

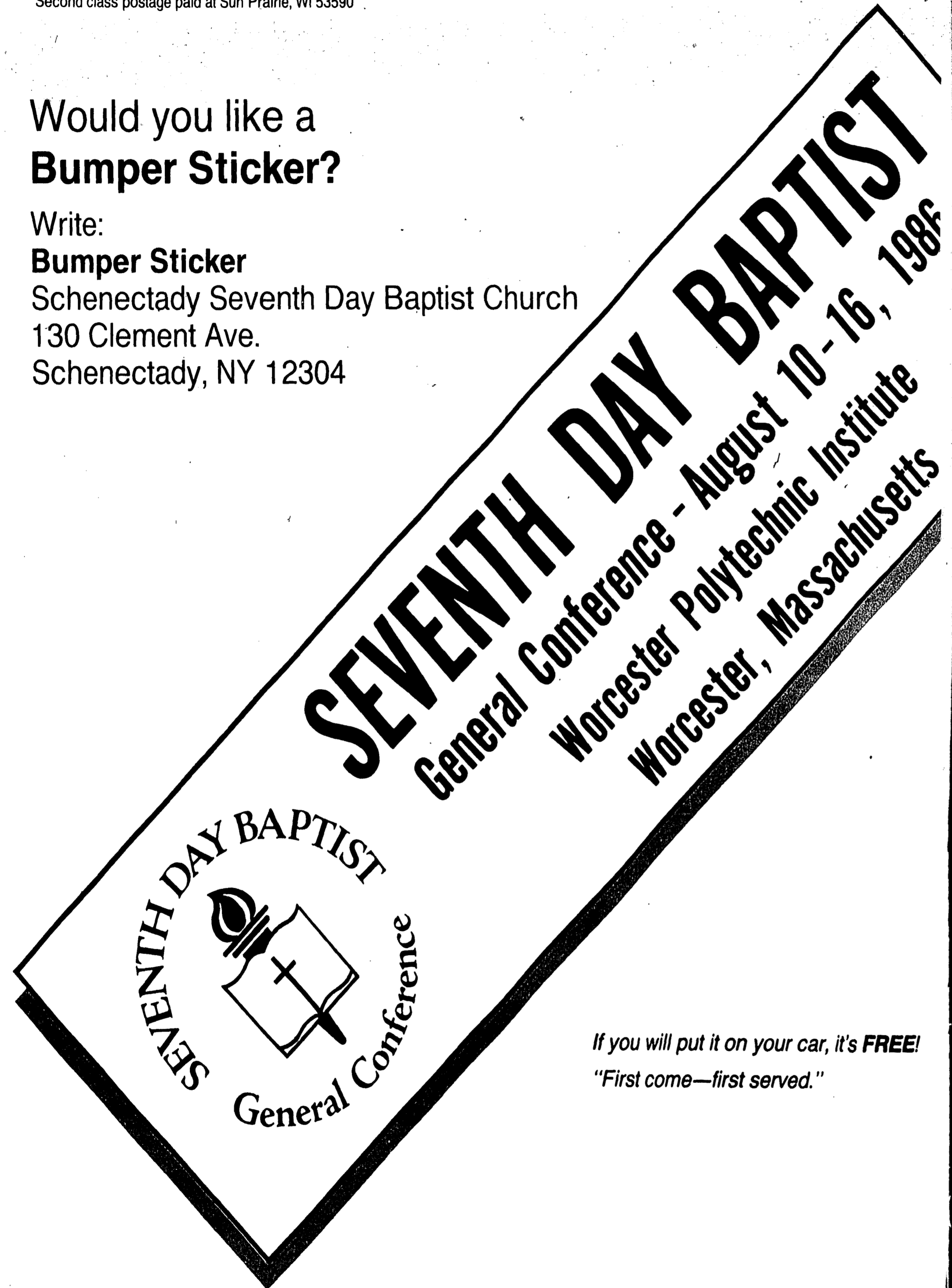
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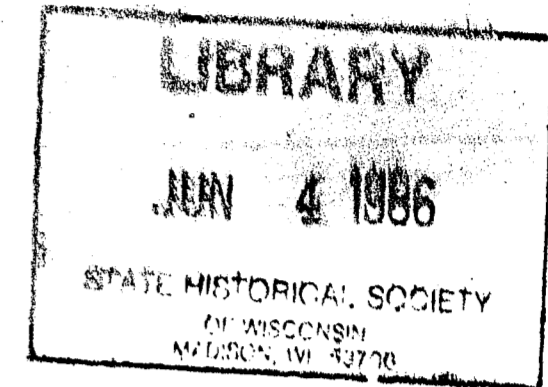
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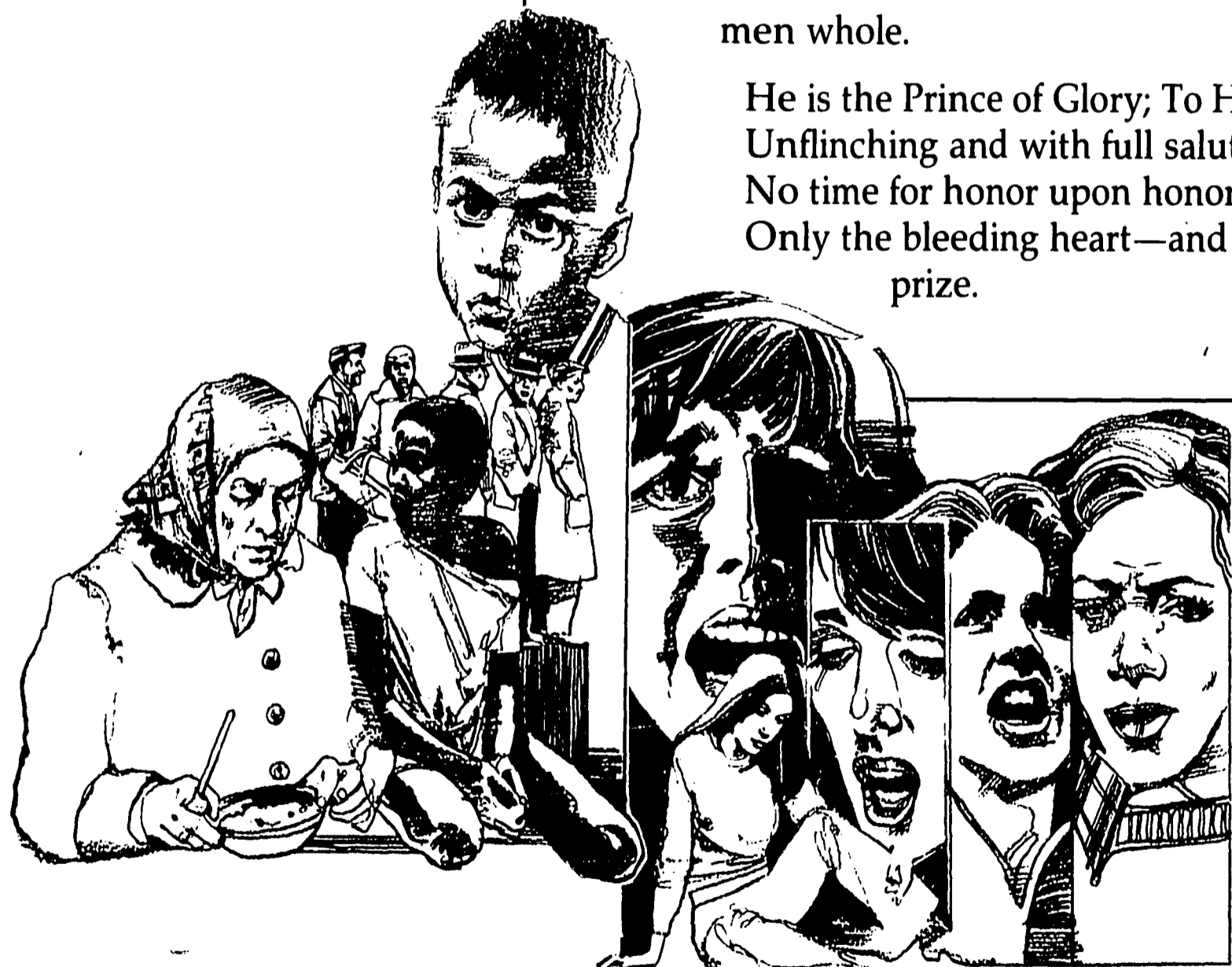
by David Beebe

No time for languishing and pleasantries;
No time for honor upon praise returning.
Injustice tears the bleeding heart of God
And on his thousand hills are crosses
burning.

While yet the earth is rocked with
anguished pain;
While yet men reach with empty hands
for light,
There is no ease for God-convicted men;
There can no compromise be made with
night.

Look! To the gallows and to great duress;
Look! To the noble glory of the Soul
Christ calls us, calls us to the ends of
earth
And bids us bear the blood that makes
men whole.

He is the Prince of Glory; To His call,
Unflinching and with full salute, we rise.
No time for honor upon honor turned;
Only the bleeding heart—and then the
prize.



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Opportunity becomes golden

by K. Duane Hurley
First editor of *The Beacon*

A momentary glimpse into the past; an exhilarating look into the future.

Bake a cake. Put 50 candles on it. Let's have a birthday party for *The Beacon*.

"Happy birthday, *Beacon*. It hardly seems possible that we're celebrating your Golden Anniversary!"

You had such a relatively inauspicious and humble (even uncertain) beginning in Salem, West Virginia, 50 years ago. It had been suggested by such denominational leaders of that time as eminent educator, Dr. Ben Crandall, that there should be a specific printed means of communication "for and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship."

It so happened that there was enrolled at Salem College, in the 1930's, a representative group of church young people from various parts of the country, including California, New Jersey, Florida, New York, Nebraska, Kansas, and undoubtedly, other states—"from Texas to Rhody." They were challenged to assume responsibility for starting the newspaper.

The first issues were mimeographed. The college students wrote the articles, solicited news from and about the youth in the churches, laid out the pages, did the art work, typed the stencils, put ink in the machine, turned the crank, collated and mailed out the copies.

It was work, of course. It was sometimes frustrating, especially when there was lack of response from local groups; but it was fun, and the

achievements were rewarding—especially now, in retrospect.

Many facets of the project have obviously changed during the intervening years, but a great deal—including the purposes—remains essentially the same. A major goal was to provide a "voice" for Seventh Day Baptist young people as they endeavored to

The Beacon became a voice for SDB young people as they endeavored to grow in their Christian commitments and witness.

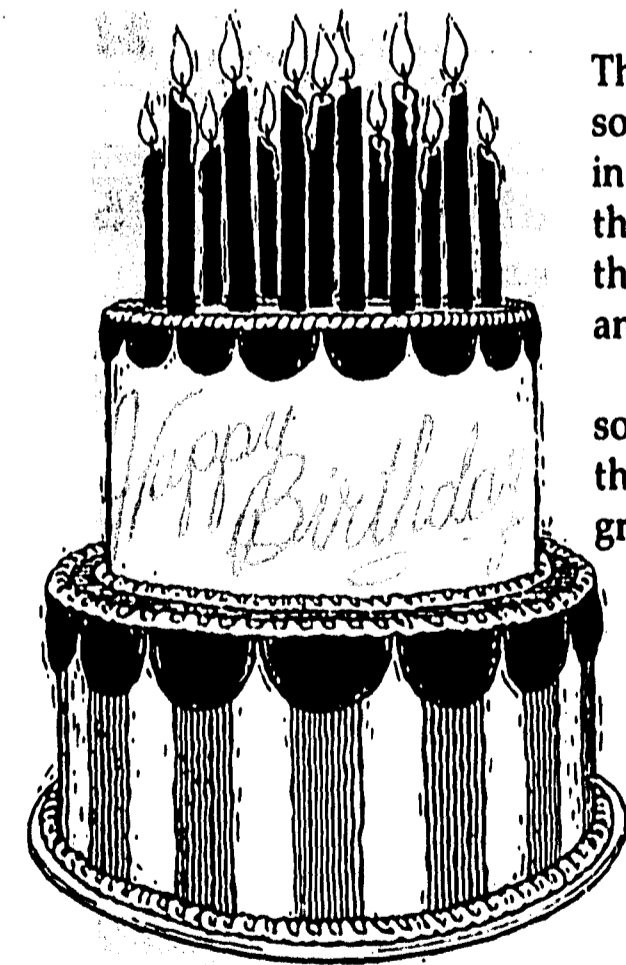
grow strong in their Christian commitments and witness. The desire also was to record and share encouraging news from all SDBYF groups and to achieve universal enthusiastic participation on the part of all the young people in all the churches.

These objectives were—and still are—important. What was mainly just a potential in 1936, becomes a realistic golden opportunity in 1986.

In the early copies of *The Beacon*, there was a column with the following heading: "Features (Feet-Yours)—Steps in the Right Direction." As editor, I remember drawing on the mimeograph stencil for that page the words in the caption, as well as sketches of the "foot-prints." In this section of the publication were printed news items, comments, ideas, and testimonies from young people all around the SDB circuit.

The basic implications of these "feet-yours" are still appropriate and imperative, it seems to me. It is *your feet* (each of us, individually, "stepping out" steadfastly in the *right direction*) that will not only make possible the continuation

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50 years of sharing, growing and living

A letter from
Yvonne Stephan

Fifty years of *The Beacon*—50 years of youth creating, writing and putting together *The Beacon* for youth. Our Seventh Day Baptist youth sharing with each other to help each other grow and live. With this issue, we are printing a sampling of those 50 years of *The Beacon*.

We hope that you will enjoy the articles we have chosen. We trust, as Lila Saunders wrote in April of 1942, for the May issue, that "the whole church here is reading the *Beacon*—not just the young people."

The most difficult, as well as enjoyable part of this project, has been the reading of 50 years of material and then picking out only a small portion of that material to share with you. I can not tell you how much fun it has been going over all these articles and getting to know so many young people who are now friends. It was hard to choose only a few samples from the many that were available.

There were certain changes that took place through the years. In the 1930's, peace in the world and mission work in China were emphasized. In the 1940's,

peace was important but so was support for our young men in the service. The 1950's brought a struggle with communism. The 1960's saw us trying to find more ways to reach out, share and help others. The 1970's were just a little more introspective, showing a need to strengthen ourselves before we can reach out to others. All the time the thread of sharing what our youth groups and camps and individuals were doing continued to run through everything as news.

Different vehicles were used to share concerns through the years: "Feet-Yours" in the '30's and '40's; jokes from the "Korn Patch," "Punch Line," "Laff" and "Thots" were shared in the '50's and '60's; and poems in the '70's. I hope that you will see some of the changes that have taken place as *The Beacon* has moved around the country; from Salem, where it began, to Alfred, to Milton, and back again—with various youth groups being responsible for individual issues. In the last few years, instead of being a separate publication, *The Beacon* has become a part of *The Sabbath Recorder* in the hopes that it will reach more of our young people. While printing is done by *The Sabbath Recorder*, the writing and creation are still done by our Seventh Day Baptist youth for our youth.

Let me take this time for a small commercial and ask and remind our Youth Fellowship members to please continue to contribute your articles to *The Beacon* through the Board of Christian Education. Write about what you are doing and how you feel about events in your Christian life. SR

Opportunity

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of *The Beacon*, but will assure the carrying out of the Great Commission of Christian outreach.

So (with a prayerful wish that Seventh Day Baptists will continue to grow spiritually and numerically) blow out the candles on the birthday cake—but keep the light of *The Beacon* burning brightly.

"Your birthday anniversary is golden, *Beacon*, but your riches are not in the gold. They are in the Christ-centered, dedicated people who carry on your unique and special service among and through SDB youth. SR

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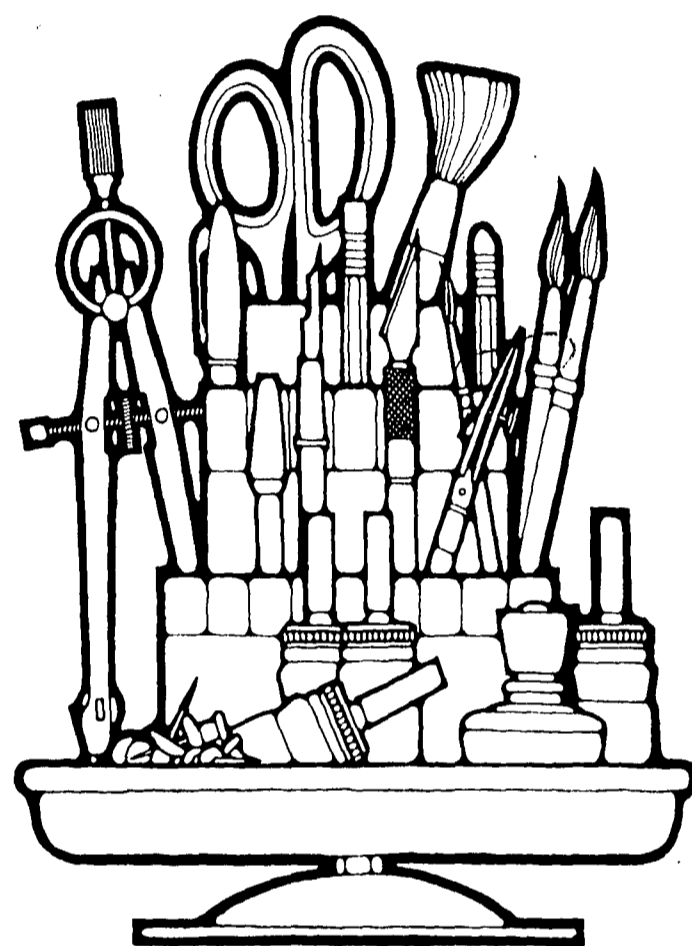
Many happy returns!

A letter from
Nancilu Rankin

I remember my surprise at being asked to join *The Beacon* staff as art editor when I was a sophomore at Salem College so long ago. My first assignment was to design a logo for the cover page of the new youth paper to be called *The Beacon*, and I felt overwhelmed by the task.

It seems that somehow it became known that I had been given a few art lessons. (One of my high school teachers in Alabama had told my mother I had talent, so there went my carefree summers for a couple of years.) This Alabama farm girl had never seen a beacon, and I believe it was Crosby Rogers (who also coached me through my first year of chemistry under Dr. Gould) who came to my aid. Together we

Carpenter, Button, and Main come to mind. Then there was Luther Critchelow. I looked up to him with a certain awe and some bewilderment, for he was the first black person I had known outside the



context of the Old South, with all its social and racial divisions. He was so self-assured and had so many good ideas. I felt he could have been the whole staff of that fledgling paper and would have done it more than justice.

I seem to recall also two young men, bright lights on the Salem scene even then, and later to become giant figures in the SDB denomination and in the wider religious and academic world. From my 1986 perspective, I have a feeling Wayne Rood and Duane Hurley were the prime movers of that youth paper that was to offer opportunity for expression and inspiration to so many young people, to their children and their children's children. SR

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produced an acceptable rendering of that first beacon light, whose later variations were to shine on so many hundreds of young people for the next 50 years.

Who else was on the staff? The records will no doubt show. Faces and names such as Davis, Saunders, Bond, Lewis,



A critical mind becomes a loving heart

The Beacon
November, 1938

1. Blessed are my eyes, for they see good in all people and in all things.
2. Blessed are my ears, for they hear God's voice in all creation.
3. Blessed are my lips, for they speak only words of beauty and truth.
4. Blessed are my hands, for they work even as my Father works.
5. Blessed are my feet, for they walk in paths of peace, in paths of righteousness and truth. They publish glad tidings.
6. Blessed are my lungs, for they breathe the breath of God, of life.
7. Blessed is my heart, for it fills my whole being with love.
8. Blessed are my vital organs, for they are about my Father's business, keeping me whole and well.
9. Blessed are my nerves, for they are centered and poised in the Christ mind.
10. Blessed is my mind, for the same mind that was in Christ Jesus is now in me.
11. Blessed is my body, for it is the temple of the living God.
12. Blessed is my home, for love and peace are here.
13. Blessed are all my affairs, for they are in my Father's keeping. SR

Blessed are my ears, for they hear God's voice in all creation.

The Beacon
February, 1940

Here is a brief sketch of the acrostic:

- J Jesus—our pattern to follow
- O Obey—our part, less trouble if we obey
- Y Yielding—not stubborn
- F False—danger of being two-faced—be either hot or cold
- U Useful to others—be unselfish—not for our own gain
- L Love—do any service if we love Jesus

- S Specific, strive, special work—try to do it
 - E Earnestly endeavor—too easy to just slide along
 - R Rich reward—both in heaven and earth
 - V Victory—sure to win if instructions are followed
 - I Innocent if on Lord's side—no troubles or worries
 - C Cheerful—when doing right one is happy
 - E Eternal life—final reward, gift of God
- Dorothy Payne—Correspondent SR

The Beacon
November, 1938

Duty

To do our little bit of toil,
To play life's game with head erect;
To stoop to nothing that would soil,
Your honor and your self respect;
To win what gold and fame you can,
But first of all to be a man.

To know the bitter and the sweet.
The sunshine and the days of rain;
To meet both victory and defeat.
Nor boast too loudly nor complain;
To face whatever fate befall
And be a man throughout it all. SR

The Beacon
February, 1940

A few pearls from the editor

"Life will work only one way, and that is God's way." SR



God is the ultimate provider

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."
2 Corinthians 9:10

saved her son, the widow said, "Now I know that you are a man of God and the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth."

The passage of Scripture at the beginning of this article is Paul, the apostle, writing to the church at Corinth. It is part of a sermon that he is giving them on the importance of giving for the work of God's kingdom. He begins by reminding them that it is God who supplies the seed for the bread in the first place. Therefore he says, "He who sows sparingly reaps sparingly, but he who sows generously reaps generously."

In the Old Testament, there are several passages that indicate God expected the Israelites to give a tenth of what they owned to the Lord every year. I have heard many people say that was an Old Testament idea for the Jews. We are Christians, and the New Testament does not require us to give a tenth.

Stewards and managers

Both of these points are true, I suppose, but if we are as proud of what we own—as most people in our country are—then maybe we would be better off with the Old Testament idea of the tenth. If I understand the point that Paul is making, everything belongs to God. We are only stewards, managers for God.

If I own it, I only have to be accountable to me. If someone else owns it, then I have to be accountable to them. Paul indicates that this great God, who has given us so much already, will give more if we will be generous with what we have. But we have to be accountable to him for how we use it or give it away.

Personally, I think we should all begin with a tenth of our income. I have heard someone ask if that is a tenth of my gross income or a tenth of the net. That sounds like an IRS question to me, but I will let

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Gordon MacDonald, in his book *Ordering Your Private World*, says, "The task of a steward is simply to properly manage something for the owner until the owner comes to take it back."

In March, I attended the Christian Stewardship Council meetings in San Diego, California. One of the seminars at the conference was on the Biblical perspective for giving. The presenter,

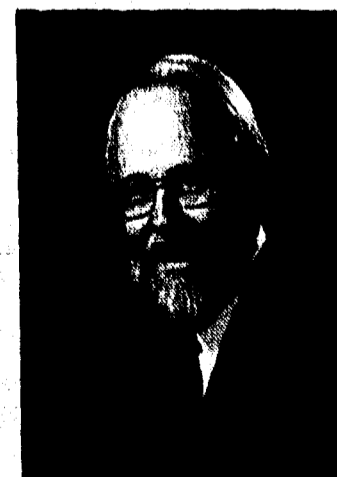
It is important for us as Christians to understand that all we have in this world belongs to God.

Tom McCabe, began his presentation by emphasizing that it is important for us as Christians to understand that all we have in this world belongs to God. We are only stewards or managers of it. It is not an idea that sits well in a materialistic culture.

An Old Testament story that really emphasizes how God provides is found in 1 Kings 17. The story is about the prophet Elijah and how God provided for him first by the raven bringing him bread and meat in the morning and evening by the brook in the Kerith Ravine. Then when the brook dried up, the Lord sent him to Zarephath where a widow and her son were to take care of him.

Through this experience, Elijah and the widow learned who the ultimate provider is. After Elijah, through the power of God,

by Executive Secretary
Dale D. Thorngate



Getting acquainted: Seventh Day Baptists around the world

Fifth in a series.

It is anticipated that one or more delegates from each of the 16 national conferences and groups will be able to attend the SDB World Federation sessions August 6-9 in Rhode Island.

The Netherlands

Seventh Day Baptist activity in Holland began over 100 years ago with the work of Gerald Velthuysen and establishment of the Haarlem church in 1877. Velthuysen had left the Dutch Reformed church to begin a pioneer Baptist work. Then he read tracts on the Sabbath from an SDB missionary in Scotland. Twenty joined with him to form the new church which celebrated its centennial several years ago.

The church grew and began a mission in Java (East Indies) where many Dutch SDBs went to do social work among orphans and the disabled over a 50 year period until after World War II. More recently, the Dutch people have promoted SDB work in Africa and have established and maintained communication and exchange with the Sabbath keeping Baptists in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Last year, the Netherlands Conference listed four churches with a membership of 55. The Conference contributed greatly to formation of the World Federation, particularly through the efforts of Gerben Zijlstra. Other delegates have included the Nieuwstratens, Kramers, Sizmanns and Leks. In August, the Netherlands Conference will be represented by Hans Sizmann, their international secretary. Jan Lek will also be attending as a vice-president of the Federation who has served as its European contact person since 1978.

Germany

Although there are very few Seventh Day Baptists in Germany today, they continue active support of the work in other countries with a particular interest in Africa and in encouragement of the churches in Eastern Europe. A German Union of SDB Churches was formed in 1934 through the work of L.R. Conradi, who had left his Adventist leadership to become a Baptist. The work flourished

until World War II when Conradi died and many of the young leaders were killed. Dispersion of the membership and restrictions on travel and migration brought an end to effective witness.

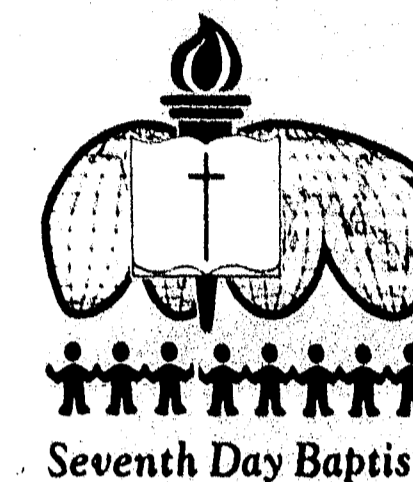
Alfred Mellmann, from Braunschweig, West Germany, will represent German SDBs at this year's Federation sessions. He, along with Johannes Bahlke, were among those signing the original Federation proposal in 1964.

Poland

The Sabbath Day Christian Church in Poland celebrated its 50th anniversary during the annual conference in Warsaw in 1983. At that time its president wrote, "The history of our Church is not very long but hard. The 2nd World War delivered to our Church great losses. In 1949 . . . there were only ten persons and no material resources or exterior support. . ." He names Brother Alfred Kube, father of Stephan Kube of Australia, as one who started "reformatory activity" in the Adventist church which led to the formation of the church in the early 1930s.

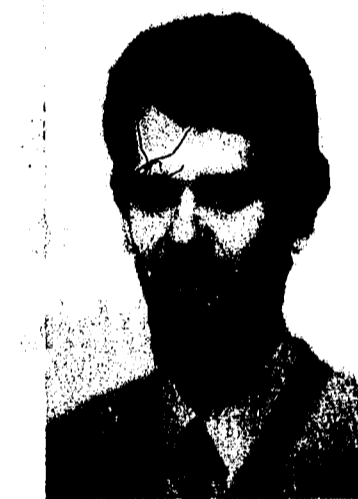
Poland now reports 12 churches and 30 small groups with a total membership of 457. In 1984, they became the 15th conference to join the World Federation. A major means of outreach for these churches, scattered throughout Poland, is their publications and correspondence courses. The publishing work is aided by Seventh Day Baptists in several countries through the coordinating work of Jan Lek. Bronislaw Ciesielski, president of the Polish conference, will represent them at the 1986 sessions.

by Janet Thorngate



Seventh Day Baptist

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Jan Lek



Alfred Mellmann



Bronislaw Ciesielski



Hans Sizmann



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June, 1941

The story behind one L.S.K.

by Ruth Butler
Woodville, Alabama

On a little farm about three miles out from an average sized town in north Alabama live a couple—a couple who quietly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last summer. If you could watch these two people throughout a day or a week, you would see a perfect example of true love—true love for one another and true love for the Heavenly Father. These two people live alone, and

Through her strong faith she has reared eight healthy children in a "lone-Sabbath keeping" atmosphere.

are set apart from others because of their religious scruples, but they are happy—happy as can be. Some portion of their every day is spent in reading from the Bible, and when sunset on Friday evening comes, the evening's chores are finished, and they quietly begin the Sabbath day together and with their Father above.

This couple did not begin their married life as Seventh Day Baptists. The husband was a Missionary Baptist minister—until one day he met with an S.D.B. evangelist

and realized the real truth about the Sabbath. Their life and that of their children changed. They began observing the Sabbath, but with no church to stand by them. They rested and worshipped on the Sabbath, but there was no church to go to, no choir to hear, no Sabbath School to have their children grow up in, no S.D.B. young people for associates. There was the family and the family alone.

This is a picture of my S.D.B. ancestors—only one generation back. They reared two sons to be ministers and one daughter who has become the most devoted and sacrificial member that the S.D.B. church has ever had. She has become a true example of what the Christian mother should be like. She has remained true to the Sabbath through countless obstacles and hardships. And through her strong faith she has reared eight healthy children in a "lone-Sabbath keeping" atmosphere. Lucky for her, this home also is on a farm, and outside of the evil influences of city life. Here there is group-singing on Friday evening and the "Bible lesson" on Sabbath afternoon. Here is a family set apart from the rest of the community, but true to the Sabbath and true to the S.D.B. church of which they know so little and which seems so far away. Here is a family which has not had the privilege of going to a church they can call their own. Here is a small group which worships on the Sabbath week after week without ever hearing a S.D.B. minister on Sabbath morning, with no other children to share with them their faith. But in spite of all this and through the careful guidance of a mother of strong convictions, this home has remained loyal to that one aspect of the church which makes it distinctly what it is, the Seventh Day Sabbath. **SR**

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Paul, in his epistle to the Galatians, testified, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the

flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." This is more than a mere statement: it is a complete sermon in itself. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: . . ." Paul was stating a truth which he had lived. He had been stoned at Lystra; he had encountered stern opposition in his missionary efforts among the Gentiles; he had suffered imprisonment thrice—yet these did not destroy his gospel message. After certain of the Jews had stoned

Paul at Lystra, they drew him out of the city, thinking that he was dead. But the disciples gathered about him, and he arose and re-entered the city, continuing his journey the next day. Paul and Silas were imprisoned in the inner prison of Philippi with their "feet fast in stocks," but at midnight they "prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." Was there not a secret to the strength of their faith and courage? "I am crucified . . . I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: . . ." Doubtlessly, Paul had discovered at least a clue to this very message on the face of Stephen, when he was on trial before the council of which Paul was a member. The scriptures tell us that "everyone

who sat in the council fixed his eyes on Stephen, and they saw that his face was like that of an angel." Although Paul cast no stones, he consented to Stephen's death, and stood with the coats of the participants cast at his feet. Yes, Stephen had already dramatized Galatians 2:20. This should be the testimony of every Christian. Can we speak it from our hearts? Do we stand by our convictions? Are we ever ashamed of Christ? Does Christ live in us? Do we live by the faith of the Son of God? If this be so, then we are worthy to be called His servants. **The Beacon—March 15, 1941**

The Beacon
February, 1940

Trust

"Build a little fence of trust
around today,
Fill the space with
loving deeds
and therein stay,
Look not through the
sheltering
bars upon
tomorrow,
God will help thee
bear what
comes of joy or
sorrow."

The Riverside Recorder **SR**



The Beacon
October, 1946

The age of power

No matter where we look today, we find we are living in an age of power. All nations and individuals are seeking for the means of gaining power. Many are money-maddened for they feel that here is power. And yet if we search the world over, we would never find the secret of real power, for it is not in worldly things, but in God. Throughout the history of the entire world, we are not able to find any greater power than the power of God and HIS power working through the people.

Now some say that power is given only to chosen ones. This is not true. Some may use their power more than others,

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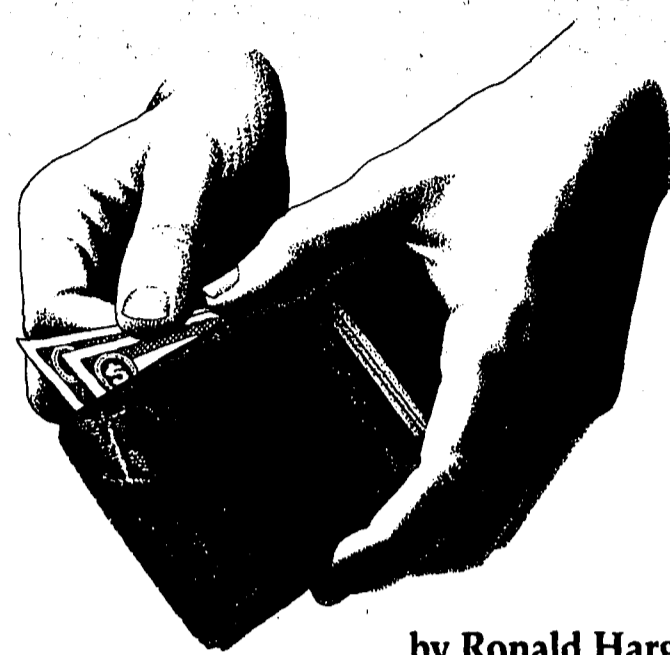
but God's power is for ANY who believe, obey and serve Him. I have seen many a layman *who worked for God* with mighty power because *they walked with God*.

What are the essential requirements for the obtaining of this power? They are the same requirements asked of any Christian.

Let us take the word "power" and break it down into parts—

P —Prayers of Penitence, John 1:29, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." First requirement is the forgiveness of sins.

O —Offering of Ourselves, Hebrews 12:1-2, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses! Let us lay aside



by Ronald Hargis

every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Second is the complete surrender of our lives to Christ which entails—

W —Welding of our Wills, the welding of our wills into the center of God's will. I like the prayer of the minister who said, "Lord, keep my will in the center of Thy will that I may do Thy work always."

E —Exhortation to Action—Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Power is gained through activity.

Dams are a source of great electrical power, but without the activity of water and dynamo, there would be no electricity. So to obtain power, we must be actively doing the will and work of God. When all the other steps are taken we find ourselves the—

R —Receptacle of God's Holy Spirit and of His power.

People may show me their checkbook

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The Beacon
Summer, 1947

It seems as if the younger generation does not realize the power of prayer. Prayer is not something we do merely as a duty and a matter of so many words. If you make a habit of sincere prayer, your life will be noticeably and profoundly altered. Prayer stamps with its indelible mark our actions and demeanor.

We must never summon God merely for the gratifications of our whims. We derive most power from prayer when we use it, not as a petition, but as a supplication that we may become more like Him. Man prays not only that God should remember him, but also that he should remember God.

Today as never before, prayer is a binding necessity in the lives of men and nations. The lack of emphasis on the religious sense has brought the world to the edge of destruction. Our deepest source of power and perfection has been left miserably undeveloped. Prayer, the basic exercise of spirit, must be actively practiced in our private lives.

The neglected soul of man must be made strong enough to assert itself once more. For if the power of prayer is again released and used in the lives of common men and women; if the spirit declares its aims clearly and boldly, there is yet hope that our prayers for a better world will be answered.

Louis Savy

SR

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November, 1941

"Were thanks with every gift expressed—
Each day would be Thanksgiving.
Were gratitude its very best
Each life would be thanks living."

C.R. Piety

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Age of power

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with millions of dollars at their disposal and say they are secure. America may boast of the Atomic bomb and feel secure. I am satisfied for I have Christ and Him crucified, and *with God all things are possible*. (Phil. 4:3)

What a wonderful power is yours for the asking. In these days of uncertainty what surer anchor can you find than to be anchored in Christ?

O God of might and power, Help us to realize the true source of peace and security in Thee. Help us to realize that in the silence of the sunset we are shown power. Help us to weld our wills to Thine so that we have no will but Thy will. Teach us how to obtain and use Thy Holy Spirit and its power as we strive anew for Thee. We ask it in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen. SR

The barrier stone was rolled away
And loud the angels sing;
The Christ comes forth this blessed day
To reign, a deathless king.
For shall we not believe He lives
Through such awakening?
Behold, how God each April gives
The miracle of spring!

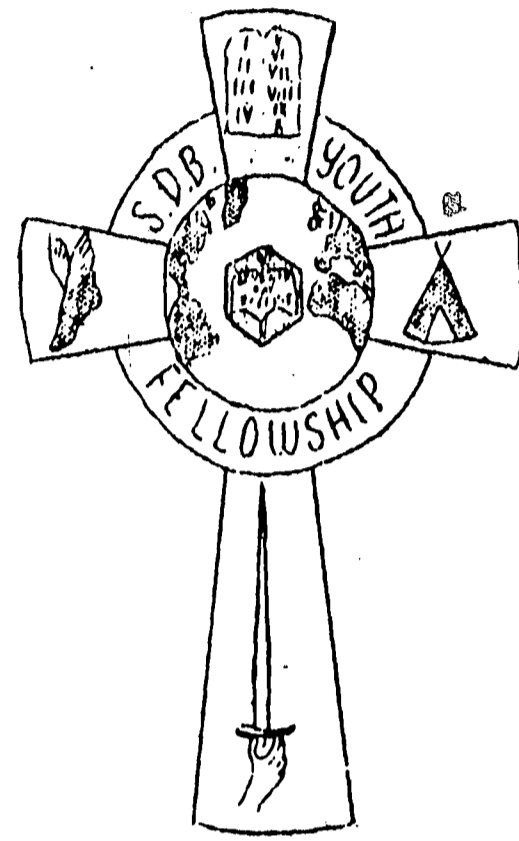
Edwin L. Sabin
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A suggested S.D.B. Youth Fellowship emblem

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All is on the *Cross of Christ*, symbol of his message and God's redemptive love. The *Eternal Circle of Fellowship* encircles all the world and all S.D.B.'s. Members of the Fellowship are quick on the *Winged Foot* to serve the Lord and Master.

All service becomes true devotion as it grows out of worship and obedience to *God's Commandments*.

Every fellowship spends some time for the enrichment of his life in the *Tents of Recreation*, recreating body, mind, and spirit and strengthening the ties of true comradeship.

All fellowshippers with the *Torch of Truth* to light the way, study the *Open Bible* to show themselves approved of God and worthy to wear the *Breastplate of Righteousness* and able to grasp the *Sword of the Spirit* as they carry on the warfare of Christ's Kingdom.

(This suggested emblem was distributed to the young people at conference. At that time opinions and suggestions were asked for. Again the call comes for the reaction of the young people. Send your reaction to Beverly Burdick, Milton, Wisconsin. If you can, send news in, too.—Ed.)

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More than conquerors Editorial

Today, when we think of the persecutions the early church suffered, and of the many martyrs to the cause of Christianity, we realize that we can only begin to comprehend the power of their faith. They encountered "tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword." But because of their love for Christ, and their faith in Him, they were "more than conquerors through Him." (Rom. 8:37)

Sometimes we wonder why we are not persecuted, as the early Christians were. The old hymn says, "How sweet would be their children's fate, if they, like them, could die for Thee." But the Christian of today finds foes from within, which are sometimes more insidious than physical enemies. "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities . . ." (Eph. 6:12) We come across these foes in our thinking, in discussions with non-Christians, and in trying to live a life worthy of our professed beliefs.

Let us search our hearts and ask God's help in overcoming these weaknesses.

Is it easier to be a Christian now, than it was then? What does following Christ mean? For the early Christian, following Christ was an all-or-nothing proposition. There could be no halfway. If he chose to be a Christian, he was choosing a life so different from that of those around him, that he had to make a complete change, going against tradition, custom, law, and sometimes even against his own family. What strength of spirit and purpose that must have taken!

If we stand true to the cross in this day and age, we, too, will have to endure many things for Christ. The firmer the stand we take, the more we are going to be challenged. And we must be able to meet this challenge by saying, as did the Apostle Paul, ". . . nothing . . . in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:39)

Miriam Seager
Editor

SR

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Pre-Con 1953

The summer is past, but the memory lingers on. Now don't turn the page with disgust. This is not going to be a "sentimental journey," but it is a review of what happened at Pre-Con last August.

There were sixty-nine campers altogether, with sixty-five spending the entire period in camp. They came from widely separated points on the globe—Rosemary Hare from Paeroa, New Zealand; Rev. Ronald Barrar from Sandama, Nyasaland; and Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills and their daughter, Miriam, from Kingston, Jamaica, joined campers from "Rhody to Colorado."

Dave Clarke was the camp director and he was well supported by thirteen other staff members.

The camp theme was "Patterns for Power." The booklet "Christian Growth Unto the Fullness of Christ" was used for the "Alone with Him" period, the first thing in the morning. After this, the campers met down at the lake shore where Rev. Clarke read some scripture and opened channels for the campers to express and share their own thoughts.

One of the outstanding features of Pre-Con was Rev. Clifford Hansen's course on

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Some of the fellows in my company found a small Korean boy unconscious in a rice paddy. They took him to the 32nd collecting aid station, where they fixed him up and fed him, as he was almost starved. We found out that his mother and father had been killed in the fighting and he had had no place to go. He had been living on what he could "slicky-slicky," as they call it here, for almost two years. The fellows of the 32nd Collecting and Medical Company "adopted" the little boy, whose name is "Che," and had clothes cut down for him. He is quite happy now—I have made very good friends with him.

Pfc. Paul V. Beebe

SR

"Finding God in '53." He suggested a number of practical acts that we can perform in bringing about a Christ-like relationship between ourselves and God and ourselves and others.

There were five workshops. Ronald Barrar directed his group in making a model of the Makapwa mission in Nyasaland. Members of this workshop could be recognized by the sickly green color of their hands. However, it was nothing serious—they were just dyeing sponges to make trees.

Some wondered at the antics of the recreation class. It was a lively bunch and capably led by Duane Davis.

One of the main projects undertaken by the church news workshop was the "Power Line," the camp newspaper. It also published the conference news bulletins. Leon Lawton was the director of this group of hot-story reporters.

David S. Clarke led his group in an inspirational study on Christian discipline.

A workshop which was very important to the completion of a day's activities at camp was the one directed by Rex Zweibel. This was the worship workshop. Its members were responsible for preparing vespers, the Sabbath afternoon service at Pre-Con, and also four half-hour services at conference.

Participants in camp activities are usually found to be quite musical. Everybody enjoyed singing under the leadership of Marion Maxson.

Not too much has been said yet about the surroundings of Camp Ben Johnston. It is located amidst a wealth of trees, many of them pines. It is right beside a sparkling blue lake. Needless to say, the campers made full use of the lake by swimming, boating, and canoeing.

A high point of the whole retreat was Sabbath Day. At the "Chapel in the Pines" Neal Mills, Leon Lawton, and Ronald Barrar led a discussion of the Sabbath School lesson.

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My camp experience

by Marjorie Crow

What has Camp Wakonda given me that will help me to be a better Christian and understand my religion more fully? Our experiences in camp have deepened and strengthened our faith. The discussion groups answered some of the questions which might have arisen in the past years. They helped us realize the reason we worship on the Sabbath, what "believing" is and why we believe as we do.

Camp has made us mindful of God's love and care. It has shown us how much our help is needed in countries where His word is little known. It makes us feel humble in this great earth, and yet we want to do our part in God's work.

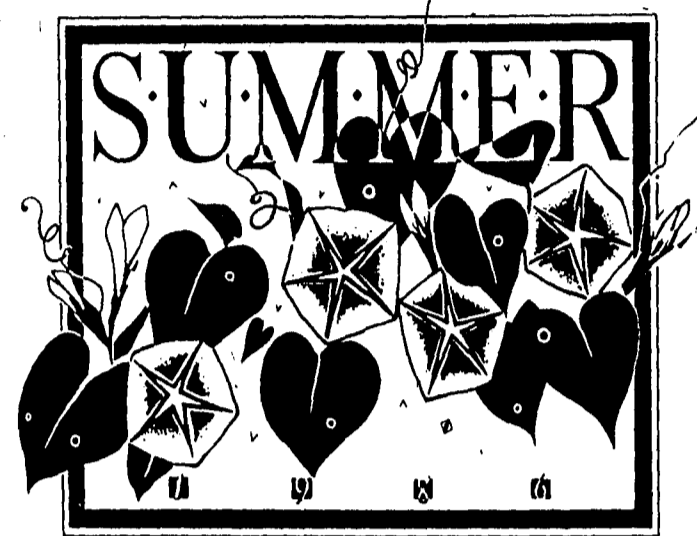
Camp helps us to understand each other's difficulties more completely, and many close friendships arise from our fellowship with other Christian young people here.

I believe the most impressive thing camp gave me was the realization of

I believe the most impressive thing camp gave me was the realization of beauty in the common place.

beauty in the common place—the trees lifting their leaf-covered branches heavenward, the towering white clouds floating in the light blue sky, even the lowly raspberry bush, its juicy purple fruits hidden among the green foliage—all had their own beauty.

And the sunsets—oh, they were magnificent! The sky was alight with beautiful colors long after the sun had dropped behind the distant horizon.



Yes, we had some wonderful and unforgettable experiences at Camp Wakonda. I'm sure it has meant much to all of us. **SR**

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Camp Miles

Camp Miles was held for the Southwestern Association young people this summer in Alabama. The camp site was atop Keel Mountain and on the farm of Mr. R.L. Butler. Our camp director was Gilbert Butler of Koinonia Farm, Georgia. He was assisted by George Stillman of Houston, Texas. The rest of the staff were: Rev. and Mrs. Trevah Sutton, Fouke, Ark.; Rev. and Mrs. C.A. Beebe, Pomona Park, Florida; Anne Looney, Pomona Park, Florida; David Pearson and Betty Butler, Paint Rock, Alabama.

There were campers from six southern states. Classes were taught on the subjects, "The Firm Foundation" and "Building on the Foundation." In the music period we learned "Fairest Lord Jesus" for our camp song.

Much was gained spiritually and in fun and good times, from our experiences at Camp Miles. We are looking forward to next year's camp, which will probably be held in Texas. **SR**

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Rocky Mountain Camp

The Rocky Mountain S.D.B. Camp was held this year from June 30 to July 8. There were about thirty campers coming from Denver, Boulder, Nortonville, North Loup and Milton.

There were four counselors, ministers from the churches of the Mid-Continent Association, and two cooks. The four ministers were: Rev. Leland Davis, Rev. Harmon Dickinson, Rev. Duane Davis, and Rev. Francis Saunders.

Rev. Dickinson led a class on prophets, using as his main scripture, Peter 1:19-21.

Rev. Duane Davis led a very interesting class on the Sabbath. Some of the scriptures we memorized were: Gen. 2:1-3, Exodus 20:1-17, and Isaiah 58:13-14. Rev. Leland Davis chose as the theme for his class, "His Very Own." This study group was a very interesting one, using discussion and Bible references. Rev. Davis brought in the study of the

writings of Paul in his discussions.

Chapel met every morning following "The Lone Hour." Each day was ended at sundown by the vespers on "sunset rocks." Each vesper was closed by singing "Day Is Dying In The West." **SR**

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Lewis Camp

Lewis Camp opened this year on July 19th, with about 21 campers. The leaders were: Rev. Barrar, Rev. Osborn, Rev. Bond and Rev. Maxson. Ruth Kenyon was the girl counselor.

The classes were on missions. This was very interesting, especially with Rev. Barrar telling actual experiences to help us learn more about our missions.

Although it rained a great deal of the time, two days were nice and sunny so that everyone could enjoy a nice swim in the ocean. Of course a part of camp is the work groups. These were headed by Eunice Maxson, David Gavitt, Rose Anna Rello and Barbara Smith. These leaders were also in charge of the vespers.

Three guest speakers were the recipients of much appreciation. They were Mr. Lewis, the owner of the camp, Rev. Harris, the secretary of the missionary board, and Rev. Crandall, president of the missionary board.

Sabbath morning services were held with the Westerly church, and in the afternoon everyone was invited to attend services and the camp.

Everyone had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to camp again next year. **SR**

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My ideal home

by Christine Davis

My ideal home . . .

Where a firm voice commands,
That of father . . .

Where gentle hands labor,
Those of mother . . .

Where small voices laugh and sing,
Those of children . . .

Where safety and security prevade
The lives of all . . .

Where a perfect love reigns supreme,
That of God. **SR**

June 1986



by Marilyn Merchant

Women's Society NEWS and IDEAS

Patterning our lives

Dear Ones All,

"Creative people can find inspiration from the most mundane things" so says an article in the May issue of the *Reader's Digest*. I think that is nice because I do, and it really does not take too much to send me off into a pipe dream that ends with me thinking, "I really should write that down so I will remember it for a Women's Page." It was just such a thought that sent me to my typewriter on a Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. (and also because I have a deadline to meet). I seem to have problems with the month of June. I remember that last year I belabored the love and wedding theme, but I am off on another track now. It is all muddled up, so bear with me.

This is the time of graduations of all kinds, and after that, what? All this started with a book I have been reading lately, Joyce Landorf's *I Came To Love You Late*, which I highly recommend for a good story. From this I gained several precepts that had here-to-fore escaped me, but all of a sudden, I realized that although this was a very good story, it was just one person's interpretation of what might have happened—not the Bible story. It was enhanced. As we make our patterns of life, we must be very careful that we stick to the original pattern.

When I was a very small girl, I was fascinated with the postage stamp-sized blocks my grandmother Clement cut out of the various left-over pieces of cloth from the clothing she made for others. These tiny blocks were so precise, each exactly like the others. It was not until I became a retiree and made a quilt for my daughter that my basically lazy nature discovered the necessity of using the same pattern for each piece. When I attempted to use the blocks for a pattern, instead of going back to the original

template, each became enlarged a tiny bit until they no longer fit together properly.

Books expounding and explaining the pattern for our lives are helpful for understanding and enlightenment, but we must remember to check the pattern, our Bible, for the true size to remain constant.

Now that that is settled, where are we heading as graduates? Do not turn away and say that is all behind you. Until you graduate to your eternal home, you are constantly graduating from one level to another—be it kindergarten, grade school, junior high school, high school, college or graduate school, motherhood/fatherhood work related levels, retirement, etc. There are all degrees of education, but where are you headed? This relates back to the book I mentioned a few paragraphs ago.

You will recall that, last month, I related the story of the "empty nest syndrome" as it affected my seminar instructor on organizing prayer life. In the Landorf story, Martha—Lazarus' and Mary's sister—had reached that point in her life; she no longer had anyone to make a

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home for. We all know that was one of the joys of her life, the direction she felt pulled in. Jesus comes to her and asks her what it is she desires with all her heart, what would make her truly happy. Then he tells her that if she seeks him with all her heart, soul and mind, these desires will be added unto her. At this point, it came to me that all too often we flounder our way through life, taking each day as it comes, without trying to find out what we really are expecting to have God

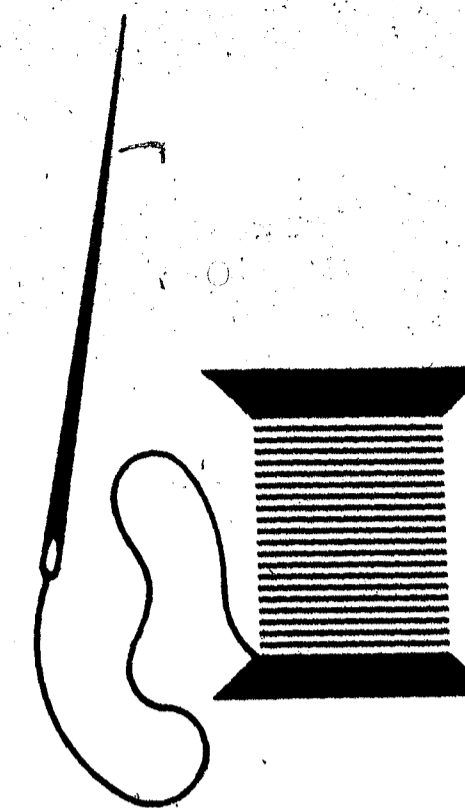
supply us with to make us happy. We must have a direction in which we wish to go. *And it has to be within his will for us.*

A conversation with a young woman who is in the process of looking for work brought that to the forefront of my mind when I reminded her that God never closes any doors but what he opens others. After a moment, I added that sometimes it seems like the hinges are rusty and stick a bit, and I guess that is because we are always so "hurry up" minded. We have to seek him *first*, and then all these things will be added. So my graduation and June message is this: Choose your pattern wisely, stick to it, and make sure it is within God's will. Come to think of it, that is not bad advice for newlyweds, either. It surely worked for us.

I have been most interested in the articles about the federation delegates. Have you? The board is urging the sponsorship of some of the ladies by women's groups throughout the states. We have had information from several churches telling of their sponsorship, which thrills us. We are also urging early Love Gifts to make it possible for the board to help a delegate stay and enjoy our conference session. Our Pen 'n Prayer group is trying to get some two-way correspondence going between delegates and people who are going to be in attendance at our sessions, so that there will be a common bond there and the delegates will feel that they "know" the person with whom they have been in correspondence. There is a rare treat in store for those of you who participate. I have heard of persons who have corresponded for many years before they chance to meet. I hope you are taking advantage of Jean Jorgensen's notes in *The Sabbath Recorder*.

I am not sure whether or not there will be any of the Indian ladies here from their conference, but a most interesting report has come to my hands and I do want to share some highlights from it. I am going to quote some passages from their report. "The work of the Women's Evangelical

Teams are mainly to visit every home, irrespective of the resident's caste or creed, preach the gospel, reading the Bible as well as sharing the day-to-day problems of the women and folk, lightening spiritually their burdens, comforting the sick, etc. These women are popular with womenfolk and are generally welcomed everywhere in the field. They report to the Chairperson of the S.D.B. Women's Society, a wing of our



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Conference." Then again, "The Bible Women, singly or in pairs, regularly visit women members, read the Bible, becoming, in some cases, almost family members and treated as such by the household. The Bible-women are regularly at hand to any needy family for any domestic help and serve without expecting any favors, wherever their services are needed in times of disasters, natural or accidental. They also report through the Women's Society."

"Special attention should be paid for further growth in the activities of our SDB Women's Society," Mrs. B. Mary Suseela, head of the society for the India conference states. "For that, necessary funds are needed. We have appealed and again appeal humbly for contributions from those generous individuals and Institutions. We, for the Women's Society, plan to establish Homes for Destitute Women, Hostels and schools for orphaned children and Training Centres for the needy women to learn and live by vocational occupations such as sewing and such other handicraft works."

Under the section on tracts, Rev. Rao states that the financial position of the

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Correction

In the Women's Society NEWS & IDEAS column printed in the *April Sabbath Recorder*, there was an address error. The correct address of Ruby Hambleton, the new treasurer of the Women's Board, is: 18064 Ivy Street, Fontana, CA 92335.

Religion in the News

Christian network cuts back

Christian Broadcasting Network is cutting back and announcing the layoffs of 41 employees due to a slump in contributions. Pat Robertson, CBN founder and host of "The 700 Club" religious talk show, said that the cuts could total \$24 million this year.

According to the announcement, CBN will sell its three television stations and cancel its toll-free telephone lines for counseling and financial support.

Robertson said that attention to his interest in the U.S. presidency may be a factor in the loss of support. CBN has an annual operating budget of \$230 million, and media attention to the size of the operation may have brought negative results, Robertson said. **SR**

Religious sect charged with abuse

Members of a sect known as Black Hebrew Israelites were arrested in New York City and charged with child abuse. A spokesman for Queens District Attorney John Santucci said that nine persons were charged with systematic abuse and exploitation of children. The charges included beating the children who were sent out on the streets to beg.

City officials learned of the abuse when two children escaped and were taken to a local hospital for treatment. **SR**

Benson opens Mormon conference

Ezra Taft Benson opened the first general conference of the Mormon Church as recently elected president and prophet. The former U.S. agriculture secretary under Eisenhower admonished Mormons for neglecting the Book of Mormon in their daily lives. Benson spoke to 6,000 church members in the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Benson said, "All is not well in Zion," and called sexual immorality "the plaguing sin of this generation." **SR**

Vatican denounces violent revolutions

Roman Catholic clergy and political leaders were warned against violence as a means to political change. While the new statement supported civil disobedience in the face of tyrannical governments, it rejected violence as a necessary path to liberation.

The 59-page document was seen by observers as a challenge to clergy who use Marxist analysis to justify military revolution. It specifically warns priests and nuns against political involvement, and seeks to distance the church from extreme positions of liberation theology. **SR**

Churches sue immigration service

A federal judge has denied the request of 17 religious groups to join in a suit against the U.S. Immigration Service. A civil suit has already been filed by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the American Lutheran Church on charges that government agents infiltrated church meetings to seek information on illegal aliens.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs also filed an *amici curiae* petition which was unsuccessful. The BJCPA said in a position paper, "We abhor government agents' fraudulent use of the name of Jesus Christ to gain access to the household of faith." **SR**

Ethnic-minority studied in churches

Three denominations were listed as growing in ethnic-minority membership, according to a study in the *United Methodist Reporter*. Assemblies of God, Southern Baptists, and American Baptist churches were the denominations showing most growth in ethnic-minority percentages.

Most mainline churches showed little growth in minority membership. American Baptist churches were reported at 38%, leading all major denominations. **SR**

A prayer reminder for each day!

July 1986

Verse for the Month: "And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. So then while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:9, 10

Pray for

1. SCSC projects—Camp Joy, W. Va.; Don Graffius, David Taylor, directors
2. Baptist World Alliance General Council, Singapore, Asia
3. Pastor Ronald J. Elston
4. SCSC project—Seattle, Wash.; Eric Davis, director
5. SDB camps across America on this holiday Sabbath
6. OWM Treasurer, Ivan FitzRandolph, Milton, Wis.
7. Secretary Ruben Nisio and our sister churches in Brazil
8. SCSC project—Tucson, Ariz.; Denise Crandall, director
9. Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson
10. President Russell Johnson and the Conf. Host Committee
11. SCSC project—Los Angeles, Calif.; Katherine Davis, director
12. my pastor as he leads in worship and praise today
13. Memorial Board meeting today in Raritan Valley, N.J.
14. SCSC project—Battle Creek, Mich.; George Calhoun, director
15. Pastor D. Harrison and our sister church in Nigeria
16. Santa Barbara, Calif., church and R. Babcock, ext. pastor
17. SCSC project—New Auburn, Wis.; Genny Pederson, director
18. Pastor B. John V. Rao and the sister churches in India
19. members of the Conference Committee on Nominations
20. Board of Christian Ed. meeting, Alfred Station, N.Y.
21. SCSC project—Westerly, R.I.; Helen Brayman, director
22. those travelling to the SDB World Federation Sessions
23. SCSC project—Plainfield, N.J.; Joe Samuels, director
24. new Memorial Board Financial Manager, John T. Vergeer
25. children on vacation whose parents work outside the home
26. SDBs meeting with Rev. Charles Swing—Albuquerque, N.M.
27. Missionary Board meeting today, Westerly, R.I.
28. those preparing to host the SDB World Federation
29. OWM giving to reach our seven-month goal!
30. General Council members travelling to Rhode Island
31. students planning to begin seminary this fall

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Pre-con and conference directions

Directions to Youth Pre-Con: Colonial Village site of Camp Canonicus, Exeter, Rhode Island.

Coming from the west along I-95, take exit 3 onto RI Route 138 east. Follow 138 about eight miles to RI Route 2. Take 2 north (¾ of the way around the traffic circle) about five miles past the RI Veterans Cemetery on the left to a country type store called "The Exeter Mall." Turn right at the intersection at the "mall" and go about one mile to Camp Canonicus. Colonial Village is along this road to the right, just before you get to the first main entrance to Camp Canonicus.

Coming from Providence and Boston to the north, take I-95 south to RI Route 4, a major divided highway. Follow 4 to RI Route 2, exit and take 2 west (to the right). It will parallel RI Route 102 for a couple miles. Keep following 2 south after 102 splits off to the country store called "The Exeter Mall" on the left. Turn left and go one mile to Colonial Village of Camp Canonicus as directed above.

Directions to Young Adult Pre-Con:

Cathcart Retreat Center of Camp Wightman, North Stonington, Connecticut

The camp is located off Rt. 201 near the Griswold-North Stonington line. From I-95, take exit 92 to CT Route 2 north. Follow four miles to CT Route 201. Turn right onto 201 north, go about seven miles. Entrance to camp is on the right. A sign at the entrance, which is Coal Pit Hill Road, says Camp Wightman. Follow this road about one mile. Pass the maintenance buildings. Just before the

blacktopped volleyball court is a driveway and parking lot on the left for Cathcart.

Coming from Worcester and the north, take I-395 (formerly CT 52) to exit 85 and CT Route 138. Follow 138 east for three miles to CT Route 201. Turn right on 201, follow about five miles. The entrance to the camp is on the left. Follow directions as above to Cathcart.

Directions to General Conference

Worcester Polytechnic Institute,
Worcester, Massachusetts

From the West: Take exit 10 off the Massachusetts Turnpike at Auburn. Take Route I-290 into Worcester. Get off at exit 17 (Lincoln Square, Belmont Street, Route 9) and turn left off ramp. Continue through Lincoln Square to Highland Street following Route 9. At West Street, turn right to the WPI campus.

From the East: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to exit 11A. Then take I-495 north to I-290. Take I-290 west to Worcester, getting off at exit 18. At the exit, turn right at the traffic light, then go a very short block and take a right at the next light (Concord Street). Go straight through the intersection at the next light, bearing right (onto Salisbury Street). Follow Salisbury Street to the top of the small hill opposite the park, where you will turn left onto West Street and drive into the WPI campus.

Please Note:

Hymnals will not be available from the conference site. Therefore, we have chosen "Hymns for the Family of God" as the hymnal we will be using. If you have your own copy or can bring several copies from your church, please do. Be sure all copies can be readily identified.

No Sunday meals will be provided at the conference site. There are many restaurants convenient to the campus, so plan accordingly. SR



50th Anniversary

THE BEACON



Meet your Youth Committee

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February, 1959

S. Kenneth Davis is a new member of the Youth Committee. He is a man of many activities, as you shall soon see.

His childhood home was in Plainfield, N.J. After serving in the Marine Corps, he went to Salem College, and graduated with an A.B. in Elementary Education. He now teaches 6th Grade in the Alfred-Almond Central School. Besides that, he has a private teaching job at home where he is the father of four children. Ken is also learning as well as teaching, for he is a student at the Alfred University School of Theology.

He is a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and will be its assistant pastor this coming summer. He is also the advisor to the Western Association Youth Fellowship. SR



S. Kenneth Davis

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Next summer sees new exchange campers



Amy Greene, Leonardsville,
New York. Central New York
Association.



Cathy Hurley, Salem, West
Virginia. Southeastern
Association.



Cynthia Rogers, Alfred, New
York. Western Association.



John Randolph, Milton,
Wisconsin. North Central
Association.

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Campfires are memorable

by Mary Van Noty

We at Pre Con Retreat shall always remember the evenings spent in praise and worship around the campfire. Wednesday night was a getting-acquainted time. To help us in this, our director, Duane Davis, supplied each camper with a sheet of paper and the command to fill it with the names and addresses of each of five people we hadn't known before that day. What a commotion! We then had to read the names we had acquired and identify the owners.

Thursday night a film was shown, and on Friday night the Commission members were our guest speakers. Sabbath night brought us no campfire, but rather an old Pacific Pines tradition. We hiked up to "Lookout Point" by dark, and had our singing there looking down upon the lights of San Bernadino.

Speaking of tradition, each campfire was finished off in traditional California style: singing "Jacob's Ladder," and "Thou Hast Been Our Guide This Day," then a prayer, and closing with "Taps."

Sunday night a faggot service climaxed our experiences. Lives were dedicated, rededicated, and testimonies were many. Truly a memorable event! SR



FOCUS on missions today

by Leon R. Lawton

Missouri group reports growth

Naylor, Missouri, USA: Though this is a new name to most readers, there has been a Seventh Day Baptist group meeting here for over two years. Pastor Ronald J. Elston, an ordained Baptist pastor, came to the truth of the Sabbath during a seminar held by the Adventists but could not go along with the teaching of Ellen G. White. He writes, "I found I was a Baptist that kept the Sabbath. After a long search, I found a SDB church in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Mynor Soper visited our group and helped us get started. We stepped out on faith with only two families and, with God's help, we now have a building, with seating for 40, and two acres of land. We started meeting in February, 1984, and have now grown to 15 members, with additional visitors attending. In our first year, we paid out over \$1,200 in helping people in need with food, shelter, medicine, clothing and finances."

Pastor Elston attended the Area Pastors' Workshop in Milton, Wisconsin. Late in April, he cooperated with area church leaders to distribute over 15 tons of food to the needy, serving over 300 families. On May 1, the Naylor SDB church becomes the newest Extension Pastor church following adoption by the Missionary Board of the recommendation of the Evangelism/Home Field Committee. **SR**

Ministry continues in Africa

Malawi, Africa: At their March 9 meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Central Africa Conference set up the schedule for 17 association meetings, to be held between July 23 and August 30, 1986. Four Women's Association meetings were set between June 4 and July 12, and five youth camps between August 3-16.

"Effort" meetings were scheduled for seven churches, with Missionary David C. Pearson one of the preachers at two of these. Their annual General Conference session will be at Makapwa, September 9-13. Plans for the new SDB church and residence at Lilongwe, Malawi's Capitol, have been received at the Missionary Board office. Additional funds are needed to make this project a reality yet this year! **SR**

Nine complete TIME seminar

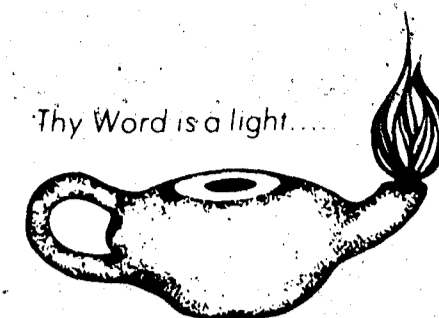
Salemville, Pennsylvania, USA: The first Training in Ministry and Extension (TIME) module seminar was held April 12-13, hosted by the SDB churches of Salemville. The nine who had completed their six weeks of home study and participated were: Charles and Faye Thomas, Hebron, Pennsylvania, and Little Genesee, New York; Stephen and Irene Saunders, Richburg, New York; Herlitz Condison, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Andrew Samuels, New York, New York; Gene Smith, Adams Center, New York; Richard Evans, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Bobby Wright, Blountville, Tennessee. **SR**

Conference set in Jamaica

Jamaica, West Indies: The annual Jamaica SDB Conference session will be held at the Post Roads Seventh Day Baptist Church, Clarendon, July 14-20, 1986. President Vincent R. Smith will lead under the theme: "Repairing and Restoring Ourselves to the Path of Righteousness." Isaiah 58:12 is the key verse, with the hymn "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations" the one emphasized this year. **SR**

Home Bible studies expand

Los Angeles, California, USA: Extension Pastor Oscar Godoy reports, "The Holy Spirit has led once again to four new home Bible studies in the first quarter—in San Pedro, Torrance, Gardena and Long Beach. These are in addition to the seven we already had at the beginning of the year." During the quarter, "We were blessed with three precious souls" coming to Christ and "we pray and believe that two will become covenant members of the Los Angeles church this month." **SR**



Board of Christian Education

National SDBYF officer candidates

The candidates for officers of the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship for 1986-87 are:

President: Michael E. Looper

Mike, who is a member of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, is a junior in college. He has served his church as Sabbath School superintendent, choir member, past president of the Youth Fellowship and Year-End Youth Conference Planning. He has been active in Pre-Con and General Conference. Mike spent one summer working in SCSC.

Vice-President: Chris Severance

Christopher Jay Severance, 17, is a member of the North Loup, Nebraska, Seventh Day Baptist Church and Youth Fellowship. He will be a senior at North Loup-Scotia High School where he is active in band, student council, honor society, speech, W Club, swing choir, stage choir, basketball, and all-school play cast. He is also a member of the Nebraska State High School Champion Speech Team. Chris' favorite pastimes are baseball and basketball.

Secretary: Jody Looper

Jody, who is a member of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, is a sophomore in high school. He has served his church as assistant teacher in Pre-School Sabbath School Class, choir member, and past vice-president and current secretary of the Youth Fellowship. He attended Pre-Con for the first time last year. Jody attends General Conference regularly.

Treasurer: Steven A. Looper

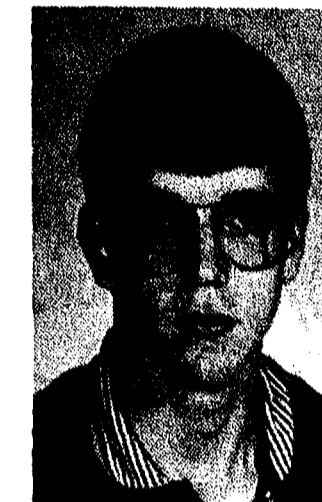
Steve, who is a member of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, is attending vocational technical school and has served his church as usher and audio-visual technician. He has been active in Pre-Con and General Conference.

The officers are responsible for planning and conducting the youth activities at General Conference, the Youth Banquet, and the annual business

meeting. It is expected that the national officers will report to the Youth Committee and through *The Beacon* to the Youth Fellowships. **SR**



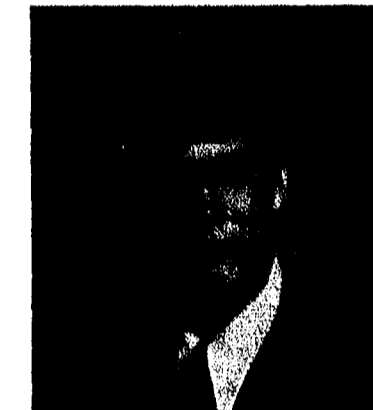
Michael Looper



Chris Severance



Jody Looper



Steven Looper

Sabbath School Teacher of the Year Award

Each church of the General Conference is asked to nominate *one* Sabbath School Teacher (nursery through adult) for the *Sabbath School Teacher of the Year* award. A letter of nomination signed by the pastor and/or Sabbath School Superintendent should include the nominee's name and address, current Sabbath School teaching position, experience teaching within the church, church membership, and other biographical information.

Deadline is July 1, 1986. Send your letters to:

Sabbath School Committee
SDB Board of Christian Education, Inc.
P.O. Box 115
Alfred Station, New York 14803



The work of Miss Linda Bingham in the local church

Her primary work is to become acquainted with the present work of the Youth Fellowship, its personnel, its leaders; to learn what the felt needs of the group are; to suggest materials in any or all of a variety of fields (worship, study, program, organization, social activities, project activities); to demonstrate and adapt materials for the group and to suggest methods for their use; and to explore the responsibilities of youth work in the local church as related to the Youth Work Committee of the SDB Board of

Christian Education.

In order to do this, she should be scheduled to meet with the group as much as possible during the time she is to be in the area.

This may be done in:

1. Meeting with the entire group.
2. Visits in homes of the members—possibly for meals.
3. Small committee meetings (special topics for exploration).
4. Meetings with pastors and adult leaders for informal talks.

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The Beacon
June, 1963



Linda Bingham

The Beacon
April, 1959

Three Seventh Day Baptist young women who are seniors at Milton College were recently named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Linda Bingham is a member of the SDB church at Milton Junction, Wis. Her outstanding activities in the church are directing the senior choir and a newly organized junior choir. Her interests at Milton College include the Choral Union, Sigma Phi Zeta sorority and the College Choir. Next year, Linda hopes to find a teaching position in either mathematics or English. SR

Los Angeles, California
March 31, 1963

The Beacon
June, 1963

Hi, Kids!

My winter in southern California is very nearly over. Tomorrow I'll be heading east once more, planning to work with those of you in the Mid-Continent, North Central and Northern Associations between now and August. August, of course, means time for Pre-Con and Conference—hope to see many of you at Fort Collins, Colorado!

In nearly every church that I've visited, there has been someone who expressed to me real, serious concern for the future of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. There is, I believe, some cause for concern. The older generation know this only too well. But how about you—you who are our future? When you sing our rally song, do you really mean what you're saying? How concerned are you for the Seventh Day Baptist cause?

Suppose your university schedule requires that you attend classes on Sabbath Day, or that your employer requests you to work on Sabbath Day, what would you do? If you couldn't talk your way out of it, would you drop the courses which met on Sabbath, or would you attend anyway, even though you might feel it was wrong? Would keeping the Sabbath be important enough to you to cause you to quit your job?

If, upon graduation from high school or college, you find a job in a community where there is no Seventh Day Baptist church, would you take the job? How far would you be willing to drive each Sabbath in order to attend an SDB church? Would you sacrifice vocational or professional advancement in order to live where you could attend an SDB church?

Would you marry a person who is not a Seventh Day Baptist?

Think seriously about these questions. Talk about them with your folks. Base a Youth Fellowship discussion on them. Then, if you have the time and the inclination, please drop me a line (Linda Bingham, Rural Route 1, Milton, Wisconsin) and tell me your feelings.

Will we be SDB in 1983?

Most Sincerely,
Linda

SR



Psalm 100

by Patty Lawton

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good: His mercy is everlasting: and His truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100 has been put to music. Many of us sang it at Youth Pre-Con this past summer. Because it is such a familiar psalm we often tend to overlook what the psalmist was trying to say. Therefore, I would like to share with you what I have learned from studying it. As I thought about this very meaningful psalm it gave me some new insights into Thanksgiving and Praise. In the psalm I see six ways the Lord has commanded us to cultivate a thankful heart.

1. "Make a joyful noise . . ."

JOY comes out of a thankful heart. A continuous thankful heart in today's apathetic world *has* to be cultivated.

2. "Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing..."

The Lord asks us to serve Him with *gladness!* Our obedience in gladness causes Him to rejoice! Entering God's presence (in prayer) with singing also pleases God. Singing psalms and spiritual songs is one of the greatest

a psalm of praise

tools used to enter into the proper prayerful attitude for God to hear our prayers.

3. "Know ye that the Lord He is God . . ."

Knowing that the Lord is God is accomplished by faith. In Hebrews 11:6 it emphasizes how important it is to know God through faith and that you must diligently seek Him.

4. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise . . ."

Here I notice that "entering His gates with thanksgiving" precedes "His courts with praise." Does this mean that praise is of a higher order than thanksgiving? Should thanksgiving to God (thanking Him for the things He has done for you) precede praising God (for Who He is) then?

5. "Be thankful unto Him . . ."

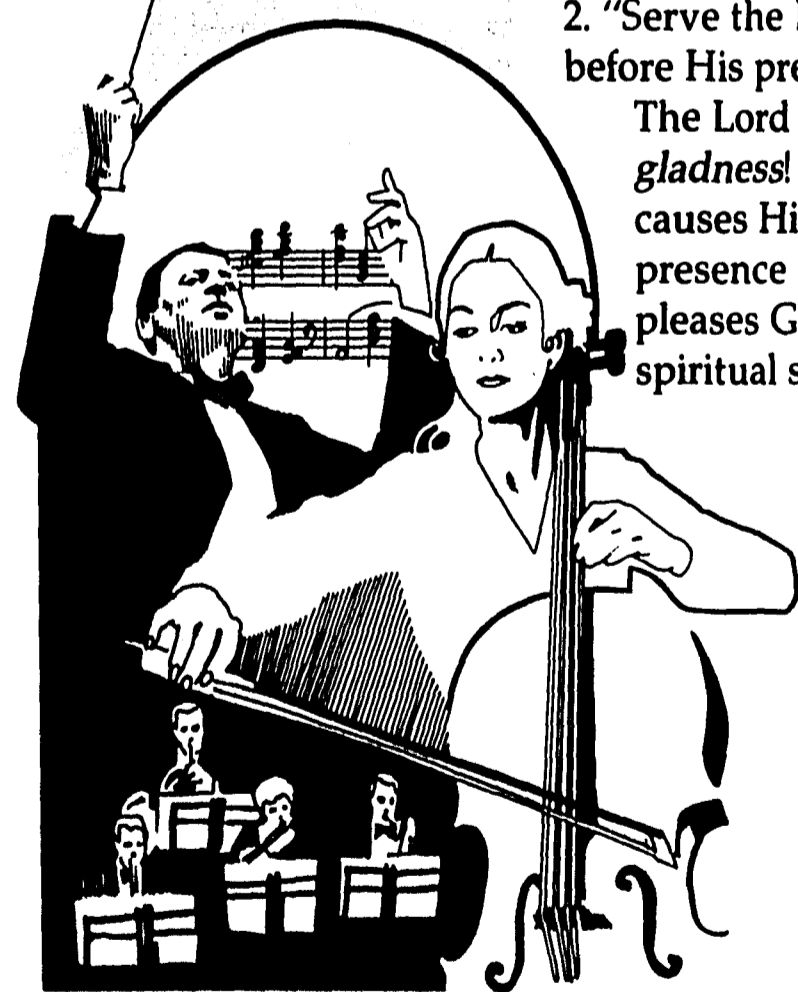
Again the psalmist emphasizes to be thankful unto God. Everything should be done with thanksgiving. (Philippians 4:6-7)

6. "Bless His holy name . . ."

Blessing His Name is another requirement. In the dictionary one of the definitions for blessing someone besides praising and glorifying him is to "confer happiness upon him." God wants us to make Him happy and that's how we bless Him! Through words of praise and deeds of diligence in serving Him, each one of us can bless the Lord. In the last verse of the psalm, then, the psalmist is declaring Who God is and in this way God is being blessed.

Considering all of these ways to cultivate a thankful heart, maybe you can now join me in singing Psalm 100 with the new enthusiasm and JOY that Jesus has taught me. So sing to your heart's content! God enjoys it more than you do! Bless His Name and be thankful, and JOY will abound within you! **SR**

The Beacon
January, 1974



Joy is serving others

Yup! Joy is serving others. Did ya ever visit a sick friend or help someone in need? If you have, then you know what I mean: JOY IS SERVING OTHERS.

The second letter in Joy is O. O stands for others. To make Joy complete, you can't leave out the O—others.

I want to share a little about the joy I have found in serving others as I serve Jesus.

I guess the biggest and best kind of joy is when you see someone's spiritual "eyes" (Ephesians 1:18) open and they see Jesus. Have you experienced this joy? It's beautiful!

Being in a ministry like Lightbearers, I was able to serve many different people by telling them about Jesus. But usually I didn't have the privilege of seeing them grow in the Lord. But still it was beautiful just to see them come to Jesus!



No joy?

by Doug Warner
Verona, New York

"I have no joy."

"What do you have?" I said.

This person walked away after I asked this question.

Only Jesus Christ is the giver of a lasting joy that you can have today. Joy was not given to be kept inside as a hidden emotion, but one to be shared. I have found joy in the Lord, and, as a result of expressing this joy, my worship and praise to Jesus have become more valuable to me. Since this last summer when I realized that the joy of the Lord is my strength and that my joy is in the strength of the Lord, my relationship with Jesus and others, spiritual growth and joy have been much more important to me. Greater yet, I know there is more to come! Besides giving me real joy, He has given me more confidence in myself and in the work of the Holy Spirit, new goals and a happier life!

Praise the Lord—JOYFULLY!

I remember one person I did see grow. And because of her testimony, her husband has now found Jesus, too. We talked to her one night and she could not quite understand. The next time we talked, her "eyes" were opened and she accepted Jesus as her Lord. You could actually see the difference in her life (II Corinthians 5:17). Jesus is wonderful! And so was the joy we felt along with her. PTL!!

At the end of our services, we would always give everyone a chance to accept Jesus as Lord. One night, we invited anyone to come forward who had a need and wanted prayer. I went up to one girl and asked her what her need was so I could pray with her. She said she wanted Jesus. PTL!! I rejoiced and prayed with her. She accepted Jesus in her heart and she rejoiced, too. But even more than we rejoiced, the angels in heaven rejoiced! Praise Jesus!!

The only way to really explain this type of joy is to experience it for yourself. If you haven't experienced this, you're really missing something!

Don't leave out the O in Joy. Make your Joy complete by serving others. Tell them about Jesus and be there when they need someone!

by Patti Jo Pederson
New Auburn, Wisconsin

The Beacon
April, 1975

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The Beacon
April, 1975

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Prayer power

by Mark Warner

The Beacon
December, 1969

This past year in my dorm room I found a new, different, exciting way to talk to God. My roommate and I felt an urgent need to communicate not only with each other, but with someone who could help us with our problem. At the moment I can't recall what the situation

I felt a new friendship with Jim—a friendship bound together in Christian love.



was, but it seemed urgent. So Jim and I locked the door . . . and settled down into an attitude of prayer. I think I started . . . (we were praying conversationally), then Jim said a few words to God . . . then he spoke to me. At first I was startled, but I listened. He confessed resentments towards me that he had held for some time . . . then he again addressed God. When Jim had finished, I found myself telling him things that I would have never brought up in regular conversation . . . resentments that I held towards him. It was like a three-way conversation among God, Jim and me. It was the most intense prayer session I have ever encountered.

When we finally finished . . . I felt

physically worn out . . . but I had the greatest feeling inside me. I felt a new friendship with Jim that I never have experienced with any other person—a friendship bound together in Christian love.

I don't think this type of prayer could be used in a group of over three or four . . . and shouldn't be attempted with people who don't really know each other.

SR

The Beacon
August, 1964

by Ruthie Harris

Have you every thought about why you are a Seventh Day Baptist? I mean gave it some hard concentrated consideration? When you are children, your parents start bringing you up in their religion—bringing you to church with them, to social activities, and Sabbath School. Then is when a basic religious belief is instilled in you.

But the older you grow, or at least this is how I feel, the more inquisitive you become about other people and their beliefs. And when the decision is finally up to you, you've got to select the religion that you honestly believe is right.

Sometimes it seems a lot easier if you could just quietly switch over to another Protestant religion and go to church on the popular day, Sunday. It appears almost as if attending church on a different day is your "cross to bear." But when this ever comes up with me, I always remember that the majority isn't always right, and that, in black and white, the Bible says the SEVENTH day is hallowed.

Of course, the decision in the end is yours. Parents, friends, relatives, and your pastor can only go so far and then it's up to you. The path of Jesus isn't always easy—it can get pretty rocky sometimes—and it's your feet that walk down it.

SR

The Beacon
Summer, 1960

Once the world was slated to be destroyed by wrathful gods. Now it's a do-it-yourself project.

If God is all-powerful, and can do anything, can he form a rock so heavy that he cannot lift it?

Doubt is the fertile condition of all progress.

SR

Patterning

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conference is so precarious and limited that it is not possible for them to get the tracts printed and distributed freely. It is my understanding that the many dialects in India would make it impossible to have the tracts printed in any other country. He went on to report that tracts have a foremost and indispensable place in their gospel work, and that they cannot dispense with them. He speaks of the same hurdle existing in the case of Bibles, which is most discouraging for their gospel workers. I must apologize to Rev. Rao and Mrs. Suseela for the briefness of my excerpts, and for some editing I had to do in the interest of space. This report was sent to me by one of our American ladies who has long been interested in the work in India and with the request that perhaps their needs could share in the Love Gift distribution this year at conference. Since then, it has been suggested to me that often the children at our summer camps take a missionary offering, and that they, too, might like to share in the work in India, especially as it affects the orphaned children there.

Here at home, church after church has noted that they are refurbishing the parsonages, cleaning their churches, readying the camps and so it goes. We simply do not lose the idea of spring cleaning, no matter how many "experts" tell us we should do one room at a time all year through, do we? There is something inspiring about a bright, clean abode—be it home, church or camp—that makes one feel close to God. And, no, "cleanliness is next to Godliness" is not in the Bible.

Jean Lewis has again asked me to mention the Robe of Achievement nominations. I hope you were able to send one in this year. It need not be one of your own, you know, but can be some lady you know who has done an outstanding job for the denomination and her own church and community. There are lots of them out there just waiting for you to honor them.

I am not going to put in any mighty mites this month. You can use some of the past suggestions over, and many of you are now making up your own calendars, which I think is great.

Please pray especially for S.C.S.C. in the coming months, and make your plans to support this most important project of the Women's Society.

Till next month, when we will celebrate freedom and liberty, I pray you will find a pattern, with God's help, for your life. May it be one that brings you joy, contentment and happiness in him.

Much love,

SR

Marilyn

Ultimate provider

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you decide which it is since it is only the beginning.

One of my very dear friends, Dick Sheperd, when he was president of General Conference, said, "You can't outgive God." Remember, whoever sows sparingly, reaps sparingly; but whoever sows generously, reaps generously, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The work of Seventh Day Baptists through our "Partnership in Ministry" is part of the work of building God's kingdom. In the 20th century, it takes money to make ministry happen. I pray that you have already begun with your tenth, and that God has been so good to you that you are becoming more and more generous.

The apostle Paul says that if we give more, we receive more—not just material returns but the "harvest of our righteousness" increases as well. I pray that God is rewarding your generosity with a great harvest of righteousness. SR

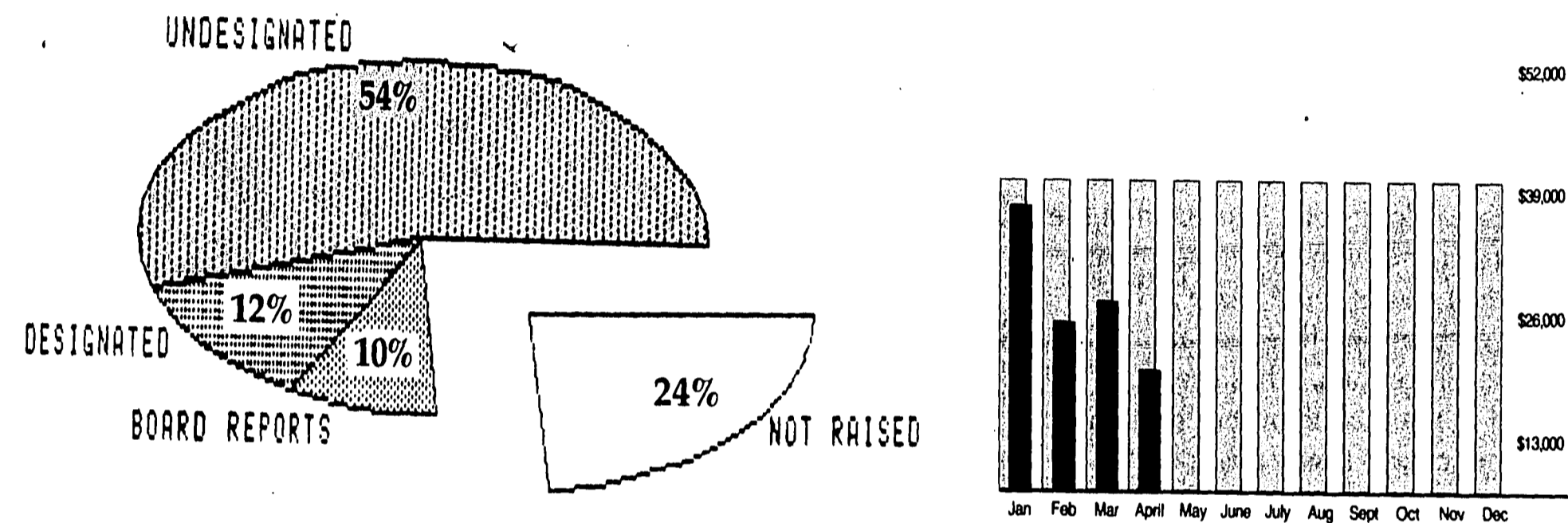
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Our World Mission budget update

Our World Mission is a Partnership in Ministry

You can be an active part of this partnership through your ongoing relationship to your local church. At the same time, you can help to carry the responsibility of the partnership by supporting our combined denominational budget—Our World Mission. Your dollars are needed to do the work that is the denominational agencies' responsibility in the partnership. Your prayers, ideas and reactions are also needed to support the work that Seventh Day Baptists are doing together.

"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."



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

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Obituaries

Wilkinson.—Walter J. Wilkinson of Battle Creek, Michigan, died February 21, 1986, in the Battle Creek Veterans Administration Medical Center at the age of 92. He was born September 10, 1893, in Saginaw County, Michigan, the son of William and Phoebe (Madill) Wilkinson.

He was a World War I veteran and came to Battle Creek in 1923. He retired as a steam engineer at the Federal Center and was a former farmer. As an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist church, he held various offices, including trustee and camp custodian.

His wife, the former Edna Van Horn, preceded him in death in 1980. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by interim pastor Delmer B. Case in Battle Creek on February 24, 1986. D.B.C.

Millar.—William D. Millar of Battle Creek, Michigan, died March 2, 1986, in a Battle Creek nursing home at the age of 96. He was born May 7, 1889, in Elgin, Scotland, the son of Alexander and Jessie (Johnston) Millar.

As a young man, William worked at a variety of jobs in Scotland and Canada, including clerking in clothing stores and hiring out for work in fruit orchards. He and his wife, Eva, homesteaded a farm in Canada before coming to Battle Creek in 1922. He was employed as a shipping clerk for 37 years by the Battle Creek Food Company and retired in 1960. At the time of his death, he was a deacon emeritus of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. He had also served as church treasurer and trustee.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Eva Burkinshaw, who died in 1980. A son, Arthur B. Millar, survives.

Funeral services were conducted by interim pastor Delmer B. Case at the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 7, 1986. D.B.C.

Davis.—Elsie F. Davis was born April 17, 1910, in Doddridge County, West Virginia, to Lewis and Arameda Bell Ford Davis, and died March 26, 1986, in The Arbors, Fairmont, West Virginia, following a brief illness.

Elsie is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Loxie Webb of Clarksburg, West Virginia, and Mrs. Roxie Robinson of Salem, West Virginia; two step-brothers, Ray and Olie Johnson, also of Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

Elsie was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was a non-resident

most of her life, but wherever she was, she was involved in community service, especially working with children during church Bible schools.

A memorial service was held Sabbath afternoon, March 29, 1986, in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, officiating. S.K.D.

Wells.—Alfred R. "Al" Wells was born October 22, 1908 in Nortonville, Kansas, and died March 31, 1986, in Lawrence, Kansas.

Services were held April 4, 1986, at the Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence, and memorial services were held April 5, 1986, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Nortonville. Officiants were Rev. Clifford Bond and Mount Zion Lodge #266.

Interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

Burdick.—Hannah Shaw Burdick of Alfred, New York, died April 4, 1986, at the age of 91. Mrs. Burdick was a deaconess of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and served for many years as superintendent of the Intermediate Sabbath School. She led pilgrimages to Newport, Rhode Island, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and other places of denominational interest.

While her husband was on the faculty at Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, she did public relations work for the college. Later, at Alfred University, she was a part-time instructor in English and acted as interior decorator for two buildings. She always made her home open to her husband's students.

She was the wife of Dr. Harold O. Burdick, Alfred University professor and dean who preceded her in death, as did her son, Dr. Kenneth Burdick. She is survived by two daughters, Carol Burdick of Alfred, and Judy Downey of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Burdick's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw, and her sister, Miss Miriam Shaw, spent their declining years in the Burdick home after the latter's failing health brought her home from mission work in Shanghai, China.

Dr. and Mrs. Burdick donated land for the development of Camp Harley Sutton by the Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches. A.N.R.

... we last no longer than a dream. We are like weeds that sprout in the morning, that grow and burst into bloom, then dry up and die in the evening.

Psalm 90:5
TEV

Obituaries

Teach us how short our life is, so that we may become wise.

*Psalm 90:12
TEV*

Jones.—Mrs. Fredora Jones, 96, of Alfred, New York, died March 21, 1986, in St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, New York.

Born February 16, 1890, in Alfred, she was the daughter of Clark and Ida Allen Burdick. On December 24, 1913, she married William R. Jones of Elm Valley, New York, who died in 1965.

Mrs. Jones was a 1912 graduate of Alfred State College and had resided in Elm Valley for 52 years until moving to Alfred. She was a member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1909 and a member of the Women's Society.

Surviving are three nieces, Mrs. Evelyn Morgan of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, Miss Lillian Snyder of Roslyn Heights, New York, and Mrs. Cherie Bjstrom of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Friends called at the Mulholland-Swan Funeral Home, Inc., Andover, New York,

where a funeral and committal service was held March 23, 1986. Rev. David Clarke of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in the Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Memorials may be made to the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Brissey.—Alma Babcock Davis Brissey, age 88, of Laurel, Maryland, died February 8, 1986, at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital. The third of eight children, she was born on July 13, 1897, to Chesley and Edith Davis in Doddridge County, West Virginia. She was married to Grover Stevenson Brissey in Salem, West Virginia, in 1918. Her husband died in 1982.

Mrs. Brissey was a long-time member of both the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Washington, D.C., Seventh Day Baptist Church. She served in many capacities, including that of deaconess. Her professional career included many years of teaching in public schools in West Virginia and Maryland. She also served two terms in the mission field in Kingston, Jamaica, teaching at Crandall High School along with her husband.

Survivors include two sons, William O. Brissey of Torrance, California, and Charles T. Brissey of Locust Grove, Virginia; two daughters, Georgianna B. Childers of Laurel and Dorothy Tamburrino of Fallston, Maryland; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were arranged by the Fleck Funeral Home of Laurel. The eulogy was given by Oliver Dickinson, and interment was in the Meadowridge Memorial Cemetery.

Accessions

Plainfield, New Jersey
Joe A. Samuels, Pastor

Joined after Baptism:
David Maltby
Myron Samuels

Joined after Testimony:
Leopold Comrie
Sylvia Mamman
Andrew Samuels
Rudolph Samuels

Salem, West Virginia
S. Kenneth Davis, Pastor

Joined by Letter:
Frankie Lowther Davis
Stella Van Horn Gauch

San Diego, California
George Calhoun, Pastor

Rachael Casselman

Verona, New York
Russell Johnson, Pastor

Joined by Letter:
Pastor C. Rex Burdick
Joyce S. Burdick

Births

Smith.—A son, Kevin William Smith, was born to Scott and Jeanie (Fetrow) Smith of Milton, Wisconsin, on April 28, 1986.

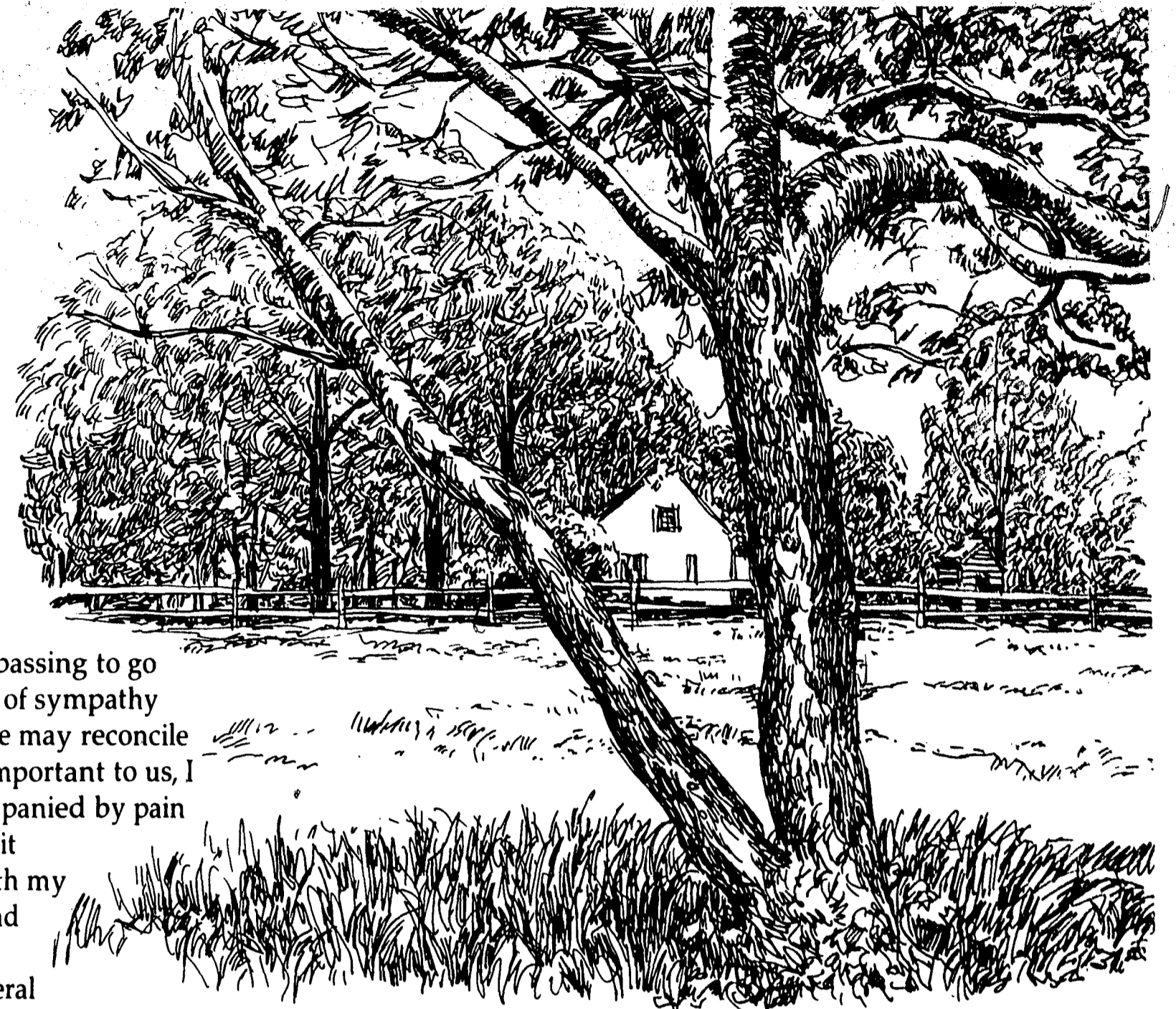


Kevin Smith

Pastor-Evangelist

The San Diego, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church is soliciting applications for a full-time pastor-evangelist. The position will be available June 1, 1986. Interested persons should direct inquiries, with a curriculum vitae and statement of faith (personal resume), to:

Ann Crandall, Church Clerk
1575 W. Valley Pkwy., Sp. 74
Escondido, CA 92025



The following letter was written by Dorothy Tamburrino's son, Bill, in tribute to his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Grover S. Brissey.

February 28, 1986

Dear Mama,

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Obituaries

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*Psalm 90:12
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Jones.—Mrs. Fredora Jones, 96, of Alfred, New York, died March 21, 1986, in St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, New York.

Born February 16, 1890, in Alfred, she was the daughter of Clark and Ida Allen Burdick. On December 24, 1913, she married William R. Jones of Elm Valley, New York, who died in 1965.

Mrs. Jones was a 1912 graduate of Alfred State College and had resided in Elm Valley for 52 years until moving to Alfred. She was a member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1909 and a member of the Women's Society.

Surviving are three nieces, Mrs. Evelyn Morgan of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, Miss Lillian Snyder of Roslyn Heights, New York, and Mrs. Cherie Bjuström of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Friends called at the Mulholland-Swan Funeral Home, Inc., Andover, New York,

where a funeral and committal service was held March 23, 1986. Rev. David Clarke of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in the Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

Memorials may be made to the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Brissey.—Alma Babcock Davis Brissey, age 88, of Laurel, Maryland, died February 8, 1986, at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital. The third of eight children, she was born on July 13, 1897, to Chesley and Edith Davis in Doddridge County, West Virginia. She was married to Grover Stevenson Brissey in Salem, West Virginia, in 1918. Her husband died in 1982.

Mrs. Brissey was a long-time member of both the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Washington, D.C., Seventh Day Baptist Church. She served in many capacities, including that of deaconess. Her professional career included many years of teaching in public schools in West Virginia and Maryland. She also served two terms in the mission field in Kingston, Jamaica, teaching at Crandall High School along with her husband.

Survivors include two sons, William O. Brissey of Torrance, California, and Charles T. Brissey of Locust Grove, Virginia; two daughters, Georgianna B. Childers of Laurel and Dorothy Tamburrino of Fallston, Maryland; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were arranged by the Fleck Funeral Home of Laurel. The eulogy was given by Oliver Dickinson, and interment was in the Meadowridge Memorial Cemetery.

Accessions

Plainfield, New Jersey
Joe A. Samuels, Pastor

Joined after Baptism:
David Maltby
Myron Samuels

Joined after Testimony:
Leopold Comrie
Sylvia Mamman
Andrew Samuels
Rudolph Samuels

Salem, West Virginia
S. Kenneth Davis, Pastor

Joined by Letter:
Frankie Lowther Davis
Stella Van Horn Gauch

San Diego, California
George Calhoun, Pastor

Rachael Casselman

Verona, New York
Russell Johnson, Pastor

Joined by Letter:
Pastor C. Rex Burdick
Joyce S. Burdick

Births

Smith.—A son, Kevin William Smith, was born to Scott and Jeanie (Fetrow) Smith of Milton, Wisconsin, on April 28, 1986.

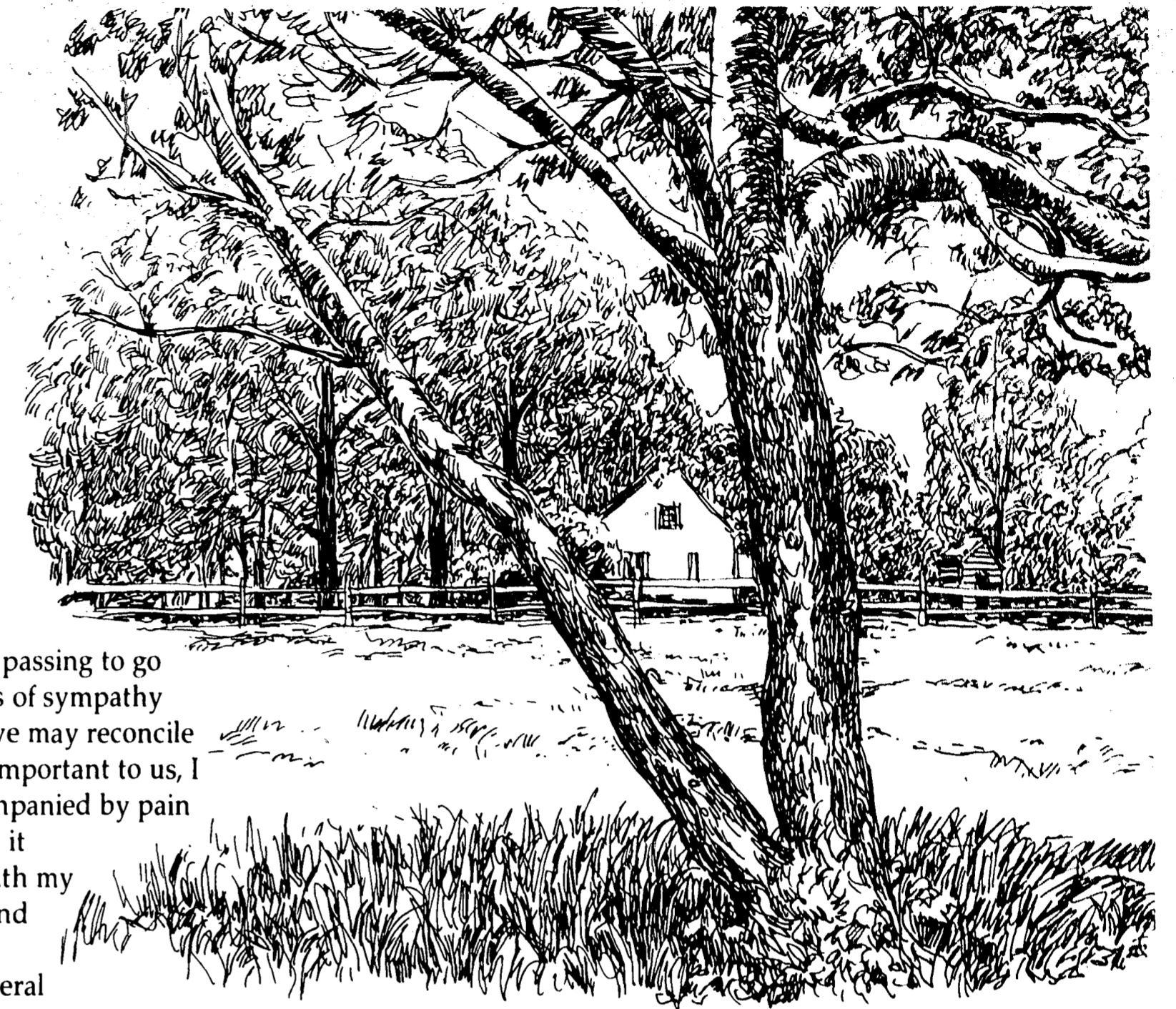


Kevin Smith

Pastor-Evangelist

The San Diego, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church is soliciting applications for a full-time pastor-evangelist. The position will be available June 1, 1986. Interested persons should direct inquiries, with a curriculum vitae and statement of faith (personal resume), to:

Ann Crandall, Church Clerk
1575 W. Valley Pkwy., Sp. 74
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God's power

by Bonnie Williams

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 Comes from our Father above.
 If only you'll commit your life to Him
 And give Him all your love.

Surrender yourself to Him and you'll see
 The answer to prayer come true.
 Perhaps not as you hoped it would,
 But what is best for you.

He is the Great Physician.
 He heals the sick and the blind.
 He brings strength to the weak
 And hope to the troubled mind.

When everything else seems impossible,
 And you don't know what else to do,
 You'll find Him always waiting
 To walk the way with you.

The power of His love is amazing.
 He gives such joy and peace!
 And no matter how you fail Him,
 His love will never cease.

When you look at the beauties the Lord has created,
 Like the earth, the sky and the sea,
 The miracles of birth, the beauty of bud,
 And you think, "He did all this for me?"

Then silently say, "Thank You,"
 To God for such power from above,
 And "Thank You" too, because
 This power began with such a perfect
 LOVE.

