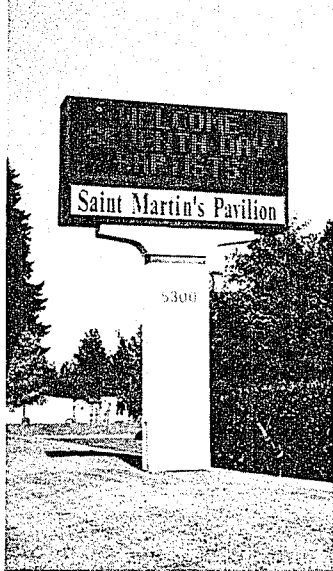


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October 1996



"Sleepless near Seattle"

*SDBs meet
"At the Crossroads"
in Lacey, Washington*



President John Peil listens carefully...



...as Budget and Finance Committee chairman Stanley Allen reads his list of recommendations.

SDBs are On-Line!!

Check out the SDB Home Page on the Internet. We can be found at: <http://www.inwave.com> and look under "churches." We're still developing a protected, more identifiable SDB address. Get on-line, "hit" our site and give us your feedback.

Our new e-mail address is:
sdbgen@inwave.com

NOTICE!! Deadline changed!

Churches and workers wishing to apply for Summer Christian Service Corps projects, the new deadline for submitting your application will be **February 1st** (instead of March 1st).

For your application, please contact:

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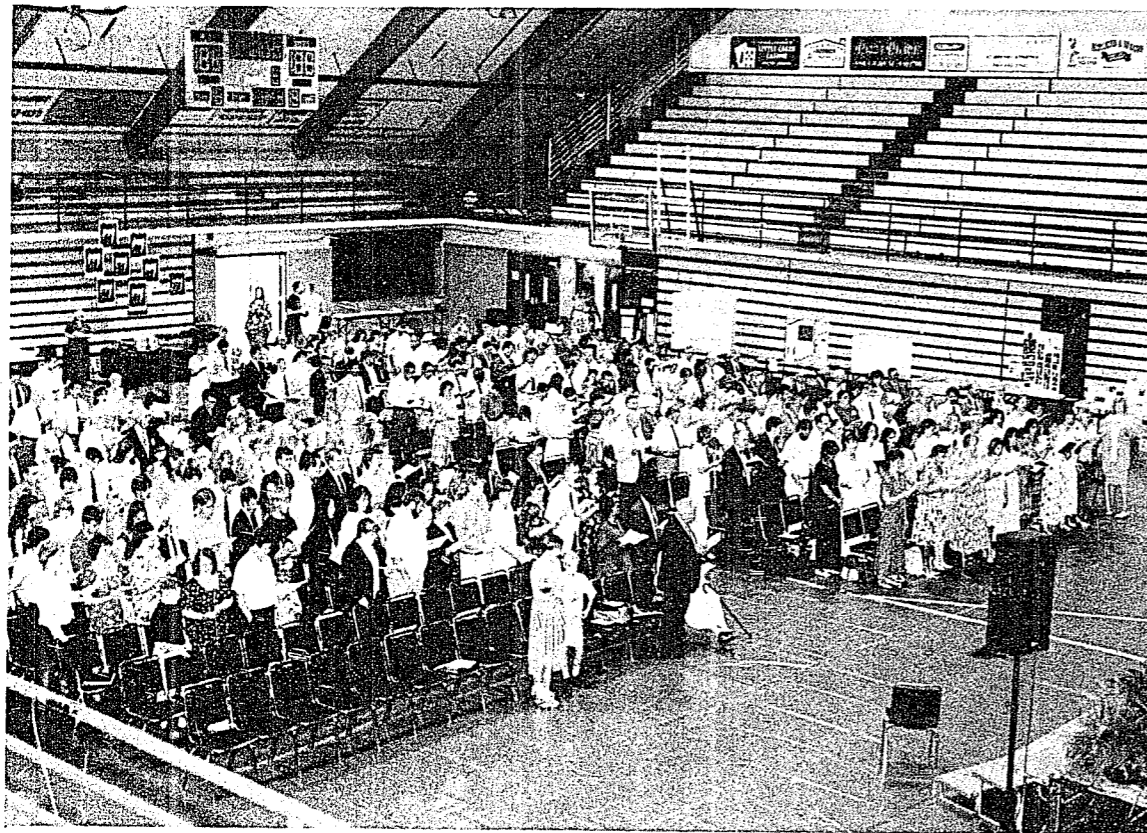
Annual Meeting Notice Board of Christian Education

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held at the Van Horn Building, 892 Route 244, Alfred Station, N.Y., on Sunday, October 27, 1996, at 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting shall be to hear and act upon the 1995 Annual Report of the Board of Directors, to elect members of the Board of Directors, and to consider and act upon such matters that may properly come before said meeting.

Members of Seventh Day Baptist churches entitled to representation in the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference USA & Canada are members of the Corporation. Accredited delegates attending the 1996 General Conference sessions in Lacey, Wash., are entitled to vote at this annual meeting.

We gathered "At the Crossroads" in Lacey, Wash.



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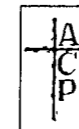
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Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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

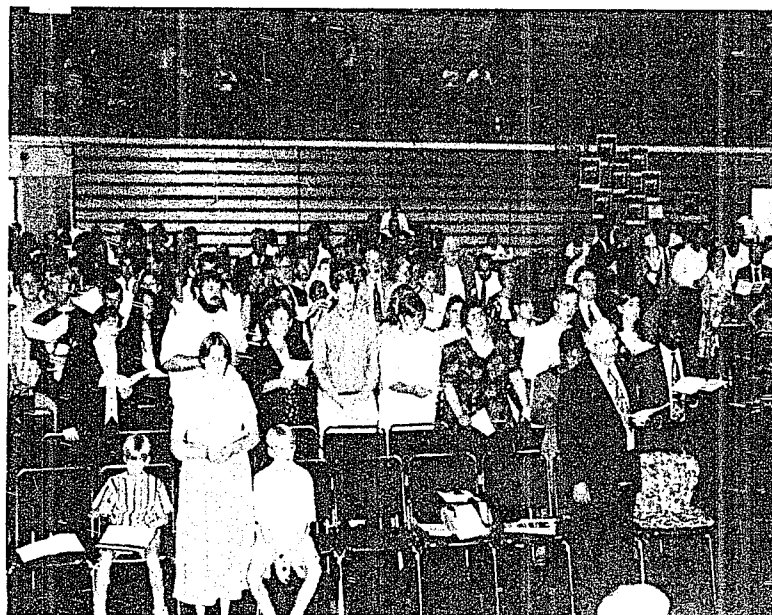
"You might be a General Conference junkie if..."

by Larry (Jeff Foxworthy) Graffius

You might be a General Conference junkie if...

- You can quote the procedural motion from memory.
- You know the room assignments of every Interest Committee chairman.
- Your favorite outfit is an SDB T-shirt.
- You can shower, fix your hair, and change from your "grubbies" to a suit in five minutes.
- You study Robert's Rules of Order in the off-season.
- You spent Sunday night in your room with your Conference program and a highlighter pen.
- You have your own display in the exhibits area, featuring photos and programs of every Conference since World War II (also known as Sanford's syndrome).
- You spent the last three weeks in training by jogging in your church clothes.
- The registration chairmen come to you for information.
- You date your wedding anniversary by where Conference was held that year.
- You can recite, from memory, the roll call of churches, complete with the number of delegates allowed to each.
- Your boss has already blocked out the first two weeks of August for you, *before* you request it as vacation time.
- Your family has a matching set of Lindsborg, Kansas, sweatshirts.
- You know where the typing/computer pool is... by Monday morning.
- You have a bumper sticker on your car that reads, "I brake for Interest Committee meetings."
- All of your home phone speed dial numbers are programmed to members of General Council. *SR*

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Always a Conference highlight: worshipping with hundreds of fellow SDBs.



Checking out the tunes on the latest "Stained Glass" CD.



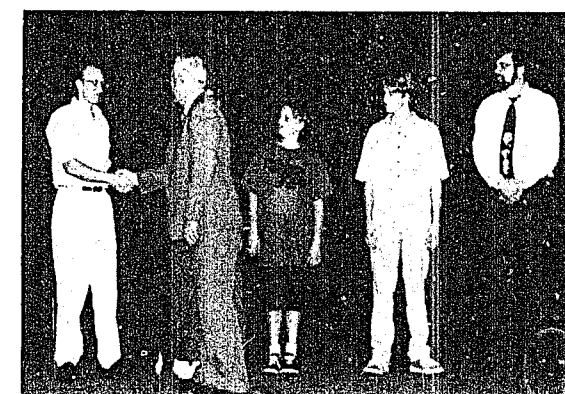
When in (or near) Seattle... Espresso, latté, and cappuccino flowed thanks to Deed's Espresso cart.



John Benjamin Peil chats with Friday night speaker Herlitz Condison.



Former missionaries pray for Luis and Joanna Lovelace as they prepare for their mission stay in Mexico.



The Foothill SDB Church, represented by Pastor Scott Hausrath (left) and the Ralph Mackintosh family, is welcomed into the Conference by Calvin Babcock. (That's Dede behind Calvin.)

1996 Conference highlights...

President John Peil led the 1996 Conference, "At the Crossroads." Held in the Pacific Northwest for the first time since 1989, the hardworking Host Committee and college staff made all feel welcome at Saint Martin's College in Lacey, Washington.

Statistics

- 432 registered guests
- 244 delegates representing 48 churches
- 57 pastors and seminary students
- 2 fraternal delegates/1 official visitor
- 62 enrolled in Junior Conference
- 44 attended Youth Pre-Con, directed by Scott Hausrath, with eight staff

- 40 were at Young Adult Pre-Con, directed by Dave Taylor, with three staff
- Women's Love Gift totaled \$3,157.50; Craft table earned \$661
- Conference offering exceeded \$21,000

Elections

- President 1996-97: Owen Probasco
- President-elect: Rev. John Bevis
- General Council: Mary Jane McPherson
- Council on Ministry: Lorna Graffius, Gordon Lawton, Bernie Wethington
- Faith and Order: Leland Bond, Rex Burdick
- Committee on Support and Retirement: Ralph Weber; Eric Rudert, chair

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Young adults seek unity across generational lines

by Matt Berg and Margot Walker

Forty young adults attended this year's Pre-Con at Saint Martin's College. Pastor Dave and Margaret Taylor, and Pastor Bernie Wethington led this excited group of young adults in fellowship and envisioning a common goal of unity for our denomination.

Studying the material from Bill Hybel's book, *Who You Are When No One's Looking*, we learned about

ourselves and our position in Christ. Pastor Bernie preached about becoming visionaries and developing our courage as Christians.

The most spiritual discussions of the week occurred Thursday evening. Much of the dialogue dealt with preferences of Bible times and how they presently relate to us.

It was enlightening for the young adults to discuss and raise questions about our beliefs, according to the liberty of interpretation we enjoy as Seventh Day Baptists, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We enjoyed the opportunity of sharing Sabbath morning worship with six members of General Council. Following the noon meal, General Council met with us to share their history of faith and to address our questions. One of our main interests was how to achieve unity in the denomination across generational lines.

We concluded our time together at Young Adult Pre-Con fellowshiping, watching movies, and playing volleyball. Pre-Con was an enjoyable experience, and we look forward to meeting again in Kansas in 1997. *SR*



Jammin' for Jesus! Praise night for the youth featured (l. to r.) Tim Rood, Steve Osborn, Erik Henry, David Thorngate, and Scott Graffius.

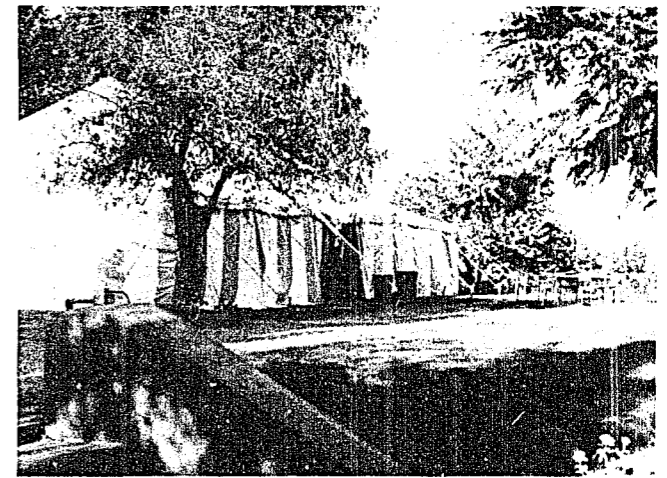
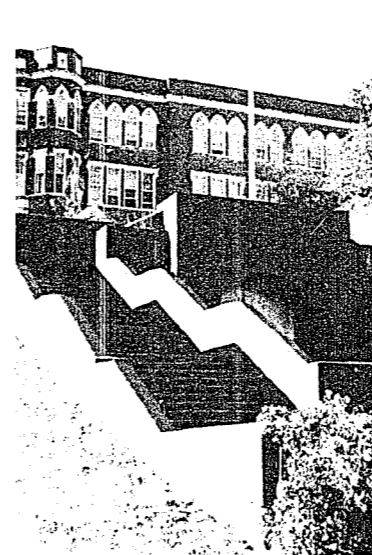
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- Tract and Communication Council: Phil Burrows, Jeanne Yurke
- Memorial Fund trustees: George Cruzan, Dale Green, Doug Mackintosh
- Christian Social Action Committee: Duska Davis, Dr. K.D. Hurley, Vivian McNeme, Stephen Rogers
- Coordinator of Obituaries: Jean Jorgensen
- Recording secretaries: Camille Henry (business), Janet Butler (program)
- Denominational treasurer: Calvin Babcock

Business action

- The approved 1997 budget of \$789,551 calls for \$348,639 to come from current giving, a slight decrease below 1996.
- The Foothill Community Church of Montrose,

- Calif., is accepted into full SDB church membership.
- Following debate on wording, delegates adopted the following resolution on euthanasia: Be it resolved that—
 - a. The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of the United States and Canada, Ltd., reaffirm our previously adopted resolution on the sanctity of human life, and
 - b. the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference affirm our opposition to the threat and the practice of active or passive euthanasia.
- In addition to the regular pre-Conference session, the General Council held a joint meeting with Memorial Fund trustees, and spent Sabbath afternoon visiting our youth and young adults at the two Pre-Cons.



Left: The dreaded 63 steps leading to... Above: ...the meal tent on the hill. Food was also provided down in the main pavilion.



This was an empty sports field until thousands of dog show participants appeared on Sabbath day. You could say (please don't) that Conference went to the dogs.



"Larry Kink, Live" featured Larry (Graffius) grilling TCC Director Kevin Butler.

Program memories

- Surprise visit by You Hee Kim of the Sungnam SDB Church of Seoul, Korea.
- Youth pull upset over pastors in annual basketball benefit: 47-46.
- Eight different SCSC teams perform their final week of dedicated service at Conference. Thanks for sharing your talents and love.
- Thanks to Jennifer Lewis Berg and the choir; "Stained Glass"; and all the talented SDBs for the always-excellent music!!

Awards and recognitions

- Women's Board Robe of Achievement: Luan Sutton Ellis, Alfred Station, N.Y.
- Sabbath School Teacher of the Year: Karen Osborn Payne, Dodge Center, Minn.

Will Lindsborg ever be the same??

For the fourth time in 10 years, SDBs will invade

Lindsborg, Kansas

August 3-9, 1997

Owen Probasco, President

Come back to Little Sweden!

My first Conference

by Karen Uhlich, Seattle, Wash.

It was like "introduction by immersion." Not only was this my first SDB Conference, but I was on the Host Committee as nursery coordinator. So if I didn't catch your name, please don't be offended. If I took off my name tag, I'd probably forget my own!

The first two days were hectic and exhausting. I had not yet managed to get the necessary volunteers for the nursery and spent all of Monday and most of Tuesday getting to know that youngest group of SDBs and, fortunately, their parents, too.

By Wednesday, I had most of the shifts covered, and finally able to find out what the rest of the adults were doing. Well, after spending two days with the "under 5 set," business meetings and even Interest Committees seemed just a bit over my head.

Thursday, I made it to the seminar entitled, "Drawing Your Church: the Paper Bag Model," along with several other members of the Seattle church. It was quite informative—and fun—to sit together and draw our church in the

manner of a family tree.

The Bible study I had hoped to attend was scheduled for Monday, and I was pretty disappointed to miss it—until I discovered it had been moved to Friday.

Meanwhile, my sons, ages 5 and 7, went to classes in the morning

What's more important is that *many* offered to pray for my son (he hadn't spoken, to my knowledge, in six weeks), and several took a special interest in him. (You know who you are. Thank you!) The best part is that he laughed out loud—*using his voice*. I missed that beautiful

The highlight of my week was the friendly, caring people I met. Everyone made me feel welcome, comfortable, and even loved.

and fun activities in the afternoon: games on campus, swimming, the zoo.

The food was good, too. Of course, I didn't have to cook it, so that was a big plus in its favor. But my 7-year-old ate so much at every meal that I'm afraid he's growing again!

Truly the highlight of my week was the friendly, caring people I met. Everyone made me feel welcome, comfortable, and even loved.

voice, and I thank you all that I got to hear it again. It's such an exciting start, so please continue to pray.

Conference was a wonderful time, and I thank God for the opportunity to come *and* for all of you, my new church family. May God bless you. I hope to see you next year. *SR*

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Comparing notes on family values—Steve McNeme, father of four, and Joanna Lovelace, mother of five.



Lights, camera, action! The children's program showcased their love of the Lord.

Youth pull come-from-behind upset

by Andrew and John Mark Camenga

It was a dark and stormy night. It was a basketball game for fun and profit (support your local youth group). The score was close. The score was tied, and then... it wasn't. The youth won. But it all started like this.

Five youth and five pastors took the court, and after five quick shots, the pastors were up 10-0. It was at this point in time when the announcers, Pastor Dave Taylor and Aaron (Suds) Sudbury, began talking about volleyball.

When the dust settled following the first half, the youth found themselves in a hole the size of the Grand Canyon, and they were losing too. All were astonished (or not), and felt that a "four-peat" was inevitable.

So, we should tell you about what the pastors were doing before

the game. It was a practice like you'd never seen before. They practiced shooting *without a ball*. They dribbled—without a ball—and it was working.

The second half began with four straight points by the pastors. A doubt as to who would win didn't even cross the minds of the spectators. Then, with a flurry of three-point shots that actually went through the basket, and a passage of time, the game was tied (45-45) with a minute to go.

The youth had the ball. The pastors did not. For 35 seconds the youth showed ball-handling skills unsurpassed by any other team on the court at that time.

Two points were scored. The drama mounted.

A pastor was fouled. The foul shot went up. It missed. The second foul shot went up. It was good. The pastors were down by one.

The pastors had played a clean game, so they needed seven fouls in less than half a minute. They were hacking like a bunch of lumberjacks. No trees fell, although a couple of youth did.

The whistle blew. The game was over. There was joy in Lacey. Support your local youth group. *SR*

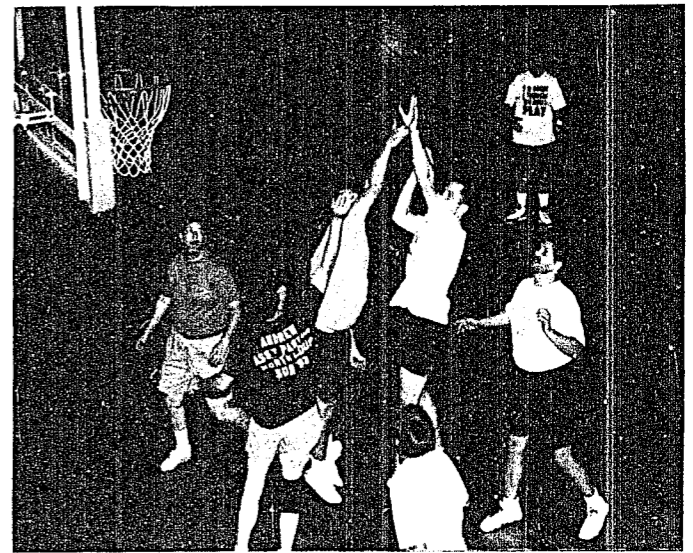
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Everybody sing: "United from Cali' to Rhody, in victory and in defeat."



Pastor Steve Osborn sinks another two points...



...but Chris Bond comes right back for the youth.

Kinship put into practice

by Karen Payne, Dodge Center, Minn.

Kinship! After hearing about it all week at General Conference, we experienced kinship firsthand on the way home to Minnesota.

There we were, stranded on the side of the Interstate in Montana (half-way to nowhere), with our drive shaft laying on the ground beneath the van. A tow truck had been called, but it was going to be awhile before it arrived.

Suddenly, a little red convertible pulled over in front of us and started backing up. Who should get out but Pastor Lawrence Watt! He offered to stay and transport passengers to wherever the van ended up. (I had been wondering how seven of us would fit in the cab of the tow truck.)

Before long, another vehicle slowed and pulled over. It was the

Nehers, fellow church members also headed home from Conference. Using Rich's tool box, our son Brian was able to get the drive shaft

Doug to the next town for a part we needed to get us back on the road.

We were delayed about four hours, but if God hadn't provided

God provided the feeling of kinship so that these fellow SDBs stopped to help even though they wanted to get home.

taken apart by the time the tow truck arrived.

Between Pastor Watt and the Nehers, we all made it to the garage without too much discomfort. Nehers went on their way since they also had a crowd and there was nothing more they could do. But Pastor Watt stayed and took

the people who came along when they did, it might have been much longer. He also provided the feeling of kinship so that these fellow SDBs stopped to help even though they wanted to get home.

Thanks, Pastor Watt and Nehers, for expressing *your kinship* to travelers in need! *SR*

"Leanne, the Levitated"

SR Assistant Editor selected for Guideposts workshop

by Leanne Lippincott

When I arrived home from work on August 5th and opened my mailbox, there it was. A letter from *Guideposts*, the interfaith magazine with a circulation of about 4 million.

In June, I had mailed a manuscript to a *Guideposts* writing contest. The editors would scrutinize all of the entries and ultimately select 15 people to attend a week-long writer's workshop, all expenses paid.

I took the letter out of the mailbox and hurried into the house. Daughter Jennifer, who had already peeked at the mail, greeted me in the kitchen with a wine glass filled with pink lemonade. "You did it, mom!" she exclaimed.

It took a minute or two for me to open the envelope. (Maybe

it's just a nice rejection letter, I thought, even though I knew that only winners would be notified.)

The letter was from James McDermott, Senior Staff Editor. I read the first sentence out loud: "Dear Leanne, I'm delighted to be the one to let you know that we would like you to join us next September 29 for our weeklong Writer's Workshop in Rye, N.Y."

I shouted "Yes! Yes!" and pumped my fist in the air. Then Jennifer and I laughed. And then both of us cried. (I never did finish my lemonade.)

As I started phoning every person I knew on planet earth, a pillow of air slipped under my feet. That's when I became "Leanne, the Levitated."

Guideposts has since informed

me that the 15 winning manuscripts were chosen from more than 5,100. Jennifer had guessed 12 entries. (She's soooooo cute.) And although I had pictured all of the "workshoppers" in a Spartan, rustic setting eating cafeteria-style meals, I learned that we'll actually be staying at the Doral Arrowwood, a 272-room, "state-of-the-art resort conference center, on 114 rolling acres."

Although the workshop is going to be busy and challenging, right now I have more important things on my mind. Like how am I going to enjoy Arrowwood's Jacuzzi if I keep floating *above the water* instead of in it? *SR*

(Adapted from Leanne's "Sunny Side Up" column in the *Milton [Wis.] Courier*.)

SCSC "Luminates"

by Charlotte Chroniger

An enthusiastic Conference crowd welcomed the 1996 Summer Christian Service Corps/Dedicated Service workers to the stage for

their presentation on Thursday afternoon.

The workers entered the room singing, "I Will Celebrate." Team LUMINATE introduced themselves and recited their individual team verses. They then took us on a trip to heaven in God's RV—the "Witnessing Winnebago."

David Stall shared his testimony and reminded us that we must take every opportunity to share the Gospel with those around us before it's too late.

Once again we were blessed by the beautiful musical gifts of our young people. They sang, "Whose Report Will You Believe," "Shine," and "The Power of His Love."



Tanya Henry receives her certificates and thanks from Ruth Probasco, Althea Rood, and Charlotte Chroniger.



The lady workers treated the crowd with "What's He Gonna Say About Me."

The young women harmonized on "What's He Gonna Say About Me."

A new singing group was introduced—"Stained Clothes." The young men shared John Mark Camenga's song, "Ga Ga for God." The workers regrouped and closed with "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

We as a denomination are so blessed to have enthusiastic Christian young people who are willing to serve their Lord and His people.

Althea Rood and Mary Jane McPherson then presented ribbons and certificates to the workers.

We as a denomination are so blessed to have enthusiastic Christian young people who are willing

to serve their Lord and His people. Let's continue to pray for them as they return to their homes and schools. May their lives reflect the love of the Lord and shine as lights in the darkened world. *SR*

(Reprinted from *The Conference Crier*. Please see page 15 for more SCSC coverage.)



Women's banquet a winner

by Margaret Taylor

Ninety-three women gathered Wednesday night for the Women's Banquet, highlight of the Conference week for many of us. A beautiful buffet dinner featured baked salmon and chicken picatta, with a variety of side dishes.

Two young ladies from the Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) '96 team shared testimonies with us. Donnah Eldred from Australia told us of her long search between accepting Christ as Savior and finding a close personal relationship with Him. We rejoice with her in the joy she has found this past year. We thank her for sharing both herself in service this summer (in North Loup, Neb.) as well as her testimony at the banquet.

Laura Dickinson from Marlboro, N.J., also shared with us how SCSC has helped her in her Christian growth. She is a fourth-year vet, and has spent the past two summers serving in Westerly, R.I. Thank you, Laura.

Donna Bond, Women's Board president, hosted this gala event. The food was only one of many de-

lights. The entertainment included an aspiring new male quartet who have dubbed themselves, "Stained Clothes." Don't let the name mis-

Our featured speaker, Debra Wooten, was a great encouragement to all of us, and we appreciated her willingness to come and share with us.

lead you, however. The talent was first class. Beautiful harmony, boys!

"Stained Clothes" served us a delightful medley of old favorite hymns, as well as an original composition written by John Mark Camenga. Other members of the group were Chris Bond, Daniel Van Horn, and David Stall, all members of SCSC '96.

Our featured speaker, Debra Wooten of Tacoma, Wash., is a renowned member of Toastmasters,

who shares her incredible testimony with great enthusiasm and wit. Her sense of humor has been a great asset to the survival of her family, as well as the success of her ministry. She was a great encouragement to all of us, and we appreciated her willingness to come and share with us.

The Love Gift collection was taken during the banquet, and the count at the close of the evening was over \$2,900. *SR*

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Debra Wooten gave the women an inspirational message.



"Stained Clothes" going "ga-ga" for God (l. to r.): Daniel Van Horn, John Mark Camenga, David Stall, and Chris Bond.

Robe of Achievement recipient shares the joy

Luan Ellis is a committed Christian, a humble servant who is always ready and willing to be of service wherever she is needed.

She was born in Olean, N.Y., to Rev. Harley and Madge (Wilson) Sutton. Her father was pastor of the Little Genesee, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church at the time. She grew up in Alfred Station, N.Y., and joined the Alfred Station

has joined her in chaperoning several class trips.) She was president of the teachers' union for several years, and is well respected by both faculty and students.

Luan has served the local church in many ways all her life. She taught Sabbath School and Vacation Bible School, chaired the Finance Committee, and served as president and secretary of the Union Industrial Society (ladies organization). She chaired the Christian Education Committee for several years, and also chaired many fund raising and service dinners. Luan has served as clerk of the church and director of the chime choir. She prepares the church bulletin each week and sings in the choir.

Throughout her life, Luan has lived out the theme she chose as General Conference president: "Share the Joy."

SDB Church in 1954. She has been an active member there ever since.

Luan and her husband of 34 years, Ronald, have three children: Timothy, Terry, and Debi.

She graduated from Alfred-Almond Central School in Almond, N.Y., and earned a master's degree in Math Education from Alfred (N.Y.) University. Luan has served as advisor for several high school classes at Alfred-Almond, where she has taught for 29 years. (Ron

Luan has been recording secretary and a member of the Executive Committee for Allegheny Association. Both she and Ron have been delegates to other SDB Associations.

Luan has served the SDB Board of Christian Education as a summer youth worker, a member of the Board of Directors for 25 years, chairman of the Youth Committee, and vice president. She also served



Luan Ellis (left) receives the 1996 Robe and plaque from Yvonne Stephan of the selection committee.

the Board as chairman of the Life Ventures Committee for several years.

She was Conference president in 1988-89, and a member of General Council. Luan and her husband co-chaired the Conference Host Committee in 1976 and 1983. She has also chaired the Missions International Interest Committee.

Luan is currently a member of the local MORE 2000 Leadership Team, and serves as the MORE 2000 denominational coordinator for churches in the North Central Association. She is also an elected member and secretary of the SDB Council on Ministry.

Throughout her life, Luan has lived out the theme she chose as General Conference president: "Share the Joy." She is a bubbly, joyful person who lives her Christian commitment and shares the joy of the Christian life with everyone around her.

The Women's Board is honored to present the 1996 Robe of Achievement to Luan Sutton Ellis. *SR*



Luan Ellis heads toward the stage amidst appreciative applause.



the BEACON

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

October 1996

Youth Pre-Con competes in '96 "Mylanta Games"

by Justin Hibbard

Hallelujah, the Lord was at Camp McCullough! Our time at Youth Pre-Con was spent learning about perseverance as well as choices we as Christians need to make.

Each night we watched a movie based on our lessons. Our movies included "Chariots of Fire" (the true story of an Olympic runner who endured great stumbling blocks and chose not to run on Sunday because he believed it was God's day for worship and rest); "Joni" (the true story of a diver who one day became paralyzed. She persevered through her disabilities to become a great painter and an inspiring witness for Jesus Christ); and "The Hiding Place" (the true

story of a Christian family who at the time of the Holocaust chose to hide Jews in their home even though it was against the law. Although the family suffered immensely, their story of courage still lives today).

An amazing 44 campers came to Youth Pre-Con. Each one brought an athletic body and willing spirit to learn about the Lord. We were separated into four groups—Australia, Israel, Japan, and Russia. Each team worked, studied, and competed like the Olympics, or better known as "Mylanta 1996."

Games varied from trivia to grab bag relay. Australia came in first place, followed by Russia, Japan, and Israel. Closing ceremonies

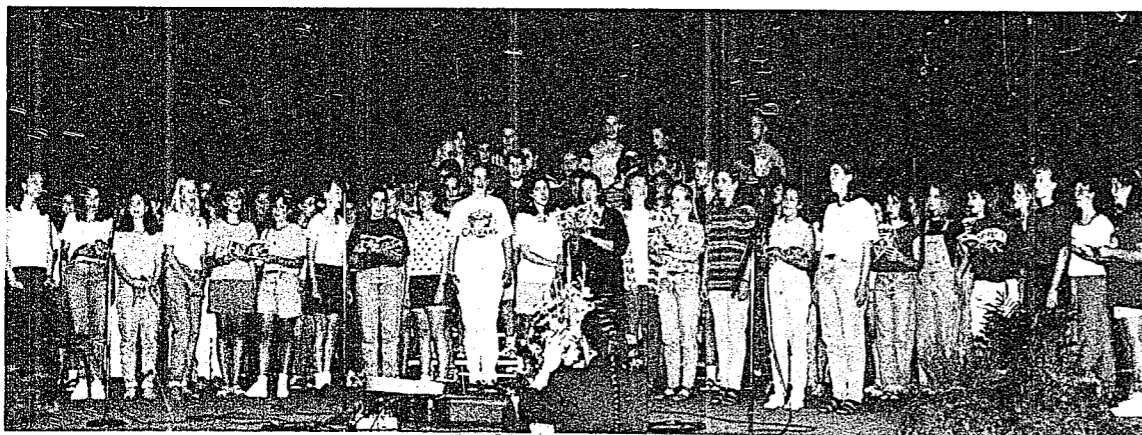
were held at the Youth Banquet.

It was so exciting for youth all over the country to come together and praise the Lord. Truly, we made a joyful noise with our voices and instruments.

Our Sabbath worship service was great! Nathan Roy, Dusty Mackintosh, and Jeff Rood delivered excellent messages on perseverance.

We all learned more about our Lord and our faith. Even though we may have tough times in life, we must learn to persevere through them and stand with our Lord Jesus Christ no matter what. *SR*

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Our future looks bright with all these participants at the two Pre-Cons.

Team "LUMINATE" shines coast-to-coast

Liberty

Workers: Kristin Rood and Emily Davis

Project: Battle Creek, Mich.

- Did odd jobs, including picking up pieces of wood from a demolished garage.
- Worked at Intermediate Camp at Camp Holston.
- Helped with Senior Camp at Camp Wakonda, Milton, Wis.
- Joined church members in coordinating an outreach into the community with a youth choir from Wisconsin. Work included passing out fliers door-to-door.

Unity

Workers: Becky Young, Dave Stall, and Kellie Mazza

Project: Boulder, Colo.

- Worked on the new basketball/volleyball court at Camp Paul Hummel.
- Helped with Senior Camp at Camp Hummel.
- Assisted staff at Junior and Primary Camp.
- Did yard work around parsonage and church.
- Helped install "hurricane straps" inside the new church.

Messenger

Workers: Cindy Dickinson and Rachel Parker

Project: Dodge Center, Minn.

- Helped with Vacation Bible School, including recruitment, preparation, and participation.
- Worked at club "I.O.U."
- Helped staff the SDB puppet booth at the Dodge County Fair.
- Cleaned out the supply closet and prepared the "Just Two Time" for Intermediate Camp.
- Joined staff at Camp Wakonda in Milton, Wis.

Inspired

Workers: Nicole Cruzan, Tanya Henry, Adam Mackintosh, and Margot Walker

Project: Milton, Wis.

- Helped the Senior Saints refurbish the bathrooms at Camp Wakonda; made new beds and installed new mattresses.
- Counseled at Jr. High, Sr. High, and Intermediate camps.
- Guided the "Prayer Safari" at Day Camp.

Nike

Workers: Jacinta Neher, Donnah Eldred, and John Mark Camenga

Project: North Loup, Neb.

- Typed the church newsletter, updated the music library, and prepared the Youth Sabbath worship service.
- Helped with Intermediate Camp at Camp Riverview.
- Went on a one-week "Safari" with 18 children under the age of 6.
- Worked with Junior campers at Camp Riverview.

Agape

Workers: Amanda Graffius, Brian Heath, Cathy Rogers, and Daniel Van Horn

Project: Riverside, Calif.

- Helped conduct a two-week "Jesus Expedition" at Pacific Pines Camp.
- Assisted church pastors with "a little bit of everything!" (Rearranged church library, cleaned out storage attics behind sanctuary, did visitation, planned weekly YF meeting, etc.)
- Recreation and teaching at Vacation Bible School.

Truth

Workers: Chris Bond and Debbie Moncrief

Project: Shiloh, N.J.

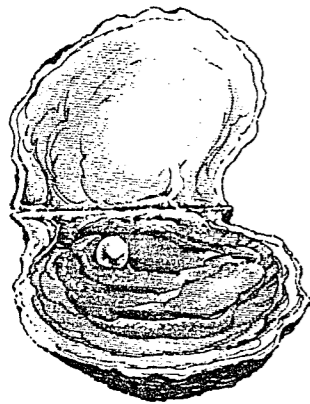
- Ran week of Bible School.
- Helped with Senior Camp.
- Provided Day Camp for 47 "midget campers," with the theme, "Superheroes of the Bible."
- Spent an interesting week learning the Ten Commandments with 37 Junior campers.

Escape

Workers: Amy Skaggs and Lora Dickinson

Project: Westerly, R.I.

- Helped with Junior Camp, including directing the music.
- Assisted with Vacation Bible School, directing the musical and crafts.
- Visited youth, their families, and the elderly. Played guitar and sang songs on those visits.



Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian

Randolph a living legend of service to God and country

The Sabbath Recorder for June 17, 1972, carried an article from Link, a magazine for military chaplains and servicemen which ran a series devoted to various United States Senators. The second in that series was devoted to a Seventh Day Baptist, Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia.

The article began with an experience of a decade prior as he lay flat on his back, completely immobile after an operation for a detached

retina. Senator Randolph began by saying:

When a man is in this position, many things run through his mind. I found time for meditation of my place in life, not only as a man but as a Christian. One lies perfectly quiet on his back for days before the operation. The patient's eyes are tightly covered, and he is not allowed to turn either to the left or the right. He has no opportunity to see.

So in the quietness and the darkness of those uncomfortable days and nights, even a Senator can meditate, and I have done much of that.

Some of these thoughts came to my mind on September 3 as Ilou

and I stopped to see the Senator as he was lying in bed at a nursing home in the St. Louis suburb of Creve Coeur, Mo. We had been there two years before and spent time wheeling him to the dining room, and visiting and praying with him in the chapel.

This time he was confined to his bed and his eyes remained closed, but his mind and his spirit had not appeared to dim one bit. He greeted us with the deep resonant voice which I had long associated with his speeches at Conference.

When I stated that one of my reasons for coming to see him was to deliver a Citation (see facing page) which the SDB Historical Society had presented at General Conference on behalf of the Society and Conference as a whole, his voice nearly broke with appreciation as he declared, "That's my people."

I read to the Senator the contents of that Citation which his good friend, Dr. K. Duane Hurley, had helped to draft. After each item, he would respond with words of remembrance as just that portion of a lifetime of 94 years stretched across his clear mind.

He expressed regret that he was no longer able to attend Conference, but that he had his Seventh Day Baptist family in prayer, and was so grateful that we had remembered him. As we joined our hands in prayer, I could sense his emotions joined in each praise, thanksgiving, and petition.

We left the Citation with the nurses in charge who promised that they would read it to him as often as he wished. After reading the document to herself, one of them said, "I never realized what a great man he has been." My response was, "Not 'has been,' but is." **SR**

THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is proud to present the

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for meritorious service in the preservation, interpretation and communication of history for the present and future.

It is not often that one person can serve on the committee for the Bicentennial celebration of her church in 1937
Moderate a session of the 225 Anniversary in 1962
Chair the 250th Anniversary Committee in 1987

The dedication of the Church History carries the notation:
*"She has a keen insight into the value of knowing one's heritage.
But she is also able to use the past as a
building block for the future."*

The Historical Society thus honors one who has been a Life Member of the Society for the longest period of any living member.

THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

on behalf of the General Conference and church members
takes great pleasure in awarding this

CITATION

to

THE HONORABLE JENNINGS RANDOLPH

We salute you as a distinguished legislative leader, a true statesman, a conscientious churchman, and an exemplary citizen-at-large, a person devoted to family, friends and colleagues.

You have unselfishly given a lifetime of service to society, beginning as college professor, newspaper and magazine editor, airline executive and then in the United States House of Representatives and Senate for over 40 years.

You have always championed worthy causes, such as employment for the blind, and other handicapped people, voting privileges for youthful citizens, development of the transcontinental highway system, creation of a network of airports nationwide, research in connection with alternative energy sources, building the National Air and Space Museum, as well as the establishment of a National Peace Academy.

You have remained faithful throughout the years to your religious convictions and your heritage in Salem, West Virginia. Your birthplace home has become a Center for Public Service Studies on the campus of your Alma Mater, Salem College which has evolved into Salem-Teikyo University. For fifty years you meritoriously served as a member of the institution's Board of Trustees. You have retained an active relationship with your hometown church, even while helping to establish and attending the Seventh Day Baptist Church in our Nation's Capital.

We are aware of your steadfast commitment over the years to the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and its mission. You have championed the separation of church and state and opposed legislation which would encroach upon the rights of Sabbath keepers. We commend you for the consistency of your life style and congratulate you for your extraordinary accomplishments. It is with heartfelt admiration we single you out for this special recognition and honor.

Conference in session at Lacey, WA
August 10, 1996

John M. Paul Conference President

Don A. Sanford Society Historian

1996 Scripture Memorization Program

The 1995-96 Scripture Memory Program featured President John Peil's theme, "At the Crossroads." Participants who completed the program were presented certificates at the General Conference sessions in Lacey, Wash. Please see last month's SR for the listing of the new memorization schedule, or contact the SDB Board of Christian Education at (607) 587-8527.

Adams Center, NY
Pastor Andrew J. Camenga
Colleen Hatch
John Hatch
Jamie Ingersoll
Casey Sanders
Mildred Scriven
Amanda Sweet

Alfred Station, NY
Mindy Barnes
Susie Butts
Peggy Chroniger
Rachel Chroniger
Phyllis Mattison
Reid Mattison
Caleb Noel
Dorothy Noel
Melissa Noel
Amanda Snyder
Joseph Torkaman

All Nations, CA
Noreen Garcia
Tameka McLeod
Lynch
Theresa Miranda
Heather Rockwell

Bay Area, CA
Lindsay Crouch
Kayleigh Jean
Andre Mackintosh
Micah Mackintosh
Rachel Meeker
Caleb Peters
Ricky Peters
Kingston Sims
Starlena Sims
Sterling Sims

Boulder, CO
Pastor Elmo Fitz
Randolph
Madeline Fitz
Randolph
Kelly Ketterman
Doris Rood
Tim Rood
Shari Severance

Amy Skaggs
Amberle Thorngate
Christina Thorngate
Josiah Thorngate
Levi Thorngate
Mary Wells
Pat Williams

Central, MD
Rose Chroniger
Jean Cook
Jeannie Halso
Shane Halso
Jeffrey Hazen
Ruth Hazen
Dianne Hibbard
Earl Hibbard
Justin Hibbard
Patrick Hibbard
Dakota Watt
Emily Watt
Kristina Watt
Raakeli Watt

Columbus, OH
Helen Bond
Gavin Fox
Aubrey Greene
Kyle Greene
Carrie Spaur
Micah Van Horn

Daytona Beach, FL
Alan Crouch
Rick Crouch
Dale Hull
Leora Pinder
Mike Spearl
Clara Thompson
Socrates Thompson
Bethany Thompson-Gordon
Patricia Thompson-Gordon
Patrick Thompson-Gordon
Erma Van Horn

Dodge Center, MN
Seili Bond
Jordan Greene

Jeffrey Neher
Karlene Neher
Baylea Osborn
Quentin Osborn
Brian Payne
Cathy Payne
Karen Payne
Marcy Payne
Pastor Dale Rood
Jeff Rood

Foothill, CA
Jonathan Mackintosh

Hebron, PA
Desmond Burns
Sara Burns
Edna Gaines
Rebecca Kenyon

Hopkinton, RI
Delilah Allen
Kathi King
Vivian Looper
Thelma Tarbox

Little Rock, AR
Carl Burks
Jean Hendrickson
Alfred Lewis
Betty Lewis
Benjamin Monroe
Joshua Monroe
Rachel Monroe
Seth Monroe
Timothy Monroe
Winnie Monroe
Jennifer Newton
Betty Seager
Irving Seager
Bob Sullivan
Doris Van Horn
Pastor Kenneth Van Horn

Marlboro, NJ
Diane F. Cruzan
Sharon L. Davis
Helene Miller

Milton, WI
Elizabeth Daland

Rosie Geske
Jayne Lubke
Neil Lubke
Phillip Lubke
Abbi Marteny

New York City, NY
Hyacinth Caesar
Theona Gordon
Kimberly Robinson
Nicole Robinson

Raritan Valley, NJ
Mary Jane McPherson
Carolyn Weber
Pastor Jeanne Yurke

Richburg, NY
Benjamin Harris
Linda Harris
Pastor Robert Harris

Riverside, CA
Pastor Eric Davis
Kathie Hoskins
Lorie Hoskins
Ryan Kentfield
Jodie Lamoreaux
Nathan Lee
Noel Perez
Joshua Whitlock

Salemville, Bell, PA
Lois Fletcher

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Christopher Hemminger
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Maurice Jones
Reeca Nash
Amanda Noyes
James Noyes
Melodie Noyes
Kelsey Owen
Kendall Owen
Steve Pegg
Maude Posey
Benjamin Ulich

David Ulich
Karen Ulich
Jacob Williams

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Jan Bond
Richard Bond
Nancy Davis
Dodi Moncrief

Texarkana, AR
Mary Mitchell
Tyler Richards
Lena Mae Slaton

Toronto, Canada
Joanna Brown
Merlin Condison
Hugh Fyffe
Sandra Fyffe
Sharai Fyffe
Tiffani Fyffe
Winsome Gilmore
Christine Lindo
Godfrey London
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Patrick London
Lenna Morris
Elfreda Myers
Florence Reynolds
Natasha Reynolds
Karlene Rhoden
Evelyn Taylor
Everton Williams
Temeka Williams

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Washington, DC
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FOCUS
on Missions

Church and industry growing in Zambia

by Kirk Looper

The work in Zambia continues as SDBs reach out to people living along the Copper Belt in Northern Zambia. They are thankful for the prayers and gifts which have allowed their Conference to grow to almost 45 churches and fellowships. God has richly blessed them.

One of the Conference's primary goals is to establish people in jobs that will simultaneously sustain them and the Conference. Several projects have been set up to do this. Each consists of two or more people

duce and stock, to be shared with the employees and the Conference.

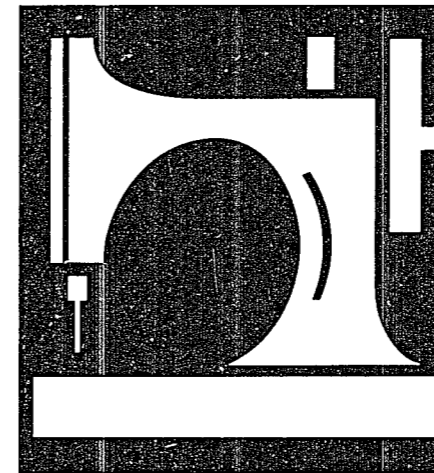
Because of their present financial situation, this project seems like a dream. But it's a plan that could be implemented and achieved, if they receive outside help for the bulk of the investment. We are looking at \$5,000 per year to accomplish this goal.

Since each of their churches has a large number of orphans, the establishment of orphanages is an on-going task. Church members take care of the orphans by providing food

A portion of the program will be dedicated to caring for the blind and handicapped.

The arrival of sewing machines, donated by SDBs in the United States, helped establish another industry in the Zambian Conference. And they can always handle more sewing machines because they have women who are willing and able to teach this skill to others.

Each sewing machine provides work for two employees—one to do the measuring and sizing, and the other to do the actual sewing. Even



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and shelter. However, most of the members are poor and have little to share.

An organization known as the Faith Orphanage Program has been developed, and its leaders are trying to locate a facility to house the orphans. They would then be able to provide regular meals and perhaps educate the children. This school could also be open to the children of church members.

Most of the orphans were left behind when their parents died from AIDS, diphtheria, cholera, or typhoid. AIDS is one of the diseases that effects the people the most because it usually kills both parents.

helping each other while providing a service in the market.

Farms have been established at Kanyanga, Kabulankanshi, and Kalulushi. These are in rural areas that are not easily accessible, and many agricultural supplies have to be shipped in from great distances.

The plan includes a medium-term project which aims for self-sufficiency in 10 years. The total cost is estimated at \$45,900, which includes tools, labor, seed stock, and fertilizer. In return, the farms should net over \$200,000 in pro-

though the income is not large, the availability of this trade is valuable, both to the individual Conference member, and to the economy of the country as a whole.

The people in Zambia send their thanks and prayers to those who have donated to their projects. And they look forward to showing that these funds and materials have been put to good use. The boxes of used clothing and books have been vital to the churches' welfare and Bible studies. The donation of funds for bicycles has raised our total number of bicycles to within 10 of having our goal met. ❧



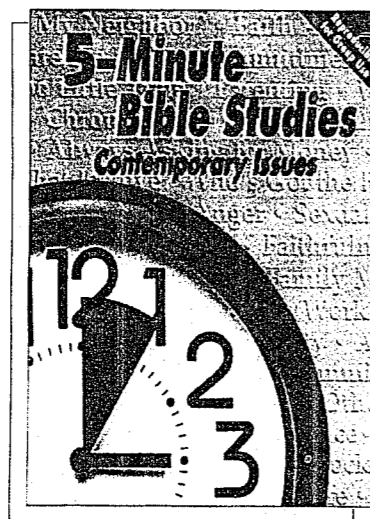
Bible study addresses contemporary issues

The popular *5-Minute Bible Study* series from Concordia Publishing House (CPH) directs people to Scripture for short studies that contain valuable wisdom from God's Word.

The newest book in the series by Roger Sonnenberg and Tom Doyle contains a year's worth of brief studies on contemporary issues such as parenting, faithfulness, time management, immorality, and more.

Each study consists of a one-page reproducible sheet that contains a small portion of Scripture, guiding questions, and a prayer outline. The studies are simple to lead so leaders—called at the last minute to

share a devotion before church meetings, programs, or functions—can provide meaningful



Scripture study. The studies are also helpful for individuals, church groups, and families to use.

The 52 studies in this book are scripturally solid, relevant to people's lives, and easy to understand.

This new *Contemporary Issues* title is the third in the successful series. Two other books address topical studies and seasonal studies on everything from President's Day to Easter and Advent. **SR**

Available directly from CPH (phone 1-800-325-3040), or through your local Christian bookstore.

How women serve the Lord, even in the face of adversity

Christian women today juggle many responsibilities as they face a wide range of challenges in their lives. The new Bible study, *You and Me, Lord*, acknowledges their needs and celebrates their gifts with an inspiring look at the many ways women serve the Lord, even in the face of trials and difficulties.

In this six-session study, participants will find support and encouragement in their trials along with insight to help and strengthen others. Specific emphasis is given to God's continual comfort, guidance, and strength as His servants are

challenged with the brokenness caused by sin.

This study also addresses physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges often experienced by women

awaits Christian women, He will always be with them to offer "Pardon for the Past, Power for the Present, and Promise for the Future." **SR**

God promises that no matter what awaits Christian women, He will always be with them.

who are striving to serve the Lord. *You and Me, Lord* focuses on God's promise that no matter what

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Jersey Oaks now has "Bond Lodge"

by Donna S. Bond

It was a picture-perfect Sabbath afternoon in South Jersey. On June 15, 1996, members of the Shiloh and Marlboro SDB Churches gathered around the main lodge at Jersey Oaks Camp. First on the agenda was fellowship and food, then reminiscence and dedication. We were there to dedicate the camp's main lodge to the memory of former pastor Charles H. Bond and rename the lodge in his honor.

Elizabeth Bidwell, church historian, shared a brief summary of Jersey Oaks Camp, focusing on the building of the physical facilities during the winter of 1959-60. It was noted that for 14 consecutive Sundays, 20 to 40 able-bodied men, collectively possessing all the needed skills, appeared on the scene to clear brush and build the 30 by 60-foot lodge.

Remarkably (especially after the terrible winter of '96), there were no Sundays during this period when the crew was not blessed with good weather. In fact, the work on the lodge proceeded so well that they decided to construct the boys' and girls' dormitories as well.

Thus the camp site was well prepared for its "maiden voyage" in 1960. Pastor Bond expressed amazement over what had happened in just nine months' time!

Owen Probasco, church moderator, referred to camp as a "stepping stone on the path of Christian experience," and challenged us to continue the camping program. Tim Bond then read an original poem about his dad and the camping program.

Testimonies about camping with Pastor Bond followed. Several people shared memorable experiences, both humorous and inspirational.

Since "you can't have camp with-

out kids," some of Jersey Oaks' finest—the Shiloh Children's Choir, directed by Charlotte Chroniger—treated us to their renditions of "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" and "Jesus Loves Me."

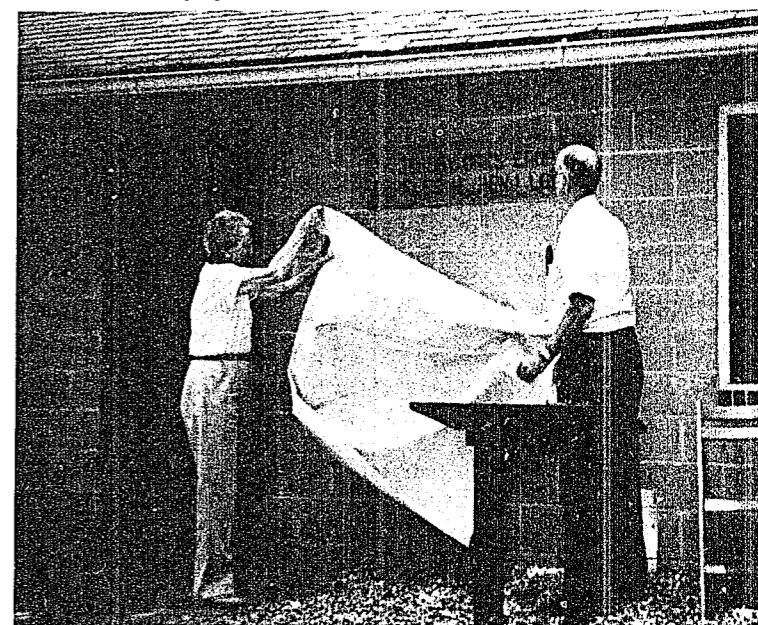
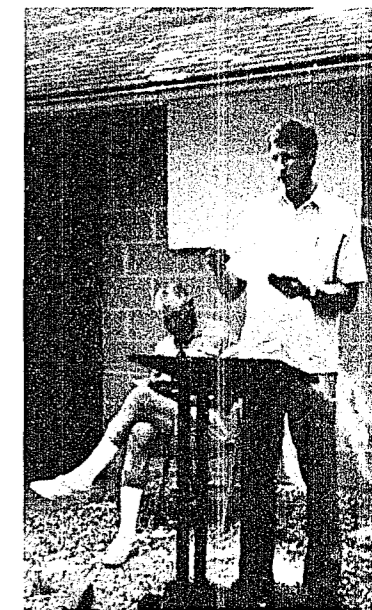
The aura of suspense was finally lifted with the presentation of two beautiful, tasteful plaques. Charles' beloved wife, Margaret, and his son, Ron, unveiled the first plaque: a large oak sign mounted next to the main entrance. It featured handcarved lettering, naming both the camp and the lodge.

The church moderator then presented the second plaque—to be hung inside the lodge—to Charles' son, Phil. (The photo mounted on the plaque could have come from a spring issue of *Ideals* magazine.) It depicted two sides of the building, framed by green branches overhead and bright azaleas on the ground. A

Right: Tim Bond reads a poem while Owen Probasco listens. Below: Margaret Bond, with help from her son, Ron, unveils her husband's memorial plaque.

cameo-type portrait of Pastor Bond, in the glory of his camping days and in robust health, was set in the lower right corner of the picture.

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The inscription on the plaque read:

Jersey Oaks Camp
Charles H. Bond Lodge
Built in 1960
The Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church
Dedicates this Building in Memory of
Rev. Charles H. Bond
(Pastor, Encourager, Camper, Friend)
For His Many Years of Leadership and Vision
June 15, 1996

Pastor Don Chroniger, who now carries Pastor Bond's torch of leadership at Jersey Oaks Camp, led us in a responsive prayer, dedicating

both the lodge and the participants to the teaching of the Word and the nurture of our children by precept and example.

Samuels installed in NY City

After three years of being without a pastor, and the ensuing months of seemingly endless meetings, the day arrived. On March 23, 1996, Rev. Andrew Samuels was installed as the pastor of the New York City Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The installation service began about 3:15 p.m. with a lively "sing-irpiration" led by Sister Dawn Comrie. Deacon Leonard Stewart led the processional with the call to worship, "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God in Zion..." The opening hymn was "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Rev. Larry Graffius of the Marlboro, N.J., SDB Church gave the invocation and led in the Lord's Prayer. Church clerk Sylvia Clarke extended a warm welcome, reading a few announcements and sharing letters from churches and ministers who were unable to attend. Elder Neil Matthew, from the Victory Tabernacle Christian Church Seventh Day, led the congregation in the responsive Scripture reading, taken from Ezekiel 34:1-12.

The attendees were then blessed by an inspiring rendition of "People Need the Lord" by Rev. Graffius. The offering followed, with the response and blessing given by Pastor J. Jackson.

After being treated to several gospel folk songs by the Gospel Heralds, Pastor David Taylor of the Pawcatuck SDB Church (West-erly, R.I.) issued the charge to the church, detailing its responsibility to the pastor. Following a medley of songs by the children's choir, Rev. Joe A. Samuels issued the charge to the pastor.

The church choir, directed by Pauline James, blessed the congregation with "Praise You" and "The

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Lord is Holy," which caused all present to echo their claim.

Before delivering the afternoon sermon ("The Type of Person God Uses," based on Acts 3:1-10), Pastor Andrew remarked, "This is the best choir in—you fill in the blank. Our hearts are truly blessed by all that has been done here."

In his sermon, he made the fol-

As the congregation began to disperse, it occurred to me that an entire generation of campers, including Pastor Bond's own grandchildren, had grown up since his final camping season in 1980. It was a comfort to remember the words I first heard at BWA (Baptist World Alliance) in Argentina last summer: "Being a successful leader includes training your successors."

Pastor Bond ("Dad"), 36 seasons at Jersey Oaks Camp and the impact on hundreds of lives proves that you did your job well! *SR*

lowing points:

- God uses people who are already doing the right things (v. 1)
- God uses people who are willing to be interrupted (vv. 2-3)
- God uses people who pay attention to needs (v. 4)
- God uses people who inspire hope in others (vv. 4-5)
- God uses people who use what they have, leaving the rest to God (v. 6)

He concluded by committing to be a "lifter" of all in the congregation and community, to be used by God.

Pastor Donald Chroniger of the Shiloh, N.J., church then carried out the Act of Installation. Pastor Kenroy Cruickshank of Hope SDB Church (Philadelphia, Pa.) gave the installation prayer, and Deacon Stewart presented Pastor Andrew with a pulpit robe. The closing hymn, "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us," was sung, and Pastor B. Mckie (Faith Apostolic Church of God Seventh Day) gave the benediction.

The New York City SDB Church is grateful that God has blessed us with a new pastor, and hope that God has exciting things in store for us. We are thankful for all who participated in this blessed day. *SR*

Deacon Stewart feted at dinner

by Lorraine Calame

On March 24, 1996, the New York City Seventh Day Baptist Church honored Deacon Leonard Stewart with an appreciation dinner. Brother Stewart is a charter member of the church.

Pastor Charles French of the Victory Tabernacle Seventh Day Christian Church served as master of ceremonies. Following the opening hymn, "If Jesus Goes with Me," Deacon Clinton Caesar read from Psalms 1:1-6. Deacon George Gordon then led in prayer.

While dinner was being served, Sister Maureen Rickards of the fellowship committee welcomed the honoree, his family, and all of the well-wishers. Deacon Harold Smith

offered the first tribute in song, "I Could Never Out-Love the Lord." His solo was followed by Sister Dawn Comrie's performance of "Thank You."

A special tribute came from the honoree's wife, Deaconess Vera Stewart. She lauded Leonard's dedication to the church and his family. The heads of various church auxiliaries also praised him.

Additional tributes were given by long-time friend Pastor Joe Samuels, and by Sister Juanita West of the Faith SDB Branch Church. More songs were offered by Sister M. Callender (Victory Tabernacle) and Sister P. James. After "open tributes" given from the floor,

Pastor Andrew Samuels spoke. His brief address was entitled, "Ordinary, Yet Extraordinary."

Sister Linda Anderson, also a charter member of the church, read a citation, which was then presented to Deacon Stewart by Sister D. Walsh. Leonard thanked everyone for attending, and expressed his love for the church.

Fellowship committee member Brother E. Cooper thanked the honoree, his family, and all who helped make the occasion special. Following the singing of "Close to Thee," Pastor Andrew gave the benediction. It was a fine tribute to an "ordinary, yet extraordinary" man. *SR*

SR Reaction

Conference committee encourages SDBs to have holiness begin at home

In light of the continuing drift of the entertainment industry and in line with the Scripture to meditate on those things that are pure, noble, virtuous, and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8), we encourage Seventh Day Baptists as individuals and families to search their hearts and search the Scriptures, to bring holiness into their homes and to reject what is profane, sexually immoral or violent in videos, TV shows, movies, books, magazines and other forms of entertainment.

(From the report of the Christian Social Action Interest Committee report to General Conference in Lacey, Wash., August 1996. In an upcoming SR, we will publish the full CSA Interest Committee report to consider boycotting the Walt Disney Company and its subsidiaries. Recent actions of the Disney Company have promoted homosexuality and anti-Christian themes.)

Dear Kevin,

Lost Creek's newly organized youth groups have worked diligently to raise money to send to the SR. They had a rummage sale and made ice cream to sell, then had a Submarine Sale.

The older group (7th-11th grade), under the direction of Denny and Kim Bond, has 10 active members. They are known as the SDB Footsteps.

I work with the younger group (grades 3, 4 & 5) that helps the older group with the projects. They re-named their group "Little Pebbles." Their reasoning: Christ is the Rock; we can be His "Little Pebbles."

Footsteps sends \$75.00; Little Pebbles, \$25.00; and the Sabbath School, \$50.00.

God bless you as you continue to publish a great Sabbath Recorder.

In Christ's great love,
Margaret Allen
Jane Lew, WV

Births

Cooper.—A son, Jibreel Langston Imara Cooper, was born to Ericessen and Crystal Cooper of Hempstead, NY, on May 15, 1996.

Women's Love Gift Distribution (\$3,157):

Donnah Eldred	\$100.00
Erik Henry	\$100.00
Jeff Hazen	\$100.00
"Stained Glass"	\$100.00

Percentage of remaining:

Luis Lovelace family	50%
David & Bettie Pearson	30%
SCSC/Dedicated Service	10%
Women's Needs Overseas	10%

Budget news from Conference

Recommendations from the Budget and Finance Committee

We have labored over the "Summary of 1997 Anticipated Denominational Income and Assets to be Used" as referred from General Council. We considered possible changes, especially with regard to General Services, which in our estimation is in the most urgent need in order not to negatively affect Seventh Day Baptist individuals, churches, and the various boards and agencies. We are convinced that unless General Services is fully funded soon and regularly, the necessary cuts that will result will cost us dearly, both in terms of money and lost services. Those cuts are imminent. Unfortunately, we have seen no other solution for General Services, and for the other recipients of Current Giving, many of whom are also seriously threatened by shortfalls, than to realize the projected Current Giving.

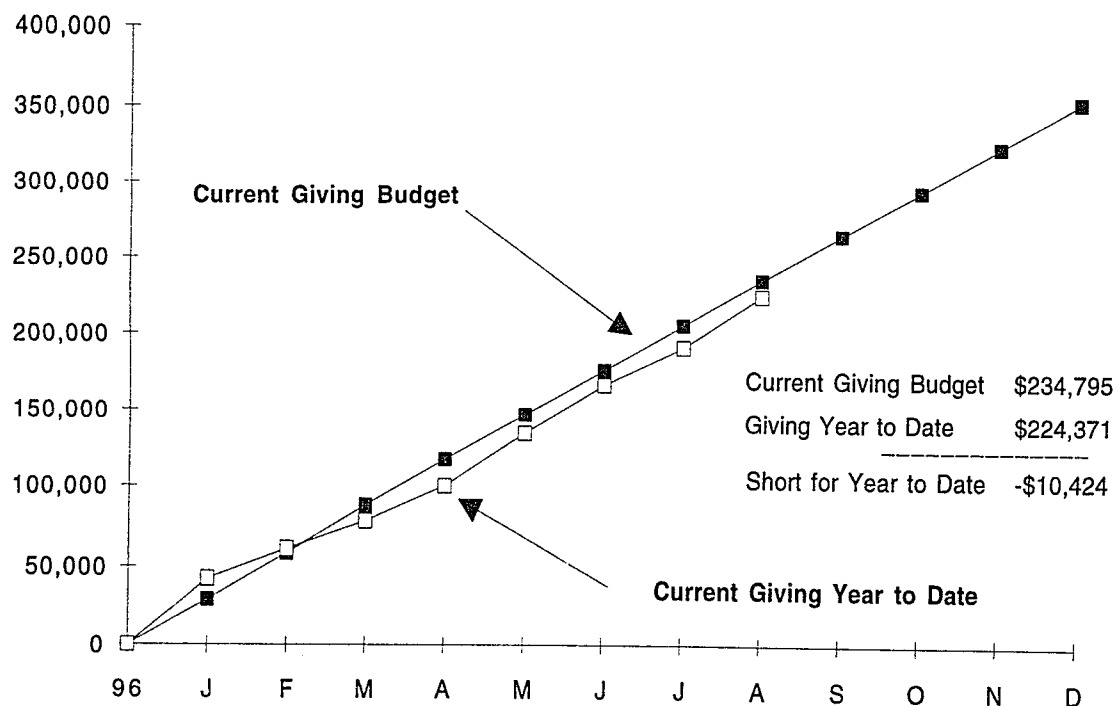
We recommend that conference accept the "Summary of 1997 Antici-

pated Denominational Income and Assets to be Used" as the denominational budget for the coming year.

We need to raise enough money to fund the denominational programs that are in place. Money is needed to be able to finish this year. Current Giving must keep up with needs on a month by month basis throughout the coming year if we are to be able to do the things that have been approved and expected. In an effort to reach that goal, we have the following recommendation:

We recommend that in order to increase giving to the SDB Budget, each church seriously consider tithing to the SDB Budget their undesignated tithes and offerings at a rate of 15-20% or more. Any designated gifts received by the church for the SDB Budget should be in addition to their tithes.

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Obituaries

Hill.—Frederick L. Hill, 92, of Danielson, Conn., died on May 2, 1996, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Conn.

He was born in Wallingford, Conn., on October 2, 1902, the son of Linus A. and Ethal (Lucas) Hill. He was the husband of Helen (Odette) Hill, and a partner with his father in the watch and clock repair business.

Fred was a member of the Danielson Baptist Church and a former member of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Marion Dunn Lodge 19 in Ocala, Fla.; past royal patron of Guelda Cress Court 29 Order of Amaranth, Ocala; and was later affiliated with Rainbow Court 20 in Windham, Conn. He was a past worthy patron of Belliveau (Fla.) Chapter 112 Order of the Eastern Star, and was later affiliated with Danielson Chapter 77 in Brooklyn.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two sons, Alfred of Pleasanton, Calif., and David of Trona, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two nieces. He was predeceased by two brothers.

Sutton.—Nellie Sutton, 92, of Berea, W. Va., died on June 15, 1996, at Medina (Ohio) General Hospital.

She was born on August 26, 1903, in Berea, the daughter of Ephram and Sarah (Knisley) Davis. She worked in a paper mill in Akron, Ohio, while living there with her husband, Oma Sutton. In 1975, they returned to Berea, where Nellie attended the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Dee McVicker of Kent, Ohio; two grandchildren, three nieces, and four nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oma; two adult siblings, Irvin Davis and Ber-

tha Sutton; five brothers and two sisters who died in infancy; and a half-sister, Rosa Daugherty.

Funeral services were held on June 18, 1996, at the McCullough-Rogers Funeral Home in Pennsboro. Berice (Mitchell) Currey, and the Revs. Donald Richards and Edward Sutton officiated. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Berea.

Ellis.—Delmar B. Ellis, 88, of Stephentown, N.Y., passed away on June 18, 1996, at Edgecombe Nursing Home in Lenox, Mass., where he had lived since May 30.

He was born in Stephentown on November 25, 1907, the son of Charles and Lula (Carpenter) Ellis. He married Frances Wells on October 12, 1935, in Plainfield, N.J.

Delmar lived in Stephentown all of his life. He graduated from Berlin (N.Y.) High School at a time when it was necessary to travel to school by train. He graduated from Alfred (N.Y.) University in 1930, and was baptized at Alfred while a university student.

He worked on his father's dairy farm and also studied refrigeration. Once his father retired, Delmar started his own refrigeration sales and service business.

After retiring in 1970, Delmar and his wife traveled all over the country in their travel trailer, spending summers in Arizona, Texas, and Florida.

Delmar was an active member of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was ordained a deacon in 1936, and served the church in that capacity for 60 years. He also taught Sabbath School.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, survivors include two daughters, Ruth Hazen of Tracy's Landing, Md., and Sandra Clare of Bridgewater, N.J.; two sons, Howard of Queensbury, N.Y.,

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Accessions

Blountville, TN
Edward Sutton, pastor
Joined after baptism
Brandon Fullen

New York City, NY
Andrew Samuels, pastor
Joined after baptism
Mercene Gayle
Oneil Gordon
Paula Loney
Shane West
Tanisha Williams
Joined by letter
Jesreene Murphy
Myra Smith

Philadelphia, PA
Kenroy Cruickshank, pastor
Joined after baptism
Janet Lupo
Richard Donato

Salem, WV
Dale Thorngate, pastor
Joined after testimony
Robert L. Martin Jr.
Mary Alice Martin

Marriages

Gaskin - Barrett.—Ricardo Gaskin and Alison Barrett were married on June 23, 1996, in the garden of Curtis Hall, Wyncote, PA. Pastors Kenroy Cruickshank and Corneth Lawrence officiated.

Goodson - Lewis.—Thomas Doyel Goodson and Jane Lewis-Carey were married on June 30, 1996, at the Salem (WV) SDB Church. Rev. Dale Thorngate officiated.

Nemee - Zander.—Jeffrey Nemee and Deborah Zander were united in marriage on July 28, 1996, at the Lanape Valley Presbyterian Church, New Britain, PA. Rev. Daniel W. Reid officiated.

and Robert of Milford, N.Y.; eight grandchildren, and one nephew. He was predeceased by one sister, Helen Sullivan.

A memorial service was held on August 4, 1996, at the Berlin SDB Church, with Rev. Matthew Olson officiating.

Johnson.—Earl Johnson, 88, died on July 3, 1996, in San Francisco, Calif., where he had lived for many years.

He was born on February 21, 1908, in Beggs, Okla., the son of Samuel and Daisy (Rogers) Johnson. He married Helen Marie Petty on April 30, 1930, in Phoenix, Ariz. They eventually relocated to San Francisco and had four sons.

Earl worked as a longshoreman, retiring after 45 years of service.

Through the years, Earl quietly supported his wife's Gospel work with the Adventists. They learned of Seventh Day Baptists in 1961, and in 1962 helped organize the Bay Area, Calif., SDB Church, where Earl remained a member until his death. In later years, because of failing health, they attended the Rainbow Seventh-day Adventist Church near their home.

The Johnsons took great interest in SDB mission work in Malawi, Africa. They sent financial support to the Watson Mataka family during the years Watson studied for the ministry. The Matakas named two of their children Helen and Earl.

Survivors include one son, Jerold; two brothers, Roger and William; one sister, Juanita; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and three sons—Samuel, Earl Jr., and Charles.

A memorial service was held on July 11, 1996, at the Rainbow Seventh-day Adventist Church in San Francisco. The service was conducted by Pastor Steven Crouch

of the Bay Area SDB Church, and by Pastor Kevin Rhaimé.

Hurley.—Shireen M. Hurley, 78, died on July 9, 1996, at the Memorial Medical Center, Tulsa, Okla., following a brief illness. She was born on September 17, 1917, in Berkeley, Calif., the daughter of Archie and Dorothy (Pierce) Twogood. On August 14, 1937, she married K. Duane Hurley, now President Emeritus of Salem (W.Va.) College.

Shireen received her education in the Riverside, Calif., public schools, Riverside Junior College, and the University of California in Berkeley. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Salem College. She was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she served as organist and deaconess until her death. Earlier, she had been a member of SDB churches in Plainfield, N.J., and Riverside.

Over the years, Shireen's service included many roles in the music and educational program of the church, and offices in the Women's Society. One of her hobbies was growing and arranging flowers for the church.

She traveled often with her husband while he was Executive Secretary for the General Conference (1974-1981), and Conference President in 1983.

Shireen's extensive volunteer service to the community included work with the Salem College (now Salem-Teikyo University) Auxiliary, the Bi-County Nutrition program (serving on the board as well as delivering meals door-to-door), the Friends of Fort New Salem, and the Clarksburg Community Concert Association.

At various times, her activities included teaching music and art at the Salem Industrial Home, substitute teaching in public schools, playing the organ for Greathouse

Funeral Home, giving private music lessons, and editing the Salem Herald.

In addition to her husband, survivors include four daughters, Terry Anne VanHorn and Becky Martin, both of Salem, Cathy Dixon of Bridgeton, N.J., and Penny Thorngate of Denver, Colo.; three brothers, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

A memorial service was held on July 20, 1996, at the Salem SDB Church, conducted by Rev. Dale Thorngate. More than 200 people from the church, university, and community attended.

White.—Robert Charles "Bob" White, 45, of Lakewood, Colo., died on July 12, 1996, of multiple head injuries following a car accident in Denver, Colo.

He was born on February 27, 1951, in Denver, the son of Robert R. and Grace E. (Burdick) White. He served in the Army, primarily in the Panama Canal Zone and at Fort Benning, Ga. (1970-73). He worked for Denver West Towing, Bob's Auto Towing, and drove across the country for Western Distributing Trans., Corp.

Bob grew up in and was a member of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was actively involved with AA and NA groups across the Denver area, and on July 7, 1996, marked 10 years of sobriety. He loved to fish at a lake near Salida, Colo.

Survivors include one daughter, Jennifer, and two sons, Robert and Charles, all of Denver; his former wife, Suzanne, of Denver; two sisters, Connie Green of Valdez, Alaska, and Jean Jorgensen of Syracuse, Kan.; one grandson, two nieces, and four nephews.

Funeral services were held on July 17, 1996, at the Denver SDB Church in Lakewood, with Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Interment was at the Fort Logan National Cemetery.

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

Two cute kids on the ocean beach squint and smile toward the camera as the travel ad says, "You're not the only one in your family who's counting on this being a great trip."

Ah, summer vacation. Or was yours more like, "AAHHHH! Summer vacation!!"

The Butlers can't, or don't, usually combine a vacation with Conference travel, but this time we did. In a big way.

We (Janet) scrimped and saved and planned; we (Jan again) mapped the route and booked the motels; we (Hi, hon) packed the clothes and food supplies; and we (yes, my better half) se-

cured a cartop carrier for the three-week haul. Hey, I had to get ready for Conference!

Our plan was to visit some famous sites on the way to Washington, learn more about our great country, relax some, and enjoy our time together.

By golly, it happened.

One big thing we learned about our great country: once you cross a certain point west of Minnesota, the terrain is not the only thing that changes. We could not believe the horrific jump in the gas prices!

The trip west included memorable outdoor picnics; the majestic scenery of the Badlands, Mount Rushmore, and Yellowstone Park; and rating the various motels (usually according to the pool).

Once arriving in the Seattle area, we (well, the elevator) climbed the Space Needle; happened to hear the governor speak to the newest state trooper graduates in the capital rotunda in Olympia; and while Jenny went to Pre-Con and I attended General Council, the rest of the gang got to the ocean, the rain forest, and Mount St. Helens.

What a grand way to head into Conference week! (And add collector magnets to our refrigerator!)

At the beginning of Conference, a pastor mentioned to me how Jan looked at peace and happy. Going beyond the obvious—"Look who she's married to"—I thought of how this year she wasn't the only driver and decision-maker in the van; that we actually travelled to Conference *together* instead of me heading out early for Council.

And as far as Conference itself, I thank God for—
• the hardworking and still-smiling-at-the-end-of-the-week Host Committee from the Washington and Oregon churches. Great job Dave and Doreen and all!
• the hospitality of the staff and students at Saint Martin's College.

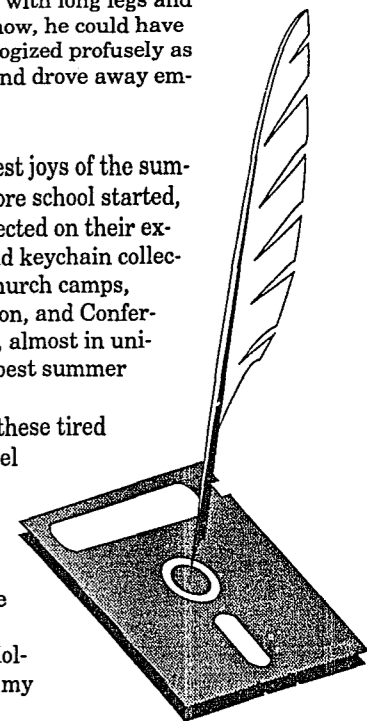
• Leslie Fernyhough and her "Conference Crier" staffers. As you can see, we gleaned much of this month's material from your good work.
• the flexibility and patience of SDBs. We survived some cool weather, some hot weather, eating in a tent, a dog invasion, and each other!

• the gracious gentleman who went in to prepay his gas while I unwittingly started pumping *his* \$10 worth into *our* van on the way home. Returning to catch me in the act, he said that he wasn't in any hurry (as he looked at our minivan packed wall-to-wall with long legs and arms...) For all I know, he could have pulled a gun! I apologized profusely as I handed him \$10 and drove away embarrassed.

One of the greatest joys of the summer came right before school started, as the children reflected on their expanded postcard and keychain collections. Listing the church camps, mission trip, vacation, and Conference, they declared, almost in unison: "This was the best summer EVER!"

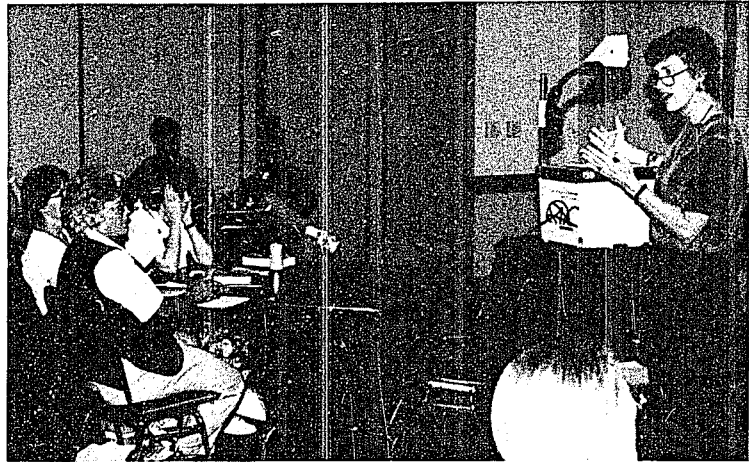
That sure made these tired and poor parents feel like it was all worthwhile.

But when Crystal wished that Conference could be held every other week, thoughts of dollar signs danced in my head...





Youth banquet speaker Jim Galanaugh really captured his audience (Chris Van Horn).



RuthAnne Peil (right) helped us visualize our church relationships by drawing all the kinship connections during an afternoon seminar.



Dale Rood clarifying for Erik Henry: "I believe that order reads one CD—not one dozen!"



Calvin Babcock introduces You Hee Kim (second from right) from Korea. A college student graciously served as interpreter.



Charlie Smith lifts her tender praise to the Lord during the children's program.



Lots of laughter and smiles at the women's banquet.