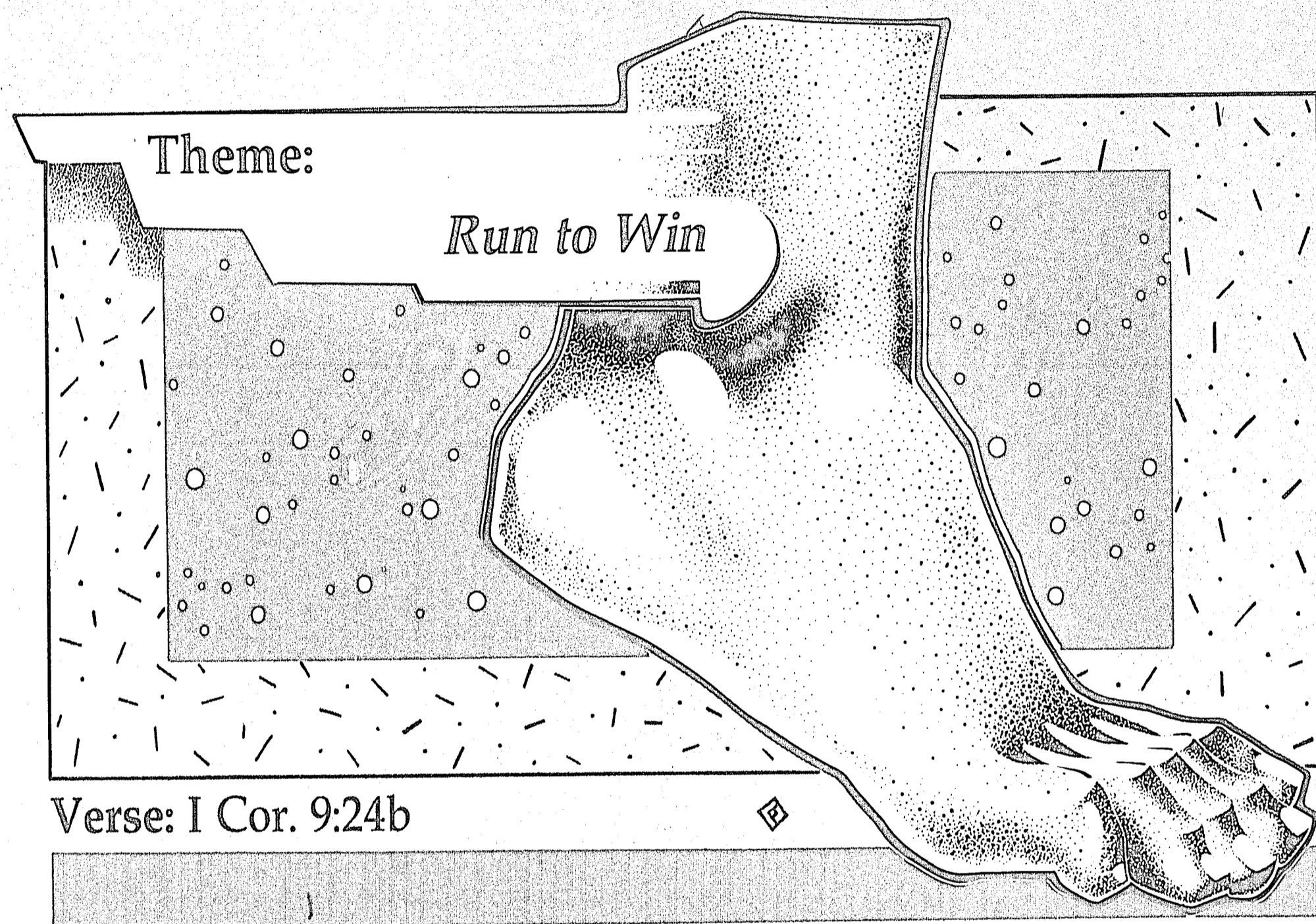


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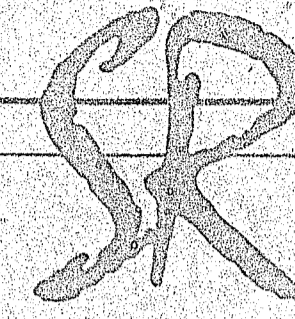
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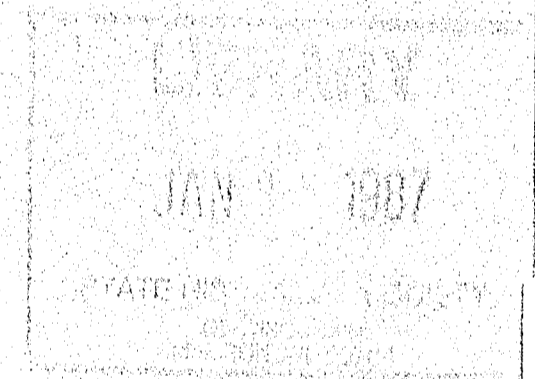
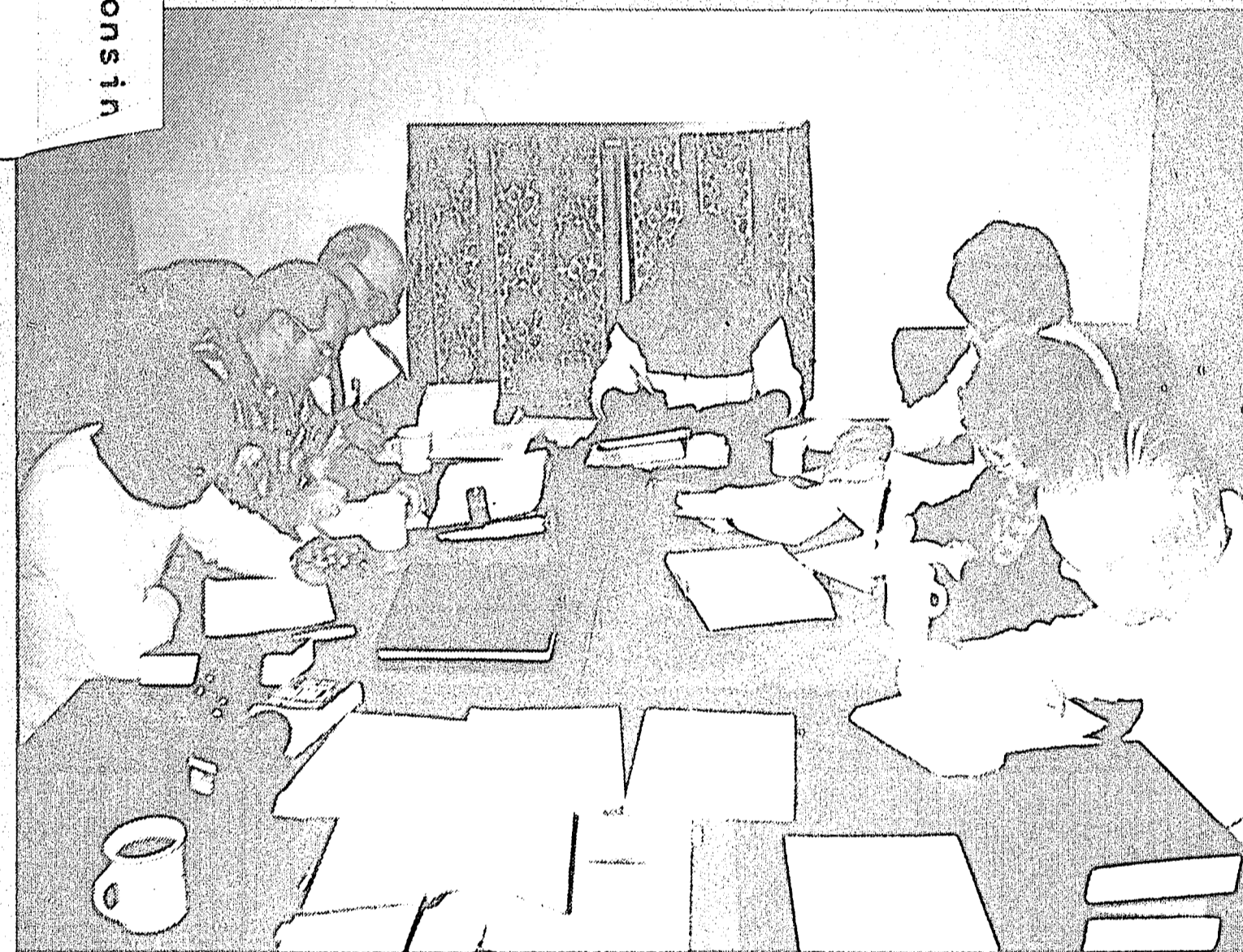
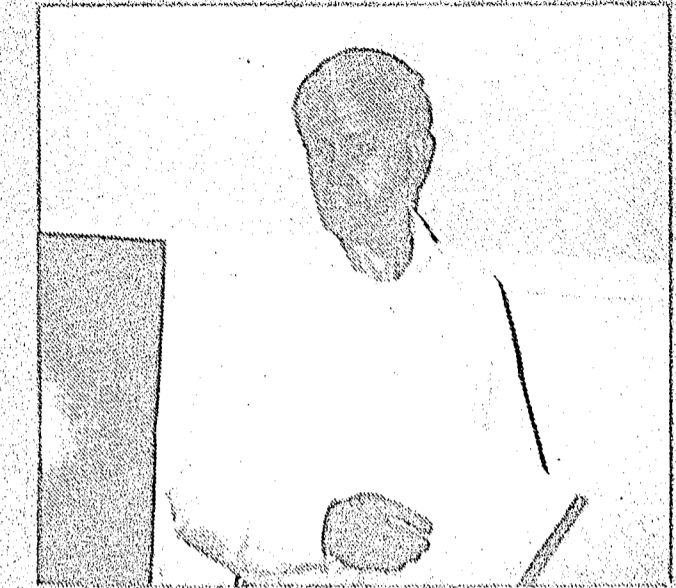
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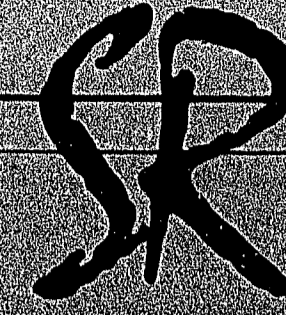
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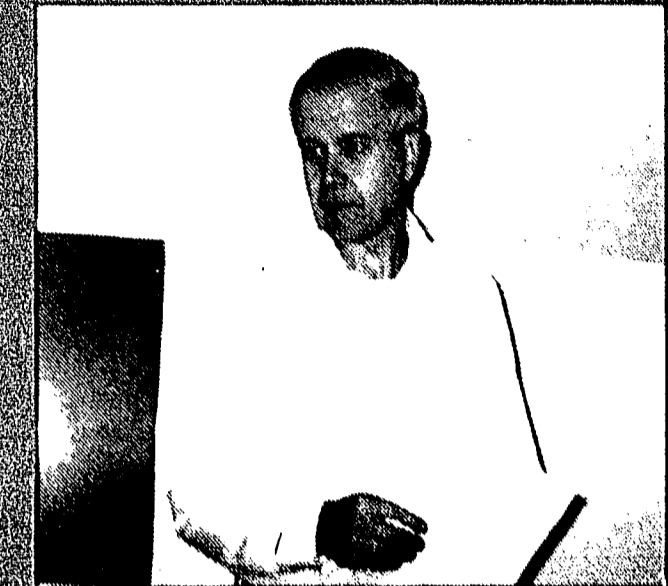
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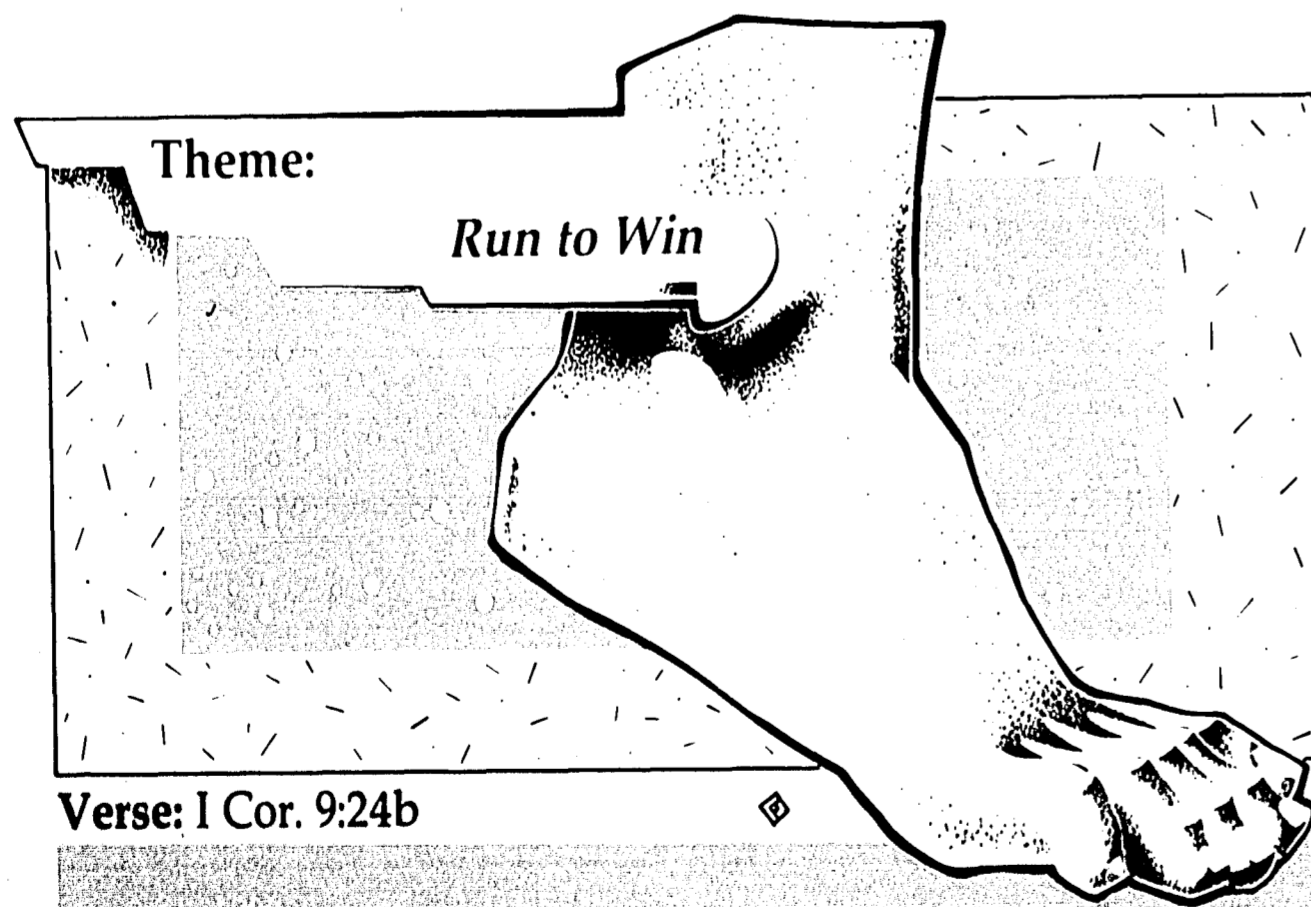
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Training In Ministry and Extension

by Rodney Henry

T.I.M.E. is expanding around the country to reach Seventh Day Baptist church leaders with quality theological training. We have started a new group of trainees with seminars to be held in our Boulder/Denver (Colorado) churches. The first training module with home study and seminar as been completed by these 10 new trainees. At the same time, seven trainees have finished three training modules with two seminars held in our

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eastern training center in Salemville, Pennsylvania.

This exciting new project is designed to take theological training to those who have been called of God for ministry but are not able to go for formal theological education at a theological seminary. We are training only those who are *already* actively involved in ministry. The T.I.M.E. trainees are evenly divided between full-time pastors, bi-vocational pastors, and church planters.

Full-time pastors

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Ronald Elston serves our newest church as an extension pastor in Neelyville, Missouri. Eugene Smith is pastoring the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church in New York. Bill Bowyer, a retired school guidance counselor, now serves our church in Schenectady, New York. Charles and Faye Thomas are serving the Hebron, Pennsylvania, and Little Genesee, New York, Seventh Day Baptist churches. Bobby Wright ministers in the Blountville Seventh Day Baptist Church in Tennessee. Oscar Godoy is working with Filipinos as an evangelist of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Each of these persons serves the church full-time while getting their theological training through Training In Ministry and Extension.

Bi-vocational pastors

Many of our churches are not yet large enough to support a pastor to minister with them on a full-time basis. Some churches solve this problem by calling pastors to serve the local church on a part-time basis while working outside of the church to provide the additional support needed. These pastors must be specially gifted and called to minister bi-vocationally to the local church. T.I.M.E. is training several of these bi-vocational pastors.

Keith Mogle, a telecommunications specialist for Weyerhaeuser, is also the new pastor of the Centralia Seventh Day Baptist Church, Washington. Mary Esther Jones is pastoring our Seventh Day Baptist Church in Fouke, Arkansas, while nursing part-time. Robert Coffman of St.

Petersburg, Florida, and William Sharon of Wichita Falls, Texas, are both bi-vocational pastors. Herlitz Condison, an electrical engineer, is church leader in Toronto, Canada.

Church planting, bi-vocationally

Starting new churches is one of the best ways for Seventh Day Baptists to grow. However, church planting requires church planters. Because of Training In Ministry and Extension, Seventh Day Baptists are now able to respond to those asking for help in starting new Seventh Day Baptist churches in their community. We can—and are—taking theological training to those whom God has called to church planting. All of the church planters in the T.I.M.E. program are bi-vocational.

Leslie Patrow is working with Terry Patrow and Paul Robles in a church planting situation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, (a branch of the Denver church). Dale Smalley is working with the

New Auburn, Wisconsin, church in starting a new church in Imalone, Wisconsin. Andy Samuels is working with an outreach in Brooklyn, New York. Richard Evans is starting a new church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Jim and Cindy Gardiner are starting a new branch church in Rapid City, South Dakota, (a branch of the Denver church).

Dr. Jim Gardiner, a psychologist and church planter in Rapid City, is excited about his involvement in Training In Ministry and Extension:

"It is making a major impact on my life and ministry. I felt the materials were pertinent, brief, and very interesting. The seminar was interesting and uplifting with a good balance between the structure (getting through the material) and flexibility (discussing problems). This program is also providing me with a support system of other pastors and leaders that I feel strong emotional ties with and can encourage along the way." SR

New Burma church dedicated

by L.S. Thanga

The new Tuingo SDB church building was dedicated on Thursday evening, October 23, 1986, at 6 p.m., followed by worship services. Village council members and church leaders of other denominations were invited.

Actually, the building was not fully completed. Timber walls for both sides were not yet fixed as funds kept by the treasurer in Tahan, in K100. bank notes, were demonitized. This paralyzed the process and delayed the project, but the work is continuing.

Two families joined the local congregation in Tuingo. Some more families are likely to join soon. Nine persons, including six teen-age girls, were baptized on Sabbath afternoon, October 25.

Elder Khawrothuama, a member of the Burma SDB Conference Executive Committee who lives near the church,

donated his fat bull-calf for the joyful inauguration and communal feeding on Sunday, October 26—a great feast for the delight of all the SDBs. I contributed K500. for this special occasion.

We rented a loudspeaker for three days and three nights, so the whole village of about 700 households heard our messages. We were blessed by the Holy Spirit, and the meeting was a grand success.

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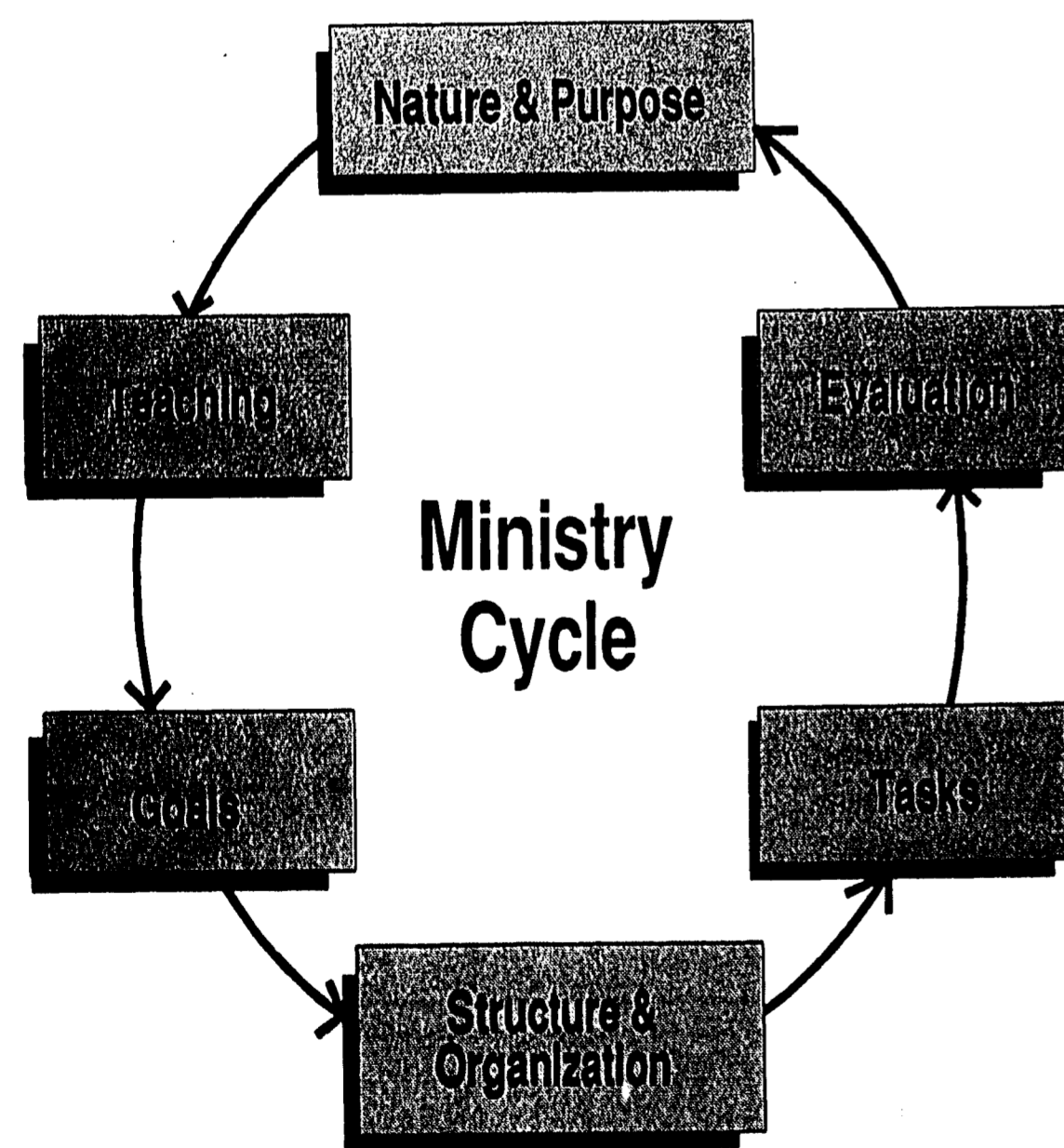
Worshippers gather outside the Tuingo SDB Church following the worship service.

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While I was aware of these plans and goals I was not involved with the task of accomplishing them in a meaningful way until I entered the pastorate in 1983, serving the Upper East Tennessee Seventh Day Baptist Church in Blountville, Tennessee. After a couple of years in the pastorate, I realized that while faith, determination, and enthusiasm are good and necessary qualities to possess when approaching such a goal as this, there was something else needed. There seemed to me to be a great gap between possessing these qualities and actually accomplishing the goal. I felt a deep need for some sort of structure to bridge this gap. Enter, T.I.M.E.

I entered the Training In Ministry and Extension (T.I.M.E.) program in March, 1986. T.I.M.E. is a three-year course of study presently being administered throughout our denomination through the combined efforts of the Missionary Society and the Center on Ministry. It is for those persons presently engaged in ministry and extension work of the church. It is designed to assist those who have not completed or had the benefit of formal training.

I needed a way to translate ideas into goals, and goals into tasks that when completed would reflect the nature and purpose of the church. It was during the first course of study, *Introduction to Church Leadership*, that I found my key for bridging this gap. A more extensive treatment of this may be found in *The Emerging Seventh Day Baptist Church*, written by Rod Henry for the T.I.M.E. project (available through the Seventh Day Baptist Center in Janesville, Wisconsin). I would like to share with you our experience in the Upper East Tennessee Church of working one idea through the Ministry Cycle found in this book.

Nature and Purpose - Based on our understanding of Scripture we believe that the local church is a community of Christ's followers, organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions.

As we began to study the nature and purpose of the church as presented in our

Statement of Belief, we discovered that most of our energy was going into worship and fellowship but very little into service, practice, or proclamation. In other words, we did not have a balance in our purpose.

Teaching and Goals - Teaching is the means by which the goals will emerge by clarifying to all the nature and purpose of the church. Goals are the translation of the church's nature and purpose into action.

As we began to address these neglected areas, we realized that while we were listed in the phone book and the local papers, we were not visible to our community in a personal way. In short, we did not know the needs and desires of our community; and our community did not know the nature and purpose of our church.

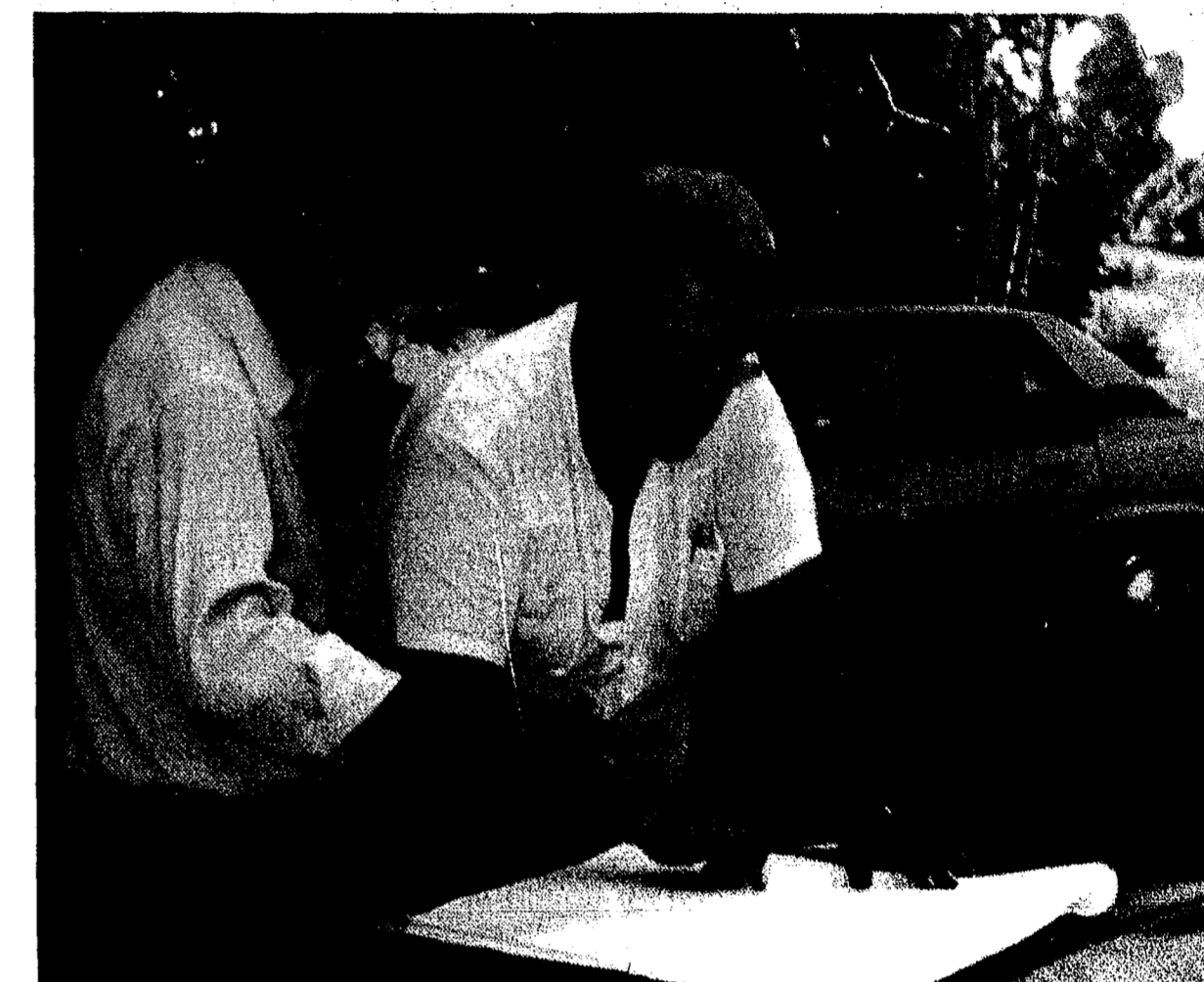
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Structure/Organization and Tasks - Structure is the bridge between what we want to do (goals) and the actual doing (tasks).

This led us to the next step of conducting a community survey. We procured maps of our area to plan where to go and keep track of where we had been. We went into our community, beginning with the immediate area surrounding the church. This also necessitated producing a brochure of our local church (something we had intended to do for years) to be given out along with the denominational tract, "A Baptist Church That's a Little Different." A survey form was prepared to record responses of those we visited as to their perceived needs of the community and what they looked for in a church.

Evaluation - The process of comparing what we are in fact and practice with what we claim to be in nature and purpose.

After compiling the responses to our questionnaire, we were then able to see the needs in our community and what the church should be doing - as perceived by the community. When we compared this



Pastor Bobby Wright (L) and Harold Balcom (R) study a map of the area surrounding the Upper East Tennessee Seventh Day Baptist Church in Blountville, Tennessee. The congregation took a survey into the community to discover how they could meet area needs.

to what we see as the nature and purpose of the church, we were able to proceed in the programs of the church in a much more effective manner. This is all in addition to accomplishing a greater degree of visibility in our community.

We are excited about the possibilities God has given us here in Blountville to reach our community with the Good News about Jesus Christ. Along with other ideas we are presently working through the Ministry Cycle, we are looking forward to continuing our survey in the spring.

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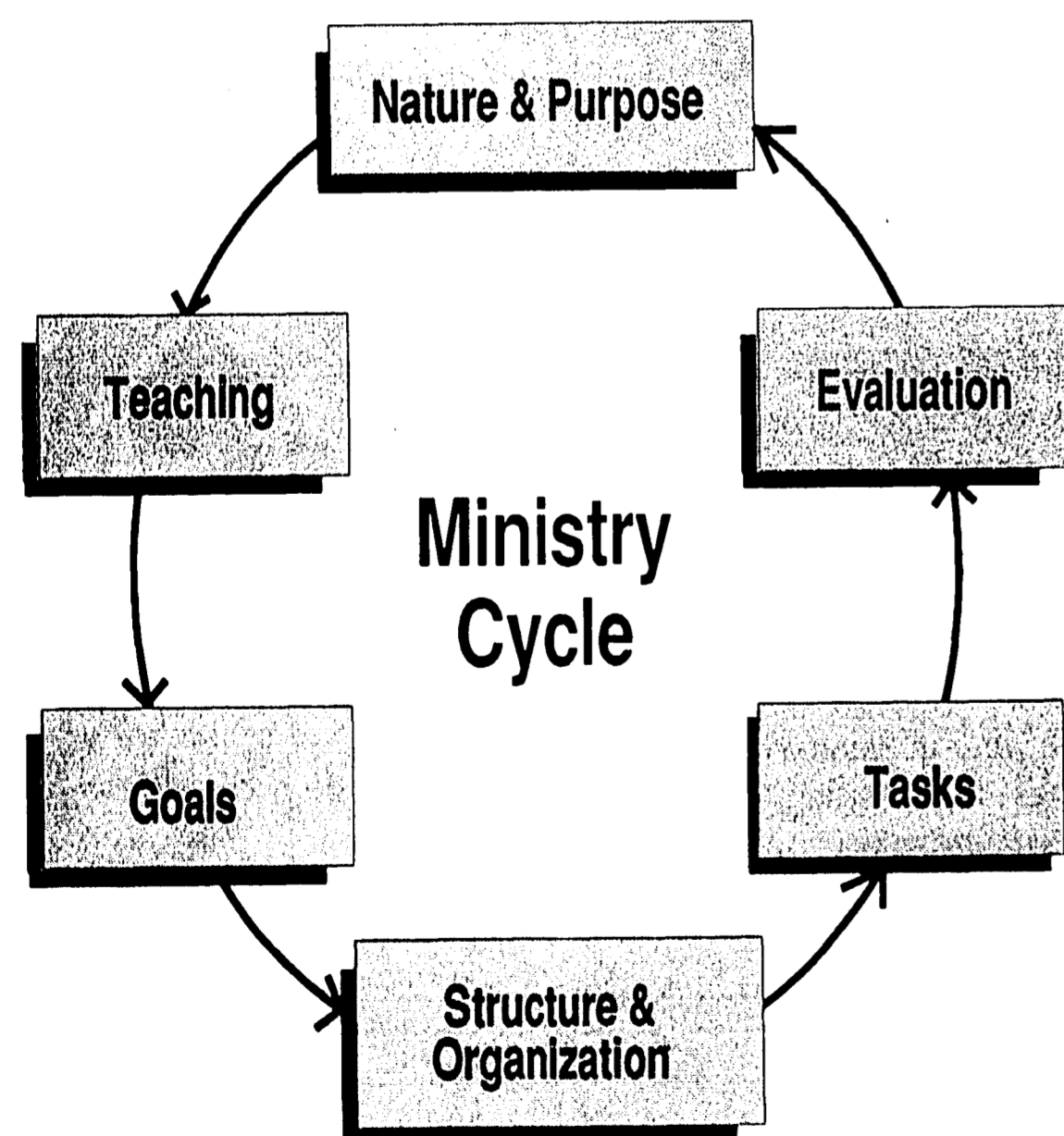
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While I was aware of these plans and goals I was not involved with the task of accomplishing them in a meaningful way until I entered the pastorate in 1983, serving the Upper East Tennessee Seventh Day Baptist Church in Blountville, Tennessee. After a couple of years in the pastorate, I realized that while faith, determination, and enthusiasm are good and necessary qualities to possess when approaching such a goal as this, there was something else needed. There seemed to me to be a great gap between possessing these qualities and actually accomplishing the goal. I felt a deep need for some sort of structure to bridge this gap. Enter, T.I.M.E.

I entered the Training In Ministry and Extension (T.I.M.E.) program in March, 1986. T.I.M.E. is a three-year course of study presently being administered throughout our denomination through the combined efforts of the Missionary Society and the Center on Ministry. It is for those persons presently engaged in ministry and extension work of the church. It is designed to assist those who have not completed or had the benefit of formal training.

I needed a way to translate ideas into goals, and goals into tasks that when completed would reflect the nature and purpose of the church. It was during the first course of study, *Introduction to Church Leadership*, that I found my key for bridging this gap. A more extensive treatment of this may be found in *The Emerging Seventh Day Baptist Church*, written by Rod Henry for the T.I.M.E. project (available through the Seventh Day Baptist Center in Janesville, Wisconsin). I would like to share with you our experience in the Upper East Tennessee Church of working one idea through the Ministry Cycle found in this book.

Nature and Purpose - Based on our understanding of Scripture we believe that the local church is a community of Christ's followers, organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions.

As we began to study the nature and purpose of the church as presented in our

Statement of Belief, we discovered that most of our energy was going into worship and fellowship but very little into service, practice, or proclamation. In other words, we did not have a balance in our purpose.

Teaching and Goals - Teaching is the means by which the goals will emerge by clarifying to all the nature and purpose of the church. Goals are the translation of the church's nature and purpose into action.

As we began to address these neglected areas, we realized that while we were listed in the phone book and the local papers, we were not visible to our community in a personal way. In short, we did not know the needs and desires of our community; and our community did not know the nature and purpose of our church.

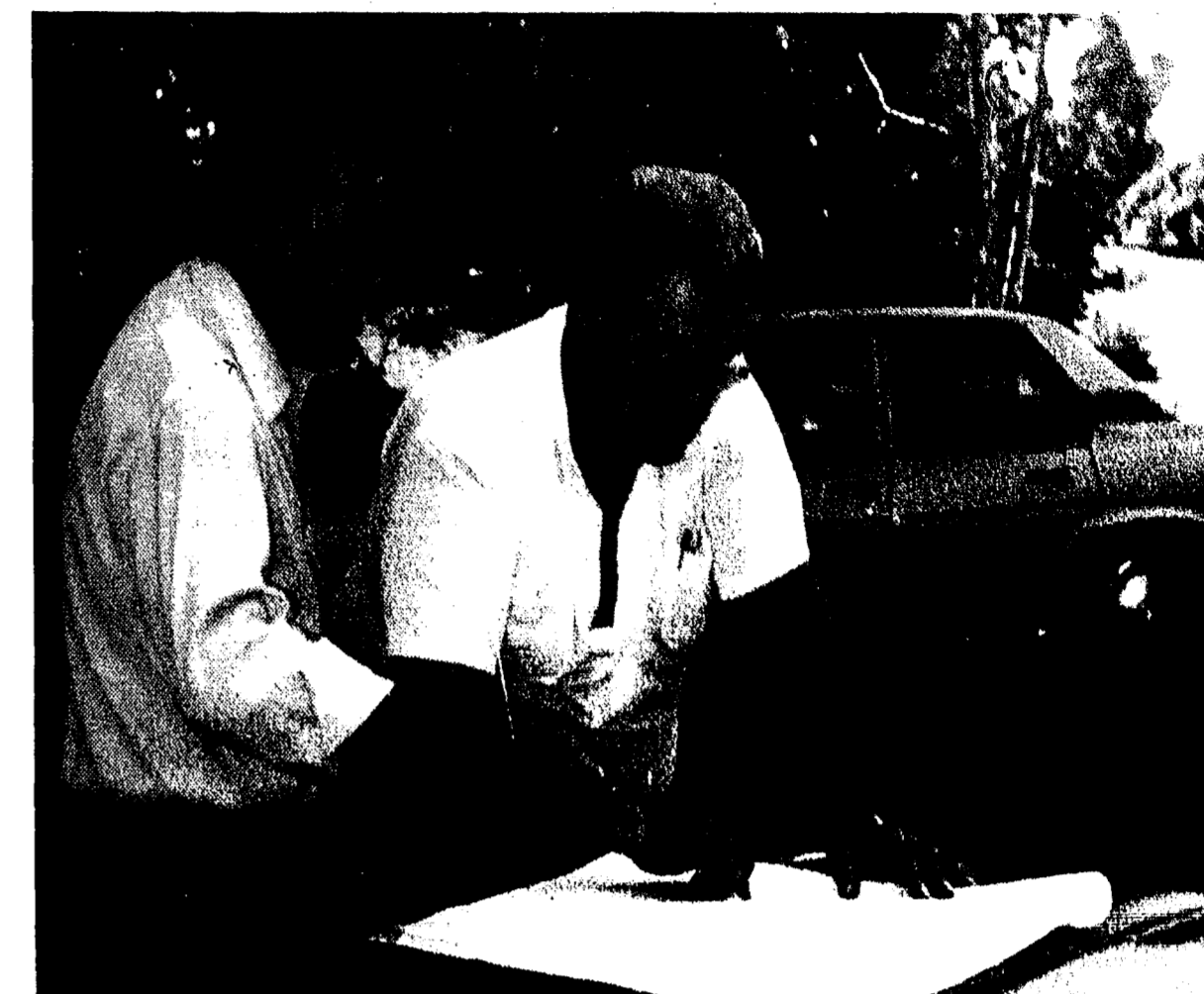
After a series of goal setting and planning meetings we decided that a lack of visibility was hampering our efforts to proclaim - to make known our reason for being in this community.

Structure/Organization and Tasks - Structure is the bridge between what we want to do (goals) and the actual doing (tasks).

This led us to the next step of conducting a community survey. We procured maps of our area to plan where to go and keep track of where we had been. We went into our community, beginning with the immediate area surrounding the church. This also necessitated producing a brochure of our local church (something we had intended to do for years) to be given out along with the denominational tract, "A Baptist Church That's a Little Different." A survey form was prepared to record responses of those we visited as to their perceived needs of the community and what they looked for in a church.

Evaluation - The process of comparing what we are in fact and practice with what we claim to be in nature and purpose.

After compiling the responses to our questionnaire, we were then able to see the needs in our community and what the church should be doing - as perceived by the community. When we compared this



Pastor Bobby Wright (L) and Harold Balcom (R) study a map of the area surrounding the Upper East Tennessee Seventh Day Baptist Church in Blountville, Tennessee. The congregation took a survey into the community to discover how they could meet area needs.

to what we see as the nature and purpose of the church, we were able to proceed in the programs of the church in a much more effective manner. This is all in addition to accomplishing a greater degree of visibility in our community.

We are excited about the possibilities God has given us here in Blountville to reach our community with the Good News about Jesus Christ. Along with other ideas we are presently working through the Ministry Cycle, we are looking forward to continuing our survey in the spring.

Because of T.I.M.E., the idea of "Double in a Decade" is no longer a dream or a wish. It is an idea whose T.I.M.E. has come.

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Shiloh to celebrate 250th anniversary

by Donna Bond

The year 1987 will mark an important milestone in Shiloh—the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The church's standing Historical Committee, headed by Florence Bowden, has been expanded to plan special events for this year of celebration. The committee felt that not many churches can trace their roots 250 years in a country that is only 210 years old. (The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.) The committee has held numerous meetings during the past two years for this purpose.

In addition, a professionally printed and bound hard-covered book entitled *History of the Shiloh Church* is in the final stages of preparation. Tim Bond has given innumerable hours to the writing of the past 50 years of church history which will be added to the history written in 1937 by John Bonham, Rev. Leon Maltby (including a portion written by T.L. Gardiner in 1890), and Anabel Bowden.

Additional sections are also underway for the new history: the Ladies Benevolent Society section is being written by Elsa Scull, the Sabbath School section by Phil Bond, the Female Mite Society section by Beulah Davis, the sections on the impact of the Jonathan Davis family and the history of Union Academy by Florence Bowden, the history



The Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

of the Session Room by Mildred Harris, a list of the men who served in the Armed Forces by Owen Probasco, and a membership list compiled by Mary Ayars.

Visual appeal will be provided by 40 pages of photographs—current pictures taken by Charles Ellzey of Bridgeton, New Jersey, as well as pictures from the past. (Watch future issues of *The Sabbath Recorder* for information concerning the purchase of this volume.)

Meanwhile, Pastor Emeritus Charles Bond and his wife, Margaret, have been collecting portraits of former pastors to be mounted on a plaque for permanent display. Lora Harris has been working on a time line, marking important events in the history of the church, also for permanent display. The Benevolent Society is geared up for celebration also, having chosen monthly programs centered on historical themes.

Finally, potential family heirlooms will be available for purchase throughout the year in the form of commemorative keepsakes depicting the 250th anniversary. (Further details on these items will also be available in future *Sabbath Recorder* pages.)

Total commitment of our congregation's talents and spiritual gifts will be utilized throughout the coming year, just as total commitment to Christ has kept our church alive these 250 years. We will be calling on everyone—our writers, artists, seamstresses, organizers, musicians, builders, mechanics, A-V specialists, photographers, carftsmen, cooks, actors, preachers, planners, salesmen, playwrights, babysitters, display-arrangers, hospitality arrangers and providers, narrators, financial benefactors, researchers, and even our little children—in the carrying out of five unique "episodes" celebrating the various aspects of our church life.

Episode one will begin our year of celebration on March 27 and 28, the actual anniversary weekend of the signing of the covenant in 1737. The Friday evening service will feature the advent of the

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Pearson's prayer letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the family of God,
 "The Almighty . . . shall bless thee with blessings of Heaven above," Genesis 49:25.
 He has truly blessed us though unworthy we are of his great love. It was such a privilege to be home for two months, though now it seems it was such a short time.

How we enjoyed being a part of the World Federation. Meeting the delegates from 17 different countries enables one to see from more than his own spot of the world. Some were old friends, others new. Conference following the SDBWF gave us added inspiration and more renewed warm fellowship with so many of our friends and co-workers for Christ. We thank him for each of you.

Then to see our two small grandchildren was a tremendously joyous opportunity. Debbie and Jeff's Rachel was a loveable 7-month-old, bright-eyed cherub when we arrived. Joanna and Luis' Nathan Andrew was born the morning of the day we arrived back from conference. So, for two weeks, we had the chance for that sweet, little, innocent and dependent gift from God to entwine our hearts, as Rachel already had. Separation now from them is difficult, but our Lord is so much worth it. Service for him would not require our best if there were not some sacrifice in it.

Returning in September, we were met at the airport by Pastor Harawa, from whom we had parted about two weeks before. The privilege of his being with us in the States for much of the time gave us an extra blessing. He was impressed by so much that he saw and experienced. Many there were also impressed by his sincerity and ability to bring God's message to a people and in a language not his own.

After being back home for three days, we were off to our conference at Makapwa. Committees, business sessions, inspirational messages and Christian fellowship again filled our schedule. The response at the close of Pastor Harawa's Sabbath morning message surpassed that of the response of David's the night before, the greatest number we have ever seen in one of our meetings anywhere. The ones who came forward filled the whole front of the church and halfway down the broad aisle, pushing the children who had been seated on the floor back into the corners. Most were Christians who were touched for some need of forgiveness in their lives. The Spirit is indeed marvelous in his working.

In October, Ronald and Maria Barrar favored us here with a two-week visit. Pastor Harawa traveled with them to the northern, central and southern churches, visiting 20 churches and had a valuable ministry in the lives of the people. Their overnight stay here just prior to their return to Lilongwe for departure gave us opportunity to talk and really get to know them. That evening Maria visited her step-mother, whom she had not seen for about 30 years.

We still have problems. We could burden you with details, but that had best be omitted as we rejoice in our "madalitso odabwitsa" (wonderful blessing). Please, please, do pray with us in praise and thanksgiving for these "madalitso" and also for the following needs: leadership needed in churches; progress on the Lilongwe buildings; guidance, wisdom, and encouragement for ministerial students Gumbala and Kampolo, graduating next year; medical department administrative co-workers, Dzumani and Mangazi; medical trainee and prospective, Dick and Wyson Mataka; building still needed for medical expansion; and the ever present need for deeper spiritual lives of our church people that they might be ready for Christ's return and whatever may precede it.

May the coming holiday season and the year ahead bring you closer to the Christ who came to provide our salvation. And do let us have one more blessing: the arrival of a letter from you in our too-often empty post box.

Together in our Savior,
 David and Bettie Pearson
 P.O. Box 33
 Blantyre, Malawi, Africa

Kumar visits Seventh Day Baptists in India

For several years, regular monthly reports—in the form of a daily diary—have been shared by Rev. B. John V. Rao. Last year, his son, B. Kishor Kumar, was appointed by the executive of the SDB Conference of India to aid his father in such duties. Using the motor bike purchased some years ago by the Missionary Society to facilitate such visits to the local churches, Kumar spent most of last September in the field.

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in turn, are grouped into Field Associations or Parishes. The statistical report in 1982 noted 62 of these, with 32 receiving some conference help.

Kumar's first day in the field is reported as follows: "Instructed by Rev. Rao, left for Gudur SDB Field by motor bike in the morning, reaching the place at 9 a.m. At Gudur SDB Church, met the field officials and elders. Held talks with them, familiarizing with the church matters. At 10 a.m. preached at the church to the assembled congregation. In the afternoon,

visited home of the members, comforting the sick. Evening prayer meeting was held at the church."

Many of the following days were similar as he visited Chapalapalle, Venkatagiri, Kalahasti, Naidupet, Tirupati and other places.

Sometimes officials from a field met Kumar at another place to travel with him to their field. Some comments in the visit to the Chittoor Field were: "Here also evangelists are doing good work. Informed of the interest shown by some people to come into our fold. Visited some of the SDB churches, getting acquainted with the people and places. These humble and sincere people need much more than what they have now materially. The field itself belongs to a backward area, and people in majority struggle for their livelihood. They believe and steadily attend the church. Our gospel teams comfort them as to their material problems and help them in any way they can."

There are two fields near Madras. In the North, "New SDB centres are being planned as more and more people are turning to us." The St. Thomas Mount Church is in the South where "Evangelism and church work by the pastors are good. All the churches are working satisfactorily, and I think much can be done through intensified evangelism since more people are educated and interested. I am new to some of the churches here, and not only the members, but also others had come to see me preach. The experience was exhilarating and praise be unto our Lord for his grace."

There are several fields near the main center of Nellore. "Church work and evangelism is carried out to the best of their ability, and our gospel teams are discharging very fine work, particularly in the Somasila and Rapur SDB fields," Kumar reported.

Let us continue to pray for B. Kishor Kumar in his ministry

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Shiloh to celebrate

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Sabbath in America and the pre-covenant days of our church, beginning with the 1705 purchase of land by Robert Ayars. This event will be directed by Ayars' descendents, Miriam Richardson and Clara Richardson Mulford, along with Clara's husband, Frank Mulford.

On Sabbath morning, March 28, Pastor John and Linda Camenga will lead the congregation in a "forward-looking, heritage-honoring" service which will include hymn singing, testimonies, participation of former pastors in the worship service, and a signing of the covenant by all church members present. (Visitors and guests will have a special commemorative document to sign.)

The morning worship service will be followed by a colonial-style fellowship dinner of beef stew, corn bread and baked apples.

In the afternoon, "Robert Ayars" will share some flashbacks as the signing of the original covenant is reenacted.

The remaining four episodes during the year will consist of the following:

April 24-25	Growth of the church Moving of the frame church building Naming of Shiloh
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June 5-6

Ongoing programs
Role of women in the church
Impact of church on community
Role of the church in missions and education

October 9-19

Music (featuring use of antique pump organ)

November 27-28

Events of past 50 years (since 1937 history was written)

Throughout the year, numerous invitations will be sent to individuals for the special events; however, we would be happy to see any and all of our church friends at any time. (Contact Ruth Probasco at RD 1, Box 464, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 if you need hospitality.)

To bring our year of celebration to an inspiring conclusion, special events are being planned for each weekend in December, including a nativity scene in a barn on a Friday evening.

As the year 1987 comes to a close, we will be challenged to look to the future with an eye on ways to meet the needs of the community and spread Christ's light for another 250 years. SR

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Washington D.C. church thankful for 1986

by Leroy Tsutsumi

The year 1986 was a busy one for the Washington, D.C., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Some of its activities included the following:

On May 17, the church celebrated Sabbath Emphasis Day. The Youth Fellowship was in charge, and the message was entitled, "What Sabbath Means to Me." Nicole Simon, Alaiki Harris, and Brenda Harris brought the message in the form of mini-messages.

Vacation Bible School was held from July 14-18, in the evenings. There were 31 children and youths in attendance, most of whom came from the surrounding neighborhood. This neighborhood is a mission field since many of those attending VBS do not attend a church at

all. All the children in the Beginners Class made the decision to turn their lives over to Jesus Christ and follow him. The VBS staff thank the Lord for this decision. We hope many more decisions like this one will be made in the future.

On September 20, Basil Clarke was ordained as a deacon. Pastor S. Kenneth Davis of the Salem, West Virginia, Seventh Day Baptist Church brought the morning message. A luncheon was served where members and non-members gathered for fellowship. Several churches within the Southeastern Association were represented for this occasion—Central, Maryland; Salemville, Pennsylvania; Plainfield, New Jersey; Shiloh, New Jersey; Salem, and others. SR

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Partnership in Ministry



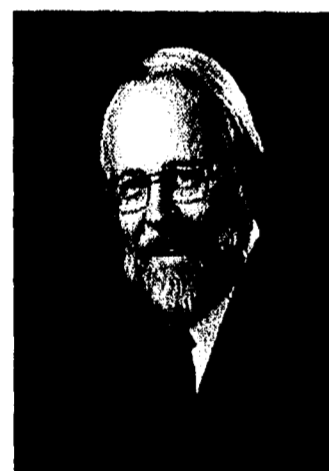
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Pray without ceasing

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:15-18)

The above passage comes at the end of the first letter to the church at Thessalonica. Written by Paul the apostle, this letter was to a church that Paul, Timothy and Silvanus had helped establish. It contains encouragement, concern and some rules for practical Christian living. As Paul always does, he includes an admonition to pray, at the end of this letter. In the King James version above we are told to pray without ceasing. The New International version says "pray continually." But the main emphasis here is that prayer is something that Christians should do.

by Executive Secretary
Dale D. Thorngate



Prayer is not an option.

During the last several months, as I have prepared and participated in a seminary course on Spirituality and Ministry, I have learned that prayer is a very important aspect of the life of the Christian. Although prayer is one of several spiritual disciplines, I can

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personally affirm—along with my professor, Dr. Roberta Hestenes—that it is not an option for the Christian. All people who would relate to God must have a significant prayer life.

Old Testament Prayer.

As I have spent time in Scripture studying prayer, I have become fascinated with the fact that prayer was natural between Old Testament personalities and God. It was just as though that person and God were carrying on a regular conversation.

Here are Moses and God talking: The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt..."

Moses says in response, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

God said, "I will be with you." The same kind of natural conversation goes on between God and Abraham or Noah or Joshua or David. It is the same as a conversation that you and I might have.

Another interesting Old Testament prayer experience is the way the prophets not only talk with God, but how they in turn take what God has said and give the people instructions about their everyday lives. In any of the prophets, major or minor, you find the phrase, "Thus says the Lord" with the specific instruction following.

My major point here is that not only was prayer a natural conversation-like experience, but it was every day and people ordered their lives by this dialogue between them and God.

Jesus and Prayer.

Early in the lives of Jesus and his followers it is recorded: "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (Mark

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being."

1:35). It was obvious to the disciples that this time that Jesus spent with God had important significance for his ministry. No matter where he was or how late he had been up the day before, Jesus always spent time early the next day in prayer with his Father God.

"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray'..." (Luke 11:1). In the verses following are recorded "The Lord's Prayer" as we have also been taught. Jesus' prayers, as recorded especially in the Gospel of John, are very natural although we do not have the same sense of dialogue as we do in the Old Testament.

Prayer and the First Century Church

Throughout the Book of Acts and the letters of the New Testament, it was obvious that prayer was a significant part of the lives of the apostles and the churches. It is recorded in Acts 1:14 that, while the disciples were waiting for the gift of the Holy Spirit, "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women." After Pentecost the fellowship of the church was recorded: "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42).

Prayer as dialogue.

Yes, prayer is not an option. However, it does not have to be so difficult. Jesus did teach his disciples how to pray, both by his personal example and with a model in the "Lord's Prayer." But, as I have read through the Scriptures again, focusing on prayer, it seems much more natural now for me to enter into a dialogue with God. One significant thing I learned was that I must not only take time to talk to God but I

must take time to listen as well. There cannot be a dialogue if I am doing all the talking.

My prayer for Seventh Day Baptists in 1987.

I do not know about you, but until this last year my prayer life was generally based on my weakness. After I had done everything I knew to do, then I would turn to God and say: "Alright, Lord, I have done everything I can. It is up to you. See what you can do with this mess." He almost always straightened things out.

But, since I have spent a great deal of time in Ephesians, my prayer begins from a different point: In Ephesians 4:16, Paul, the apostle, prays, "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being."

My prayer for Seventh Day Baptists is that we will begin our days in prayer—talking with God, coming to him not out of a position of our weakness, but realizing that we can approach our lives based upon the "glorious riches" of God.

God has provided us with so much and promises us even more. The riches of his spiritual gifts and fruits are limitless and available to all of us. Have a rich and spirit-filled year. SR



LET US PRESS ON

Press on to know Christ

There is always an excitement about a new year. A certain anticipation awaits us as we forget the things we can no longer do anything about and look forward to all the possibilities that are before us.

In Philippians 3:10, we catch some of Paul's excitement as he shares with us his heart's desire to know Christ in all his fullness. For him to know Christ, and to become like him, was Paul's life goal. It is no wonder he was continually motivated, for the more he knew him, the more he discovered there was to know.

Over and over in Paul's letters we find him bursting into praise and thanksgiving that he could not contain. His joy was so great that he also wanted all who might read his letters to discover that same joy. We find Paul continually praying that we, too, might discover Christ and his boundless love and goodness. In doing so, he knew that our lives might become more exciting and worth living—as his was.

Think what could happen to us as God's people if our burning desire was to know Christ more deeply and intimately. What would happen to us individually if we began to recognize and understand the wonders of his person more clearly? Surely there would be a growing commitment to become more like him in our own lives. It undoubtedly would cause us to stop saying "What a good boy am I" and make us start saying "How great thou art."

As we begin this new year, let us press on to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Then our lives will have true meaning. We will discover that our purpose as Christians is not to please and satisfy ourselves. How often we think that doing it *my way* brings happiness, only to find, when all is said and done, that doing it *my way* ends up hollow and empty.

Jesus knew that doing his Father's will brought ultimate freedom and happiness, and he longed for us to know this so that our joy might be full. Paul also discovered this truth and could urge others who were not imprisoned to "rejoice in the Lord" while he himself was under house arrest. As we begin to know and trust

Christ, and take him at his word, we will become stronger in our faith, more able to take each new step that leads us to a deeper relationship with him.

To know someone takes effort. It means spending time with them, talking with them, watching them, working with them. It means getting to know their attributes and character traits, and discovering what their values are. This is the same way we get to know Jesus.

Will you commit yourself to knowing him more deeply and intimately this new year? It is possible this might be the last

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opportunity you and I will have to do this. Living to please him necessitates discarding our own agenda.

You know, we do this in varying degrees with those we love and respect. A husband and wife find there are things they need to do—or stop doing—and things they must give up for the good of their marriage. Most of the time, they find that the results of giving unselfishly brings more happiness than what they might have given up. For example, a full night's rest might have to be sacrificed with the coming of an infant into a home, but the trust and love in those little eyes more than make up for a lack of sleep.

To become a mature Christian requires sacrifice and effort, not just occasionally but continually. We can no longer live, think and act as the world does. Practicing godly living is not for the uncommitted and immature. Paul has said that once you begin this new life in Christ, everything else is pale by comparison. I am finding this to be true. I am committed to know Christ and become like him.

Will you press on with me in this effort?

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Plainfield has busy summer

by Ruth Parker

Pastor Joe Samuels of the Plainfield, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church had a very busy summer.

In June he attended the SCSC training session in Colorado and prepared to direct our team of three, Steve Osborn, Laura Hess, and Maggie Rhodes. If you have read Laura's account of their many activities in the October *Recorder*, you realize what a strenuous time the month of July was for all of them. The team enjoyed Pastor Joe's leadership so much that they called him "PJ."

Plainfield's Vacation Bible School was held for three hours in the morning during the first week but was extended to six hours during the second week to accommodate the working mothers. That meant a lot more work for the SCSC team, but it resulted in a great increase in attendance. There were 18 children that week. Conducting six evangelistic crusade meetings in the evening and counseling at Jersey Oaks junior camp were also strenuous activities for Pastor Joe and the team. On August 2 we honored our SCSC workers at a fellowship dinner.

During August Pastor Joe and Joyce attended the World Federation sessions in Westerly, Rhode Island, General Conference in Worcester, Massachusetts, and the ministers' retreat in Shiloh, New Jersey. Pastor Owen Lynch of England spoke to us on August 23, when we had another fellowship dinner. In September Pastor Joe and Joyce went to Toronto, Canada, where he conducted Pastor Lyons' funeral, and to Marlboro, New Jersey, where he spoke at the Yearly Meeting.

We are very happy that Andrew Samuels, Pastor Joe's nephew and one of our new members, was led at the last minute to give up his job at the UN and take another one rather than be transferred to Mexico City. He has conducted our service and brought the message several times and will be able to continue attending the T.I.M.E. seminars. He is the leader of our Youth Fellowship and has recently been elected as our assistant church treasurer. In July we licensed him to preach the gospel.

In addition to all of our pastor's church duties and community activities, he has

consented to speak at our monthly Women's Society meetings on a variety of interesting topics. In October he gave a comprehensive summary of the history of Seventh Day Baptists in Europe, and in November he planned to continue with SDB history in America. So you can see what an energetic pastor we have. SR

Bay Area church holds retreat at Yosemite

The Bay Area (California) church held a retreat in the mountains at Yosemite National Park over Labor Day weekend. Twenty-two of our people took part in the retreat, staying at Evergreen, a cabin built and owned by George Barber.

Our Sabbath worship service and evening vespers services were held on top of a hill overlooking the beautiful valleys of Yosemite. We also looked at three video tapes on "The Church Unleashed" by Frank Tillapaugh. These tapes (available for loan from our Missionary Society) gave us plenty to think about and challenged us to rethink the ministries of our church.

The Youth Fellowship of our church, along with their leaders Doug and Jane Mackintosh, held their own retreat at Evergreen for two days before the other people arrived for the weekend. Our youth are being urged to take their Christianity seriously. A new after-school discipleship class was started in September to help meet this need.

Last June, our children and youth presented the musical "Make a Joyful Noise" (a.k.a. "Colby"). Many will remember this musical from its presentation at General Conference in 1985.

One of our students, Michelle Griffin, served in the Summer Christian Service Corps this year. She is now back home, serving faithfully in our church and going to college. Stephen Peters, who was pianist in our church for several months, has now joined the U.S. Army. SR

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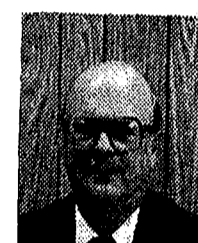
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A prayer reminder for each day!

February 1987

Verse for the Month: "Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires. Don't toss me aside, banished forever from Your presence. Don't take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me again the joy of Your salvation, and make me willing to obey You. Then I will teach Your ways to other sinners, and they—guilty like me—will repent and return to You." *Psalm 51:10-13 LB*

Pray for

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| 1. meeting of Memorial Board Trustees | 15. meeting of General Council of General Conference |
| 2. meeting of Tract and Communications Council | 16. your pastor and his family |
| 3. Rod Henry, T.I.M.E. project director, and those in training | 17. Pastor Tom Whitney and new church in Miami, Florida |
| 4. Jeff Crandall, new business manager, SDB Center | 18. that the OWM goal may be reached this month |
| 5. the new SDB group meeting in Thousand Oaks, California | 19. brethren suffering in India—flood, cyclone and drought |
| 6. local churches that are setting up S.C.S.C. projects in 1987 | 20. more people willing to study and accept the Sabbath truth |
| 7. making the Sabbath a delight—in our lives and to God | 21. young people whom God is calling into Christian ministry |
| 8. missionaries David & Bettie Pearson, Malawi, Africa | 22. the babies and young children to be nurtured in the Lord |
| 9. peace and harmony in the congregations of SDB churches | 23. Jan Lek, European field ministry, SDB World Federation |
| 10. Pastor Joseph Alegre, Melbourne, Australia | 24. a retired pastor you know |
| 11. pastoral leadership for churches seeking new pastors | 25. our neighbors who may never have accepted Christ |
| 12. encouragement in difficult times | 26. a young single parent you know |
| 13. Rev. A.K. Harawa, secretary, Central Africa Conference | 27. preparation for a Sabbath blessing |
| 14. Sabbath School Mission Offering (SSMO) in my class | 28. those who are facing a crisis in life |

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FOCUS on missions today

by Leon R. Lawton

SDB group meets in Milwaukee

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA: A worship service was held at the home of Tom and Mary Moder in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on November 15. Extension Pastor Earl and Mabel Cruzan of the Milton, Wisconsin, church, met with them. Seven adults from the Milwaukee area, representing five families, were in attendance, as well as five children. Lawrence and Jane Leach of Milton were also in attendance, along with their daughter, Joanne. Following the worship service, it was decided to begin regular Sabbath meetings in Milwaukee. A second meeting was scheduled for December 6, with the expectation that services will be held weekly thereafter. They are seeking a meeting place other than a home. Pastor Cruzan will provide the basic leadership. **SR**

Pastoral education is needed

Pastoral education, Brazil and Jamaica: At the '86 session of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation held the first week in August, a special project committee reviewed needs presented by delegates from most of the countries represented. Their report gave priority to helping to meet the educational needs for pastors, with two countries named specifically—Brazil and Jamaica. During the session of General Conference USA and Canada the following week, the Women's Love Gift included these two countries, with \$800 raised for Brazil and \$300 for Jamaica. At the October Missionary Board meeting, the amount for Brazil was matched to help implement their training program. Two hundred dollars was also voted to reach the goal Jamaica set, and plans are underway for counsel by Rodney Henry in setting up a Theological Education by Extension (TEE) project in Jamaica early in 1987. **SR**

Extension support is sought

Miami, Florida, USA: This new conference-accredited church took another step last October in calling one of their new members, Dr. Tom Whitney, to be their pastor. Pastor Whitney, who recently accepted the Bible Sabbath, has been in education and Christian curriculum development but has served churches for many years as well. Application has been made for his support under the Extension Pastor plan of the Missionary Society. **SR**

Printing equipment provided

Tamps., Mexico: The Mexico Mission Committee of the Mid-Continent Association continues to seek to help meet needs of our sister Convention. At a meeting last fall, action was taken to help provide printing equipment to enable more adequate publication of literature—a priority need expressed by Pastor Elias Camacho. Paul Robles, a printer and member of the Denver, Colorado, church, is scheduled to help set up and train those in their new ministry. Most of the needed funds for the project came from Mid-Continent SDB churches, with an additional amount sought from the Missionary Board. **SR**

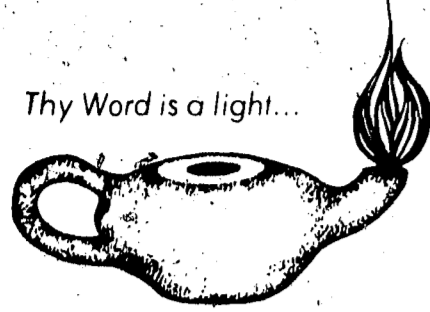
Lushai books sent to Illinois

Dekalb, Illinois, USA: Richard M. Cooler, director of the Center for Burma Studies at Northern Illinois University, was sent seven Lushai books translated or written by Rev. L. S. Thanga of Rangoon. They were sent following a providential meeting with Leon R. Lawton on a flight from Denver, Colorado, to Chicago, Illinois, recently.

In late October Cooler wrote, "I have discussed these publications with our two linguists who specialize in Southeast Asian languages, and they are delighted at the prospect of having written materials in Lushai as a part of our Southeast Asia Collection."

Three of the books are translations of Billy Graham's *Peace with God, The Holy Spirit, and Angels*. The other four are written or edited by Thanga.

Cooler also wrote, "Since so little is published in Lushai, and since so little of that reaches the West, and since there are English translations of three of these works, your donation is a true bonanza of teaching materials for students wishing to learn Lushai. Linguists will be equally enthusiastic about having access to these unusual materials." **SR**



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Mrs. Priest, a member of the Board of Deacons and Elders, saw the sign in the window of the new Christian Education addition as she walked to her car following the prayer meeting. "They ought to ask Mr. James," she thought, unlocking the driver's door. "I've taught with him for years in the local school. He would make an excellent prospect and he's not involved in the church."

Mr. Levite noticed the sign as he arrived to attend a committee meeting. He thought the sign amusing and stopped to read it. Going into the building, Mr. Levite remarked to his fellow committee member and long-time friend, "Did you see that sign in the meeting room window? Neat idea!"

Mrs. Samaritan, a recent convert and new church member, observed the sign. "How unusual," she thought. "I didn't notice a sign there on Sabbath Day. She stopped and read the printed sign. She was reminded that her children enjoyed Sabbath School and especially the *Primary Sabbath Nurture* lessons and *The Sabbath Visitor* take-home papers. She looked forward to Deacon Faithful's class. She would volunteer to help.

Pastor Shepherd was in his office, preparing for the Bible study. Mrs. Samaritan told the pastor of her desire to help but feared that she had little to offer and wondered if there was a place for her. Pastor Shepherd recounted how Mrs. Samaritan had completed the Discipleship phase of the *Natural*

Evangelism Training experience just prior to joining the church. This would be an excellent background in the biblical basis for our beliefs.

The pastor recalled that she had shared with the *NET* group her morning devotions, using the Daily Bible Meditations from *The Helping Hand*. He demonstrated, with samples of the Sabbath School curriculum, that her daily readings and study would cover the same scripture. Pastor Shepherd reminded Mrs. Samaritan that he had just included her name with those who had enrolled in the Scripture Memorization Program.

The pastor explained that she would have an opportunity to be an observer for one month, during which time she would meet with the regular teacher to discuss the lesson goal, preparation, and activities. Gradually, she would move from observer to assistant, helping with one or more activities of each class. Pastor Shepherd asked that she be in attendance at the monthly teacher meetings and meet weekly with the regular teacher to review weekly responsibility. Pastor Shepherd and Mrs. Samaritan prayed that God would guide her ministry to his children.

Passing the sign on her way home, she said, "Thank you, God, for giving me a job. Thanks for the sign."

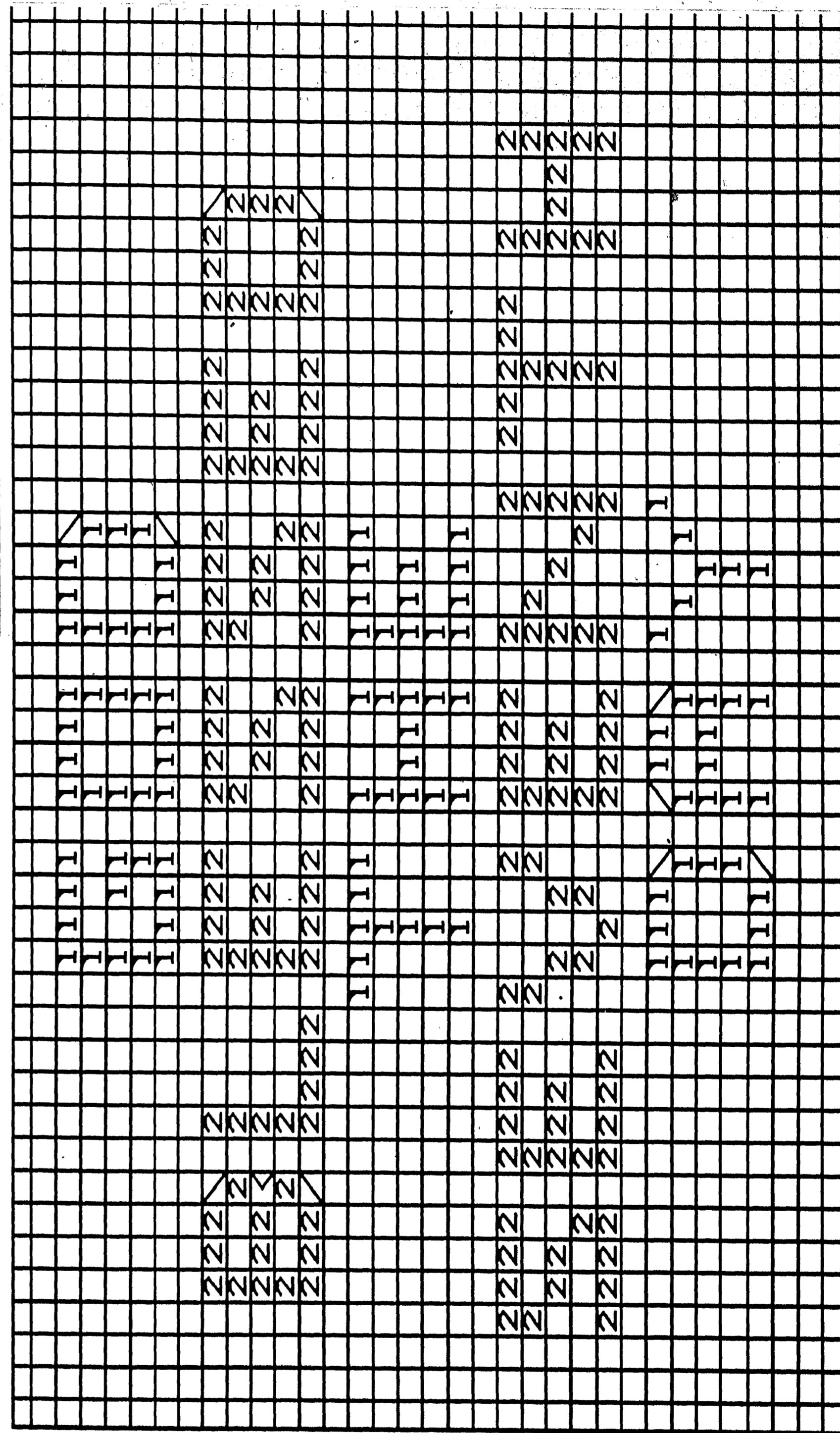
The year 1987 is our **Year of Education** in the Seventh Day Baptist Decade of Discipleship. Is the sign in your church window?

SR

The Sabbath Recorder

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

To find the Scripture verse, fill in the numbered spaces with a colored pencil, marker or crayon. Color the spaces numbered "1" with RED and those numbered "2" with GREEN. This is the first verse in our 1987 Scripture Memory Program. It is from Genesis 2:3.



January 1987

Puzzle answer is on page 26.

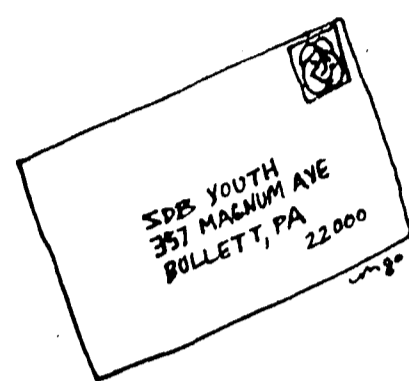


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For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

January 1987



The following list, which was compiled by James Camenga, is to be used by all SDB youth who are interested in corresponding with one another. If you would like to be added to this list, contact your Director of Youth Ministry.

NOTE: Save this list! It will not be printed in its entirety again. Only additions and corrections will be printed in future updates.

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Memories of a YF president by Bill Probasco

A little over 17 months ago, when I formally accepted the position of YF president, I was a bit like former President Jimmy Carter—all smiles. But by Saturday night of conference, I had lost a great deal of my grin.

I started out with a lot of enthusiasm, as did my officers (Cheryl, Suzanne, and Andrew). Throughout the year, we worked and met, planned and fund-raised until we found ourselves at Conference '86 with an entire schedule of activities and close to \$2,000 to cover their cost.

Our first official "business," appropriately, was the youth business meeting on Sunday night, during which new officers were elected for the coming year. It seems ironic that my first business was to appoint my successor (best of luck, guys!). The business meeting also brought out several new hopes, concerns, and desires—far too many to list here.

Monday night was Swim Night. We had hoped to use the entire gymnasium, but the college had recently redone its basketball court, so we were restricted to the pool.

Tuesday night, nearly 100 youth swarmed the Getaway Skating Rink. There we skated around and around and around a large rink to selected Christian favorites like Amy Grant.

Wednesday night, we tried our luck at bowling at the 50-lane Auburn 10-Pin. Some felt pleased to score 100, while one guy scored over 200! I wonder who that could be?

Thursday night, to the delight of young and old alike, the youth dressed in togas for the Roman Pizza Party. Believe it or

not, the youth went through 20 pizzas—in under two hours!

Friday night, we met in the Lower Wedge near the cafeteria for a Coffee House. During this time we sang songs, fellowshiped, and worked on igniting a fire in ourselves. After the Friday evening message by Rev. Bill Shoffner II, all of us were strongly moved towards our Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and felt a desire to spread the Good News. I hope we will all "catch fire" for and with the Lord! And don't forget what was talked about (150 in D.C.—remember?).

Everyone at conference enjoyed the Sabbath message by Rev. Kev Butler!! Later, after the Saturday night meeting, the youth were entertained by the talented David Coate Group—a true Christian rock 'n' roll experience. There was no problem hearing the message they sang about, and all the youth there enjoyed one of the best closing youth activities in recent memory (my slightly biased memory, anyway!). In fact, my vice-president said her most memorable moment was being backstage during the concert. After the concert, the youth were permitted to go to the Lower Wedge until 2 a.m., but I finished the waning hours of my term helping the band get packed up and seeing them on their way.

Our course, I can't be expected to write about everything that went on, but maybe I'll write a book or something. The job as a national YF officer is definitely not all fun and games (as any former officer will tell you), but I really enjoyed it and I don't regret it at all!

Good luck to the new '87 officers and Youth Director Matt G. Olson in this new year!

In closing, I want to thank a few people (so if you want to stop reading, now is a good time). Thank you to Amanda Snyder, Ernest Bee, and Dale Rood—who



were always there when I needed them. Thank you to Buster and Linda Dickinson for being willing (and gullible) enough to be the youth advisors. Thanks to the Shiloh and Marlboro churches for their support. Thanks mom and dad for many an obvious reason. And, last but definitely not least, thanks to my fellow officers: Andrew Camenga, treasurer; Suzanne Vanderslice, secretary; and, above all, Cheryl Davis, vice-president, nag, and my driving force!

P.S. Hi! to DI, KS, KB, AB, NKD, and my roomies who actually stayed out of trouble (pretty much)—HG and BM. SR



Memories of Young Adult Pre-Con

by Angie Butts

Hi, everyone!!!

Once again, conference and Pre-Con are a part of the past . . . what a bummer! But the memories will always remain, so here are a few from Young Adult Pre-Con:

This year's young adult directors were Ken and Ruth Burdick, assisted by Rod and Camille Henry. They were all great!!

Ken helped us "dig" into the Bible with daily Bible study challenge-sheets and listening-point exercises. Rod helped us to take a closer look at ourselves with his messages during vespers ("preach"!!!). Camille did a great job with our "musical" . . . she really proved that she is a patient woman (we all felt that music time was really social hour)! Ruth was always there during discussions with something to say that really made us think.

Maybe most important, though, was that all of us knew that we could always go to any of them—anytime—and they'd be there with a listening ear and the words that we needed to hear. We also can't forget Virginia Schwartz; what a great cook!!!

Tony Campolo filled a slot in our plans daily. We would have liked to have had him there in person, but since that wasn't possible, we were happy to have him on film. I think that I can safely say that we all got a lot out of his films. Listening to him would have us roaring with laughter

at times; and at other times, we'd be holding our breath to see what he'd say next.

Vespers was always a special time of the day. We could always count on a moving testimony from one or more of our peers. The services made us feel both closer to God and each other. The last vesper service that we had together was especially nice. Not only did we share in worship, but we were able to watch God in action through a beautiful lake sunset.

Of course, no one can forget all the crazy things that we did. I think that we will all remember the napkin wars that never failed to erupt during meals. Too bad that's not an Olympic sport—we'd have quite the winning team! The daily mud volleyball games gave new meaning to recreation, not to mention a certain granduer to showers!

Then there was the night that we learned (well, at least *tried* to learn) how to square dance. Now we all know what it feels like to be a bird. " . . . and a beak, beak, beak, and a wing, wing, wing, and a tail, tail, tail . . . "!

There were also many more great times, both serious and crazy, but there's no way any of us could even begin to record them all. But when you take 27 SDB young adults—and four staff members and a great cook—you know that there will be many great memories. That's what I have! SR

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Youth Pre-Con '86

An impressionistic essay

by Mark Green

Ah yes, Pre-Con 1986, that was an awfully good week. 'Twas a week of fun, fellowship, Bible study, and of course, Youth Rap with youth worker Matt Olson. What a blast! Now, if I can only remember what happened . . .

We all arrived on Wednesday evening and started out with a rousing swim in the beautifully mushy nearby lake. Later on, we crammed all of us into the small "lodge" for a delicious dinner prepared by

Vespers was always a great experience, thanks to many of the personal testimonies shared by some campers.

Steve and Irene Saunders, our cooks. We all consumed way too much.

We were directed in various directions by our jolly director, Perry Cain. Gosh, he's a crazy guy! Our Bible study was led by the always suave and debonair Bill Shobe. Christina Cain maintained order and gave us something to think about during our alone time, while Matt Olson (as in, "My name is Matt, I'm here to say, I'm the best rapper in the world today") helped us find the answers to some of the more confusing questions we Christians—as Seventh Day Baptists—

Answer Children's Page Puzzle

God Blessed the Seventh Day.

face. Dave Taylor helped us out with chapel and vespers, and he jammed on his accordian for us. I'm thinking about taking it up myself . . .

Then there were those special moments. How well I remember our trip to Newport, Rhode Island, on Sabbath so we could worship at the first Seventh Day Baptist church in America. Could we have possibly sung "Sing Alleluia" more times? No, I don't think so. Vespers was always a great experience, thanks to many of the personal testimonies shared by some campers.

Then there was music, and it was very good. Amanda Snyder jammed with us on such great tunes as "How Majestic is Your Name" and "Ceaseless Praise." She did a great job, although she would not let us do "Why Should the Devil Have All the Good Music" or any of those motions and dance steps we thought up.

Well, there was so much more to Pre-Con than what I've written, like those games led by Paul and Wendy Prior (perhaps the most peculiar contests known to man). I still think Pastor Dave cheated on that "Milk the Cow" game. Just not safe!

Everyone who attended Pre-Con was really blessed, and I'm sure it made a big impact on everyone's Christian walk. I just want to encourage all the youth reading this to attend next year. It's one of the best times you will ever have. **SR**

Bill Probasco, a member of the Shiloh, New Jersey, YF, served as National Seventh Day Baptist Youth President this past year. He is currently attending college in Piscataway, New Jersey.

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Religion in the news...

Vatican hits "myth" of wealth

The Vatican has released financial statements to "dispel the myth" that a wealthy treasury is available to the operations of the Roman Catholic Church. Predicting a record \$56 million budget deficit, the Vatican has started a world-wide appeal for contributions to reduce the deficit projection.

The official statement reported that \$28 million was received through the so-called "Peter's Pence", forcing the use of special reserves to close the gap. While the Vatican holds enormous value in art and artifacts, the statement made clear that the treasures are not sources of available funds. They are "a treasure for all humanity", the announcement said.

Pope John Paul II has encouraged a stepped-up effort to increase contributions from Catholics world-wide. The Vatican's budget pays for central administration, Vatican Radio and the newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. **SR**

Parents win textbook fight

U.S. District Judge Thomas Hull ruled that a group of fundamentalist parents may protect their children from textbooks which they disapprove.

Stating that he found nothing offensive in the books, Judge Hull upheld the right of the parents to keep their children from a required reading curriculum. The alternative allowed is that the children may read other books at home or in the library.

Opponents of the ruling insisted that such alternatives would destroy the purpose of the curriculum, and would open the door to rejection of thousands of standard texts currently used in schools. Anthony P. Podesta, president of People for the American Way, said that the decision "invites every sect in the country to pick and choose which books it will accept."

The protesting parents had cited many standard texts for teaching secular humanism, sexual role reversals, witchcraft, and sorcery. **SR**

Baptists clear seminary professor

Professor G. T. Sparkman was cleared of heresy charges in proceedings held by Southern Baptist Convention seminary leaders. Sparkman denied charges that he violated the Articles of Faith of the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. Observers said that the proceedings arose from a continuing rift between fundamentalists and moderates of the denomination, following a controversial election by the Convention last summer.

Sparkman is the author of several books on theological themes, and has for ten years been regarded as a controversial teacher. The review board approved his continued service by a vote of 21 to 11. **SR**

Lutheran numbers down

Lutherans, in the three main bodies, were down slightly in 1985, and total Lutheran membership fell by more than 20,000. The statistics were issued by the Lutheran Council in the United States.

The three denominations holding the majority of Lutherans are the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church, and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. **SR**

Egyptians jail Christian teachers

Amnesty International has cited the cases of ten Christians being held in Egyptian prisons for actively viewed as hostile to Islam. Six of the ten jailed were identified as converts to Christianity, while four are North Africans who were attending Campus Crusade training sessions in Egypt.

Egyptian law provides for up to five years in jail for "defaming" Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. Since Islam is the state religion, the law has often worked against missionary activity. Twenty-nine members of Congress have signed a letter protesting the arrests. **SR**

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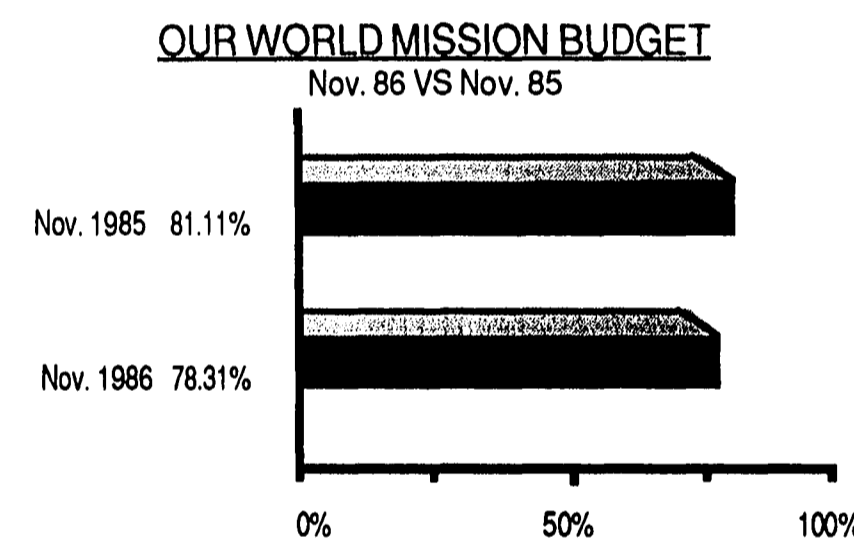
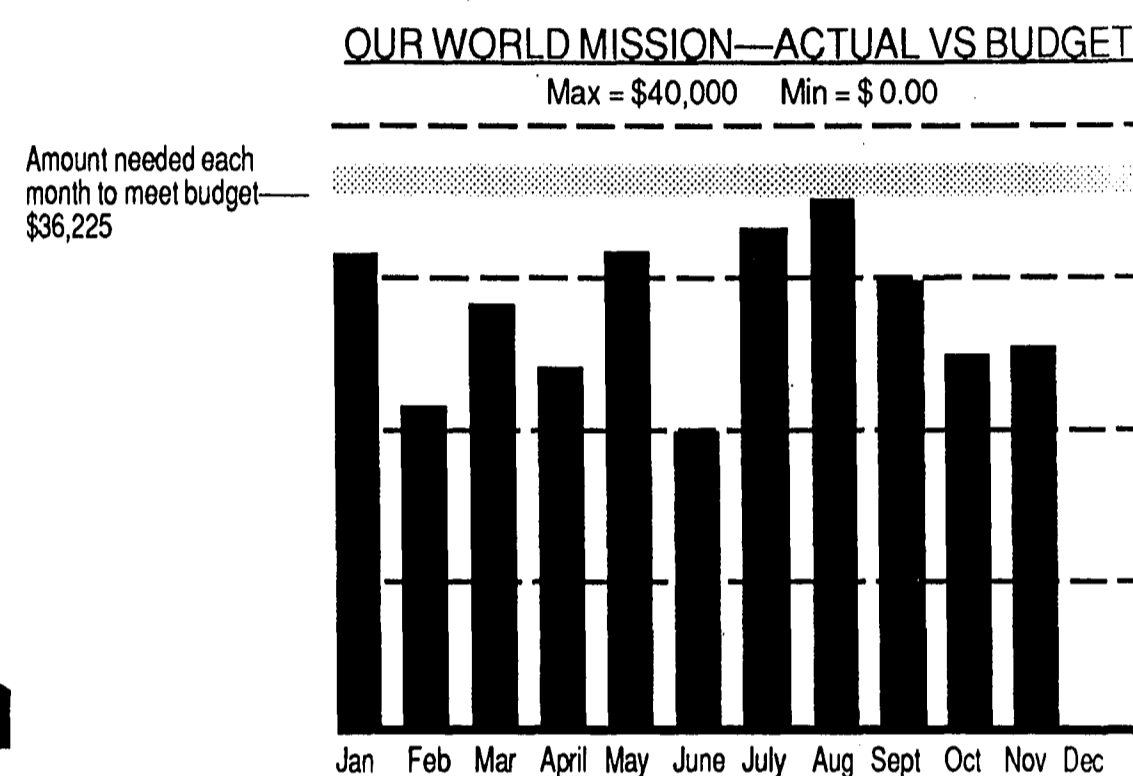
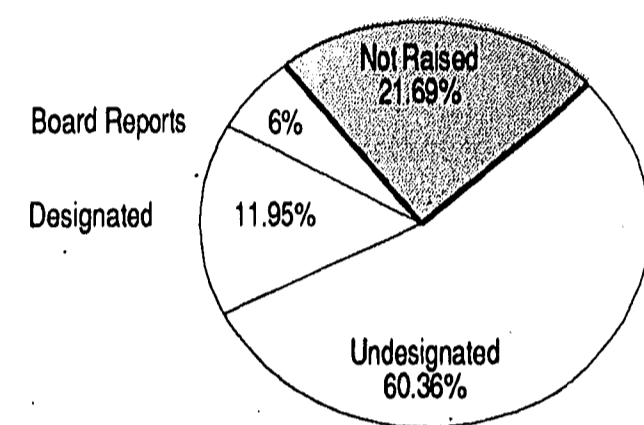
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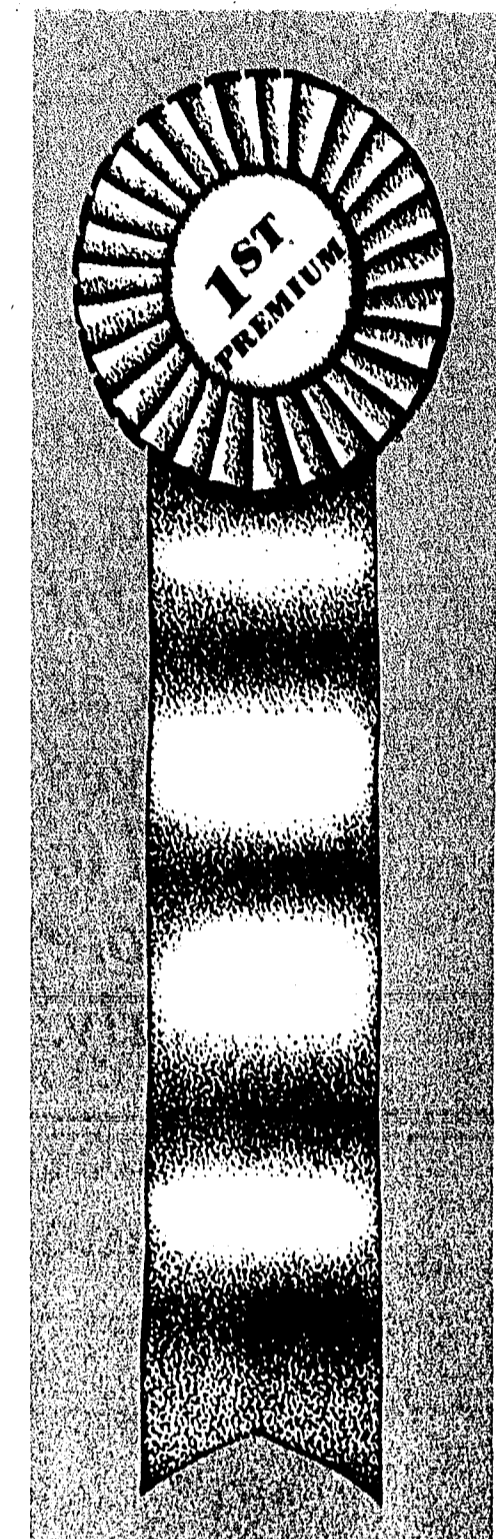
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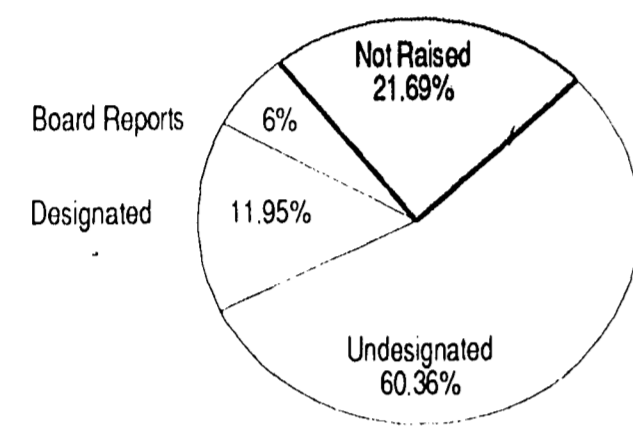
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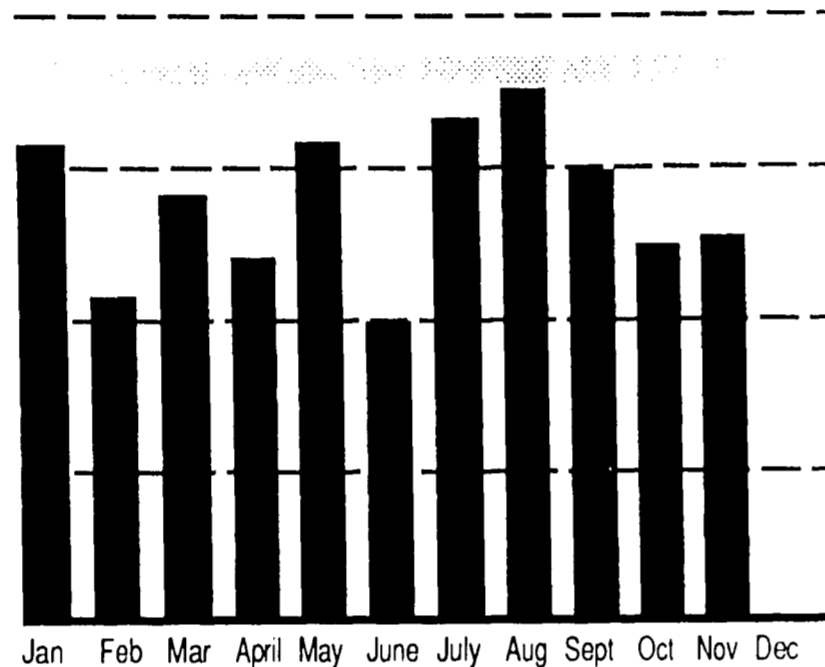
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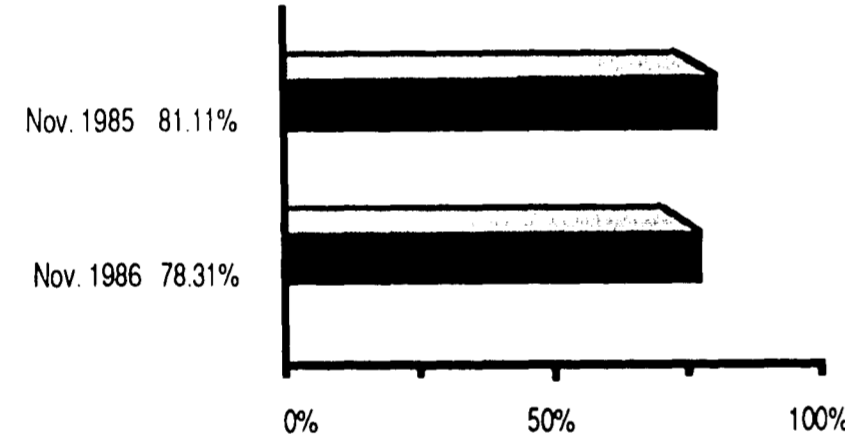


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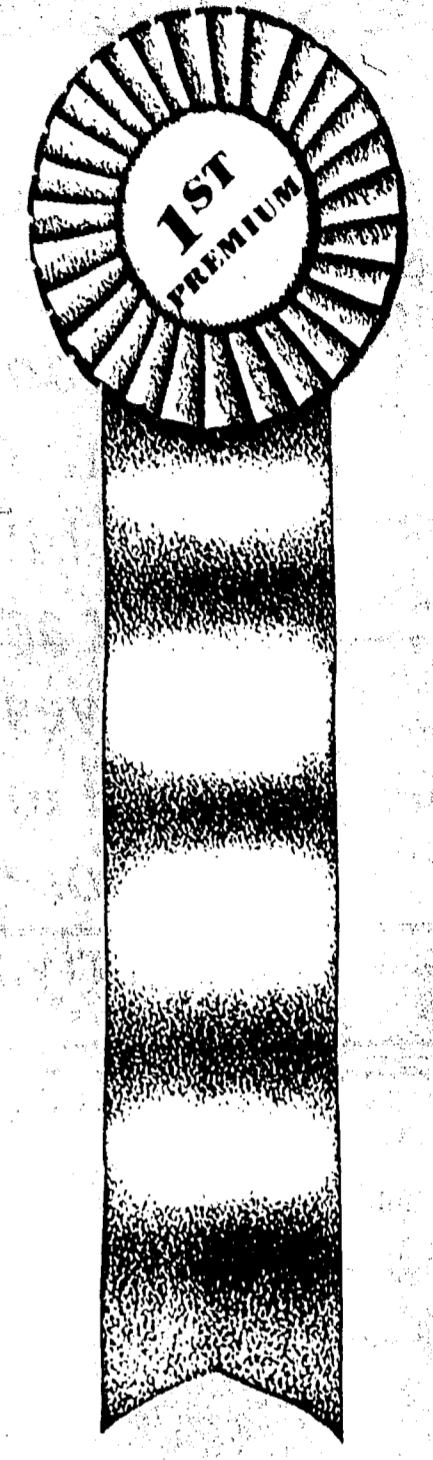
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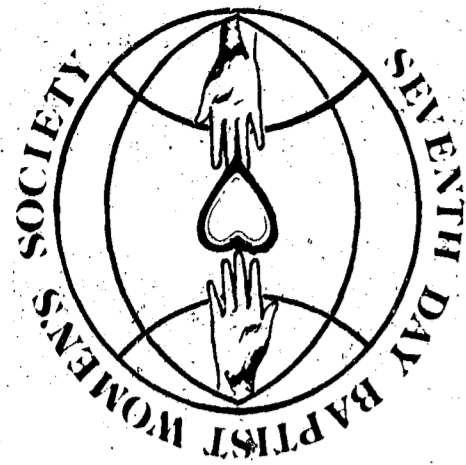
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Dear Ones All,

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Tea and toast seemed the least obnoxious and as I groped my way to the kitchen, enumerating what my muddled brain kept repeating: turn on the teakettle, load the washer, then back to the toaster, plunge last night's dishes into hot suds to soak while the dog and I downed our toast and tea, she with more relish than I. Life began to appear a wee bit brighter as my eyes started to focus more clearly. As I had my devotions, I suddenly realized my weekly Bible reading was behind schedule. With all the other daily Bible readings, I find I get more out of the American Bible list if I read all the references for the week at once, so that would be my first priority when breakfast was over, dishes in the drain rack and the laundry in the dryer.

As I grasped my Bible in my hands, again, as in the past, a sweet peace came over me. I read all seven passages after praying that the words would speak to my heart and help through the coming week. Imagine my joy as I came to a passage memorized thirty years ago. It was like unexpectedly meeting an old friend. One was I Corinthians 1:10-13. By changing "temptation" to "situation" God was saying "You are no worse off than lots of others. You are not being singled out."

Later, I was rather amused as it came to me that the world had many dizzy, hung-over people with queezy stomachs on New Year's morning. I do not find drunkenness amusing—only the fact that I had done nothing to deserve my dizziness.

It was simply a manifestation of my diabetic condition. God had promised a way of escape and I wondered what it would be.

As I finished, I marveled again at the thrill my hands felt as they fingered the tissue thin pages filled with words spoken thousands of years before. Well, my sense of touch was intact. I prayed God would show me the way to put his words into practice and set about clearing the clutter. I realized as each task was cleared away, I felt a little better. Had the clutter and the postponed work so disturbed my mind and soul? Suddenly it dawned on me that was a good New Year's Women's Page subject.

God has given us a whole new year, completely uncluttered, unblemished. We can renew our souls and start all over again. Will we get it right this year? In your life, what is causing discomfort and distress; an attitude, possessions, wrong priorities? **Throw it out!** Nothing is worth the feeling of separation from God. **Nothing.** As the load lightens, I pray you too will find the road clearer, the heart steadier and can say with deep felt meaning, "What a great new year."

Try my method of keeping up with the World Wide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society? This is not instead of daily reading, but in addition to. See if you, too, benefit from the extra exposure. They are grouped in subject matter, thus lending to a cluster reading program, and Christians all over the world are pondering these same words.

Speaking of the New Year, right now is a good time for all you society secretaries to begin to keep track of what you want to put in your yearly report of activities for your report to the Women's Committee of Conference next August. If you jot down things as they happen, the report is a breeze to write up. That is the voice of experience speaking.

From the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance comes a newsletter giving many fascinating details of a trip to Bangladesh where a young doctor is doing great things in his ministry of evangelism and healing.

Perhaps I can share part of that with you another time. Also mentioned was the fact that they had resolved to give \$2,000 to the Evangelism and Education Division for Mini-libraries, a collection of ten or so books on Christian ethics, doctrine, how-to for teaching and so on. On her return from the World Federation, our president, Mrs. Shettel, told me that ten of these mini-libraries were provided to persons attending this meeting by the Baptist World Federation. A great reason for supporting this group if your society can do so.

Seventh Day Baptists seem to be in the food business, again, if they ever were not. Several societies have been serving community suppers. Albion mentioned a pancake breakfast and a chicken and biscuit dinner. Nortonville spoke of their fall bazaar. I cannot imagine one of those without some kind of food in that area. Both Alfred and Salem spoke of serving dinners for service organizations and local groups, a good source of income but a lot of hard work for all. I believe Milton also goes in that group. At any rate, we must have a lot of good "cookers" as my nephew used to say.

In Salem, West Virginia's annual report they noted that they had changed their day of meeting to the fourth Sunday of each month, "so that more members could attend." That is an idea that some of the rest of you who have memberships made up of working women might find helpful. North Loup, Nebraska also had a Sunday morning Bible Study, for a time. Whatever you can find to help all members to feel a part of your society is important.

Two messages from the Board: one was brought to mind by a notice from one Society whose Key-worker had reminded the society to be thinking about the Robe of Achievement recipient for 1987. When you send your nomination, please make the nomination as near a biography or resume as possible. The committee cannot write back asking for more information without giving away the fact the person has been nominated. Besides their work in the local church, what have they done Denominationally, in their Community, Ecumenically, etc? This will help a great deal in the consideration. As I have stated before these nominations are kept and reconsidered. If you have perhaps

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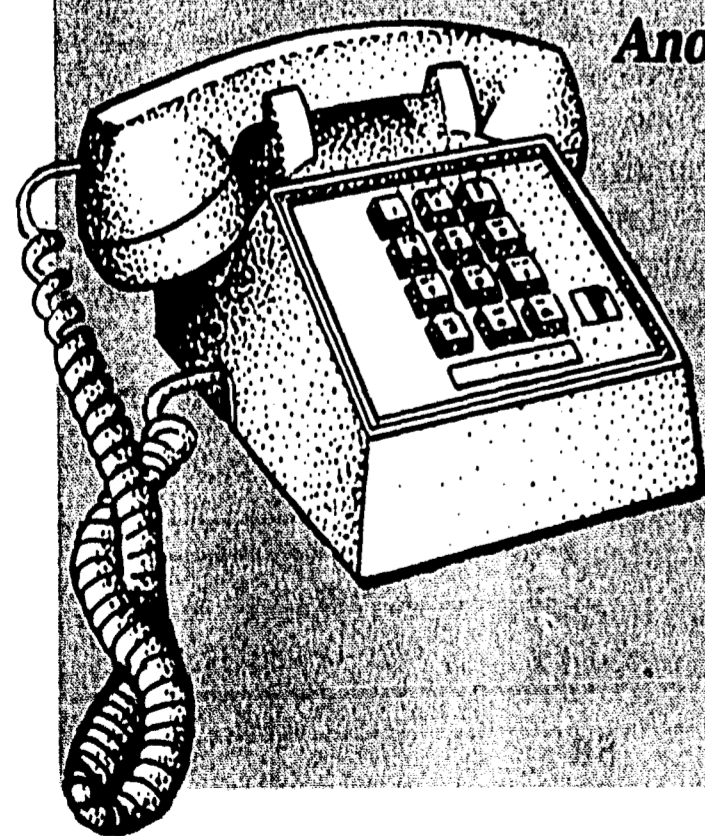
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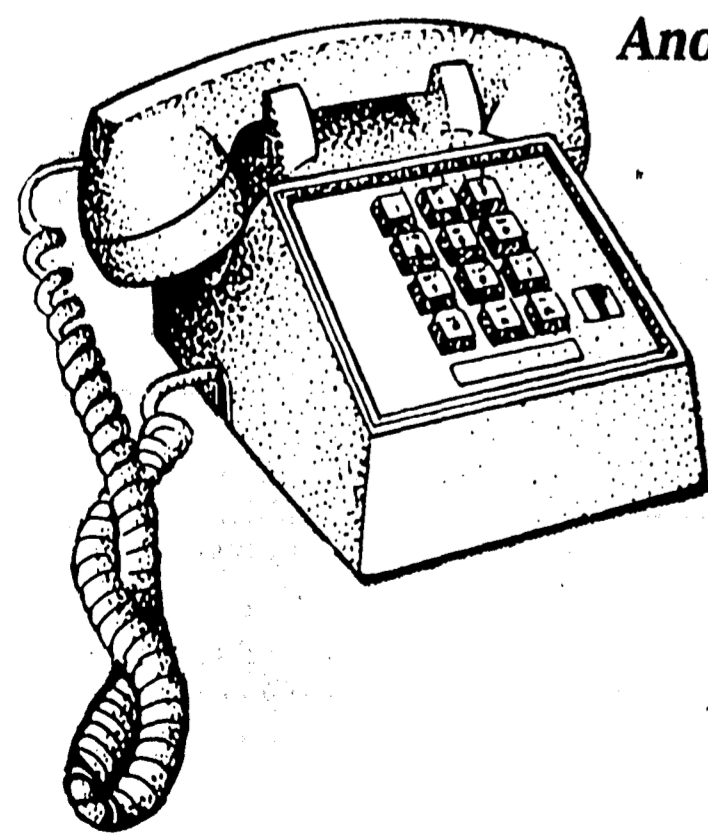
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She was a dear friend of the Waterford, Connecticut, Seventh Day Baptist Church and attended when she was able.

She was born on October 1, 1920, in Centerbrook, Connecticut, the daughter of Alfred and Jennie Taylor Ingraham. Her husband preceded her in death on February 7, 1972.

Survivors include a son, Gregg W. Mark of Richmond, Virginia; four brothers, three sisters, and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Byles Groton Memorial Home. Interment was in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic, Connecticut. Pastor Don Richards conducted the memorial and graveside services.

Pederson.—Reta Susan Pederson was born on November 12, 1896, in Marion, Iowa, the daughter of Ralph E. and Mary (Mattison) Loofboro. She died on September 6, 1986, at the Ebenezer Covenant Home in Buffalo, Minnesota, where she had lived since 1982.

When she was four years old, Susie moved with her family to New Auburn, Wisconsin, where she was baptized at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1911, at the age of 15. She attended high school in Chetek, Wisconsin, and later taught school in Minot, North Dakota. On December 31, 1919, she married Ivar Pederson in New Auburn. After their

marriage, they made their home on a farm near New Auburn, where they lived until August of 1975. They then moved to Buffalo to live with their son, Dave, and his family. Ivar preceded her in death on December 12, 1975.

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She was a dear friend of the Waterford, Connecticut, Seventh Day Baptist Church and attended when she was able.

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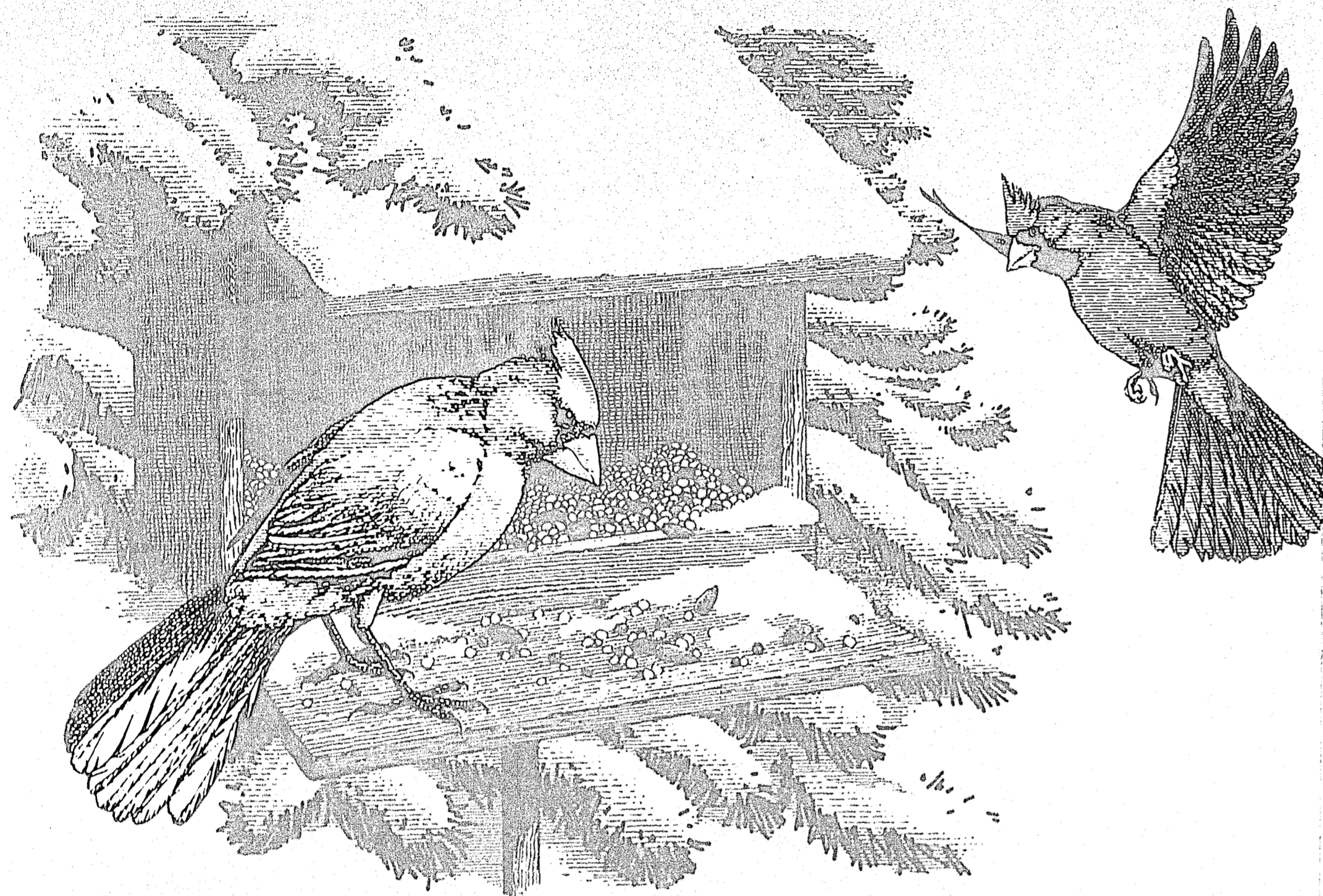
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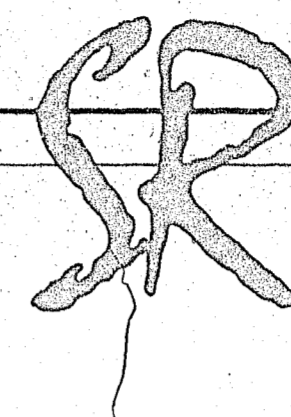
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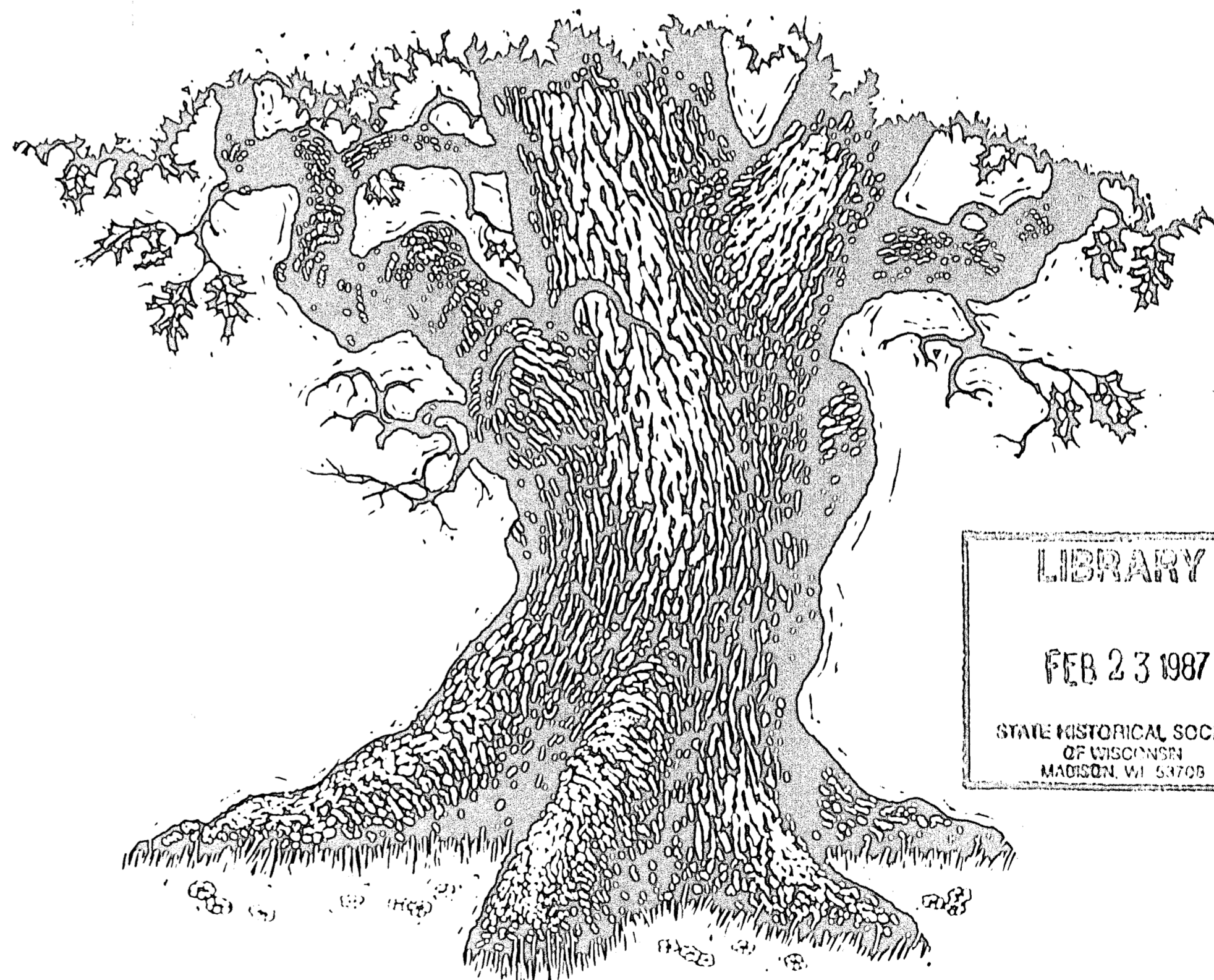
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