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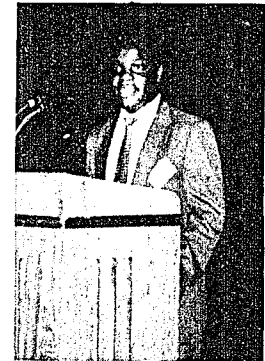
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1997 SDB
General Conference



Young adult singers and musicians, ages 16-plus, are needed for the *Stained Glass Tour 1998*. To obtain an application, contact:

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Association to celebrate 50th year, Oct. 10-12

The North Central Association returns to its roots as it was formed in Dodge Center, Minn., on October 26, 1947.

"Zion's Cry," an international worship team from Youth With A Mission, will hold a praise and worship seminar on Sabbath afternoon, as well as lead in worship on Sabbath eve and minister with a concert Sabbath night.

Sabbath morning worship will feature a communion service led by Pastors Dale Smalley and Bernie Wethington.

The weekend begins in Dodge Center Friday at 8:00 p.m., and ends with the Association business meeting Sunday morning.

For housing information, contact Madelyn Neher at (507) 374-2887.

Cover photos (top to bottom):

Pastor Matthew Olson models the latest in youth materials during his Conference workshop.

The 1997 "First Family": (front) grandchildren Ariel, Lauren, Kelsey, and Corey DuBois; (back) Jim Probasco, Cindy DuBois, Ruth and President Owen Probasco, and Bill Probasco.

Fraternal delegate from Malawi, Africa, the Rev. Royal J.B. Mkwandawire of the Central Africa Conference of SDBs.

Praising the Lord at the Sabbath afternoon children's program.

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 26, 1997, at 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting shall be to hear and act upon the 1996 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 1997 General Conference sessions in Lindsborg, Kan., are entitled to vote at this annual meeting.

Hey, Young Adults!

Come to the
Young Adult Retreat

When?
Dec. 30 - Jan. 2
(Tuesday → Friday)

Where?
Camp Paul Hummel
in Colorado
(No cost,
except transportation
to get there)

Come Hang Out
and
spend the New Year
with your SDB
Friends!!

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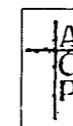
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Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

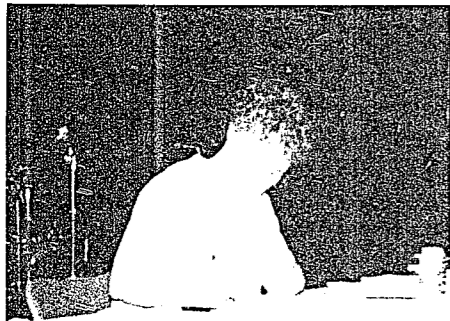
If you've never read *The Sabbath Recorder* before, you might be wondering who Seventh Day Baptists are. Like other Baptists, we believe in:

- 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.

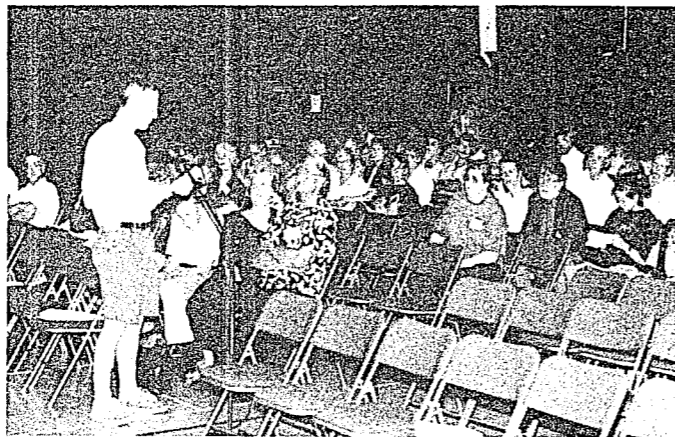
The seventh day

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 SDBs 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; E-mail: sdbgen@inwave.com



Secretary Camille Henry takes even more minutes.



Pastor Dale Rood reads the report on Ministerial Interests.

From the Conference Crier

A business report from General Conference

After a day off from business, Session #2 was convened Wednesday at 10:10 a.m. Conference Pastor Mynor Soper opened with prayer, creating an inspirational transition from worship into business.

The Report of the Obituaries Coordinator, Jean Jorgensen, gave us all an opportunity to review our own lives and the influences we may have for Christ. Sixteen Seventh Day Baptist individuals were specifically remembered, and the prayer offered by the Rev. Leon Maltby became our "standing ovation" to these faithful servants of God who died

during the past Conference year.

Cindy Nadeau presented the Credentials Coordinator's Report, noting the many statistics.

Reports of the Interest Committees on Missions National, Communications, Budget and Finance, and Youth were all accepted along with their recommendations without any discussion. In addition to conveying appreciation to our hard-working denominational leaders for the various boards and agencies, some specific items included:

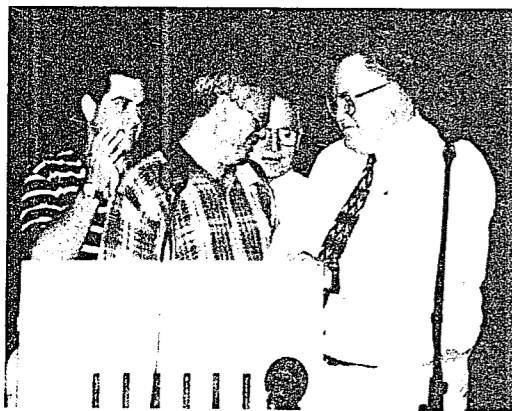
- Development of workshops (in local churches as well as for next year's General Confer-

ence) to help Seventh Day Baptists understand other groups (e.g., Worldwide Church of God, Seventh-day Adventists, and Mormons) from whom we are receiving prospective members.

- Expansion of the denominational Web site to carry the content of more SDB publications and also minutes from all the boards and agencies.

- Greater detail in Memorial Fund reports, and budgets of the boards and agencies, to distinguish between types of income, to be presented in a consistent manner for easy comparisons.

- Creation of a Seventh Day



Robert Van Horn accepts congratulations from Rod Henry for his T.I.M.E. graduation. Matt Berg and Edgar Wheeler look on.



Calvin Babcock welcomes Pastor Keith and Darcy Julson as the Portage, Wis., church becomes a full member of the Conference.



President-elect John Bevis (left) accepts the gavel from 1997 President Owen Probasco.



Janet Thorngate stands in front of an historic timeline for her workshop on SDB history.

by Jeanne Yurke

at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas

Baptist Youth Fellowship songbook with input from local youth fellowships.

- Naming of an editor for "The Beacon" page in *The Sabbath Recorder*: Jeremy Bullinger.

- Expression of the concern that young women are discriminated against in mud volleyball, and a desire to select activities in the future which will provide an equal opportunity to participate among all our youth at General Conference.

One item of new business was raised by Pastor Jack Morgan (Putnam County, Fla.), and referred to the Reference and Coun-

sel Interest Committee: to have "the other side of the Trinitarian controversy" heard as a balance to this morning's Bible study.

Session #2 was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Business Session #3 was called to order by President Owen Probasco on Wednesday afternoon at 2:47 p.m. Once again Pastor Mynor Soper opened with prayer, this time moving us from God's work among us in the past (as presented by SDB Historian Don Sanford) to God's work among us in the here and now.

Complete reports from the

Committees on Women's Interests, Christian Social Action, and Reference and Counsel were presented and accepted with all their recommendations intact. A partial report from the Committee on Ministerial Interests was also presented, but action was delayed until the full report is made available. Some of the highlighted items from these reports included:

- Continuation of SCSCers raising personal support for their ministries, and request for prayers as SCSC plans are made around earlier dates for General Conference.

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Postal worker Kiwi Orange (a.k.a. Cheri Appel) slams down a stack of SR reply cards during the Tract Council skit.



John Bevis reacts to stone-faced Editor Butler when they are introduced as "Bee-vis and Butt-ler."



Tract Council chairman Joel Osborn ran the overhead, played the announcer, and led the applause during the skit.



Pastor Chris Mattison led Wednesday's Bible study on the Trinity.



"Who is this? Do you know what time it is?" Lannette and George Calhoun receive a late-night phone call in a worship skit.

- Preparation of a concise history of SCSC by the Women's Board, with an abbreviated version to be published in *The Sabbath Recorder*.

- Encouragement for our churches to help support their young people's participation in the BWA Youth Congress.

- Strong urging for SDB individuals and churches to become better informed concerning the business practices of certain entertainment companies (e.g., Disney and its subsidiaries) and long-distance carriers thought to be anti-family, before taking such actions as boycotting and letter-writing campaigns.

- Recommendation that revisions to our *Manual of Procedures* be reviewed by member churches for six months prior to its publication.

- Suggestion that the 1998 Conference President consider additional study time in appropriate format on the relationship of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit as presented in Scripture. (This was the response given to the item of new business raised at the end of Session #2).

- Consideration of showing "pastor appreciation" on a regular basis (in addition to an annual day) and of providing ministerial sabbaticals.

Session #3 was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Conference President Probasco called to order Session #4 at 10:14 Thursday morning.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Interests was completed, and it was voted to accept this report as a whole.

In addition to the items previously reported, the idea of mentoring for new pastors was presented, and the recommendation was passed that pastors study (with involvement of Faith and Order) holidays and holy days regarding their pagan and/or scriptural origins.

The report of the Interest Committee on Christian Education was accepted with its recommendations which a) thanked the Board's director, staff, and members for their good work year-round, and b) accepted the Historical Society's offer

to prepare a book of SDB biographies which could be used with grades 3-7 and easily translated for use in sister Conferences.

The report of the Nominations Committee was received, effectively placing a slate of officers into nomination.

Quite a bit of discussion was generated by a recommendation that General Council consider expanding its at-large membership and adopt term limits even for its ex-officio members. Parliamentarian Jim Skaggs pointed out that if General Council decides to suggest such changes, everything would come back to General Conference for action.

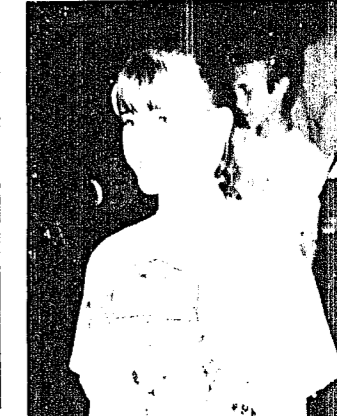
The Interest Committee on International Missions reported delight over the rare privilege of having had two fraternal delegates and



Voicing their praises in song. Don Chroniger directed the Conference choir.



Anxious eaters await their feast at the Youth Banquet. Clockwise from bottom left: Jeremy Bullinger, Amy Goodrich, Jeff Neher, Bethany Thompsongordon, Corri Marteny, Aubrey Appel, Ginny Burdick, Crystal Butler, and Juliet Olson.



Mary Ellen Cain sings during Sabbath Day's children's program.

two new missionaries in its meetings, as well as leaders of our World Federation, who together gave a genuinely global perspective throughout the discussions.

Enthusiasm was expressed for the development of short-term missions projects through the SDB Missionary Society. In the meantime, the committee encouraged churches to identify individuals with interests and gifts for participating in such projects, and for anyone anticipating international travels to contact the Missionary Society and the World Federation offices. It was also mentioned that Society executive G. Kirk Looper is available for church and Association presentations.

The report of the Courtesies Coordinator was read and accepted. Appreciation was given for all who

made this year's Pre-Con, General Conference, and Associated Conference programs possible.

The session adjourned at 11:00.

Business Session #5 was called to order shortly after 10:30 Friday morning.

The report of the Committee on Young Adult Interests was read. President Probasco commended this committee for its fine work, and delegates showed their agreement by breaking into applause. It was voted to approve the report along with its five recommendations:

1) That in the future only one meeting of the committee be held so young adults may participate in other interest committees and ministry opportunities during the week of General Conference.

2) That Young Adult Bible Studies be coordinated with overall Conference scheduling.

3) That a praise service for everyone be held each evening following the worship program.

4) That information on young adult activities be sent to each church (in advance of General Conference).

5) That the Young Adult Committee of the SDB Board of Christian Education (for the upcoming program year) consist of: Rachel Parker, Tim Rood, Dave Stall, Steve Graffius, Matt Berg, and Stephanie Sholtz.

Since no nominations were made from the floor, the individuals previously placed into nomination ran unopposed and were elected.

Pastor Kenneth Van Horn responded to the president's call for "other business" by bearing witness to "a good Samaritan" on campus who had helped him when he was experiencing car trouble!

It was voted that the minutes for Session #5 would be prepared by the president and the recording secretary.

The final business session of the 1997 General Conference was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{R}$



"Can you hear me?" Jane Mackintosh, Scott Hausrath, Doug Mackintosh, and Norm Burdick keep tabs on the sound board.

See the invitation for next year's Conference on page 18.

Volleyball a muddy success

by Nathanael J. Lawton
in *The Conference Crier*

Monday, August 4, was the first SDB General Conference Youth vs. Pastors Mud Volleyball Match.

The activity had been anticipated by many. Some girls were disappointed at not having a chance to play against the pastors.

Excitement extended far enough to prompt a rescheduling of the usual praise Time (led by the Young Adults) to "after the game."

The match was planned for 8:30 p.m., but it took a while for the players and spectators to gather. Three games to 15 points were planned. The pastors took the match in two games.

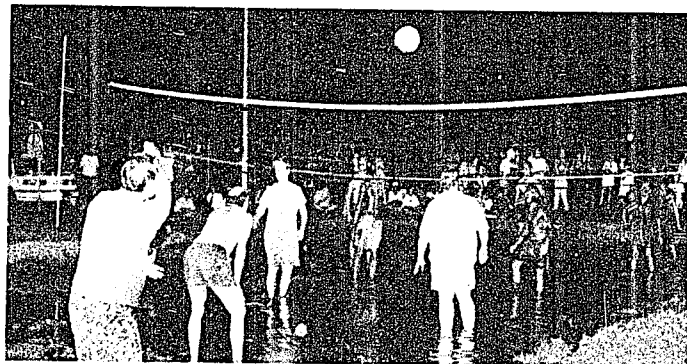
With a blowout for the first game and a score of 16-14 on the second, the pastors gave the appearance of dominance. Wait for the rematch! *SR*



Dustin Mackintosh thinking, "I signed up for this?" Aw, c'mon, Dustin. Get into it, like...



...these guys.



Pastor Harold King serving another winner. Hey, how come the pastors didn't get dirty?



Maybe they did. (Dave Taylor & Harold King.)

Top Ten Themes We'd Like to See in *The Sabbath Recorder*

From the Tract Council's skit, "It's David's letter, man."

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10) The Sabbath: To Nap or not to Nap 9) Meal of Sharing: An SDB Icon 8) SDBees—Caught in the Web? 7) Church rummage sales, a necessary evil 6) Special Council on Ministry issue— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Institute: Spare the Rod, Spoil the Pastor? • T.I.M.E.: Has the Clock Run Out? • Pastor initiation rites: Is "Chubby Bunny" ethical? 5) Hymns/Hers? SDBs go Politically Correct | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Inside the Recorder— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obituaries vs. Features: Which should I read first? • Pearls from the Past, or Diamonds from the Dead? • Kevin's Korner: "But Mom, I didn't do it..." 3) Ice Cream: A necessary Lindsborg tradition 2) Conference dorm bathrooms: "I survived sharing mine with four teenage girls!" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Drama in real life 1) How I ate my way through Conference—"The 7-Day Plan" |
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—by Rob & Cheri Appel

Delegates receive "talents" from God!!

No, it wasn't Monty Hall.

And as far as we know, Calvin Babcock didn't hit the lottery.

But first thing Monday morning, our executive secretary distributed cash to every person in the auditorium! As part of his report to General Conference, Calvin wanted to both challenge and demonstrate what God can do in and through

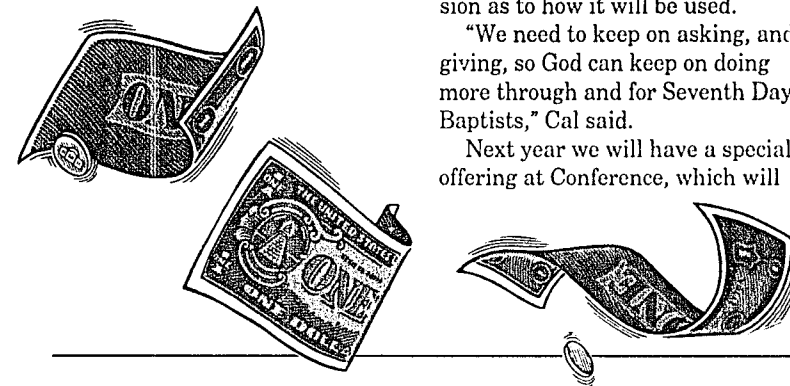
Seventh Day Baptists.

"I serve a God who is in charge of the universe!" he declared as dollar bills were passed out to the several hundred people at the opening business session.

"This is a 'talent' from God," we were told, referring to the parable of the talents. Each recipient is to take that talent and make a decision as to how it will be used.

"We need to keep on asking, and giving, so God can keep on doing more through and for Seventh Day Baptists," Cal said.

Next year we will have a special offering at Conference, which will



be added to the Sabbath Conference Offering. The money for that offering will come from these "talents" and what they have yielded during the year.

With the dollar dividend came instructions: As you take your talent, you need to decide how you will use it. There are no strings attached, no conditions, no catches, Calvin assured us.

"You can spend it; you can save it; or you can use it in some way to bring a return. And also, as you think about how to use your talent, pray also about how our Conference uses its resources. I believe we will be shown what God wants us to do in the future." *SR*

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Java, Jesus, and a jovial good time

by Benjamin Cruzan

A Wednesday night, friends, entertainment, and a good cup of "Joe." The young adult-sponsored second annual Conference "Coffee House" took place on Main Street in Lindsborg.

By half-past nine, people began to roll into the small establishment. By 10 o'clock, the coffee house was completely inundated by SDBers, much to the surprise of the few locals who had come for a simple cup of coffee.

Eric Davis (a.k.a. "Doctor Luuuuv") kicked things off and kept things running with some wit, some songs, and some really bad jokes. But as he said, "This stuff isn't supposed to be funny, folks; I'm just trying to pass the time away."

The coffee was some of the best this reporter has had in a long while. The hot café mocha—primo! And I heard the Italian sodas and

the espresso were quite good as well.

But we were really there to see and hear our friends perform. And what great performances there were. If anyone still needs to be persuaded that SDBers are a talented bunch, "open mic night" at the coffee house would have done it. But no clapping, please! Only cool-cat finger-snapping, man.

And if anyone were to wonder whether SDBers love the Lord, there would be no question after seeing one act follow another that praised God, had fun in His Spirit, demonstrated a love for Him, held a scriptural message, or some combination of the above.

So the fellowship and fun of General Conference continued on Wednesday night. And what better place than at the second annual Coffee House?

Make mine a hot café mocha. Extra caffeine, please—there are still six hours until morning. *SR*

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Board of CE program: "Letter rip!"

by Christina Thorngate

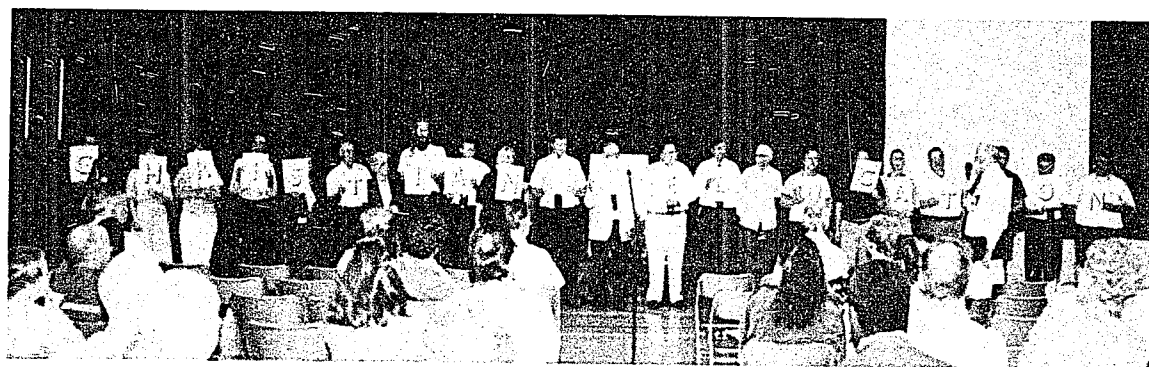
And the Scripture memory names went on and on and on... Was your name read? If not, all you have to do is jump on the "Memorization Surrey" and enjoy the ride of your life as you learn Scripture to carry with you always.

Then came the Board of Christian Education (BCE) Players:

- C — BCE Vice President, Ken Chroniger
- H — *Helping Hand* Editor, Linda Harris
- R — *Sabbath Visitor* "riter" Jane Mackintosh
- I — ??
- S — BCE President, Amanda Snyder
- T — NET (Natural Evangelism Training) Trainers ("It Takes Two"), Charles and Lorna Graffius
- I — ??
- A — Youth Bible Study leader, Andrew Camenga
- N — Children's Conference Director, Dede Mackintosh
- *Beacon*, tracts editor, distributor, etc., etc., Kevin Butler
- Storage, accounting and billing, Calvin Babcock
- E — *E*ducation: C.A.L.L.E.D. writer, Rod Henry
- D — *D*irectors of the Board, David Clarke and Gordon Lawton
- U — *U*ou are involved in Christian Education, Don Chroniger
- C — *C*hildren's Committee Chair, Vicki (Norm) Burdick
- A — "Stained Glass" member, David Stall
- T — Young Adult Pre-Con Director, Dave Taylor
- I — Youth Pre-Con Director, Eric "I Don't Know" Davis
- O — Youth Committee Chairman, Matt Olson
- N — Youth Workshop Leader and N'd of this crazy skit, Bernie Wethington

As you can see, much goes on in our denominational Board of Christian Education. But there are a couple of things missing. As you read this, those blanks can be filled in... "I can get involved in Christian Education." And, "There is always something I can do!" *SR*

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Put them (us) all together to spell "Christian Education." Scott Hausrath and John Rasmussen filled in the "Ts."

BCE Executive Director Ernest Bee found his old Salem letter to lead the cheering.



1997 Team DELIVERANCE

The center was filled to capacity. Persons of every age were in attendance, anticipating what has often been the highlight of the Conference week. Suddenly, from the sides of the room, the call reverberated: "God is good, all the time!" "God is good, all the time!!"

Twenty well-dressed, fresh-faced, good lookin' smiling young folks came to the front. Althea Rood, Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) training director, was at the piano as the 12 young ladies and eight young men blended into a lovely choir to sing, "My Jesus, My Savior."

As a whole choral group, they introduced themselves as Team DELIVERANCE, reciting Psalm 32:7 for their base verse. This was followed by more sincere praising of God through singing "You Are My Hiding Place."

Each team introduced themselves by name, home church, team name, and the church they served this summer. The Bible verses for each team were recited with a variety of enthusiasm and motions.

Debbie Moncrief stepped up to the microphone to share a journal entry she had written while serving at camp. She spoke of watching

God at work in the lives of campers, and expressed amazement at the spiritual growth she witnessed in herself and others. Following this theme, the young ladies sang "I Never Get Used to What You Do."

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Nate Walker gave a testimony of how, even though he went out to serve others, God worked within him. He had seen personal growth, especially in trust and faith. By surrendering our whole selves to the Lord, we can do anything.

Nate expressed confidence in the future, because "God can take care of me." With Steve Graffius on gui-

tar and Dustin Riley on harmonica, the young men sang "The Coloring Song," which speaks of colors to represent what God has done for us.

Bernie Wethington, pastor on the training staff, gave out the ribbons to the 10 "rookie" (first year) SCSCers. He was a rookie himself this year, and hope was expressed that he would continue to serve.

Mary Jane McPherson, a long-time staffer, and Charlotte Chroniger, representative of the Women's Board, distributed the ribbons to the 2nd and 3rd year Corps veterans.

The crowd applauded those who have been involved, both this year and in the past. SCSCers, training staff, project directors, cooks, and prayer and financial supporters were all asked to stand and be recognized while Charlotte pointed out the need to have everyone working together to glorify God through this service organization.

In closing, the song "Refiner's Fire" expressed the desire and commitment of the SCSCers to continue working for God long after the summer has ended. *SR*

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Nathan Walker and John Mark Camenga introduce their team.



Becky Young and Sylvia Bond (at mic) served in Westerly, R.I. Behind them stand Cathy Payne, Amanda Graffius, Jeff Rood, Debbie Moncrief, and Daniel Van Horn.



Woman's work never done, sometimes fun

Women's Banquet

The highlight of Conference for many women is the annual Women's Banquet, and 1997 at Lindsborg was no exception. The following is adapted from Stephanie Sholtz's account in the Conference *Crier*. (Thanks, Stephanie!)

"As always, the dining room looked beautiful, the food was delicious, and the Women's Banquet program gave us a chance to learn more about our SDB sisters who live across the world.

"After dinner, Daniel Van Horn shared with us a testimony of his time in Denver for SCSC this summer. He shared about the street kids they worked with and how amazing it was to watch God work in their lives. *Stained Clothes*, who announced their recent name change to *The Clothes*, shared their talents with us for the second year in a row. This group is made up of Daniel Van Horn, John Mark Camenga, Dave Stall, and Chris Bond. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful music as they lifted their voices in praise."

Women's Society President Donna Bond thanked the audience for their love and support during the past seven years, introduced the new president, Ruth Probasco, and passed the official Women's Society gavel to her. Ruth responded by presenting a plaque to Donna on behalf of the Society.

"When Althea Rood and Mary Jane McPherson were singing in the kitchen at SCSC training, they had no idea they would be asked to sing for the banquet. But along with Linda Lawton, they led us in a medley of songs that touched us all.

"The speaker this year was Dorothy Goulding. She is a member of the Australasian SDB Conference. She began her talk by sharing some of the history of that Conference. She went on to speak about the types of activities in which the women's groups in the Australasian Conference participate.

"In closing, Dorothy left us with some words of encouragement which included 2 Timothy 2:15: 'Be

diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

"The entire program was really an encouragement to individuals and groups to press onward."

Love Gift

A total of \$2,925.02 was raised by the end of Conference for the annual Love Gift. The first \$500 was to be distributed as follows:

- Youth representative to BWA Youth Congress —\$100
- "Stained Glass" —\$200
- Australian Dedicated Worker coming to U.S. —\$200

After September 30, the remaining Love Gift will be disbursed in the following manner:

- Sunshine Mountain —10%
- Zambia Sewing Project —10%
- Jamaica: Maiden Hall kitchen supplies —25%
- Rwanda: Office set up —25%
- Ron Elston: Medical expenses —30%



Another year, another banquet, another successful evening.



Outgoing Board President Donna Bond (at mic) with banquet speaker Dorothy Goulding (far left) and Dorothea Shettel.

Craft Sale

The 1997 Craft Sale far exceeded our expectations as \$1,211.60 was raised by the end of Conference. After the sale, Joyce Samuels took a box of the more practical items for our sisters in Jamaica, and the Milton (Wis.) ladies took the remaining items to sell at their fall activities.

**The 1997 Craft Sale
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the end of Conference.**

Proceeds will be given to the Women's Board for SCSC. (Watch this column for future suggestions for next year's sale.) We thank all who provided and/or purchased craft items.

Back rubs and paper houses

We are always grateful for any assistance we can get for SCSC and appreciate creativity in achieving it. Admittedly, there were a few chuckles and raised eyebrows when "five-minute backrubs" were advertised during Thursday's business meeting, but the product was well received and profitable.

During lunch on Thursday and Friday, Marian Marteny and George Calhoun provided effective yet gentle massages of the necks, shoulders, and backs for 40 stressed conferees, yielding a profit of \$81. (Someone left a tip.)

Near the end of the week, Ruth Probasco brought me a paper cup half full of small change. Some young adults had been building a paper house (take-off on the Brady Bunch?). When gathering spectators tossed a total of \$6.67 in their direction, they decided that this throw-away change could be put to good use in SCSC. Thanks!

Interest Committee business, Women's Board announcements

The Conference Committee on Women's Interests, chaired this year by Luan Ellis, recommended that the Women's Board prepare a concise history of the SCSC program. This will be in a leaflet format which can be enclosed with

next year's applicants' letters to potential SCSC donors.

One of our goals in asking each SCSCer to raise \$200 of his/her own support was to expand our pool of resources; unfortunately, many potential donors needed more information about the program.

At the annual Business Luncheon, revised By-Laws (distrib-

uted to all churches in the spring) were reviewed. The intent is for the churches to study them during the year and vote to accept or reject them at Conference in 1998.

If you need a copy, please contact Ruth Probasco. Keyworker name/address changes should also be sent to Ruth, as well as requests for our booklet, "How to Form a Women's Group." Her address is: 858 Barrett Run Road, Bridgeton, NJ 08302
Phone: (609) 451-6844
FAX: (609) 453-8218

News of your local Women's Society, for the *SDB Woman* newsletter, should be sent to:

Pat Cruzan
39 Manners Road
Ringoes, NJ 08551-1717

News for this page in *The Sabbath Recorder* should be sent to:

Donna Bond
30 Old Cohansey Road
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

We promise to print it if you will send it!

Missionary, teacher gets Robe

Beth Burdick's love for the Lord and her willing submission to Him is evident in her service to her denomination, to her church, and to her family. She accepted hard work as just a way of life early, growing up in a farming family in Depression-era Southern California.

Beth was born in Brawley, Calif., to Claude and Luella Severe, the third of four children. She graduated from Calipatria High School. Beth completed nurses training and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern California.

Early in life, she came to know the Lord and became a member of the Riverside SDB Church.

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Beth Severe Burdick (right) accepts the 1997 Robe from Yvonne Stephan.



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October 1997

"In the Jungle, the SDB Jungle"

A report from Youth Pre-Con

by Scott Bruce, Rachel Chroniger, and Marissa Van Horn

Where is our leader? The Pre-Connors arrived at 4:00 as planned, but to their surprise, the director was nowhere to be seen. Pastor Eric Davis seemed to be lost somewhere in Kansas City.

When he finally arrived, the eager youth discovered the theme of their studies was "Take Me to Your Leader." Appropriate, huh?!

There were many new faces this year so, of course, the "name game" had to be played. Everything went well until we saw that the campus was being overrun by Nathans and Californians. No one could remember all of the names, so Pastor Eric was allowed to keep his \$20.

Bible study proved interesting

and enlightening when several learned that yo-yos and Frisbees are not the way to approach a non-Christian. Small groups were fun, especially when Tanya Henry called for skits with dirty socks (that must have been a pretty smelly situation!) and when Pastor David Thorngate had a competition in braiding thread.

New games were introduced, such as "capture the socks," and "paper, scissors, rock." How about those beach balls and bubbles, Pastor Eric!!

Volleyball seemed to be the most popular for some. Interruption of a three-hour game of volleyball came when the "O" crew (led by Pastor

Eric) attacked the players with water guns and the "Fish." This water gun squad felt the need to spray anyone and everyone in sight.

Music practice was fun as harmonies were eventually created. The sound of young voices raised in worship is a special treat.

Vesper services were truly inspiring, and the Lord's presence was felt by many. As praise and worship grew longer, new dorm devotions began later. With evening serenades by "Stained Clothes," sleep came easily.

Friday night was filled with an emotional communion and testimony service. The guys were also surprised by a beautiful serenade given by the females. The ladies were not so lucky on Sabbath night.

One unforgettable experience would have to be filling into the stairways for vespers. We attempted to take advantage of the amazing acoustics, and discovered almost unbearable heat.

Soon, it was time for Conference, and everyone broke through the barricades for departure. Several good-byes were heard as we piled into vans, cars, and any vehicles that ran.

The whole SDB Jungle, otherwise known as Pre-Con, was a rewarding experience, and we pray that Conference proves to be similar.

—Reprinted from
The Conference Crier



The Pre-Con Praise Band. Front: Jeff Hazen and Kecia Thompson Gordon. Back: Tim Rood, David Thorngate, Dave Stall, Dustin Riley, and Scott and Steve Graffius.

1997 Scripture Memorization Program

The 1996-97 Scripture Memory Program featured President Owen Probasco's theme, "Tuned in to God, Turned on by the Holy Spirit, Triumphant in Christ." Participants who completed the program were presented certificates at the General Conference sessions in Lindsborg, Kan. (The 1997-98 memorization program was listed in last month's SR. Copies are available from the Board of Christian Education at 607-587-8527.)

Adams Center, NY
Colleen Hatch
Cathi Roberts
Cassey Sanders
Mildred Scriven

Alfred Station, NY
Angelina Barnes
Elaine Brundage
John Brundage
Peggy Chroniger
Yvonne Mattison
Davies
Emily Kandel
JoAnne Kandel
Phyllis Mattison
Reid Mattison
Caleb Noel
Dorothy Noel
Melissa Noel
Patricia Palmiter
Berwyn Reid
Barbara Welch

All Nations, CA
Tameka McLeod
Lynch
Theresa Miranda
Benny Panahon III

Battle Creek, MI
Ruth Bennett
Marilyn Discher
Judy Parrish
Jamie Travers
Kristi Travers
Michael Travers

Berlin, NY
Peter Bullinger
Juliet Olson
Matt Wilson

Boulder, CO
Fran August
Lewis Davis
Pastor Elmo Fitz
Randolph
Madeline Fitz
Randolph
Doris Rood
Cletus Severance

Shari Severance
Amberle Thorngate
Christina Thorngate
Josiah Thorngate
Levi Thorngate

Bradenton, FL
Polly Pelletier

Central, MD
Jeffrey Hazen
Ruth Hazen
Dianne Hibbard
Earl Hibbard
Patrick Hibbard
Dakota Watt
Donny Watt
Emily Watt

Columbus, OH
Gavin Fox
Jamie Fox
Aubrey Greene
Damian Greene
Kyle Greene
Micah Van Horn

Daytona Beach, FL
Richard Crouch
Patricia Thompson-Gordon

Dodge Center, MN
Brian Payne
Marcy Payne
Pastor Dale Rood

Hebron, PA
Edna Gaines
Rachel Kenyon

Hopkinton, RI
Delilah Allen
Kathi King
Vivian Looper
Thelma Tarbox

Houston, TX
Angela Rahn
Jamie Rahn
Christine Stillman
Danielle Stillman

Little Rock, AR
Jeanne Hendrickson
Alfred Lewis
Betty Lewis
Benjamin Monroe
Joshua Monroe
Rachel Monroe
Timothy Monroe
Winnie Monroe
Betty Seager
Irving Seager
Oma Seager
Doris Van Horn
Pastor Kenneth Van Horn

Lost Creek, WV
Margie Allen
Justin Ash
Brittany Bond
Susie Bond
Tiffany Bond
Alex Boyajian
Natalie Boyajian
Amy Davis
Luke Lawrence
Leora Pinder

Marlboro, NJ
Sharon Davis
Jeanne Dickinson
Jan Graffius

Milton, WI
Breah Bliese
Jackson Butler
Matthew Butler
Joshua Calhoun
Elizabeth Daland
Nick DiPasquale
Roselyn Geske
Barbara Green
Neil Lubke
Phillip Lubke
Corri Marteny
Ben Wright

New York City, NY
Shana Ashman
Hyacinth Caesar
Andrea McKenzie
Crosse

Alex Gayle
Lorraine Gayle
Sherine Gayle
Barrington Gordon
George Gordon
Kathlene Gordon
Theona Gordon
Fiona Granville
Marsha Granville
Stacey Granville
Mauva Smith
Antonine Stewart
Tamiko Watkins
Blanch Williams

North Loup, NE
Ed Bloom
Marjorie Burdick
Shirley Caregill
Corina Deaton
Floyd Dickerson
Katrina Goodrich
Cecil Severance
Kevin Severance
Francie Van Horn

Raritan Valley, NJ
Bernard Yurke
Pastor Jeanne Yurke

Richburg, NY
Jessica Evans
Ben Harris
Linda Harris
Pastor Robert Harris

Riverside, CA
Christopher Babcock
Alex Bejjani
Nichole Daugherty
Lorie L. Hoskins
Sean Kelley
Derek Kepler
Sam Laham
Jodie Lamoreaux
Jonathan Lawson
Nicholas Lee
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Noel Perez
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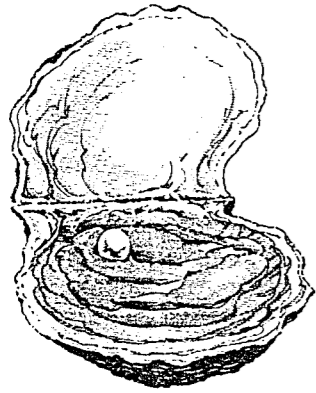
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Merlin Condison
Rose Marie Fyffe
Sharai Fyffe
Tiffani Fyffe
Hermine Hunter

Salemville, Bell, PA
Benjamin Baker
Bryan Baker
Lois K. Fletcher
Becky Faith Mattison
Katie Mattison
Jasmine Patterson
Jessica Patterson

Seattle, WA
Ashley Borek
Daniel Borek
David Davis
Grace Ellen Dolly
Christopher Hemminger
Heather Hemminger
Nathaniel Hemminger
Reeca Nash
Amanda Noyes
Melodie Noyes
Maude Posey
David Uhlich
Jacob Williams
Kayla Wright
Tarnah Wright

Shiloh, NJ
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Jan Bond
Richard Bond
Bethany Chroniger
Jordan Chroniger
Nancy Davis
Ariel DuBois
Lauren DuBois
Matthew Layton
Dodi Moncrief
Ritchie Patterson
Kyle Uhland

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Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian

Steaming their way into Inventors Hall of Fame

At the General Conference session in Lindsborg, Kan., Dorothy Lawton of Westerly, R.I., handed me a clipping from the July 10, 1997 issue of *The Sun* of Westerly, which has significance for many Seventh Day Baptists:

Babcock, Wilcox in inventors hall of fame

Barberton, Ohio—George Herman Babcock and Stephen Wilcox, founders of the Babcock and Wilcox Company, have been named to the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Wilcox, a Westerly native, partnered with Babcock in 1867 to start a small company with a patent for the safety water tube boiler. Now, 130 years later, their invention supplies half of the world's electrical power.

Their invention, for which they received U.S. Patent Number 65,042, marked an important milestone in the Industrial Revolution. It also paved the way for the development of large, high pressure and high temperature steam power plants in use today throughout the world.

Babcock and Wilcox will be officially enshrined in the Hall of Fame in September during ceremonies at its home in Akron, Ohio.

They will join the ranks of such other inventors as Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Eli Whitney, and George Washington Carver.

George Babcock is well remembered by Seventh Day Baptists for his philanthropy and leadership in denominational affairs. The September 1991 "Pearls" column was devoted to his contributions, both financial and personal service, to his church, his community, and to the denomination.

Babcock was one of the first trustees of the SDB Memorial Fund and the largest single benefactor of that Fund. He gave liberally to the education of youth, both in time and money. Much of what he was able to accomplish was made possible by his inventive nature and the success of his business ventures, particularly the Babcock and Wilcox Company.

Not as much is found about Stephan Wilcox among the Seventh Day Baptist records, but the Wilcox name is remembered in Westerly. At the time the Misquamicut territory was incorporated into the town of Westerly in 1669, a Stephen Wilcox was among those involved.¹

Later generations were prominent in the history of Westerly. Frederick Denison mentions that "near 1800 Stephen Wilcox owned a grist mill, running two stones." Among the merchants of Westerly, Stephen Wilcox 1st and Stephen Wilcox 2nd were both listed.²

In 1765, in the eastern portion of town, a church was organized composed of Separatists from the Presbyterian and Sabbatarian churches which met on both Sabbath and Sunday. It called itself "The Third Church of Christ in Westerly" but was popularly known as the "Wilcox Church" from the name of its principal pastors, Isaiah, Josiah, and Asa Wilcox. A Stephen Wilcox was the first deacon ordained in 1771.³

I can only speculate whether this was an ancestor of the Stephen Wilcox who teamed up with George Babcock. However, what is known is that the inventor, like George Babcock, used much of his profits in contributions to worthy causes.

An undocumented newspaper article in the Wilcox file (probably from *The Sun*) tells of his efforts to build a library in Westerly as a living memorial for Civil War veterans. He purchased the land and, on a matching fund basis, gave the money to build it.

He also bought the land around it for a park which still bears his name. However, he refused to have the library named in his honor for it was to be a memorial. The roof of that library was tiled with Celadon Tile, patented by his friend and partner, George Babcock.

In that same article, it states that Stephen was born on February 12, 1830, and spent his boyhood in Westerly. The first recorded step of his entrance into his chosen field, the development of which would thrust him into prominence, was in 1856. A patent for a steam boiler was issued to one O.M. Stillman, a wealthy Westerly manufacturer, and one Stephen Wilcox Jr.

The Sabbath Recorder for December 6, 1860, records that "among the patents issued from the United States Patent Office on 20th November 1860 were two to Stephen Wilcox of Westerly R.I. for improvements in air engines." *The Recorder* for June 6, 1867, noted that "Among the patents issued was one to G.H. Babcock and Stephen Wilcox, Jr. of Providence for improvements in steam generators."

General news on that same page revealed the apparent need

for such improvement, for "the Steamer Old Colony, running between Newport and New York, met with a serious accident last Thursday when off Watch Hill on her way to New York, a bolt in the crank-pin gave way disconnecting the rod from the crank and allowing the piston rod to descend with tremendous force into the cylinder, causing a complete wreck of the whole concern."

In the third in a series of articles entitled, "Babcock & Wilcox Products Marketed Around the Globe," Gloria Smith Russell outlined some of the size and economic impact of the B & W firm. She wrote:

"In September of 1882, when Thomas A. Edison threw the switch at his Pearl Street station in New York City, the electricity released was generated with steam from four B&W boilers.... In 1888, Edison himself scrawled across a B&W letter (requesting his endorsement of their water tube steam boilers in order to convince a prospective acquaintance of Edison's), *Birkinbine—we have perhaps 50,000 horsepower of this boiler... it is*

the best boiler God has permitted man yet to make.

"The invention by the partners of an exceptionally improved steam boiler, saved an estimated 30,000 lives, made the age of electricity a reality and today provides employment for some three million people.

"Fatalities were numerous when the ordinary boiler of 100 years ago, which was literally 'a can of water with a flame beneath' exploded when pressures and temperatures exceeded their limits. Many young industries were actually faced with extinction if a remedy to harness steam safely could not be found. Stephen Wilcox, improving on one of his earlier designs, placed boiler water in inclined tubes. Heat applied directly to the tube produced steam that was controlled in pressure, temperature and unit output which was safer by far than any other steam generators on the market."⁴

Thus a century and a decade later, the names of Thomas A. Edison, George Babcock, and Stephen Wilcox are again linked

with the enshrinement of Babcock and Wilcox in the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron.

Next time you throw the switch to use electric power, pause for a moment and reflect on how Edison became famous because he invented the instrument which turned electricity into light, but this was possible because others produced the power.

Many popular evangelists have become famous in spreading the light, but others behind the scene have made it possible as they have found ways of capturing the power of God and making it more available to their fellow man. **SR**

¹SDB Memorial, vol. 1, p. 83.

²Frederick Denison, "Westerly and Vicinity," reprinted from *Providence Journal*, July 29, 1867, *Sabbath Recorder*, vol. 23:32, p. 125, August 3, 1867.

³Denison, "The Wilcox Church" in *Westerly and Its Witnesses*, (Rice and Reed: Providence, RI, 1878), pp. 125-128.

⁴Articles prepared for the showing of paintings by Howard Koslow at the Hoxie Gallery of the Westerly Public Library, commissioned by the Babcock & Wilcox Company. Clipping from the SDB Historical Society archives. (Date not given.)

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Presented at General Conference Session
August 9, 1997



Historian Don Sanford presents Janet Thorngate the same cane once handed to her father, the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, in 1984.



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The President's Page

by John D. Bevis

Our Conference theme for 1997-98 is "A Chosen Generation," based on 1 Peter 2:9.

A key word for me in this passage is *chosen*. "Chosen"—to select, to decide, to prefer... You may remember many childhood games where you had to choose members of the team. All children want to be chosen, to be included.

As we grow up, we continue to want to be chosen. We seek acceptance, recognition, to be appreciated, to be included and, yes, even to be special. Peter writes that we are a chosen generation, a chosen race, a chosen people.

Isn't it exciting to think that God has chosen us to be a part of His eternal family?

This passage has blessed my life over the years. And I hope it will bless you as we look at it anew and seek to discover the many implications and applications it has for us as Seventh Day Baptist Christians. Try reading this passage from several versions of the Word and let your life be enriched and challenged by it.

I would also invite you now to make plans to attend the 186th annual sessions of the General Conference as we convene on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College located in the beautiful hills at Buckhannon. Consider this a special invitation to those who have never attended Conference before. Make 1998 the year to be



1998 President John Bevis.

a part of the fellowship, business, and worship of your church Conference.

The Conference will be a little earlier: July 26-August 1. This change in dates is to avoid conflicts with college programming.

As some of you know, I teach his-

tory full-time at a community college and pastor a church as well. I will not have as much opportunity to travel among the churches and Associations as I would like. If you have a suggestion about Conference 1998, please feel free to write me at: 102 Maplewood St., Florence, AL 35633. Or call (205) 764-8018.

Many people will be assisting to make this Conference a special week of blessing and fellowship in the Lord. More about some of them later.

I do want to thank Patricia Cruzan of the Raritan Valley church in New Jersey for the graphic design of the Chosen logo. Pat worked on layout and design for many of the years that I served as *Sabbath Recorder* editor.

Until next month—may God bless you with the knowledge that in love He chose you as an heir of the kingdom! *SR*

But ye are a chosen generation,
a royal priesthood,
an holy nation,
a peculiar people;
that ye should show forth
the praises of him
who hath called you
out of darkness
into his marvelous light.
— I Peter 2:9

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FOCUS
on Missions

Zambia seeks growth and self-reliance

by Kirk Looper

Seventh Day Baptists in Zambia continue to move forward with many of their plans.

The people have been blessed with a bumper crop this past season and are looking forward to another good crop next growing season. They appreciate the donations of money, seed, and materials to raise and harvest these crops.

Our friends in Zambia ask that you do not forget them as their churches and membership grow. Everyone appears to be doing more than their share of the work.

Women get uniforms

The church members continue to hold conferences for each of their groups. The Women's Board held its annual meeting April 17-20. It was a large success. Pictures of the women who received a uniform have been sent to the SDB Missionary Society office in Westerly, R.I. Copies are available upon request.

It is such a good feeling to see all the women who were brought into this group. They will be able to spread the Gospel and good works further and faster. Please continue to pray for them. Many are raising families as they minister to the women, orphans, and elderly in the villages where they work.

Striving for self-reliance

One of the goals in Zambia is for the Conference to become more self-reliant. This is attained through the hard work of individuals there.

They look forward to owning and operating their own businesses. Most of these businesses are small and run with only a handful of laborers. However, each business adds to the total number, result-

ing in a large labor force which supplies jobs and the opportunity for self-support.

Some of the potential businesses are food processing (using a hammer mill to grind grain for food), tailoring (owning a sewing machine), carpentry (owning a set of tools), auto mechanic (owning a set of tools), farming (being able to pur-

Mukumbo needs help

Rev. Edwin Mukumbo is overworked and suffering from exposure to the environment. Now that his son, Billy, is in school in Wales, Rev. Mukumbo is hoping that someone else will step forward to assist him in his ministry. Let us pray for funds so Billy can complete his schooling.

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chase seed, fertilizer, and tools), electricity (owning tools), bookkeeping and accounting (owning a computer), and several other businesses along the same line.

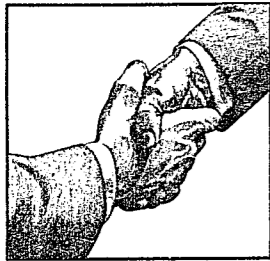
Training, school needed

A training period is required for all of these vocations. This training could be offered by Conference members who already have the necessary skills and are willing to share that knowledge with younger members. Most businesses involve on-the-job training.

A trade and vocational school is planned for one of the large towns, such as Kitwe, Ndola, or Salwase. They are considering a building (with eating facilities) to house the students during training. This is a large, expensive venture, but it would help solve the unemployment problem facing our churches as well as the country.

Rev. Mukumbo travels to area churches by walking or riding a bicycle. In most cases, he is without adequate protection and spends some time of each trip under the grip of malaria. An automobile would cut his travel time appreciably while allowing for more visitations. It would also help him visit the churches and deliver produce. A car bought there would cost about \$20,000.

It is always good to remember our sister Conferences and churches in other countries. We pray that they will soon be able to develop businesses from those that have already been established. Then they will no longer have to rely on other countries for their income. *SR*



Seeking Spiritual Maturity: COVENANT BUILDING
An annual emphasis of the SDB General Council

How to use your Covenant

From Don Sanford's historical study, "Establishing a Church Covenant."

Precautions

A few precautionary lessons from the past can be helpful:

- 1) Avoid lengthy and detailed discussion. The Covenant should be comprehensive but as brief as possible. The average member is neither a theologian nor a lawyer.
- 2) Simplicity and clarity of language need be emphasized. Try to limit the use of words to our common basic language. Avoid words that have double meanings or are easily misunderstood.
- 3) Avoid dogma or doctrinal details. It is not intended that our church be a debating society.

The Covenant is an expression of a loving, working relationship with God and people.

- 4) Do not write a Covenant to exclude people. The Covenant should bring people together in a relationship where there will be a growing understanding that unites them in a continually more cooperative concern with each other and God.
- 5) Include only the statements in which there is complete and willing agreement, that grow more binding as we fellowship and grow together.

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Use

In order to serve its purpose in the church, the Covenant must be visible, known and used by the members of the church.

- *Exposure*—Increase the awareness among the church members of the existence and content of the Covenant. Some attach it to the inside cover of a hymnal; others print it on membership cards. Candidates for church membership should read and study the Covenant.
- *Signing*—Make sure that every member has signed the Covenant. Keep a record of the signing. Applications for membership should be required to sign the Covenant before being received into membership.
- *Reading*—Public reading of the Covenant together at reception of new members, at Communion ser-

vice, church anniversary services, etc., is highly recommended.

- *Studying*—Pastor's training classes for membership candidates should include a study of the Covenant. Consider having a series of Sabbath School classes and/or sermons on the Covenant periodically.
- *Renewal*—Some churches ask members to renew the Covenant periodically by reading it together and signing anew. If you are not satisfied with your present Covenant, get the members together and revise it to the agreement of all. It can be a uniting experience to talk and restudy the wording of the Covenant.
- *Reinforcing*—The greater the conflict, the greater the love necessary to resolve the conflict. Admonish one another in the Love of God which constraineth us (John 17:26). **SR**

Shiloh supports president by Donna Bond

In the 23 years I have been associated with the Shiloh, N.J., church, I have witnessed a consistent outpouring of love and support among the church family. Conference '97 in Lindsborg, Kan., provided a unique arena for such a display when our moderator, Owen H. Probasco, completed his term as Conference president.

When Owen was nominated president-elect in 1995, many from our church who usually do not attend Conference developed a keen interest. Several were parents of young children for whom Conference might be a burdensome or even prohibitive expense.

Interested families spearheaded a two-year fund raising campaign, along with the Shiloh/Marlboro YF leaders.

Culmination of our efforts resulted in a mass exodus. Beginning on Monday, July 28, vans, cars, and planes headed for Kansas, arriving at various times for SCSC Evaluation, Youth and Young Adult Pre-Cons, General Council, Memorial Board, and Conference itself.

God blessed our travel; however, we were not without our challenges

and prayer concerns. A mechanical mishap at the Baltimore airport delayed the itinerary for Pre-Connors Ward and Chris Bond, and Frank Mazza Jr.

Consequently, the young men were not at Salina when Bethany College personnel attempted (twice) to meet them. God was in control. Still, we were greatly relieved when an early morning safe arrival via rental car was confirmed late Thursday afternoon.

Meanwhile, two of our families were experiencing a major setback in Pennsylvania. Cindy DuBois (Owen's daughter) and Sandy Layton left Shiloh in two cars with six young children Thursday morning. Before long, both cars were involved in a chain reaction accident, and the eight travelers had to return home.

In both incidents, God was merciful in answering prayers. The Pre-Connors who missed their flight were mature, seasoned travelers rather than penniless, creditless, unlicensed 15-year-olds away from home for the first time. The women and children involved in the car accident were not injured and

were able to fly to Kansas later. (Perhaps God was sparing them from a greater tragedy further down the road.)

By Sunday evening, 41 Shiloh/Marlboro-ites rallied in Lindsborg sporting kelly green Jersey Oaks Camp T-shirts. These included: Owen and Ruth Probasco, president and first lady (and new Women's Board president); Cindy Probasco DuBois, first daughter; Lauren, Ariel, Kelsey, and Corey DuBois, first grandchildren; Jim and Bill Probasco, first sons (who articulated "Probasco humor" during opening worship); Pastor Don and Charlotte Chroniger, music coordinators; Tyler, Jordan, Bethany, and Jessica Chroniger; Jane Jernoske, organist; Sylvia Bond, Cindy Dickinson, Steve Graffius, and Debbie Moncrief, SCSCers/Pre-Connors; Ward and Chris Bond, Mary Jane Jernoske, Frank Mazza Jr., and Holly Miller, Pre-Connors; Melvin and Tillie Dickinson, retired farmers who last attended Conference in 1957 (in Milton, Wis.) when Shiloh-ite Charles Harris was president; Donna Bond, Women's Board president; Steve and Dodi Moncrief, and Larry and Jan Graffius, *Crier* editor and Shiloh/Marlboro YF leaders; Yvonne Stephan, Robe of Achievement presenter; Margaret Bond; Ron Bond; Florence and Oliver Dickinson; Anita Harris; and Sandy, Jennifer, and Matthew Layton. (Yes, there was a congregation left in Shiloh!)

Later in the week, Ron DuBois, first son-in-law, arrived to retrieve his family and reinforce our message: "We are proud of you, Owen, and know that the Lord will continue to bless our Conference by your presence and influence among us!" **SR**



Most of the Shiloh/Marlboro, N.J., delegation posed for this Conference memory.

Birth of a new SDB camp

by Anne Beebe Lastinger

"Just follow the road, around to the right, through the parking lot, and you'll soon see the tents over to your left."

Such were our instructions as we drove through the gate to beautiful Gemini Springs County Park in DeBary, Fla. It was pouring rain as we arrived to register campers for the first SDB "Deep South Youth Camp."

We followed the directions and what did we find? More pouring rain, hordes of mosquitoes, flies, a few drenched people, no tents up, no director, no counselors, and only three or four potential campers.

What an auspicious beginning!

Two tents went up (with difficulty) while it continued to pour semi-tropical rain. Finally, the Daytona Beach church van appeared around the curve, with Linda Camenga (not Pastor John Camenga, our director) at the wheel.

Where was Pastor John? Still at the hospital, ushering in the arrival of his second grandchild, Joshua Heinig Crouch. The birth of a new baby, and the birth of the newest denominational youth camp, all on the same day: July 6, 1997.

The cooks from the Putnam County, Fla., church soon arrived,

and meal preparations (in the open-air pavilion) were underway.

More vehicles arrived with willing hands to set up the tents, seeing that the rain had stopped. There were campers from South Carolina, Georgia, and the Miami area, as well as from Daytona Beach.

After the arrival of Pastor John, things began to "shape up." With registration completed, the evening meal devoured, and duties and tents assigned, the camp really got underway. Under the dripping live oaks, cedars, and palms came the real beginning of a Spirit-filled learning process.

The theme, "Covenants and Promises," was presented throughout the week. Leaders included Christian "Chris" King and Pastor Ray Winborne of the Low Country, S.C., church, and "Trish" Livingston and Pastor Andrew Samuels from Miami. Pastor John acted as coordinator.

Pastor Jack Morgan from Putnam County helped prepare the food, but his wife, "Dee-Dee," was the one everyone looked to when the clock and our appetites said, "Let's eat!" It was a challenge to satisfy the food tastes of 20 youth and seven adults, plus various visitors and volunteers.

Classes met under the old trees by the Spring Run. We grew to understand how God shows what He expects and how we can live in harmony with others through a covenant relationship. The campers themselves developed a Deep South Camp Covenant (see left), which evidenced their harmony.

Recreation took many forms: swimming in the cold water fed by the underground springs; canoeing in Spring Run, which flows into DeBary Bayou and, eventually, into "Mud Lake"; and volleyball under the sheltering trees. We even

spent one afternoon at the ocean beach in Daytona.

hilarity, and respect for the staff's teaching talents. A spirited game

They all vowed, "Let's do it again next year! But without the mosquitoes, the flies, and the rain!"

The culmination of this rustic camping experience came on Sabbath Day when the campers and staff met to worship with the Daytona Beach SDB Church.

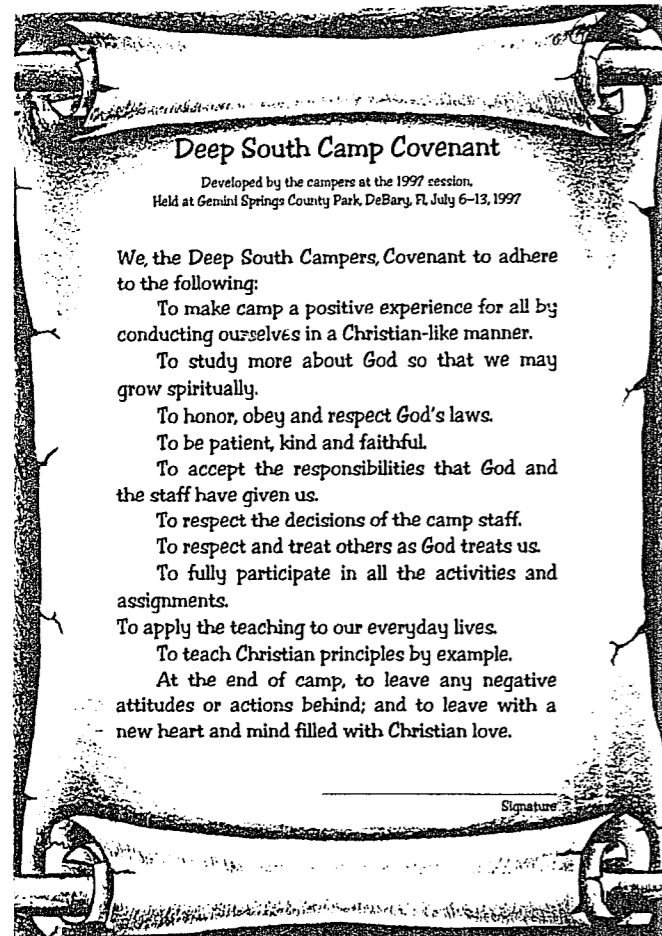
The music that flowed from this diverse group of young people—many of whom had never seen each other less than a week before—was proof of the harmony learned. It also highlighted the burgeoning talents of their music director, Kecia Thompson Gordon.

Sabbath afternoon brought awe,

of Bible Jeopardy with three teams demonstrated the learning experience of their week.

Camp ended Sunday morning, and the group wended their way to their various homes. They all vowed, "Let's do it again next year! But without the mosquitoes, the flies, and the rain!"

How thankful I am to have not only experienced, many years ago, being the 3-year-old mascot of the very first Camp Joy in Middle Island, W.Va., but to live to become the treasurer, "go-fer," and camp grandmother of the first Deep South Camp! *SR*



Hollywood invades Mystic Seaport

by Don Sanford, Seventh Day Baptist Historian

A letter from the Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Conn., contained a paragraph of interest to Seventh Day Baptists who are aware of the role that the Greenman Brothers had in that seaport area.

The Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Church is a part of this historic maritime community.

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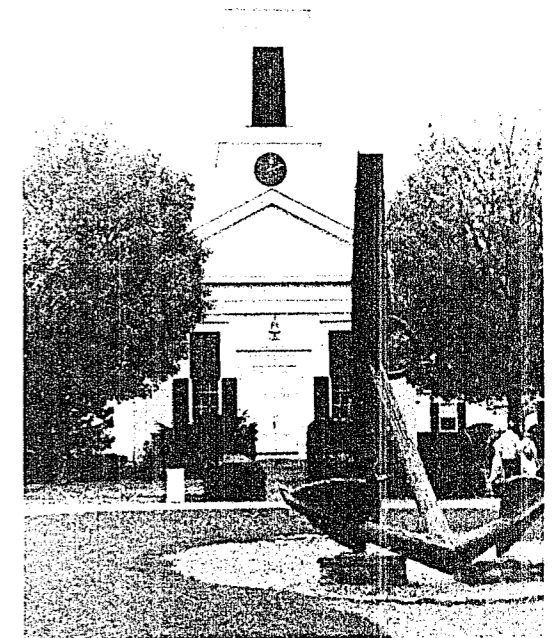
The SDB Historical Society has been involved in providing information about the Langworthy and Greenman houses and the lives of the inhabitants. But in her latest

correspondence to me, Beverly Gregg, a researcher at Mystic, wrote:

"The museum is still recovering from a brush with Hollywood. One week was spent turning the waterfront into 1839 New Haven, complete with signs, painting, bales of cotton, and numerous props.

"Then Stephen Spielberg arrived with Debbie Allen, Morgan Freeman, and Anthony Hopkins, plus hundreds of lights and great numbers of horses, oxen, sheep, and goats. We all became rubbernecks for three days while filming went on. Another week was spent returning the place to 'normal.'

"It was an adventure we will not soon forget," Gregg concluded.



The Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Church at the Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Conn.

The movie, which is entitled *The Amistad*, is scheduled for release this December. *SR*

Accessions

Boulder, CO
David Thorngate, pastor
Joined by letter
Sheri Nordloh
Ada Williams
Jane Meyer
Herb Meyer (assoc.)

Jennifer White
Robert White
Pastor L.B. Lee Jr.
Angie Lee

North Loup, NE
Joined by letter
Mark Deaton
Brooke Deaton

Stonefort, IL
Arthur Burkhamer,
pastor
Joined after baptism
Kristin Bethel
Ron Brooks

Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX
Earle Holston, pastor
Joined after testimony
Kent Kimbell
Jeannie Kimbell

Denver, CO
James Galanaugh, pastor
Joined after testimony
Gloria Lang
Joined by letter
Eleanor White

Births

Palmer.—A son, D'ante Andre Palmer, was born to Glynnis and Peggy Palmer of Newcastle, DE, on May 11, 1997.

Crouch.—A son, Joshua Heinig Crouch, was born to Richard and Grace (Camenga) Crouch of Daytona Beach, FL, on July 6, 1997.

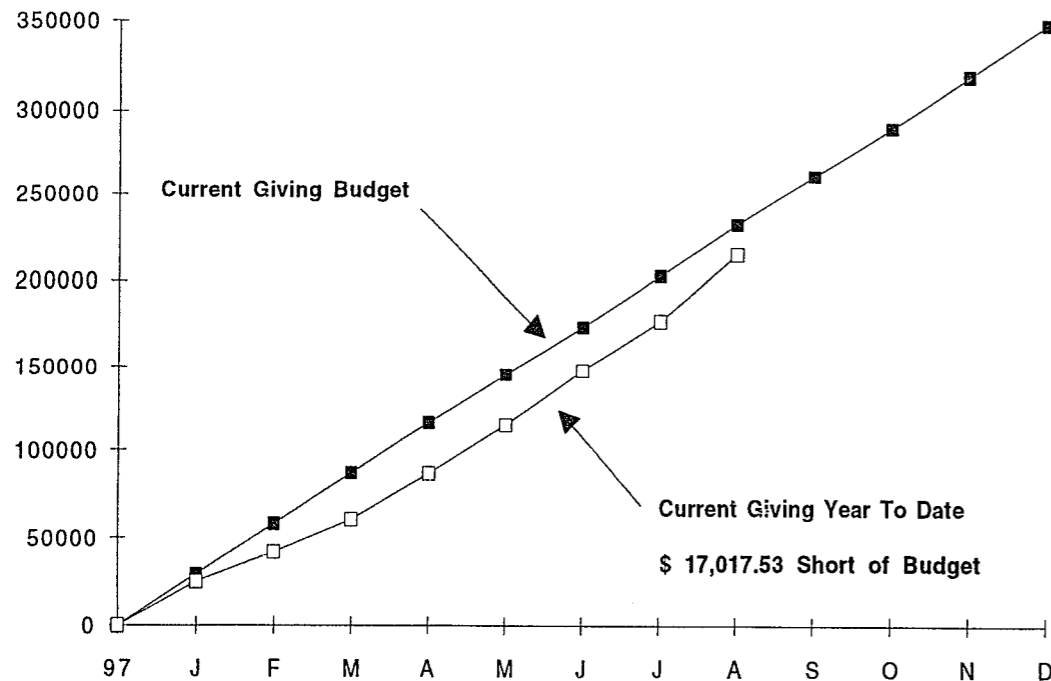
Murphy.—A daughter, Olivia Ann Murphy, was born to Othneil

and Catherine Murphy of New York, NY, on July 10, 1997.

Greene.—A daughter, Casey Raelene Greene, was born to John and Damian (Stall) Greene of Berlin, NY, on July 20, 1997.

Stewart.—A son, Shamal Elkanah Ferdinand Stewart, was born to Anthony and Sarah Stewart of Brooklyn, NY, on August 18, 1997.

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Obituaries

Jacox.—Iva N. Jacox, 80, died on July 14, 1997, at the Wellsville (N.Y.) Manor Nursing Home after a long illness.

She was born on August 9, 1916, in West Almond, N.Y., the daughter of Roland and Mary (Taylor) Norwood. On February 13, 1938, she married L. Howard Jacox. He died on November 17, 1994.

Iva spent most of her life in the Alfred, N.Y., area, moving to Wellsville Manor nine years ago. She was a graduate of Alfred High School and attended Cornell University. For several years, she and her husband operated the Jacox Food Mart in Alfred.

A member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, she taught Sabbath School for many years and served as a deaconess. She was also a member of the Alfred Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Slack of Wilmington, Del., and Rebecca Metzger of Hornell, N.Y.; one son, William, of Alfred; one sister, Sara Dlugozima of Zelenople, Pa.; one brother, Roland Norwood of Canaseraga, N.Y.; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on August 16, 1997, at the Alfred SDB Church.

Seager.—Oma Joan (Pierce) Seager, 97, died on July 16, 1997, in Little Rock, Ark.

Oma was born in Farnam, Neb., on February 6, 1900, to James Newton and Enniettie (Babcock) Pierce. In 1904, the Pierce family moved to Fouke, Ark., where Oma graduated from the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Academy. She took the state teacher's exam at age 17 and began her career at Fouke Academy.

In 1919, she moved to Battle

Creek, Mich., where she worked as a metabolism technician until entering Milton (Wis.) College. She received her B.A. degree in 1925, did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, and then returned to Milton College to teach Latin and French for two years.

In 1927, Oma married a former classmate, Lloyd Seager. They moved to Urbana, Ill., where Oma



Oma Seager
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did substitute teaching. In 1939, they moved to Memphis, Tenn. There, Oma was involved in community service projects and assisted her husband with research. After settling in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1944, Oma served as a teacher and P.T.A. president. While there, the couple organized an SDB fellowship.

In 1949, Dr. Seager became professor of the department of physiology and pharmacology at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in Little Rock. Oma taught at Capital City Business College, Park Hill Elementary School, and St. Teresa's Catholic School. She was also active in the Faculty Women's Club.

Oma and Lloyd were instrumental in establishing the SDB Church of Little Rock. Oma served in many capacities, including treasurer,

clerk, worship leader, and mentor. Lloyd passed away in 1977.

In 1981, she received the SDB Women's Board "Robe of Achievement." In her response, she emphasized 1 Corinthians 13 as the basis of her life's philosophy.

Oma leaves a legacy of excellence as a mother, counselor, friend, and beloved teacher.

Survivors include one son, Irving, of Little Rock; one daughter, Loretta Durst of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Miriam Braswell.

Funeral services were held at the chapel of Griffin Leggett Healy & Roth. Rev. Kenneth Van Horn and Pastor Bill Burks officiated. Burial was in Pinecrest Cemetery.

Marriages

Henry - Lamoreaux.—Erik Matthew Henry and Mandy Sue Lamoreaux were united in marriage on May 24, 1997, at the Riverside, CA, SDB Church. Rev. Gabriel Bejjani officiated.

Harrison - Brown.—Donald Harrison and Mary (Barber) Brown were united in marriage on June 8, 1997, at the Battle Creek, MI, SDB Church. Rev. Sterling Clifton, son-in-law of the bride, officiated.

Burdick - Oliver.—Jeremy Keith Burdick and Joleen Oliver were united in marriage on August 17, 1997, at the Riverside, CA, SDB Church. The bride's father, Rev. Paul Oliver, officiated, and the groom's grandfather, Rev. Rex Burdick, assisted.

Tamica Lewis-Vu	Neville Lyons	Oneika Rhoden	Renee Bledsoe	Kevin Merchant
Terrance Lewis-Vu	Lena Morris	Lorna Samuels	Bev Crawford	Ann Pangburn
Tristan Lewis-Vu	Elfreda Myers	Evelyn Taylor	Ben Fink	Katie Pangburn
Allan London	Florence Reynolds	Elton Williams	Dale Fink	Charles Prest
Denise London	Linnette Reynolds	Temeka Williams	Jared Fink	Edel Prest
Godfrey London	Natasha Reynolds		Kelly Fink	Mabel Stamp
Michael London	Paula Reynolds	Verona, NY	Melanie Fink	Nicki Stamp
Conlief Lyons	Ruth Reynolds	Joey Abel	Pastor Steve James	Samantha Stamp
		Fred Bledsoe	April LaGrange	Sue Stamp

Missionary, teacher gets Robe, cont. from page 13

While she and her friend Joan Clement were nursing at Pasadena's Huntington Memorial Hospital in 1952, they accepted a call from the SDB Missionary Society to serve at Makapwa Mission in

soon began evening Bible studies for students. They wrote a study booklet for the baptismal class, which Joan translated into the Chinyanja Language. Beth also taught in the school, in pastors'

lowship. She was host to visiting pastors and missionaries. She often helped at Pacific Pines Camp as a nurse, teacher, or kitchen helper. She was also active in Bible Study Fellowship.

During the years that the Women's Board was located in Los Angeles, she was SCSC Committee chairman, handling the applications and follow-up. She also assisted the president of the Board in numerous other ways.

When the San Gabriel church was organized in 1983, Victor and Beth became charter members. They continued in the diaconate of that church until moving to Denver, Colo., in 1989.

Beth has served the diaconate at the Denver church, has been instrumental in organizing a church library, and has taught a women's Bible Study.

Some time after Beth's father died, her mother came to live with them. Beth lovingly cared for Luella until her death at the age of 96.

Her present ministry to the Lord includes serving with her husband in Natural Evangelism Training (NET) as part of the team conducting retreats for SDB churches throughout the country.

Beth is a godly woman, efficient, unassuming, trustworthy, and of high integrity. The Women's Board is proud to honor Beth Severe Burdick with the 1997 Robe of Achievement. *SR*

Beth Burdick's love for the Lord and her willing submission to Him is evident in her service to her denomination, to her church, and to her family.

Malawi (then Nyasaland), Africa. They went there the next year to provide medical services.

Some months later, Beth found it necessary to supervise the total mission work when she was appointed superintendent for the interim between other missionaries.

When they first arrived, these nurses began their ministry to the sick in a small grass-thatched hut. They saw about six patients a day. Beth did most of the medical work the first year as Joan was principal and teacher of Makapwa School. In 1957, Beth was able to report, "Our patients have increased from six a day to over 1,800 in a month."

Beth was serving in the spiritual ministry as well. She and Joan

refresher courses and ministerial training.

Dr. Victor Burdick arrived in 1957 and was able to expand the medical services and facilities. One of Beth's specialties continued to be dentistry—the nationals called her the "tooth doctor."

In 1958, when the nurses returned from furlough, Beth became interested in the young Dr. Burdick. Later they were married at the Makapwa church, with Rev. David Pearson officiating. Their children—Victor Jr., Joan, and Mark—were all born in Malawi.

In 1970, they returned to the states and located in Los Angeles. There Beth served as a deaconess, Sabbath School teacher, and was active in helping with Youth Fel-

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Some Conference observations

It's hard to believe that another General Conference week has come and gone. This made my 16th in a row.

I think it's a habit now.

And it's a good habit. Sure, there's lots of preparation and planning and stress and money involved. But while we're there, and looking back on it, I always want to say, "It's worth it!"

Repetition makes some things a bore. The same routine can dull one's excitement. I'm happy to say that this hasn't happened with my perception of Conference.

Things seemed to go quite smoothly this year. I applaud Owen Probasco's leadership style and creativity, along with the efficient work of the interest committees. Our Friday afternoon "free time" was never in jeopardy of being pre-empted by an extra business session.

This also made the Tract Council presentation on Friday morning flow more freely. Scheduled once again right before the "last business session," we were not crunched for time, knowing that the impending business would be quick and painless.

Personally, the week went smoothly for us as the kids are growing up and becoming more independent. On our way home, Janet and I gazed at each other in amazement as we realized that neither one of us had walked to the Messiah Lutheran Church to see how our boys were doing at the Associated Conference. We knew that they were in good hands and were old enough to make it to the church and back to us in safe Lindsborg.

We were blessed once again to travel to Conference as a family. The Bethany College campus had (just) enough rooms to host us all during General Council and while Jenny was at Pre-Con south of us in McPherson.

Speaking of Jenny (and growing up), part of our oldest would have enjoyed rooming at Bethany during Pre-Con: they were hosting a Yearbook Camp. Last

year, Jenny served as a photo editor and photographer on her high school yearbook staff.

I was impressed with her pictures and photographer's "eye." Apparently, so were some others. At a yearbook camp she attended this summer in Wisconsin, she was given an award for her work that week.

So, when I started looking for a photographer to help me cover all the Conference events, I didn't even have to leave home. Thanks, Jennifer!

Then, there was mud volleyball... Either that was organically-enriched soil, or folks in Kansas think that "mud" is another term for a different dark substance.

Lastly, I'd like to share somewhat of a miracle that occurred during Andy Samuels' Bible study on Thursday.

Andy was focusing on the three "lost" parables in Luke 15—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Well, for us, Luke 15 now has four "lost" parables.

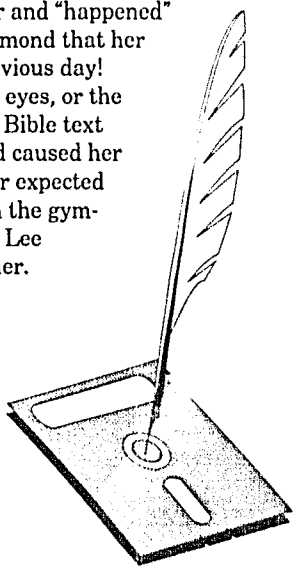
As soon as Andy started reading the part where the woman invites her friends to rejoice with her after she finds her lost coin, some people in our row were also anxious to celebrate.

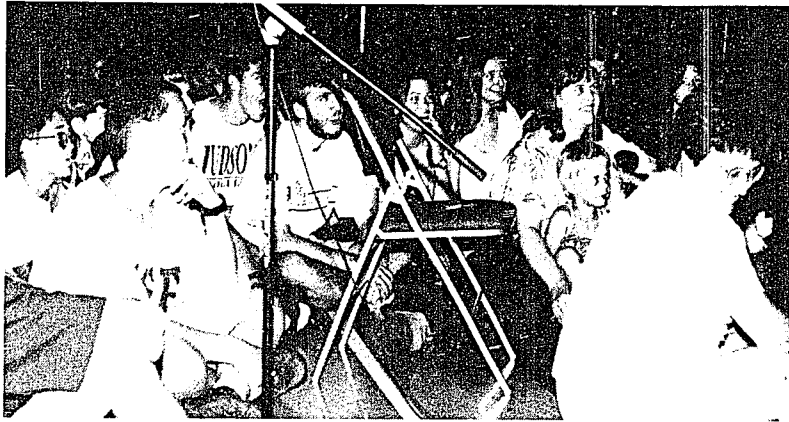
Janet looked at the floor and "happened" to find a diamond! The diamond that her friend Lee had lost the previous day!

She couldn't believe her eyes, or the timing. She knew that the Bible text had brought it to mind and caused her to look down, but she never expected to pick out the diamond on the gymnasium floor immediately. Lee could hardly believe it either.

Maybe this is a case in favor of always sitting in the same spot in church(?)

I hope that even more folks can get tuned in and turned on next year as we meet in West Virginia as God's chosen people.





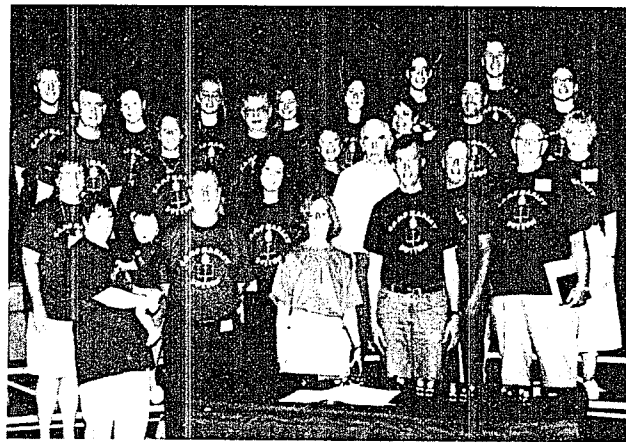
Conference "kids" of various ages listen to...



...Steve Osborn and Mark Green's children's sermon.



SCSCer Karen McPherson thinks, "I hate it when Pastor Bernie tweaks my nose like this..." Steve Berg wonders, "Am I next?"



Allegheny and Central New York delegates show their pride for Camp Harley Sutton.



Sabbath morning at Conference means singing and worship!