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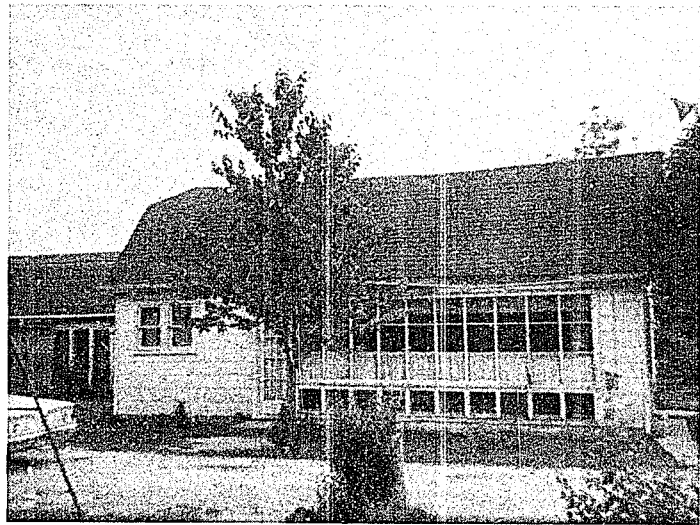
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Metairie, La., SDB Church in 1964.

How about:

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| 15 pastors | Church leaders |
| 13 pastors' spouses | Helpful projects done |
| 18 pairs of married workers | Lives reached for Jesus Christ |

and

28 years of the

Summer Christian Service Corps

Upcoming Events in 1993

February 11-14

General Council mid-year meeting
Ashaway, R.I.

April 21-25

Pastors' Conference, Shiloh, N.J.

May 15

Sabbath Emphasis Day
"True to the Sabbath, True to Our God"

June 14-July 1

Summer Institute on Sabbath Theology
Janesville SDB Center

June 17-27

SCSC Training
Camp Paul Hummel, Boulder, Colo.

August 8-14

General Conference
University of Redlands, Calif.

Missionary Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held at the Pawcatuck SDB Meeting House, 120 Main St., Westerly, R.I., on Sunday, March 14, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To elect voting members, a Board of Managers and officers to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors are elected.

To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Managers and officers for the fiscal year January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1992.

To ratify the appointment of independent public accountants for the current fiscal year.

To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Managers has fixed the close of business on February 28, 1993, as the time at which members entitled to notice thereof and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be determined.

Cindy Nadeau, secretary

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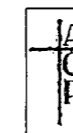
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Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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.

It is the joy of the Sabbath that makes Seventh Day Baptists just a little bit different. If you would like more information, write: Seventh Day Baptist Center, 3120 Kennedy Road, PO Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547-1678. Phone (608) 752-5055; FAX (608) 752-7711

Robe of Achievement

The Women's Society is accepting nominations for the Robe of Achievement for 1993. Please be considering a woman in your church who meets these criteria for nomination:

- Must be a committed Christian
- Must be an active member of a local Seventh Day Baptist church
- Was/is active as a volunteer in some phase of denominational effort
- Has shown evidence of special service with her family and/or community

A complete resumé must be submitted containing a life history including her achievements and activities. Without a resumé in hand, the committee cannot make a competent choice among many nominees. If an individual has been nominated before, and you still want that person considered, please re-submit the name as well as the resumé.

Send all nominations to: Elizabeth Bidwell, P.O. Box 136, Shiloh, NJ 08353

Deadline: May 31, 1993

The birth of "the Corps"

"For many years, the Board of Christian Education had encouraged youth to give summer time for work in vacation church school and camp projects, arranging such contacts between individuals and work projects, and receiving financial help from the Women's Board to make such work possible." (Taken from a 1970 SR article.)

At the 1961 General Conference, the Youth Interest Committee recommended that "the youth committee be empowered to select a person to give a year of dedicated service as a youth field worker, beginning with the 1962 season." The recommendation passed, and Caroline Gray, Women's Board president, excitedly took the news back to Milton, Wis.

She shared it with Linda Bingham, and encouraged her to volunteer for the position. Linda did. Her travel expenses were paid by the Board of Christian Education from funds that the young people had raised themselves. Her responsibilities included working with local youth leaders and young people. After one year, she was ready for a second.

Linda's second year was spent

in Metairie, La. Her project was to reach out with the Gospel to the city of New Orleans. Linda was then asked if she could find a team of young people to come to Metairie in the summer of 1964, to reach people in specific areas of the city.

At just about the same time, Caroline Gray and the Women's Board were discussing plans to sponsor a "Dedicated Service Project."

At Christmas time, 1963, Linda visited the Grays. She shared her excitement about the Metairie church request, and her concern about finding the right young people for the task. The two plans came together and fit "like hand in glove!"

In February, 1964, Jack Hays met with Linda and the committee from the Women's Board, and the *Summer Christian Service Corps* was "born."



Linda (Bingham) Hays in her field worker days.



1965 Team "C" at the Verona, N.Y., church (left to right): Suzi Jones, Ruth Ellis, Nancy Cruzan, Jane Lewis, Betty Enos, Irene Bond, and Nancy Brannon.

"You never know whom you are influencing. After my second summer in SCSC, I received a note from a mother thanking me for my influence on her son, who was then considering the ministry."

—Donna Bond, 1970-71 worker

"SCSC helped me decide to find out who the Lord wants me to be, and not what anyone else wants me to be. It really helped me find who I am and realize the truly important things in my life. I hope SCSC is still around when my kids are going through college."

—Paula Davis, 1987-88 worker

(The following reflections of those first SCSC years are from Persus DeLand, one of the local adult leaders for the Metairie Project.)

The first SCSC team spent the summer of 1964 working with the Metairie SDB Church. All the workers—Alan Crouch, Dale Rood, Judy Van Horn, and Linda Bingham—were from Milton, so they were not accustomed to the climate in the New Orleans area. They put up with heat, humidity, and mosquitoes, but their enthusiasm for the work was contagious.



Surprised training director Leon Lawton in 1970. The back of the snapshot says, "Our fearless leader!"

We established neighborhood Bible clubs in four areas of the city.

The team spent one Sunday at the beach. Dale fell asleep, and the tops of his feet sunburned and blistered so badly he could not wear shoes for weeks. Does he remember going to church barefooted? He did! The next year, Althea Greene, Phyllis Payne, Russ Johnson, and Bob Babcock were our team. We were building a new church meeting house, and the team spent the Fourth of July nailing shingles on the roof. (That was Althea's turn to get sunburned. She and Dale already had so much in common!)

Pastor Ralph Hays had a small swimming pool right next door to the new church building. It was the favorite place to cool off after a hot afternoon of work. The last weekend before the SCSC workers were to leave, they decided it was my turn to go in the pool. The boys picked me up, carried me to the pool, and dunked me.



1989 training in Battle Creek. Front row (l. to r.): Jill Martin, Jan Bond, Dina Taylor, Cliff Rosa, Keith Bond. Middle: Ruth Ryschon, Connie Hays, Jennifer Hays, Cathy Cruzan, Stacy Wagner, Melissa Noel, Heather Crandall, Leigh Ann Thomas, Chris Davis, George Calhoun. Back: Steve Osborn, Teresa Johnson, DeLynne Jorgenson, Caroline Carminatti, Jeff Roberts, Roksanne Laxson, Jennifer Robles, Wendy Meeuwes, Jim Plane. Others not pictured: Camille Henry, Althea Rood, Vivian Looper, and Shari Severance.

Russ and Althea returned to Metairie in 1966. Althea and Dale were seriously involved in their blossoming relationship by then. We sometimes made her sing for his letters, but that did not discourage her. You all know the rest of that story. (Editor's note: Dale and Althea were married in 1968. He now pastors the Dodge Center, Minn., church. Althea, Conference President in 1991, is this year's SCSC training director.)

We enjoyed having our bedrooms and dining tables filled each of the three summers SCSC teams spent in Metairie. Two years, at least, we treated the workers to a seafood supper, even taking them to the French Market to pick out the shrimp, crabs, and redfish. As I recall, they were eaten enthusiastically by most of the "kids."

It has been a blessing to watch the growth and development of SCSC workers, as well as the program itself. We are especially blessed by the fact that nearly all of those first three teams are now in full-time Christian ministries. We are proud and happy to say we knew them "when."

—Persus DeLand

Good news! It spreads! Twelve workers signed up in 1965. By 1969, the planners and organizers must have been doing something right: 22 workers signed up, many of them for a second or third year.

More churches were asking for teams. This also meant that more funds were needed. The cost had gone from \$671 in 1964, to \$2,474 in 1969. Was it worth it? Just ask them:

"SCSC had a definite effect on my life. It has changed all my plans for the future to include working for Christ."

"My highs came from seeing that God could use me, and use what I had to offer, to give Him glory and work out His plan."

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As the Women's Board evaluated the past years' projects, changes were made. They established new guidelines, and age requirements changed. New people began to direct the training, each year striving to make that one better than the last.

The program was tough. Workers struggled with a variety of problems: "I learned to praise God for even the smallest things, because sometimes that's all we had." "I think one of my struggles was learning to be humble and let the other guy get the glory. Also, learning to love people in spite of what they look like, but loving them because they are children of God."

Being away from home for the first time was hard for some. Strange food, cultural differences, a different way of doing things, and knowing that they had to stay there for the duration of the project put stress on some workers. One of them shared, "I'd like to tell about the problems and struggles we had, and how we overcame them with God's help."

In 1965, Leon Lawton became the first training director, and training took place in Battle Creek, Mich. For the first 12 years, training was hosted by local SDB churches, with evaluation held at camp sites where Pre-Con was scheduled.

Special presentations at Conference kept people in touch with how the Lord was leading and blessing. This also helped gain the necessary support that the Women's Board needed to continue this project.

Leon Lawton later wrote, "It was good to turn the training leadership over to another person, though traumatic. I missed the close fellowship with the young people, the thrill of seeing lives change and mature over the few summer weeks, and the wonder of how God blessed and helped to meet difficult situations that arose. But changing leadership does bring new vision,

understanding, and keeps the SCSC program from getting in a 'rut.'"

SCSC workers have performed a variety of tasks through the years. These include: teaching Vacation Bible School and Sabbath School classes, leading and performing music, counseling at youth camps, leading recreation activities, giving junior messages, leading Sabbath worship services and small prayer groups, doing manual labor and clerical work of all sorts, visiting shut-ins, taking surveys of community needs... The list is endless!

Today, the SCSC Committee carefully screens college-age workers and project requests from churches. The Committee attempts to match workers and projects according to the workers' abilities and project needs.

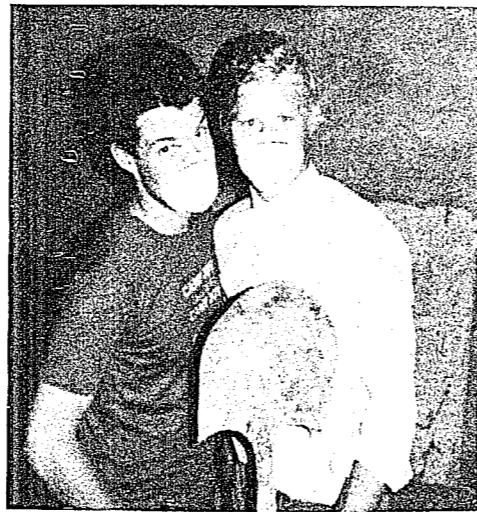
Workers are then trained for their ministry at an intensive 10-day session. Project directors receive a four-day training with the workers, and then return home to make final plans for the team's arrival.

"SCSC made praying with others seem natural. When someone prays aloud for me, I feel God's love, peace, and strength. When I pray for another, my heart is stretched.

"SCSC provided me experience in planning and teaching at Vacation Bible School and church camp. Regular prayer with the SCSC teammates carried over into these activities so that we were able to pray with the children as well.

"I believe going door-to-door was important — we could see beyond ourselves. Our whole summer was spent in ministry to people in one way or another. I probably took it for granted at the time, but I imagine that living with people who were very service-minded (as the Lawtons were and are) was a supreme influence."

—Susie (Davis) Bond, 1967 worker



1987 Plainfield, N.J., workers Mark Green and David Carmichael tackle the "dreaded pigeon droppings" in the church steeple.

Please pray for our 1993 SCSC teams and projects. We thank all of you—workers, directors, trainers, hosts, contributors—who have been involved in this program since 1964. May we continue to bear much fruit for Him, in the Summer Christian Service Corps! SR

Two pioneers remember... These principles still work

by Linda Hays

As a Summer Christian Service Corps pioneer, as well as past hostess and project director, I have observed that certain Scriptural principles affect the SCSC participants. Pastor Ralph Hays pointed these principles out to me 28 years ago, when the program was in its infancy. They are as timeless as the Word of God.

The first principle is found in John 12:32 where Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." As an SCSC worker, witnessing verbally to people on an almost daily basis, I found that as I lifted Jesus up, not only were other people drawn to Him, but I, too, was being drawn

to a closer personal relationship with Jesus.

When young people make the effort to give of themselves and glorify Jesus in their SCSC projects, they are inevitably drawn closer to Him. This is one reason SCSC continues to influence the lives of those who have given themselves to it.

A second principle is also one that Jesus taught. In John 15:2, Jesus spoke of the vine and the branches: "...every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." I doubt there has been a single SCSC worker who has not borne fruit of some sort during the project.

It's not all fun and games. Sometimes the work is hard, and tough decisions must be made. That is part of the purging, or pruning process. SCSCers will find that every time they make a choice in line with God's will, even when it means personal sacrifice, the result is more and better fruit. That's the way God works, and that's why SCSC works.

SCSC is in its 29th year. In our family, two generations have already been involved. Let us pray for and support the SCSC program so that it will continue to bear fruit for the third and fourth generations, should Jesus tarry. SR

"Field tested" for Christ

by Russell Johnson

I don't remember exactly how I decided to serve on that early SCSC team, but it is a decision that I do not regret.

I had been actively involved in both the Nortonville, Kan., and Kansas City SDB churches. I had been president of the Youth for Christ Club in my high school, and had worked with two Billy Graham Crusade efforts.

I knew that I had a call to full-time Christian service, and felt that I would be a missionary on the foreign field. So, maybe it was only natural for me not to avoid an opportunity to serve my Lord.

We had no idea where we would be serving until the SCSC training was almost completed. I was surprised to hear that we would be working in New Orleans. Under the project direction of Pastor Ralph

Hays, the four of us covered 64 square blocks visiting house to house. We had a marvelous time reaching out to touch people's lives.

Can I tell you that I was always comfortable doing door-to-door calling? No, I wasn't then, and I still find a certain dread of the uncertain and unexpected while calling even today. And I have learned that getting closely involved with people will always expose us to a certain amount of personal risk.

But during those two summers in New Orleans, I found a new sense of God's compassion for the hurting and lost which was greater than my personal fears. After knocking on that first door, everything went fine all day long. I keep thinking of the Scriptures which say, "For to obey is better than sacrifice." And I am grateful for the

experience which showed that pushing beyond fear is the best way to find joy without guilt.

After those two years, I found my mission field to be right in my neighborhood, and my ministry to be with people of our own country. Although I don't always experience success in everything I do, I became much more confident that I could be a profitable servant for my Lord during those two summers of opportunity and responsibility.

The opportunity to serve God, being trusted as responsible to accomplish the task, and God's faithfulness all played a positive part in my spiritual growth. I believe that much of what I do now in my ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ was "field tested" during SCSC. SR

Four precious years

by Florence Bowden

In 1970, I received a call from a member of the Women's Board. She stated that the SCSC training sessions needed an older person to lead Bible studies and to discuss ways of working with people.

At age 70, this seemed rather old for me to spend 12-hour days with college-age youth. After prayers, and weighing the pros and cons of such an endeavor, I finally accepted the invitation.

The four years with the SCSC groups were among the most challenging and rewarding of my 20 years in denominational work. I had an opportunity to visit many of our churches and make hundreds of friends.

I met youth in a different way. In those four years, I had the privilege of witnessing many, many young people commit their lives to serving Christ.

My first SCSC experience was in North Loup, Neb., in the summer of 1970, where the Rev. Mynor Soper was the pastor.

During the day, I taught two or more classes—from the Bible, and in areas of relating to others. More

sessions, taught by the other staff members, brought us to supper-time. Then there came an evening class of an hour or two. I was asked to take this one, too!

What do you do with a very tired, restless band of young adults late in the day? It occurred to me that no day should end without a worship service. So during my four years, our days ended with worship.

I remember one at North Loup most vividly. Its theme was "The Book of Life." Before us was a beautifully painted cardboard cover with the printed title of the theme. Through a series of dramatizations, each person held a candle, advanced to the Book, and signed it as witness to our recommitment to Christ that evening.

In 1971, SCSC met with the Marlboro, N.J., church who welcomed us warmly. Their members joined our discussion groups as often as possible. Dale Harris, of Euless, Texas, a talented musician, added sparkle and enthusiasm to these sessions.

Dale invited us to come to

Euless for the 1972 sessions and stay two weeks. The first week would be devoted to the regular training sessions. The second week would be spent in Dallas where "Youth for Christ" would hold its national convention. The highlight of this convention: evening messages by the Rev. Billy Graham! The Women's Board decided to accept Dale's invitation, even though it meant added expenses.

Because of the unusual attraction for the training, 20 young people joined that year. There was no SDB church in Euless. The Harrises were lone Sabbathkeepers, but were affiliated with a Presbyterian church in town. We were entertained royally in their homes, and they fed us at the church.

The second week in Dallas cannot adequately be explained in writing. Our workers met and became friends with young people from every state in our country. They were called upon again and again to explain our beliefs as Seventh Day Baptists. To be part of the thousands of youth who listened to Billy Graham each night was to witness what concerned Christian effort and vision can accomplish.

I wondered whether the 1973 SCSC sessions, held in Battle Creek, might be an anti-climax, but it was far from it. Several of the 1972 workers attended again. One year seemed to flow into the next with the same vitality and purposes. The comradeship, the prayers, and the Christian display of togetherness reached a new level of Christian growth.

These were four precious years. I know I gained more than I gave. The Bible came alive for me and I developed a closer relationship with Christ. I thank God with all my heart for those years of revelation and commitment. *SR*

SCSC—More than a memory

by Althea Rood

SCSC has been an important tool in my life. It provided the opportunity to take my "head-knowledge" faith and put it into action.

Although the training in evangelism, children's messages, and Bible study was invaluable, the greatest value for me was personally experiencing God at work in my life. At a later time when I questioned the validity of my faith, and even the existence of God, there were experiences from SCSC that I could not rationalize away.

How can you explain away being an answer to someone's prayer to visit her at 1:00 a.m. when you were headed in the opposite direction? How can you explain God's healing, and the concrete results of fasting and prayer? I praise God for having *experienced* Him, and not just *knowing* about Him!

SCSC also provided a tremen-

dous bonus for me in providing my life partner. Dale and I became friends and were involved in joint ministry, working with the same group of people (in Metairie, La.) through SCSC. Although we never served on the same project, we shared concerns for many of the same people, and that planted the seed for the joint ministry we now share.

God has blessed me with the opportunity to see SCSC from many vantage points. Having served as a project director, host family, camp director, and now directing the training staff of SCSC, I count it a privilege to see God at work in the lives of His young people.

Over the years, the people have changed, but the Lord's purposes have remained constant. There is a continual desire to provide the best training possible and to improve

"I continue to pray for SCSC and the work of the Women's Board, because it has had a great impact on young people for many years.

"There's so much that is special about the program, the staff, and the workers."

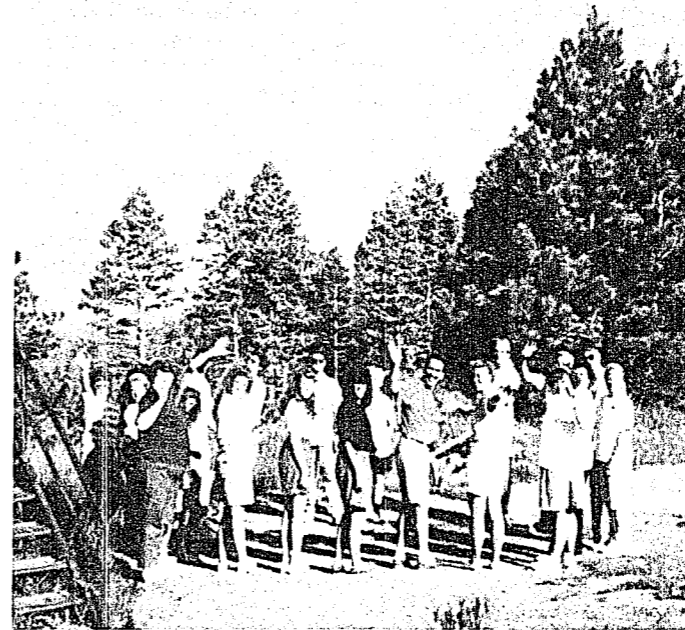
—Gerry Van Dyke
Training Director,
1975-87

"What a vision SCSC has been for SDBs!

"It strengthened my commitment and added new dimension to my ministry. It also had a great impact on my knowledge of SDBs—their history, the commitments, and their purpose. I developed a pride in my heritage.

"This is excellent training ground for our young people to realize that there are many ministries within the church, Association, and denomination that need to be fulfilled to reach out to the lost world. SCSC helps our youth to focus in on the priorities of life and find God's purpose for their lives."

—Ruth Burdick, 1971 worker



The bonds of friendship formed at training (here at Camp Paul Hummel in Colorado, 1991), and on the projects, can last a lifetime.

the service rendered in the churches.

This year, our training staff will consist of Mary Jane McPherson, Pastor Chuck Graffius, Steve Osborn, Jan Bond, and myself. Our goal is to train leadership—not just for the future, but for today!

Areas of training will include: testimonies, evangelism, Christian education, communication, Bible study, children's messages, music, vespers, recreation, and campfires. My prayer is that each young person who is involved in the program will experience God's reality and power in his or her life, and become actively involved in a lifelong ministry for Him.

Please join us in praying for SCSC this year as God chooses those He wants to enlist in this ministry. *SR*

How 'bout them couples?

Faith, friends, family!

by Keith Bond

How has the Summer Christian Service Corps affected my life? That's an easy one. (If I was still in school, I could write a term paper about SCSC; but thankfully, I'm not in school.) I'll leave the obvious answer for later.

First, SCSC helped me to become stronger in my faith, thanks to wonderful teachers of God's Word like Rod Henry and George Calhoun. My personal belief in the Gospel story was strengthened every time I told a young camper about the creation of the world, the Garden of Eden, sin, and Jesus—His life, death, resurrection, and free gift of eternal life to us.

Second, SCSC gave me some wonderful friends and terrific memories. How else would I have a California friend in the form of Cliff Rosa? And how many people have seen Pastor George nearly have a heart attack when a turtle was placed on his napping belly?

Finally, SCSC has given me a wonderful wife, who in turn has given me a terrific little boy. You can't beat that!

I have no idea how my life would have turned out if I had not gone into SCSC. It certainly would not have been this good. I enjoyed the Corps so much that I went for four years!

I encourage anyone considering SCSC to take a step of faith and go for it. A word of warning: You will work hard, you will study hard, you will play hard, and you will sleep hard. That's the first day of training. I won't get any easier.

All your hard work will be rewarded though. You'll have a



Another special SCSC couple is Matt and Ellen Olson, with daughter, Juliet. Matt was Director of Youth Ministry, and now pastors the Berlin, N.Y., SDB Church.

happy heart when you tell a camper about Jesus, and you'll certainly be blessed and be a blessing—all at the same time.

My biggest goal now is to make sure Jordan Davis Bond grows up to know Jesus personally. Who knows? Maybe he'll decide to go into SCSC someday. *SR*

Giving and receiving

by Jennifer (Hays) Bond

During my first summer in SCSC, I was supposed to talk to a group of campers—one at a time, on a personal level—about their salvation. But I couldn't do it.

I could do everything else, but I was terrified of getting to know one of those children on a personal level.

When I went to Shiloh and Marlboro (N.J.), I was determined I wouldn't let my shyness get in the way of something so important, but I still couldn't do it. Not until a little crying boy needed some company.

As we talked, my courage increased, and I found myself telling

a very attentive little guy about how to accept Christ as his Savior. In His wonderful, mysterious way, God used a lonely boy and a shy student to brighten each other's lives.

That's the amazing thing about SCSC. You work hard, and some nights you're so tired you can't keep your eyes open. But no matter how much you do for others, God rewards you at the same time. You get so much out of SCSC while you're giving.

I remember reading *Green Eggs and Ham* over and over to a little boy with a "goofball" grin. I remember teaching an entire roomful of

kids to sing, "Peter and John Went to Pray." I remember giving testimonies, playing pudding games, and teaching Sabbath School.

And there are only a few of us who can actually say that we were proposed to while in the Corps. (It took me quite a while to convince Keith we shouldn't get married in the Seattle airport when we arrived for evaluation!)

But one of my strongest memories of SCSC is of a little boy named Craig, who holds a very special place in my heart. Craig, if you remember me, don't ever forget how much God loves you, and how much I love you, too! *SR*

The mountaintop of my God

by Camille Henry

My experience with SCSC began in 1986 when I served as counselor and trainer for the project directors. As I look back, there are so many wonderful memories.

I think of all the workers who put forth all they had in a rigorous training program. I think of the staff who gave of themselves emotionally, physically, and spiritually to provide Christian teaching and guidance. I think of those most valuable project directors, many of whom had to take vacation time to fulfill their duties as project director for their church.

However, more specifically, I remember the worship experiences at Camp Paul Hummel in Boulder, Colo. In the mornings, we all went to the outdoor chapel to sing and have prayer for each other, our families, our churches, and the coming projects.

In the evening, we had various places outside for vespers. My favorite was "Wedding Point." After a rather long and grueling hike, we were rewarded with the most spectacular view of God's beautiful creation. It was truly an experience which brought me closer to my Lord with every visit.

One particular Sabbath eve, after a long 10 days of training, we made the usual trek to Wedding Point. Oh, how God knows when we need to see Him at work! His timing was perfect, as usual.

We perched ourselves on the side of the mountain. The only sounds that could be heard were those God had provided. The sun started its descent as we began singing, "O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made."

In the distance, to the west, dark clouds began to roll in while the sun continued to peek its rays through the gaps. The valley below darkened, and the Lord put on a show I won't soon forget.

The lightning came in great bursts of light, with jagged streaks putting their marks on the distant mountains. The thunder echoed through the valley and back, as though God was singing a song just for us.

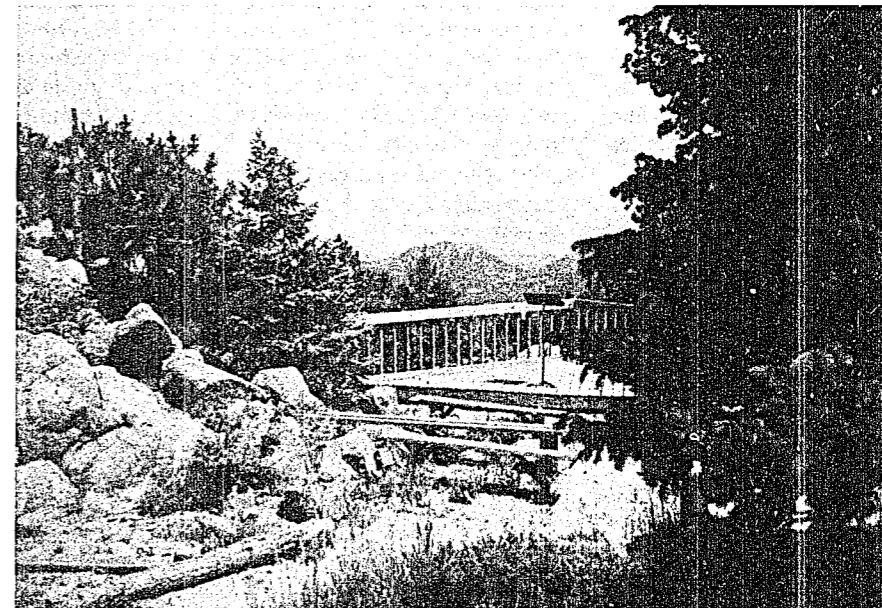
Then, all became quiet. The sky, which had become draped with black clouds, began to open its cover, and the sun shone on our little spot there on Wedding Point. As I sat in awe of God's power, I couldn't help but be humbled by His presence. Somehow, I knew He was speaking to me.

As the tears of joy flowed down my face, I could hear the soft roll of thunder talking to me, and feel the warmth of the sunshine on my face. Could it have been my "Moses" experience? I felt that I had seen God in a new and different way.

The most wonderful part of that Sabbath eve was discovering that each one of us had experienced a very special encounter with our God. In the silence, He had spoken to us *individually*, as if each person was completely alone on that mountain. There had been no other voices except for our songs, which rang through the valley below.

We truly had a mountaintop experience which would leave an everlasting imprint on our lives. *SR*

Do you have a special story from your SCSC days? Fill out the form on page 22 and send it in today!



Breathtaking beauty adds to the SCSC training at Camp Paul Hummel in Colorado.

"I can't help but get fired up!"

by Kimberlee Baker

How many of us have said to ourselves, "What am I going to do with my life?" It's a question that we may all ponder at some point.

I found that the best thing to do is to experience life, and quit worrying about what the outcome will be years from now. I decided to experience life through SCSC. It became one of the best decisions I ever made, and a decision that will affect the rest of my life.

I have been an SCSC worker for two years (1991-92), and have loved every moment of it—even the tough times. The first year was in North Loup, Neb.; the second in Westerly, R.I. Both projects were wonderful!

One of the most rewarding aspects of SCSC is in making lifelong Christian friendships. Both years, I had great partners whom I love very much. I also made many friends with the kids I had in camps and Vacation Bible School. There's a bond that is hard to explain, except to say it's a bond with the Lord.

The second most rewarding aspect of SCSC is acquiring practical skills. I brought with me a little experience with kids, minimal experience with counseling, and a very unassertive disposition. I came out of training and the projects with some great experiences with chil-

dren, a stronger feel for counseling, and I have "come out of my shell."

When a camper comes up to me and says, "After seeing what the Lord means to you, and what He's done in your life, I've decided to accept Jesus into my life," what else can I do but get fired up and excited?!

Finally, there's one more reason that SCSC has been a decision that's affected the rest of my life. With the Lord's help and my awesome summers, I have decided to major in Child Psychology and minor in Religion, and devote the rest of my life to the ministry of youth.

Whenever I think about SCSC, I get pumped up! *SR*

Investing in future leaders

by Rodney L. Henry, Director of Pastoral Services

Summer Christian Service Corps can literally be a life-changing experience for an SDB youth.

Many of our first-time summer workers have spent their whole lives in church and in Sabbath School. They have heard all of the Bible stories and plenty of sermons. But SCSC training takes all of that influence—from parents, pastors, Sabbath School teachers, and others—and puts the pieces together, creating a person ready to spend five weeks in hands-on ministry.

In my years as Training Coordinator, I watched the expressions of "Aha!" come over the workers' faces as the past pieces of theology and ministry came together. This training comes at a time when our youth are striking out on their own in terms of beliefs and values. SCSC training provides a wonderful foundation for them to build on for the summer, and the rest of their lives.

The five weeks on the project really challenge the worker. Both the work load and relationships can be demanding. These demands take the workers out of their "comfort zones," and they are challenged beyond themselves. They learn the importance of depending on God's strength to get them through.

God can use these first tastes of ministry to call individuals into His

service as pastors and missionaries. SCSC has been one of the most significant seedbeds for growing our future pastors.

Others, though not called to ministry as pastors or missionaries, have been challenged to a new level of maturity and ministry. This allows them to serve more effectively as leaders, and future leaders, in our churches. *SR*

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"Whenever I take the time to think back on my Christian experiences, my first year in SCSC stands out as one of the most important elements in shaping my future, and leading me into full-time Christian service.

"SCSC is about taking the raw material of our finest young people, and turning them into young men and women who can bring good news of happiness to others. It is about helping our very best and brightest future leaders to live like they believe that our God reigns."

—Pastor Matt Olson



Women's Society page by guest writer Mary Jane McPherson

Take a leap of faith!

I have always been amazed at the grace and precision exhibited by a classical dancer or ballerina. As a child, my only experience with a ballerina was the one that popped up from Mother's jewelry box when the lid opened.

There, standing on tip-toe, the tutu-skirted dancer turned in perfect rhythm to the music. Although she was riveted in place, I could imagine that she was equally skilled at doing jumps and leaps.

Quite often, our SCSC workers are expected to do more than "turn" in place. They are called to "leap" into service. What kind of leap they do depends on the power that is behind the leap.

Upward leaping

At times, dancers do an upward leap—a jump. Standing, they jump straight up, kick the feet back and forth, and land straight down. This takes a lot of energy, only to get nowhere.

The "upward leaping" SCSC worker gets all excited during the

summer, does a lot of "walking and leaping and praising God" (Acts 3:8), but when the summer is over and life starts to get tough, there is nothing spiritual left. There hasn't been any forward movement with the Lord.

Oh, you can get caught up in emotions, do a lot of upward leaping, but it is a "going nowhere" experience. The disciples had this in Matthew 17:14-21. They could not heal, Jesus said, because of the littleness of their faith. They were just upward leaping; going nowhere.

Forward leaping

This is a running leap that can cover quite a distance.

For the workers, it's easy to leap when their strength is renewed. There are many new responsibilities and many tasks to complete. What a blessing to be such a vital part of a summer church ministry!

Remember the man in Acts, healed from a crippling disease, who literally began walking, leaping, and praising God? He was excited, and had good reason to be!

King David said, "Restore to me the joy of my salvation" (Psalm 51:12). The

summer is so packed, you can get burned out, feeling you can do only so much.

The limitation of forward leaping is that you can initially do many leaps, but later the leaps won't be as high or as powerful because you get tired. It's hard to leap

and praise God when life gets tough and our own strength fades.

Over the wall leaping

In Psalm 18:29, David says, "With my God I can scale a wall." To jump over a wall means you jump high and forward at the same time!

Life magazine ran pictures of Mikhail Baryshnikov's first dance at the White House in Washington, D.C. He was so emotionally and physically prepared for his performance that it appeared he leaped over the chandelier. Now that was some leap!!

SCSC workers must realize that personal strength is not sufficient to do this "over the wall" kind of leaping. Our strength, like David's, must come from the empowering we get from God at work in us. This empowering is available to us as we allow the Holy Spirit to take control, allowing us to leap in places and serve in ways we never thought possible.

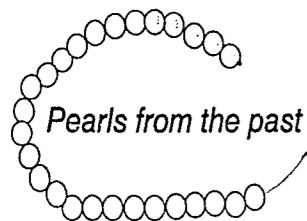
We need to leap high and forward in our Christian walk with the Lord. This is a way we grow into mature Christians. Matthew 19:26 says, "With God all things are possible."

What kind of leaping have you been doing lately? Are you content as an upward leaper? Sadly, this is where most Christians are. Are you a forward leaper, who gets charged up over the summer, but neglects to praise when times get tough? Do you feel burned out right now?

Are you ready for the "over the wall" leaping, realizing that your strength is not in yourself? God will supply resources for you to run, leap, and soar! Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Will you do any leaping today? *SR*





Pearls from the past

Revival by teamwork

by Don A. Sanford, historian

The roots of the Summer Christian Service Corps can be found in the student evangelism of the 1870s and the musical quartets of the 1890s and early 20th century.

Dr. Theodore Gardiner, who was deeply involved in both movements, credits their birth with a strong revival among the students of Alfred

meetings, and wherever a few students could get together in a student's room they would be found holding a prayer meeting. The boys went, two by two, out into the homes surrounding the village, to talk and pray with the people."

Theodore L. Gardiner was one of those who fell under the revival's spell. In the summer of 1870 he

was engaged to do mission work in Hebron, Pa. Of his apprehension and uneasiness in preaching he wrote, "One thing is certain; if the trees of those magnificent Potter County forests had been men, many of them might have been converted that summer as the heart-burdened boy preacher practiced his sermons over which he had been praying and working. Little did the good people who filled the houses know what a struggle the sermons had cost before they heard them."

At the end of the summer, he promised to return for a revival during the winter vacation. Three other students volunteered, and a quartet was formed. The foursome consisted of J.L. Huffman, W.D. Williams, G.M. Cottrell, and Gardiner.

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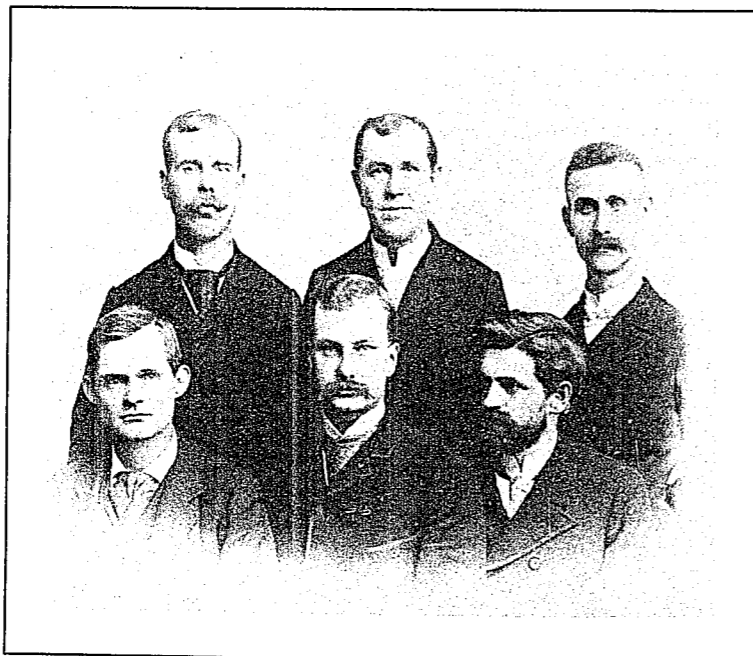
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(N.Y.) University in the winter and spring of 1868:

"It broke out in the students' meetings held in the bell room. It was characterized by a wonderful power of the Spirit from the very first, and soon overflowed into the chapel, where for several weeks, every night witnessed crowded meetings that stirred the hearts of the most stolid.

"President Allen, filled with the spirit of the hour, came to our aid. And I can see his grand and inspiring form as he stood before us night after night, and calmly, hopefully, wonderfully, led these meetings...

"The revival soon overflowed into the village, and the best homes in Alfred were thrown open for cottage prayer meetings where the melting power of the Spirit was wonderfully felt. Even the old hotel was the scene of several powerful



The evangelistic team of 1892 (from l. to r.): Seated—George B. Shaw, Frank Peterson, Lester C. Randolph. Standing—T.J. Van Horn, D. Burdette Coon, W.D. Burdick. All six were later ordained and helped lead SDB churches.



SR Almanac

Where we have been...

One year ago—February 1992

Special features lift up the Trinity. Writers include Kenneth Burdick and James Ayars.

Sabbath series by Rodney Henry concludes with, "The good news about the Sabbath."

National projects in Jefferson City, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., mentioned.

Leon Lawton honored for his 41 years of ministry.

New Sabbath hymn contest rules listed.

Encouraging update received from European Free Street Mission in Helsinki, Finland.

Five years ago—February 1988

Conference President Herbert Saunders and "Pearls" writer Don Sanford focus on covenants.

Christian Education page emphasizes the teaching function of the Church.

Several Seventh-day Christian groups sponsor a booth at the Alabama State Fair in Birmingham.

German SDBs send funds to Central Africa Conference for new buildings in Malawi.

The Verona, N.Y., church's prison ministry, led by Helen Green, is highlighted on the Women's pages.

10 years ago—February 1983

1982 Conference President Dorothy Parrott heads up 1983's "Year of Ministry."

Elizabeth Crane of Westerly, R.I., featured with her ministry of "signing" the church service to the hearing impaired. Article first appeared in *The Westerly Sun*.

Senior Vice President of the Bank of Wisconsin, Ronald Ochs, asks, "What is your pastor worth?"

Ronda Jacobson completes her year of dedicated service at the Janesville SDB Center.

Leon Wheeler accepts call to Ashaway, R.I.

With their "Caravan for Church Extension" (a compact camper trailer), Conference President K.D. Hurley and wife, Shireen, take an 11-week tour of 10 southern states.

25 years ago—February 1968

Special outreach issue is on "Communicating the Gospel." Many authors share evangelism ideas through: door-to-door visitation, Bible clubs, camping, tract distribution, and recreation.

L. Harrison North, longtime manager of the SDB

Publishing House, dies at age 85. Mr. North held numerous denominational and church offices as a "devoted, faithful, and able servant."

Conference President David Clarke expands on his theme, "Yoked in Mission, Facing Frontiers with Faith."

Alfred (N.Y.) University pioneers new admission policy. "Operation Opportunity" allows a second chance for hopeful entrants who fall short of the normal screening process.

Sabbathkeeping Christians in the Seattle, Wash., area proceed to organize an SDB church.

Christian Education executive leaves on trip to Southwestern Association churches.

50 years ago—February 1943

A sampler of "European preaching in wartime" reveals no nationalistic fervor, but a call to new life and trust in the Church.

Answers to "Why I Subscribe to the SR":

1. News and views of other SDBs—my people.
2. Reports and plans of the General Conference and other churches.

3. Stimulating articles on missions, women's work, youth activities, as well as sermons and editorials.

4. Touch with the Christian world. (From NY City church bulletin.)

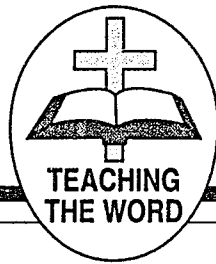
Rev. Lester Osborn warns how, "...in the name of 'tolerance,' theological differences have been minimized; for the sake of 'co-operation,' doctrinal distinctions have been ignored."

Young People's page foreshadows the "Just Say No" campaign with a "smile-and-no thanks" response to cigarette or cocktail offers.

...where are we headed?

Pray...

- that we remain strong in our beliefs
- for our European brethren
- for our local and worldwide covenants
- that we remember those imprisoned—with disabilities or behind bars
- for our Conference President, James Skaggs
- to communicate the Gospel clearly
- for our executives' trips to local churches



Christian Education

by Ernest K. Bee Jr.



FOCUS on Missions

What are we going to do about it?

by Kirk Looper

Onnalee Saunders retires

Onnalee G. Saunders, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, retired on December 31, 1992.

Onnalee, who is a member of the Richburg, N.Y., SDB Church, volunteered in 1986 to assist the Executive Director with general office work. She had just retired from her position as Office Manager with Otis Eastern Service in Wellsville, N.Y. Onnalee continued to work as a part-time tax specialist while working one day a week at the Board office in Alfred Station, N.Y.

From September 1988 through 1991, Onnalee

was active with many Board special projects. Beginning in 1992, she assumed the newly created position of Assistant to the Executive Director. Her primary responsibilities included the Scripture Memorization Program, in cooperation with each General Conference President and the Board's Sabbath School Committee; collecting information for the annual camping and Sabbath School reports; and every church mailings.

Onnalee will continue as a director of the Board and a member of the Sabbath School Committee. She has served as a Board director continuously since October 1955.

New directors and officers

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education began 1993 with 5 new directors. Twenty-five percent of the directorships are new. The new directors are:

- Pastor Michael Burns
Hebron, Pa.
- Susie Butts, teacher
Alfred Station, N.Y.
- Pastor Gordon Lawton
Little Genesee, N.Y.
- Carl Greene, student
Houghton, N.Y.
- Pastor Matthew Olson
Berlin, N.Y.

Luan (Sutton) Ellis, who had served the past two years as Vice-President of the Board of Directors,

has handed the position to Amanda (Stevens) Snyder. Amanda served for 16 years (1977-1992) as Chairperson of the Board's Youth Committee. Pastor Kenneth Chroniger, Alfred Station, is the new Youth Committee Chairperson.

Dede Mackintosh, La Cañada, Calif., who was the first chairperson of the Board's Children's Committee (1987-1992) has handed the position responsibilities to RuthAnne Peil, Rialto, Calif.

These new officers join the veteran officers: President George D. Bottoms, Secretary Mae L. Bottoms, Treasurer C. Robert Stohr, and Sabbath School Committee Chairperson David S. Clarke.

New assistant appointed

Elsie Mae (Randolph Lewis) Bottoms, recording secretary of the SDB Board of Christian Education, has been named as Assistant to the Executive Director. She will fill the vacancy created by Onnalee Saunders' retirement.

Mae began teaching at the State University College of Technology at Alfred, N.Y., in 1965. She held the positions of Department Chair and Professor of Executive Secretarial Studies when she retired in 1988. Mae holds a bachelor's degree from Salem College (W.Va.), and a master's degree and doctoral work from Southern Illinois University.

She was recording secretary for the General Conference business sessions in 1987-1991. In 1989, the Women's Society awarded Mae the Robe of Achievement.

Too often we tend to "write off" programs and projects without an adequate investigation into all the possibilities. If God is with us, what more could we do under the best circumstances? I feel that Western Europe is in this category.

We do have some "seed" to work with. We do have Sabbathkeepers in three or four of the countries. We do have some strong members of Seventh Day Baptist groups there.

Could these areas be mission fields that show a greater potential of growth than some of the other countries we support? Do we consider them—as we do the small, fledgling churches in the United States—able to support themselves, but not willing to sacrifice to do so?

England, the Netherlands, Germany. What has become of them?

In England, the British Conference is made up of one church of about 12 people. There is also the Mill Yard Church. Is it still SDB?

We are in contact with both churches on a limited basis. The one in Birmingham is the only member of the Conference. Why is Mill Yard Church not a member? The so-called "blame" is that the Conference got so small that they did not have enough work to keep them from disagreement.

I assume part of that blame because I can find nothing or no one sent from the United States to help the struggling few preserve their churches or members. It is so much easier to attend another church (that means another denomination), and then we have lost another family; thus, a generation.

What about Germany? Where are the churches that were located there before World War II?

You might think that the Iron Curtain prevented them from meeting. How do we account for all the

other churches functioning in secret? How much did we try to get behind the Iron Curtain before the wall came tumbling down?

We sent Bibles and materials to other countries behind the Iron Curtain. Did we work as hard for Germany? Are we working equally hard in Germany as we are in some of the new fields?

The Netherlands, composed of three regions, are interested in growth and cooperation. When I visited them in September, they wanted the answers to many of the questions our own churches are asking: "How do you gain skills in evangelism? How do you keep your youth from going over to other denominations? How do you convince neighbors of the spiritual benefits of the Sabbath?"

See? Nothing new. They would not refuse help in getting organized and reaching out. Maybe they could help other churches get started in that area of Europe.

We have been directed to visit the Eastern countries sometime this year, funds permitting. How can we justify visiting those countries in which English is a minor language, when we cannot go to the Western Countries, where English is one of the primary languages, and help the SDB churches that we know exist? Are we out looking for groups that are already formed and meeting regularly, so that we can convert them to Seventh Day Baptist, or convince them they could fellowship with us?

I think we could do much better reinforcing the existing SDB churches. Then, we can point a finger at our European churches, and proudly show what God will do for those who keep the Sabbath, and how much freedom people have when they fellowship with SDBs.

We were caught sleeping. We thought we were secure, expecting God to bless us with health and growth in our churches. We forgot that our covenant with God includes a reliance on one another.

We have responsibilities to God as well as the blessings we reap from Him. Until we are willing to give Him our whole life, we cannot expect the blessings that pour over us as water in a rainstorm.

To enable us to work effectively in Western Europe, we need missionaries and funds to cover the travel and living expenses.

We have less than 500 people who contribute directly to missions, out of the almost 5,000 members in our SDB churches. That tells our youth where our priorities lie. And, I hear it from them when I talk with them. They are getting a subliminal message from us, similar to one that we fear they are getting from the popular songs they listen to. Who was it that said that our worst enemy is ourselves?

Am I complaining? Am I begging for funds? No. I am relating to you the findings of many Christian social researchers, printed in many articles and books. It is your Missionary Society and Seventh Day Baptist church. When more of us decide to get off the shelf and become part of God's church, our denomination will grow worldwide.

At Conference, there must have been over 60 young people on the stage that Sabbath. They appeared to be anxious about missions and the Conference.

To keep a fire burning, one needs to fuel it. What are we doing to fuel the fires I saw in the eyes of those potential preachers, teachers, missionaries, and church leaders?

What are we going to do about it?

Waiting out the tough times

by James Skaggs

"The foundation of faith is a firm conviction regarding three things about God—his perfect love, wisdom, and power. Like a three-legged stool, no combination of two will do. There must be all three for faith to stand. A strong faith believes that God will only what is best for us (his love), that he knows what is best for us (his wisdom), and that he is able to do what is best for us (his power)."—Ben Patterson, *Waiting*

Ben Patterson's book, *Waiting* (InterVarsity Press, 1989), is subtitled, "Finding hope when God seems silent." It is not a pessimistic book. It is a very realistic book about one of the ways God deals with His people—you and me.

Sometimes God seems silent. These times are usually when we most urgently demand an answer, times when something has gone wrong. These are times when we have to wait to discover His purposes. And these are times when we are most likely to question our faith in Him.

I have known several individuals—committed Christians, I thought—who turned away from their faith when they were con-

fronted with some difficulty in their lives. They were confronted with tragedy—a senseless death, an opportunity snatched away, unprovoked cruelty. It seemed to each of them that a good God would not allow something like that to happen.

I have heard most of the arguments which can be used to dissuade someone who feels that way, but argument is seldom effective against feelings. Since these kinds of experiences and emotions affect all of us at some point in our lives, it seems to me that the best approach is for a Christian believer to be prepared *before* the event.

The "Firm Foundation" in our Conference theme this year is the kind of confidence in God which will not be shaken by these experiences. That confidence can only be achieved by knowing certain things about Him, and understanding our relationship with Him.

Waiting is a book I have recommended to those who wish to prepare for Conference week. I found it valuable because it shows how God uses difficulty to serve His purposes and our ultimate good. That is very encouraging.

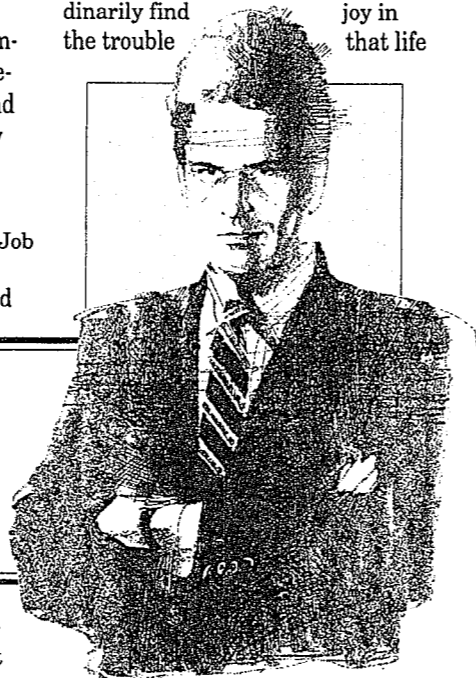
The book is mostly a study of Job and of Genesis 12-22, discussing Abraham's very long wait for God

ship and tragedy, but He does use these things for our good.

The book also holds up two virtues as essential for dealing with those "waiting" times: humility and hope. "Humility makes patience possible, because it shows us our proper place in the universe. God is God, we are his creatures; he is the King, we are his subjects...." "Hope makes patience possible, because it gives us the confidence that our wait is not in vain. Hope believes that this God of love, power, and wisdom is on our side."

Trials, the apostle James said, develop perseverance, and "perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:4).

We celebrate our blessings and thank God for them. We do not ordinarily find joy in the trouble that life



brings. But Scripture seems to argue that, for the believer, God will use the troubles to bless us, too. *SR*

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Sometimes it was simply that their expectations were not being fulfilled; God was not giving them what they wanted. In some cases,

to fulfill His promise of many descendants. Patterson argues that "at least as important as the things we wait for, is the work God wants to do in us as we wait." God does not promise us lives free from hard-



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Building virtues

by Althea Greene
(Given at Berlin, N.Y., 1963 Youth Week)

How must we build our house?

We must build our house (our bodies and lives) by applying Christian virtues. Webster defines "virtues" as being moral qualities that make for goodness. Therefore, our Christian virtues are, in a sense, actions and ways in which we show and develop our Christianity.

Without Christian virtues, our lives would be rather meaningless. What are some Christian virtues? Kindness, thankfulness, love, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

One of our best examples of a virtuous person in the Bible was Ruth. The Old Testament book of Ruth is known as the book of love. Ruth showed her Christian virtues in her love for her mother-in-law, Naomi; her husband, Boaz; and especially in her love for God and obedience to His commandments. Of course, our greatest example of love is the giving of God's Son to save us from our sin.

In order to build our house, we must also use a patient and determined effort. By continually reading and studying God's Word, we may find a much greater security.

Thus we have two valuable steps in building our house: apply Christian virtues, and use a patient and determined effort.

Here is something which I think shows a very important trait in building our house. This is an excerpt from the story, "On Stepping Stones."

"Bernard Shaw, the famous English writer and philosopher, once said a universal thing in this sentence: 'The only man who behaves sensibly is my tailor; he takes my measure anew every time he sees me, whilst all the rest go on with their old measurements, and expect them to fit me.'"

I think that all of us, along with Shaw, like to be judged by contemporary standards, for we like to think that we are growing as the years go by. But our families and our hometown friends are apt to think of us just as we were in childhood days.

In our professional lives, we do certain things at certain stages. A minister in his early ministry employs methods which he would not use later on. Not that it was wrong to use them, but they have changed with the changing times.

Most of us are like the butterfly and moth. We have our larva stages, our cocoon stages, and our butterfly and moth stages. We all grow mellow, finer, more intelligent and kindly; even more beautiful in our spirits as the different stages come and go, as our measurements change.

It is the old, old philosophy fittingly expressed by a great observer of life when he said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

I believe that most of us have a right to be judged or measured year by year, and that there is a certain injustice on the part of our friends when they judge us by what we did in earlier years. I think that all of us ought to assume that men and women grow with the years, and not only change physically every seven years, but that we change mentally and spiritually.

Yes, there are a few who decline, but it is unusual. Most men and women develop with the years and decades. They grow in the natural order of events, and we have no more right to judge them by their earlier years than Shaw's tailor had a right to assume that the writer's physical measurements would remain the same.

I think this is one of the most important phases in our religion, because it shows there is always "room for improvement." It is wonderful to have this opportunity for improvement.

I think we would benefit if, each week or each month, we re-evaluated ourselves in our spiritual growth. If there is no improvement, maybe your study is ineffective, or maybe you're not reading or studying the Bible at all. This also pertains to Sabbath School lessons—you get out of the lesson just what you put into it. And it's the same with life: you get out of life just what you put into it.

From The Beacon, April 1963.

Happy in Hopkinton

by Thelma Tarbox

As the First SDB Church of Hopkinton, R.I., enters the fourth year under the leadership of the Rev. Harold and Kathi King, we have much for which to be thankful.

Attendance has doubled. Our participation in MORE 2000 has not only helped us evaluate our needs and potential, but it has enhanced our fellowship and mutual encouragement with other churches involved. We have hosted some of the MORE 2000 Area Workshops.

A loving spirit overflows among local sister churches. We have joined Pawcatuck in conducting Vacation Bible School, and last summer our grounds and meeting house were used for some of the programs. In 1992, a pulpit exchange was initiated with Pine Street Gospel Chapel, Middletown, Conn. Their pastor, Bill Bowyer, and his wife, Gwen, are former members of our church, and it was a special joy having Pastor Bill in our pulpit. He and Pastor Harold meet weekly for prayer.

We are especially blessed to have Missionary Executive Vice President Kirk Looper and his wife,

Vivian, with us. Kirk ably fills our pulpit when Pastor Harold is absent. As many in the denomination know, Vivian is a gourmet cook, adding a delicious touch to our monthly fellowship meals.

We enjoy community services at Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving. Special guest speaker at the Thanksgiving service held at our church was Pastor Steve James of the Verona, N.Y., SDB Church. His message was entitled, "Grateful Gobblers!"

During the summer, dedicated service worker Tim Johnson was with us, assisting in the worship services, helping out at Lewis Camp, and accompanying Pastor Harold on visitation.

About a year ago, *The Call*, a bi-monthly newsletter, was revived by Pastor Harold and Kathi, with Elsie Leighton as editor. New features in the weekly bulletin are suggested daily Bible readings, plus a timely cartoon. Recently pictured was a couple in a pew, and she says, "Don't look so smug just because you were able to find the book of Zephaniah first."

Upkeep of our meeting house in-

cludes better lighting downstairs, painting the steeple, and we have contracted to have the outside walls painted.

The Ladies Aid Society continues to have very successful flea market and bake sales, offering inexpensive items, good fellowship among members, and fine visits with those who come to the sales. The Society supports Bible-A-Month, makes May baskets for shut-ins, and sponsors an annual Neighbors' Night. This past fall, 40 women from three area churches were guests for an evening of food, fellowship, and a travel video.

Newspaper ads have brought us some visitors. A Navy couple who knew about Seventh Day Baptists but did not know where any were located, was delighted last year to discover the Pawcatuck SDB sign.

Another visitor, who first learned of SDBs in Southern California, now lives in Newport, R.I. She made several telephone calls before locating us. She and her two children have made the hour-long trip from Newport to Ashaway a few times. Her prayers—and we hope your prayers, too—are that another Seventh Day Baptist Church will rise up in Newport, the place of our beginnings in the New World.

We remind ourselves to shine brightly; to shout lovingly and loudly our unique understanding of the Gospel. Many souls are searching for a Seventh Day Baptist church.

The world needs a close relationship with Jesus, and all need the special blessings that come from following His example of Sabbathkeeping. We at First Hopkinton are "Grateful Gobblers," thankful for the blessings that the Father is showering upon us. *SR*

NY City reports on 1992

It is not easy to be the only SDB church in a small city; it is even harder being one in a large city, like New York. We have not seen the visual effect we are having on the people outside of the church, but we are moving along. With God's help, we are moving on.

During 1992, 11 members were added to the church by baptism, letter, and testimony, and three infants were dedicated.

On May 30, three deaconesses

and two deacons were ordained. Officiating ministers included Leon Lawton, Joe Samuels, Andrew Samuels, Ken Cruickshank, and Richard A. Evans.

As reported in December, we dedicated our church building on May 31. Officiating ministers were Leon Lawton, Russell Johnson, Joe Samuels, Andrew Samuels, Richard A. Evans, and Corneth Lawrence. Kirk Looper also participated. *SR*

High marks for the NRSV

The following is from an interview with John R. Kohlenberger III. Kohlenberger is editor of *The NRSV Concordance Unabridged*, *The NIV Interlinear Hebrew-English Old Testament* (1-volume edition), *Zondervan NIV Nave's Topical Bible*, and co-editor of *The NIV Exhaustive Concordance*. From Zondervan Press Syndicate.

Q: *Leading evangelical scholars seem to be changing their minds about the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). How do you explain this?*

A: Some people had misunderstandings about plans for the NRSV prior to its publication. I

am not surprised that conservative, or evangelical, scholars find much to like in the NRSV.

I think that scholars wait to base their judgments on the final translation itself, and do not prejudge the work because of what other sources presume the translators might do in the translation.

Q: *What features of the NRSV do evangelical scholars most appreciate?*

A: The NRSV is a very fine work of faithful scholarship, and some of the features that stand out are:

- more than 6,000 detailed footnotes to the academic and stylistic choices made by the translators;

- cautious and justified use of inclusive language;
- a formal equivalent translation approach.

Q: *What is the difference between "formal equivalent" and "dynamic equivalent" translations?*

A: In a formal equivalent translation, scholars attempt to translate word-for-word, rendering participle for participle, past tense for past tense, into the receiving language (in this case, English).

A dynamic (also called functional) equivalent translation is more phrase-oriented. The translators are less concerned with reproducing words; they try to reproduce thought and intent. They want the translation to have the same impact on the modern reader that it had on the original reader.

Q: *How would you characterize some of the other popular translations? Are they formal or functional equivalents?*

A: No translation is exclusively a formal or functional equivalent; all have elements of each approach. The NIV is probably the best known of the modern versions that is considered a functional equivalent translation. It is an accurate translation that is not tied to word-for-word rendering.

Even the KJV does not identify most Greek and Hebrew terms with the same English term in every occurrence.

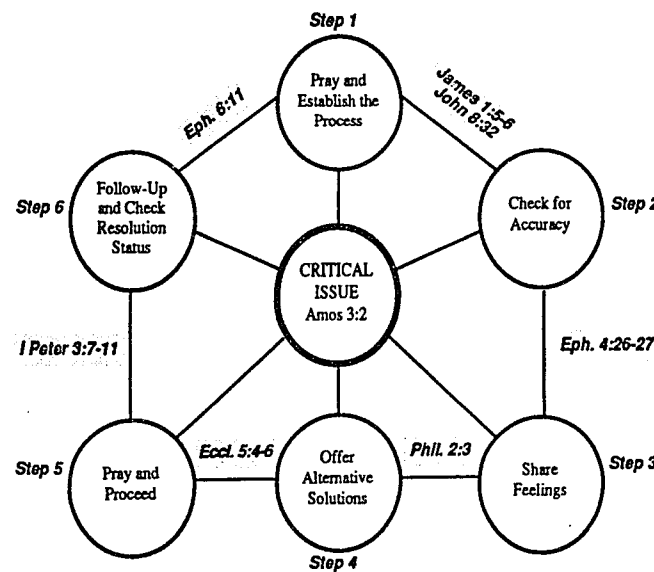
The NASB, on the other hand, attempts to be a more formal equivalent translation. It has a higher degree of word-for-word rendering and of one-to-one identity of original terms with English terms.

The NRSV is more formal equivalent than the NIV, but not quite as word-for-word as the NASB. The NRSV translators describe their work as being "literal as possible—as free as necessary." *SR*

Effective communication: A six-step model for conflict resolution

This is a model that can be used for working through sensitive, relationship issues.

This model presents the critical issue as the focal point, and assumes that the parties involved have agreed that the critical issue has become a problem. From there, one can proceed through the six steps, repeating the cycle as often as necessary.



Taken from *The Black Family: Past, Present, & Future*, edited by Lee N. June (ZondervanPublishingHouse, 1991).

Revival, cont. from page 14

This ministry with other students continued in many settlements of that region where other churches were started or strengthened by their efforts.

With the deaths of Jonathan Allen and Professor T.R. Williams, several students enrolled in the Morgan Park Seminary, a part of the University of Chicago. During the summer vacation of 1892, six of these students—George B. Shaw, T.J. Van Horn, D. Burdette Coon, Frank Peterson, L.C. Randolph, and W.D. Burdick—were commissioned by the Young People's Board for evangelistic work, although they were largely financed by a single benefactor. Each of these six were later ordained and gave many years of devoted leadership to the denomination.

The following year, 15 young people were sent out; more could have been sent if money had been available. The work was later picked up by the Missionary Society.

The report of the Missionary Board in 1901 revealed that the preceding summer, nine quartets were on the field, involving 28 men in seven quartets, and eight young women in the two ladies quartets. Fifteen different ministers served with them for different periods of time.

Three of the teams were from the vicinity of Alfred University, one from Salem College, and the other five involved those associated with Milton College. For the two months of July and August they reported 97 conversions, 44 baptisms (with 40 of those received into churches), and nine others joining by letter or testimony.

Of equal importance was the "quickenning of the spirit" of the congregations of those assisted, as well as the spiritual growth of the team members themselves. It was about this time that Seventh Day Baptists in America reached their peak in membership.



An early ladies quartet (clockwise from top): Lenora Ford, Gertie Ford, Ethelyn Davis, Esther Carver.

Nearly a century later, the names of many of those involved strike a familiar note, for they provided a great deal of leadership for the denomination through the next 50 years.

Quartets continued to go out and quicken the spirits of other churches. In 1917, a male quartet held protracted meetings in White Cloud, Mich., and helped bring about the final decision of a Church of God congregation to join the Seventh Day Baptists.

During the 1950s, Loyal Hurley led several quartets, both male and mixed, in evangelistic meetings. The "Light Bearers for Christ" during the 1970s, led by Mynor Soper, continued the tradition of music and the spoken Word, which is still being shared by many SCSC teams today.

In a *Sabbath Recorder* editorial in 1900, L.C. Randolph, one of those from the Morgan Park group, wrote of the training session for the 1900 campaign:

"With the echo of the songs of the quartet still ringing in our ears, we dropped into the old room at Handel Hall, and the first greeting was the rally chorus of the Milton boys. Something in it stirred the soul to the depths. A touch of pathos for the fellow-soldiers drop-

ping out, a thrill of undying loyalty for the cause which is still 'marching on.' Each time with added power came the unfailing refrain, 'Keep rank, keep rank, make Jesus King.'

"It was the same theme as that of the Alfred boys the Tuesday night previous:

'On the Rock of Ages founded. What can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded.

Thou canst smile at all thy foes.'

"Founded on the Rock of Ages! Thank God! Shoulder to shoulder, march on, keep rank, keep rank, make Jesus King. In the name of Christ and under the blessing of the Holy Spirit, we predict a great victory in the summer campaign of the students."

Though the words and the music may be different, reflecting a modern generation, the spirit of those training sessions continue. Young people each year respond to the call to "keep rank" and proclaim the Gospel message in song and deed.

Churches are still blessed by the sending and the receiving of young men and women in SCSC; those who have answered the call and find their own spiritual development enhanced. **SR**

SCSC Worker Info

Full (maiden) name _____
 Birthdate _____ Birthplace _____

Parents' names _____
 Mother's maiden name _____

If now married, your spouse's:

Full (maiden) name _____
 Birthdate _____ Birthplace _____

Parents' names _____
 Mother's maiden name _____

Children:
 Name _____ Birthdate _____ Birthplace _____

Your current address: _____

Year(s) you served _____

Your home church _____

Project location(s) _____

Other Team member names: _____

Your Project Director _____

Your Team's name _____

Training location _____

(Attach another sheet if needed)

If you remember:

- A certain food— _____
- A funny story— _____
- A scary experience— _____
- A touching moment— _____

If you wish to thank someone special: _____

If you'd like to comment on the SCSC program: _____

Please send form (with any additional sheets) to:
Marleta R. Sutton (SCSC Historian)
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 Blountville TN 37617
 (615) 323-9322

And PHOTOS!! Please send PHOTOS!!!

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

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

THANK YOU!!

Budget amount at 103%

Once again, you have rallied to support God's work through our denominational ministries. We thank you for your quiet sacrifice and generous support.

Throughout this year of challenges, the Lord has strengthened us as we follow His commission to spread the Gospel to a dying world.

Your denominational leaders and support staff express our deepest appreciation for these blessings. As we serve, it is our desire to follow the teachings of Christ, and to carry out the directions of the General Conference through our Alliance in Ministry.

Calvin P. Babcock

Births

Siddiqui.—A son, Rehman Omar Siddiqui, was born to Abdul and Christina (Cort) Siddiqui of Mobile, AL, on September 23, 1992

Crowder.—A son, Nathan Paul Crowder, was born to Dan and Sheri Crowder of Arvada, CO, on November 29, 1992.

Wilson.—A son, Benjamin Aiken Wilson, was born to Thomas

Wilson and his wife, Kimberly Aiken, of Maplewood, MO, on December 25, 1992.

Marriages

Owen - Bevis.—Barry J. Owen and Laura L. Bevis were united in marriage on December 20, 1992, in Cascade, CO. The Rev. Jack Schmidt and the Rev. John Bevis, father of the bride, officiated.

Accessions

Denver, CO
Tom Warner, pastor
Joined after testimony
Tom Cooper
Norma Cooper

Milton, WI
George Calhoun, pastor
Joined after baptism
Margot Walker
Joined by letter
Kerith Camenga
Elise Walker

Obituaries

Whitford.—Nathan H. Whitford, 78, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died on July 13, 1992, at his home.

He was born on January 24, 1914, in Adams, N.Y., the son of Nathan and Sadie (King) Whitford. He graduated from Adams High School in 1934, where he was prominent in athletics. In 1935, he attended Rochester (N.Y.) Mechanics Institute. He married Rosalind Seaman on June 24, 1938, at the Adams Village Baptist Church. The couple lived in Adams until moving to Florida in 1976.

In his younger years, Nathan helped his father operate the family farm. He was then employed for 31 years as a machinist for New York Air Brake in Watertown, N.Y., retiring in 1976. He was a member of the SDB Church, and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalind; and a niece, Ruth Bruckner, of Jamesville, N.C.

A graveside service was held at Union Cemetery, Adams Center, N.Y. The Rev. Quintin E. Smith, pastor of the Adams Center SDB Church, officiated.

Marschner.—Eric Marschner, 88, of New Britain, Conn., died on October 30, 1992.

He was born in Bochum, Germany, and was an employee of Union Manufacturing and the Stanley Works. He loved music and taught violin for many decades.

Eric was a long-time member of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel in Middletown, Conn. Survivors include his wife, Josephine (Thoma) Marschner; one son, Guenther, of Worcester, Mass.; one daughter, Erica, of Anchorage, Alaska; one brother, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on November 2, 1992, at the Carlson Funeral Home, followed by a brief graveside service at Fairview Cemetery, both in New Britain. Pastor William Bowyer officiated.

Pastor Bill's personal reflections included, "Most important, Eric

loved the Lord, His Word of truth, and His Sabbath Day, and he spoke about them frequently."

Wear.—Ralph E. Wear, 66, of Texarkana, Ark., died on December 3, 1992, in a local hospital after a brief illness.

He was born on February 15, 1926, in Scott City, Kan. He was a traffic and signal engineer and electrician for the City of Pasadena, Calif. He was also a deacon, trustee, and moderator of the Texarkana SDB Church.

Survivors include his wife, Fay, of Texarkana; four sons, W. Warren of Glendora, Calif., Kenneth W. of Fontana, Calif., Richard K. of Tacoma, Wash., and Roy D. of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Mary Anna Pierce of Mineola, Texas, and Nadine Lawton of Bradford, R.I.; two brothers, Herbert of Grants Pass, Ore., and Clelan of Oregon; 15 grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were held on December 7, 1992, at East Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Mynor G. Soper officiating. Burial was in East Memorial Gardens, Texarkana.

Greene.—Helen (Taber) Greene, 97, died on December 20, 1992, at the Westerly (R.I.) Nursing Home.

She was born in Wood River Junction, R.I., on December 12, 1895, the daughter of Jeremiah Briggs Gardner Taber and Mary (Champlin) Taber. She was a 1914 graduate of Westerly High School and taught at Mystic (Conn.) Academy for several years. She was founder of Westerly's Y Garden Club, and was a 71-year member of the Pawcatuck SDB Church.

In 1919, Helen married Lewis R. Greene, who died in 1983. She was also predeceased by one son, Rodman T., who died in December 1944 from wounds received in combat

during World War II; and by one sister, Gladys T. Thornton.

Survivors include one son, Philip C. of West Mystic, Conn.; one daughter, Priscilla Taylor of Camden, Maine; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Pawcatuck SDB Church on December 28, 1992. The Rev. David Taylor conducted the service. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery, Ashaway, R.I.

Bonser.—George McLain

Bonser, 86, of Dodge Center, Minn., died on December 21, 1992, at Kenyon (Minn.) Sunset Home.

He was born on October 20, 1906, in Battle Creek, Mich., the son of George McLain Sr. and Nellie (Brown) Bonser. When the family moved to Dodge Center, he attended school in rural Wasioja, Minn. He married Alice Houseman, and they were later divorced.

George farmed, ran a salvage yard, and drove truck during his lifetime. He was a member of the Dodge Center SDB Church. At the age of 30, he and his wife committed themselves to Jesus Christ, were baptized, and began observing the Sabbath. He had a zeal to see people come to know Jesus and keep the Sabbath.

Survivors include his former wife, Alice Krohn of Dodge Center; three daughters, Bonnie Bonser of Tustin, Calif., Vivian Kloppstein of Kasson, Minn., and Barbara Mogen of West Concord, Minn.; three sons, Robert and Burton, both of Kasson, and William of Claremont, Minn.; 17 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services were held at the Dodge Center SDB Church on December 23, 1992, with Pastor Dale Rood officiating. Pastor Emeritus Wayne Babcock led a brief prayer service at the visitation time. Burial site is Riverside Cemetery, Dodge Center.

Get involved as a "P.D."

by Ruth Ryschon

Twice in the last four years, I've had the privilege of serving as an SCSC Project Director ("P.D.") for our church in North Loup, Neb.

The last time I had been to SCSC training was in 1972, when it was held concurrently with Explo '72 in Dallas. I felt that the training was very good and beneficial. But in 1989, when I was first involved as a P.D., I must say that I was quite impressed with the continued improvement and intensity of the training program over the years. All those who have been involved in the training program

have done an excellent job of refining and expanding the program.

When I attended training as a Project Director, and as I learned what would be expected of the kids over the 10 days of their training, I felt that I had the much easier job! I also couldn't help but wonder how many adults would have the courage to come and do what these kids were expected to do.

The training is demanding, intense, and sometimes frightening when it pushes our comfort zones. But what joy the workers must feel at the end, to be able to look at what they had accomplished and how far they had come!

I thoroughly enjoyed my two summers as a P.D. But I think that many more people should experience it, so I try to encourage others in my church to enjoy a summer as a Project Director, instead of keeping all the fun to myself.

I truly believe that SCSC is one of the best programs and opportunities offered by our denomination. And I want to encourage churches and parents to do all they can to point their young people to SCSC, and to be willing to help in whatever way to get the youth involved.

My husband and I were thrilled when our daughter, Jennifer, chose to serve in SCSC this past summer. We pray that both of her brothers will choose to follow in her steps.

There is a great deal of work involved in carrying on a program like this. Would you please join me in praying for our SCSC Committee as they carry on their responsibilities? Pray that the Lord would give them special wisdom and insight as they deal with many difficult decisions involved in the program.

And ask the Lord what part He would have you play in supporting our SCSC program. *SR*

My summer in SCSC was one of the most wonderfully trying experiences of my life.

Coming out of the SCSC challenge has resulted in a more confident me, a more intimate walk with Christ, and changed some relationships in my life in what I consider to be an "only-Jesus-could-do-that" way.

Jesus taught me things about myself that I never would have seen, or dealt with, anywhere else. The Lord has used this program to "burn" some of those "rough edges" off, and lead me one little step closer to perfection I'll someday have in Him.

I think that every young adult should have an experience like the one provided by SCSC.

—Jen Ryschon,
1992 worker

SR Reaction

Dear Kevin,

In the January SR Reaction, Ira Bond asks, "When is Sabbath?" Then he goes on to explain the International Date Line, and why Sabbath is being observed by someone in the world over a 48-hour period.

Perhaps it is of more interest for SDBs to ask, "Where should the Sabbath begin?" The location of the International Date Line (IDL) was not made to help people in keeping the Sabbath, but to help businesses in their communications and schedules. The IDL was placed in the Pacific Ocean because the bulk of the intercontinental business transactions at the time were between Europe and North America.

If, for some unexpected reason, the IDL had been located in the Atlantic Ocean, Sab-

bathkeepers in America would have had to start keeping the Sabbath on the day that we now call Friday. (Strictly Thursday evening at sundown to Friday evening at sundown.) Of course, this day would be renamed "Sabbath."

We SDBs are often prone to point the finger of criticism at Sunday keepers for uncritically accepting beliefs and practices that arose later, and, consequently, are not specified in the Bible. Ira Bond has performed a valuable service to SDBs by pointing out that their Sabbath observance is also based on the uncritical acceptance of a non-biblical custom of the secular world.

Yours in Christ, Paul Cushman
Bradenton Beach, FL

K E V I N ' S C O R N E R

"I want results!"

"Let's close that deal!"

"Remember the bottom line!"

How many of these business war-cries have crept into the Church?

How often are we more concerned with our own perceived "bottom line"—attendance, building program, personal prestige, high visibility—rather than attending to *the Great Commission*, building *His Kingdom*, lifting up *His Personhood*, and making visible *the One from on high*?

With some ministry programs, you can accurately measure the immediate impact. With others, only time—and the Lord—will reveal the results. With the

Summer Christian Service Corps, I believe we have both.

There are countless success stories from this summer outreach ministry. We praise God for His handiwork.

But we should not forget some of the tough times and real struggles. The reality of learning how to communicate, and how to handle miscommunication. Discerning when to lead, and when to follow leadership. Living in close quarters and surrendering some of your privacy.

It's like the "Lesson of Life" in a summer.

Many of our youth have done a lot of growing up while on an SCSC project. Their experiences may be foundational to where they are today.

With this "branch" of the "service," the recruits go into "basic training" and "combat." But they don't return hardened and tough. They become flexible and tender for the Lord's work.

I was Project Director for our young Madison, Wis., church in 1987. Our team was mature—seriously!—

and did their jobs; even when the tasks pushed them beyond their comfort levels.

Dealing with SDB campers for two weeks was one thing. How about running a Five-Day Bible Club in suburbia? Then, answer tons of questions and hand out tracts at Wisconsin's largest county fair. Then, the grueling and challenging door-to-door church survey.

Did they complain? A little. Did we have to work out some compromises? A little. Did we all learn from the experience? A lot.

They hung in there like real troopers. I'd mention names, but they'd be embarrassed. (Funny, though, how their initials are exactly like those of Brad Maltby and Amy Palmer...)

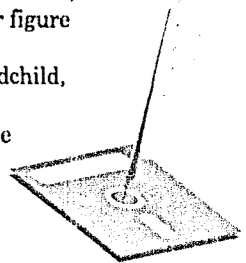
Last year's Milton team, Leah Martin and Jenny Ryschon, following a hectic camping season, needed housing for their final week on the project. My wife quickly volunteered our place.

Besides her gift of hospitality, it was a not-so-subtle move to expose our own pre-teen girls to these willing summer workers. Quite a deal when you can find some great role models to influence your own children.

If you've ever been involved with an SCSC project, I'm sure that you have your own recollections from training, working, hosting—generally *experiencing*—this summer ministry. Each year before General Conference, the staff, directors, and teams hold an evaluation. With the myriad of activities to sort through, I'm sure that they cannot have a complete evaluation until God Himself writes on that "bottom line."

We can't put a dollar figure on SCSC, although we could all put a dollar figure *toward* the ministry.

You, or your own child or grandchild, could be touched by this ministry later this summer. Pray, then give toward this life-changing outreach for SDBs.



In the next *SR*:

The Calling of an SDB Pastor—

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*"If you work all summer, what you earn lasts a few months;
what you do in SCSC lasts for eternity."*

—Pastor S. Kenneth Davis, SCSC father

From the SCSC Committee—

The SCSC Committee in Shiloh, N.J., has the awesome task of overseeing that whole program. When Kevin asked if we would like a *Sabbath Recorder* issue focused on SCSC, we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to share with all of you our story.

This turned out to be quite a task! Twenty-eight years of service summed up in one issue! We trust that you have been inspired by what you have read. We wish that we could include more; there is a wealth of stories of God's grace and love.

The impact of the SCSC program—lives touched by the enthusiasm of the workers, children and adults making a commitment to Christ, and renewed dedication among mature Christians—is incalculable. We do know that 15 workers have become Seventh Day Baptist pastors, 13 have married SDB pastors, and 18 happy pairs of workers have married each other.

This program runs entirely by donations. In 1964, the total cost for the four workers was \$671.50. Last summer, the cost was about \$800 *per worker!* Expenses include travel for workers to training, to their projects, and then on to Pre-Con.

Staff travel expenses to training and back home are paid. We also cover the cost of training materials, food, and insurance. (Project Directors' travel expenses are covered by the sponsoring church.)

How do we get all this money? From you—churches, individuals, women's groups, former SCSCers—anyone interested in seeing the program continue. Some women's groups have special fund-raisers, or include it as part of their annual budget.

For several years, the Women's Board has sponsored a craft sale at Conference with all proceeds going to SCSC. This past year, the SCSC Committee sponsored a cookbook with favorite recipes from all over the country. We hope you are enjoying all the good recipes! Thanks to all of you who made this such a success!

We had 10 workers last year, so you can figure out how much we needed; and we are anticipating just as many, or maybe more, for 1993. Won't you consider a generous gift this year? And every year?

If you are interested in being an SCSC worker, please contact the SDB Center for further information and an application. (Hurry!! Deadline is March 1.) If your church would like to have a team for the summer, talk about it, make your plans, and then contact the Center for an application. (Same deadline!)

God bless you all, and may He continue to bless His Summer Christian Service Corps!

The SCSC Committee
*Jan Bond, Jane Jernoske
Ruth Probasco, Donna Bond*

SCSC needs your help again this year. May they hear from you today?

***Yes! I want to help SCSC to continue touching lives
for Jesus Christ in 1993.***

Name: _____

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