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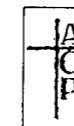
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Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

If you've never read *The Sabbath Recorder* before, you might be wondering who Seventh Day Baptists are. Like other Baptists, we believe in:

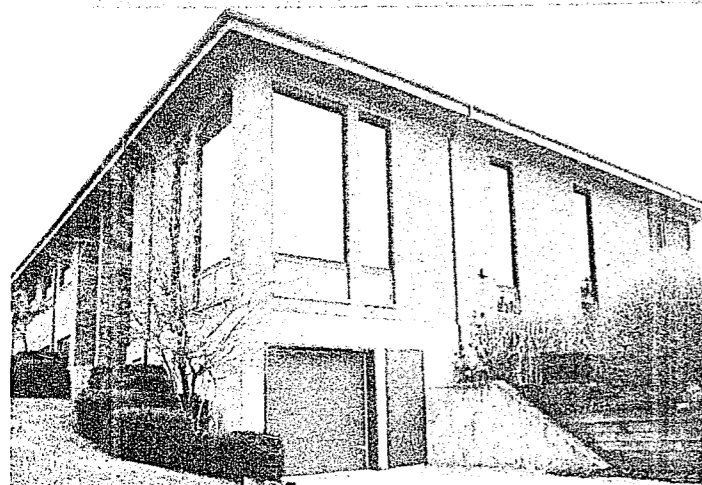
- the saving love of Jesus Christ.
- the Bible as the inspired word of God and a record of God's will for man. The Bible is our authority both for our faith and our daily conduct.
- freedom of thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- the congregational form of church government. Every member of the church has the right to participate in the decision making process of the church.

The seventh day

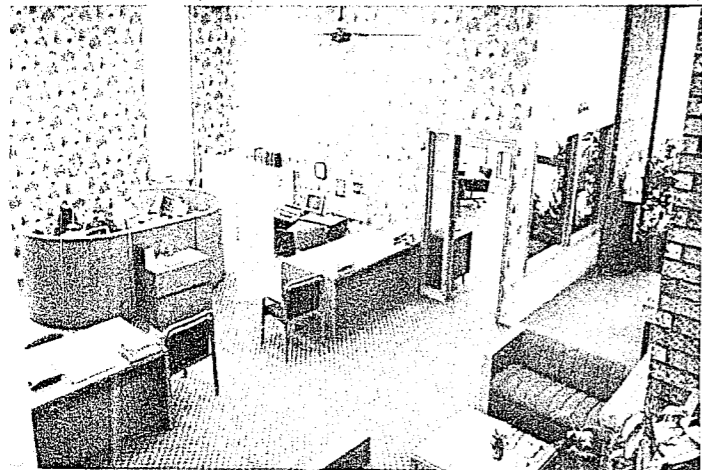
God commanded that the seventh day (Saturday) be kept holy. Jesus agreed by keeping it as a day of worship. We observe the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as God's Holy Day as an act of loving obedience—not as a means of salvation. Salvation is the free gift of God through Jesus Christ.

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From Plainfield to Janesville...



Plainfield Avenue ground-level entrance (left) and basement access.



View of the reception area from the upper level.



Many friendly visitors have passed through this area.

To our newer folks, the Center has "always" been in Janesville, Wis. To others, it seems like just yesterday that the hallways and offices of the SDB Building in Plainfield, N.J., were bustling with activity.

Well, it's been 10 years.

To add to our pictorial tour of the Janesville complex, we've selected some SR columns that led up to the big move.

Enjoy your tour.

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The proposal

During the last year, the General Council requested that churches send, for evaluation, their suggestions for sites to relocate the Plainfield denominational offices.

Criteria for evaluation by the General Council included: public transportation; educational facilities (e.g.: libraries, seminaries, public schools, colleges); availability of a growing, forward-looking Seventh Day Baptist church; health care facilities; cost of living for employees; construction costs; available resources; possibility for future development; growth area, cultural advantages, and recreational facilities.

Several attractive proposals were received by the General Council. They considered sites in Denver, Colo.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Memphis, Tenn.; Columbus, Ohio; Nashville, Tenn.; Milton-Janesville, Wis.; and other areas.

The vote

The General Council made the following recommendation to Conference which, following considerable debate, was voted on by the delegates with a secret ballot:

"That the offices of the General Conference and the Boards and Agencies located at Plainfield, N.J.,

...it's been 10 years

be moved to the Janesville, Wis., site, and that the General Council be authorized to make the necessary financial and legal arrangements, in cooperation with the General Conference Trustees and the Memorial Fund Trustees, to effect the move."

The recommendation passed by a delegate vote of 235 in favor of the relocation and 67 opposed.

During their post-Conference meeting, the General Council authorized the Executive Secretary, Dale Thorngate, to negotiate both the purchase of the new building in Janesville and the sale of the present building in Plainfield.

The cost

Looking at the cost of the new building, and the cost to move the offices and employees, the General Council estimates that it will take approximately \$400,000 to effect the move. The plan to raise the funds is a twofold one: \$200,000 to be raised by special gifts—either by individuals, families, or churches—and the other \$200,000 through sale of the present building.

Our Lord has given us a real challenge for today and for the future. We pray that our response will be indicative of our understanding of God's will for us.

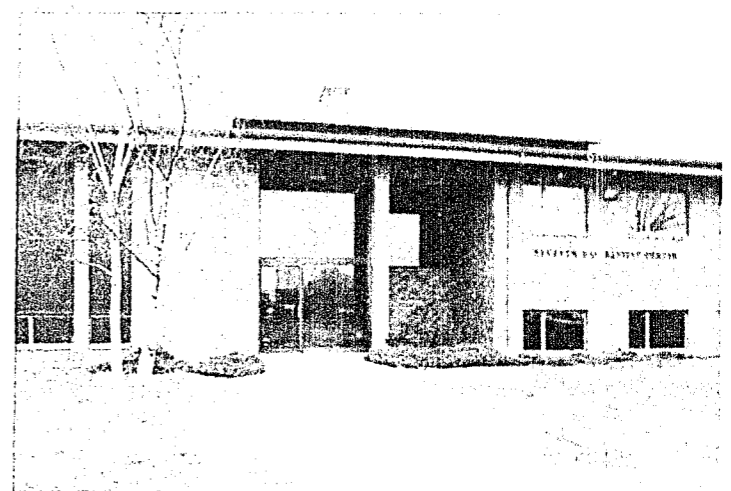
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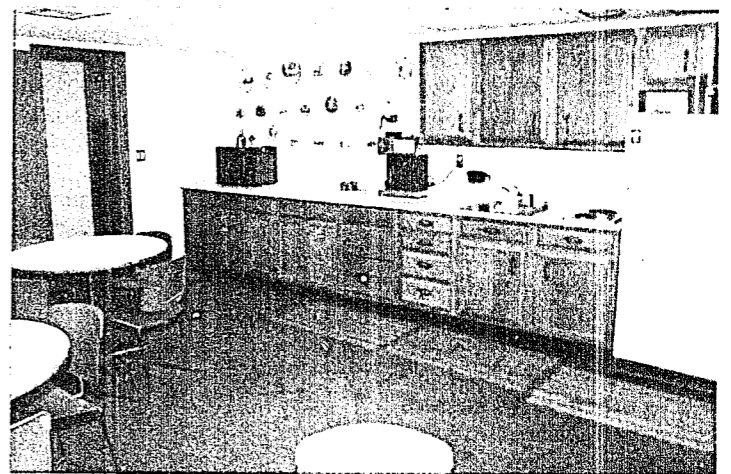
The purchase

On Wednesday, September 30, final closing papers for purchase were signed by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference for the office building at 3120 Kennedy Road, Janesville, Wis. The purchase price of \$345,000 was arrived at after considerable negotiation following the General Conference vote in early August.

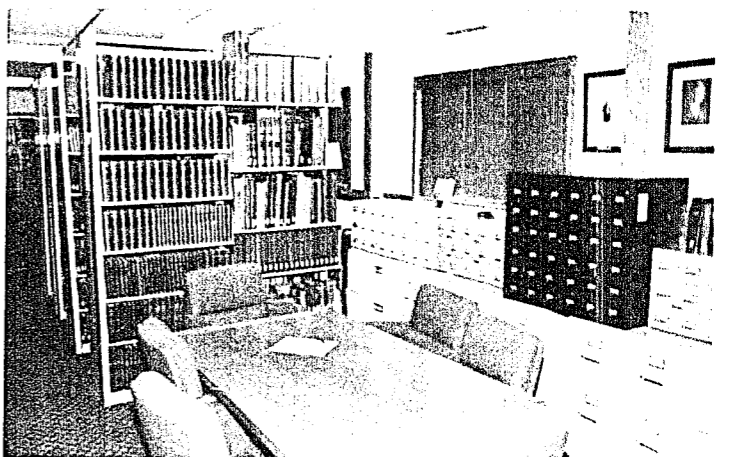
Preparations are well under way for moving all the Plainfield offices



New lettering has been added near the Newport Road entrance.

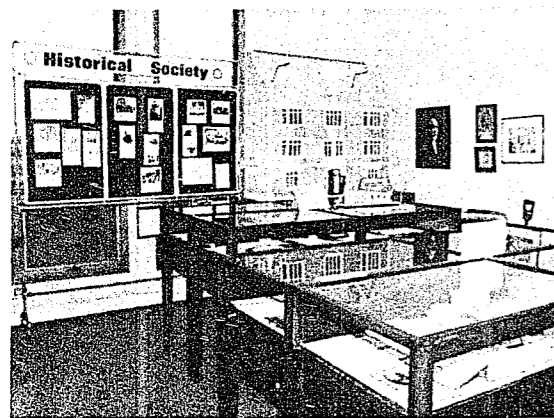


Commemorative church plates fill the wall in the dining area.



Four offices combined into one historical library.

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Don Sanford's detailed replica of the Plainfield building stands proudly in the museum.

to Janesville. The hope is that the Center on Ministry office might move by the end of 1981, and the others by late spring. These include offices of the General Conference, the Memorial Fund Trustees, the American Sabbath Tract Society, and the Historical Society.

"It is a big move for us," says the new Executive Secretary, Dale Thorngate. "The logistics and emotions involved are not unlike those of a large family who are leaving the home they have lived in for over 50 years." He points out that the Plainfield building was built by the denomination in the 1920s, using funds raised by individual contributions over a period of 13 years. The publishing house was dedicated in 1922, and the front office in 1929.

The building

The new center in Janesville is on the northeast side of the city, just a few miles from the Milton and Albion churches and Milton College. The two-year-old building has 9,600 square feet of space on four levels. Sixteen offices, conference rooms, lunch room, and reception areas are included, along with storage areas and ample parking on the 2 1/2-acre lot. The fuel-efficient design includes five furnaces and air-conditioning units for zoned heating and cooling.

Major reasons for the move are to be in a more central location geographically and to lower the cost of operations. Lower cost of living for the area and greater fuel and space efficiency were major considerations.

While the present building is in the New York

metropolitan area, Janesville is 75 miles northwest of Chicago. Air transportation service is available through Milwaukee, a 60-minute drive east; and through Madison, 40 minutes north.

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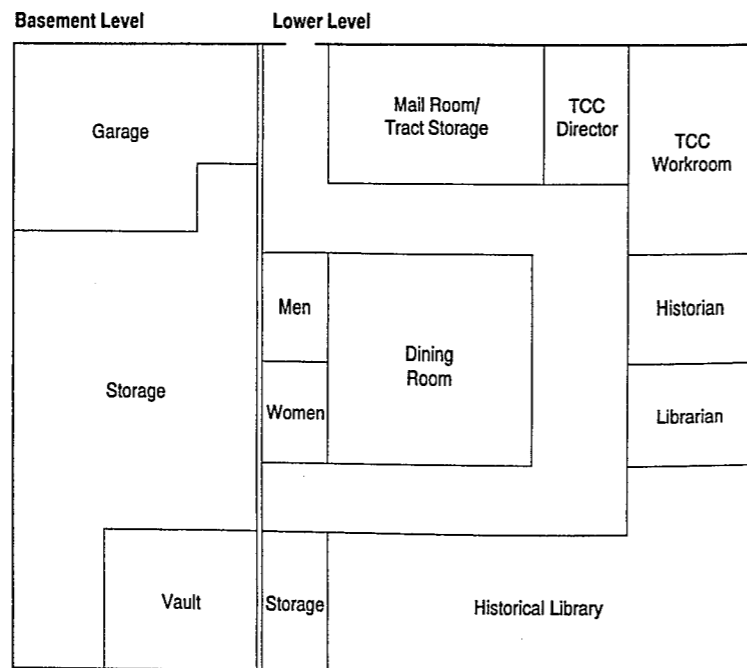
The name change

The new Seventh Day Baptist Center in Janesville, Wis., is located on Kennedy Road between Newport Road and Plainfield Avenue. The City of Janesville re-

cently approved a request from the General Conference office to change the names of the two streets bordering the 2 1/2-acre lot on the north and south.

Kennedy Road borders the property on the west, and the two streets on the north and south were originally named Jupiter Drive and Mars Lane. "We could take working between Mars and Jupiter as a challenge from both pagan gods and the space age," says Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate. "We have begun meeting that challenge by changing the names as part of the process of establishing our identity in a new place."

From Kennedy Road, visitors will turn onto Newport Road (formerly Mars Lane) to enter the front parking lot and the main lobby of the new building. Also from Kennedy Road, people may turn onto Plainfield Avenue (formerly Jupiter Drive) to enter the back parking lot and the lower level of offices. This entrance is designed to accommodate the handicapped. From this parking lot is also the ground-level entrance into the basement areas of the building.



Newport was selected to represent the first center of Seventh Day Baptist activity in America, and Plainfield to commemorate the first denominational building, which served as office space and publishing house for over 50 years.

"The new Seventh Day Baptist Center can symbolize our challenge to new areas of growth and outreach for the denomination," Thorngate suggests. "At the same time, we must remember from whence we came. We hope the new street names will remind us, and those who come to us, of the strong heritage which attests to God's working among us for over three centuries on this continent."

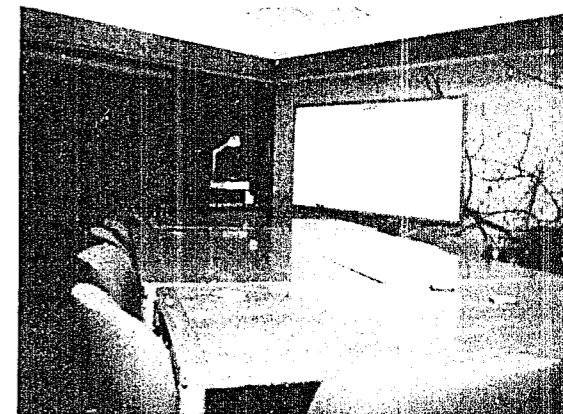
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Executive Secretary page
The move

It's moving month as I write this in Plainfield, N.J. I am daily amazed at how smoothly the pieces are all fitting together—and into boxes.

Perhaps no one truly grasped what would be involved when General Conference voted last August

to purchase a new building in Janesville, Wis., sell the building at 510 Watchung Avenue in Plainfield, and move all the Plainfield offices to Wisconsin. It's happening! In every area of the busy activity, people are giving extra time, energy, and money to get us moving.



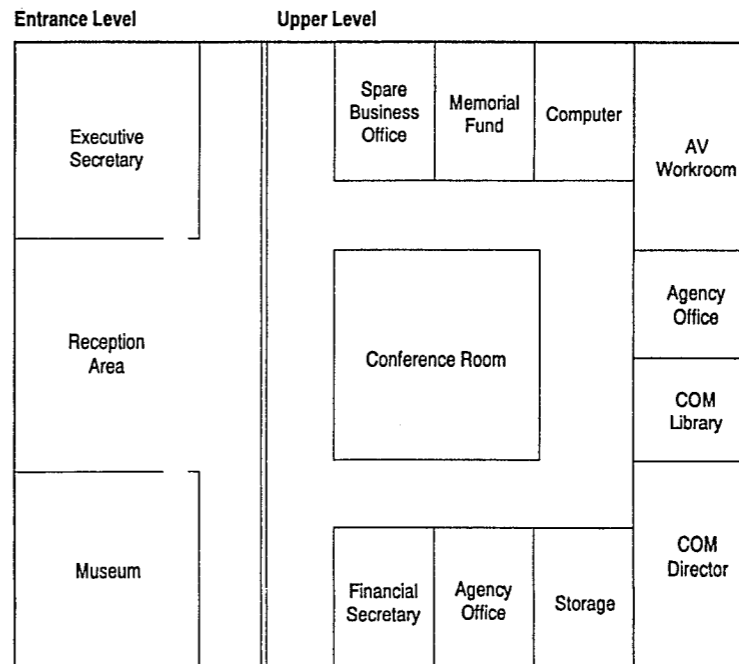
New items adorn the conference room walls: carpeting for storyboarding, large projection screen, and marker board.

The history

Movement of the Historical Society's offices, library, and museum from Plainfield will be accomplished in two phases. Office materials needed by the historian and assistant librarian, one museum display, and library resources needed for general reference and Summer Institute will go in the first load. Other materials, including long-term storage items in the attic and basement, will stay for now.

Special appreciation goes to Rev. Victor Skaggs, president of the Society, for all the extra work he has done in preparing for the move. No other agency is so affected as the Historical Society, which protects and maintains so much of our rich heritage. It is not the residue of 50 years but the gleanings of over 300 years that must be their concern.

We rejoice with the Historical Society in the appointment of their new historian, Scott Smith, and their cooperation with the American Sabbath Tract Society in making it a dual responsibility post.



The printing

The move to Wisconsin caused the American Sabbath Tract Society to move quickly in deciding how much of the printing equipment in Plainfield would go. The new Board voted in March not to do any of the major denominational printing jobs in-house for a trial period of one year.

The big Heidelberg press and other large equipment in Plainfield is being sold, and a medium-sized offset press is being purchased. It will be used for the smaller, in-house jobs during the first year, but it has the capacity to do all the larger jobs if that is deemed feasible by the end of the year. The hiring of the new business manager, Ivan FitzRandolph, will

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smooth the transition into the new arrangement.

Special thanks goes to both Victor Skaggs and Kenneth Burdick, co-chairmen of the Plainfield supervisory committee, and to the new committee in Wisconsin chaired by Brandon Crandall. Our printer, Leon Clare, deserves special recognition, too, for accepting extra responsibility not only for the sale of the Plainfield equipment, but for the major clean-up in the Publishing House.

The changes

Meanwhile in Janesville, new General Conference Trustees Laurence Burdick and Ivan Fitz-Randolph have been busy with preparations in the new building. Three partitions were removed on the lower level to provide space for the Historical Society Library and a vault has been built in the basement for fireproof storage of the valuable records and artifacts. The new protective alarm system, purchased by the Historical Society, is being installed, a photocopy machine was purchased, etc. New secretary Jean Jorgensen has assisted greatly with these and other arrangements so that when the moving vans arrive, she'll be ready to help unpack and get settled.

Many people in the Milton area have already become involved in the work of the denominational

offices—serving on the Tract Board, hosting visitors, and helping staff members find apartments to rent and houses to buy.

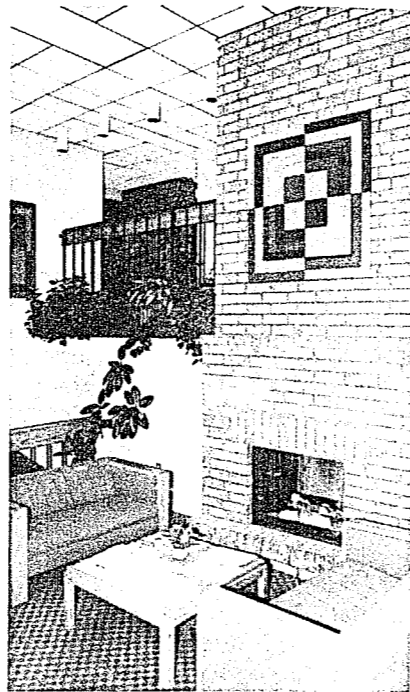
A 1992 update

As was true in Plainfield, the Milton area folks are still involved, helping the Center staff and ministries serve Seventh Day Baptists. God bless you all.

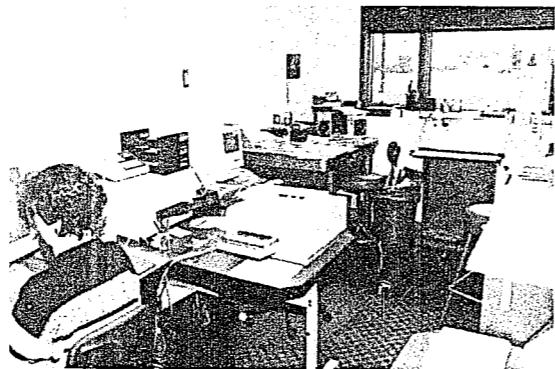
We completely paid off the Center debt by the end of 1984. A special mortgage burning celebration was held at the 1985 General Conference in Arka-delphia, Ark.

The decade in Janesville has brought a number of changes—many in the facility, many in the staff. We pray that all of our changes are for the betterment of our many ministries for you.

Why not plan to visit us first-hand when Conference is in Wisconsin this August? To borrow our state slogan: "You're among friends in Wisconsin!" **SR**



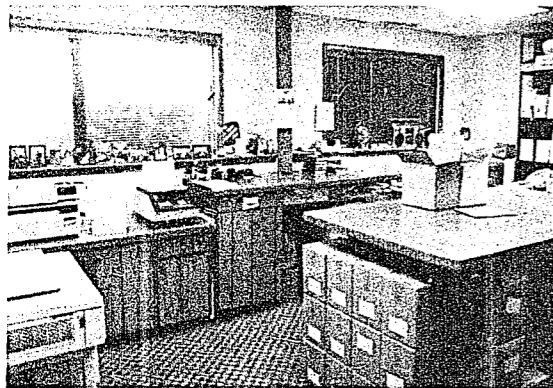
A spot for many memorable conversations.



The Tract Council work room—where publications come to life.



The Executive Secretary's office was voted (unofficially) as "the nicest office in Janesville" by visiting Janesville clergy.



Mailing and copying equipment create much activity in the mail room.

New books invade Center

"The truck is here!"

Everyone at the Center had a pretty good idea just which truck had arrived on April 8.

We all chipped in to unload a special delivery, five years (or 350) in the making—Don Sanford's *A Choosing People: The History of Seventh Day Baptists*.

Published by the Southern Baptist's Broadman Press, the new book with full-color jacket is "most likely the best looking book we've ever done," according to Sanford.

We hope these pictures will help you share in our joy and excitement.

To order your copy, use the form on the back cover of this issue, or call (608) 752-5055. **SR**



One box at a time... Milton church member Bill Summers hands a carton to the truck driver, while Paul Osborn, George Calhoun, John Vergeer, and Dale Thorngate take turns pushing the stacks into the Center basement.



He not only writes, he can steer! Author Sanford handles a precious stack of long-awaited packages.



John Vergeer and George Calhoun put the finishing touches on an "historic" inventory.

More photos next page...

To Rev. Duane L. Davis (1929-1989)

Duane shared with the author an enthusiasm for the heritage of Seventh Day Baptists from seminary days through forty years of ministry. He was able to bring the historic perspective to every aspect of his ministry, whether General Conference leadership, preaching, teaching, writing, or conversation.

His remembrance of family and church background helped him relate to people and places. One of his unfulfilled dreams was to record for future generations some of the information and understanding of God's presence with "the choosing people" by whom he was nurtured. May this book be a partial fulfillment of his vision.

A special dedication to a special ministerial colleague and friend.



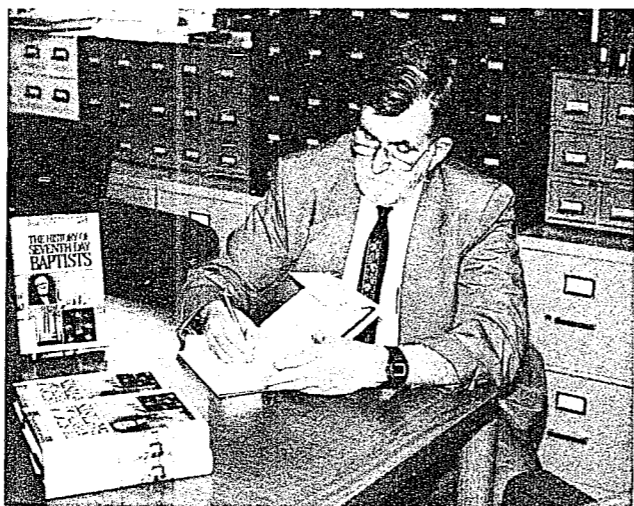
A job well done!



The author got right to work filling pre-publication orders.



Don and Rosie Geske, mail clerk, can picture the many happy customers receiving their package.



Autographing the recent Sabbath hymn contest prizes.

A fresh look at nature

by Sally Taylor

Everytime I sit down to create a landscape, whether it be in oil, ink, or watercolor, there is a certain amount of planning that takes place.

Suddenly a million questions flood my thoughts. How is the light angled in the sky? From what direction is the wind blowing the trees, or making the current in the lake? What shapes are the clouds taking overhead? The list continues to grow as objects start to evolve upon my canvas.

Artists are taught to squint their eyes and carefully examine the subject before any attempt is made to recreate it. If you have never taken the time to look closely at nature around you, I heartily suggest you try it.

Consider for a moment a simple tree. As I study the peeling bark, erect angles, and sturdy magnificence of one simple tree, it always manages to leave my heart in a state of awe. My mind wonders at

the divine, creative nature of God.

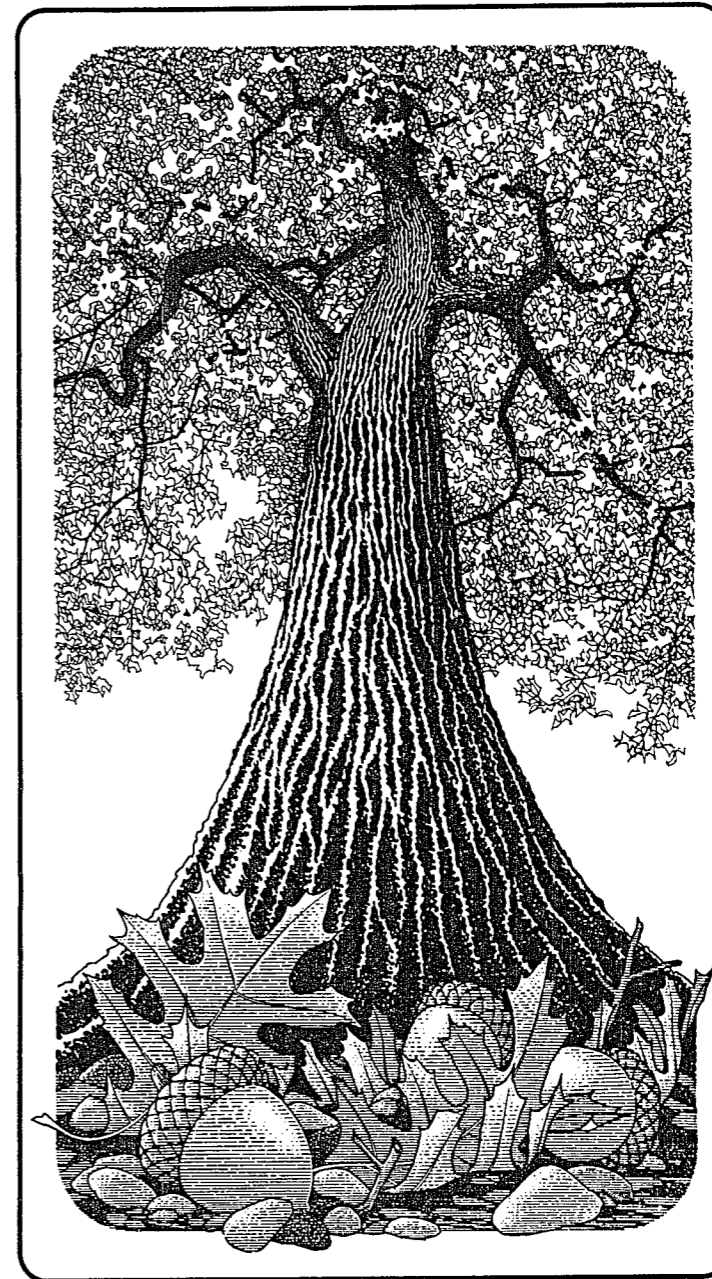
A tree seems to just stand there in mighty power and glory! And everytime I complete another composition

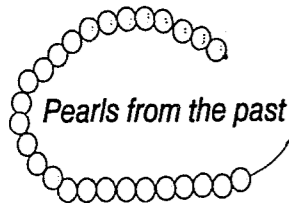
of a tree, my emotions are swept away as I recall Romans 1:19-20, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things he has made, even his eternal power."

As Joyce Kilmer so eloquently stated, "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree."

And once again I am reminded that any beauty I may have created upon my canvas is nothing more than a crude attempt to imitate the True Creator. *SR*

Sally Taylor is an artist and member of the Central SDB Church in Upper Marlboro, Md.





Pearls from the past

A check of the Historical Society guest book over a period of 60 years shows a variety of occasions which brought the present historian to the Seventh Day Baptist Building at 510 Watchung Avenue in Plainfield, N.J.

June 27, 1933: a visit there with my family as a 7-year-old, occasioned by the death of a cousin.

August 18, 1947: a stop on the way to General Conference in Westerly, R.I., accompanied by my future wife and mother-in-law.

March 15, 1950: a field trip for Alfred School of Theology students.

March 25, 1955 and May 2, 1961: Minister's Conferences.

July 28, 1972: a trip to pick up daughter, Donna, after her year of dedicated service at the Building.

July 27, 1975: research trip for my master's thesis.

October 30, 1977: first of many trips as a member of the Commission and the General Council.

Similar experiences could be duplicated by many of the signers of that guest book. "The Building" provided either a stopping place or the destination for countless Seventh Day Baptists over its 50-plus years as the hub of denominational activity and interest.

Such a variety of occasions was envisioned 140 years ago by members of the Publishing Society, as they reported in their third annual report:

"Among the subjects which have occupied the attention of the Board during the past year, is one upon which they desire an expression of opinion from the assembled Society. The active friends of the Sab-

Workshop, memorial, symbol

by Don A. Sanford, historian

bath Cause have long felt the importance of having, in some accessible part of the city of New York, a building owned by and devoted to the use of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination—a building in which the business of our Missionary, Tract, and Publishing Societies may be transacted, provided with a room or rooms for meetings of the Board of those Societies, with a reading-room for a Sabbath Library and a collection of Missionary Curiosities—a place, in short, where every Sabbath-keeper passing through the city would feel an interest in calling, and in which he might feel that he had a share."

A year later the Society reported, "It is feared that among the able brethren of the denomination generally, the object is not yet fully appreciated, and that some delay may be experienced."

The delay lasted for over 60 years before it again became an item of prime concern. In 1917, Frank J. Hubbard, the treasurer of the American Sabbath Tract Society, recalled that his father had been one of those who 60 years prior had urged the building of a suitable facility. Hubbard feared that if it were to be dropped again, it would not be a year or two, but for a generation.

Rev. Edwin Shaw, who held positions with two denominational agencies, endorsed a denominational center when he said:

"I am a denominational man through and through, a Seventh Day Baptist, and I am for this building not because it is to be a publishing house, especially, but because it is to represent the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination. I believe in my heart that if we as a people can unite wholeheartedly

upon this matter of having a denominational building we can call our own, it will make our churches have more power, our young people more loyal to us."

In 1921, workers broke ground for the Publishing House on the back portion of the lot at 510 Watchung Avenue, and eight years later, construction began on the building which for over 50 years was known as the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, N.J.

At its dedication in December 1929, a young pastor said, "We appreciate the sense in which it is regarded as a memorial of the past, but not as a monument of anything that is dead. To us young people this building shows that our denomination is a growing concern." Another stated, "Hats off to the past, and coats off to the future. It is to be our workshop."

For over 50 years the Building in Plainfield stood as a workshop, as a memorial, as a symbol of the denomination. It was a place to which many had gone and felt they were on "holy ground." But just as Moses could not stay by the burning bush, or the disciples could not stay on the Mount of Transfiguration, so the denomination has moved its center.

The building at 510 Watchung Avenue still sports the name over its doors: "Seventh Day Baptist Building." And many of the things which gave meaning to that location have, over the past 10 years, been preserved in a new location on Kennedy Road, between Newport and Plainfield Avenues, in Janesville, Wis.

Names are still being added to that same guest book as others of succeeding generations find some of the treasures and remembrances of the past linked with the visions and hopes for the future. *SR*



SR Almanac

Where we
have been...

One year ago—June 1991

Several writers reflect on the "Sanctity of Life." Rodney Henry's Sabbath study series looks at the Sabbath in the giving of the manna.

Missionary Ian Ingoe reports on Phalombe Plains flood disaster, along with some encouraging news of baptisms at the Chipho Clinic in Malawi.

Plainfield, N.J., congregation forced to say goodbye to their historic ceramic tile roof.

Coverage of Pastors' Conference in Battle Creek, Mich.

Five years ago—June 1987

Paul Campagna, a Chicago architect, fulfills lifelong dream of visiting the SDB mission in Shanghai, China. Campagna is a great-grandson of the mission's two founders, Rev. Nathan and Olive (Forbes) Wardner.

First half of Kevin Butler's ordination statement presented.

"Friends' Day" at the Salem, W.Va., church attracts 150 worshipers. Church also hosts the Covenant Players repertory theater.

Scholarship fund for international pastors strengthened by a bequest from the late Lois M. Wells.

Missionary Board votes to support increased office space and a computer for preparing publications in Poland.

10 years ago—June 1982

Time for "the Move." Denominational center moves from Plainfield, N.J., to Janesville, Wis.

Extra-special recognition given to those serving so faithfully in Plainfield: Etta O'Connor, Margaret Herres, Leon and Sandy Clare, Pat Cruzan, and Ron Maltby.

New positions filled in Janesville: Scott Smith, editor/historian; and Ivan FitzRandolph, business manager.

Area attractions highlighted for those vacationing before or after Conference in Redlands, Calif.

Shiloh, N.J., church welcomes new pastor John Camenga; David Taylor accepts call to Lost Creek, W.Va.

Missionary Society mourns the loss of two longtime workers: Grover Brissey and Everett Harris.

Daytona Beach, Fla., church celebrates 50th year.

25 years ago—June 1967

SDB high school and college graduates listed and honored.

An August completion looks good for the new missionary house in Blantyre, Malawi.

Articles by President K. Duane Hurley, Salem College, and Dean Kenneth Smith, Milton College, address the college-age generation.

"Women's Work" issue shares testimonies from a pastor's wife, a female licensed minister, and denominational worker.

June 26 issue focuses on life after retirement.

One response to banning prayer in schools allowed to remain on the boys' rest room wall in Fort Wayne, Ind.: "NOTICE: In the event of an atomic attack, the federal ruling against prayer in this school will be temporarily suspended."

50 years ago—1942

Rev. Luther Crichlow reports on the "ups and downs" of missionary work in Jamaica.

"A particularly intensive and inspirational program" is billed for the Eastern Association in Rockville, R.I., by Pastor Wayne Rood. Subsequent reports bear that out.

With gas rationing and "difficulties of travel," the Central Association meetings are postponed indefinitely. Moderator J.W. Crofoot, commenting on the war, adds, "...each pastor may be more useful to the spiritual life of his flock if he stays with them."

Battle Creek church holds big baptism service.

Annual Ministers' Conference held in "the Gothic" at the Alfred (N.Y.) School of Theology. *Recorder* editor Herbert Van Horn prints his conference address on evangelism in the editorial columns.

Pray...

- for those coping with natural disasters
- for an increased study of the Sabbath issue
- for our pastors, here and abroad
- that the efforts from our Center offices reach many for Christ
- for all of our graduates
- that our summer camps influence lives forever
- for our Senior Saints' projects this summer



Changing—for His sake

"The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them" (Proverbs 18:15, The Living Bible).

There is a story about a woman who always cut the ends off her pot roast before she put it in a pan. After watching her do this for years, her husband asked her one day

We need to be flexible so that the Lord can work with us and through us.

why she cut the ends off. Her reply was, "My mother always did it that way."

Her husband's question intrigued her, so the woman called her mother and asked, "Why do you cut the ends off the pot roast before you put it in the pan?" Her mother replied, "Because my mother always cut the ends off, and I did as she did."

The woman then promptly called her grandmother and asked her, "Why did you cut the ends off the pot roast before you put it in a pan?" Her elderly grandmother replied, "I cut the ends off so the pot roast would fit in my pan!"

Traditions and habits are good, provided that they have valid meaning and significance. But sometimes we must change our ways of doing things in order to get a greater benefit or greater effectiveness. Doing something one particular way because "we've always done it that way," isn't always a valid reason for continuing that

method. Often the time comes when we must make changes.

Change is difficult for some people. They feel threatened by change. They are comfortable with how things are going, and don't want to be upset with having to make adjustments to something different or new. Some people resist change all the way, dragging their feet or rebelling against some new idea.

I am positive that there was resistance to the possibility of changing the location of the Seventh Day Baptist denominational offices from Plainfield, N.J., to Janesville, Wis. Some people were threatened by the fact that our heritage in Plainfield would be diminished by the office move. After all, what was wrong with staying in Plainfield? Weren't things running smoothly just the way they were?

Churches also experience similar struggles when a new pastor comes to the congregation. Because the pastor comes with new and fresh ideas, he often can be more objective regarding current practices or customs. Sometimes a congregation needs to consider the pastor's new ideas because they might make the church's ministry more effective or more beneficial to those in the community.

Sometimes traditions or

habits need to fall by the way because they no longer hold any true meaning or effectiveness, other than "we've always done it that way." All of us need to be open to new methods, or new people with new ideas, or new places to have an effective Christian and Seventh Day Baptist witness.

We need to be flexible so that the Lord can work with us and through us. He will reveal to us those traditions and habits that are worth keeping, and He will also reveal where we need new ideas and changes.

Are there some changes that need to occur in your congregation, in your church's ministry, in your personal Christian walk? Are there some changes we need to make in our denominational policies and philosophies? Ask the Lord to show you, and then be flexible for what He has in store for you. *SR*



FOCUS More insights into Africa

by Kirk Looper

In March, after attending the T.I.M.E. (Training in Ministry and Extension) module on Christian Education, I boarded a plane in Kansas City and headed for home. Shortly after take-off, I settled back for the trip.

I noticed the woman next to me was studying, and I asked her what she was majoring in at school. She told me, "Anthropology," and that launched us in a discussion lasting the whole flight. She is a graduate student in cultural anthropology, specifically studying the migration habits of the African tribes.

I got around to introducing myself and my position at the Missionary Board. She then told me that she had encountered the Seventh Day Baptist missionary hospital in Malawi when she was forced across the Mozambique border at the onset of the revolution. She was very impressed with the mission hospital. It was well stocked with medicines and provisions.

She talked about the mission hospital there and what a blessing it was to be where the refugees crossed the border. It was badly needed, and the work done by the missionaries was really great. She further explained that many hospitals in Malawi, as well as other countries, were not stocked very well. Money was not available for the national hospitals. Mismanagement of the supplies was also a problem.

As we talked about conditions in the medical field, it was pointed out that in the national hospitals, very often the patients would lay on the floor with only a sheet to cover them. Since the hospital was a national hospital, an attitude of apa-

thy existed. Not a very secure condition. Therefore, people would enter and steal supplies, workers sold the drugs to the black markets, and an overall carelessness in patient care existed.

She described a shortage of doctors in Malawi. This was because the hospitals were government-run and the funds were inadequate. Doctor wages were low, so they moved to South Africa to set up their business. However, the wages in some of the northern African countries was even lower, so the doctors that could move, moved south. It sounded like a medical "cakewalk," in which the doctors were moving toward a better life standard.

We discussed the disease-ridden peoples and the spread of many of the diseases. She spoke of diseases we seldom encounter here in the United States. Cholera, diphtheria, and typhoid are among a few. Apparently, these are prevalent in areas away from the populated regions.

It was truly a prime example of time "flying" by. I could have talked with her for another hour at least. She was a good teacher and had so much I wanted to hear. I hope to relate some more of the information I gained from the conversation.

Africa:

We are still asking you to keep our brethren in Central and South African Conferences in your prayers. The drought has not let up, and your prayers are still needed. We need to keep the admonition of James 2:15-16 in mind.

Elder Lawrence Uchegbuonu, Conference leader from Nigeria, sent a letter stating that he lost all his luggage while returning from the World Federation Meetings in Auckland, New Zealand. Much of his personal clothing and souvenirs are gone. We have tried to trace them, but to no avail. He needs prayers for the return of his luggage because his native worship clothing was in them. He also requests prayers for some equipment and Bibles for the churches.

We are looking to August for our trip to Africa. The limitation of funds and time does not allow us to visit everywhere we feel we need to, but we will be able to examine some new fields. We are also having difficulty getting permission to travel in some countries. Please, pray for us as we plan the trip.

Estonia:

Pray for the churches in Estonia. The government is still a little restless. Our letters are not reaching them; we have heard very little from them. According to Dr. Thomas McElwain, the churches are still meeting and growing some. However, he feels we need to visit them as they are not sure we care. They continue to print and distribute their newspaper, sending us one each issue. Other denominations do contact them.

India:

We need to keep in mind the Seventh Day Baptists in India who are still suffering the ravages of the past cyclone. Many are homeless and need medical care. Please pray that they can get relief from their problems.

1992 Christian Summer Camping

Camp Harley Sutton
Alfred Station, N.Y.

Primary Camp, Grades 2-4
Dir.: Rev. Kenneth Chroniger
June 30—July 1

Junior Camp, Grades 5-8
Dir.: Rev. Edward Sutton
July 12-19

Senior Camp, Grades 9-12
Dir.: Rev. Stephan Saunders
July 5-12

Adult Camp
Dir.: Don and Jean Pierce
July 24

Camp Holston
Battle Creek, Mich.

Day Camp
Dir.: Ruth Bennett
June 15-19

Primary Camp, Grades 1-3
Dir.: Ruth Bennett
June 21-23

Intermediate Camp, Grades 7-9
Dir.: Steve Osborn
July 5-12

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
Dir.: Steve Osborn
July 12-19

Senior Camp, Grades 10-12
Dir.: Pastor James Galanaugh
Pastor Dale Rood
June 28—July 5

Camp Jersey Oaks
Shiloh, N.J.

Midget Camp, Grades 1-3
Dir.: Linda Dickinson
July 13-17

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
Dir.: Rev. Donald Chroniger
July 19-26

Senior Camp, Grades 7-12
Dir.: Rev. Melvin Stephan
July 5-12

Camp Joy
Berea, W.Va.

Junior Camp, Grades 2-4
Dir.: Rev. Larry Graffius
July 12-16

Middler Camp, Grades 5-7
Dir.: Rev. John Camenga
June 28—July 5

Senior Camp, Grades 8-12
Dir.: Rev. Charles Graffius
July 5-12

Lewis Camp
Camp Wightman
North Stonington, Conn.

Senior Camp, Grades 9-12
Dir.: Rev. Chuck Graffius
June 28—July 5

Intermediate Camp, Grades 6-8
Dir.: Rev. David Taylor
July 5-12

Junior Camp, Grades 3-5
Dir.: MaryJane McPherson
July 12-19

Camp Miles
Camp Canfield
Canfield, Ark.

Southwestern Association Camp
Dir.: Rev. Kenneth Van Horn
June 7-12

Pacific Pines Camp
Crestline, Calif.

Women's Retreat
Dir.: Patti Wethington
May 16-17

Young Adult Retreat, Ages 18-30
Dir.: Doug Carr
May 23-25

Junior Counselors
May 30-31

Youth Fellowship, Grades 7-12
Dir.: Eric Davis
June 21-28

Primary Camp, Grades 1-3
Dir.: Evelyn Haskell
Gary Hemminger
June 28—July 1

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
July 5-12

Camp Paul Hummel
Boulder, Colo.

Midget Camp, Ages 4-5
Dir.: Penny Thorngate
July 1

Primary Camp, Ages 6-8
Dir.: Pastor Tom Warner
July 19-23

Junior Camp, Ages 9-11
Dir.: Arlouene Edwards
July 26—August 2

Senior Camp, Youth Association
Dir.: Rev. Gordon Lawton
July 5-12

Camp Riverview
North Loup, Neb.

Primary Camp, Grades K-3
Dir.: Jim Goodrich
June 29—July 3

Junior Camp, Grades 4-9
Dir.: Rev. Kenneth Burdick
July 12-18

Intermediate Camp, Ages 12-14
Dir.: Stacey Wagner
July 5-12

Camp Wakonda
Milton, Wis.

Primary Day Camp, Grades K-3
Dir.: Cheri Appel
July 27-31

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
Dir.: Rev. Dale Rood
July 19-26

Intermediate Camp, Grades 7-9
Dir.: Rev. George Calhoun
July 12-19

Conference a learning time



Mynor Soper

Our Conference seminars continue to help those in attendance each year. They are interesting, informative, and have good group participation.

This year we have quite a diversified set of seminars. I believe you'll wish you could attend more than two, but unfortunately, scheduling doesn't permit.

The multi-media presentation, "Love in a Twisted World," is basically for young people, but will be

shown a second time so adults may see it also. The first showing will be for youth only.

Other exciting parts of the Conference program will be a musical concert by "The Heralds" on Thursday night, and a talk on "America's Spiritual Heritage" on Wednesday.

Plan to come and enjoy a wonderful time of worship, praise, prayer, and participation at Conference, August 9-15, at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis. *SR*

Conference Seminars

Cults

Leader: Dr. Jim Gardiner

Deals with subtleties, deceit, and falsehoods of cults.

Why they appeal to young people.

Home-Schooling

Leaders: Jane Mackintosh and Ruth Ryschon

An information seminar for those interested in home-schooling their children.

Deals with the problems involved, benefits, curriculum, etc.

Supporting Children in Public Schools

Leaders: Lannette Calhoun and Althea Rood

How to pray for them.

What their legal rights are.

Groups that give support.

Outreach Ministry for Your Church

Leader: Jasmine Lynch

Meeting a need in your community: A tutoring plan that works for school children.

Church involvement.

Drop-out prevention.

Parent support group.

Evangelism Witnessing

Leader: Russ Johnson

Personal evangelism.

How to share your faith.

Witnessing to non-believers.

Discipling

Leader: Roger Hamilton, Navigators staff member

Learn how to disciple new Christians— one-on-one and class situations.

Materials to use.

"Love in a Twisted World"

(A multi-media presentation)

Turning Point Productions

Seminar leader: Jim Galanaugh

Presentation is basically for the young people.

Shown two times so adults may see it also.

Follow-up seminars for the young people.

Wellness Program for Pastors

Leader: Dr. Bernard Keown

Dr. Keown has a real heart for pastors. He has presented this personal health program for many pastors.

This is a four-hour seminar.



the BEACON

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

June 1992

We want you in '92!

by Lisa Call
National YF Secretary

You may have heard the slogan, "We want you in '92!" at last year's Conference in Houghton, N.Y. Well, it's true. This year, the youth are going to have a blast! Many activities are planned for all week.

First, on Sunday, we will have a welcoming get-together. On Monday night, we'll go roller-skating. Tuesday is our annual Youth Banquet. Ralph Mackintosh will be

speaking, and then he'll "wow" us with a magic show. After the banquet, we'll have some swim and gym time.

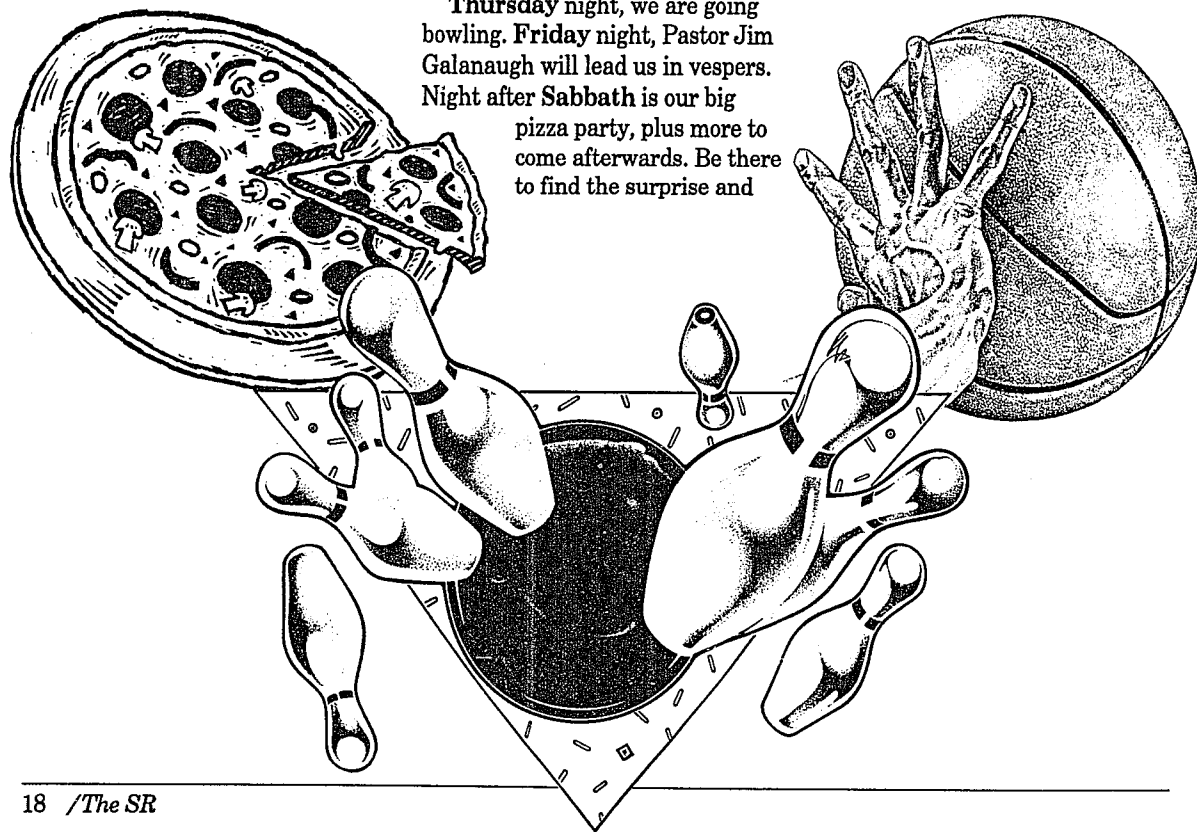
Wednesday will bring the long-awaited basketball game between the youth males and the pastors. The cheerleading at halftime will be led by the pastors' wives. Be sure to come and root for your generation!

Thursday night, we are going bowling. Friday night, Pastor Jim Galanaugh will lead us in vespers. Night after Sabbath is our big pizza party, plus more to come afterwards. Be there to find the surprise and

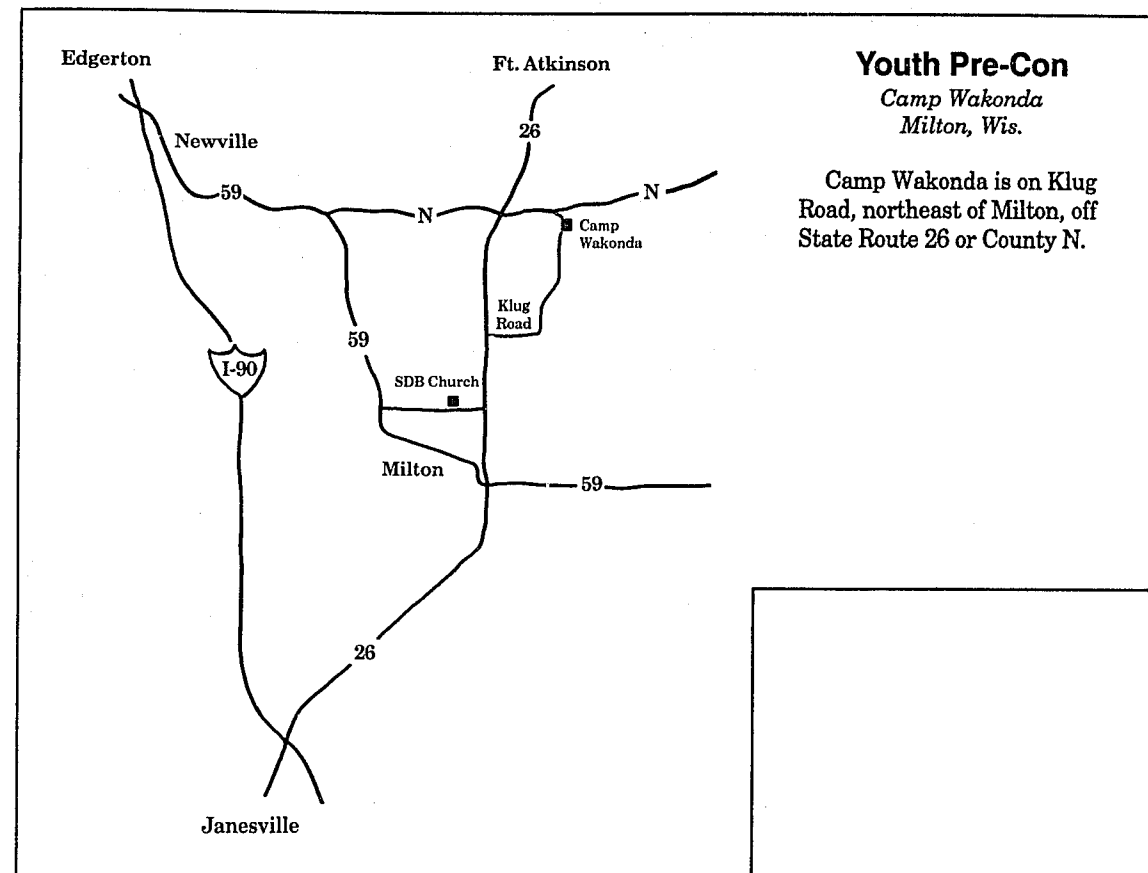
have a great time!

You thought that was all? Well, we not only have the night activities, but recreation every afternoon led by Pastor Galanaugh. Also, there will be Bible studies in the afternoon, led by Andy Samuels. Plus, one day of the week, Mynor Soper is promoting a movie for us.

So, come to Carroll College and enjoy Conference in '92!



Directions to Pre-Cons



Youth Pre-Con
Camp Wakonda
Milton, Wis.

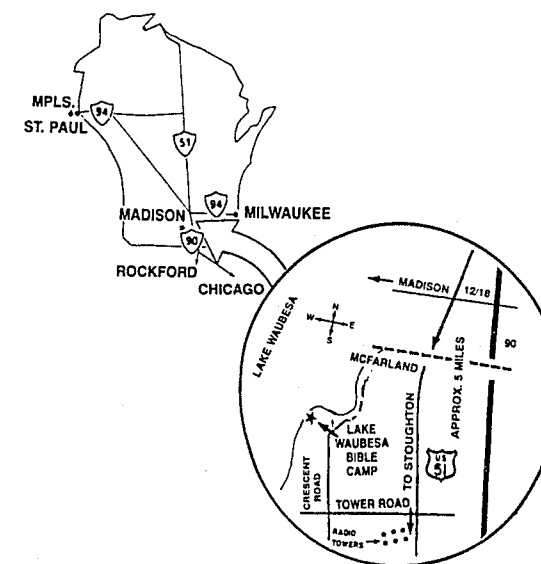
Camp Wakonda is on Klug Road, northeast of Milton, off State Route 26 or County N.

Young Adult Pre-Con

Lake Waubesa Bible Camp
McFarland, Wis.

Take Highway 51 south of Madison, through McFarland to Tower Road (3 and 1/2 miles south of the intersection of Highways 12 and 18).

At Tower Road, turn right and go about 1/2 mile; turn right again and follow the signs to the camp.



Breaking bread together

by RuthAnn Davis

Over the past few months, the Marlboro-Shiloh, N.J., Youth Groups have visited other churches in the area.

The minister at the Freisburg Lutheran Church explained the likenesses and differences in our beliefs. At Christmas we met with the Marlboro SDB congregation to "Deck the Halls." We learned the significance of many of our holiday decorations.

Our most recent visit was to a Jewish Synagogue. This was very informative. The rabbi explained about their sanctuary, the ark, the scroll, and many other items. We were invited to participate in their worship service as much as we could, turning our books from back to front.

At the close of the service, we were invited to break bread to-

Methodists, and Seventh Day Baptists all uniting together. What a wonderful feeling of God's love and presence with us.

The following comments are by Matthew Hitchner, 17, a member of the Marlboro-Shiloh Youth Group:

"Friday evening, March 13, the Youth Fellowship did something a little different. We attended the Jewish Synagogue in Bridgeton, N.J. For many of the young adults, it was the first time they had been to a worshipping place of another religion. I, for one, was very interested in learning the similarities that we at the Shiloh church have with the Jewish worshippers. We call our day of rest the Sabbath, while they call theirs the Shabbat.

tion given to us. "After the service, we were invited to a gathering that involved the breaking of the bread, and it gave us a chance to ask the rabbi any questions that we had, and for him and his congregation to ask questions, too.

"All in all, I enjoyed my visit and



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gether. The folding doors at the rear of the sanctuary opened to a table set for all 50 of us. The rabbi broke the braided bread, and we all sat down together. This time was very educational, and there were many questions from both groups. As one of the adult leaders, I was very impressed with the whole evening.

There was also another group of young folks there from one of the Presbyterian churches in the area, so there were Jews, a former Seventh-day Adventist, Presbyterians,

"Just like our services on Sabbath mornings, they have responsive readings and sing hymns. We also found it interesting that the Jewish men wear yarmulkes, which are hat-like headpieces worn to respect God and the heavens above. Another similarity is that we both observe Shabbat from sundown Friday to sundown Sabbath evening. The Jewish hymnals are read from the back of the book to the front. The hymnals are written in Hebrew, that I must say was hard to sing even with the English transla-

learned a lot about the Jewish religion that I had no idea of previously."

The turnout for youth groups on Friday evenings has been rewarding. Average attendance is 18-20, with five adult leaders.

Attendance for the other groups, including Jet Cadets, Space Cubs, and Honey Bees, has also been very good. This seems to be an excellent outreach for our church and community. **SR**

New members add in many ways

by Janette Crouch

Our church in Daytona Beach, Fla., is growing in many ways. Ten individuals joined us within the past year.

They found us in different ways. Marian Miller began attending several years ago at the invitation of one of our members. She has attended several General Confer-

tion to these new members, Don and Norma Rudert, "snowbirds" from White Cloud, Mich., joined as associate members. We feel enriched by the various ways these new members have contributed to the life of our church.

Improving our church facilities is the goal of a new special commit-

We continue to be thankful for the spiritual leadership of Pastor John and Linda. Linda, as organist, enhances our worship with her capability and careful choices of music. Anita Harris, another "snowbird," adds to our worship as piano accompanist and choir director.

We now have five laypeople licensed to preach—Jeffery Crandall, Alan Crouch, John McDowell, Charles Thomas, and Sedgley Thornbury. Our tape ministry remains an integral part of our church program. Otis Lastinger records the services, duplicates the tapes, and sends the copies to members unable to attend.

The Communications Committee supervises the publishing of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, to inform and inspire our members and friends. Crosby Rogers, a member of this committee, delivers weekly notices and underwrites the cost of an advertisement on the church page of the local newspaper. **SR**

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ences and has been active with the Senior Saints. Ray Knox discovered us through a newspaper ad. Mike and Marilyn Spearl were introduced to SDBs in Bradenton, Fla., before employment brought them to Central Florida. After four years of being a part of our church family, they officially joined.

Some Christian "biker" friends shared the Sabbath truth with Trish Kester several years ago in California. Last year, after "Bike Week" in Daytona Beach, Trish discovered our church building and acted on a long-felt need to discover what the Sabbath was all about. In addition to being an active member of our church, Trish is involved in prison ministries. John and Theresa McDowell came to us from the Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly, R.I.

Charles, Faye, and Leigh Anne Thomas transferred their memberships from the former Upper East Tennessee SDB Church in Blountville, Tenn. Leigh Anne has been active in our church since she moved here in January. Charles and Faye are non-resident members but have been able to worship with us once already, and will probably return from time to time, with their daughter living here! In addi-

tee. Members are Pastor John Camenga, Nathan Crouch (church treasurer), Audrey Fuller, Menzo Fuller (church president), Marguerite Heinig, Crosby Rogers, Mike Spearl, and Sedgley Thornbury. This group has set up subcommittees to work on planning and financing the expansion.

SDB Senator turns 90

Longtime U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph enjoyed a special 90th birthday celebration held on Sab-

bath, March 7, at the Kirkwood SDB Church in St. Louis, Mo. The retired politician was presented a



Ronald Elston (left) presents a special award to Senator Jennings Randolph at his birthday celebration.

cake by Thelma Stewart as well as various gifts and cards.

Senator Randolph was also presented an award for Dedicated Christian Service by Rev. Ronald J. Elston Sr., the Central Region Field Worker for the Missionary Society. **SR**

200 years of service The Salem, W.Va., SDB church

by Melvin Nida

Following their emigration from England, Seventh Day Baptists grew in Rhode Island, spread to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and traveled westward with the developing frontier.

Samuel Fitz Randolph, a Seventh Day Baptist speculator from New Jersey, had purchased much of the land lying between Cherry Camp and Long Run in western

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Virginia, and laid out a town named "New Salem." Meanwhile, a group of members of the Piscataway, N.J., SDB church decided to move west.

Along the way, others joined the group. They had stopped in Fayette County, Pa., and from there moved down to White Day Creek, south of Morgantown, Va.

Samuel Fitz Randolph persuaded the group to inspect his newly-acquired land to the south. As a result, the settlers sold their holdings at White Day Creek, and with about 80 individuals in 30 families, started the development of New Salem.

Two years and eight months had elapsed since they had left New Jersey. The first recorded SDB church meeting in New Salem, Va., was on May 13, 1792.

The year following their arrival, their pastor, Elder Jacob Davis, went on a preaching tour back to Fayette County. While there, Davis

became seriously ill and died on July 17, 1793. If Seventh Day Baptists had done nothing else for West Virginia other than to bring the name of Davis here, that was a lot. They are a prolific family. Just inspect the telephone directories of the area, and you will understand. Indicative also is the fact that Nathan, Joseph, and William Davis purchased a tract of 20,000 acres of land for 23 cents an acre, and settled the town of West Union.

But the history of Seventh Day Baptists has not depended on one name. There were Maxsons, Babcocks, Thorps, Brands, Claytons, Randolphs, Bonds, Kellys, Bees, Lippincotts, Suttons, Van Horns, Kennedys, Williamses, Loofboros, Battens, Fords, and Lowthers. These and many others made their contribution to the area, whether early or late arrivals.

One of the major contributions of the immigrants was education. The credentials of their pastors show that they were an educated people. It was natural that the Seventh Day Baptists should be instrumental in establishing an academy in Salem, and encouraging public education. It was natural, also, that they should establish an institution of higher education in the immediate area.

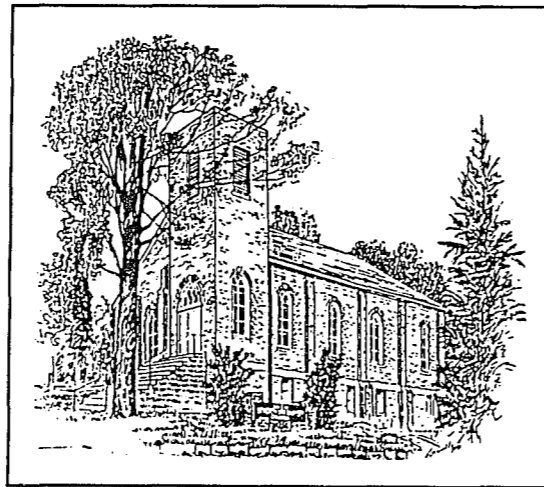
The first president of Salem College was also pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, and he drew his salary from both the college and the church. Certainly, Salem College (which has

evolved into Salem-Teikyo University) has been a major contributor to the upbuilding of the community and state.

One of the most famous of the college's "sons" is Senator Jennings Randolph, a Seventh Day Baptist. Others include Governor Cecil Underwood and Corma Mowry, who served two terms as president of the American Education Association.

Certainly as important have been the hundreds of teachers who trained at Salem and have taught our children in rural and city schools. There have been scores of principals, such as Jean Lowther, and coaches, such as T. Ed Davis.

Woven throughout the fabric of our area's industry, leadership, and service are the ideals of independence, freedom, and human worth. While not exclusively theirs, these ideals have been encouraged by the Seventh Day Baptists who made their home among these West Virginia hills. Only time will tell if all of us working together can keep these qualities dominant in the life we enjoy together today. *SR*



Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church
1792-1992

What does the following equal?

Orphanage #31, Khabarovsk, Russia

- 5-pounds flour
- 5-pounds sugar
- 5-pounds pasta
- 5-pounds rice
- 5-pounds canned meat
- 5-pounds powdered milk
- 2-pounds cooking oil
- 1-pound dehydrated soups
- 1-pound chocolate bars
- 1-pound tea
- + 1-pound dehydrated fruit juice

A Project Brotherhood food box

In the former Soviet Union, one out of every five children in orphanages are there because their family can't feed them. Help relieve the shortage of affordable food. For about \$40, you can purchase 36 pounds of food for a family in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Your food gift, along with \$50 per box to cover the cost of distribution, will feed a family of four for a month.

For detailed information about the Project Brotherhood food box project, call your state Brotherhood director or the Project Brotherhood Information Center (901) 272-2461 or (901) 278-7839.

ПРОЕКТ
БРАТСТВО
PROJECT BROTHERHOOD

Initiated by the Baptist World Alliance and coordinated by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Project Brotherhood is a response by North American Baptists to food and medical needs in the CIS.



Food project to Russia under way

Project Brotherhood (see notice above), an emergency food distribution ministry to the Commonwealth of Independent States, seeks the help of all Baptists.

The project, initiated by the Baptist World Alliance, is coordinated by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. SDBs are long-time members of the Alliance.

Many tons of food have been sent to key cities in the former Russian territory. Verified Baptist contacts handle the distribution.

Organizers urge that all Baptists pack a box of groceries, and send the box, along with a donation to cover the distribution, to needy families in the CIS. For details, please call the numbers above.

The latest prayer request is for better cooperation on the part of the Orthodox Church. May we all work together to help our brothers in need. *SR*

SR Reaction

Dear Kevin,


What a blessing it is to receive your publication each month. Since I first came to the Lord a couple of years ago, I have longed for a publication such as yours. It could truly be described as "Spiritual food for hungry souls." Many of your articles could easily be used as sermons. I haven't the words to express my appreciation, so please accept my lowly "thank you" as the best I can do.

So far, the only thing that I find "disquieting" (again, better words fail me) is the title that is often used by some of your pastors. I would find it impossible to call anyone, but the Lord Himself, "Reverend." The term implies "reverence," which is due the Lord only. I know it's not a big thing, but it is worth thought, isn't it?

Considering the fact that I'm a Seventh-day Adventist (a "radical" one, which doesn't accept Ellen G. White as a prophetess, and a few other minor disagreements within the church), and that this "one thing" is all I can find "disquieting," is quite unusual, don't you think?

If I could offer one piece of advice to the Seventh Day Baptist Church, it would be this: *Advertise!* You're extremely hard to find, and almost unknown as a religion, even to other Baptists. (I know, I called every Baptist church in this city, just trying to locate you. They didn't know there was such a thing as a Seventh Day Baptist!) You really have to get out more!

Yours in Christ,
Nellie Starzinger
Salem, OR

December	\$710,634
November	\$651,414
October	\$592,195
September	\$532,975
August	\$473,756
July	\$414,536
June	\$355,317
May	\$296,097
MONTHLY GOAL 	\$236,878
April	\$177,658
March	\$118,439
February	\$59,219
January	

1992 income needed—\$710,634.
Per month gift income needed—\$28,003.
Total needed each month—\$59,219.50

"Good kids to the Corps!"

Support our
1992 Summer Christian Summer Corps
Projects and Workers:

Battle Creek, MI
Erin Burdick (Riverside, CA)
Nicole Peters (Bay Area, CA)
Director: Joyce West

Milton, WI
Leah Martin (Salemville, PA)
Jennifer Ryschon (North Loup, NE)
Director: Nathan Crandall

New Auburn, WI
Faith Camenga (Daytona Beach, FL)
Heather Van Horn (North Loup, NE)
Director: Genny Pederson

North Loup, NE
Tanya Bonser (Dodge Center, MN)
Heather Spaur (Columbus, OH)
Director: Pam Soper

Westerly, RI
Joy Wallstrom (Dodge Center, MN)
Kim Baker (Battle Creek, MI)
Director: Margaret Taylor

Please keep the Corps in your prayers:
Training (Boulder, CO)
June 18-28

Projects
June 28-August 3

Staff:
George Calhoun, Althea Rood,
Charles Graffius, MaryJane McPherson,
Vivian Looper, Sheri Severance

Accessions

Battle Creek, MI
James Galanaugh, pastor
Joined after baptism
Debra Worm
Michael J. Cubberly

Joined after testimony
Heather D. Badger
Kurt A. Worm

Chatawa, MS
Ralph Hays, pastor
Joined by letter
Phillip DuBrow
Carolyn DuBrow

Lake Elsinore, CA
Dennis Palmer, pastor
Joined after baptism
Christina Prokop
Tom Prokop Jr.
Patty Prokop
Ann Paquette

Joined after testimony
Marilyn Hill
Larry Hayes
Cindy Hayes

Lost Creek, WV
Larry Graffius, pastor
Joined after baptism
Malinda Randolph
Joey Fenstermacher
Carrie Fenstermacher

Joined after testimony
Larry Graffius
Jan Graffius
Scott Graffius
Steven Graffius

Milton, WI
George Calhoun, pastor
Joined after testimony
Robert Switzer

Joined by letter
Paula Davis

Riverside, CA
Gabriel Bejjani, pastor
Joined after baptism
Dustin Snider

Joined after testimony
Renod Bejjani

Waterford, CT
Leon Lawton, pastor
Joined by letter
Leon R. Lawton
Dorothy Lawton

Births

Hargett.—A son, Joel Andrew Hargett, was born to Jeff and Debbie Hargett of Rome, GA, on April 12, 1992.

Obituaries

Matthews.—Virginia R. Matthews, 74, died on January 7, 1992, at her home in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. She was born in Minnehaha Springs, W.Va., on April 21, 1917, and moved to Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1947. On May 7, 1952, she married Edward (Bill) Matthews. They moved to New Smyrna Beach in 1962. She was a member of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Virginia's husband faithfully cared for her during numerous hospitalizations and years of poor health. She was respected and loved by friends and relatives.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; one brother, Z.B. Rider of Alderson, W.Va.; and one sister, Georgie Cauley of Staunton, Va.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Leon Maltby, assisted by Virginia's pastor, the Rev. John Camenga. Burial was in the family plot in Belleview Memorial Gardens, Daytona Beach.

White.—Robert Ralph Cloudis White, 81, of Denver, Colo., died on February 20, 1992, at the Westland Manor Nursing Home. He was born on June 23, 1910, in Old Fort, N.C., the son of Henry Thomas and Carmia Etta (Owenby) White. His early life was spent in North Carolina and Tennessee. After much travel and many occupations, he settled in Denver and worked for the Denver Rio Grande Western Railroad as a switchman.

On December 31, 1939, he married Grace Eola Burdick in the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church. She died in 1981. Bob was a member of the Denver church, where he served as a trustee and worked diligently at Camp Paul Hummel. His heart was wrapped up in the camp.

In 1982, Bob married Elsie Buck. For eight years, they lived and worked at the Sunshine Mountain Home and SDB Church in Chatawa, Miss. He became a member

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Marriages

Prokop - Schultz.—Tom Prokop Jr. and Patty Schultz were united in marriage on February 15, 1992, at the location where the Seventh Day Baptist fellowship meets (the Open Bible Church) in San Jacinto, CA. Pastor Dennis L. Palmer officiated.

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and deacon of that church. The past two years, Bob lived in Denver while fighting ill health.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie, of Hope Valley, R.I.; two daughters, Connie Green of Columbus, N.D., and Jean Jorgensen of Syracuse, Kan.; one son, Robert Charles of Denver; four stepdaughters, Martha Theroux of Ashaway, R.I., Dorothy Garwood of Pawcatuck, Conn., and Laura Barker and Norma Kenney, both of Westerly, R.I.; three stepsons, Charles Buck of Westerly, Richard Buck of Hope Valley, and George Buck of North Stonington, Conn.; one brother, Clifford, of Kingsport, Tenn.; one sister, Edith Stevens of Oriental, N.C.; one half-sister, Hazel Huey of Dalejo, Calif.; nine grandchildren, 25 step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, 13 step-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Denver SDB Church, with Pastor Tom Warner officiating. Burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Burdick.—Blanche Burdick, 103, of Normal, Ill., passed away on March 13, 1992, at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Normal. She was born on December 24, 1888, in Farina, Ill., the oldest child of Daniel Pierce and Arabelle (Satterlee) Crandall. On June 30, 1914, she married Arthur Burdick. She taught school for eight years in Farina and Salem, Ill., and later worked for her brother at Crandall Jewelry Store in Farina.

Blanche was a longtime member of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church and later transferred her membership to the Kirkwood, Mo., SDB Church. She also attended services at St. Luke Union Church in Bloomington, Ill. She was a member of the Effingham (Ill.) Chapter of the O.E.S.

Survivors include two daughters,

Margaret Cunningham and Annabelle Melton, both of Normal; two grandsons, one step-grandson, two great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; one sister, and three brothers.

A memorial service was held on March 21, 1992, at St. Luke Union Church. A service of inurnment was held on April 3, 1992, with the Rev. Allan Mason officiating.

Monroe.—Julia V. Monroe, 56, of Fouke, Ark., died on March 22, 1992, in a local hospital. She was born on October 28, 1935, in Fouke. She was a member and deaconess of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and a member of They Help Each Other Spiritually of Texarkana, Ark. Julia was preceded in death by her husband, Glathan Monroe, who died in 1983.

Survivors include three sons, Tommie, Ronnie, and Donnie, all of Texarkana; three daughters, Sharon Kyles of Wake Village, Texas, and Karon Monroe and Freda Whittington, both of Fouke; her mother, Ollie Gladden of Fouke; four sisters, Margie Cook and Louise Edgeworth, both of Texarkana, and Ruby Browning and Jean Jones, both of Fouke; three brothers, John D. Gladden of Greenville, Texas, and Noah and Billy Joe Gladden, both of Texarkana; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held on March 24, 1992, at Texarkana Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Wallace Edgar officiating. Burial was in Fouke Cemetery.

Hambleton.—Theodore Hambleton, 72, died on April 9, 1992.

He was born in Wasco, Calif., on June 16, 1919, and was a 1938 graduate of Riverside (Calif.) Poly

High School. He served as a warrant officer in the U.S. Army from 1938 until 1952, and in the California National Guard from 1953 until 1975. He retired from civil service in 1974.

Ted had been a member of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1968.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Mae; two sons, Wayne and George; two daughters, Norma MacLuskie and Beverly Soper; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Swinney.—Morton Remington Swinney, 89, died on April 15, 1992, at the New London Convalescent Home in Waterford, Conn. He had lived there since 1989.

He was born on May 5, 1902, in Pawcatuck, Conn., the son of the late Herbert and Belinda (Southwick) Swinney. He married the former Selena B. Beckwith on Oct. 8, 1925, in Niantic, Conn. She died on Jan. 19, 1989.

Morton lived in Niantic for 73 years and worked for the Niantic Lumber Company for 50 years, retiring in 1967. During that time, he worked in all phases of the lumber yard operation.

He was a member and deacon of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Waterford, and a 50-year member of the SDB Missionary Society in Westerly, R.I. Due to his leadership in the church, as a Christian friend who "walked and talked" with the Lord, he was an example to all.

Survivors include one daughter, Ellen Burnett of Niantic; one sister, Ruth Neff of West Sedona, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on April 20, 1992, at the Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home in Niantic, with the Rev. Leon Lawton officiating. Burial was in First Hopkinton Cemetery, Ashaway, R.I.

K E V I N ' S

O R N E R

What a difference a decade can make. Do you remember attending your 10-year class reunion? I was amazed at how many changes my college classmates and I had seen, with jobs, moves, children. (We tied with another family for the "Most Prolific" award by having four kids.) You might think that a building wouldn't change too much in 10 years. Well, this one has—because it's a building full of dynamic ministries and people.

I have fond memories of my first visits to Janesville. I was fortunate to participate in the second and third summer institutes held here. (I wish I could remember which illustrious class attempted to sell the Center building. A real estate sign, found in Dale Thorngate's garage, just "happened" to wind up on the Center's front lawn...)

You can get to know folks pretty well in a three-week span of time. I could tell that it was a special place to work. The Center workers were so loving and helpful. Were they really interested in furthering our education, or did they just want to make sure we graduated and got back home?

Well, I found out that they're just plain "great people."

But even great people move on.

One photo taken at the 1984 annual Christmas brunch sums up the feeling of change. Out of the 13 staff people pictured, only two are still working here. And, following Janet Thorngate's departure in July, that leaves just one smiling face: my assistant editor, Leanne Lippincott.

Asked how she felt about being the last remaining

original staffer, Leanne stated, "Either I'm very loyal, or I'm in a rut!"

With all the changes around here, it's tough to find a rut. Has to be loyalty.

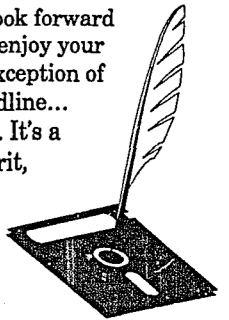
I believe that moving the Center to Janesville was a good decision. We're blessed with many of the criteria the General Council looked for more than a decade ago: good schools and health care, excellent cost of living, a safe city with a country feeling, available resources, and certainly a growth area. A fourth major discount store within a half-mile radius is opening soon. Once one of the only buildings in the area, the Center is now nearly surrounded by new construction. The recession was mild in southern Wisconsin.

The building itself has gone through some alterations. Offices have changed; little-used ones have become active and vice versa. The "storage" areas might have to be renamed, since "storage" implies that there is space to place items.

Speaking of changes, the Center will get a nice face-lift before you make it out here for Conference. Thanks to the foresight of our building operations fund—and some donated labor—new carpeting, paint, and wallpaper will brighten up the place. (Many areas are quite worn after much traffic and use.)

It's fortunate when you can look forward to going to your workplace, and enjoy your co-workers—with the possible exception of the Tract Council area near deadline...

It's more than just a building. It's a place that's alive with God's Spirit, presence, and people. May we continue to "Center" on Him.



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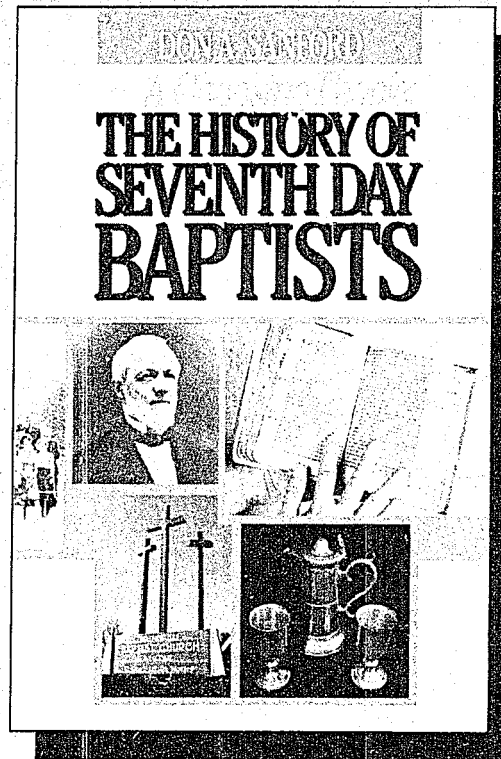
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