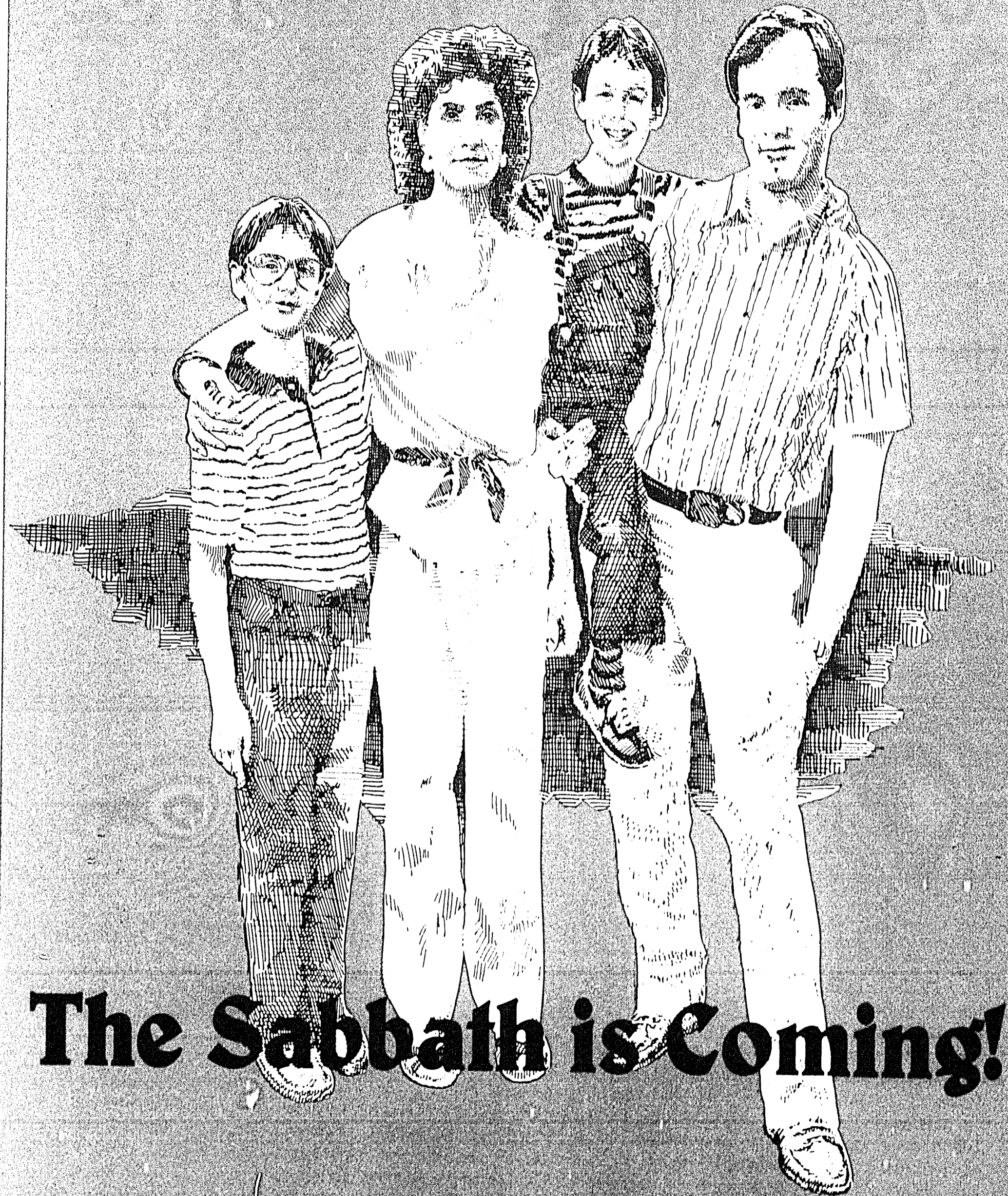


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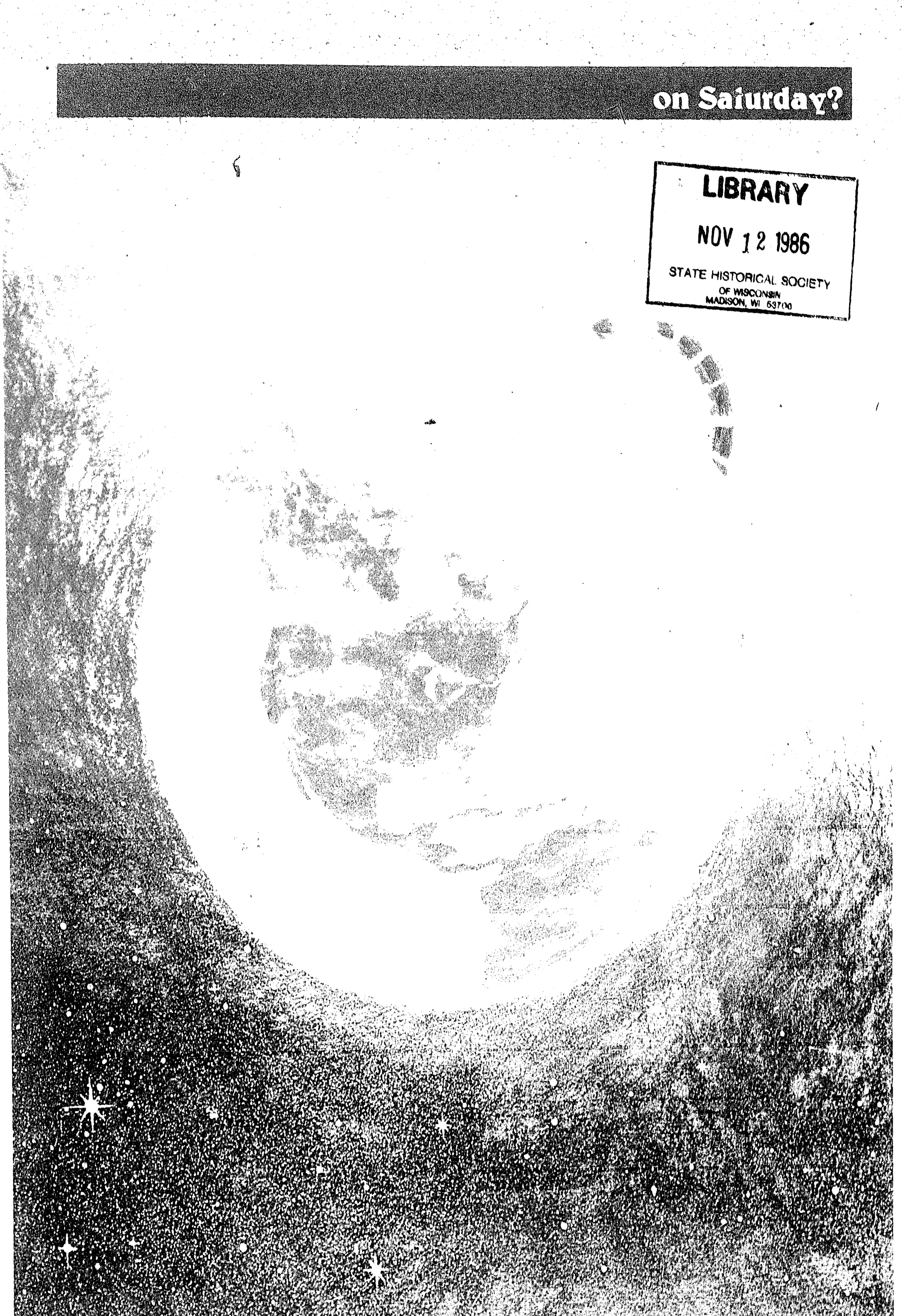
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What they believe

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The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is historically, like other Baptists, congregational in polity, and desires that its churches and its members shall continue to enjoy freedom of conscience in all matters of religion. *The Statement of Belief* simply points out the views that are generally held by Seventh Day Baptists and is not intended to have binding force in itself.

The Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Belief

GOD

We believe in God, the one personal, perfect, and eternal Spirit, Creator, and Sustainer of the universe, our Father, who manifests a holy redeeming love toward all men. (Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalms 90:1, 2:91; 2 John 4:24; 1 Timothy 1:17; John 3:16; 1 John 3:1; Ephesians 4:6.)

JESUS CHRIST

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Savior, Teacher, and Guide, who draws to himself all men who will come to him in love and trustful obedience. (John 1:14-18; 12:32; Romans 1:3-5; Galatians 4:4-6; Ephesians 1:18-23; 1 John 3:16; 2:2.)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the indwelling God, the Inspirer of Scripture, the Comforter, active in the hearts and minds and lives of men, who reproves of sin, instructs in righteousness, and empowers for witnessing and service. (John 14:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; Romans 5:5; 2 Peter 1:21.)

THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man, of which Jesus Christ is the supreme interpreter; and that it is our final authority in matters of faith and conduct. (2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 1:1, 2; 2 Peter 1:19, 20; John 20:30, 31.)

MAN

We believe that man was made in the image of God in his spiritual nature and personality, and is therefore the noblest work of creation; that he has moral responsibility, and was created for divine

sonship and human fellowship, but because of disobedience he is in need of a Savior. (Genesis 1:26, 27; Micah 6:8; Psalms 8:4, 5; 2 Corinthians 4:15, 16; Ephesians 2:4-10.)

SIN AND SALVATION

We believe that sin is any want of conformity to the character and will of God, and that salvation from sin and death, through repentance and faith in Christ our Savior, is the gift of God by redeeming love, centered in the atoning death of Christ on the cross. (John 1:29; 3:5; 1 John 3:4; Romans 3:23-27; Acts 2:37-39; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Ephesians 2:8.)

ETERNAL LIFE

We believe that Jesus rose from the dead and lives eternally with the Father, and that he will come in heavenly glory; and that because he lives, eternal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, is the gift of God to the redeemed. (John 3:14, 15; 17:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 42-44; 1 John 5:11, 12; Matthew 25:31-34; Colossians 3:1-4.)

THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church of God is the whole company of redeemed people gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body of which Christ is the head; and that the local church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions. (Matthew 16:16-19; Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:13, 14; Ephesians 1:22, 23; 2:19-22; Acts 14:23.)

THE SACRAMENTS

We believe that baptism of believers by immersion is a witness to the acceptance

of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and is a symbol of death to sin, a pledge to a new life in Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper commemorates the suffering and death of the world's Redeemer, "Till he come," and is a symbol of Christian fellowship and a pledge of renewed allegiance to our risen Lord. (Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 2:37-39; Romans 6:3, 4; Mark 16:16; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 11:23-29.)

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EVANGELISM

We believe that Jesus Christ by his life and ministry and his final command to the disciples, commissions us to promote evangelism, missions, and religious education, and that it is through these agencies that the church must promote Christianity throughout the whole world and in all human relationships. (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7; Matthew 28:18-20; 4:19, 23; Acts 5:42; 20:28-32; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22.)

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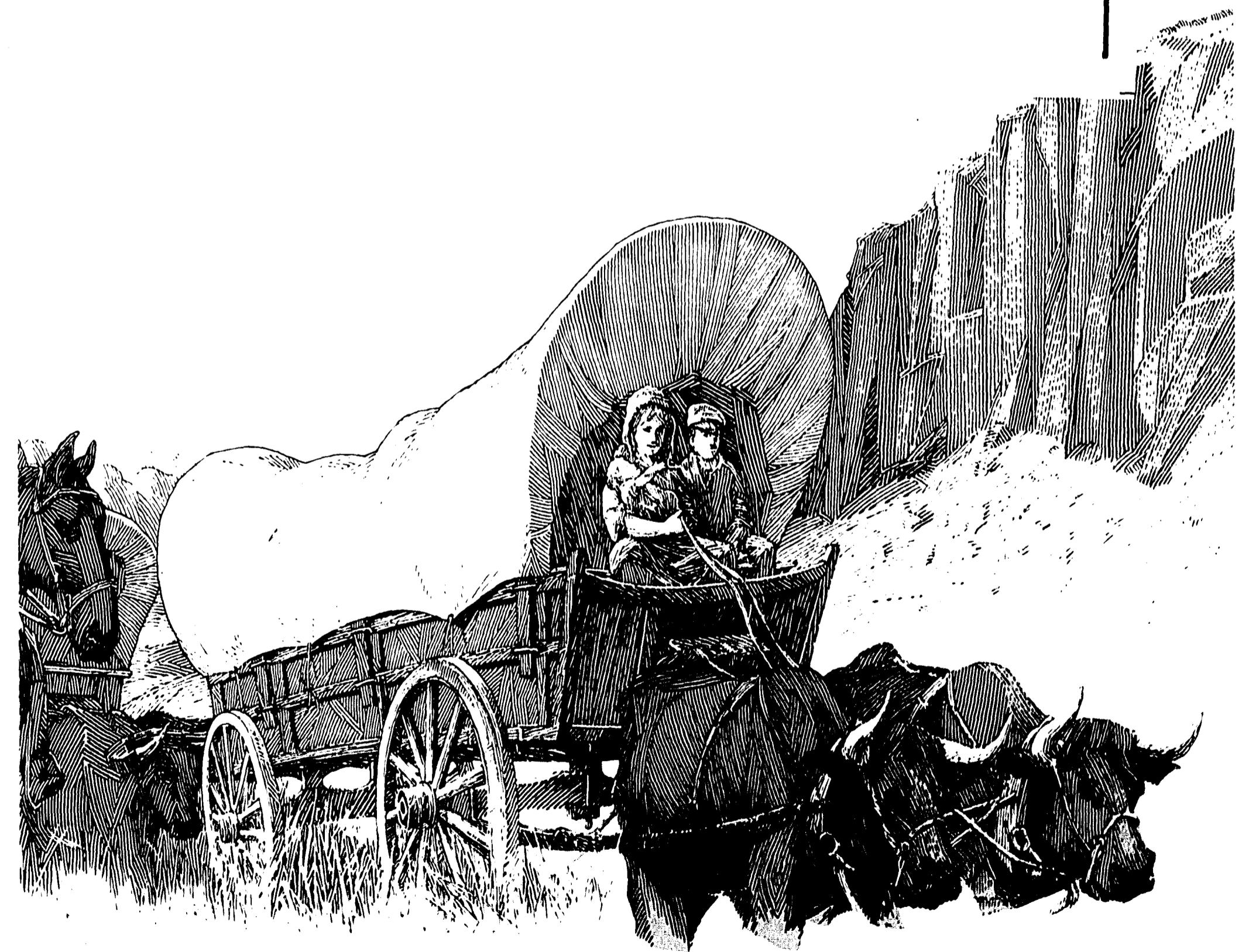
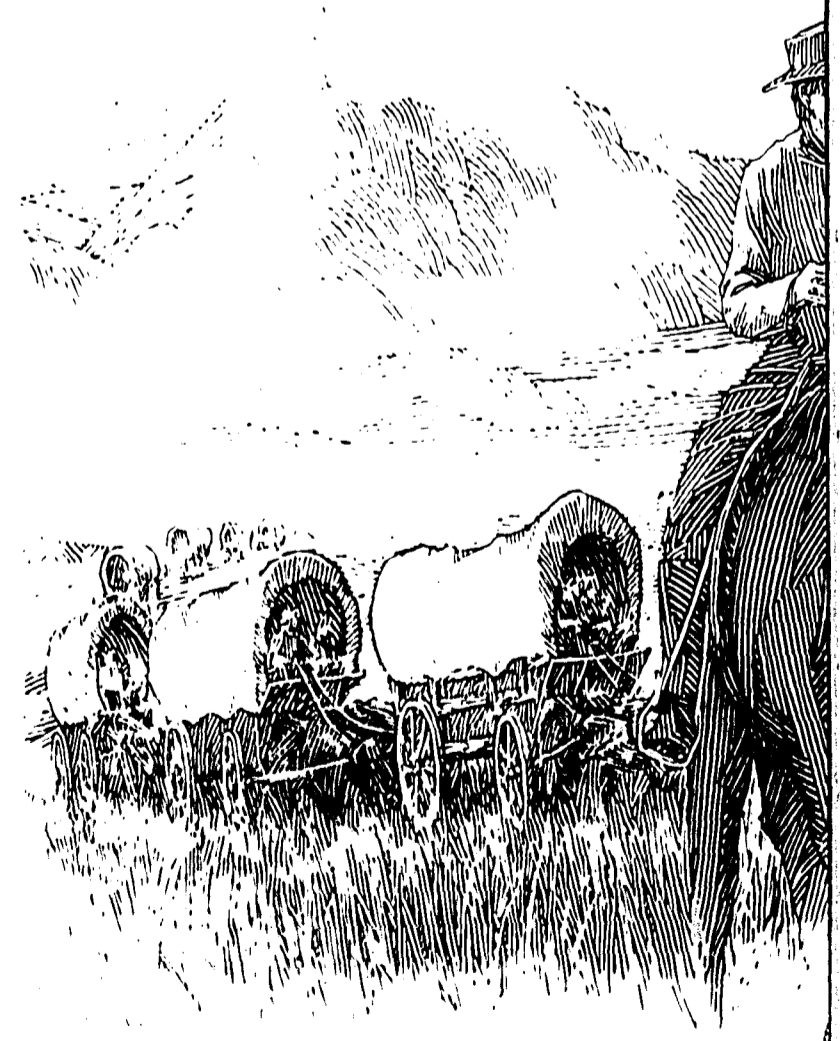
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Although the Sabbathkeepers intended to remain in fellowship with the first-day church, antagonisms developed and, in 1671, seven members of the First Baptist Church withdrew to form the Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church. Soon, the center of Seventh Day Baptist growth in New England shifted to the "Westerly" part of Rhode Island. Other early churches were established in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and it was from these three centers that the denomination grew.

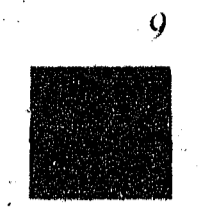
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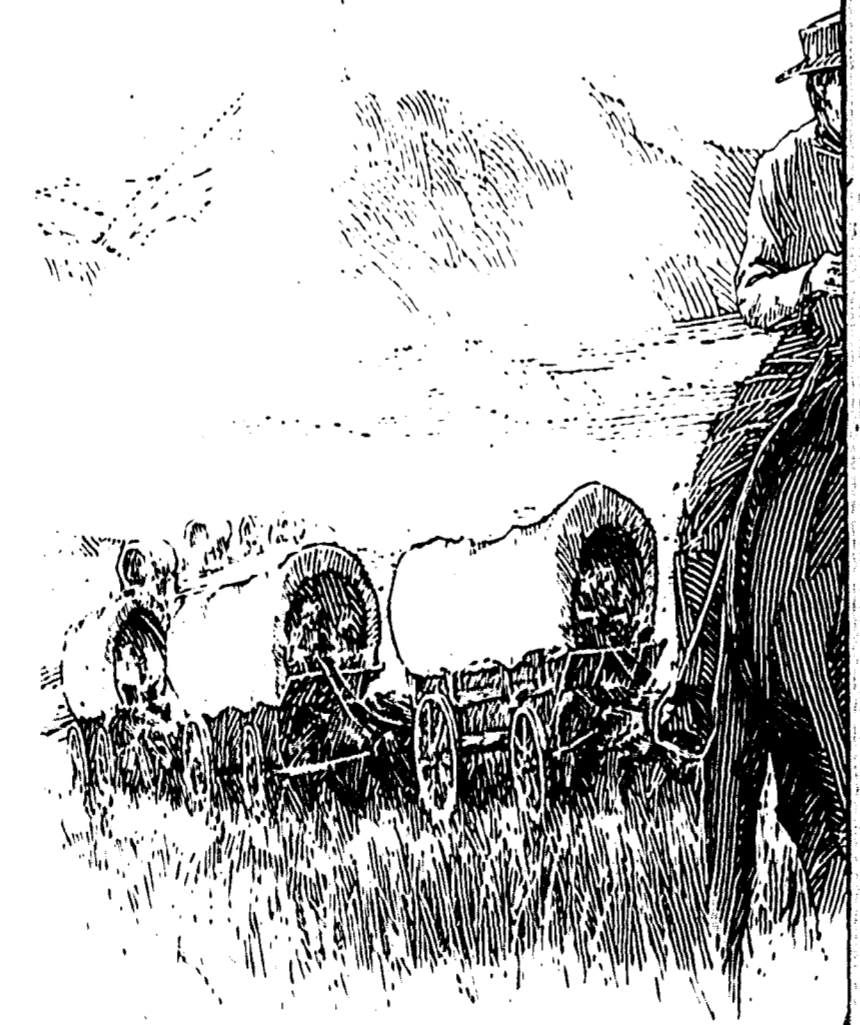
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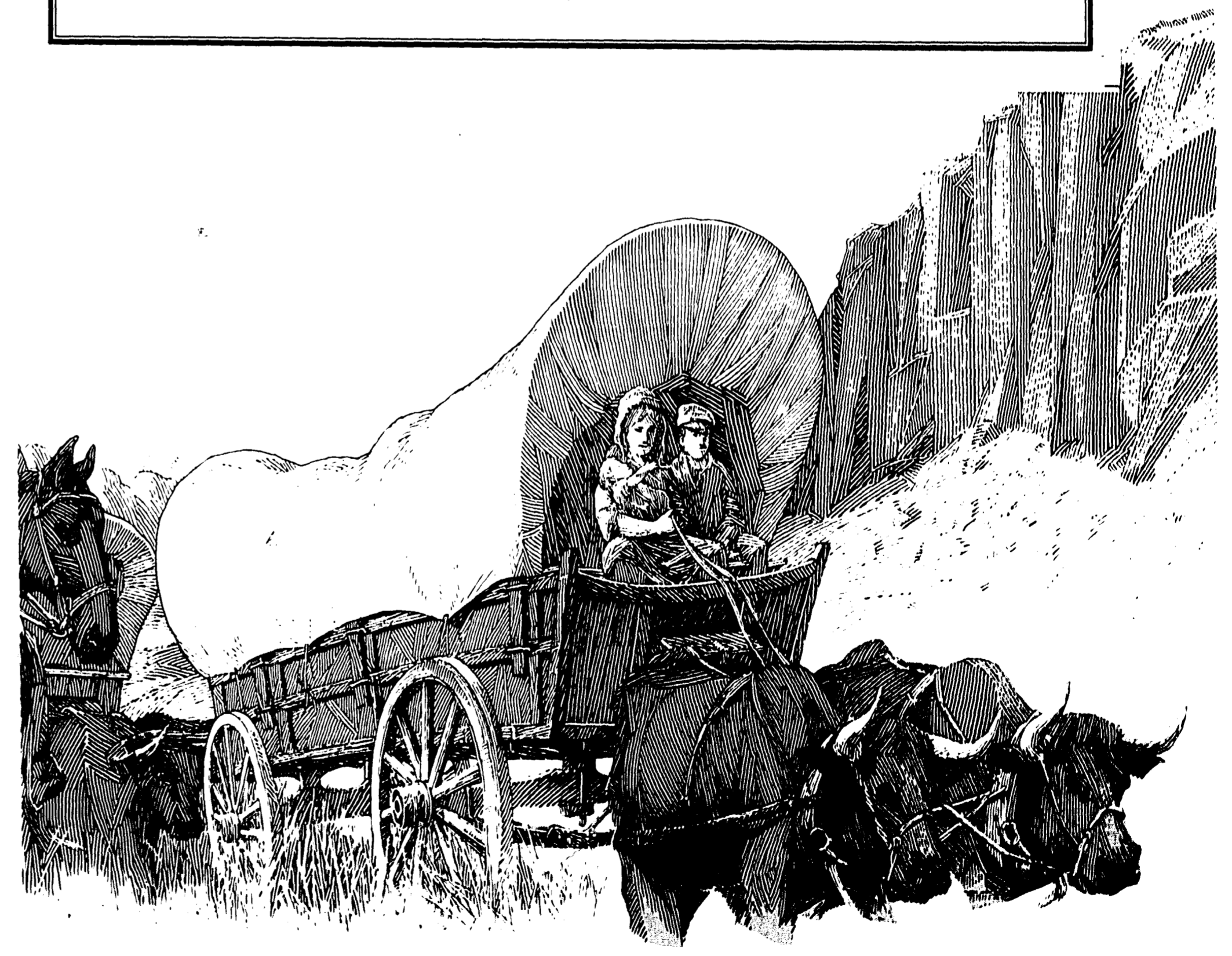
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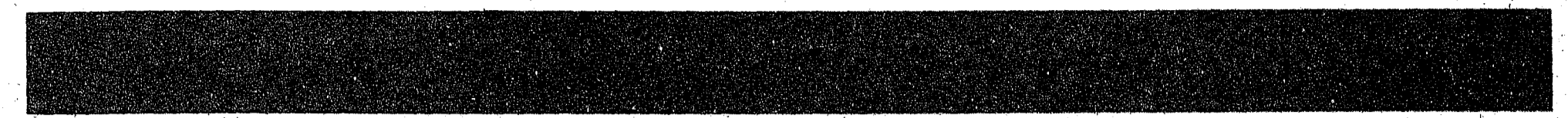
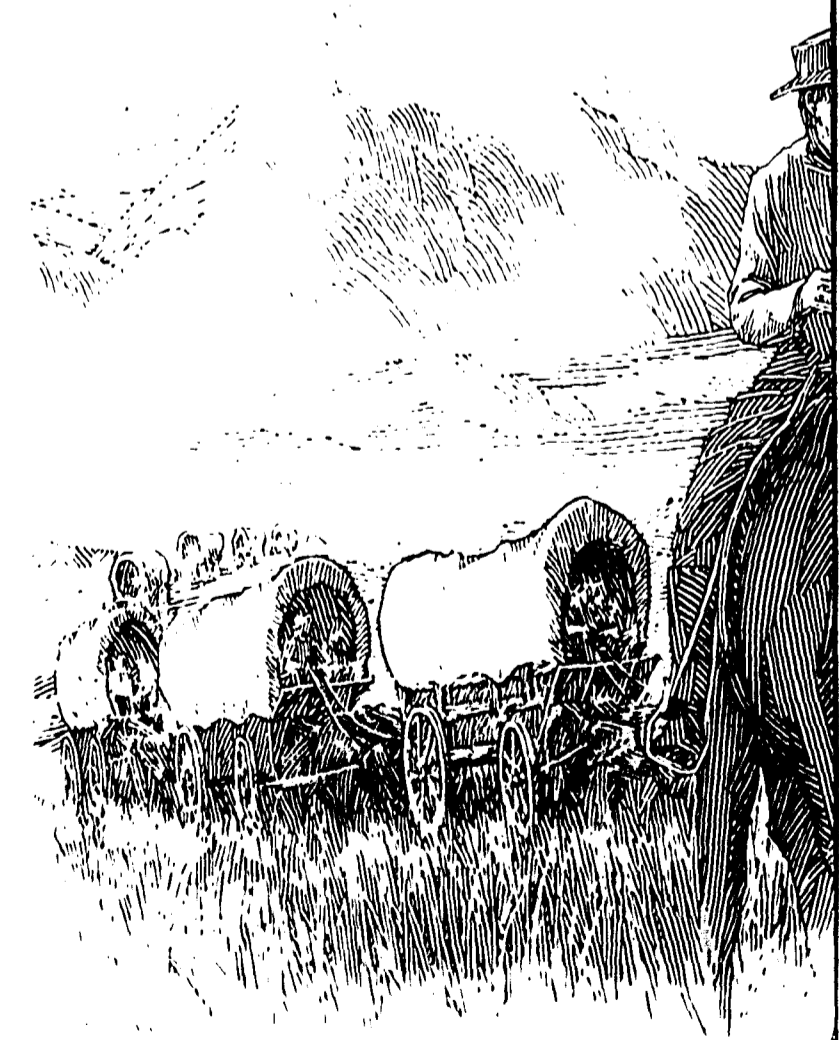
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Stirred by the zealous A.H. Lewis, and undoubtedly benefitting from a national evangelistic fervor, Seventh Day Baptists in the United States grew to approximately 10,000 by the close of the 19th century.

In the first half of the 20th century, century, Seventh Day Baptists have been interested in social concerns and church growth.

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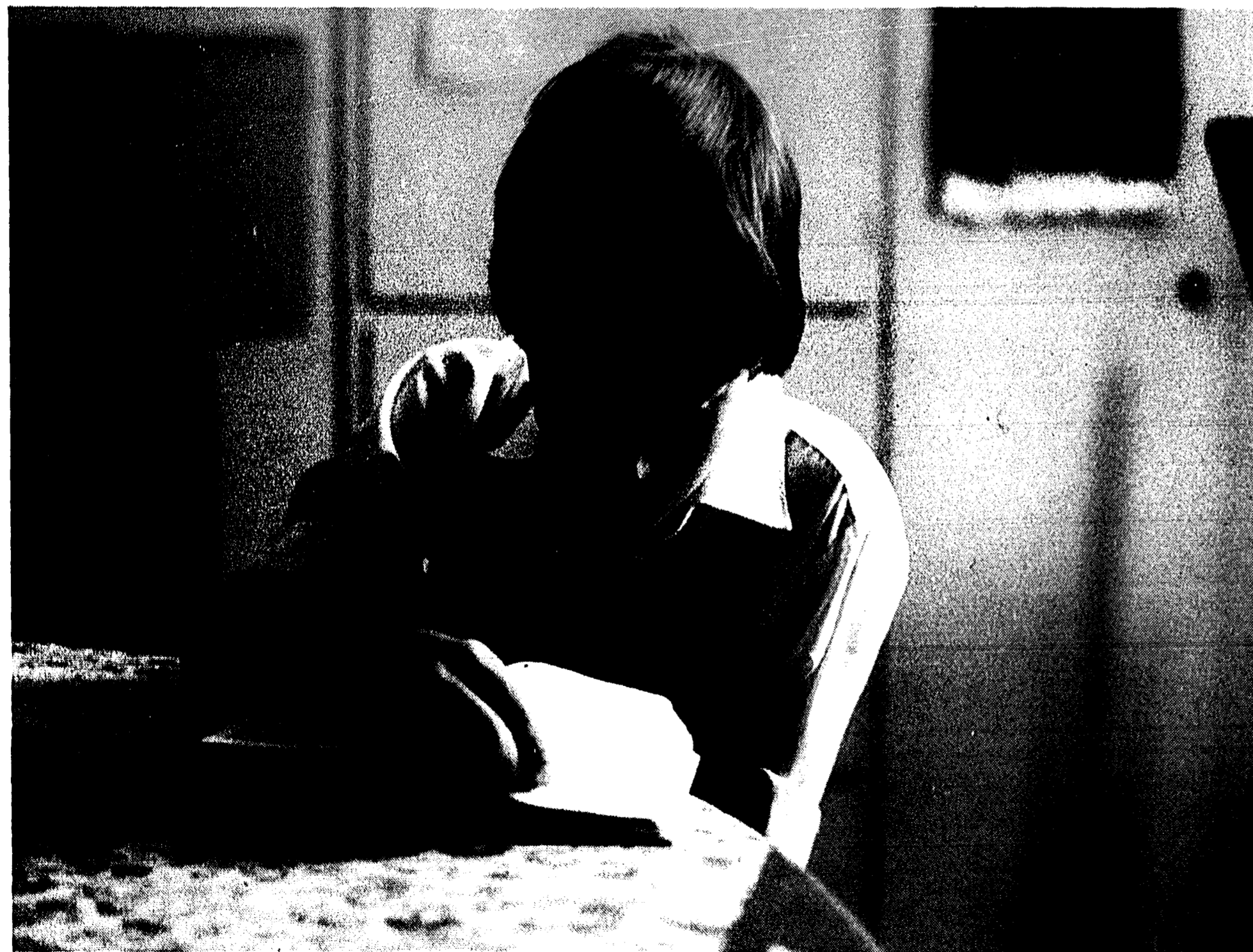
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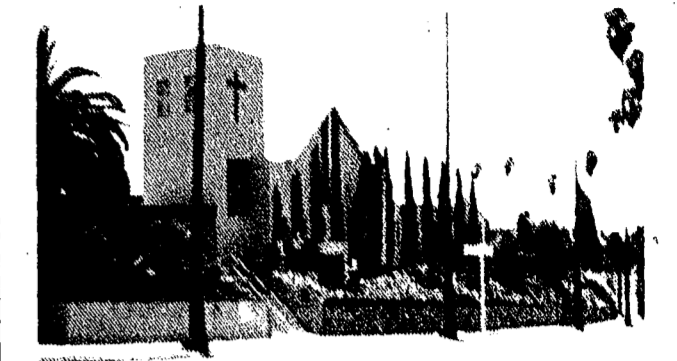
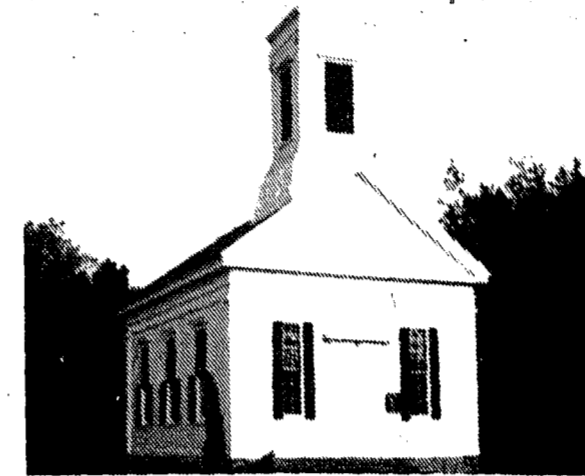
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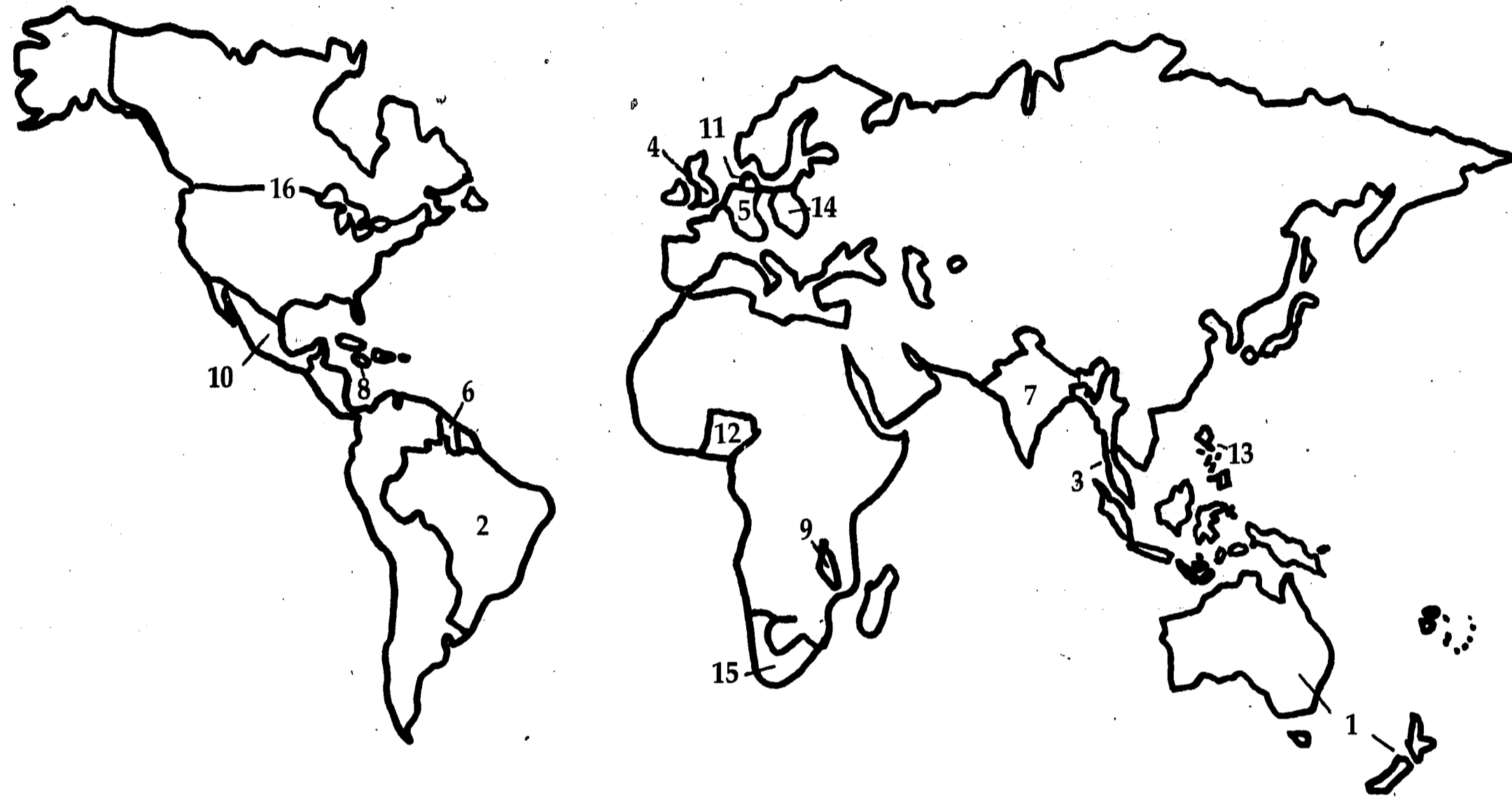
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Paint Rock SDB Church, Box 40, Paint Rock, AL 35764

Arkansas

Fouke SDB Church, PO Box 353, Fouke, AR 71837

Christ SDB Church, 5709 Chaucer Lane, Little Rock, AR 72209-4907

Little Rock SDB Church, 4801 W. 11th., Little Rock, AR 72204
Texarkana, SDB Church of, 24 Pleasant St., Texarkana, AR 75502

California

Bay Area SDB Church, 6830 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Los Angeles, SDB Church of, 4976, N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90042

Riverside SDB Church, 4415 Lemon St., Riverside, CA 92501
San Diego, SDB Church of, 4330 Moraga Ave., San Diego, CA 92117

San Gabriel, SDB Church of Faith, 1100 E. Cameron Ave., W. Covina, CA 91791

Colorado

Boulder, SDB Church of, 900 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, CO 80302
Denver SDB Church, 2301 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80215

Connecticut

Pine Street Gospel Chapel, 219 Pine St., Middletown, CT 06424
Waterford SDB Church, 206 Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT 06385

District of Columbia

Washington SDB Church, 4700 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20011

Florida

Daytona Beach SDB Church, 145 First Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32014
Miami SDB Church, 520 NW 103rd St., Miami, FL
Putnam County, First SDB Church of God of, Rt. 1 Box 1150, Palatka, FL 32077

Georgia

Metro-Atlanta SDB Church, Connector 120 (Hiriam-Sudie Road), Hiriam, GA

Illinois

Old Stonefort SDB Church, Rt. 1, Stonefort, IL 62987

Kansas

Nortonville SDB Church, Nortonville, KS 66060

Maryland

Central SDB Church, (Hope Presbyterian Church) Enterprise Rd., Largo, MD 20772

Michigan

Battle Creek SDB Church, 200 N. Washington Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017

White Cloud SDB Church, 984 Wilcox Ave., White Cloud, MI 49349

Minnesota

Dodge Center SDB Church, 203 E. Main St., Dodge Center, MN 55927

Mississippi

Sunshine Mountain SDB Church, Chatawa Rd., Chatawa, MS 39632

Missouri

Naylor SDB Church, PO Box 193, Neelyville, MO 63954

Nebraska

North Loup SDB Church, PO Box 146, North Loup, NE 68859

New Jersey

Marlboro SDB Church, RD 1, Box 364, Bridgeton, NJ 08302
Plainfield SDB Church of Christ, 501 Central Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060

Raritan Valley SDB Church, 707 US 202 South, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Shiloh SDB Church, East Ave., Shiloh, NJ 08353

New York

Adams Center SDB Church, Church St., Adams Center, NY 13606

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Alfred Station SDB Church, Route 244, Alfred Station, NY 14803
Berlin SDB Church, Berlin, NY 12022

Brookfield, First SDB Church, Leonardsville, NY
Brookfield, Second SDB Church, Elm & N. Academy St., Brookfield, NY 13314

DeRuyter SDB Church, Utica Street, DeRuyter, NY 13052
Genesee, First SDB Church of, Rt. 417, Little Genesee, NY 14754
New York City SDB Church, 1472 Ogden Ave., Bronx, NY 10452

Richburg SDB Church, Main St., Richburg, NY 14774
Schenectady SDB Church, 20 Colonial Ave., Schenectady, NY 12304

Verona SDB Church, 6775 Blackman Corners Rd., Verona, NY 13478

Ohio

Columbus, First SDB Church of, 4161 Maize Rd., Columbus, OH 43224

Ontario, Canada

First Toronto SDB Church, 48 Fisher St., Toronto, Ontario M6K 1V8

Oregon

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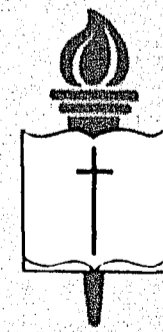
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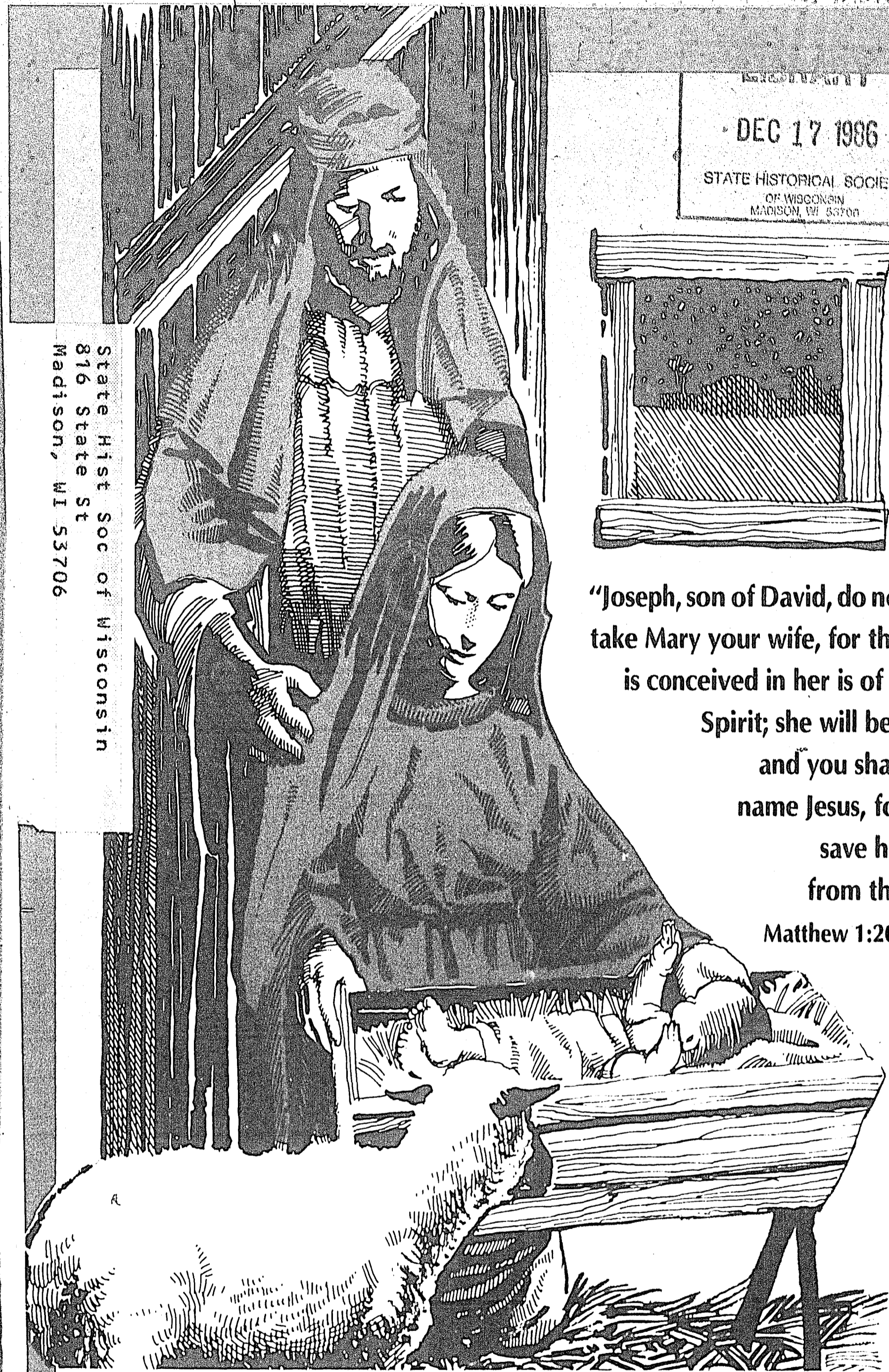


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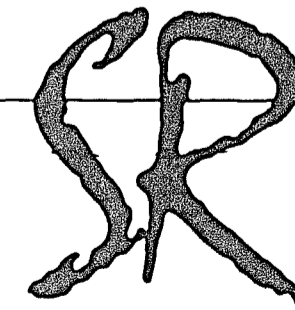
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Matthew 1:20-21 (RSV)

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