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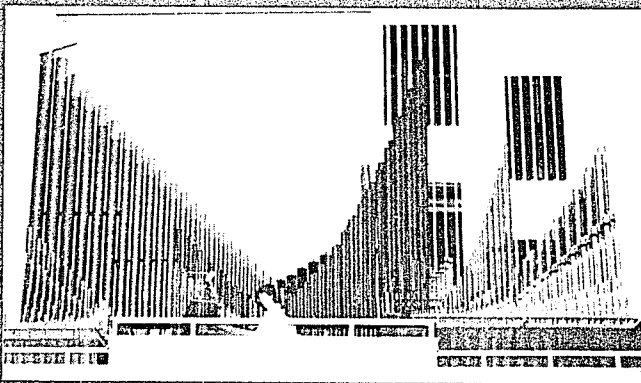
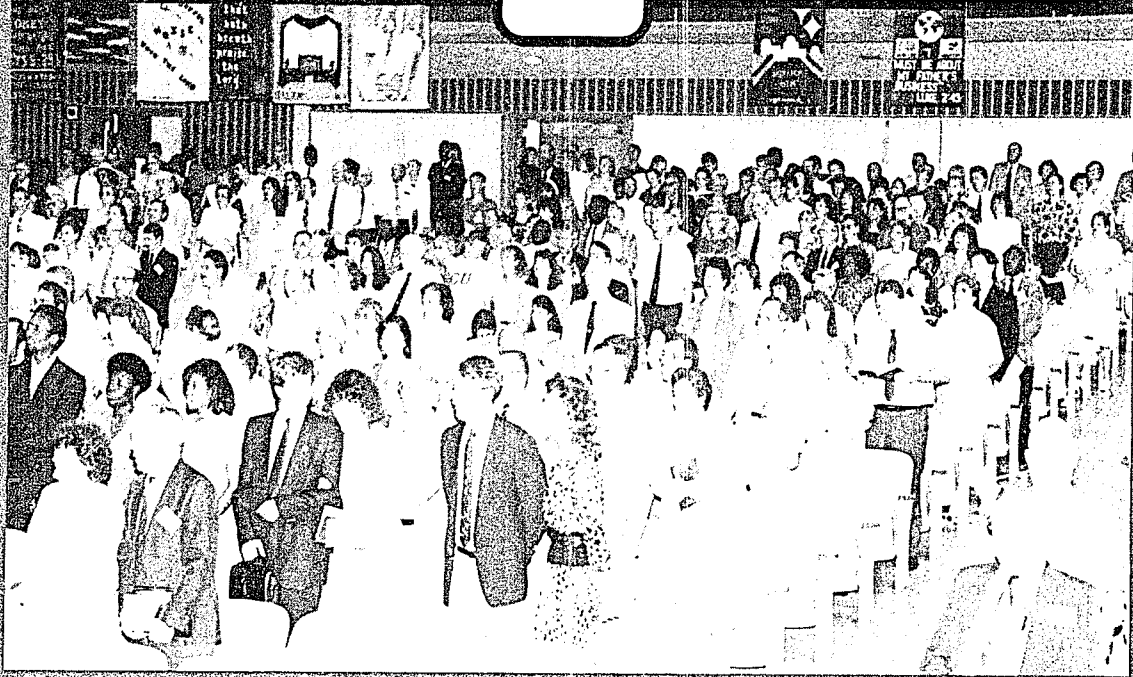
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Houghton memories



Praising God on His Holy Day.

*Towering over the proceedings—
our logo done magnificently in flowers.*



"Decisions, decisions" at the Sabbath eve buffet.

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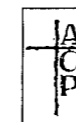
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North Central Association of SDBs

October 11-13
in
Dodge Center, Minn.

Theme:
"Glory to
His Name"

World Federation meets soon

Anticipation accelerates as people in 17 countries look forward to the fourth session of the SDB World Federation to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, next January 2-8. President Gabriel Bejjani's theme is "Give Me This Mountain," based on Joshua 14:12.

In the 25 years since the founding of the World Federation, this will be the first session held outside the USA.

Funds are in place to cover the cost of the sessions, but much more is needed for travel expenses. Average cost for a ticket is \$2,500.

"The World Federation hopes to raise enough money to assure that each of the member groups may send at least one delegate," says Dale Thorngate, executive secretary of the Federation.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution toward travel may send it to SDBWF, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville WI 53547.

Houghton highlights

"Called to Obedience" was an appropriate theme as President Althea Rood remained obedient to the Spirit's leading for this year's General Conference. The mid-August sessions, held at Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., were bathed in glowing testimonies from those remaining obedient to the Lord.

From Joe Samuels' call of "Let's go fishing!"; to Bernie Wethington's response to obedience—"No problem!"; to George Calhoun's "This is a Bible," listeners were motivated to a lifestyle of positive obedience.

One of our largest sessions in recent years, busy registrars counted 618 people, including over 120 young folks. Pre-Con camps hosted 52 teens at Camp Harley Sutton in Alfred Station, and 29 young adults at Camp Vick in Sandusky, N.Y.

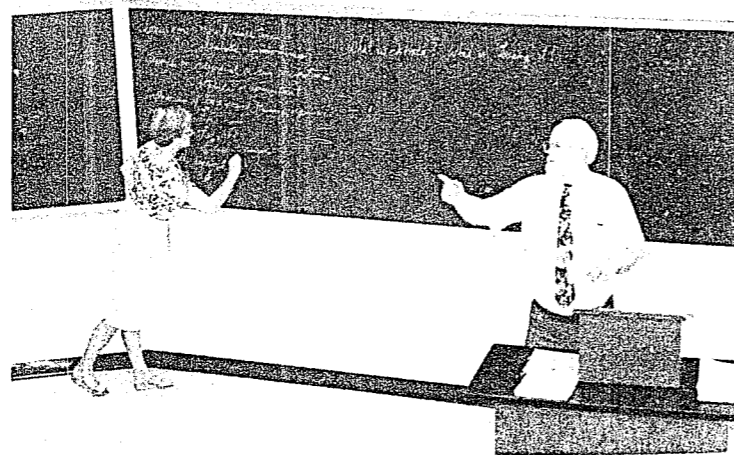
Worship and study

Pastor Larry Graffius started each day leading a Bible study on obedience. The audience then formed small study groups to gain further insight from the Word.

Talented leaders held various workshops on prayer, Sabbath School, Sabbathkeeping, Natural Evangelism Training, camping, quiet time, peace, worship, and youth concerns.

The younger campers treated us with a thought-provoking musical called "The Pledge" (see this issue's *Beacon*). Young adult Pre-Con members also shared an inspiring message in song.

Main speakers for the evening worship services included Pastors Joe Samuels (Plainfield, N.J.), Bill Shobe (Houston, Texas), Dave Taylor (Westerly, R.I.), and Bernie Wethington (San Diego, Calif.).



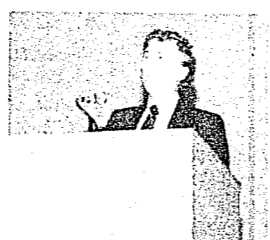
Three of the workshops led by: Arlene Bee (top left); Linda Harris (top right); Janet and Dale Thorngate (right).



David Thorngate



George Calhoun



Larry Graffius



Bernie Wethington

Christine Wyrzten followed her address at the Women's Banquet by favoring the whole Conference and community with a glorious concert on Wednesday night. Her caring ministry to children and families was evident and touched us all.

A Friday evening praise and testimony service, led by Pastor Gene Smith (Adams Center, N.Y.), concluded with the Lord's Supper served by many deacons and deaconesses from across the country.

Sabbath

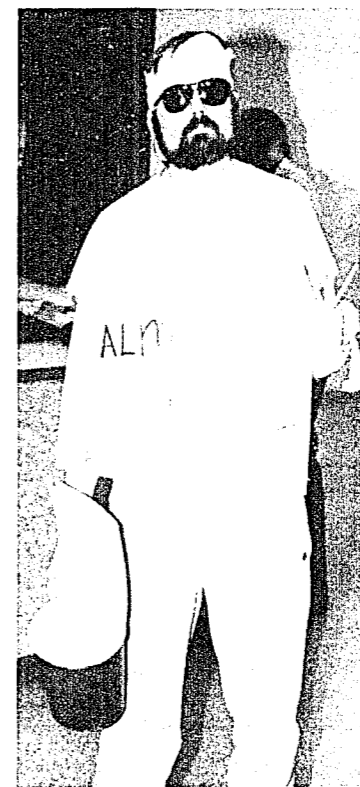
The children were the first to take the stage on Sabbath day, presenting the spirited musical, "Gr-r-owing Up in God." Our future looks bright with these young stars.

While the kids went to hunt for treasure around the Houghton campus, Pastor George Calhoun (Milton, Wis.) shared the message during an inspiring worship time.

Following lunch and a group photo on the chapel steps, Ralph and Dede Mackintosh and their puppet friends presented a musical and magical Sabbath School session for all ages. Our friends from Jamaica kept the crowd excited with their music; special recognitions were awarded; and "The Tenth Coin," a unique hearing-impaired ministry team, rounded out the afternoon with powerful messages in mime.



Above: The General Council. Left: A spokesman for the General Council. Below: Jamaican jam on Sabbath afternoon.



Business

Highlighting the business accomplished:

- Two new churches recognized: SDB Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., and the Faith SDB Church in Atlanta, Ga.
- One church (Fouke) removed: due to the merger of the Fouke and Texarkana, Ark., SDB churches.
- Pastor accredited: Q. Eugene Smith from Adams Center, N.Y.
- New church membership guidelines adopted.
- New Conference theme: Mynor Soper (Texarkana) announced new theme is "Lifting Up Jesus."
- President-elect for 1993: James Skaggs from Madison, Wis.
- New Board members: General Council—James Skaggs and John Peil. Council on Ministry—Luan Ellis and Bill Shobe. Tract Council—Joel Osborn and Cheri Appel. Memorial Board—Myron McPherson, Stephen Pierce, Richard Shepard.

Finances

The Budget and Finance Committee grappled all week with the reality of financial shortcomings. Conference approved the budget proposed by the General Council, and added some McMillan funding to help the General Services ministry at the Center. Each agency took a 5% cut from 1991 current giving levels. Calvin Babcock has already

Right: Calvin Babcock (right) welcomed our new churches. Mynor Soper (left) represented Oklahoma City, while Director of Extension Russ Johnson represented the new Atlanta church. Far right: The friendly food service people even welcomed us with our logo—in ice.

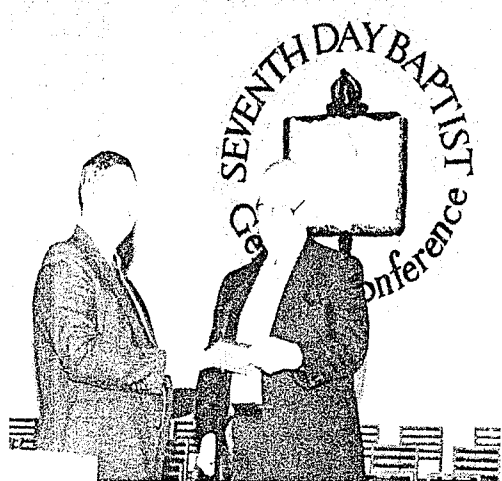


initiated a decrease in personnel hours and services at the Janesville Center.

•The annual Conference offering was \$12,115 with an additional \$4,317 sent in from the churches. This fell short of previous totals given during smaller Conferences.

Recognitions

•Missionary Society executive changes: the Conference recognized the outstanding work of the Rev. Leon Lawton as Executive Vice-President of the



Missionary Society President Harold King (left) presents plaque to retiring Executive Leon R. Lawton.

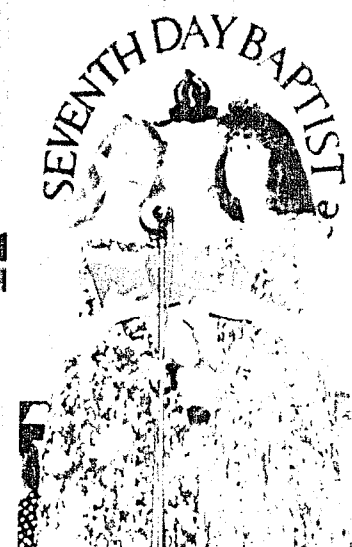
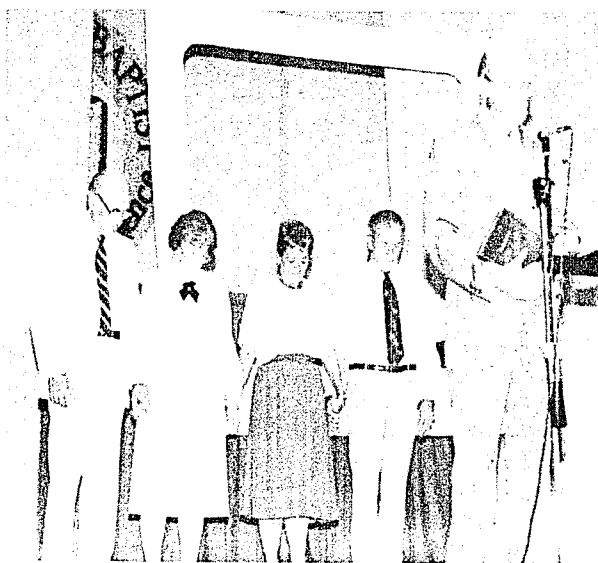
We all learned more about ourselves and our mission as Seventh Day Baptists.



Newly-named Missionary Society Executive Kirk Looper and his wife, Vivian.



The men once again harmonized well under the direction of Host Committee Chairman Stephan Saunders.



Far left: Ernest Bee commissions NET leaders Daryl and Barbara White, Myrna and Gary Cox. Left: A lovely duet from Mary Scott and Faith Camenga.



Sgt. Jeffery Crandall encouraged by Mynor Soper, Althea Rood, and John Camenga for his outreach ministry.

Missionary Society for 21 years. Following Lawton's retirement in January, Kirk Looper of Leavenworth, Kan., will begin his service at the Society's office in Westerly, R.I.

•Awards: Women's Society Robe of Achievement to Gertrude Davis of Lake Elsinore, Calif. (story in November SR); Board of Christian Education's Crystal Apple to Sabbath School teacher Ruth Bennett of Battle

Creek, Mich.; Victor Skaggs and Janet Thorngate for their contributions to the Historical Society.

•New book presented: Historian Don Sanford presents concise SDB history book, *Conscience Taken Captive*, to the Conference.

•NET Commissioning: BCE Executive Director Ernest K. Bee Jr. led a special commissioning for Natural Evangelism Training leaders Daryl and Barbara White, and Gary and Myrna Cox from Denver, Colo.

•Ministry blessing: Mynor Soper, Althea Rood, and Pastor John Camenga encouraged Jeffery Crandall in his new outreach to Sabbathkeepers in the armed services. Sgt. Crandall is based in Berlin, Germany.



Campers from Young Adult Pre-Con cleaned up well—and sang even better.

Hundreds of faithful servants were inspired and called to obedience for a week in Houghton. We all learned more about ourselves and our mission as Seventh Day Baptists.

With obedience to the Lord as a springboard, we look forward to a year of "Lifting Up Jesus" until we once again gather for General Conference. We hope to see even more of you next August 9-15 at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis. SR

Consider the lilies

by Marietta Sutton

Thirty years ago, when Jesus came into my life, I was given a Scripture to memorize (Matthew 6:25-34). Through all of the years, those words seemed to say to me, "Don't worry! God will provide all of your basic needs!" They have a new meaning for me now.

Last year, I became a freshman in college, studying floriculture (the growth and arrangement of flowers). We learned that mankind would not survive without the plant. Then we realized that the plant reproduces itself by way of the seed developed inside of the flower.

We were told to make a list of what we would lose if there were no plants, and then imagine the world without each plant, and then without *all* plants. By the end of our first semester, we truly understood how important the plant is to man. And to me, the flower has a very important position in God's cycle of life!

We learned that the plant needs to reproduce itself so it can continue to fill our needs. This reproduction takes place inside of the flower. (When I discovered the true value of the *flower*, my love for it grew into honor and respect).

The flower has an ovary, which contains the egg. The egg is fertilized by the pollen and becomes the seed. For the seed to reach the ground, the flower must die and drop the seed. When the seed germinates, the life cycle begins again.

I often question why so many people feel the way that they do about buying fresh flowers. How many times have you heard someone say, "Not fresh flowers... they just *die*! What a waste of money!" Yet, people spend money on bowling, football, vacation, or going to General Conference. What is left when the bowling is done? What do

we have after a football game; when we come back from vacation? Doesn't General Conference cost money? After all of it is done, our money is gone, but our spirits have been lifted or fed. We have beautiful memories to sustain us. Why, then, is it considered wasteful to buy fresh flowers, when they hold a much greater position of importance in God's life cycle than some of those mentioned above?

God told us that He would provide our basic needs. Are you wondering what new meaning that I have found in Matthew 6? It is given in the key verse (6:28)— "Consider the lilies of the field..."

Of course! He uses the flower to provide so many of our basic physical needs! God provided a way for us to have our spiritual needs met as well! He gave us Jesus, who is called the Rose of Sharon! He was born, was buried in the grave, and rose again! In Him is our hope for continued life!

Right: Part of the floral committee (left to right): Russ Allen, Lori Allen, Sue Cartwright, Marietta and Ed Sutton. Others who helped: Ramona Allen, George and Mae Bottoms, Brenda and George Kennecutt, and Bill Hankinson.

Below: Marietta Sutton touches up the flower "shadows" on the king-sized Bible.



Oh! The Rose of Sharon
Is blooming so sweet
Within my heart
Within my heart!
The lovely Rose of Sharon
Is blooming so sweet
And brightens my pathway each day!
Jesus is the lovely rose,
The fairest of ten thousand,
Lily of the valley,
He's the bright and morning star!
O the lovely Rose of Sharon
Is blooming so sweet
And brightens my pathway each day!

The floral Seventh Day Baptist Logo done at General Conference was an offering to my God. I wanted to show Him that I honor and respect Him for providing for my needs as He said that He would. It was a way to thank Him for His gift of the beautiful flower—and for the *Rose of Sharon* that blooms continually in my heart. *SR*



A year at the Center

Report from General Services Administrator/
Acting Executive Secretary Calvin Babcock



Calvin Babcock

One year ago I started as your General Services Administrator. This has been a very busy year for all of the staff here at the Center. The smooth operation and high productivity is a credit to the people who make up the staff. The boards and agencies located here work well together and complement each other. For the past year, reports have been completed in a timely manner, bills paid promptly, and correspondence answered promptly.

During the period when there was no Acting Executive Secretary named, your GSA assumed many of these tasks listed in the job description of the Acting Executive Secretary. During the General Council meetings in March 1991, I was named Acting Executive Secretary. Because there has been such a shortfall in Current Giving there has been little money to travel as required in the job description.

During the year I have attended one seminar relating to fund raising. Through *Lead-Line* and *The Sabbath Recorder*, information is shared with our people concerning the budget and ministries being supported. It is my opinion that more personal contact with each of the churches is vitally needed.

Center operation

During this last year there have been no full-time persons added to the Center staff. On September 30, Doug Derby left the temporary half-time position as arranged by the General Council.

Jeremy Howard has received training on the Xenix System and is performing most of the jobs we formerly paid an outside consultant to do. Your GSA has received training on the Realworld software related to payroll and general ledger.

Computers and desktop publishing systems continue to help all of us at the Center to be more efficient. When we experience problems with the equipment, there is a dramatic decrease in tasks completed. In the area of financial reporting, work comes to a standstill.

During this year we have completed a Standard Operating Procedures Manual for the Center operations. This manual was reviewed by the General Council at the August meeting.

Lead-Line

Lead-Line has been continued during 1990-91 with Camille Henry as editor. This publication remains useful as a means of communicating information to leaders in our churches.

Year's highlights

- General Conference voted this year on accepting into membership two new churches.
- Ten churches are participating in MORE 2000 from four Associations.
- Merger of the Fouke and Texarkana churches.
- Four newly revised tracts printed in multi-color.

- New desktop publishing equipment installed for Tract and Communication Council.
- New darkroom camera for reproducing photos and artwork.
- Pastor Gene Smith, the first Training in Ministry and Extension (T.I.M.E.) student to complete the requirements for accreditation. Accreditation voted on this conference.
- Three pastors ordained this year.
- Nine students in Summer Institute on Sabbath Theology.
- Three seminary students.
- Two pastors continue studies for doctoral degrees.
- Ten pastors enrolled in T.I.M.E. program.
- Forty-four attend Pastors Conference in Battle Creek, MI.
- Pre-school and Jr. High Sabbath Nurture Series completed.
- Weekend NET programs started.
- Special funding for summer youth worker.
- Historical Society publishes a short history of Seventh Day Baptists.
- Eight SCSC workers in four separate projects during the summer of 1990.
- Eleven SCSC workers in five separate projects during the summer of 1991.
- PROP (Pastor's Retirement Offering Project) raised \$57,428.21 during the funding drive that ended October 31, 1990. \$50,000 of this amount was matched two for one from the Sue McMillan fund.
- Starting July 1991 the denominational retirees receive a 10% increase in benefits.
- Scholarships for higher education awarded to 27 young people based on their dedicated service work in church and denominational programs. *SR*



Not to be served, but to serve.

Matthew 20:20-28

These women seeking to serve

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Colossians 3:15 NASB).

Many Seventh Day Baptist women from across North America joined in one body during General Conference meetings in August. What a joy and privilege it was to meet and talk with so many. God was good to us!

About 80 women enjoyed the Monday luncheon, during which the 1991-92 Women's Board officers were elected.

Officers include: President Donna Bond, Vice President Ruth Probasco, Secretary Helen Cruzan, Treasurer Marie Davis, Pen & Prayer Coordinator Yvonne Stephan, SCSC Committee (Chairman Jan Bond, Mary Jane McPherson, Jane Jernoske, Ruth Probasco, ex-officio Donna Bond), Robe of Achievement Committee (Elizabeth

Bidwell, Elsa Scull, Florence Bowden), Tuition Fund Committee (Marie Davis, Sharon Davis), Art Director Pat Cruzan, SCSC Historian Marietta Sutton, Board member Evelyn Tomlinson, and *Sabbath Recorder* correspondent and newsletter editor Charlotte Chroniger. Keep all these women in your prayers as they seek "not to be served but to serve." All the officers hail from New Jersey except Marietta, who is from New York.

Forty-four women participated in the Interest Committee on Women's Work, chaired by Linda Camenga of Daytona Beach, Fla. Denise Crandall served as secretary. The women worked diligently and discussed a variety of women's ministry topics.

The committee recommended that the Board continue the following projects: SCSC, Conference Love Gift, Pen & Prayer Project, Robe of Achievement, Women's Page in *The Sabbath Recorder*, craft sale for SCSC at Conference, Conference nursery funding, and the Tuition Fund. The women encouraged

the Board to promote the North American Baptist Women's Union (of which the SDB Women's Board is a part, and Donna Bond serves on the Executive Committee). The NABWU supports projects across the world which benefit women of God in various kinds of ministries. Each of our churches and fellowships are welcome to send donations to the Women's Board designated NABWU.

The committee women also reviewed Keyworker guidelines and made some suggestions. (You'll hear about these in the next newsletter.) They discussed the Tuition Fund and encouraged the Board to promote the Pen & Prayer Project and SCSC.

As the end of August neared, \$3,635.66 was received for the Conference Love Gift recipients. Those recipients include: Bibles for Russia—\$100; Bibles for Cameroons—\$100; Bibles for Helsinki—\$100; Bibles for Nigeria—\$100; Women's Bible Workers in the



Right: Former "Robe" recipient, Florence Bowden, announces this year's winner, along with Women's Society President Donna Bond.

Far Right: "Accepting the award..." for Gertrude Davis was her niece, Linda Dickinson.



A fine feast of more than just food.

India SDB Conference—\$100; \$500 to Joyce Samuels who has been collecting unused Sabbath School materials from our churches to send to Jamaica (she's been paying all the postage herself); and \$500 for a mimeograph machine and supplies for our Philippine SDB churches. The balance of the money will be divided as follows: Des Moines, Iowa, church work—25%; David and Bettie Pearson—25%; Helen Green's prison ministry—20%; Everett Dickinson family—15%; and Ron Elston family—15%.

Many beautiful craft items were sold during Conference, and much

thanks go out to those women who brought them. The sale raised \$328 for the SCSC program. The Hebron, Pa., women took the unsold items to sell for us at a later time.

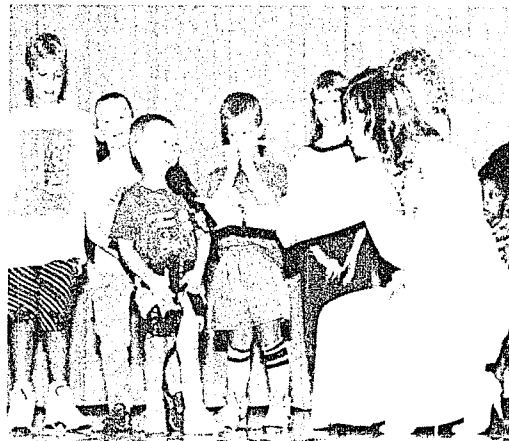
Congratulations to Gertrude (Dickinson) Davis of Lake Elsinore, Calif., who received the Robe of Achievement award. Linda Dickinson accepted the robe and plaque on behalf of her aunt.

The Wednesday night banquet was enjoyed by 161 women. We were blessed and inspired by the SCSC testimony of Kim Baker from Battle Creek, Mich., and our featured speaker, Christine Wyrzten. Christine spoke of the brokenness she experienced because of her mother's death. She also told of her

family's ministry of reaching out to children and families with broken lives. Only the Lord Jesus has the power to heal those broken lives and make them productive and useful for His glory.

Christine's beautiful spirit and joy was carried over into the concert which the entire Conference body enjoyed later that evening. We laughed, cried, and sang. We were so blessed.

We are very appreciative to all those women who shared concerns, dreams, and ideas with us. The Lord has a great work for us to do. We'll try to keep you informed and challenged in this new year of service for our Lord. *SR*



Far left: Christine Wyrzten favored the large crowd with her lovely voice and caring ministry.

Left: Kyle Greene couldn't resist telling a funny story from back home. (Wes and Martha were on the edge of their seats.)

With thanksgiving



Acting Executive Secretary Calvin Babcock (left) congratulates Rev. Gene Smith on his accreditation as an SDB minister.



Janice Kenyon accepts award for her father, Victor Skaggs. Historical Society President Ken Davis presented plaque in honor of Skaggs' 25 years of leadership to the Society.



Ruth Bennett (left) accepts Crystal Apple Award as Sabbath School Teacher of the Year. Marilyn Osborn made the presentation as BCE Executive Ernest Bee observes.

Leon Lawton (left) is honored for his many years of service to the General Council by President Althea Rood and Council Chairman Joe Samuels.

Below: Pastor Gene Smith and church members unveil the T-shirt gifts awarded to the "Senior Saints" who worked on the Adams Center, N.Y., church ramp project. Right: Janet Thorngate surprised by Historian Don Sanford with a plaque to honor her "10 years of professional skill and dedication" as Historical Society librarian and archivist.



1991 Scripture Memorization Program

The Scripture Memorization Program for the 1990-91 year featured President Althea Rood's theme, "Called to Obedience." The Sabbath School Committee of the Board of Christian Education selected monthly Scripture verses for Primary, Junior, and Youth/Adult age groups. Sabbath School students who completed the program were presented certificates at the General Conference sessions in Houghton, N.Y.

Adams Center, NY
Nellie P. Barbur

Milwaukee, WI
Mabel E. Cruzan

Seattle, WA
Maude M. Posey

First Hopkinton, RI
Patrick Park
Thelma Tarbox

Pine Street Gospel, CT
Gwen Bowyer
William Bowyer

Plainfield, NJ
Joyce Samuels
Marvis Taylor

Raritan Valley, NJ
Janice Kenyon
Pastor Jeanne Yurke

Black Hills, SD
Jan Graffius
Steven Graffius
Jan Kelly

Columbus, OH
Helen Bond
Brett Greene
Carrie Spaur

Hebron, PA
Edna Gaines
Benjamin Hauber
David Hauber
Evelyn Hauber

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Sharon L. Davis
Jeanne Dickinson
Holly Miller

Nortonville, KS
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Linda Harris
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Christy Wheeler

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Abbi Marteny
Erin Thorngate
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Lucile Todd

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Willie Ray Grace
Linda Hays
Ralph Hays
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Renee Hinkson
Gwenette Reynolds

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Boulder, CO
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Debbie Skaggs
Pat Williams

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Kris Bonser
Angelyn Neher
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Cathy Payne
Marcy Payne
Jeffery Rood
Teresa Ynsdal

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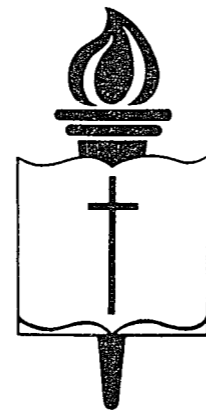
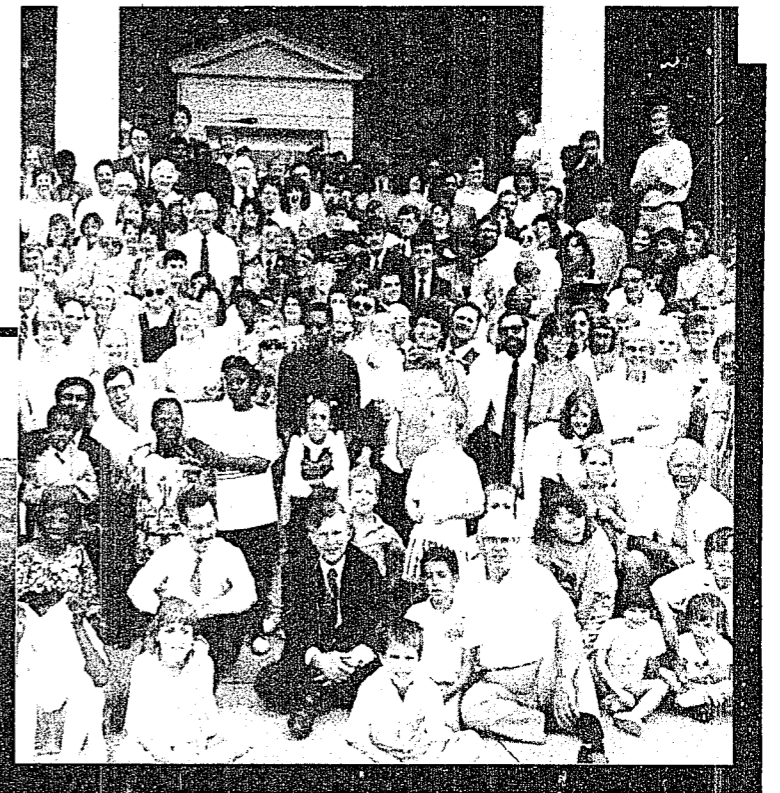
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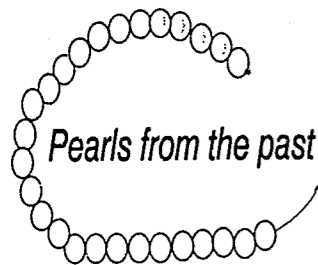
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Leonard Williams
Kenia Lee Wheeler



*Can you picture
yourself as a
Seventh Day
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Historical Diamond Jubilee

From the Historical Society annual report

Society incorporated—1916

Seventy-five years ago, on June 28, 1916, the Historical Society was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey. The Certificate of Incorporation specified that the purpose of the corporation was: (a) to establish and maintain an historical library and museum; (b) to investigate the history of



Historian Don Sanford presents his concise history book to the General Conference. President Althea Rood accepted the long-awaited gift.

religious organizations and related subjects, in particular those pertaining to Seventh Day Baptists; (c) to acquire and preserve records and other objects of interest and data relating to history; (d) to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant devise, or bequest, any property, real or personal, as may be necessary or desirable for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation.

It was this last purpose—which made it necessary for the Historical Society to incorporate. In order for the denomination to acquire and hold the Sachse collection of SDB

historical items (gathered for 30 years), a corporation was legally required, for at this point in time, the General Conference had not been incorporated.

The act of incorporation, with the addition of the Sachse collection three quarters of a century ago, dates the birth of the Historical Society as a legal entity. It was preceded, however, by over a century of concern for the recording and publicizing our history as a people.

Recordings begin—1806

One of the earliest official acts of General Conference was taken in 1806 when it recommended "to have the rise and progress of the Sabbatarian Churches in North America, printed in a brief, historical manner." Three years later, Henry Clarke was authorized to prepare and publish such a history. In 1811 he published *A History of the Sabbatarians or Seventh Day Baptists in America Containing Their Rise and Progress to the Year 1811...*

Committee on History—1863

Over 50 years later, General Conference appointed a committee to consider organization of a Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. That committee recommended the appointment of a Historical Board of four persons—one from each association, and requested that arrangements be made with Alfred University for the safe keeping of all documents collected. A nucleus of historic material was gathered by this board, including the Cramner New Testament printed in 1549, manuscript and bound copies of Conference minutes, complete sets of


denominational periodicals, histories of churches and numerous other writings.

The Historical Board operated under a Committee on Denominational History through which it reported to Conference. The Committee was loosely structured and often met only during sessions of Conference.

Concise history needed—1881

In 1881 the Committee on Denominational History reported "the need of the denomination for a concise, but complete history of its rise, progress and present condition." William C. Whitford, the President of Milton College, undertook to fill this need as he assumed leadership in this committee. In 1884 the *Seventh Day Baptist Quarterly* was published under his editorship as a means of both preserving and communicating history. Lack of denomination-wide support forced its discontinuation after four issues, but articles and sketches of historic interest appeared regularly in *The Sabbath Recorder*. Meanwhile attention was given to the centennial celebration of General Conference and the preparation of papers which were later published in 1910 as *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America, Vol. I and II*. A third volume was later edited by Rev. Albert N. Rogers in 1972.

Concise history done—1991

Fulfilling a 110-year-old need, Don Sanford's concise history book, *Conscience Taken Captive*, was completed July 1991. The book was presented to the General Conference during the History Society's Diamond Jubilee program at Houghton, N.Y. 



FOCUS
on Missions

by Leon R. Lawton

Helsinki, Finland, Europe

"We thank you for the help we have received... At the spring meeting there were 45 members in Helsinki. In Finland presently we have 100 members. We have spread the Ten Commandments around southern Finland on a motorcycle (an old Vespa). We started tent meetings in July in southern and eastern Finland."

Pastor Risto Sorsa continues to use the limited designated gifts sent for their ministries in Russia, Estonia, Eastern Europe, and Finland. The Women's Board Love Gift included \$200 for Bibles in this area. Other designated gifts are welcomed.

Director of Extension, USA

In his quarterly report, Director of Extension Russell Johnson wrote: "As I finish my first year of work with the Missionary Society, I continue to praise God for the new opportunities that are opening to Seventh Day Baptists. The stream of contacts and opportunities seems to be unabated. The attitudes of most individual and group contacts have been positive toward the General Conference, even if they are not yet ready to consider being members.

"I believe that we should neither be too anxious to add every new group, nor too reticent to work with new groups that are hesitant to commit to any conference of churches at this point in their work. The key to success in this work, as in all successful Christian ministry, is a willingness to do face-to-face contact so our love for God and His love abiding in us can genuinely be expressed to these people."

Mozambique, Central Africa

After nine years with no regular contact between Seventh Day Baptists in Mozambique and Malawi—all members of the Central Africa Conference of SDBs—two leaders were able to visit Malawi in July. One of these, Mr. Andrea, reported that the nine local SDB churches and groups in Mozambique have continued their witness and growth.

The last statistics indicated 230 members. This has now grown to "over 1,000!" This means that the Central Africa Conference of SDBs continues to have a larger membership than the SDB General Conference USA and Canada.

Missionaries visit SDB churches, USA

Missionaries Ian and Trudy Ingoe and their two children will be spending a month in the United States from November 10 to December 10, enroute to their home in Auckland, New Zealand. They will travel across the country in a car loaned by a Seventh Day Baptist family. While they cannot visit every SDB church, nor be with each church on the Sabbath, the arrangements for such visits have been made by the Missionary Board office. See the October *Lead-Line* for itinerary information.

Chipho Clinic, Malawi, Africa

The ZOA (Dutch) refugee care agency has funded a guardian shelter for the families of inpatients at the Clinic. Also, because of the growing SDB church at Chipho, over 85,000 bricks were molded by July and additional ones were made to build a church building. Hopefully this new church building was finished in time for Missionary Ingoe to preach on October 5, prior to leaving Malawi on furlough the 17th.

Miami, FL, USA

The second quarter, 1991, pointed our church toward some major transitions. Upon the initiative of the members residing in West Palm Beach, the church decided to establish a branch there under the leadership of Pastor William Vis so that those in the area will not have to travel 65 miles one way to church. There are 12 members residing in West Palm Beach, and the branch will begin meeting Sabbaths in January 1992. They currently meet Friday nights.

During the quarter we had one baptismal service where five candidates were immersed. These are all young people. We also had special services highlighting mothers and the Sabbath in May, and fathers and youth in June. The establishment of a youth choir during the quarter has added much life to our church. I believe the Miami SDB church stands on the threshold of becoming a strong, healthy, dynamic church celebrating God's presence, communicating God's Word, educating God's people, and demonstrating God's love.

—Extension Pastor Andrew Samuels



the BEACON

Produced by the Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education
For and by members of the SDB Youth Fellowship

October 1991

Banquet a highlight

From the Conference Crier

Kim Gesner, 1991 president of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship of USA and Canada, turned over the gavel of responsibility to the '92 officers at the Conference Youth Banquet.

With a color scheme of peaches and cream that evoked the YF's hopes for all our lives, the delicious feast featured Cliff Rosa leading choruses and Matt Olson as main speaker.

Former Director of Youth Ministries, Matt eloquently addressed the tough question, "Can you get mad at God?" Dealing with the reality of frustration and rage that we sometimes feel when unable to understand God's silence, Matt's bottom line was, "Wait and see." He offered Job's faith and patience as a model for facing such times.

Another hard dose of reality was the inspiring message Kim Gesner passed on to help fortify next year's officers. Kim urged them to stay as enthused and united as they are right now, exhorting the members to maintain their level of support.

Accepting the awesome task of producing next year's activities program at Carroll College will be: Tanya Henry, president; Kory



Cliff Rosa led choruses at the Youth Banquet. The head table included (left to right): Kory Geske, Tanya Henry, Rosa, Kim Gesner, Marietta Sutton, and speaker Matt Olson.

Geske, vice president; Tanya Bonser, member; Erik Henry, treasurer; and Lisa Call, secretary.

Many of the youth also participated in Monday night's musical, "The Pledge." This series of songs and skits featured a girl named Charity (played by Kimberly Henry) who had to decide on a proper stand for Christ. She doesn't go along with the usual pledge required to join a certain Christian club which had become tainted by elitist attitudes.

Charity invites some NERKS (Noticeably Excited Religious Kids) to the club, and soon all of the members renew their faith with a hauntingly simple pledge: "He died for me; I'll die for Him!"

Late evening activities included bowling (with a larger discount due

to good behavior!), roller skating, and a swim and gym night.

Plan to attend all the great activities next year at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin!



Tanya Henry (left) received the gavel from outgoing YF President Kim Gesner.



Youth Pre-Con members taking the pledge: "He died for me; I'll live for Him!"

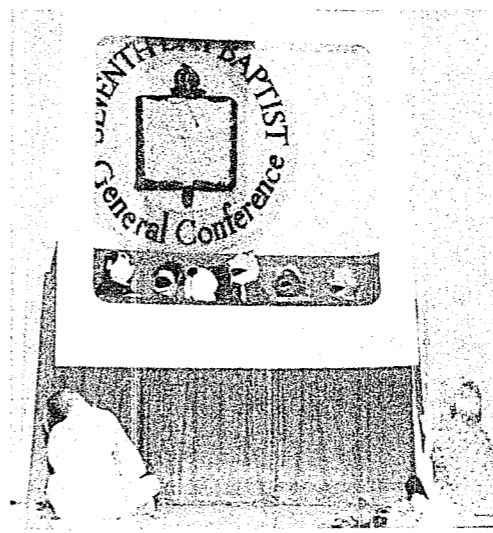
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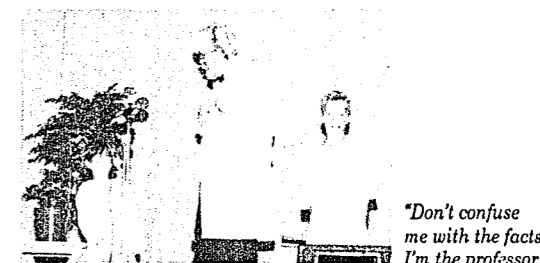
Little people took over the campus for the treasure hunt.



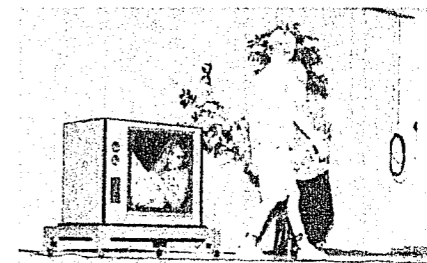
"Yes, God made each one of you very special."



Sabbath School puppets—entertaining and educating!



"Don't confuse me with the facts! I'm the professor!"



"How did she get in there? How will she get out?!"

Lifting up Jesus

John 12:32

by Mynor Soper



Mynor Soper

All who were able to attend General Conference in Houghton this year were richly blessed. Conference President Althea Rood's theme of "Called to the Obedience that Comes from Faith" was superbly carried out through the Bible studies (both in general presentations and in small groups), evening messages, and seminars.

And I must say that the music was tremendous. We were lifted to such heights through praise songs and hymns—especially by the young people's music. Never have I heard such mature voices from such young bodies! Surely even the angel choirs were applauding! Those of you who were there must agree that we were truly blessed. I am just sorry all of you could not have been with us.

During this past year, as I have sought the Lord's guidance regarding a theme for this coming year and the special emphasis He would have me set forth, I reflected often on two things. One was our president's theme of being "Called to Obedience." Second was my concern for what I feel is the most critical aspect of a Christian's response to the wonders of God's reaching down: bringing salvation to all who would receive it through His Son Jesus Christ. I agree with songwriter Charles Gabriel, and

"stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean." I think I shall never lose that amazement at His great love for me.

But almost as amazing is that we Christians are so reticent to share with others the story of what Christ has done for us personally. Our greatest need as a people is that we be unafraid and bold in sharing this glorious news with others. Especially since we are under commission from our Lord to be His witnesses, and since the message is such good news!

In John 12:32, Jesus was preparing His disciples for His soon-coming crucifixion, and He said, "... I, if I be lifted up... will draw all men unto me." So it seemed appropriate that we should follow last year's theme of being "Called to Obedience," by focusing on our need to be obedient witnesses.

Thus my theme for the coming year is "Lifting Up Jesus." Witnessing to our faith and what Jesus has done in our lives is only one of the ways in which we lift Him up so

that an unbelieving and dying world might know Him and His power to save. We will focus on other aspects of that challenge also, but right now I want to challenge all of us to give serious thought to our responsibility as disciples of Jesus Christ to personally share that Good News with others.

The world is dying due to the lack of knowledge that there is a way out—an eternal life available to those who will believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and personally trust Him for salvation. There is no more beautiful way to lift Jesus up to an unbelieving world than to share our faith in Him; to share with those who do not know Him as Savior and Lord, and to tell what He has done for us personally. Such obedience calls us to believe that He will enable us to share that witness in His power and that we shall be greatly blessed in the process.

Prayer: Help us, O Lord, to be effective witnesses for Jesus. Help us to so lift Him up that others may see Him and then receive Him as their Savior, too. Amen. ✠



President Soper telling the "Authority Inspector" (Terry Ellis) that the Bible is THE source of authority. Conversation over.

Denver music extravaganza

by Katherine Davis

On Sabbath day, June 8, the Denver SDB Church was presented with a dramatic music extravaganza by the choir and special guests.

We have a committed choir that faithfully takes part in the church service nine months out of the year. This glorious day was their farewell for the summer.

Our choir director, Gary Cox, put the program together using many artists from the area. Pastor Tom Warner opened the service, followed by Robin Planer who brought the Scripture lesson from Psalm 150. The rest of the service was *Spring Worship in Music*.

The opening choral music, "O Cleansing Stream," included choir, organ, and Debby Planer on the flute. "Tender Lord, Precious Lord" featured choir and piano. Gerry Luethi was organist and pianist. Debby and Robin Planer then sang a beautiful duet, "Trust His Heart." Also, from the talented Planer family, Matt brought special music with his trumpet in "William P. Latham Suite," and accompanied the choir in the piece, "Worthy is the Lamb."

Three outstanding male quartet numbers were presented by Robin Planer, Gary Cox, Mike Cox, and Steve Spearman—"In the Rifted Rock," "Wonderful Peace of My Savior," and "Abide in Me." A men's chorus was featured in "The Uncolored Day."

The choir followed again with "Lord I Don't Feel No Ways Tired." A Latin percussion ensemble made up of Alice Parker, Rachel Parker, and Erin Bertram accompanied the choir with "Shut de Door." The congregation tapped their toes on that one!

We had a special guest artist with us for the morning. Pam Gonzalez sang, "For All the World."

Pam travels and presents her own singing program all over the country, so we were especially privileged to have her with us. Soloists in "Put Forth, O God, Thy Spirit's Might" were Debby Planer and Michael Cox.

Each choir member invited a guest to sing in the finale. A 20-voice choir became 40 voices as

they performed a special rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." What a way to finish the choir year! A special thanks to our director for making all this possible for the choir and our congregation. Everyone was deeply inspired by the wonderful variety of music. There was a favorite song for everyone. ✠

A great example

Last month, *The Sabbath Recorder* reviewed the life of George H. Babcock, a dedicated individual, a Christian industrialist and Sabbathkeeper.

George Babcock lived out his Christian beliefs, declining to work on the Sabbath. Also, he used the accumulation of his assets for the good of his church, denomination, and community. As he did so, doors opened to use his God-given talents for good.

The 1990 Memorial Fund Report reflects the financial endowment he left. This has grown to become a

significant contributor to our current denominational work. His original gift has multiplied to its current value of \$1,127,533 and benefits the entire denomination. The annual income will continue to advance Seventh Day Baptist interests into the future.

Like George Babcock, you can contribute to the present and future of your church and community. The Memorial Board is ready to assist as you develop your financial plan for a future that includes your family, church, denomination, and community. ✠

Annual meeting notice Board of Christian Education

The annual meeting of the members of the SDB Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held at the Van Horn Office Building, 892 Route 244, Alfred Station, N.Y., on Sunday, October 27, 1991, at 2 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting shall be to hear and act upon the 1990 annual report of the Board of Directors, to elect members of the Board of Directors, and to consider and act upon such matters that may properly come before said meeting.

Members of Seventh Day Baptist churches entitled to representation in the SDB Conference are members of the corporation. Accredited delegates at the 1991 Conference in Houghton, N.Y., are entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Support group for adoptees

A unique group of families and individuals met for lunch at Conference for a very special purpose. They all had adopted children or were adopted themselves.

After looking around at those in attendance at Conference, we realized that there is a good number of adoptive families among SDBs. Therefore, we met together over lunch and shared our stories. We decided that a support group for adoptive families and individuals could be a great help to each of us. We do have unique family relationships, and little has been written on the subject. This was the start of that support group.

The purpose of the group is to provide support for times when adjustments become difficult—when we just need someone who understands our frustrations and

is willing to listen. Those who have had more experience with developing relationships within adoptive families might be of help to those who have not.

Primarily, we want to offer prayer support whenever a special need arises. We, as a group, want to be available at any time by telephone and by mail. We hope to put together a newsletter which communicates the positive things as well as the frustrations.

If you are an adopted adult or child, or have adopted children and would like to become a part of this support group, write to Camille Henry, 3304 Berkshire Rd., Janesville, WI 53546 for a list of the support group members. You will be added to the list, and an updated list will be sent regularly to all those involved. *SR*

Special times in Brookfield

On July 27, the Leonardsville/Brookfield, N.Y., SDB Church hosted a concert featuring the musical group, "For His Glory." The group, from Blountville, Tenn., is made up of Jason Malone on drums, Michelle Mullins on keyboard, and Tony Malone on guitar.

The spiritually uplifting evening concluded with Tony and his wife, the former Angie Palmer of Leonardsville, renewing their wedding vows. Angie's parents moved from Leonardsville before she was married, and she always expressed a desire to be married in her home

church. Her husband fulfilled that wish by secretly arranging the vow renewal. Congratulations, Angie and Tony, and God's blessings on "For His Glory."

On July 28, Frances L. Palmer—affectionately known as "Gram"—celebrated her 80th birthday during a gathering at the church's parish house. More than 85 people came to honor Gram, who is a deaconess. "For His Glory" furnished the entertainment. (Angie Malone is Gram's granddaughter.) Everyone had a wonderful time, and a very special lady was honored. *SR*

Already they're asking!! SCSC dates for 1992

Training: Project Directors— June 18-22
Workers— June 19-28
Projects: June 28-August 3

Write the Center for applications.

Battle Creek gives thanks

by Judy Fatato

The Battle Creek, Mich., church had a busy spring and summer.

In April, we again hosted Pastors' Conference. We were inspired by them and glad to be of service.

Our Summer Youth Pastor, Steve Osborn, arrived on May 1. He served the pre-teens through high school ages until mid-September, teaching Sabbath School, planning youth activities, directing two camps, and more. Steve was so well liked, enthusiastic, and energetic, that we feel he has started a ministry here.

After being well served by Matt Olson and Henry Davis during our interim without a pastor, the Battle Creek church was pleased to welcome Pastor James Galanaugh on July 27. Jim was introduced, then greeted the congregation with his wife, Diane, and two children, Ryan and Kyle. During the Meal of Sharing which followed, the Galanaughs were able to meet many of the church. The local paper carried a picture of Rev. Galanaugh, along with an announcement of his arrival and background. Parsonage preparations included a new roof, vinyl siding, air conditioning, and landscaped grounds.

On August 3, Pastor Jim led worship in Battle Creek and gave the Lord's message concerning our purpose: to be a refuge for those hurting around us. We are very glad to serve God with Pastor Jim!

That same day, we had a special recognition for our SCSC team—Leah Martin and Corey Remick—who served us so ably and were enjoyed by everyone. They were invaluable to our camping program and were a part of the weekly nursing home services.

We thank God for His many blessings, and are striving to be encouragers and worthy of our calling! *SR*

1991 SCSC Team Eagle

by Jan Bond

The Summer Christian Service Corps training was held at Camp Paul Hummel in Boulder, Colo., this summer. Pastor George Calhoun served as Training Coordinator, with Pastor Chuck Graffius, Althea Rood, and Mary Jane McPherson completing the staff. Vivian Looper and Shari Severance

kept everyone well nourished, meal after meal. Jan Bond, SCSC Chairman, was there to document and help wherever necessary.

The staff arrived on June 19, making preparations. The Project Directors (P.D.s) arrived the next day. After one long day of working on grids and learning some of the

techniques that the workers would be learning, they were ready for the teams to arrive.

For three days, P.D.s and workers studied, worshiped, and worked together. Then the P.D.s headed for home to make final plans.

What is training like? Let me share a typical day with you:

6:30 a.m. Wake-up and get ready for half-mile hike up mountain for devotions
7:30 Breakfast, followed by two testimonies which are critiqued by fellow workers and staff
8:30 Prayer time—day's and personal concerns
9:00 Personal Bible study—Rookies: discipleship course; Vets: Book, "Too Busy Not to Pray"
10:00 Bible class—discuss what was just studied
11:00 Communications—reflective counseling
12:00 Music—learn new songs, practice leading in front of fellow SCSCers
12:30 p.m. Lunch—two more testimonies
1:30 Evangelism—discussed "Witnessing Without fear" by Bill Bright. Discussed salvation tracts, practiced leading fellow workers to Christ
2:30 Christian Education and Children's Message—learned teaching techniques, worked with materials that will be used on projects

3:30 Recreation—learned new games, teaching techniques, and then planned activities for certain age groups and presented them
4:30 Catch-up time—work on children's message, testimony, music, or recreation
5:30 Dinner—two more testimonies (Each worker must give two testimonies, the first one is scheduled. Second time, name is pulled from a hat.)
6:30 Vespers—Teams were asked to prepare vespers for different age groups and then present them as the rest acted that particular age.
7:30 Camp Fire—Ingredients for a fun-filled Christian evening program were taught. Then plan a camp fire for high school/college age group and present it.
9:30 Snack time (always healthy) and catch up
11:00 Lights out! Praise God that another busy day is over.

On Sabbath morning, everyone went down to Boulder for church. Each SCSCer had a part in either the morning worship or Sabbath School. In the afternoon, we took a trip up to Long Lake and admired the beauty of God's creation. There was even some snow for a snowball fight! That evening, the staff served the workers at a banquet and com-

munion service. God blessed us again by showing us a double rainbow!!

Team Eagle says, "SCSC training is tough, demanding, and character building. We are trained to be leaders and to pursue our Christian faith with determination, faith, and excellence. We are the future leaders of this denomina-

tion, and we take that challenge seriously. We are learning to fight the good fight of faith; I guess that's why they call us the Corps."

After 10 days of intense training, the workers packed their bags, said their good-byes, and headed out as teams to spread their wings and put to use all their newfound skills. Isaiah 40:31. *SR*



1991 SCSC Team: (left to right) Cory Remick, Leah Martin, Kim Baker, Faith Camenga, Jennifer Hodge, Heather Spaur, Mary Scott, David Saunders, Heather Van Horn, Michael Peters, and Randy Miller.

December	\$708,785
November	\$649,715
October	\$590,650
September	\$531,585
August	\$472,520
July	\$413,455
June	\$354,390
May	\$295,325
April	\$236,260
March	\$177,195
February	\$118,130
January	\$59,065

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August Giving	Investment Income (est)
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April Giving	Investment Income (est)
March Giving	Investment Income (est)
February Giving	Investment Income (est)
January Giving	Investment Income (est)

1991 income needed—\$708,785.
Per month gift income needed—\$29,415.
Total needed each month—\$59,065.

Encouraging Words

Repeating last month's call:

"They say that the children's sermon is for the little ones, but we older folks sure enjoy it. You never know with those kids—we've seen some funny moments!
"Could others share briefly some humorous moments from children's messages?"

Write to the Center (100 words or less) or call (608) 752-5055

Marriages

Cota-Burdick.—Albert Cota and Linda Sue Burdick were united in marriage on July 30, 1988, at the Leonardsville/Brookfield (NY) SDB Church. The Rev. Ernest Clemens officiated.

Rogers-Welch.—Thomas Jay Rogers and Bethany Ann Welch were united in marriage August 12, 1989, at the Leonardsville/Brookfield (NY) SDB Church by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, the bridegroom's great-uncle.

Krause-Welch.—John Herman Krause and Amy Catherine Welch were united in marriage on May 5, 1990, at the home of the Rev. Ernest Clemens, who officiated.

Simard-Thurston.—Wilfred Simard and Patricia Ann Thurston were united in marriage on July 28, 1990, at the First SDB Church of Little Genesee, Little Genesee, NY. Pastor Ed Sutton officiated.

Hull-Bowee.—Roger Hull and Serena Bowee were united in marriage at the West Winfield Park on August 20, 1990. The Rev. Ernest Clemens officiated.

Welch-Williams.—Scott Welch and Teri Williams were united in marriage on September 15, 1990,

at the home of the Rev. Ernest Clemens, who officiated.

Weidman-Harrison.—Orland Dan Weidman III and Dorothy Ann Harrison were united in marriage on October 27, 1990, at the Leonardsville/Brookfield (NY) SDB Church. The Rev. Ernest Clemens, the bride's uncle, officiated.

McDonald-Ouder Kirk.—Roy McDonald and Shannon Elaine Ouder Kirk were united in marriage on June 21, 1991, at the First SDB Church of Little Genesee, NY. Pastor Ed Sutton officiated.

Fancher-Fanton.—Scott Fancher and Lori Fanton were united in marriage on June 29, 1991, at the First SDB Church of Little Genesee, NY. Pastor Ed Sutton officiated.

Knapp-Kilts.—Kevin Knapp and Karyn Kilts were united in marriage on July 13, 1991, in the City Park, Glens Falls, NY. Rev. Sheldon Hurst of the First Baptist Church, Glens Falls, officiated.

Lamb-Davis.—Donald M. Lamb and Pamela J. Davis were united in marriage on July 27, 1991, at the Little Genesee Campgrounds by the bride's pastor, Rev. Ed Sutton.

Births

Dye.—A daughter, Stephanie Jeannette Dye, was born to the late Zebulon Dye and Amy Welch of Cassville, NY, on July 29, 1988.

Welch.—A son, Chad Lowell Welch, was born to Robert and Ronda (Jacobsen) Welch of Ashaway, RI, on September 2, 1989.

Shafer.—A son, Shane Dale Shafer, was born to Keith and Daliene (Curtis) Shafer of Riverside, CA, on July 4, 1990.

Perez.—A son, Noel Perez, was born to Richard and Elizabeth (Maddox) Perez of Riverside, CA, on October 11, 1990.

Whitlock.—A son, Joshua Whitlock, was born to Kenneth and Beth Whitlock of Winchester, CA, on January 12, 1991.

Thorngate.—A son, Levi Adam Thorngate, was born to David and Christina (Boyd) Thorngate of Riverside, CA, on February 26, 1991.

Kepler.—A son, Derek Scott Kepler, was born to Kevin and Sharon (Curtis) Kepler of Riverside, CA, on March 4, 1991.

Welch.—A daughter, Tristen Marie Welch, was born to Scott and Teri (Williams) Welch of Bridgewater, NY, on April 27, 1991.

Lee.—A daughter, Lauren Brooke Lee, was adopted by W.B. and Angie Lee of Riverside, CA, on June 16, 1991.

Sperry.—A son, Dustin Kyle Sperry, was born to Rick and Veronica (Zwiebel) Sperry of Jacksonville, FL, on July 2, 1991.

Osborn.—A daughter, Talia Jasmine Osborn, was born to Tim and Jayme Osborn of Dodge Center, MN, on July 23, 1991.

Krause.—A daughter, Trisha Christine Krause, was born to John and Amy (Welch) Krause of Arkport, NY, on November 23, 1990.

Accessions

Brookfield, NY
Ernest Clemens, pastor
Joined after testimony
Dorothy Weidman
Etta Pierce

Joined by letter
Ruth Palmer

**Sunshine Mountain
Chatawa, MS**
Ralph L. Hays, pastor

Joined after baptism
David Fisher

Joined after testimony
Elaine Fisher

Hebron, PA
Michael Burns, pastor
Joined after testimony
Altheia Dudley

Lake Elsinore, CA
Dennis L. Palmer, pastor
Joined after baptism
Leslie Recavarren
Amber Lubash

Joined after testimony
Albert Recavarren
Toni Bice
Jeffrey Bice

Joined by letter
Dennis L. Palmer

Little Genesee, NY
Ed Sutton, pastor
Joined after testimony
Eveline Anderson
William Anderson

Obituaries

Bullock.—Matie (Mary Emma) Greene Bullock, 106, died on November 4, 1990, at the Burgun Adult Home in Petersburg, N.Y.

Matie was born to William Edgar and Emma (Clemens) Greene on July 7, 1884, in Berlin, N.Y. She married Joseph R. Bullock of Schenectady, N.Y., on June 15, 1935.

Matie joined the Berlin SDB Church on June 26, 1897, at the age of 13. She served her beloved church as an organist for over 50 years, was a Sabbath School teacher for at least 70 years, a trustee for many years, and was ordained as a deaconess in 1939.

She graduated in 1901 from Berlin High School, then attended Teacher Training Class there in preparation for a teaching career which lasted more than 50 years. She attended Albany Teachers College, Alfred University, and graduated from New Paltz (N.Y.) Normal School in 1935. In addition to teaching, she was licensed as a practical nurse.

Matie's retirement years were filled with many creative hobbies. Well into her nineties, she made cookies every Friday and delivered them to the post office, market, bank, and church choir. When Matie was widowed in 1963, she

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continued to lead an active, productive life. Over the years, she made many contributions to her church and charitable organizations, including sponsoring an American Indian family and Korean orphans.

Survivors include four stepchildren, Beatrice Subt of Cucamonga, Calif., J. Robert Bullock of Hilliard, Ohio, Delbert Bullock of Westminster Station, Vt., and Janet Dickinson of Derry, N.H.; 12 stepgrandchildren, and 11 great-stepgrandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Alice Greene and Isabelle Millard Burns.

A graveside ceremony was conducted by Rev. Edward Laroux at the SDB Cemetery in Berlin on November 7, 1990. A memorial service was held in the Berlin SDB Church on November 10, 1990, conducted by Rev. Rex Burdick.

Zwiebel.—Carl C. Zwiebel, 71, of Jackson Center, Ohio, died in the Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, on April 2, 1991. He was born in Jackson Center on October 24, 1919, the son of George and Althea (Hughes) Zwiebel. On December 8, 1957, he married Imogean Kinslow Blythe.

Carl was the last trustee of the Jackson Center SDB Church and took care of the church's property. For the last 20 years, he cared for the church cemetery.

In addition to his wife, Imogean, survivors include one daughter, Sharon Miller of Findlay, Ohio; two stepchildren, Lana Buehrer of Las Vegas, Nev., and Robert H. Blythe of Troy, Ohio; three sisters, Nadine Horvath of Agra, Okla., and Phyllis Judy and Sandra Mintchell, both of Jackson Center; one brother, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel of Rochester, N.Y.; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Private services were held at the Van Horn Funeral Home in Jackson Center, with the Rev. Donald Ramsey officiating. Burial was in the SDB Cemetery in Jackson Center.

Snider.—Gertie Snider, 94, of Barrackville, W.Va., died on June 2, 1991, in the Arbors at Fairmont, W.Va.

She was born on January 27, 1897, in Doddridge County, the daughter of the late Manville O. and Sperry (Davis) Polan. She was a member of the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Milton, W.Va.

Survivors include her husband, Aubra A. Snider; two sons, Aubra E. "Jake" Snider of Barrackville, and Irvin O. "Mike" Snider of West Columbia, S.C.; one daughter, Mona Henlin of Jane Lew, W.Va.; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Clifford; one daughter, Lillian "Dutch" Zickefoose; two brothers, Oral and Charles Polan; and two sisters, Gladys Snider and Lena Willis.

Funeral services were held at the R.C. Jones Funeral Home in Fairmont. Interment was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Clarksburg, W.Va. DER

Elder.—Boyd Ernest Elder, 81, died on July 9, 1991, in Carmichael, Calif., following a brief illness.

He was born on January 10, 1910, in Holt County, Mo., the son of Dick and Cora Elder. He married Mabel Chesney on December 20, 1933, a union which endured for 57 years. They lived and worked in Missouri, Illinois, and Nevada before settling in Carmichael, a suburb of Sacramento.

Boyd and Mabel, who were baptized 40 years ago, were active in several churches in Carmichael for many years and helped plant new churches for the United Church of Christ. More recently, their study of the Bible led them to the seventh-day Sabbath, and they began worshiping with the Church of God, Seventh Day. When they learned about SDBs, they realized this was the church they had been

looking for. They became members of the Bay Area (Calif.) Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 22, 1991, just two weeks before Boyd's passing.

In early 1991, the Elders made their home available for meetings of SDBs of the Sacramento area. These gatherings continue every other Sabbath. It was Boyd's desire to see a Seventh Day Baptist church established in that area, an effort which is being sponsored by the Bay Area church.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel; one son, Richard, of New York, N.Y.; one daughter, Laquita Joy Sweet of Carmichael; two brothers, and two grandchildren.

Services were held on July 12, 1991, at Sierra View Funeral Chapel in Carmichael and were conducted by Dale Chaffin. He was assisted by Pastor Steven Crouch.

Sholtz.—Frances Sholtz, 89, of Janesville, Wis., died on July 22, 1991, at Cedar Crest, Janesville. She was born on October 3, 1901, in Walworth, Wis., the daughter of Neely and Grace (Polan) Babcock. She married Raymond Sholtz on August 24, 1927, in Battle Creek, Mich. He died on March 15, 1991.

Frances graduated from Milton (Wis.) College in 1927 and worked for the Life Insurance Co. in Davenport, Iowa. She and her husband moved to Milton in 1968, where she was a member of the Milton SDB Church and the Women's Circle.

Survivors include one son, Paul, of Cupertino, Calif.; one daughter, Marilyn Shuler of Kenosha, Wis.; one brother, Howard Babcock of Battle Creek; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Willis and Kenneth; three sisters, Ruth Babcock, Ethel Aurand, and Alberta Hulett; and one grandson.

Services were held on July 26, 1991, in the Milton SDB Church. Entombment was in Milton Lawns Memorial Park Mausoleum, Janesville.

KEVIN'S

CORNER

One of the (few) benefits of being the photographer at Conference is the license to move around during the meetings. This not only substantiates the rumor that photographers are pushy and obnoxious, but it helps in getting to know other people. I was able to be in on the action of several special family moments.

Was our pride showing!

It started Sunday night, when Althea Rood had all of her family members down in the front row as she led the worship time. Following a rousing set of hymns, Althea shared her testimony. Positioning myself for a picture, I was fortunate enough to be sitting next to her father.

Huge tears of pride swelled in Arlie's eyes as he listened to our Conference President, his daughter. I was privileged, at that moment, to be a part of the family.

After vacating that spot to "shoot" a soloist and another speaker, I was treated to another family event. Up in the organ loft, Randy Miller was heading toward higher ground on his trumpet. And all the while I noticed his father, Joe, wearing a huge grin and discreetly giving the thumbs-up sign. Randy returned an assured, professional smirk and blared

away beautifully. A private moment shared in front of hundreds.

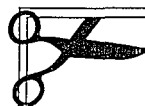
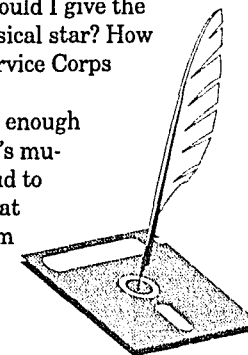
Later in the week, I needed to get further away from the stage to catch the whole SCSC team perform. This "happened" to put me right behind the mother of a Corps rookie, just at the time of her solo. Her mom's sobs of joy flowed easily.

The Sabbath eve banquet found families reunited; some filling very long tables, many in pairs, and some on their own—yet all seated with one big family.

Sabbath morning, scores of parents and grandparents beamed and flashed their cameras as the children wowed us with another fine musical. Not too proud!

It all made me wonder about the future. Would I one day burst with pride watching one of my own presiding over Conference? Would I give the "thumbs-up" to a budding musical star? How about the pride of seeing a Service Corps member with my last name?

For the moment, I'm proud enough contributing to part of the kid's musical cast. Right now, I'm proud to sit down with a happy family at Sabbath eve banquets. And I'm proud to be included in a larger, loving family called Seventh Day Baptists.



Cuts at the Center

Due to the poor financial situation, General Services Administrator Calvin Babcock has initiated a 10% reduction in hours for all General Services employees. This cut in time (and pay) will be followed by a further reduction to 20% in mid-October.

With the reduction of personnel hours, the Center will be closed earlier.

Reduced Center hours

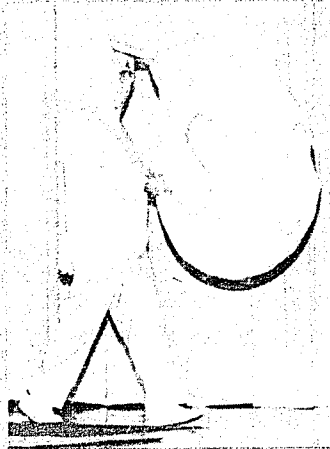
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In the next *S_R*:

Singles in the Church

What can we do to encourage them?

"Robe of Achievement" profile



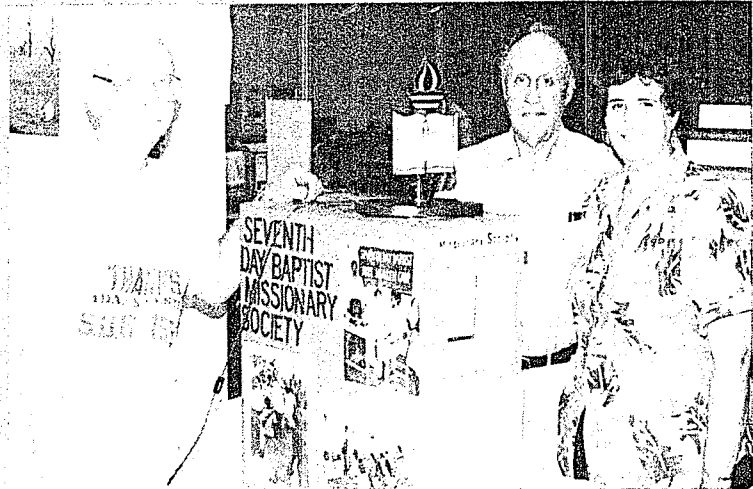
Pastor Chuck kept going... and going...



Called to the obedience of singing His praises in the Conference choir.



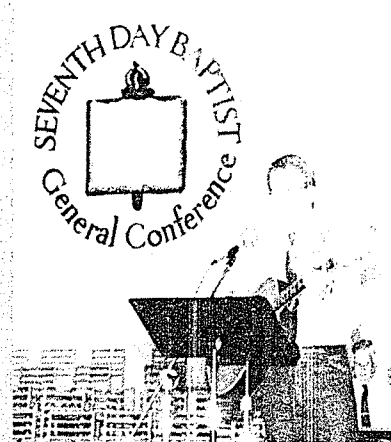
Rod Henry presents Financial Manager John Vergeer with a "certificate of completion" after five years of eavesdropping on the Summer Institute courses. John was unavailable for comment.



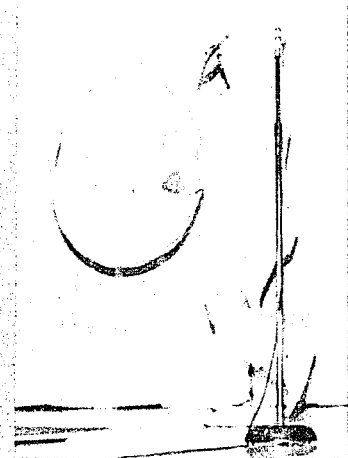
Gordon Kilts made, Arlie Greene bought, and Althea (Greene) Rood received the stained-glass lamp auctioned off to raise SDB World Federation funds.



Baby Dorothy to Mommy Melissa: "Oh, so THAT'S how that thing works!"



Denver's Pastor Tom Warner.



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