquarters in Janesville, Wisc., and Mrs. Margaret Lowther Burdick, who has sent the family genealogy for the classes to use. SR

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Anti-Soviet demonstration at Baptist World Congress

LOS ANGELES, July 2—As a rose has a few thorns, so did the opening session of the five-day 15th Baptist World Congress.

As delegates to the national meeting filed into the Los Angeles Convention Center opening night, they were met outside the meeting hall by anti-Soviet demonstrators.

The self-styled, anti-Communist movement, led by veteran protestor Cal McIntire, editor of the *Christian Beacon* in Collingswood, New Jersey, protested

Russian Baptists' participation at the Congress.

McIntire and about 15 associates distributed copies of the *Christian Beacon* and urged delegates not to applaud the Soviet flag when it was presented during opening ceremonies.

McIntire, who also is president of the International Council of Christian Churches, accused Russian Baptists attending the Congress of being Soviet spies.

One sign attacked Alexei Bichkov, general secretary of the All Union Council and a member of the BWA general council charging him with being a "KGB Agent." Bichkov was

listed on the BWC program as a Bible study leader.

"The Baptist World Alliance Congress sponsor knows these people are KGB agents and are cooperating with them," McIntire contended. He added the BWA should refuse to give them (Soviet Baptists) recognition.

Jack Zuccarelle, assistant pastor of Bible Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, California, was one of the volunteers carrying signs of protest.

When asked why a non-Baptist would picket the Baptist World Congress, he said, "It is not a denominational issue."

Mel Perry, pastor of Grace Bible Presbyterian Church

Baptist World Congress

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blind failure of a Pharisee?"

"The message I wanted people to receive is that if God can do that with Paul, then surely he can do that with me," said Hughes. "Our focus as Christians is letting God use us to bring people to the light."

He said he sought to give the play the international outlook of the audience who would view it. One character, Dele, symbolized persons of the Third World, in asking to hear the gospel, said Hughes.

"If God has done something wonderful in Jerusalem, it is good news," Dele tells Saul and Elizabeth in the play. "Why don't you tell about it?"

Congress participants were urged to be evangelists in Los Angeles by sharing 100,000 copies of the Gospel of John. BWA President Duke K. McCall said, "We want you to share them (tracts) as we move around the city of angels. It is possible we will have new creations if you will witness as you go about the city."

McCall also introduced widows of two former BWA presidents, Mrs. Theodore Adams, whose husband was president 1955-60, and Mrs. William Tolbert, whose husband headed the BWA 1965-70 and later was president of Liberia at the time of his assassination in a military coup. SR

Giving continues through BWAid

LOS ANGELES, July 3—Baptists gave a record \$2.3 million for world hunger relief through Baptist World Aid in the fiscal year ending March 31 but still more is needed, a Baptist World Alliance committee has learned.

Giving included \$1,750,000 to aid African famine victims, Archie R. Goldie reported to the BWA committee that works with its Baptist World Aid Division. The group was one of several meetings in connection with the 15th Baptist World Congress.

Goldie said he thought "we were setting a bold figure" last year with a \$200,000 goal for the Africa Hunger Response Fund. But he said the goal was "soon reached and surpassed in a generous outpouring of compassion."

Baptist World Aid money is being channeled to Africa both through Baptist groups that have relief programs underway in Ethiopia and other African countries and through companion Christian groups.

At an afternoon meeting in the Bonaventure Hotel, the committee approved another \$302,000 which will be used to

guarantee success of a new feeding station being started by the General Conference Mission in Awraja, Ethiopia.

The station will provide for about 2,000 families with special emphasis on undernourished children. The work will be done through the Baptist Evangelical Mission in the east African nation.

Other relief projects approved were \$50,000 for repair of churches damaged in a March 3 earthquake in Chile, \$120,000 for refugee relief for victims of civil strife in El Salvador; and \$33,500 for refugees coming into Nairobi, Kenya, from neighboring countries.

Goldie emphasized that the needs in Africa are not diminishing even though less media attention has been focused on them in recent months.

"This situation did not occur overnight," he said. "It will not go away overnight."

A total of 150 million people are threatened in 24 different African countries, Goldie said. "Your dollars are going far further (through Baptist World Aid) than in any other program I know of." SR

August 1985

God makes the pain more bearable

Shawn Michel Payne of Claremont, Minnesota, died July 2, 1984, at his home at the age of one. He was born September 10, 1982, in Owatonna, Minnesota, the son of Doug and Karen Payne.

His death was caused by SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). A memorial service was held in the Dodge Center, Minnesota, Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 6, 1984, by his pastor and grandfather, Paul Osborn.

When Shawn died a year ago, his pastor did not get his obituary written and sent to *The Sabbath Recorder*. Now seems a fitting time to make some memorial comments about the sudden death of a year-old boy who did not wake up the morning of July 2 last year, a victim of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

His parents have become active in the SIDS support group, helping other parents who have lost small children through similar circumstances. His siblings are still conscious of his absence from the family circle, and yet the whole family is agreed that what Shawn's mother wrote last fall is true.

We mourn the loss of our youngest son,
But his work must have been done.
Here on earth we must find ways
To do God's work for all our days.

We miss him in so many ways—
The smiling face that cheered our days,
The little laugh, the helpless call,
Those big blue eyes—we miss them all.

But Shawn is in a better place,
Where no more hurt can leave a trace.
Where tears are gone and joys abound
That's where our son can now be found.

Life goes on, we know it must.
So in God we place our trust.
Knowing strength He will provide,
'Til our tears have all been dried.

Karen Payne
Fall, 1984

Memorial service statement July 1984

Year-old Shawn did not wake up in his crib Monday morning. What a shock to family and friends to find him dead. His death affects many people, and the fact that he left a Christian family behind him does not lessen the pain of separation...but their strong faith in God makes the pain more bearable.

With millions of young children dying each year around the world from the results of famine and fighting, from neglect and abuse, Shawn's death seems to us to be totally unnecessary. But perhaps the shortness of his life will teach others of us to enjoy life each day, and prepare for eternity now.

Being a grandfather as well as a pastor, I have tried to prepare a statement—a testimony for the family—of their faith in God, and by it express appreciation for the support they have felt from the Body of Christ, his children in the churches.

First, whatever cause of death may be ascribed for Shawn, we believe the ultimate cause is the sickness and death that came with God's curse on his perfect creation when mankind sinned by disobeying God. This rebellion caused spiritual death, and physical suffering and death began. How thankful we are that "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us." (Galatians 3:13) The Bible teaches that spiritual life is restored by grace through faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10) and that eternal life begins when we believe him. (John 3:15-17) Because Christ has been obedient for us, those who receive him as Savior and Lord (John 1:12-13) will one day enjoy restoration of perfection spoken of in Revelation 21:3-4, "There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying..." Everyone who has reached the age of accountability needs to make this personal decision to accept Christ so that they can enjoy the eternal blessings of God.

We believe that children hold a special place in Christ's heart, for he used

them as examples, and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16) A little child does not reject his Lord.

Second, it is obvious that the child (or adult) does not cease to exist just because a lump of clay has lost its physical life. Shawn's paternal great-grandmother, "Gram"—as Betty Galt was called—has told me what to use at her funeral. It applies for a one-year-old as well: II Corinthians 4:15-5:1.

We believe that Shawn has received that new body and no longer needs the old one. God told Adam that he would return to the ground, "For out of it you were taken; For dust you are and to dust you shall return." Thus the family has ordered the cremation of Shawn's body, the "dusty" one, knowing that it would turn to dust in time and that it is no longer needed.

Third, we believe that the death of Shawn is under God's permissive will, not his perfect will. God's power is not lessened by sin and the curse. He could have intervened and prevented Shawn's death, but to teach us our physical weaknesses and turn us to consider spiritual matters and to trust constantly in him, God allows death to happen, even for his redeemed children. We do not believe Shawn's death was "good" for us or anyone, but we do believe that God will use this event, and every other event, to accomplish his perfect purpose for those who love him. (Romans 8:28)

Finally, we are glad that Shawn's death was not the result of some accident in which someone who might be responsible for the accident would have to suffer grief. Having committed Shawn to God's care even before his physical birth, Doug and Karen are confident that their child is still in God's care. They praise the Lord in their pain, and ask you to remember Shawn as he was, a live and lively almost two-year-old; and, if you can, to imagine Shawn as he exists now with Jesus. SR

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Jan Lek visits Polish SDBs

by Janet Thorngate

Letters from Jan Lek in Holland (June 15) and from Bronislaw Ciesielski in Poland (May 22) tell of Lek's recent successful trip to Poland and of a joyous baptism while they were there. Frits Nieuwstraten from Holland accompanied Jan and Ruth Lek on the visits to Poland and Czechoslovakia.

"We can look at a fantastic fine journey..." Lek says. "Without trouble we went across the borders. All paper, ink, machine parts, stencils and several other goods including an electronic organ have arrived at their place of destination. We thank God that this all has been possible.

"On Sabbath, May 18, seventeen people were baptized in the River Wisla. There was joy in our hearts to see how God gets along with men all the time."

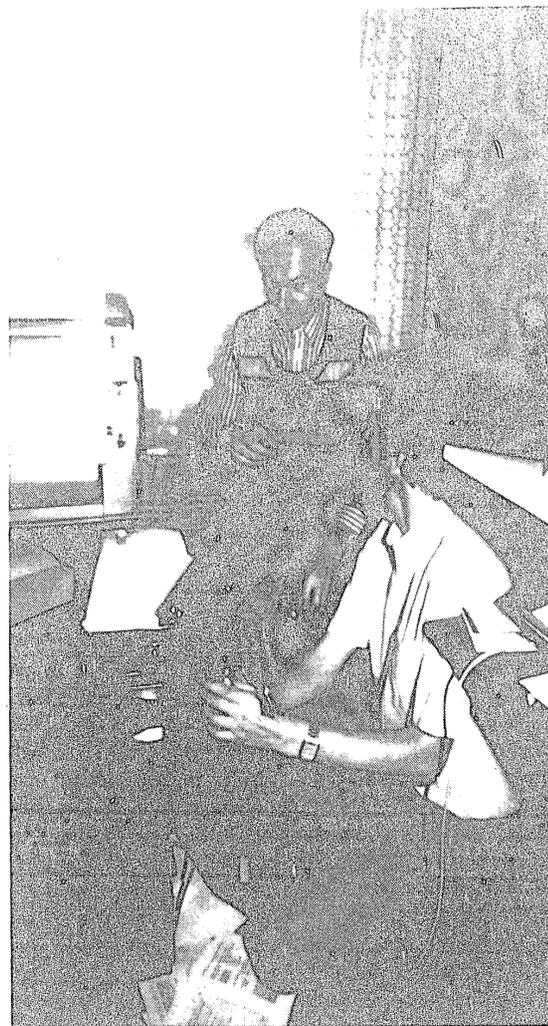
Ciesielski, in reporting on the spring baptism, lists "17 persons plus 4 persons whom we were laying on the hands, together 21 new members."

"The management of our Church," Ciesielski continues, "talked to them of our common cooperation in the work in Poland and in Holland. We showed them our new chapel for the church in Zory. There was a meeting of our guests with the Director of the Department for the Religion Affairs in Bielsko-Biala.

"They brought with them a lot of things needed for our editorial office: the paper, the stencils and the inks, and so on. We are very appreciative of everything they have done for us again, for every gift and their help, which we received from different sides of the world. May God recompense you and them."

In this same letter, Ciesielski, who is president of the Polish conference which joined the SDB World Federation last year, tells also of their great joy in finally receiving government permis-

Jan Lek assists Emanuel Wiecek with servicing the printing equipment. Brother Wiecek, a past-president of the Sabbath Day Christian Church in Poland, is pastor of the church in Chorzow.



sion to increase the size of their monthly magazine, *Spirit of Times* (*Duch Czasow*), to 12 pages and 10,000 copies. "Now, this week we have received the consent for it. Our efforts were almost 9 months, but we don't regret it. ...Now the difficult work awaits us. We must write so well the people want to buy and to read us, because our monthly mag-

The Polish government granted permission for the printing of *Spirit of Times* in larger quantities.

azine has one important job: to evangelize the whole Polish community. From the beginning of September we will be able to send it to the bigger towns."

Lek, who is European Contact Person for the SDB World Federation, has sponsored the effort to collect funds for paper (not available to the church in Poland) and to transport the paper into the country. Anyone wishing to contribute to this ongoing work may send money "for Poland Paper" directly to Lek or through World Federation Treasurer Leon Lawton

Meetings of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation will be held in the USA, August 6-9, 1986, previous to the USA and Canada Conference in Worcester, Massachusetts. The Jan Lek family from Holland plans to attend. It is hoped that representatives from Poland and from most of the other 14 countries in the Federation can also come. If your church would like to sponsor an individual or group delegation at those meetings, please contact Executive Secretary Dale D. Thorngate, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547 USA. SR

Court denies religious club use of public school facility

A federal judge in Nebraska has turned down a request by a group of students that their school district be forced, under the new "equal access" law, to allow them to form a religious club in their high school.

Judge C. Arlen Beam, of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, said that there are enough "serious questions" about the constitutionality of the federal law, which was passed last summer, to deny the students' request for a preliminary injunction that would compel the school district to allow the formation of student religious organizations on school facilities. The "equal access" act requires public schools with student club programs to extend the privilege to religious clubs.

Judge Beam's ruling came in a case brought by the students against the Board of Education of the Westside Community Schools, a suburban school district near Omaha. The American

Jewish Congress had argued in an amicus, or friend-of-the-court, brief submitted to Judge Beam that the federal legislation is unconstitutional, thereby removing any legal basis for a preliminary injunction.

Judge Beam's ruling was the first by a federal judge to suggest that the "equal access" act may be in violation of the constitutional principle of church-state separation.

A similar case in Houston, Texas, led to a recent ruling by the U.S. District Court in favor of student plaintiffs claiming the right to organize a religious club.

In turning down the students' request for a preliminary injunction, Judge Beam noted that "without attempting to resolve the constitutionality of the Act, it is clear...that serious questions have been raised."

He pointed out that a religious club in a public high school would require a teacher present in a custodial role and

would probably seek to use such other facilities as bulletin boards, public address systems and be included in the yearbook.

"In this setting," Judge Beam declared, "the Act would not merely promote equal access, it may tend to mandate the opening of a forum well beyond that which the school itself has sought to sanction" and may make it appear that the government, of which the school system is part, is giving an official stamp of approval to religious organizations. **SR**

Seven things you can do for your pastor

From the Denver, Colorado, Seventh Day Baptist Church *Rocky Mountain Messenger*.

1. Build his **spiritual power** by praying for him.
2. Build his **reputation** by speaking well of him. He will have weak and strong points. His influence will depend on which of these you stress.
3. Build his **morale** by encouraging him.
4. Build his **pulpit power** by hearing him. Full pews challenge a man to prepare and deliver great sermons. Empty pews discourage him.
5. Build his **leadership** by cooperating with him.
6. Build the **church treasury** by following God's plan of church financing—that of tithing. (It is much easier to minister when the financial report is not in the red.)
7. But the greatest thing you can do for your minister is to **follow the Christ he preaches** by the Holy Spirit. —Hoyt **SR**

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Accessions

Berlin, New York
C. Rex Burdick, Pastor

Joined after Baptism:
Carl Greene
Anne Sweener

Daytona Beach, Florida
Kenneth B. Van Horn, Pastor

Joined after Testimony:
France Brownrigg

Milton, Wisconsin
Herbert E. Saunders, Pastor

Joined by Letter:
Cathy Stidams

Joined after Baptism:
Donald A. Stidams
Lauri A. Bongle

Joined after Testimony:
Nina Summers

Wichita Falls, Texas
W.L. (Bill) Sharon, Pastor

Joined by Letter:
Nina Creel
Michael Allen Wilson

Joined after Testimony:
Doug Meyers

Marriages

Payne-Bauer.—Roger Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne of West Concord, Minnesota, and Lanette Bauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Bauer of Faribault, Minnesota, were united in marriage on November 3, 1984, by the bride's pastor at the rural church where the bride's grandparents and parents were married.

Powell-Cline.—Steven Edward Powell and Sandra Lynn Cline, both of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, were united in marriage on February 15, 1985, in Madison, Wisconsin, by Rev. Leroy Bass.

Clavio-Gray.—Anthony S. Clavio, son of Carmela Migliaccio and Paolo Clavio, and Nola M. Gray, daughter of Caroline FitzRandolph and Donald V. Gray, were united in marriage on May 11, 1985, at the bride's home in Down's Chapel, Delaware, by the bride's father.

Cunningham-Arnold.—Roger R. Cunningham and Deborah D. Arnold of Madison, Wisconsin, were united in marriage at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, Wisconsin, on May 25, 1985, by Pastor Herbert E. Saunders.

Pierce-McDonald.—Gerald Pierce, son of Gerald and Mary Pierce of Bolivar, New York, and Darlene McDonald, daughter of Joe and Barbara Tarr McDonald of Little Genesee, New York,

were married on June 8, 1985, in the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. David Clarke officiating.

Bruha-Aiken.—David Brian Bruha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruha of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and Sharon Alise Aiken, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Neil Aiken of Burlington, Wisconsin, were united in marriage on June 15, 1985, by Pastor Herbert E. Saunders in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Osborn expresses thanks

It is humbling to be indebted to so many of God's children. This indebtedness is for prayers, cards and good wishes from so many. It also includes a grant from COSAR and a gift from CSA (SDB United Relief Fund) which has taken away any need for financial stress this summer... We praise the Lord for his provision through his people!

In His Service,
Paul

Rev. Paul Osborn, pastor of the Dodge Center, Minnesota, church, is recovering from open heart surgery. He reports good progress on both rest and physical therapy. Rev. Wayne Babcock, who is retired and a member of the Dodge Center church, is serving as summer interim pastor during Pastor Osborn's leave of absence.

August 1985

Births

Brannon.—A son, Jeremy Kenneth Brannon, was born to Kenneth and Helen (Wheeler) Brannon of Adams Center, New York, on December 28, 1984.

Zabriskie.—A daughter, Courtney Marie Zabriskie, was born to John and Sandy (Johnson) Zabriskie of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, on March 12, 1985.

Crider.—A daughter, Belina Frances Crider, was born to Jeffrey and Barbara (Harrison) Crider of Ashaway, Rhode Island, on April 2, 1985.

Hall.—A daughter, Lacey Jo Hall, was born to K. Scott and Mary Ann (Curry) Hall of Mt. Clare, West Virginia, on May 2, 1985.

Osborn.—A son, Quentin Brice Osborn, was born to Tim and Jayme Osborn of Denver, Colorado, on June 20, 1985.

Groelle.—A son, Zachary Nathaniel Groelle, was born to Gary and Jill (FitzRandolph) Groelle of Milton, Wisconsin, on June 21, 1985.

Washington SDB Church news

by Leroy Tsutsumi

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A fellowship meal followed the morning worship service, during which guests and members could get acquainted. An invitation had been extended to the sister churches within the South-eastern Association to send delegates.

During April of this year, the Washington church completed its Teacher

Training Course which had commenced last October. Each session was held once a month, except in October when two sessions were held. The average attendance was 13 per session.

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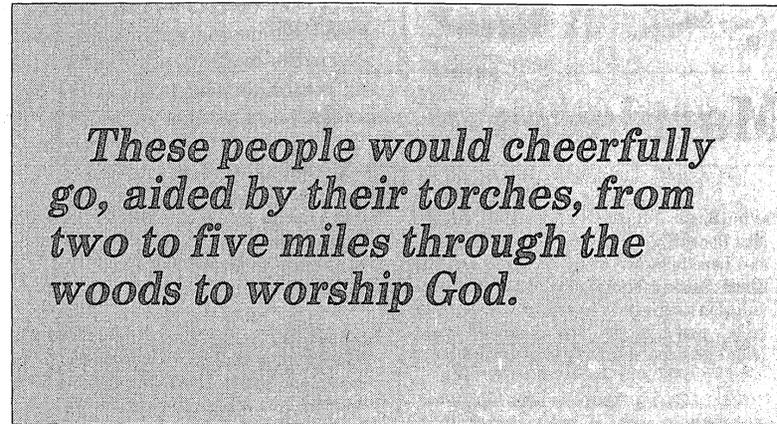
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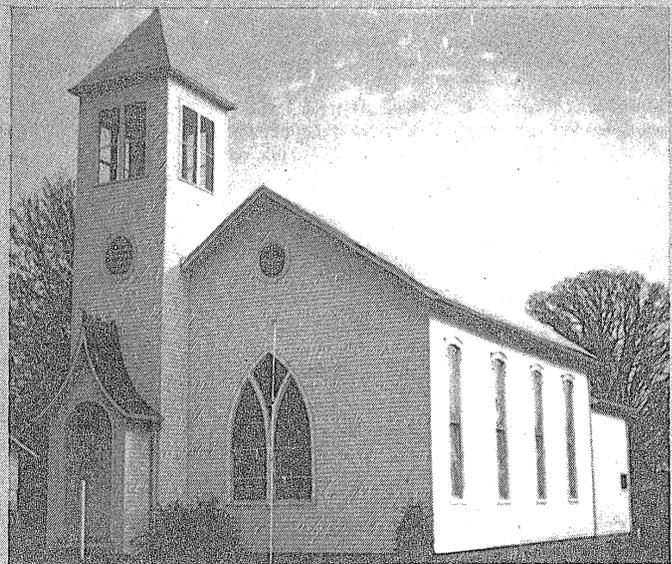
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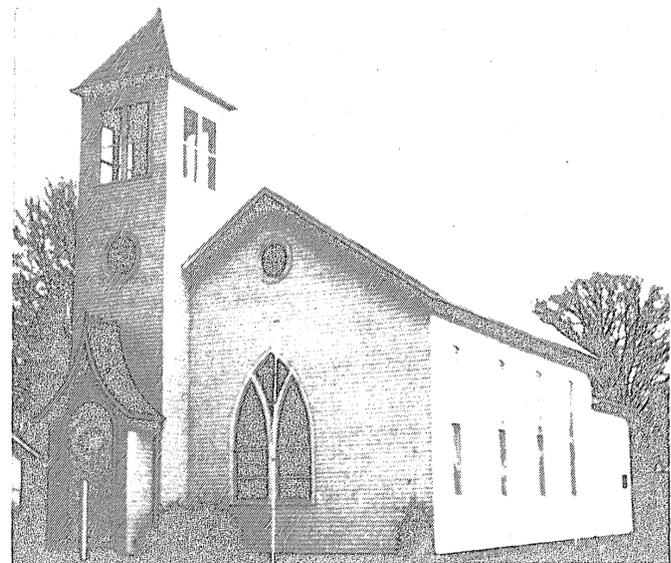
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A memorial service was held for her in Sackets Harbor, New York, before her burial in Adams Center Union Cemetery.

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After their marriage, the couple lived and taught at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Mr. Clapper preceded her in death in 1942.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Dodge Center, Minnesota. She had just been awarded the position of Deaconess Emeritus and recognized for her years of service to the church and community.

Survivors include two sons, Kirk of Seattle, Washington, and Barry of Mankato, Minnesota; one daughter, Mrs. LaVerne (Norma) Schumacher of

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A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Sabbath Day, June 8, 1985, by Pastor Wayne Babcock. SR

Trowbridge.—Dr. Wesley W. Trowbridge, son of Sherman and Louise Trowbridge, died March 15, 1985, at House of Good Samaritan Hospital in Watertown, New York.

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He joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Adams Center when he was a young man. He supported the school and fire department and had been a very active, influential citizen in the community, keeping his body and mind healthy by gardening, golfing and playing bridge.

Memorial services were held, and interment was in Adams Center Union Cemetery on March 15, 1985.

Breitkreutz.—Clare M. Breitkreutz of Milton, Wisconsin, died June 8, 1985, at the age of 93 at the Freeport Manor Nursing Home, Freeport, Illinois.

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Surviving are two sons, William of West Point, Mississippi, and Bernhart "Clare" of Humboldt, Tennessee; a daughter, Doris IIs of Lena, Illinois; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bertha Tift of Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Funeral services were held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 11, 1985, by Pastor Herbert E. Saunders, assisted by Extension Pastor Earl Cruzan. HES

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date its patrons. Charlie Snyder's funeral parlor, still complete with its four square pillared front porch, is an uninteresting dwelling. Dea. J.D. Jones, whose resonant baritone still echoes from the loft on a clear day, has departed forever from the last house at the end of the street. The old hotel on the corner, once the scene of a bona fide robbery, has fallen to the wrecking ball. Spreading elms and stalwart oaks, forlorn sentinels guarding old traditions, still shade cracked, uneven sidewalks; but alas, Church St. itself has lost its distinctive flavor.

Only the dead remain unchanged, wondering, questioning, puzzling, "Where have all our children gone?"

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Eastern Association meetings held

by Jessie Stuart

The Eastern Association meetings were held in Berlin, New York, the week end of May 17-19 with the theme, "God Has Commissioned Us," using Acts 1:8 as the key verse.

Eastern Association President Paul L. Greene welcomed delegates and guests to Berlin and the Association meetings.

Friday evening, Pastor Leon Wheeler of Ashaway, Rhode Island, spoke on the topic, "Mission to Our Jerusalem (Community)," with Pastor Donald E. Richards of Waterford, Connecticut, leading the worship service. Kenneth and Helen Brannon, delegates from Central New York Association, provided special music.

Host Pastor C. Rex Burdick led the Sabbath morning worship service, with Pastor Everett C. Dickinson of Marlboro, New Jersey, speaking on "Mission to Our Judea (Nation)." The Children's Message was given by Kenneth and Helen Brannon.

After Sabbath dinner, Conference

building

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None of the funds for the building project come from the general fund; all building funds must be so designated by the giver. We are excited as we see God's people responding to the challenge. New facilities mean greater opportunity to expand our ministries; more parking means room for more people in the "family."

God is blessing this congregation. We see increased spiritual growth among so many, we see numerical growth, we see a branch church in Tucson, we see greater interest and giving to missions, we see a strong camping program, we see Phase I of the building project; but, most of all, we see great evidence of the power and leading of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless our efforts to lift up Jesus Christ and to share his love with our community.—Pastor John SR

August 1985

President Calvin Babcock spoke on "Mission to Our World." Pastor Dale E. Rood of Westerly, Rhode Island, led the worship service, which included special music by children from the Pawcatuck church.

Following this service, there was an informal discussion of Conference concerns with President Babcock and Executive Director of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Ernest K. Bee.

The *New Creations*, a musical group from Verona, New York, presented a concert on Saturday evening.

Following the concert, Wesley and Martha Greene presented a program of slides and poems about the life of Pastor C. Rex Burdick, in honor of his forthcoming retirement from the active ministry. This was a complete surprise to Pastor Burdick. Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Ellis made a special cake for the occasion. It consisted of a large sheet cake with the words, "Pastor Rex, We honor you for 40 years in the Lord's service." An open-Bible shaped cake—decorated with praying hands, a gold cross, a red ribbon bookmark and the words "Trust in the Lord" (from Proverbs

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The 147th annual business session was conducted on Sunday morning by President Greene. The 1986 Conference Site Committee gave their report urging that Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts be chosen as the site of the 1986 Conference.

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From *The Newsletter* newsletter.

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She was baptized when she was 14 and was very active with the youth of the church. Later, she married William Withington, who was killed in World War I in France, leaving her an only son, Donald, who was killed in his youth in an auto accident.

She was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ladies Aid, and Senior Citizens Group, finding many ways of service for the older citizens.

A memorial service was held for her in Sackets Harbor, New York, before her burial in Adams Center Union Cemetery.

Clapper.—Marguerite Thorngate Clapper of Dodge Center, Minnesota, died May 29, 1985, at the age of 85. She was born September 23, 1899, in North Loup, Nebraska, the daughter of Charles and Ethel Babcock Thorngate.

She graduated from high school in North Loup and earned a B.A. degree at Milton College, majoring in language. She taught at Northland College in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. In 1936 she married Clyde H. Clapper at Exeland, Wisconsin. They had three sons and one daughter.

After their marriage, the couple lived and taught at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Mr. Clapper preceded her in death in 1942.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Dodge Center, Minnesota. She had just been awarded the position of Deaconess Emeritus and recognized for her years of service to the church and community.

Survivors include two sons, Kirk of Seattle, Washington, and Barry of Mankato, Minnesota; one daughter, Mrs. LaVerne (Norma) Schumacher of

Winona, Minnesota; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild, one brother, George Thorngate of Pebble Beach, California, and a sister, Mrs. Wesley (Katherine) Baldrige of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Lawrence, one brother and two sisters.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Sabbath Day, June 8, 1985, by Pastor Wayne Babcock. SR

Trowbridge.—Dr. Wesley W. Trowbridge, son of Sherman and Louise Trowbridge, died March 15, 1985, at House of Good Samaritan Hospital in Watertown, New York.

He was born November 25, 1894, and was a lifetime resident of Adams Center, New York. Except for his schooling at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, he faithfully practiced in his home area for 67 years, continuing to work until his 89th birthday. He was married to Mary Denny and had three sons before her death in 1931. Later, he was married to Nellie Trowbridge. Both were very active in service to their community.

He joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Adams Center when he was a young man. He supported the school and fire department and had been a very active, influential citizen in the community, keeping his body and mind healthy by gardening, golfing and playing bridge.

Memorial services were held, and interment was in Adams Center Union Cemetery on March 15, 1985.

Breitkreutz.—Clare M. Breitkreutz of Milton, Wisconsin, died June 8, 1985, at the age of 93 at the Freeport Manor Nursing Home, Freeport, Illinois.

Born November 12, 1891, in Green County, Iowa, she married Bernhart "Bernie" Breitkreutz on October 29, 1913, in Milton. He died on April 12, 1959. She was a member of Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Royal Neighbors of America, LaPrairie Grange and was a 4-H leader many years.

Surviving are two sons, William of West Point, Mississippi, and Bernhart "Clare" of Humboldt, Tennessee; a daughter, Doris IIs of Lena, Illinois; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bertha Tiff of Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Funeral services were held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 11, 1985, by Pastor Herbert E. Saunders, assisted by Extension Pastor Earl Cruzan. HES

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date its patrons. Charlie Snyder's funeral parlor, still complete with its four square pillared front porch, is an uninteresting dwelling. Dea. J.D. Jones, whose resonant baritone still echoes from the loft on a clear day, has departed forever from the last house at the end of the street. The old hotel on the corner, once the scene of a bona fide robbery, has fallen to the wrecking ball. Spreading elms and stalwart oaks, forlorn sentinels guarding old traditions, still shade cracked, uneven sidewalks; but alas, Church St. itself has lost its distinctive flavor.

Only the dead remain unchanged, wondering, questioning, puzzling, "Where have all our children gone?"

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Eastern Association meetings held

by Jessie Stuart

The Eastern Association meetings were held in Berlin, New York, the week end of May 17-19 with the theme, "God Has Commissioned Us," using Acts 1:8 as the key verse.

Eastern Association President Paul L. Greene welcomed delegates and guests to Berlin and the Association meetings.

Friday evening, Pastor Leon Wheeler of Ashaway, Rhode Island, spoke on the topic, "Mission to Our Jerusalem (Community)," with Pastor Donald E. Richards of Waterford, Connecticut, leading the worship service. Kenneth and Helen Brannon, delegates from Central New York Association, provided special music.

Host Pastor C. Rex Burdick led the Sabbath morning worship service, with Pastor Everett C. Dickinson of Marlboro, New Jersey, speaking on "Mission to Our Judea (Nation)." The Children's Message was given by Kenneth and Helen Brannon.

After Sabbath dinner, Conference

building

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None of the funds for the building project come from the general fund; all building funds must be so designated by the giver. We are excited as we see God's people responding to the challenge. New facilities mean greater opportunity to expand our ministries; more parking means room for more people in the "family."

God is blessing this congregation. We see increased spiritual growth among so many, we see numerical growth, we see a branch church in Tucson, we see greater interest and giving to missions, we see a strong camping program, we see Phase I of the building project; but, most of all, we see great evidence of the power and leading of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless our efforts to lift up Jesus Christ and to share his love with our community.—Pastor John SR

August 1985

President Calvin Babcock spoke on "Mission to Our World." Pastor Dale E. Rood of Westerly, Rhode Island, led the worship service, which included special music by children from the Pawcatuck church.

Following this service, there was an informal discussion of Conference concerns with President Babcock and Executive Director of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Ernest K. Bee.

The *New Creations*, a musical group from Verona, New York, presented a concert on Saturday evening.

Following the concert, Wesley and Martha Greene presented a program of slides and poems about the life of Pastor C. Rex Burdick, in honor of his forthcoming retirement from the active ministry. This was a complete surprise to Pastor Burdick. Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Ellis made a special cake for the occasion. It consisted of a large sheet cake with the words, "Pastor Rex, We honor you for 40 years in the Lord's service." An open-Bible shaped cake—decorated with praying hands, a gold cross, a red ribbon bookmark and the words "Trust in the Lord" (from Proverbs

3:5)—was placed on top of the sheet cake. The 147th annual business session was conducted on Sunday morning by President Greene. The 1986 Conference Site Committee gave their report urging that Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts be chosen as the site of the 1986 Conference. In other business, two representatives to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education were approved. They are Gordon Kilts, for a two-year term, and William Bowyer, for a one-year term. It was also voted that the new Executive Committee nominate the Host Committee for the 1986 Conference. The business meeting was adjourned to convene in Marlboro, New Jersey, on May 16-18, 1986, under the leadership of the new president, James Davis. A closing worship service was led by Andrew Samuels of New York City. Special music was provided by a group from that church. Pastor Kenneth B. Burdick of the Raritan Valley Seventh Day Baptist Church, Bridgewater, New Jersey, spoke on "Highlights from the Theme." SR

Pillars and caterpillars

From *The Newsletter* newsletter.

"There are two kinds of people in the Church... Pillars and Caterpillars. The pillars hold up the Church, and the caterpillars simply go in and out."

When I first heard this quotation, I took it to mean that the caterpillars are the bad guys and the pillars are the good guys. But the more I thought about it, the more I wondered. Pillars do not change. They are made of stone. Sometimes people get so intent on holding up the Church that they become too set in their ways. They support the Church, but they forget about God, who is the One the Church is all about. Perhaps they "hold up" the Church in another way and keep it from advancing.

Caterpillars, on the other hand, are alive. As long as they keep "going in and out"—"in" to receive the Sacraments and to worship and praise and pray, and "out" to spread the Good News in the world—they are moving and changing and becoming. And we all know what happens to caterpillars—the Big Change which comes when they break out of the cocoon and they lift their lovely wings. So it goes both ways. The pillars would profit by adding "Cater" to their name, and breaking out of their stony shells. And the caterpillars should remember that their last name is "Pillar," and that they had better do their share of the "upholding" so that there will continue to be a church to go in and out of. SR

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