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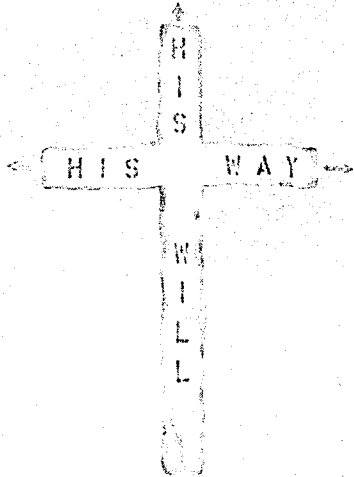
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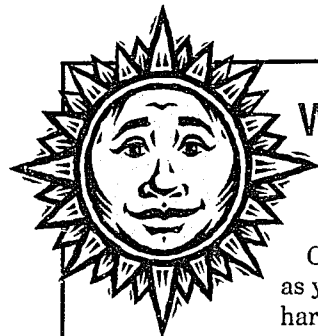
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The purpose of this meeting shall be to hear and act upon the 1993 Annual Report of the Board of Directors, to elect members of the Board of Directors, and to consider and act upon such matters that may properly come before said meeting.

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*Cover photo: Conference President Leon Lawton conducts business from the podium, with Jim Skaggs, parliamentarian.*

### Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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

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

### The seventh day

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

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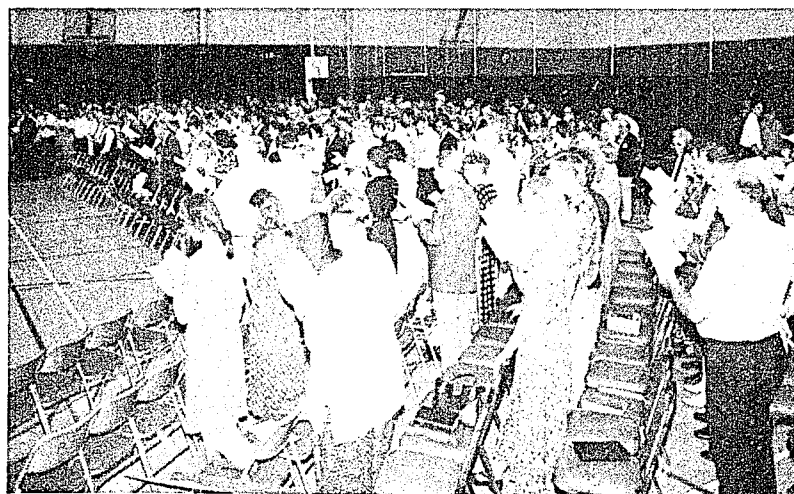
Pastor Ken Chroniger treating the children with their own message.



C. Robert Stohr (center) was honored for his many years as a director and treasurer for the Board of Christian Education.



Doug Mackintosh led the Tuesday morning Bible study.



Singing praise to God on His Sabbath.

# SDBs invade Lindsborg, Kansas for third time in seven years

## Business summary

In its first three days of business, General Conference granted accreditation to two ministers: Rev. Michael Burns of Hebron, Pa., and Rev. Herlitz Condison of Toronto, Ontario.

The 1995 Denominational Budget was adopted as proposed by General Council, a two percent increase in current giving.

Conference accepted the first reading of a bylaw change establishing standard procedures to deal with proposed changes to the Statement of Belief. Delegates also initiated a study of the impact of earlier Conference session dates.

Most other major action had to do with commendations or promoting programs which were highlighted in various agency reports.

## Who was there?

The Credentials Coordinator re-

ported that as of Wednesday morning, 448 people were registered for Conference, 272 of them delegates representing 58 churches. Our two fraternal visitors were Dr. James Dunn from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., and Dorothea Shettel brought greetings from the Australasian Conference. Junior Conference registration was 78. Youth Pre-Con had 49, Young Adult, 28.

## Ministerial Interests

In addition to accreditation of Burns and Condison, the report from the Ministerial Interests Committee highlighted the effectiveness of education programs in increasing the pastoral leadership pool: only two churches are now actively seeking pastors. Currently, there are five T.I.M.E. (Training in Ministry by Extension) students and four seminary students. The report also

noted a 12 percent increase in benefits for retired pastors and widows under the "old retirement plan."

## Communications

Ongoing high quality of content and printing of *The Sabbath Recorder* was noted with pride in its 150 years longevity and the contributions of many. Churches are reminded the monthly *Lead-Line* is available upon request, in individual or bulk mailings. Don Sanford's recently published Newport Church history and his new book on SDB polity, *Greater Than Its Parts*, are commended for a variety of uses.

## Missions

Conference encouraged the Missionary Society to develop guidelines for short-term youth missionary service. Delegates also urged

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## Conference highlights...

Rev. Leon R. Lawton presides over Conference, focusing on the theme, "His Will for His Way: Knowing and Doing."

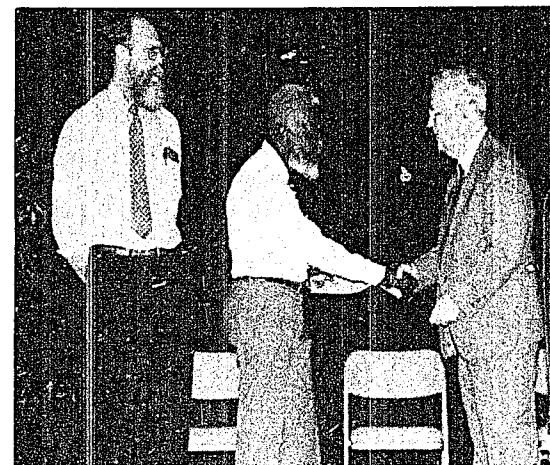
### Some of the numbers

- 471 registered guests
- 272 delegates representing 58 churches
- 60 pastors and seminary students
- 2 fraternal delegates/guests
- 78 enrolled in Junior Conference
- 49 attended Youth Pre-Con, directed by Eric Davis, with five staff
- 28 were at Young Adult Pre-Con, directed by Andy Samuels, with four staff
- Conference offering (including local churches reporting) exceeded \$17,700.
- Women's Love Gift was more than \$2,880.

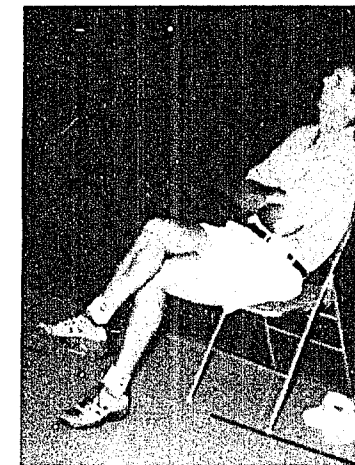
### Program memories

- "Stained Glass," a singing group of six SDB young people who toured the western and central U.S. during the summer, was a favorite of all who heard them. They presented a concert for youth activities and special music on several occasions during the week.
- Senior Saints reported on their exciting summer project of building the parsonage at Boulder, Colo.
- Anna Parker shared a testimony of how, as a result of the things she learned at a Natural Evangelism Training (NET) retreat, God worked through her to lead several of her friends to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord. Praise God!
- Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) presen-

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Calvin Babcock (right) presented accreditation certificates to pastors Michael Burns (left) and Herlitz Condison...



...while Jim Galanaugh "watched."



Myron McPherson was one of several Memorial Fund Trustees caught pouring coffee.



One of the many good-looking tables at Thursday's Youth Banquet.



The Young Adult Pre-Con choir sang for us on opening night.

that the Society seek funding for additional national workers. Churches are encouraged to look for community outreach opportunities to help counsel families through marriage, parenting, and children's programs.

Note was made of the current service of Val Bennet (Hope, Pa., church) in Guyana, and of the summer work of Grace Camenga (Daytona Beach, Fla., church), and the Natural Evangelism Training (NET) team in Jamaica.

### Budget and Finance

Conference urged raising the price of *The Helping Hand* in the United States to be more in line with actual printing costs.

The 1995 budget of \$795,214 calls for \$346,882 to come from current giving, a two percent increase over 1994.

### Youth Interests

The Youth Committee report (along with several others), commended the new summer music group ministry, "Stained Glass," and recommended its continuance.

Conference accepted the recommendation that the Board of Christian Education reevaluate the policy on dancing at Conference youth activities. The Board was asked to prepare a youth Bible study on the issue to be included in next year's Conference program. The committee also requested a list of relevant youth activities policies by January preceding each Conference.

### Christian Education

Recommendations from the Christian Education Interests Committee emphasized promoting the commendable materials already developed (*Nurture Series*, *Sabbath Visitor*, *Helping Hand*, *Pre-Con Retreats*, etc.) and ongoing support of "Stained Glass."

### Women's Interests

All Women's Board projects were recommended for continuation. President Donna Bond was commended for her involvement with North American Baptist Women's Union, and her anticipated attendance at the 1995 Baptist World Alliance Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### Final session

Conference completed its business 10 minutes early during the last session on Friday morning. Reports from the Christian Social Action, Young Adult, Reference and Counsel, and Nominating Committees were quickly accepted with no discussion.

Rev. John Peil is the new General Conference President-Elect to serve as President of the 1996 sessions. He was re-elected to a second three-year term on the General Council. Peil, of Rialto, Calif., is pastor of the San Gabriel Valley, Calif., SDB Church of Faith.

Rev. Herlitz Conditon, pastor of the Toronto, Ontario, SDB Church, was elected to a three-year term on the General Council, replacing outgoing member and past-president James Skaggs of Madison, Wis.

Myrna Cox of Denver, Colo., thus becomes President of Conference for the 1994-95 year. She will preside over next summer's sessions at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W.Va. New second vice president Stanley Allen will serve as Host Committee Chairman.

Leland Pike of the San Gabriel church and

Leah Martin of Salemville, Pa., replace Vivian McNamee and Lana Van Horn on the Christian Social Action Committee.

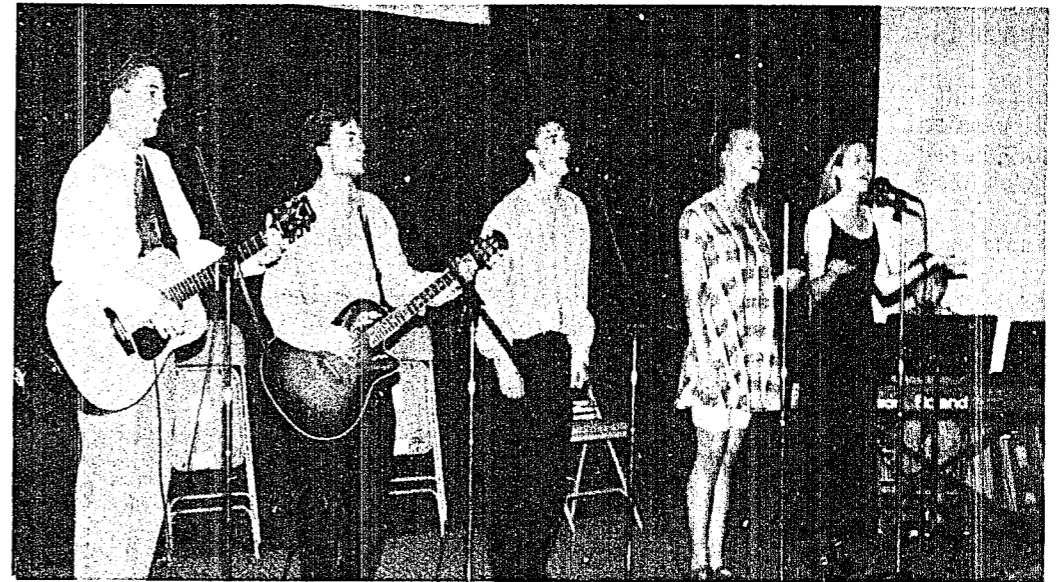
Incumbents were re-elected to all other major offices, council and committee positions: Luan Ellis and William Shobe to the Council on Ministry; Kenneth Burdick and Dale Rood to the Faith and Order Committee; Jim Goodrich to the Committee on Support and Retirement; Cheri Appel and Joel Osborn to the Tract and Communication Council; Myron McPherson, Stephen Pierce, and Richard Shepard to the Memorial Fund Trustees; Camille Henry and Janet Butler, recording secretaries; and Calvin Babcock, Denominational Treasurer.

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## Proposed bylaw change: accepted as first reading

### Article II. Beliefs.

Proposed amendments to the Statement of Belief may be presented on the floor of General Conference by action of any member church, by the Standing Committee on Faith and Order, or by the General Council. All such proposed amendments shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Faith and Order who shall prepare a report and recommendation for presentation to the next General Conference. If General Conference recommends adoption of any amendment to the Statement, the proposed changes shall be sent to the churches and a "vote by churches" (see Article IV) may be conducted the following year. The proposed changes in the Statement of Belief shall not be adopted unless they are passed by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the churches.



"Stained Glass" ministered several times (l. to r.): Erik Henry, Scott Graffius, Eric Mackintosh, Heather Mackintosh, Mandy Lamoreaux, and Lisa Call.



Our Missionary Society workers (l. to r.): Executive Director Kirk Looper, Society President Harold King, National Field Minister Russell Johnson, and Regional Field Minister Ronald Elston.



Emphasizing that "two said GO!" at the always popular children's program on Sabbath day.



Harry the Hobo embarrassing an innocent bystander.



Paul Green directed the Men's Chorus, celebrating 100 years of Towner's quartet music.

### New Young Adult Committee created

In accepting the first report of the Young Adult Interest Committee, created a year ago, General Conference approved creation of a new Young Adult Committee of the Board of Christian Education. Officers are Suzannah Peil, chairman; Lara Bates, secretary; Leeann Rogers, activities coordinator; Myron Samuels and Kory Geske, members-at-large; and Pastor Dave and Margaret Taylor, advisors. Job descriptions were developed to help achieve the ultimate goal of having young adults involved in our churches, and in positions of leadership.

### Rights of the child and sanctity of life

The Christian Social Action Interest Committee report emphasized two specific issues. Regarding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, intended to be ratified this fall as a protection for children worldwide, churches

are urged to obtain copies and commentaries on both sides of the issue for study and appropriate action.

From the same report came a request for the Conference President-Elect to plan a forum or seminar led by Christian physicians and/or theologians on the sanctity of human life, with reference to issues of doctor-assisted suicide, mercy killing, and euthanasia.

### New church membership guidelines

Conference revised the 1991 guidelines for accepting new churches into the General Conference.

#### *Text of Revision to New Church Membership Guidelines:*

1. Send to Faith and Order those portions of the application dealing with faith and practice for evaluation and preparation of a written report.

2. Review the written report from Faith and Order Committee with their recommendations prior to the final required visit to the

church.

3. Review a written report from the Executive Secretary giving information regarding the required visits.

4. Recommend to General Conference whether or not to accept the applicant church as a candidate for membership.

### Letter to Baptists about the Sabbath

In response to a petition from the Southeastern Association, Conference voted to write a letter to other Baptists calling their attention to the biblical principles on the Sabbath and the need for Sabbath in our world. The letter, to be written in the spirit of the 1843 letter Seventh Day Baptists addressed to other Baptists, would be prepared by the Acting Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Historian and the Dean of the School of Ministry. It will be made available for churches and individuals to share with other Baptists in their local areas. *SR*



*Far left:* Three Parker women favored us with song—Rachel, Alice (mom), and Anna.

*Left:* Council on Ministry members Gordon Lawton and Luan Ellis try to lynch Bill Shobe during a skit on pastoral assistance.



*The Youth Pre-Con chorus sang on Monday night.*

### Conference highlights, *cont. from page 4*

- tation: SCSC-TV presents "Team AGAPE" detailing the five projects and 16 workers' summer experiences. Creative and uplifting!
- Twelve other young people gave dedicated service this summer in churches "from Cali' to Rhody" (would you believe Jamaica?)!
- NET retreats go international! Retreat teachers shared their experiences of a full itinerary in 1994, including a retreat in Jamaica. What a great ministry!
- American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council presented an informative and engaging slide program in celebration of the 150th anniversary of *The Sabbath Recorder*. Slides and narration depicted the history and development of the publication, and gave a "rundown" of all past editors.
- James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, was a fraternal

- delegate and special guest, presenting a workshop on "Religious Liberty."
- Council on Ministry's presentation challenged us to be aware of the difficult and yet rewarding role of pastoral leadership in the local church.
- Excellent vocal solos of all styles provided special music each morning before and after the Bible Study hour. Both pastors and lay persons led the Bible Study sessions, further developing the president's theme.
- Pastors-Youth Basketball game is once again a closely contested thriller. Pastors-27, Youth-21.
- Youth and Young Adult Pre-Con presentations confirm that SDBs *sing!*
- Men's Chorus of 36 celebrates "100 years of Towner," directed by J. Paul Green.
- Sabbath School classes were packed and featured lively discussions. Adult classes studied *The Helping Hand*, while youth and children

had various other Bible adventures.

- Sabbath School Missions Offering was designated to provide *The Helping Hand* for Jamaican SDBs.
- Memorial Fund Trustees donned aprons in order to serve! Conference was treated daily to flavored gourmet coffees.
- Evening worship inspired, and messages challenged and spoke to our needs. Pastor Andy Samuel's Sabbath morning message was definitely worth hearing.
- Riverside "praise band" led a lively session of choruses and praise songs.
- Rev. John Peil, San Gabriel Valley, Calif., named president-elect.

#### *Impressions*

"What was a highlight of General Conference for you?"

- "The music! 'Stained Glass' in particular."
- "There have been some real good messages."
- "Getting the Nominations Committee work done."
- "The formation of the Young Adult Committee. I think it is important that we give some structure and body to that part of Conference. I think that is a good thing."
- "I enjoyed practically every moment!"

#### *Awards and recognitions*

- Accreditation of two ministers: Rev. Herlitz Condison, Toronto, Ontario, and Rev. Michael Burns, Hebron, Pa.
- Women's Board Robe of Achievement: Mabel Cruzan, Milton, Wis.
- Sabbath School Teacher of the Year: Alan Crouch, Daytona Beach, Fla.

## Conference President anticipates a good week

(This interview with President Leon R. Lawton appeared in Monday's *Conference Crier*.)

**Crier:** What did you like most about being Conference president?

Lawton: The way the Lord answered prayer and provided those who are taking responsibility during the week. When I asked people to help out, some said, "Sorry, can't do it." But then the Lord just provided others who were able to. In one case, right after one person had told me they would not be able to be at Conference to help with what I had asked them, I walked out of the room and in the very next room there was a person with the background, experience, and ability that was needed. I asked him if he could help. "Sure, I'd be glad to."

**Where all did you visit during the past year?**

I was able to get to every Association except one, the Mid-Continent. I also represented Seventh Day Baptists at the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and the North American Baptist Fellowship.

**Did anything unusual happen to you in your travels?**

Once while flying from Atlanta to Dallas, my seatmate on the plane told me that he was actually supposed to be on the flight the day before, but he had read his ticket wrong. We soon found out that we were both Christians, so that was exciting. And then we discovered that we were both Baptists. He was returning from the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fla.

Next, I found out that he had just been named president of the SBC foreign missions board! He shared with me that he was seeking to fill some positions, and had to make a couple more phone call contacts. Using the telephone set in the seat, he placed a call. "Hello," he began, "this is Leon..."!!

**What was your wife, Dorothy's, first response when you were approached by the Nominations Committee to take the position of president?**

At first it was, "Oh no." And then, "Do you really think you should?" But soon she replied, "If that's what you think God wants you to do." She has been very gracious and helpful in every way. Always, over the years, she has been very, very supportive.

**What are the most significant issues that will be addressed by General Conference this week?**

As far as I know, there are no "hot issues" that I know about... maybe we won't have one (ha ha!). The matter that was being addressed by Faith and Order will not be coming to the floor this year. They have done a good job of research and in contacting the churches and getting their responses, but they are not ready to bring anything in the form of a recommendation.



The extended Lawton family greeted many Conference delegates on Sunday night.

**Are there any special features on the program this week that we can look forward to?**

"Stained Glass"—we're looking forward to hearing from them during the week. They will be singing on Tuesday evening. Also, James Dunn of the Baptist Joint Committee (BJC) will be leading a workshop for us. In connection with that, there are some who feel we should reconsider whether we ought to remain as members of the BJC. That may be taken up by the Christian Social Action Interest Committee.

**How have you grown personally as president this past year?**

In faith; in seeing the Lord's hand at work in the lives of His children.

**What advice would you offer to the next president?**

The Lord is your guide. He hasn't called you to anything that is impossible, with His help! *SR*

## What is God's will?—Some considerations

by Paul Manuel (reprinted from the *Crier*)

The Conference theme—"His Will, His Way"—raises the question: What is God's will?

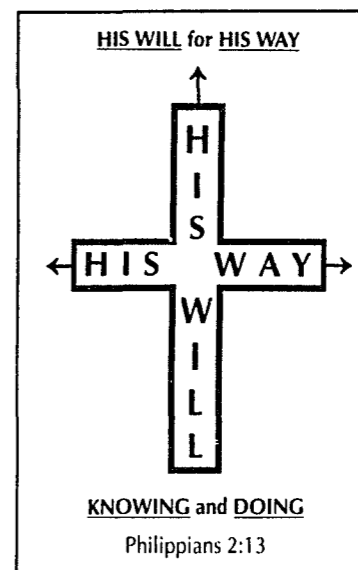
For many Christians, finding the answer is a game of "hide and seek." God has a plan for their lives, but it is not immediately obvious, and they must discover it if they are to reach their full potential for Him. There are, indeed, occasions when God may have a particular task for us to accomplish, but most often His will is that we heed what He has already revealed to His people.

In the broadest sense, God's purpose in history is to manifest His glory. As He says to Moses (Num. 14:21),

*"As surely as I live, the whole earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord."*

Like a good Chief Executive Officer (CEO), God does not micro-manage, yet neither does He leave people in the dark as to His expectations. That is, He gives us general guidelines (commands), which He expects us to follow as we take part in fulfilling His plan. He then works behind the scenes (providence), offering advice or coordinating logistics to help keep the plan on track. He allows people latitude to make wrong choices (e.g., prodigal son) or to waste resources (e.g., single talent), even to oppose the plan to some degree (e.g., vineyard tenders). He steps in, however, exercising His authority (sovereignty) as CEO when there is an actual threat to the plan.

The history of Israel offers a good example of this process. After the initial success of the Davidic monarchy, God's plan did not seem to make smooth progress. He sent consultants and quality control experts (prophets), yet often His top-level managers (kings) thought they



knew better. He allowed them the freedom to make those decisions until they threatened the plan, at which point He shut down that part of the operation (exile).

Through Isaiah, God explains to the people the reason for His action (Isa. 48:10-11),

*"See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another."*

The question for Israel was not "What is God's will?" but, "Do we obey God's will?" So it is for us. The question we should be asking most frequently is: Are we following the instruction God has already given? If we can answer "Yes," then we can be confident that when He has some special direction for us, He will make it clear along the way.

Following God's will as He has already revealed it does not mean that the way will always be clear. Returning to the business analogy,

the company policy manual (Scripture) does not cover every possible situation, even those that seem crucial to us. "Should I take this job? Which school should I attend? Is this a good investment? Whom should I marry?" What makes such decisions especially difficult is when—after eliminating the obviously wrong answers—we are left with more than one potentially right answer. At that point, we should be careful not to assume that there is only one way of accomplishing a particular task or short-range aspect of God's great plan.

When we have to decide between several options on which the CEO or His instructions are silent, His will *per se* may not be a factor. In other words, any of the options would make the same contribution toward advancing the plan, and He leaves it to our discretion (perhaps even to our preference) which one to choose. In that case, we will simply frustrate ourselves by insisting that God show us which option is His will. There may also be times when He is silent because we already have sufficient information, and He expects us to use good judgment, something we will never develop if He always tells us what to do.

The point is that we should not view God's will or His way as a puzzle we have to solve. God has revealed both to us so that we can concentrate on the more demanding and rewarding tasks of *fulfilling His will by following His way.* *SR*

*Paul Manuel is a member of the Madison, Wis., SDB Church. He preached on Sunday night at Conference.*

# Dedicated youth, exciting future

by Mike Parker (reprinted from the *Crier*)

Sixteen young people used their talents, enthusiasm, and joy as they shared their Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) experiences this summer. But it wasn't just a program we were seeing, it was a glimpse of our future.

Each one of these young people left home in mid-June to travel to Camp Paul Hummel outside of Boulder, Colo. There they became "Team Agape," as they trained with their staff and project directors for a summer of dedicated service. Five teams departed 10 days later.

Team Ambassador stayed in Boulder to help build a parsonage and assist with summer youth camps. The other teams (Grace, Milton, Wis.; Abba, North Loup, Neb.; Passion, Shiloh, N.J.; and Eternal, Westerly, R.I.) evangelized in summer camps and churches.

SCSC is 30 years old this year. Each year, it brings together a committed staff and energetic young people. Some learned carpentry skills. All of them used their leadership skills and what it takes to be prayer warriors.

In their Conference program, they rocked to "I Love Jesus" and "Jesus Loves me," and talked about

living on Grace Street, sleeping in Strawberry Shortcake bedrooms, and stopping the insanity. They learned a lot about working together—even if they were different. Some found out that old people are really okay!

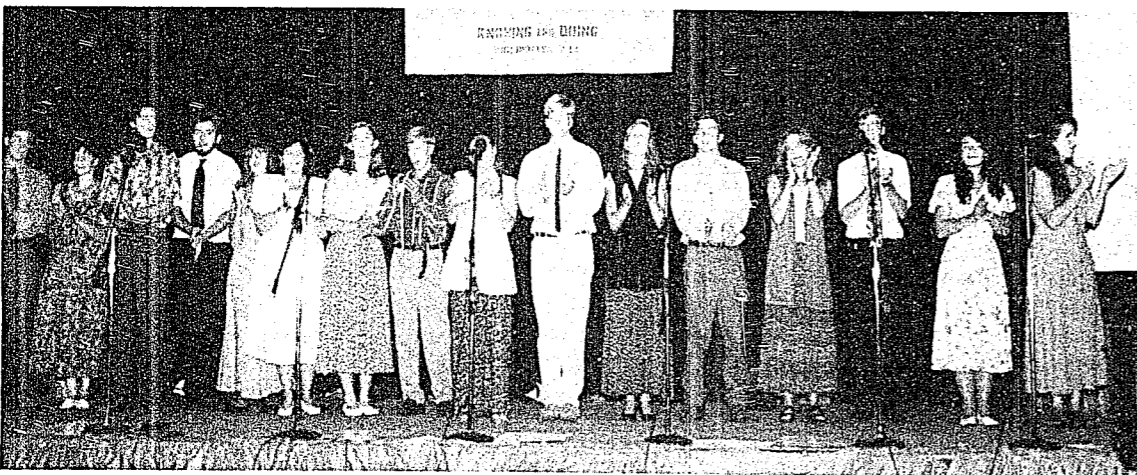
Do you know what's really exciting? The best is yet to come! In the coming years, director Althea Rood told us to look for more short-term missions, drama missions, and street ministries.

God can do great things with youthful energy, dedicated service, and a little fiber in the diet (thanks to cooks Vivian Looper and Shari Severance)! *SR*



Team Ambassador (far left) helped build the Boulder parsonage.

Leah Martin leading out (or "getting down") during the SCSC program.



This year's SCSC "Team Agape" (left to right): teams "Ambassador"—Matthew Berg, Nicole Peters, Jeremy Burdick, Christopher Rood; "Grace"—Lora Dickinson, Stephanie Sholtz; "Abba"—Kristin Rood, Rob Crane, Tanya Henry, Bryan McPherson; "Passion"—Kim Baker, Adam Mackintosh, Leah Martin, Tim Rood; "Eternal"—Joy Wallstrom, Erin Burdick.

# Youth come up short against pastors

The annual Conference basketball challenge

Again this year it was a thriller. The stands were packed with crazed fans, the emcees were outstandingly ridiculous, and the basketball game wasn't bad either! The lead changed hands several times throughout the course of the game, and the results were in doubt until the final minutes of the contest.

The gym was hot but the shooting was cold, as evidenced by the fact that after more than five minutes had elapsed, the score was still 2-0!

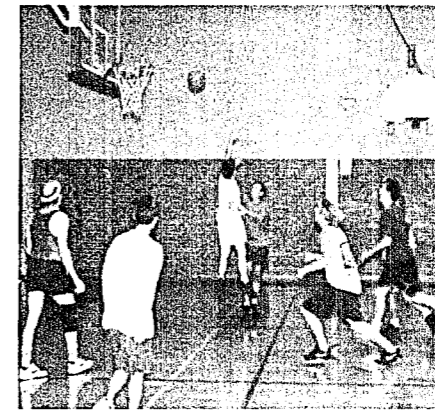
Early in the first half, the pastors—despite numerous poor shots and turnovers—were able to take the lead. This was short-lived, however, as the Youth came charging back and by the intermission led 13-10.

Because of the heat (not to mention that the pastors are terribly out of shape), substitutions were made early and often by both teams. At one point, an odd-looking fellow in big shoes and a funny hat (Harry the Hobo) made a brief appearance. And once the youth tried using six players, but the Calvinist theologians were quick to spot this heresy and the assertion was immediately found to be untenable.

When the second stanza began, the youth appeared ready to take charge when they added a quick basket and left the pastors trailing 15-10. But the Runnin' Revs defense stiffened, and their offense began to score. They put together a string of 11 unanswered points, and the Youth found themselves looking at a six-point deficit, 21-15.

The Youth pulled to within two points when they finally got a couple shots to drop, making it 21-19, and then traded buckets to bring the score to 23-21.

The inside height advantage went to the pastors' team for the first time in the history of these ex-



Gabe Bejjani tries to add two more for the pastors.



Pastors' coach Jim Galanaugh (fourth from left) circles the weary troops at halftime.



In victory or defeat, the Youth Rally Song unites everyone.

citing contests, and that proved to be the winning edge in the final minutes. The pastors were able to control the boards on defense and made several key shots down under the basket to take a 27-21 lead with just two minutes to play.

Never quitters, the Youth were scrambling right to the final buzzer, which announced the end of the game and a final score of 27-21.

Asked to comment on their win and the Pastor's team, one spokesman noted, "The older we get, the better we used to be!"

A younger pastor was reported to have said (during the first prac-

tice), "We need to recruit some new pastors. Don't know if our churches need them, but our team needs them!"

Regarding the game, one SDB executive declared, "This is the best part of Conference."

Without question, the spirit of competition and great fun that the annual Pastors-Youth Challenge has generated ensures that the game will remain a program "must" for years to come.

And of course, it goes without saying that we will be hearing from the Youth next year!!

(Reprinted from the *Crier*.) *SR*



# Women seek God's Will, Way

*"Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things" (1 Tim. 3:11 NASB).*

Many of our Seventh Day Baptist women gathered in Lindsborg, Kan., for the activities and programs a week at General Conference provides for them. It was so good to see so many of you, to talk with you, and to share in a variety of experiences. I hope you had a blessed week!

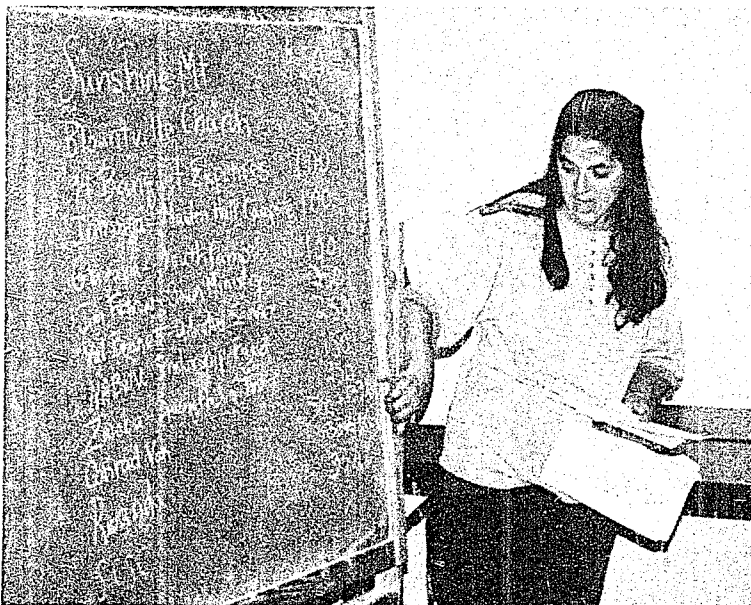
Approximately 70 women attended the annual Women's Business Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday. Vice President Ruth Probasco presided. We were glad to hear about the work Marietta Sutton is doing as Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) historian. She has requested help in putting together a complete directory of past and present workers, with pictures and

updates. If you can assist her with information on SCSC workers/projects from your church, please contact her at 2991 Hwy. 126, Blountville, TN 37617.

The following officers were elected for a one year term:

- President—Donna Bond
- Vice President—Ruth Probasco
- Secretary—Helen Cruzan
- Treasurer—Marie Davis
- SCSC Committee—Jan Bond (chairman), Ruth Probasco, Jeanne Dickinson, Mary Jane McPherson
- Newsletter Editors—Mary Jane McPherson, Pat Cruzan
- Robe of Achievement Committee—Elizabeth Bidwell (chairman), Elsa Scull, Yvonne Stephan
- Pen & Prayer—Yvonne Stephan
- Tuition Fund—Marie Davis, Sharon Davis

*Women's Banquet speaker, Sharon Wauls (right), contemplates her next point.*



*At the chalkboard, Ruth Burdick helped the Women's Interest Committee members designate the various recipients of the annual Love Gift.*

SCSC Fund Raising—Mary Jane McPherson, Charlotte Chroniger  
SR Women's Page—Charlotte Chroniger  
SCSC Historian—Marietta Sutton

The 1995 budget was also adopted as follows:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| SCSC                 | \$14,425        |
| Tuition Fund         | 200             |
| Conference Nursery   | 600             |
| NABWU                | 500             |
| Newsletter           | 200             |
| Administrative/Misc. | 200             |
| Women's Banquet      | 150             |
| President's Travel   | 100             |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$16,375</b> |



*Mabel Cruzan and Joyce Burdick at the interest committee.*



*Adam Mackintosh gave his testimony at the banquet. Seated at the table (l. to r.): Mabel Cruzan, Dorothy Lawton, Donna Bond, Sharon Wauls, Dorothea Shettel, and Myrna Cox.*

We expressed our appreciation to the many women who support the ministry of the Women's Board, and in particular the SCSC program.

The SCSC program on Thursday afternoon was a delightful and blessed event. The 16 young people enthusiastically and creatively shared about their summer experiences. The musical talent they displayed was incredible. It was evident that once again the Lord had used the SCSC program to further His kingdom on earth.

Mabel Cruzan very ably led the Women's Interest Committee throughout the week. Besides discussing the various aspects of the Women's Board, the Interest Committee made the designations for the annual women's Love Gift, which totaled more than \$2,800 (money is still coming in). The designations were as follows:

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Sunshine Mountain              | \$50 |
| Jamaica:                       |      |
| Maiden Hall Campsite           | 100  |
| Guyana:                        |      |
| Youth Camp                     | 100  |
| NABWU Scholarship              | 150  |
| Ed Sutton                      | 150  |
| Jim Fetrow, Clown Ministry     | 250  |
| Val Bennett, Dedicated Service | 250  |

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Zambia:                     |     |
| Sewing Machine & Postage    | 250 |
| Conrod Wheelchair Van       | 500 |
| plus 25% of remaining funds |     |
| India Orphanage:            |     |
| 25% of remaining funds      |     |
| Rwanda:                     |     |
| 25% of remaining funds      |     |
| SCSC:                       |     |
| 25% of remaining funds      |     |

The Women's Banquet, held on Wednesday evening, was hosted by Board President Donna Bond.

**As we begin  
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SCSC Team Passion (Tim Rood, Leah Martin, Adam Mackintosh, and Kim Baker) provided the special music. This team was in Shiloh, N.J., for the summer. Adam also gave his testimony of how the

Lord has helped him through some very challenging experiences.

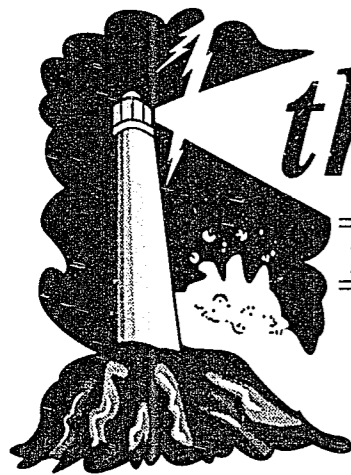
The Rev. Sharon Wauls was our guest speaker. She shared with us about how we often experience powerlessness and how the Lord can help us through these situations. Approximately 120 women attended the banquet and enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship.

Yvonne Stephan of the Marlboro, N.J., church, and a member of the Robe of Achievement Committee, was happy to present the 1994 Robe of Achievement to Mabel Cruzan of the Milton/Milwaukee churches. Yvonne shared a long list of accomplishments and involvements which have distinguished Mabel's life. She was a very worthy recipient!

It was a blessing, too, to see former Board President Myrna Cox of our Denver church installed as the 1995 Conference President. Please pray daily for Myrna as she seeks God's direction to carry out her theme, "Joyfully Serve."

As we begin our fall ministries in our churches, homes, and workplaces, may we joyfully serve those around us, as well as the wonderful Lord who has given us these opportunities to serve. **SR**





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## SDBYF of USA and Canada 1994-1995 Officers

### President

Cathy Rogers

Cathy has served her home church in Salem, W.Va., as YF president, Bible School teacher, Youth Sabbath participant, and member of her church's Pastoral Relations and Social Committees. She has attended General Conference sessions in West Virginia, New York, Wisconsin, and California. Cathy attended Pre-Con Camp in 1993. She is a junior at Belpre High School, Ohio, where she is active in Ladies Ensemble, AERO, French Club, and Governor's Scholars. The presidential nominee is a volunteer at her local hospital.

### Vice President

Scott Graffius

Scott has attended 16 General Conferences and four Pre-Cons, including Pre-Con and Conference in California in 1993. He recently graduated from South Harrison High School, where he was Senior Class vice president and member of the National Honor Society, Choir, Show Choir, All State Choir, and S.A.D.D. Scott has been active in the Lost Creek, W.Va., SDB Church, YF, Choir, Christian Education Board, and Bible School. He has served as worship leader and speaker in his

church. Scott is a member of Stained Glass, the Seventh Day Baptist singing group which just completed a tour of our western and midwestern churches. He will attend Judson College this fall.

### Secretary

Grace Camenga

Grace spent this summer serving in Jamaica as a dedicated service worker. She plans to attend the University of Central Florida this fall. Grace has served the Daytona Beach, Fla., church YF, Communications Committee, and Church Sound and Tape, and Nursing Home ministries. She has been secretary-treasurer of her Sabbath School, and a camp and retreat counselor. Grace, a veteran of many Conferences, attended General Conference and Pre-Con in 1993.

### Treasurer

Matt Calise

Matt is a senior at Liberty High School and a member of the Salem church. In school, Matt is a member of the National Honor Society, Track Team, Math Club, Medical Professionals Club, Student Council, and Marching, Jazz, and Pep Bands. He is a sound technician and usher at

his church. Also, Matt is a member of the Salem YF and Men's Chorus. Matt enjoys soccer, table tennis, roller blading, and computer games.

### Member-at-Large

Steven Graffius

Steven works at a bank and serves as basketball manager and member of the band at South Harrison High School. He is a member of the Lost Creek church, where he is active in the YF, Christian Education Board, and Choir. Steven has attended General Conference almost every year (would you believe 13?!) and attended Pre-Con last year in California.

### Member-at-Large

Duane Martin

Duane is a member of the Salem church, where he is involved in the YF, Choir, and Nominating Committee. He also serves as a church dedicated service worker. In high school, Duane was active in Choir, S.A.D.D., and All-State Chorus. He will enroll in Salem-Teikyo University this fall.

### Advisor

Pastor Larry Graffius

Pastor Graffius ministers at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

## Grace grows in Jamaica

by Grace Camenga (reprinted from the *Crier*)

How would you like to spend a month in the beautiful country of Jamaica, meeting people, serving God, and praising His name? It sounded like an awesome way to spend the summer to me! So, when Pastor Joe and Joyce Samuels asked me a similar question last year at Conference, I jumped at the opportunity.

For the next 10 months, I worked each Sunday at a local restaurant to save for this dedicated service project. Through the financial and prayerful support of my home and extended church family—and after many months of planning—this summer dream became a reality.

About a week after I applied for a scholarship from the SDB Memorial Board, I received the news that my application had been accepted.

I spent the first two and a half weeks in the Conference office in Kingston, typing Conference reports and letters, and doing anything else that made me useful. Arriving at the office by 10:00 each morning, most of my hours were spent at the computer until 8:30 p.m.

Each Sabbath we attended church in Kingston. Services began with Sabbath School at 9:30. *The Helping Hand* is used by the adult classes, and I was told several times how much they appreciate



Grace Camenga (center) describes her summer of dedicated service.

teaching 4 to 10-year-olds in Vacation Bible School. It was encouraging to see the children hunger for the Bible stories and praise songs, and grow more excited about them as we talked.

The Jamaican Conference and the Conference of USA and Canada have many similarities and differences. Among the differences are the length and style of the worship services. The Jamaican Conference operates on the principle that schedules are less important than providing enough time for each event as it comes.

Both Conferences share the same sense of family and oneness within the denomination as a whole. It was wonderful to be loved and accepted as a part of the family, just like Conferences here in the states.

This was definitely a summer that I will never forget. The Lord has used it to benefit others as well as myself. The Lord used this summer to stretch me and make me grow.

*"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18). SR*

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In addition, I was to attend the Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) training held in June, one week before leaving for Jamaica.

This in itself was a true blessing! The week of training was much more than seminars and Bible studies. God gave me a support team that kept me in constant prayer as I worked.

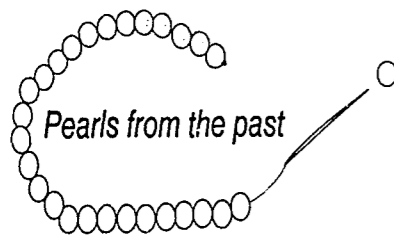
Finally, I boarded the plane that was to take me to Kingston. After hearing countless horror stories about customs, I was beyond nervous when we finally reached "the desk." Surprisingly, none of our bags were opened. After a few questions, we were sent off into that famous Jamaican sunshine.

Although it plays a significant part in Sabbath School, very few can afford to buy it.

After Sabbath School, divine worship began at noon and was usually finished by 2:30. I gave children's messages and special music often, but usually with no more than a half hour's preparation time.

Afternoons were spent in groups. There are several groups that meet. I had the opportunity to attend Christian Endeavor, Young People's Meeting, Teen Time, and Bible Study while I was there.

The week of their Conference was the greatest experience of the summer. I spent most of my time



## Name that theme!

by Don A. Sanford, historian

As President Myrna Cox announced her theme, "Joyfully Serve," for next year's General Conference, my mind reflected back to the responsibility thrust upon the president to pick a theme for denominational focus.

This task was even more demanding prior to 1953. That year, the by-law change stated: "The first vice-president shall be elected with

the understanding that, unless unforeseen circumstances arise in the meantime to prevent such action, he will be elected at the following General Conference to the presidency."

Before that change, the president had little time to reflect on a theme. Sometimes he might not be nominated until Thursday or Friday of Conference week, then had to consult with his family, his church, and make a prayerful deci-

sion so that by Sunday night he could set forth a theme. (General Conference sessions began on Tuesday morning and ended Sunday.)

The men and women who have served as president over the past 45 years have provided a variety of Conference themes focusing on glorification and praise to God, commitment to service and evangelistic outreach. The records below list the year of Conference sessions, the president, and the theme chosen.

### General Conference Themes 1949 — 1995

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 1949 Loyal Hurley<br>"Workmen Approved of God"   | 1963 George Parrish<br>"Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?"  |
| 1950 Lloyd Seager<br>"Fervent in Spirit"   | 1964 C. Rex Burdick<br>"Christ Is the Answer"                 |
| 1951 Alton Wheeler<br>"Thy Kingdom Come"   | 1965 Doris Fetherston<br>"The More Excellent Way"             |
| 1952 Orville Bond<br>"Experience with God"   | 1966 Marion Van Horn<br>"I Have a Stewardship"                |
| 1953 Elmo F. Randolph<br>"Yoked for Life in Christ"                                      | 1967 Lewis H.V. May<br>"Open Your Heart Lovingly"             |
| 1954 Lester G. Osborn<br>"To Know Him and Make Him Known"                                | 1968 David Clarke<br>"Yoked by Christ in Mission"             |
| 1955 Clarence Rogers<br>"To Serve Him"   | 1969 Leland Bond<br>"Sensitive in His Service"                |
| 1956 Charles Bond<br>"Be Happy—Let Your Light Shine"                                     | 1970 Edgar Wheeler<br>"Called Apart to Be a Part"             |
| 1957 Charles Harris<br>"Pray Without Ceasing—Abound in Every Good Work"                  | 1971 Stephen Thorngate<br>"The Responsibility of Maturity"    |
| 1958 Earl Cruzan<br>"One in Christ—Forward in Growth—Laborers Together with God"         | 1972 Paul Osborn<br>"To God Be the Glory"                     |
| 1959 Wayne Crandall<br>"The Sabbath was Made for Man—By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them" | 1973 Edward Horsley<br>"Growing Up in All Things into Christ" |
| 1960 Victor Skaggs<br>"For Jesus' Sake"  | 1974 Ernest Bond<br>"Christ Gives Meaning to Your World"      |
| 1961 Loren Osborn<br>"I Must Be About My Father's Business"                              | 1975 S. Kenneth Davis<br>"Far Better Men"                     |
| 1962 Melvin G. Nida<br>"Draw Near to God"  | 1976 Gary Cox<br>"Fellowship in Light"                        |
|  | 1977 Delmer Van Horn<br>"Daring the Impossible"               |

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## Mabel Cruzan is 1994 "Robe" recipient

"A great source of encouragement" is the way one person described this year's Robe of Achievement recipient. She lives her Christianity in her service to others.

Mabel E. Cruzan was born in Cumberland County, N.J., the tenth child of Thomas and Elizabeth Davis. She graduated from Bridgeton (N.J.) High School and then attended Salem (W.Va.) College for a year and a half. She has been married to the Rev. Earl Cruzan for 58 years. They have four children, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mabel is presently a member of the Milton (Wis.) Seventh Day Baptist Church. In the past, she has held memberships in churches in Marlboro, N.J.; Waterford, Conn.; Boulder, Colo.; Dodge Center, Minn.; Adams Center, N.Y.; and Westerly, R.I.

She has worked as a nurse's aide, and also as a part-time church secretary. She has served her community by participating in cancer drives, volunteering for the Red Cross Bloodmobile, and working on the election board.

In the Milton church, Mabel has always served wherever there was a need. Presently, she is active in the Afternoon Circle, serving as president, and she also chairs the Funeral Lunches Committee. She has held both of these positions for several years, and has hosted a bi-weekly, small-group Home Bible Study for five years.

Mabel has also done volunteer work at the SDB Center in Janesville (Wis.) for several years. She was a member of the Milton Church Growth Force, helped with the Fair Booth ministry, conducted a weekly Bible study at a retirement complex near the church, and hosted Summer Christian Service Corps teams and associational, denominational, and international SDB guests.

In earlier years, she worked with the young people at Boulder and was Vacation Bible School supervisor at Dodge Center, where she also reorganized the Junior Christian Endeavor. She also led the Junior Choir and taught Sabbath School at Adams Center.

Mabel has been a "top notch" pastor's wife and a role model for younger ministers' wives. Her home is always open to guests, and she phones and visits the sick and elderly, nearly always taking along homemade baked goods. In addition, she phones church members on their birthdays. In short, she always goes "the second mile" and maintains a positive outlook.

Mabel has been secretary of North Central Association, and has been on staff at Pre-Con. She has also served on the Women's Board for six years, helped arrange evening receptions and the Women's Banquet at Conference, has been Chairman of the Women's Interest Committee at Conference for several years, and has served on the post-Conference retreat staff.

As a member of the Council on Ministry for nine years (two years as secretary), Mabel has had the opportunity to help formulate policy for the education and training of SDB ministers. Near the beginning of her term, she worked on the Certificate Pastor Training Program, the forerunner of the

Training in Ministry and Extension (T.I.M.E.) plan, which she now supports.

Along with her husband, Mabel started the Milwaukee SDB Church. In order to attend services, the two have driven 120 miles round-trip each Sabbath for the past eight years. Mabel teaches a primary Sabbath School Class at the Milwaukee church.

She also supports her husband in his work as Extension Pastor of the Milton church, traveling throughout Wisconsin and Illinois to visit lone Sabbathkeepers and new contacts.

Mabel's enthusiasm, energy, and love for the Lord are evident in everything she does. This extends to her personal family, her church family, and to the denomination.

The Women's Board was pleased to present the 1994 Robe of Achievement to Mabel E. Cruzan. SR



Yvonne Stephan places the Robe of Achievement on Mabel Cruzan as Society President Donna Bond observes.

# 1994 Scripture Memorization Program

The Scripture Memory Program for the 1993-94 Conference year featured the theme, "His Will For His Way." The Sabbath School Committee of the Board of Christian Ed. selected the monthly Scripture verses. Those who completed the program were presented certificates at the General Conference sessions in Lindsborg, Kan.

**Adams Center, NY**  
Nellie Barbur  
Catherine Roberts  
Amanda Sweet  
Chad Sweet

Rose Chroniger  
Jean Cook  
Cliff Gordon  
Pam Gordon  
Jeanne Halso  
Ruth Hazen  
Dianne Hibbard  
Earl Hibbard  
Justin Hibbard  
Patrick Hibbard

**Alfred Station, NY**  
Mae Bottoms  
Angela Chroniger  
Rachel Chroniger  
Kim Johnson  
Phyllis Mattison  
Reid Mattison  
Amanda Snyder

**Columbus, OH**  
Helen Bond  
Gavin Fox  
Jamie Fox  
Peter Fox

**All Nations, CA**  
Noreen Garcia

Aubrey Greene  
Brett Greene  
Damian Greene  
Kyle Greene  
Martha Greene  
Wesley Greene  
Liandra Holmes  
Lindsey Holmes  
Carrie Spaur  
Christopher Van Horn  
Lana Van Horn  
Marissa Van Horn  
Micah Van Horn  
Pastor Robert Van Horn

**Battle Creek, MI**  
Melanie Badger  
Mary Brown  
Marilyn Discher  
Judy Fatato  
Dee Galanaugh  
Kyle Galanaugh  
JoAnn Mitchel  
Jan Noel  
Sandy Noel

**Daytona Beach, FL**  
Grace Camenga  
John Mark Camenga  
Alan Crouch  
Leigh Anne Crouch  
Nathan Crouch  
Richard Crouch  
Erma Van Horn

**Boulder, CO**  
Pastor Elmo Fitz  
Randolph  
Madeline Fitz  
Randolph  
Kelly Ketterman  
Doris Rood  
Amy Skaggs  
Erin Skaggs

**Denver, CO**  
Jean Jorgensen

**Brandenton, FL**  
Polly Peletier

**Hebron, PA**  
Pearl Brock  
Edna Gaines  
David Hauber

**Central, MD**  
Kevin Chroniger Jr.

**Hopkinton, First, RI**  
Delilah Allen  
Lois Park  
Thelma Tarbox

**Little Rock, AR**  
Bill Burks  
Carl Burks  
Cynthia Burks  
Eric Burks  
Jeanne Hendrickson  
Marilyn Lee  
Alfred Lewis  
Betty Lewis  
Benjamin Monroe  
Donna Monroe  
Jeff Monroe  
Joshua Monroe  
Rachel Monroe  
Timothy Monroe  
Seth Monroe  
Winnie Monroe  
Betty Seager  
Irving Seager  
Oma Seager  
Doris Van Horn  
Pastor Kenneth Van Horn

**Lost Creek, WV**  
Margaret B. Allen  
Stanley K. Allen  
Adrienne Ash  
Justin Ash  
Roberta Ash  
Brittany Bond  
Nichole Bond  
Susan D. Bond  
Tiffany Bond  
Alex Boyajian  
Jennifer Boyajian  
Natalie Boyajian  
Rebecca Boyajian  
Amy Davis  
Dorothy Elza  
Scott Graffius  
Stephen Graffius  
Bridget Lawrence  
Cindy Lawrence  
Luke Lawrence  
Mary Beth Lawrence  
Joshua Orr  
Leora Pinder  
Dawsalee Rymer  
Leonard Williams

**Marlboro, NJ**  
Sharon Davis  
Helene Miller  
Carol Peterson

**Milwaukee, WI**  
Mabel E. Cruzan  
Catie Marinakies  
Christy Marinakies  
Stacie Marinakies

Barbara Mihelich  
Mary Ann Mihelich  
Mary Moder  
Sarah Moder  
T.J. Moder

**New Auburn, WI**  
Pastor Dale Smalley  
Danny Smalley  
Melanie Smalley  
Rhonda Smalley

**North Loup, NE**  
Cecil Severance

**Nortonville, KS**  
George Graves  
Benjamin Harris  
Joanna Harris

**Old Stonefort, IL**  
David Lind

**Pawcatuck, RI**  
Andrew Lamphere  
Barbara Nugent

**Pine Street Gospel, CT**  
Gwen Bowyer  
Pastor William Bowyer  
Joann Cordova  
Irene Gawlak

**Raritan Valley, NJ**  
Pastor Jeanne Yurke  
Carolyn Weber

**Seattle, WA**  
Grace Ellen Dolly  
Heather Hemminger  
James Kerr  
Andrea Lyons  
Trusandra Lyons  
Reeca Nash  
Amanda Noyes  
Charles Noyes  
Melodie Noyes  
Kelsey Owen  
Nicole Peters  
Maude Posey  
Tony Rossi  
Lawrence Sanford  
Lena Sanford

**Shiloh, NJ**  
Janis Bond  
Richard Bond  
Brad Campbell  
Jordan Chroniger

Jennifer Layton  
Matthew Sheppard  
Courtney Uhland

**Sunshine Mountain, MS**

Robert Hartley  
Jack Hays  
Pastor Ralph Hays  
Renee Hinkson  
Ruby Keller  
Ted Meche  
Eugene Rabitaille

**Texarkana, AR**  
Danielle Richards  
Jenna Richards  
Laura Richards  
Lena Mae Slaton  
Evan Soper  
Marian Soper  
Mynor Soper III

**Toronto, Canada**  
Norma Anderson  
Julliette Crosse  
Jahmal Fyffe  
Sharai Fyffe  
Sonja Fyffe  
Tiffany Fyffe  
Natasha Gilmore  
Nicole Gilmore  
Shurline Henry  
Patrick London  
Natasha Reynolds  
Paula Reynolds  
Ruth Reynolds  
Karlene Rhoden  
Omari Rhoden  
Oneika Rhoden  
Ericka Richards  
Isolyn Sinclair  
Jeffrey Sinclair  
Evelyn Taylor  
Elton Williams  
Temeka Williams

**Verona, NY**  
Thomas James Fink  
Michelle Laube  
Mayola Warner

**Washington, D.C.**  
Barry Clapper  
Risa Clapper  
Richard Durst  
Brenda Harris  
Tamara Shobe  
Nora Sparks  
Hansel Taylor



## FOCUS on Missions Appreciation and news from overseas by Kirk Looper

Returning to the Missionary Society office after attending Conference in Kansas was similar to opening presents at Christmas. In my absence, many of our overseas Conferences had sent letters describing the work being done. Some of the coordinators and executive secretaries sent pictures, giving us a better idea of their work.

A photo of the first well drilled by Seventh Day Baptists in Zambia, Africa, illustrates the determination of the people to get the job done. They rented the drilling rig and did the work themselves. The young lady standing beside the well reflects the widespread pride felt for those who donated funds to accomplish the task. Many more wells are needed in Zambia and Malawi.

Many people were elated to receive used clothing and blankets from the Zambia SDB Conference. Thanks go out to all who are willing to invest in our sister Conferences.

The Missionary Society also re-

ceived photographs of the brick-making process, farms and vegetables, bicycle, and Bibles it has funded. These pictures encourage us to continue to send aid.

The photograph of the Kubu natives in Indonesia illustrates that work is being done with that group of unreached people. (Brother Sitompah is pictured serving some children a late evening meal.) Young preachers often pray over the sick and down-trodden.

The biggest problem of the Kubu outreach is coming up with the funds to travel the long distances from one island to another. The Kubu are located on Sumatra Island, not far from the town of Jambi.

Pastor Al Paypa reported on the mission work in The Philippines. He continues to attend school and work with the churches. We need to continue to lift him up in prayer. It can be stressful to combine schooling with family and church responsibilities, yet Rev. Paypa continues to have a good attitude. He is very

determined to complete his education program.

A group of churches has been organized on Davao del Norte, the northern island of The Philippines. They are working through Pastor Eli Paypa, Conference coordinator. We pray for a good working relationship between these two groups and ask that God bless them.

Pastor Lawrence Ucheguonu of the Nigeria Conference has voiced his appreciation to those who have sent Bibles, used clothing, and money. The Conference is operating a "motherless home" housing 340 youth. They really need help in this area. As in every group home, funds are hard to come by. They continue to build churches but are finding that the cost of building materials is continually increasing. A bag of cement cost \$25, and there is not much available.

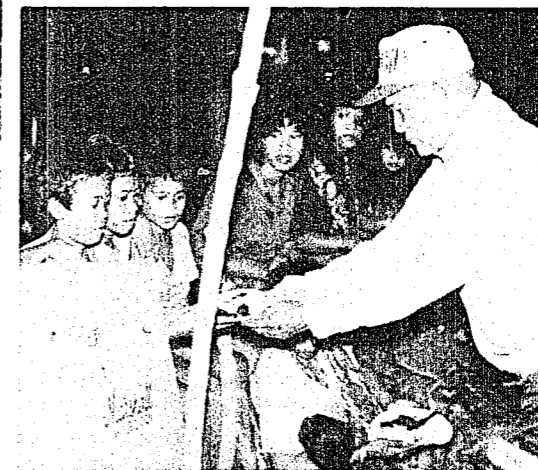
The Nigeria Conference requests prayers because the government shows some instability in tolerating the Christian faith. Thankfully, they were able to hold their General Conference meetings in May. Seven churches participated, each represented by two delegates.

SDBs in Malawi, Africa, continue to use the clothing and bedding which was sent this year. They ask that we continue to send these items, along with Bibles. They can use almost anything that can be sent; the only limit is on the size of the parcel.

All of our sister Conferences have needs which can be met if we open our hearts and willingly share our abundance. Let's pray that more will be done to help them. *SL*



Left: The first SDB well in Zambia, and a happy recipient.  
Below: Brother Sitompah feeds hungry children in Indonesia



## 50 ways to love your pastor

(Focus on the Family and several pastoral care organizations have joined hands to promote October as "Clergy Appreciation Month." One brochure is reprinted below. Join with thousands of churches to say to those in ministry, "You are a national treasure.")

Your pastor and staff and their families are the key to your church's future, whether it be growth, discipleship, evangelism, or social concerns. How much better could they perform and lead if they knew, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that they and their families were loved, supported, and lifted up by their congregation.

Below, you'll find 50 suggestions to get you started. Some are for individuals, others for the church board. We're sure you'll come up with more, tailored specifically to the pastor and staff God has placed in your church. Try one or try them all; the key is to look for, and then do, creative things to show your pastor and staff and their families how much you love them. We all gain considerable benefit by keeping our mind, eyes, and ears open for opportunities to encourage and show love to our pastors and staff.

1. Write him a note telling him how good the sermon was.
2. Write his wife and/or children a note telling them what you like about their husband/dad.
3. Drop him a note or funny card just to brighten his day.
4. Offer to watch the children to free your pastor and spouse up for an old fashioned date.
5. Take him fishing, golfing, sailing, or whatever else he likes. *Don't* talk about church during this time.
6. Don't say negative things about him in front of your children or others. Model appropriate behav-

ior, talk directly to him when you have a concern.

7. Take the family to lunch after church—your treat!
8. Keep a tight rein on your personal expectations of the pastoral family and the church staff.
9. Be sure the pastor and staff members have at least one day off per week—then ensure they take it.
10. Pray with and for (daily) your pastor and his family. Go by the church office, stop by early enough on Sunday/Sabbath morning to pray before services; form a prayer group for the pastor and his needs; make arrangements to come by the house and pray for the entire family.
11. Congratulate, show appreciation and love. We all need pats and strokes!
12. If the pastor is not a mechanic or gardener, take care of car repairs or mow your pastor's yard—but only if wanted.
13. If there is a parsonage and a committee, make sure they see to needed repairs regularly, but never assume ownership of the home and enter when uninvited.
14. Good spiritual, emotional, and mental health should be reinforced—with adequate vacation time. Three weeks is a minimum for people-intensive jobs—then make sure they take it! The church really won't fall down while they're gone.
15. Chauffeur the family where there's a need.
16. Transportation can sometimes be a problem for a large family. Perhaps a car provided for the use of the pastor and staff during the day would alleviate family car shuffling problems.
17. Provide a freezer for the parsonage and stock it with meat once a year.
18. Invite others to church.

Nothing says "He's doing a great job" louder than asking your friends and business acquaintances to visit. Then introduce them after the service.

19. Provide a parsonage phone answering machine—for times away, days off, and for occasions when it's difficult to answer the phone.

20. Ask, ask, and ask again—"How can I help you?"

21. Give, give, and give again—tickets to concerts, musicals, the circus (always appreciated and often out of the reach for many pastors); a new suit for the pastor; lessons for the children if you teach, haircuts and perms for the family if a beautician.

22. Teach your pastor a hobby—it's a lasting gift.

23. Care for the family's health—provide medical services/counsel if you're a doctor or nurse. Be sure to provide adequate medical insurance.

24. Make annual physicals mandatory for pastor and spouse, then pay for them.

25. A staff membership in a health club is a wise investment for the church and good health care for the pastor.

26. Be alert to special medical conditions when preparing meals or expecting participation. Heart patients, diabetics, and severely allergic people deserve special consideration.

27. Participation in conferences and seminars for both pastor and spouse are necessary to keep their ministry fresh. Examples include: counseling, evangelism, church growth, etc. Continuing education conferences and seminars are not vacation.

28. As a church board, pay your pastor as well as you possibly can. Salary should be flexible and open

to adjustment based on real needs of the pastoral family. On an hourly basis, pastors are often the poorest paid profession.

29. Be alert for signs of stress, fatigue, too many meetings, too many programs, and long hours in the office and out. These can lead to burnout for pastor and his family.

30. Remember the pastoral family's birthdays and anniversaries, celebrate the anniversary of your pastor's coming to your church and other milestones with cake and homemade ice cream.

31. If you have a special talent or area of service, use it for the pastor and staff. If you're a wonderful baker, take some goodies by the church for all of the staff; if you farm or have a garden, bring farm products; offer to do taxes if this is your speciality, or, review insurance or financial planning.

32. Allow the pastor's wife the privilege of being *just who she is*. Don't place expectations on her that reflect former pastors' wives. Love her, learn from her, seek her advice, help her when needed.

33. Include them in your activities outside church—golf, dinner, concerts, picnics—but give them the right to decline.

34. Allow your pastor's wife to pursue a career if it is her desire and a need of the family. If she does work outside the home, remember her role will be a difficult one to balance church, career, family, and the needs of her mate.

35. Buy him something he needs, but wouldn't spend money on himself for.

36. Buy him something totally frivolous.

37. Take your place in the life of the church. Find *your* area of service.

38. See that future needs are provided for the family. Help plan for these needs. IRAs, savings and retirement plans should all be reviewed and kept current for the family. No one can know when tragedy might strike the breadwinner of the family.

39. Be aware of very special needs the family is saving for. When appropriate, make special contributions to this fund. Be especially sensitive around Christmas time to this need.

40. Take your pastor and spouse on vacation with you. It can be the trip of a lifetime.

41. Be open to develop a real and close relationship with pastor, spouse, and family. Don't force it or push it. Should these special relationships form, keep your mouth shut! Let the pastor tell others if he wants them to know. Don't expect special treatment or favors from the family because of your relationship.

42. Check your spirit constantly to see if you are manipulative in any way in your desires for the church.

43. Be real and honest around the pastoral family. Take off your mask.

44. Treat PKs in a natural way. They are real and struggling children, just as yours are or were. Include them in activities your children are having.

45. Keep expectations of kids in check. Don't expect them to be theological or saintly.

46. Just as you know the interests of the pastor and spouse, find out about those of the children. Remember them with gifts or gestures appropriate to their likes.

47. As much as possible—protect your pastor's privacy.

48. Let your pastor know when you have received a real spiritual insight or breakthrough as a result of his teaching or preaching.

49. Be a consistent Christian. Fulfill at least the minimum requirements:

- a. Attend services and Sunday/Sabbath School regularly.
- b. Pray for your church, your pastor and his family, and the staff and their families.
- c. Find at least one area of service that your talents, gifts, or desires can be used in.
- d. Be teachable—always open to

learning and new experiences with the Lord.

e. Forget the seven deadly words, "We've always done it that way here."

f. If you are not tithing to your church, at least begin to work toward a full tithe in your giving.

g. Look for opportunities daily to tell people about your church and what you like about it.

h. Look always for opportunities to tell people about Jesus, who He is and what He can do in lives. Share what He has done in your life.

50. Send your pastor or other staff and their spouses to SonScape for an eight-day Spiritual Retreat, where the fatigue and wounds of ministry can be healed in the context of rest, privacy, and creative input.

Remember, your pastor and staff and their spouses consider themselves to be care *givers*; it will be hard for them to *receive* care. Be diligent in your loving and caring. Keep on asking, "How can I help you and love you more effectively?" Ask God to lead you. He will make you a caregiver, lover, and true friend of your pastor and staff and their families. God's Word tells us, "And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake" (1 Thess. 5:12-13). **SR**

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| December     | \$785,904 |
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| MONTHLY GOAL |           |
| August       | \$523,936 |
| July         | \$458,444 |
| June         | \$392,952 |
| May          | \$327,460 |
| April        | \$261,968 |
| March        | \$196,476 |
| February     | \$130,984 |
| January      | \$65,492  |

1994 income needed—\$785,904.  
Per month gift income needed—\$28,372.  
Total needed each month—\$65,492

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- 1978 Richard Shepard  
"Bearing the Fruit"
- 1979 Wm (Bob) Austin  
"If You Have Love, All Men Will Know  
You Are My Disciples"
- 1980 Duane Davis  
"Pleasing God in Every Way"
- 1981 Charles Graffius  
"Grow with God"
- 1982 Dorothy Parrot  
"Ministry of Reconciliation"
- 1983 K. Duane Hurley  
"Proclaim the Word"
- 1984 Leland Davis  
"Building the Body of Christ"
- 1985 Calvin Babcock  
"The Great Commission"
- 1986 Russell Johnson  
"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"
- 1987 Geraldine VanDyke  
"Let Us Press On"
- 1988 Herbert Saunders  
"Enter the Joy"
- 1989 Luan Ellis  
"Share the Joy"
- 1990 Joe Samuels  
"All One in Christ"
- 1991 Althea Rood  
"Called to Obedience"
- 1992 Mynor Soper  
"Lifting Up Jesus"
- 1993 James Skaggs  
"A Firm Foundation"
- 1994 Leon Lawton  
"His Will for His Way"
- 1995 Myrna Cox  
"Joyfully Serve"

**Thank You!!**

The brothers and sisters of the Birmingham, England, Seventh Day Baptist Church want to share their thanks and love to all who prayed and supported their effort in securing a church building. The Birmingham group celebrated its first Sabbath in the former St. Bede's Anglican Church on August 27.

Pastor Owen Lynch shares: "Having acquired a church building, we have space for more brethren. We will definitely have to make soul winning one of our priorities. In addition, there is a lot around the church to be done that will take some time. Please remember us and the new branch of the kingdom task we are undertaking, in your prayers to our heavenly Father."

**Tribute to Gary Cox**  
*Denver church choir director retires*

by Gladys S. Randolph



Myrna and Gary Cox at his retirement recognition.

The first time I saw Gary, he was about 13 years old and handing out bulletins in the North Loup, Neb., SDB Church. It was Sabbath morning, and our family had stopped there while traveling from Wisconsin to Colorado on vacation. I remember thinking, "What a fine young man!"

Even today, I think of Gary that way—55 years is *still* young. And here we are, helping him retire or "retread" after 34 years as choir director of the Denver SDB Church. Since I was organist for at least half of the time that Gary directed the Denver church choir, I've been asked to reminisce about those years during this "Recognition" of Gary.

Gary graduated from North Loup High School in 1956 and gravitated west to Colorado, where he married Myrna Davis on September 1, 1957. They then left for college in Salem, W. Va., for two years. Upon returning to Colorado, Gary attended Colorado University (CU) at Boulder and earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree

in 1960. In 1965, he earned a Master of Music degree while teaching in music departments in Boulder public schools.

A big change for Gary came when he earned a Master of Administration degree from CU in 1973. He served in administration in the Boulder County School System until this past June, when he retired to travel.

During all these years in Colorado, Gary directed two church choirs—one at the Den-

ver SDB and the other at several different first-day denominations. The most recent non-SDB church was Boulder First Baptist, which often combined with the Denver choir in performing cantatas and concerts, especially at Christmas and Easter. Gary's connection with a university network provided augmented instrumentations and enabled the choir to perform larger classical sacred works. These performances drew audiences not only from our own congregation, but from the community at large. Under Gary's expert direction, these "volunteer" choirs learned difficult music and performed it beautifully.

When Conference was held in Houghton, N.Y., during the nation's Bicentennial Year of 1976, Gary served as Conference president, and I was Conference organist. Since the Denver choir had recently sung Gaither's "Alleluia," Gary wanted to use it on Friday night as a spiritual experience.

Many "Denverites" attended Conference that year so they could

help with the performance. With the addition of extra singers from the Conference choir, we did "Alleluia" under Gary's direction. What a blessing that performance was!

Gary served as Conference choir director many times, and I was organist on several of those occasions. The last time was in 1980 here in Denver, at Loretto Heights College. We had prepared a special "big" anthem for the Sabbath morning service—"Now Thank We All Our God" by Pachebel. Somehow in the transition between director and printer, it came out in the Sabbath worship bulletin as, "Now Thank We All Our God" by Taco Bell! (No, Denver did *not* serve tacos for Sabbath dinner to our Conference guests!)

On a more serious note, Gary and Myrna, along with their three fine sons (all tenors, like Dad), have been a wonderful asset to the Denver choir and music program. Although Gary is retired, we expect to see a "retread" sitting in one of the choir seats under a newly-hired director.

We realize that Gary will travel a lot with Myrna while she is Conference President this year. Our gifts of a cellular phone (for them to keep in touch) and a beautiful portrait of Gary (painted by the wife of a choir member) will always be a reminder of his many faithful years of service.

Gary, the church hopes to maintain your high standards of church music. We also hope to follow your ideal of a "flowing and meaningful" worship service. To borrow the motto of the American Guild of Organists, "To God Alone, the Glory." And we add, "Thank You, for His Sake!" ✠

## Obituaries

**Davis.**—Mary Thorngate Davis, 98, died on August 24, 1993, in Edgar, Neb.

She was born near North Loup, Neb., on July 17, 1895, the daughter of Mansell and Mary (Rood) Davis. She worked as a teacher for 43 years prior to retiring and living in Clay Center, Neb. Mary was a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Horace and Ainslie.

**Leonard.**—Alta Miller Leonard died at Brown County Hospital in Ainsworth, Neb., eight days

after celebrating her 100th birthday.

She was born in Redding, Iowa, on August 14, 1894, the daughter of Hugh and Belle Miller of Bassett, Neb. She attended grade and high schools in Bassett, and Nebraska Wesleyan Academy. In 1919, she graduated as a Registered Nurse from Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha, Neb.

For more than 40 years, Alta had a distinguished career in Nursing Education and Administration. In the early 1920s, she owned and operated the hospital in Stuart, Neb., before going on to be the head nurse at hospitals in Winner, S.D., and Pawnee City, Neb.

In 1931, Alta became Assistant Director of Nursing, first at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Neb., and then at City Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. In the late 1930s, she continued her career by becoming Director of Nursing at Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, Ill. She went on to hold the same position at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Ill., and at Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn.

Alta was a member of—and held national and state positions in—both the American Nursing Association and the National League for Nursing Education. She was also a member of many other professional and philanthropic groups. As a student, she was a Red Cross nurse during World War I, and always proudly wore this pin on her uniform.

During all of her career, Alta was vitally interested in improving the working conditions of nurses, and enriching and broadening their education. She instituted many changes which helped to achieve these goals.

She belonged to the Seventh Day Baptist church and was very active in the denomination. She helped organize and became a charter member of two new SDB churches: the Twin City (Minn.) church and the Bay Area (Calif.) church. At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of the Boulder, Colo., SDB Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Theona ("Toni") Andersen of Johnstown, Neb.; nine grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Johnstown United Methodist Church on August 26, 1994, with the Rev. Cindy Karges officiating. A second memorial service was held on September 3, 1994, at the Boulder SDB Church, with the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph in charge.

## Accessions

**Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX**  
Earle Holston, pastor  
Joined after baptism  
Jeniece Zeigler  
Janis Zeigler

**Salem, WV**  
Dale Thorngate,  
pastor  
Joined after baptism  
John Pethel  
Matthew Calise

**Tupelo, MS**  
(Branch of Paint  
Rock, AL)  
John Bevis, pastor  
Joined after baptism  
Bill Farley  
Sandy Farley

## Marriages

**Sykora - Cruzan.**—Leif Augustus Sykora and Amanda Marie Cruzan were united in marriage on July 30, 1994, at the Milton, WI, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The bride's grandfather, Pastor Earl Cruzan, officiated, assisted by Pastor George Calhoun and Fr. James McEnery.

## Births

**Schock.**—A daughter, Allison Leigh Schock, was born to Tom and Gloria Schock of Kenosha, WI, on December 30, 1993.

**School.**—A son, Dillon Jay School, was born to Wayne and Angie School of Portage, WI, on July 26, 1994.

**Keown.**—A son, Clayton Mitchell Keown, was born on August 10, 1994, and adopted from the Child Saving Institute, Omaha, NE, by Dr. Bernard and Deb (Barber) Keown of Ord, NE.

# KEVIN'S CORNER

Conference was different for me this year.

I mean, I actually enjoyed it!

That doesn't mean that all the plans leading up to the week went smoothly.

Once again, the Tax Man hit our home hard in the spring, so we figured that for the second year in a row, I would be the only Butler heading to General Conference. With that decision made, Janet reluctantly called to cancel the family's motel reservation.

As August approached, our finances came together and we figured that all of us *could* go. (Not that we would see much of each other while we were there...)

What about the motel? Well, some quick addition found that with our young ones sleeping on the dorm floor, it would be cheaper to stay right on campus anyway!

Then my own travel plans changed several times. Without the family, I was going to fly and be back home quickly to finish editing the September issue. With all the Butlers going, I found myself looking for a ride to Lindsborg for the early General Council meetings.

Prospect #1: "Sure, we've got room." One week passes. "Um, we're going out even earlier for vacation, so could you find another ride?"

Prospect #2: "Yes, we have room." Hopes go up again. "Oh, we'll be spending the night and not getting there until later on Wednesday."

Prospect #3: The third—not exactly a charm. I said, "I'll drive myself and then we'll have two cars coming back." An adventure! A caravan! A real pain!

Well, along came Prospect #4 through a phone call, just a few days before leaving: "I heard that you could use a ride to Conference. We were going to spend the night in a motel, but with the extra driver, we could share the driving and conversation, and go straight through." I had a great time getting to Kansas. And it wasn't bad to be behind the wheel of a Lincoln Towne Car. (Thanks, Meleta!)

All of the details seemed to work out. At Conference, a good photographer (Jon Hazen) actually stepped up to volunteer to help take pictures. (Thanks, Jon!) And

Janet was even able to perform the duties of program secretary, which carries a stipend. Praise the Lord!

What was the Conference theme again?

"His will for His way."

Was it the Lord's will that my whole family go to Conference this year? Or did we simply make up our own minds, then He happened to bless us with these last minute gifts?

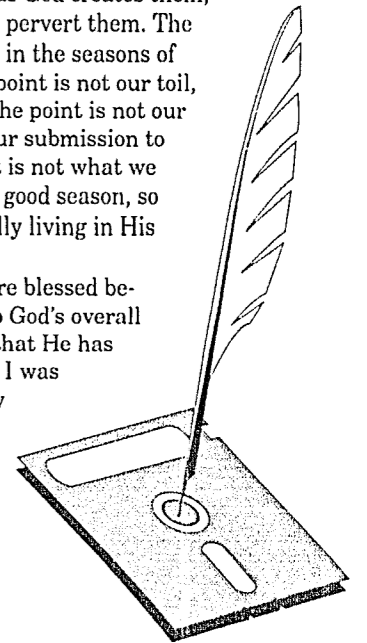
In a sermon on the seasons of life from Ecclesiastes 3 (the "time for everything" passage), Joanne Swenson asks, "Are we supposed to be resigned to the seasons of our lives, since God has ordained them, and you can't fight God? Is Ecclesiastes really only weaving poetry around a philosophy of defeatism? Are these verses merely an expression of resignation to the rule of a tyrant God?"

She answers with an emphatic "No!" Swenson says, "To believe that whatever comes our way must be God's will is to confuse God's will with our will. To believe that whatever 'is' must be divine, is to destroy the distinction between the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of earth."

Swenson believes that we need to see the seasons of our lives as God creates them, and not as we would pervert them. The point of life is to live in the seasons of God's creation. The point is not our toil, but our obedience. The point is not our achievements, but our submission to God's will. The point is not what we bring about in God's good season, so much as it is faithfully living in His season.

I pray that we were blessed because of obedience to God's overall will and the season that He has given us. I pray that I was blessed at the Friday night prayer meeting because I was seeking His way to live within that season.

I pray that this season lasts a long time.



## Loving it in Lindsborg



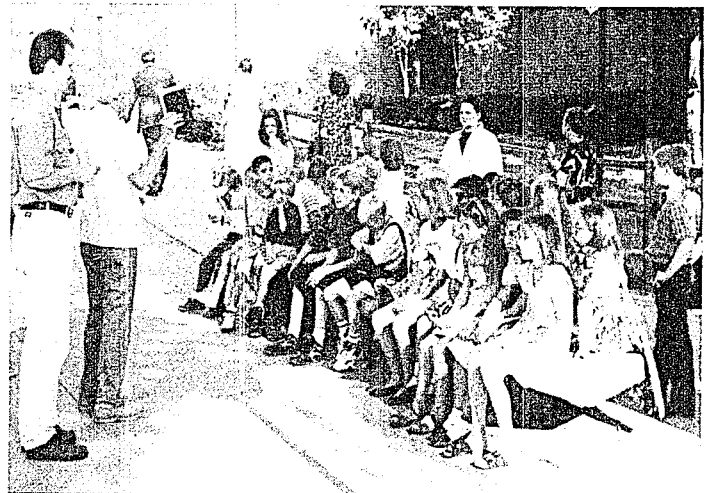
*The Chronigers displayed mankind's need for a Sabbath rest.*



*Abraham's son, Isaac (Victor Burdick), is interviewed by Chuck Graffius. "Isaac's" lyre is on the left—or is it the right?*



*The torch—and gavel—is passed from Leon Lawton to next Conference President Myrna Cox.*



*David Clarke (with Bible) rounds up all the young ones for Sabbath School.*