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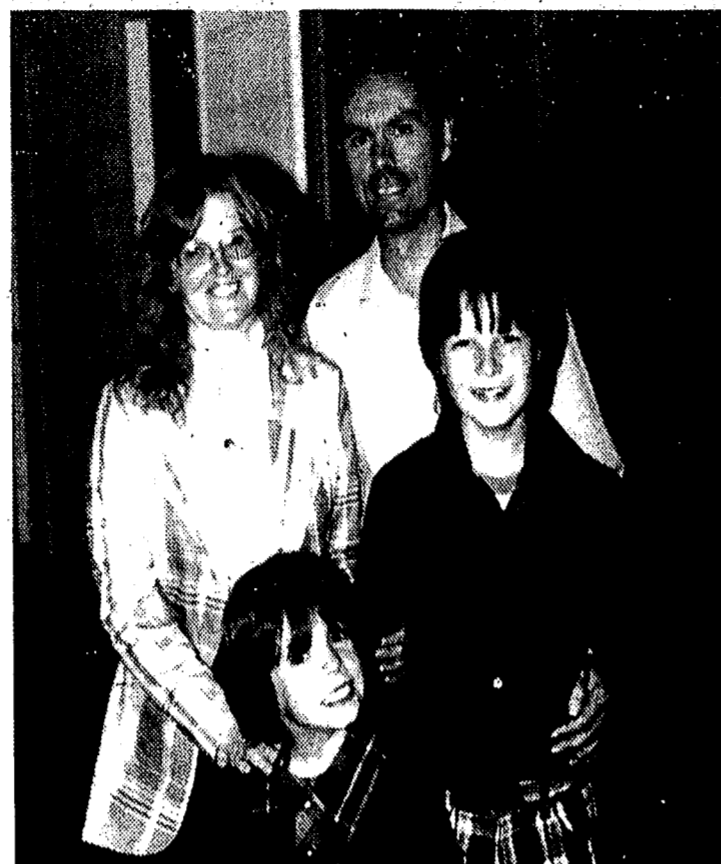
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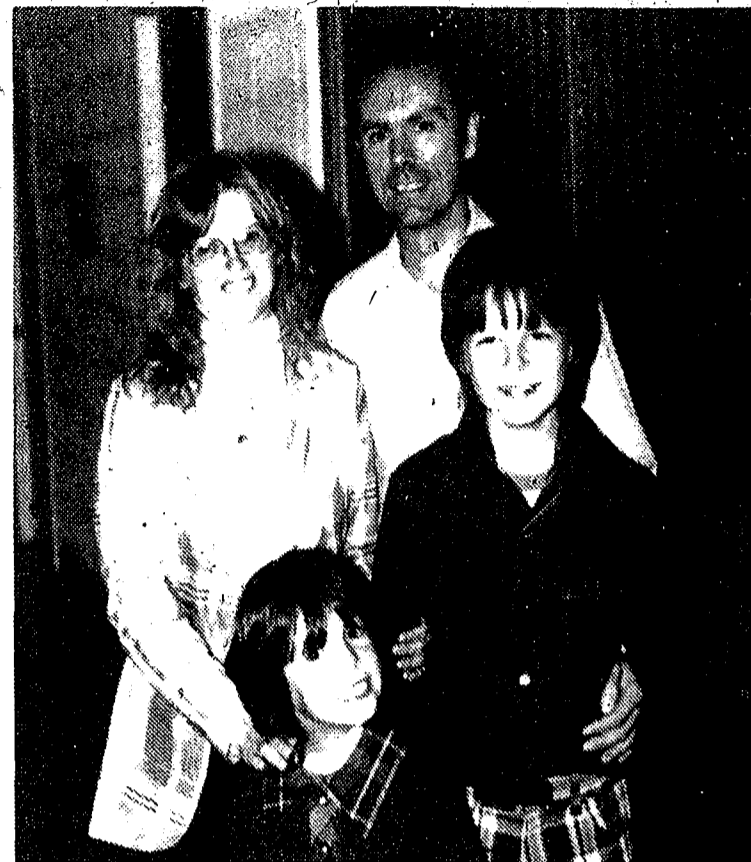
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Pearson prayer letter

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Dear Friends,

"God is so good." How true. Though we fail and many disappointments come, our Lord works through it all and we know he has a better way ahead.

Time has run away from us but the past few months have provided great opportunities and experiences. From October 14 to 23, we were in Lilongwe, beginning with evangelistic meetings and ending with Private Hospital Association of Malawi (PHAM). In Area 25, the location where we have been given a plot, north of the main Lilongwe city, we began meetings that Monday night of arrival. Tuesday p.m. through Friday we had meetings morning, afternoon and night in different places. The morning meeting meant walking one mile each way; the evening, a walk of about two miles before and after. For the afternoon meeting, a small truck came at 1 p.m. to take us and then returned at 4:00 to the village area to bring us home. Then we hastily prepared, ate and walked to the 6 p.m. meeting.

The three Malawian leaders and David each had a share in preaching, and Bettie did some children's messages for the many youngsters always present. We praise the Lord for the 21 who made some response to the invitations and ask your prayer for them as Pastor Manyamba does follow-up.

We enjoyed fellowship on Sabbath morning with the small group which meets at Kabwabwa School. Of the 30 or so there we were disappointed that no one who had made a response during the week attended. It was encouraging, however, to find a baptismal class of five, three of them new to us and resulting from Pastor Manyamba's work in the past five months.

One of our steady Lilongwe members is a contractor. He is planning to do our building project there at very reasonable cost, for which we again thank our Lord.

From mid-July to mid-August, we toured Central and Northern churches. (No problem with petrol this year, PTL.) First week of September, pastors were here in Blantyre for refresher course, coinciding with the annual Keswick meetings which they



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attended. The following week, we went to Makapwa for conference, Board meetings, etc. Conference brought continued increase of interest and participation by the laymen. The Sabbath services were the climax, with attendance around 800 and baptism in the afternoon of 28 new Christians of the district.

A special treat at Conference was Mrs. Lozani's report of her trip to the U.S.A. She has returned to us full of enthusiasm and new ideas. There have been several other seminars here for women which also helps in our women's work. The Blantyre ladies are really enjoying their sewing on the "Nighties for Newborns" project. I was given 20 little shirts to take to Thomas and Makapwa the last of October, to be available for the mothers in need.

We have several young men who have completed Form 4 (grade 12) this year. Many are thwarted in their search for employment or further training. Two have applied to Malamulo for Medical Assistant college. Pray with us that at least one of them will be accepted. Many more than previously are now finishing school and the job market is crowded. (Our two lady teachers at Lilongwe told us about their classes. One has a stream of grade 3 with 160 children, the other teaches secondary school with about 60 per class.)

The medical responsibilities continue to keep Bettie doubly busy and present various and difficult problems, but the Lord sustains and keeps us going. It has been good to fit in the church trips recently, but now that the rains are near, we will spend more time at home.

Thank you for your interest, your letters, and please, please remember to uphold in prayer. May the Lord bless your holiday season and give you a good and fruitful year ahead. We may be able to see some of you next year as we hope, DV, to attend the S.D.B. World Federation sessions in New England.

Yours together in his love,

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(3) How may the various Seventh Day Baptist conferences cooperate in such a way as to strengthen the individual conferences?

From these discussions and the changes made in the 1971 and 1978 sessions, have emerged the simple purposes of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation: To provide increased communication among Seventh Day Baptist groups around the world, to promote projects of mutual interest which will benefit from international cooperation, and to stimulate fellowship among SDB Christians.

In 1966 a nominating committee of Gerben Zijlstra (Netherlands), James McGeachy (England), and Rex Zwiebel (USA) prepared a ballot of officers. Conference representatives elected Loren G. Osborn (USA) the first president and Alton Wheeler (USA) the executive secretary. The executive committee planned a Week of Prayer for January 1967, the booklet written by Gerben Zijlstra and Everett Harris. At the 1978 sessions, these two men were recognized as originators of the idea of a world federation. Executive Secretary Wheeler began publication of the *World Federation Newsletter* and took every opportunity in his travel for the USA Conference to make visits for the Federation as well.

65,880 miles for what and who are we?

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Netherlands, New Zealand, and the USA. Those from Burma, India and Mexico were unable to attend. President Osborn presided, assisted by vice presidents Joseph Samuels (Jamaica) and Otrain Manani (Malawi).

The writer for *The Sabbath Recorder* reported lively discussion of the reason for it all:

The question was raised as to whether the Federation exists primarily to provide a unifying force for the many national groups of churches of like faith or whether it should be a missionary, evangelistic organization surveying the world need and extending the Seventh Day Baptist faith to new countries. Those engaged in worldwide correspondence saw the value of the more or less passive role. It gives new churches something to belong to rather than being dependent on the one Conference that has done the most in missionary work.

On the other side, it was argued ably that the time is short and that Seventh Day Baptists must be reaching out to new fields. Eventually a committee was appointed to bring in recommendations as to certain projects by which churches in one conference could be helped by the pooled resources of other conferences.

Projects agreed on at this session drew contributions from the conferences in the months that followed: travel aid for Brazil evangelists to work in three states (Parana, Santa Catarina, and rio Grande do Sul—monthly support for over two years) and help to the Central Africa Conference to send a worker or missionary to Northern Malawi.

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At that First World Consultation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences (CoWoCo) in 1964, delegates presented items for consideration and proceeded through an agenda of such questions as these: (1) How may we best continue the worthwhile contributions of missionary efforts of the past under present national developments? (2) Is there a continuing need for missionary service and, if so, in what forms and how shall we proceed?

(3) How may the various Seventh Day Baptist conferences cooperate in such a way as to strengthen the individual conferences?

From these discussions and the changes made in the 1971 and 1978 sessions, have emerged the simple purposes of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation: To provide increased communication among Seventh Day Baptist groups around the world, to promote projects of mutual interest which will benefit from international cooperation, and to stimulate fellowship among SDB Christians.

In 1966 a nominating committee of Gerben Zijlstra (Netherlands), James McGeachy (England), and Rex Zwiebel (USA) prepared a ballot of officers. Conference representatives elected Loren G. Osborn (USA) the first president and Alton Wheeler (USA) the executive secretary. The executive committee planned a Week of Prayer for January 1967, the booklet written by Gerben Zijlstra and Everett Harris. At the 1978 sessions, these two men were recognized as originators of the idea of a world federation. Executive Secretary Wheeler began publication of the *World Federation Newsletter* and took every opportunity in his travel for the USA Conference to make visits for the Federation as well.

65,880 miles for what and who are we?

When the first official meeting of the Federation took place in 1971, it was hosted by the New England Yearly Meeting of Seventh Day Baptists, the oldest known "association" of SDB churches in the world. Seventh Day Baptists in the USA were also celebrating 300 years in America, the founding of the Newport, Rhode Island, church in 1671. Delegates from nine countries attended these sessions, August 4-8 in Westerly, Rhode Island. They traveled an aggregate of 65,880 miles from Brazil, Britain, Germany, Guyana, Jamaica, Malawi,

Netherlands, New Zealand, and the USA. Those from Burma, India and Mexico were unable to attend. President Osborn presided, assisted by vice presidents Joseph Samuels (Jamaica) and Otrain Manani (Malawi).

The writer for *The Sabbath Recorder* reported lively discussion of the reason for it all:

The question was raised as to whether the Federation exists primarily to provide a unifying force for the many national groups of churches of like faith or whether it should be a missionary, evangelistic organization surveying the world need and extending the Seventh Day Baptist faith to new countries. Those engaged in worldwide correspondence saw the value of the more or less passive role. It gives new churches something to belong to rather than being dependent on the one Conference that has done the most in missionary work.

On the other side, it was argued ably that the time is short and that Seventh Day Baptists must be reaching out to new fields. Eventually a committee was appointed to bring in recommendations as to certain projects by which churches in one conference could be helped by the pooled resources of other conferences.

Projects agreed on at this session drew contributions from the conferences in the months that followed: travel aid for Brazil evangelists to work in three states (Parana, Santa Catarina, and Rio Grande do Sul—monthly support for over two years) and help to the Central Africa Conference to send a worker or missionary to Northern Malawi.

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Representatives at the first meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation in Westerly, Rhode Island, August 6, 1971, were (left to right, first two rows) Alton L. Wheeler, USA, executive secretary; Joseph A. Samuels, Jamaica, vice-president; Otrain B. Manani, Malawi, vice-president; Inez Peters, Guyana; Johannes Bahlke, Germany; Antonio Barrera, Brazil; Iris Codrington, England; Watson Mataka, Malawi; Simeon Lyons, Jamaica; Vincent Smith, Jamaica; Loren G. Osborn, USA, president. Third and fourth rows: Albourne Peat, England; Rex E. Zwiebel, USA, recording secretary; Peter Nieuwstraten, Netherlands; Ethel Wheeler, USA; Everett T. Harris, USA, treasurer; Francis L. Johnson, New Zealand. Top row: Leon M. Maltby, USA; Leon R. Lawton, USA; G. Zijlstra, Netherlands; James A. Skaggs, USA; Jacob Tyrrell, Guyana.

Perhaps most important at this session, the delegates reached consensus on a discussion of Seventh Day Baptist beliefs:

We are Seventh Day Baptists, and that very name indicates certain beliefs we hold in common. They are:

- (1) basic belief in God and Jesus Christ,
- (2) the practice of baptism by immersion,
- (3) observation of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, ordained by God,
- (4) the goal of congregational polity in all member conferences/conventions, or groups.

During the seven years before the next meeting was held, SDBs around the world responded to tragedies in India (loss of 21

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SDB evangelists in 1972 in the devastating tidal wave and destruction of homes in the Madras-Nellore cyclone in 1977). They supported an ambassadorial tour of Rev. Alton Wheeler and Rev. Leon Lawton to visit SDB conferences, groups and leaders in 13 countries (36,000 miles, encircling the globe in three months). In addition to the planned projects, there was assistance for sending Watson Mataka as missionary

to Kenya, for digging drinking and irrigation wells in India, and for other emerging needs. Correspondence began with Nigeria and the Philippines.

Ten countries but 22 flags

* The World Federation held its second meeting in Alfred, New York, (USA) August 2-6, 1978. Thirty-four delegates and observers attended from groups in 10 countries. Burma, Germany and India, which joined in 1969, were unable to send delegates. Rev. David Pearson served as president (1977-79), succeeded by Thomas Merchant (1979-80), and K. Duane Hurley became the new executive secretary. Delegates voted to support eight special projects, including a program to establish contact among scattered SDB churches and individuals in Europe. Jan Lek of the Netherlands, one of the vice presidents, was named European contact person. Church construction in Burma, Great Britain, Malawi, and South Africa were among other projects on the list. Delegates paid tribute to Rev. Zwiebel, Rev. Wheeler and Rev. Harris for their 14 years of service to the Federation since its founding. They also remembered the life of G. Zijlstra, who had died in 1974.

A highlight of the USA Conference that year, which most of the delegates attended following their sessions, was a posting of flags from 22 countries where Seventh Day Baptists had a witness. Bible study and worship sessions were led by individual delegations, many of whom participated in a post-conference institute which featured seminars in leadership and administration.

The seven years since that last session have seen a change in leadership, both in the Federation and in many of the member groups. James McGeachy died in

1980 and Everett Harris in 1982. James A. Skaggs began serving as president in 1981 and Dale Thorngate as executive secretary, both of the USA. As the work in Australia grew, the Australasian Conference was formed. Nigeria and Poland joined the Federation in 1973 and 1974, respectively. Rev. Leon Lawton (treasurer since 1971) made visits to Australia, Asia, Africa, and South America, and Rev. Thorngate to Europe. Sizeable gifts from the SDBs in Germany have helped support a number of Federation projects, particularly in Africa.

A major thrust during this time has been the work in Eastern Europe coordinated by Jan Lek of the Netherlands. In 1979, he reported a visit to Poland, renewing a link of friendship that had long been nurtured by the people in Holland and Germany. In 1980, he began publishing *The Link*, a European contact periodical for Seventh Day Baptists—in Dutch, English, and German. These, and another visit to Poland and Czechoslovakia, laid the groundwork for his ability to respond during the 1982 crisis in Poland with relief supplies in the name of SDBs around the world. Others from Holland have accompanied him with an increasing exchange of letters, visits, Christian goodwill, and—most recently—substantial shipment of paper and printing equipment for the growing publications of the Polish church.

Money for this and other projects comes only through voluntary contributions from member conferences as they respond to a need that is communicated. The same is true for the

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money needed to bring delegates from all over the world to one location for the third meeting in New England, August 6-9, 1986. Groups and individuals around the world are asked to contribute as they can to the "1986 Sessions Fund." Each conference is providing travel money for its own delegate to the extent possible.

It's a great new day!

Federation President James A. Skaggs and 1986 Sessions Pastor, Rev. Gabriel Bejjani, are busy with program plans for the 1986 meetings. The executive committee is working with Executive Secretary Thorngate on communication and fund raising. Seventh Day Baptists around the world will be praying together January 5-11. "It's a Great New Day!" is the prayer week theme selected by Stefan and Vicky Kube of Warrimoo, Australia, who wrote the 1986 booklet. They truly represent the international family; he originally from Poland, and she from Holland. "Our wish," they say, "is that each new day may become for you a Great New Day, lived in harmony and obedience to God's perfect will... May we praise God as we look upon areas of our brethren who labor under hardships and persecutions, bearing precious fruit for the Kingdom of God." **SR**

Pacific Coast Association meets

Adapted from the Los Angeles, California, church *Messenger*.

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The annual Pacific Coast Association meetings were well attended October 18-20, 1985, at Riverside, California. It was good to see the Riverside church's building filled to overflowing and the Riverside folks did a beautiful job hosting. Rev. Ernest Bee of the Seventh Day



(Pictured Top Right)
Rev. William Shoffner, Tucson, Arizona.

(Pictured Right)
Pastor Jerry Vaught (left), Centralia, Washington; Rev. Gabriel Bejjani (right), Riverside, California, host pastor.

Rev. John Peil (left), 1985 PCA president, greets Norman Burdick, 1986 PCA president, following the Sunday morning business meeting.

Baptist Board of Christian Education led three workshops, and Rev. Justin Camenga of Portland, Oregon, brought the Sabbath morning message. Night after Sabbath, Lanette Calhoun of San Diego presented a beautiful sacred concert. Sunday morning, Rev. Bill Shoffner, new extension pastor of the new work at Tucson, Arizona, spoke. The Riverside church choir and several others brought special music.

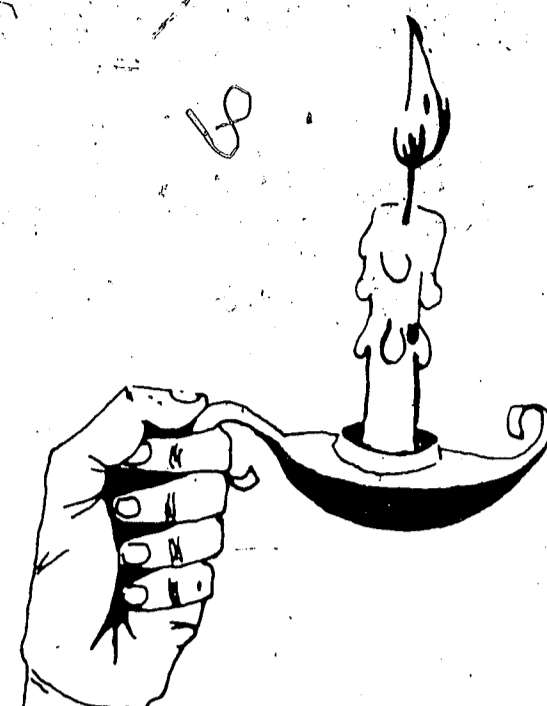
At the annual business session, eight of the nine Pacific Coast churches were represented and brought exciting reports of progress everywhere. These include new places of worship for San Diego and Portland, plans for a new church structure owned by the Riverside church, new branch churches for L.A. at Carson and Santa Barbara, the exciting start of our brethren in Tucson; as well as good reports from San Gabriel, Bay Area, and Centralia, Washington, all showing progress and growth.

The Christian Education Committee of the PCA, which was begun last year, brought reports of several areas they have helped in denominational ways and plans for several ways of expanding Christian Education resources, especially for children. A new budgetary item of \$1,000 was allotted for the PCA Christian Education Committee.

The Missionary Evangelism Committee has sponsored PCA field trips by Rev. Alton Wheeler to Arizona throughout the year and has assisted the Tucson church in getting Pastor Shoffner established there this fall.

A budget of \$12,870 was adopted for next year, which will include pastoral assistance on a matching-fund basis for Bay Area, Portland Area and Centralia churches, the PCA Outreach work, camping, the Christian Education Committee projects, and the Asia Interest Committee of the national Missionary Society.

New officers include: Norman Burdick of Riverside, president; Jean Lewis of Riverside, secretary; and Tom Tabor of the Los Angeles church, treasurer. SR



JAMAICA LIGHTBEARERS ASSOCIATION

Although the Jamaica Lightbearers Association, under the presidency of Naval W. Harley, continues its ministry in the Mountain View area of Kingston, it has lost more than half its membership through migration in the last two years. This has resulted in a slowing down of most of the activities in 1984-85. The remaining members, however, are very committed and they all try very hard to continue their ministry to the needy.

The plan of voluntary medical service is an excellent one. The schedule is for a doctor on a bimonthly visit and a once per week clinic. There is no staff or funds to go beyond the four hours per week for nurses and eight hours per month for the doctor.

The Golden Age Club, under the presidency of Sisters Joyce Harley and Susan Taylor, continues to grow and affords a good opportunity for witnessing. The clinic is supervised by Sister Sarah Morrison. Brother Ron Smith and Sister V. Stele are reviving the Christian Service Brigade. Though we have several problems with personnel, finance and materials, we try to get along with what we have.

The Jamaica Government Ministry of Social Service is most helpful in our work at Mountain View. Their officers include their first female Permanent Secretary in Jamaica, Mrs. Merle Brown. She paid two visits shortly after taking office, representing the Ministry at the launching service for the Golden Age Club and again at the fund raising supper for the 1985 New Year treat. Brother Andrew Samuels, with the Jamaica UN mission in New York, was on vacation

and served as our Master of Ceremonies.

The pictures show a function for the Golden Age Club meeting in the yard adjacent to the Mountain View Seventh Day Baptist church, which is the host congregation and from which most of the members for the Lightbearers Association are recruited. In this way there is a regular effort to minister to the needs in this community showing the love of Jesus Christ. Brother N.W. Harley asks that we "Please remember (them) in your prayers." SR

(Pictured Below, Top)
Golden Age Club function, a ministry of Jamaica Lightbearers Association, at Mountain View Seventh Day Baptist Church, Kingston, Jamaica.

(Pictured Below, Bottom)
Golden Age Club, Sister Joyce Harley (center) in dark dress.



Nortonville celebrates Lord's Acre Sabbath

Lord's Acre Sabbath

The Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated Lord's Acre Sabbath on October 12, 1985. Theme of the celebration was "Creator and Sustainer," based on Psalm 104:5—"You have set the earth firmly on its foundation, and it will never be moved."

Hymns sung were "How Great Thou Art," "God of Everlasting Glory," and "God, My King, Thy Might Confessing." A men's chorus and the Clifford Bond family furnished special music. At the beginning of the service, a prayer of gratitude by Bernard J. Patrick was read in unison, setting the tone of the service.

by Juanita Wheeler



Thanks...
for the air, and the water, the generous earth...
for the miracle of seed, the promise of blossom,
and the nourishment of fruit.

Thanks...
for the dawn, and the pursuing twilight...for the rain,
and the snow, the glory of the ever-changing year.

Thanks...
for music, and art, and poetry...for commerce, and
industry, for invention and achievement.

Thanks...
for the steeple, and the town hall...for the dome of
authority, and the pillar of justice.

Thanks...
for kin, for neighbor...for the strength of man,
the courage of woman, for the confidence of the young,
and the wisdom of the old.

Thanks...
for the mind to know, the eyes to behold, the hands to
use, and the soul to enjoy...
And the heart to say—Thanks! A-men

The service was divided into three sections, each with responsive scriptural passages presenting that particular section—The Goodness of God (forgiving, material, universal and spiritual); The Love of God (great, everlasting, sacrificial and for daily life), and The Power of God (creation, governing the world, regeneration and eternal life). During the middle section (The Love of God), the Lord's Supper was observed.

During the Lord's Acre Committee time, the aim of the program and the display were explained. In the center of the worship table was a large world globe reminding us that God is Creator and Sustainer. His world was created perfectly and remains perfect—minute by minute, hour by hour, day and night, the seasons, and all his creatures. The small book, "The

World We Share," was read. All was done in an effort to encourage all to savor peace and joy, gratitude and praise to God as Creator and Sustainer of the earth.

Offerings were individually presented during a time of quiet organ music, followed by a prayer of gratitude for all the gifts given to us—"full measure, pressed down and running over." Lord's Acre gifts in 1985 will go for repair work at the church, parsonage, and parish house. Ten percent of the donations will be used for "Spiritual Growth Outreach."

The following words, sung to the Doxology, formed the dismissal hymn:
Praise God that good is everywhere,
Praise to the Love we all may share—
The life that thrills in you and me,
Praise to the truth that sets us free!

A-men
We need to remember that God's love does enfold us as we go about our daily lives and that the earth and all we have and enjoy are from him. This little prayer reminds us of that:

Lord, I shall be very busy this day.
I may forget Thee, but do not Thou—
forget me.

Missionary Society Bazaar

The Missionary Society Annual Bazaar was held November 7, 1985. The day was crisp and sunny, and a large group of people attended from Nortonville and the surrounding communities. A beautiful array of fancy work, crafts, toys, doll clothes, knitted and crocheted items, aprons, etc. were displayed in the parish house. Food, baked goods, plants, bulbs, candy, and caramel corn were available in the church basement. Doughnuts could be purchased and, in a gesture of welcome and fellowship, coffee was furnished to those who came. The bazaar chairman was heard to remark how pleased she was to see that some of the

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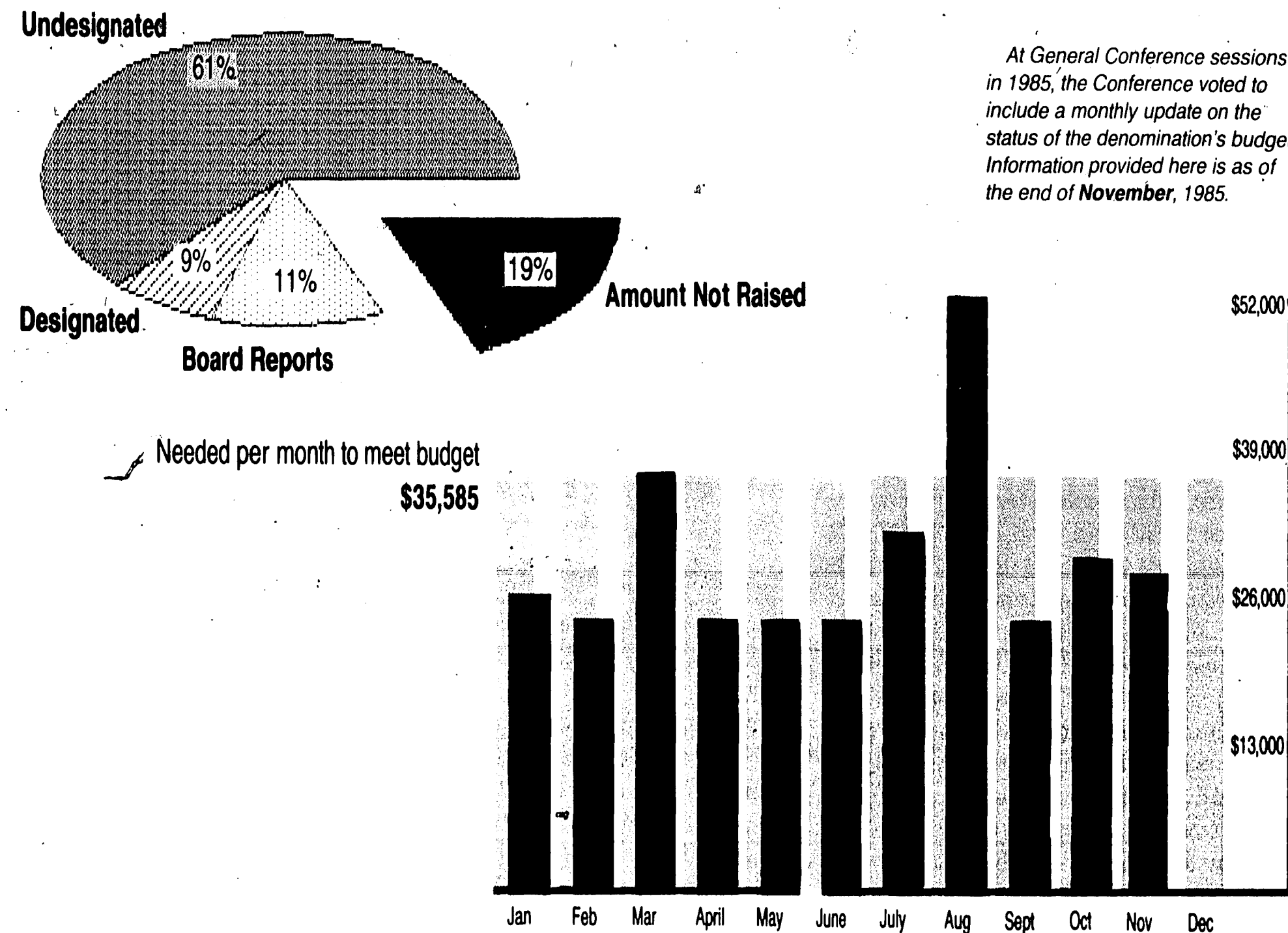
men of the church were interested and helpful, actively participating in the bazaar.

The Missionary Society has a budget that supports denominational and local projects. The society also supplies some of the parsonage needs, such as a dehumidifier, new automatic washer, and a planned new dining room suite.

We are proud of the Bible studies completed over the past few years under the leadership of our pastor. Our president has chosen a study based on the book, "You Are Very Special," by Verna Birkley. The study focuses on a different subject each month, encouraging all to acquire a better self-image—"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession..." I Peter 2:9 (ASV)

These two fall projects of our church, Lord's Acre and the bazaar, are 12-month projects in that the church family works toward each all year long. Other projects requiring work during the year are the Soup and Salad Bar Supper (spring); Fifth Sabbath Meal of Sharing (observed each month with a 5th Sabbath); and two yard sales, which help finance the Year End Youth Conference. **SR**

Our World Mission budget update



Yes! I want to be a partner in *Our World Mission.*

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The core of life

by Earl Cruzan

"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."
 Ephesians 4:29 TEV

This verse of scripture is one of the most important passages that we can find in regard to our relationship to other people. There are many types of relationships. Some of them are of a deep and lasting nature, some of them may be rather superficial. Relationships are the core of life. It is being in the presence of someone, being comfortable with them, hearing their voice, the intimacy of touch, the nearness to a person—all of these are involved in relationship. And not all of them are involved in every relationship, even in meaningful relationship.

Our words are involved in all of our relationships. That which we say and how we say it is crucial. The very inflection of our voice sometimes speaks louder than the words which we say. Words can hurt and destroy. As children of God, as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, Paul tells us to use only helpful words. There is a series of questions which needs to be used in guiding our speech: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?

Paul goes on: "The kind that build up and provide what is needed." It may take some concentration on our part, some thinking about what we are saying if we use only words which build up and provide what is needed. It will mean that our speech is given consideration and that we do not just blurt out whatever may come to mind and to the tip of our tongue. Our concern as followers of Christ is "to do good to all people." As Paul says, "Do good to those who hear you."

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There is so much evil in this world. The evil is dispelled only as it is displaced by good. Sometimes it seems like a long, slow process. It may not seem spectacular. It may seem like we are not really an agent of change. But it happens. It is something like shifting a ten-speed bike. I learned this one summer when I was in California. With most ten-speeds, you have to shift while you are pedaling, and you move the lever slowly and feel the shift taking place. It is not something you do suddenly, nor is it something that you do before you begin to ride. Although you move slowly from one gear to another, you do it in action and soon you can feel the difference.

Likewise, in our speech, it may not show all at once; but being careful of our speech, moving slowly and carefully in what we say, means progress in building up and providing what is needed and does good to those who hear you.

We need the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit to be able to do this. Jesus has promised us his presence, and we will know his power if we yield ourselves to him instead of trying to do it all on our own. **SR**



1986 Year of Ministry

Pray daily for your mission workers



Decade of Discipleship for Seventh Day Baptists



Extension Pastor
Kevin Butler
Madison, Wisconsin

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Extension Pastor
Oscar Godoy
Los Angeles, California

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Extension Pastor
Bill Shoffner
Tucson, Arizona

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Missionary Pastor
Bob Wright
Blountville, Tennessee

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Steve Crouch
Bay Area, California

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George Calhoun
San Diego, California

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Rene Smith
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Extension Pastor
Justin Camenga
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Missionaries
David & Bettie Pearson
Blantyre, Malawi, Africa

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SCSC: A life-changing experience

by Marilyn Merchant

Dear Ones All,

When I arrived in California and started keeping house on my own, I discovered that my fantastic nylon-gear can opener (the one I had purchased in anticipation of not having my electric one) was still in a drawer in Michigan. After sawing my way around a coffee can with one of those old-fashioned kind, I saw an opener on sale and bought it at once. I ripped it from the carton just in time to open the tomatoes for my spaghetti sauce *a la Fatao* I create every so often.

After several attempts with the new opener, I muttered a few things about soft

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butter, pulled the box from the trash and returned it thereto. Then I saw the illustrated directions. I had been holding the can opener vertically instead of horizontally. I chuckled as I recalled the compass I had purchased for our family car for my husband's birthday many years ago. He was convinced that the compass was no good, until he got out the instruction sheet which stated, "When all else fails, read the instructions."

That seems to be the way many of us conduct our Christian lives. Why? Life is so much simpler, there are so many less hassles, if we only read our instruction manual—the Bible—before we go forth to whatever the day may bring.

I received a copy of the program booklet from Jeanne Yurke of Plainfield, New Jersey. They are planning to study the book of Mark. Preceding the program

listing it is noted, "It is important to read the Scripture passage before the scheduled meeting so that the material can be covered and lively discussion can be encouraged."

I am sure that you, along with me, have "sat in" on discussions where you were not as cognizant of the subject as you desired to be—which leaves one either quiet, feeling left out, looking foolish, or all of the above.

By now we are most desirous that you are deeply into your year's programs and Bible studies. The first chapter of Proverbs has much to say about instruction and wisdom. In fact, the entire book of Proverbs is a continuing referral to instruction. One thing it points out more than once is that the foolish hate instruction. Oh, my—now if I just remember to read the instruction sheet first.

What better time to turn over a new leaf than the start of a brand-new year.

This is the beginning of the 1986 S.C.S.C. season, also. There have been some changes in their instructions, speaking of instruction sheets. **Now hear this!**

Deadline for applications from youth—3/1/86.

Deadline for churches with project applications—3/15/86.

The youth applications now require more recommendations and references from their home church. Projects are expected to be well-rounded, utilizing the training given these young people. They should include physical service, some calling along with camps and Bible schools. Be creative in developing your concept. It is most helpful to the training staff if you can send a copy of your theme material to be used in camp or Bible school with your project director. That

way, Bill Shobe can help the workers who will be sent to you to develop creative concepts for sharing with your youngsters.

Project directors from the requesting churches are expected to arrive ahead of the S.C.S.C. applicants, thus getting a headstart (pun fully intended) a little before the general training sessions start. Everyone who has taken this project training, including pastors, speaks in glowing terms of the new insights they received.

Even though Gerry VanDyke, the S.C.S.C. training coordinator, is no longer living in Colorado, she has her staff all lined up and ready to go, eagerly anticipating a great year of S.C.S.C. Rev. Gordon Lawton assured the Board that Camp Paul Hummel is waiting the arrival of the first exuberant voices.

During Conference sessions of 1985, Dorothea Shettel, president of the Women's Board, was invited to speak with several interest and interested groups of S.C.S.C. She told them that, at an approximate expenditure per worker of \$600, the Board—and the women of the denomination as a whole—has a right to expect nothing less than total commitment to the program since they provide the funds. Those who apply are requested to "sell themselves" to the screening committee. They are expected to have made use of their God-given talents in some manner at their home church.

Recently, one of the former S.C.S.C.'ers was ordained as a deaconess. In her statement of experience, she spoke in glowing terms of the part her S.C.S.C. training had had in her life and in sculpturing her life experiences to ready her for this momentous service to God.

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happening today." From another who served in 1982, "I had no idea God would accomplish in my life what he did in the amount of time there was. That's just going to show God has no time schedule like we do."

A 1981 member of the team said, "He has made me into a full-time Christian instead of just a part-time one. He has shown me that I am special and I can turn to him and trust him with everything."

Applications are already arriving, and we want more of both workers and projects.

How much is it worth to you to be a part of a life-changing experience for a young person? Daily, many of us pray to be a good witness of what our Lord has done for us. It takes many "mites" to keep this program going and growing. Take a good look at your society's treasury and decide whether the interest you gain from the bank is more important than the interest you gain from the lives of one of these young people. **Don't stop there.** Lots of you are not members of a women's group. If each of you would send what God inspires you to share, there would be no worries of meeting transportation, training, food and

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Religion in the News

Pope to visit U.S. in 1987

Roman Catholic officials have indicated that Pope John Paul II plans a visit to the United States in 1987. An AP story quotes the Rev. Miles Riley, spokesman for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, as viewing the trip as "very hopeful." Riley said, "We are in the pre-planning stage."

In 1979 the Pope visited eastern and mid-western cities. Catholic observers believe that the next visit will include the west coast, as well as southern U.S. cities. SR

Methodist bishops urge nuclear test suspension

The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, meeting in Wichita, Kansas, called on President Reagan and Soviet leader Gorbachev to halt nuclear weapons testing for a period of one year. The 61 bishops urged that such a positive action would reduce tensions and improve the climate for future negotiations.

The letters to Reagan and Gorbachev said that human and material resources should be turned from armaments to the healing of human suffering. SR

Poll shows doubt on church-state principle

A recent Media General-Associated Press Poll revealed that many Americans oppose the separation of church and state, and there is wide support for prayer in public schools.

Seventy-four percent of those polled said that prayer in public schools does not violate the constitutional principle of church-state separation. However, 25 percent held that church-state separation is not a "good idea." Thirty percent of the Protestants polled were opposed to the constitutional principle.

In October, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted for a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow silent prayer in public schools. If the proposal is approved by Congress, it would require ratification by 38 states to reverse the Supreme Court position. SR

Benson heads Mormons

Former U.S. Agriculture Secretary, Ezra Taft Benson, has succeeded Spencer W. Kimball as the 13th prophet and president of the Mormon Church. Benson was installed as president by the Council of the Twelve Apostles at meetings in Salt Lake City. He is 86; Kimball was 90.

Among the priorities for Mormons, Benson called for "preaching the Gospel and redeeming the dead." It is Mormon practice to baptize the living on behalf of those who have lived in previous generations. SR

Gallop Poll shows confidence in churches

Among the key institutions of American society, it appears that organized religion has been gaining in the "confidence factor." At least that is the finding of a recent Gallop Poll. Two-thirds of those responding expressed considerable confidence in organized religion, and the level was up slightly from a poll one year earlier. The lowest confidence ratings went to organized labor, television, and big business. SR

Rock recordings to get "explicit" labels

The Recording Industry Association of America has agreed to a generic label, "Parental Guidance—Explicit Lyrics," to be placed on recordings which the industry regards as explicitly sexual. The labels are the result of congressional hearings before the Senate Commerce Committee, and a compromise to head off more restrictive proposals. SR

A prayer reminder for each day!

February 1986

Verse for the Month: "You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." 2 Peter 3:17, 18 NAS

Pray for

1. Baptist World Alliance Day
2. General Council mid-year meeting, SDB Center, Janesville, WI
3. Summer Christian Service Corp (SCSC) workers and projects in 1986
4. David and Bettie Pearson, our missionaries in Malawi, Africa
5. Rodney Henry and the first Training in Ministry pastors
6. the SDB ministerial student I know best
7. Pastor Charles Thomas and churches—Hebron, PA, and Little Genesee, NY
8. my pastor as he leads in worship and praise today
9. Tract Board meeting today
10. Pastor Stephen Saunders and church, Richburg, NY
11. ministry of L.S. Thanga in Chin Hills and Rangoon, Burma
12. pastorless churches and raising up of new leadership—Matthew 9:38
13. my pastor
14. Pastor Kenroy Cruickshank and the Hope SDB Church, North Hills, PA
15. the ministry I, and my church, have to new people in our community
16. a church which cannot afford a full-time pastor
17. Pastor Kent L. Martin and the Bell SDB Church, Salemville, PA
18. a young pastor and his family who needs my prayers
19. Pastor Bob D. Wright and the Upper East TN SDB Church, Blountville, TN
20. pastors and people in the South African SDB churches
21. Pastor David L. Taylor and the Lost Creek, WV, SDB Church
22. a special Sabbath blessing for someone I know needs it
23. a broken family in my church
24. Pastor "Gene" Smith and the Adams Center, NY, SDB Church
25. Secy. Prudence Robinson and pastors in the Jamaica SDB Conference
26. a retired pastor or pastor's widow I know
27. Pastor Herlitz Condison and the Toronto, Canada, SDB Church
28. adequate giving to meet the Our World Mission goals for 1986

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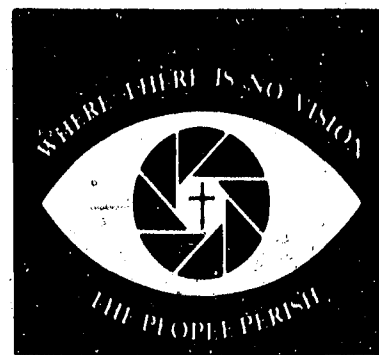
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FOCUS on missions today

by Leon R. Lawton

Construction underway in Lilongwe

Lilongwe, Malawi, Africa: The corresponding secretary of the Central Africa Conference of SDB, Rev. A.K. Harawa, wrote in mid-November, "Our Lilongwe project is on fire. The house has been started with a hope to be completed by the end of December, God willing. We might begin phase 2 as we had arranged with the authorities if funds would be available. We don't hesitate to pray for His blessings so that people will give generously to meet the demand on our constructions." **SR**

Atlanta church exits program

Atlanta, Georgia, USA: January 1, 1986, was a significant date in the history of the Atlanta Seventh Day Baptist Church. On that date, the church left the Missionary Society Extension Pastor program and its 27 members will assume full responsibility for the 1986 budget of \$40,000. Church members have been involved in door-to-door literature distribution that prepared for the November Sabbath renewal services and for sharing the Gospel with new contacts. Another way to help identification within the community is the substitution of the "Metropolitan Atlanta" section of the church name with another phrase. A decision was also made to suspend the bi-weekly Stone Mountain area meetings until sufficient new interest from that area is shown. **SR**

New outboard motor arrives

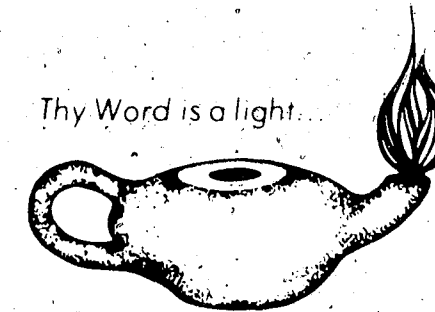
Pomeroon River, Guyana, South America: Shipped in November, the new outboard motor to aid in ministry on this river and its tributaries by Pastor Rickford English was expected to go into use in late December or January. For over two years, following the complete breakdown of an old motor, it has been necessary to paddle or row, except when a motor could be hired (very expensive). The Conference camp is located near the Bona Ventura church, some miles from where the road ends at the river. One of the newest groups, at Manawarine, is on a creek off the river. **SR**

Florida fellowship is growing

Miami-West Palm Beach, Florida, USA: Ambassador William Vis is continuing his ministry as pastor in this area for a second winter. Attendance has increased, with new contacts and outreach into the larger southeast Florida area. *Share the Joy*, their publication, is being distributed to over 50 as part of their outreach program. Their secretary wrote, "We plan to become a church in 18 months. We are at the half-way point." Bible studies are held both in Miami and West Palm Beach. **SR**

Translation is planned

Cebu City, The Philippines, Asia: A translation of the *Guide to Bible Understanding* lessons is planned by Pastor Eli C. Paypa, to be used in their outreach and study for new believers. He continues to lead the Pastor's Training Course (PTC), preparing and publishing books for their study. Five new fellowships were organized by the end of 1985. A special seminar in Church Growth was also held in December in conjunction with the PTC, with graduates aiding in the presentation: "The main purpose of this joint seminar is to refresh in their mind what they had learned from the PTC and add something from the Church Growth Seminar part II. Thank you for your ardent prayers and support." **SR**



Board of Christian Education

Sabbath School teacher of the year

A Sabbath School teacher was heard answering a friend's question, "Why do you teach Sabbath School?" Her reply was, "I love teaching. I wouldn't be happy doing anything else."

Frequently, we do best what gives us the most enjoyment. Teachers of the Gospel enjoy their teaching. They assist and help bring something new into being. They invite, explain, and guide another in discovering God in their life.

The Sabbath School teacher is engaged in the joy of leading others to develop a life of faith in God's promises. Each teacher is also involved in the process of personal growth. For in preparing to teach, the teacher has the greatest opportunity to learn. Teaching is the best way to learn. It demands every ounce of concentration and all of our imagination.

The life of the church, its future, depends heavily upon the teaching leadership. People reach people. People touch people. Teachers inspire and produce a new generation of teachers. Deacon Ernest Bond, member of the Columbus, Ohio, church and former president of our General Conference (1974), noted that when the Sabbath School declines, the church decline follows in just a few years.

I had the opportunity recently to ask the adult Sabbath School class of the Little Genesee, New York, church, "Who influenced you the most in your religious life?" The replies were Sabbath School teachers, pastors and parents. The replies were specific. The individual was mentioned by name. It was a particular characteristic or quality that was recalled: "She read to us." "I always wanted to be like him." "She (or he) lived what they believed."

Such is the influence of the Sabbath School teacher. The Sabbath School Committee of the Board of Christian

Education wishes to honor each year at General Conference (beginning this year in Worcester, Massachusetts) a dedicated disciple of Christ who seeks to "prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Any member church (or branch church) of the General Conference may nominate one Sabbath School teacher (nursery through adult). The pastor and/or Sabbath School superintendent should

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sign the letter of nomination. The letter of nomination should include: name and address of the nominee; church membership; current Sabbath School teaching position; experience in teaching within the church; other service to the church; and biographical information.

Selection for this award shall be based on the following criteria:

Teacher shall exhibit the qualities of faith and teaching found in the life and teachings of Christ.

Teacher shall serve as a Sabbath School teacher.

Teacher shall be a member of the nominating church. **SR**



THE BEACON

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For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

January 1986

Christmas in January

by Melissa Snyder

Wow! Here it is January already. A new year is beginning. The old has passed away.

If you are like me, you are wondering where last year went. Time flies when a person is busy. I am sure that throughout the holiday season, we all were busy with final exams, church programs, and gift shopping. Some of you just returned from Year End Youth Conference. What excitement we have had!

But now it is January. Back to school. No holidays. The same old routine. Wait! This year, I am going to stay out of the January "blues." I challenge all of you to keep the excitement and fun of the

Christmas season. Jesus just wasn't born and then disappeared. He kept growing, from a little baby to a boy, and then to manhood. What fun times it was for Mary and Joseph to watch Jesus playing with toys, learning to walk, and then to run.

Jesus didn't stop growing and we shouldn't either. As Christians, let us bring the excitement of Jesus' birth into our own lives. We need to grow, learn to walk, and then run in our relationship with God.

Train yourself this new year to put away at least one habit that is keeping you from that running relationship with God. Keep Christmas in January. **SR**

Teen Commandments

Submitted by Angie Butts

1. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.
2. Choose your companions with care; you become what they are.
3. Be master of your habits or they will master you.
4. Treasure your time; don't spend it; invest it.
5. Stand for something or you'll fall for anything.
6. Select only a date who would make a good mate.
7. See what you can do for others; not what they can do for you.
8. Guard your thoughts; what you think, you are.
9. Don't fill up on this world's crumbs; feed your soul on the Living Bread.
10. Give your all to Christ; He gave His all for you.

Youth Fellowship activities

by Laurie J. Allen

The Alfred Station Youth Fellowship is once again raising money to send ourselves to Conference and Pre-Con next year. Some parents seem a bit "overly anxious" to see that we do just that! Seriously, though, we have been given a great deal of support and encouragement from everyone in the church.

So far, we have raked leaves, sold "uncalendars," had bake sales and craft sales, and are planning many more fund raisers throughout the coming year.

We have many members anxiously awaiting the arrival of Pre-Con and Conference. For some, it will be their first time.

I would like to express the YF's appreciation to our church people. We couldn't do it without you. **SR**



Youth Ministry Encyclopedia

Book Review

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by Lyman Coleman, Box 1012, Littleton, CO 80160. Serendipity House, 1985. \$24.95, 238 pp.

Do you like catalogues? Well organized books? Do you need a Youth Ministry idea book? Need ideas for group games (101), values clarification, Bible studies and discussions (48)? Need an outline for a one-day training session or a weekend retreat? If this fits your situation, you will discover that Lyman Coleman's book will be a great help.

The basic assumptions behind the Serendipity Group Model are our endowment from God of his own potential, which is best realized through the community of Christ's followers, studying Scripture, and using the gifts God has given us for achieving wholeness in celebration and service. This book can be used whether you adopt their *model* or not.

Coleman's book is a library of 20 years of ideas developed while working with youth. You will discover a sample agenda for a youth meeting with all the essentials: food, fun, music, discussion and study for commitment. The games section covers crowd breakers, elimination games, outdoor and indoor games, team relays, scavenger hunts, contests, skits and more.

One of the model's strengths is the section to increase communication. This might help your YF in looking "inside out." Seeing one's self clearer helps to clear up the "fuzziness" in relationships with others.

Youth Pre-Con campers at Camp

Harley Sutton in 1983 (directed by Nelson and Amanda Snyder) are familiar with Coleman's Youth Bible Study programs. Purchase of this volume carries permission to photocopy if credit is given and the material is not altered or sold.

This is a resource book of games, activities and programs. It is an action book for your Youth Ministry. If you wish to preview this book before purchase, you may borrow the copy from the Board of Christian Education office. **SR**

The Anvil—God's Word

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime,
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know"

And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word,
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone
— Author unknown

A moving experience

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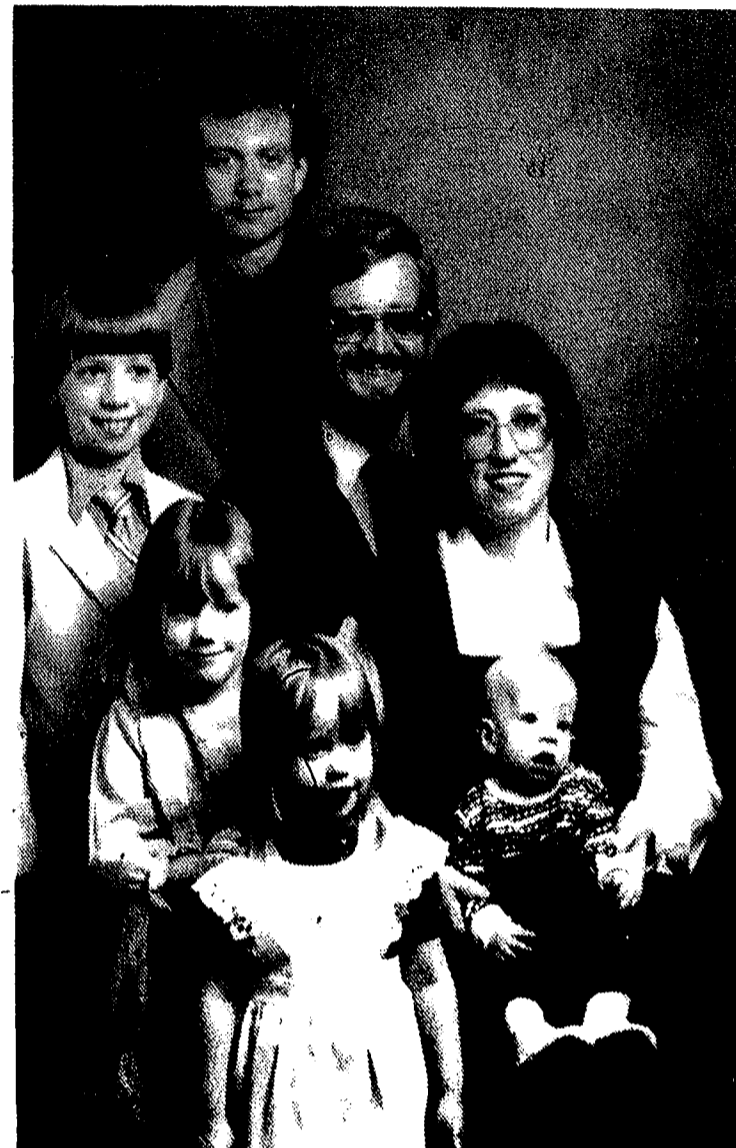
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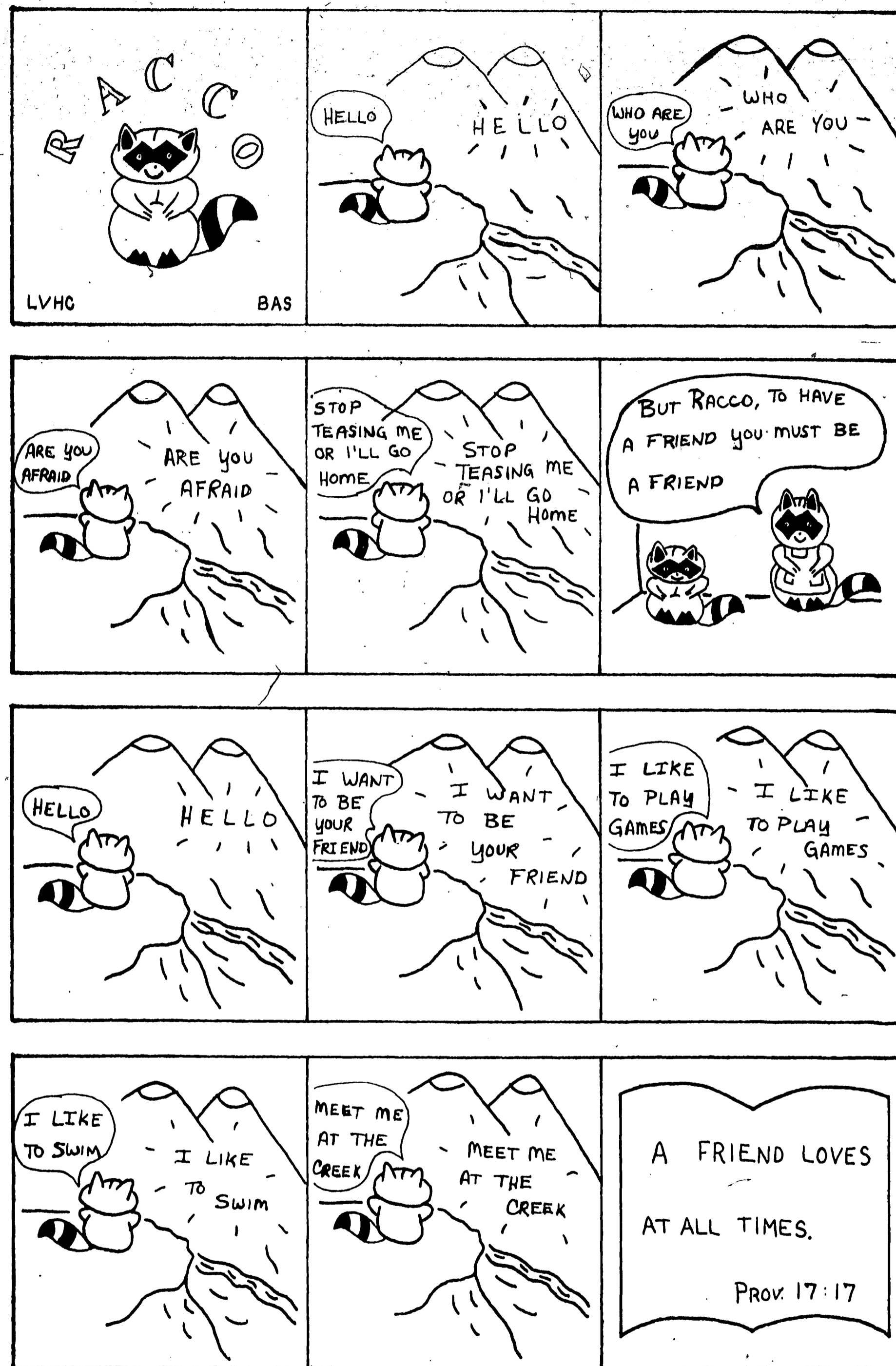
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Women's Society

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insurance costs. This would allow the staff to put their full energies to the training of these possible future pastors, missionaries and layworkers. Think what a fantastic year 1986 will be if you can look back and say, "I helped train _____ for God's service." Mrs. Darlene Peil, treasurer of the Women's Board, will welcome your contributions. Her address is: 1554 Chickasaw Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90041

It is not too early to start thinking of nominations for the Robe of Achievement 1986. It need not be one of your own members, but some lady who you feel has done an outstanding service at home as well as for her church and denomination. These, as before, go to Mrs. Jean Lewis, 5060 Sierra St., Riverside, CA 92504. Next month, I will share with you the 1985 recipient's beautiful letter of thanks.

Just a note of interest to those of you who were part of the 1984 or 1985 Women's Interest committees at Conference. As you requested, *A Guide for Forming Women's Groups in Your Church* is ready to go to press. I hope it will be of service to you. If you do not wish to wait for Conference 1986 to pick up a copy, we will mail you one at your request.

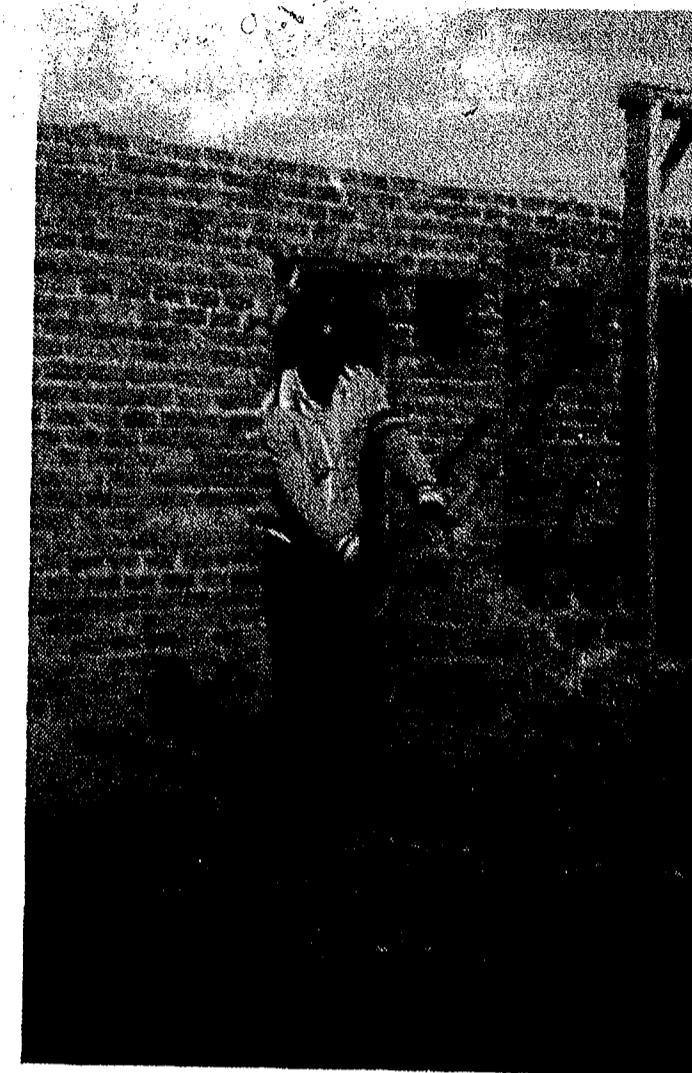
I pray that Jesus, in the coming year, will show you the way to new and special blessings such as you have never experienced, and that you will find a way to pass them on.

Love you,

Marilyn

January 1986

Medical work at Thomas continues growth and change



The Thomas area, about 25 miles out of Cholo, is the most remote area where medical work is carried on by the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists. In an area of great need, it has been almost impossible during the rainy season to take even a four-wheel-drive vehicle in and out. Missionaries and workers have faced much difficulty through the years.



(Above, Left) Housing for the medical staff at Thomas has been a vital need for some years and was helped in 1985 with construction of three new units. These staff houses, shown here about mid-year, are made with bricks fired on site and will aid greatly in keeping a trained staff in such a remote area.

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more.
Philippians 1:21 TEV*

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She was a graduate in 1909 of Alfred University, and also studied at Columbia University in New York City and the University of Colorado in Boulder. She taught language in the Liberal Arts College of Alfred from 1911-1913 and, after her husband's death in 1919, she taught home economics in the School of Agriculture. She also taught home economics in the former Alfred High School until 1940, when she retired.

She joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in early youth and became a deaconess as the crown of her many years of active Christian selflessness. She served in several capacities in church, Women's Society and Sabbath School, as well as the national Board of Christian Education, the Alfred Area Church Women United and numerous civic activities. The national SDB Women's Society awarded her the "Robe of Achievement" in 1978.

Mrs. Bond was a member of the Forsythe Willson Club, Wee Playhouse, Alfred University Women's Club, Foster Lake Club, and others. She held offices in the Alfred University Alumni Association and was active in its affairs for many years.

From 1913 to 1919, she enjoyed life with her husband, Ford S. Clarke, the father of her three children. He died in 1919. Their oldest child, Roberta, died at age 24 in 1939. From 1940-1958, she was married to the Rev. Dr. Ahva J.C. Bond and became the beloved stepmother of six Bond daughters. Dean Bond died in 1958.

Mrs. Bond is survived by two sons, F. Kenyon Clarke of Chalfont, Pennsylvania, and David S. Clarke of Alfred; and by four stepdaughters, Elizabeth Percy of Salem, West Virginia, Mary Lewis of Bradford, Rhode Island, Wilna Wilson of Westerly, Rhode Island, and Ahvagene Clarke of Chalfont. Also surviving are 23 grandchildren (two others died earlier); 51 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren, no distinction of "step relations" being significant to either family.

A memorial service on October 26, 1985, in the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated her almost 99 full years. Friends and family were invited to share memories of her at that time, and a reception in the Parish House after the worship permitted friends to greet the family. Her ashes were buried in the Alfred Rural Cemetery beside her husband, Ford Clarke, and her daughter, Roberta. Memorial gifts may be given to the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church or to other causes of the donor's choice.

Stacey.—Thomas Stacey was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on April 14, 1902, and died August 16, 1985, in El Paso, Texas, at the age of 83 years.

Tom lived and worked in Grand Rapids until 1956, when he came to White Cloud, Michigan, to work for a local industrial plant. He and his wife, Hilda, had a home on Diamond Lake near town.

Through some neighbors, members of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church, Hilda participated in the Ladies Aid Society. Several years ago, both joined the church and were faithful members.

After the death of Mrs. Stacey, Tom continued to live at the lake until failing health made it necessary to give up the home and live with his children in Grand Rapids and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas Jr. of Weaverville, California, and William of Albuquerque; a daughter, Lorraine Trimpe, and a sister, Elsie Blackburn, both of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held August 21, 1985, at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Phillip Reikow of South Congregational Church, officiating. OWB

Sutton.—Francis Orland Sutton, 75, died September 16, 1985, at his home near Trenton, Georgia, after several years of declining health. Born in Berea, West Virginia, he established his home in the Sand Mountain area of Alabama and Georgia. There he worked as a carpenter, gardener and farmer for many years. In 1974, he retired after more than 20 years of employment with the Simco Leather Company.

Orland was known by all for his great sense of humor and concern for others. He and his family were faithful members of the Paint Rock, Alabama, Seventh Day Baptist Church. In 1954, Orland was ordained to the deaconate of that church and served actively as long as his health permitted.

Orland was preceded in death by his first wife, Edna Ruth. He is survived by two daughters, Charlotte and Carolyn; five sons, James, Daniel, Richard, Robert and Howard; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and his wife, Janice, of Berea.

Funeral services were held September 18, 1985, in Trenton with Rev. William Shobe officiating. Interment was at the Brown Gap Cemetery, Trenton. WS

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Green-Turcotte.—Edwin Green and Jean F. Turcotte were united in marriage at the chapel of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Oct. 26, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Earl Cruzan.

Meyer-Bottoms.—Jane Bottoms and Herbert Meyer of Arvada, Colorado, were united in marriage at the Denver Seventh Day Baptist

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Surviving are one brother, Karl Bauersfeld of San Bernardino, California; and two nephews.

Funeral services and burial were in Cincinnati. DLD

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1923, in North Loup, the son of John N. and Hazel (Van Horn) Ingraham.

Mr. Ingraham was a farmer. With the exception of his service in the Philippines with the United States Army in 1946-1947, he was a farmer all his life. Although he worked at other jobs (for the North Loup Cheese factory, the Blevins Pop Corn Company, and with his uncle, Sheldon Van Horn, in a fertilizer business), farming was his first love. He was well respected by all as an honest and hardworking friend and neighbor. In July of 1985, he made profession of Jesus Christ as Savior through baptism, and joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

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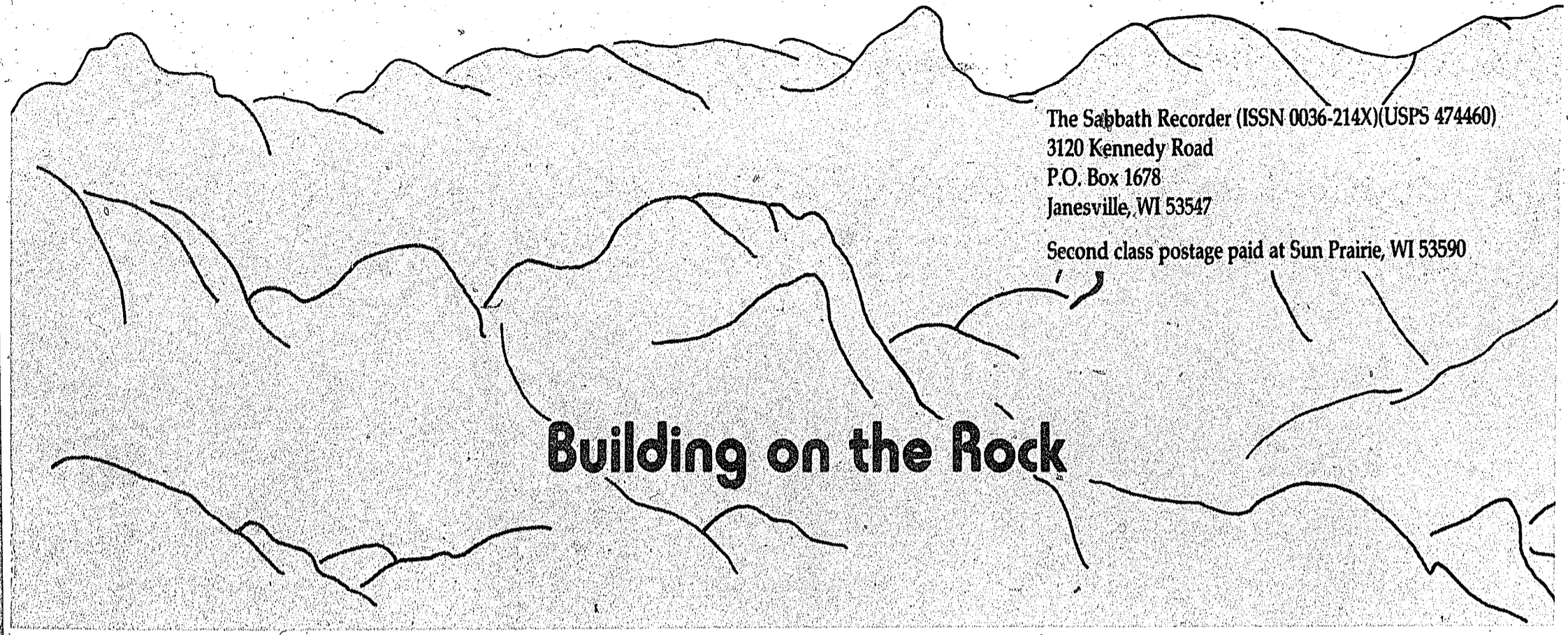
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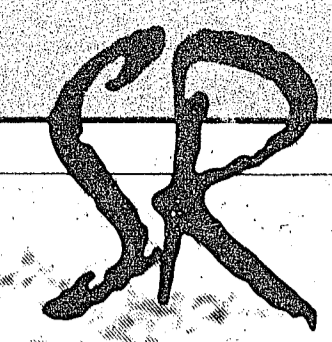
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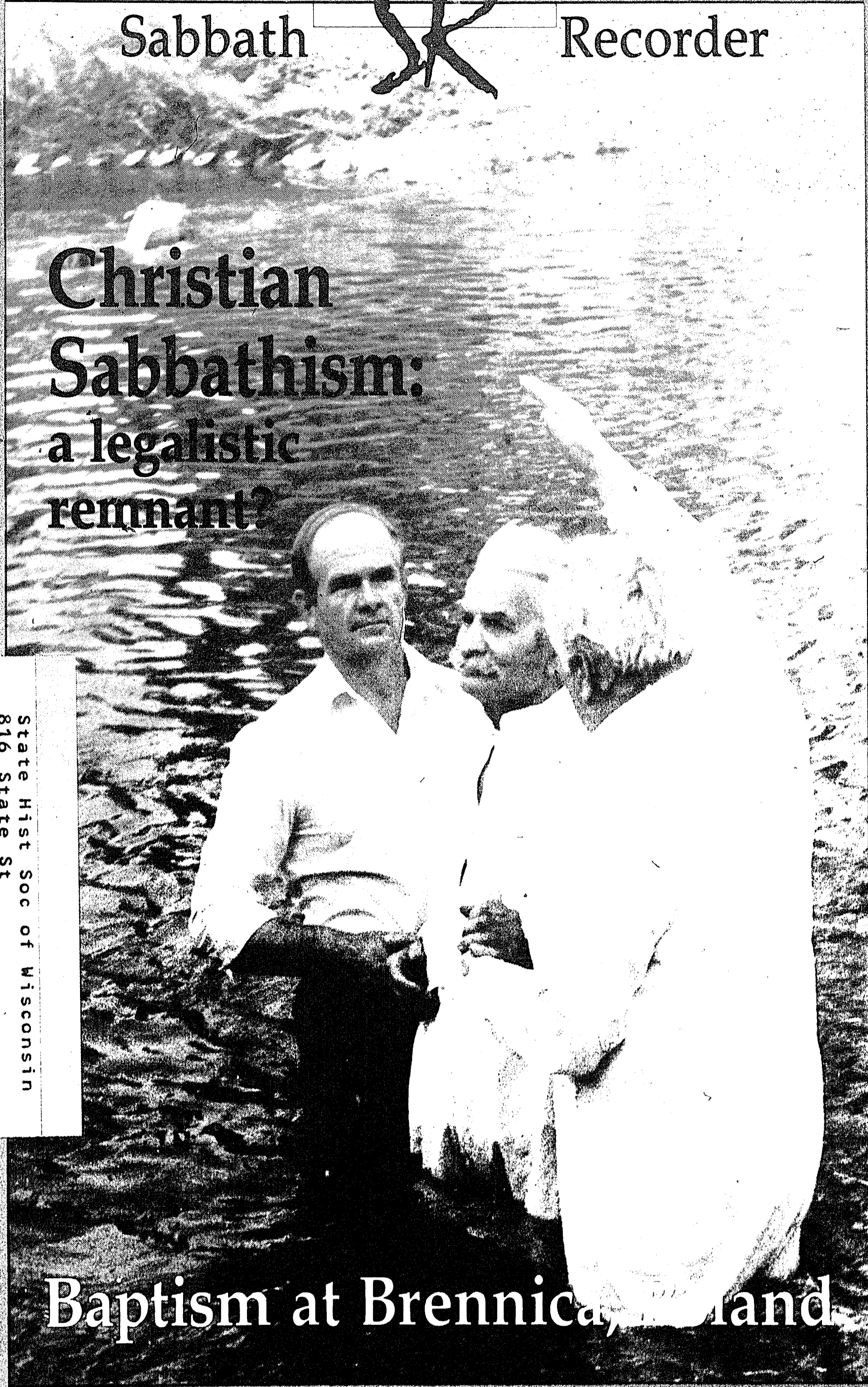
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