Marriages

Burrows - Gray. - Duane Burrows of Friend­ship, N. Y., and Marjorie Gray, of Lock­port, N. Y., were united in marriage Sab­bath day, December 20, 1958, at the Wrights Corner Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Meredith.

Sutton - Pierce. - Lyle Sutton, son of Mrs. Madge Sutton, of Alfred Station, N. Y., and the late Rev. Harley Sutton, and Betty Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, of Alfred Station, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church by the groom’s brother-in-law, the Rev. William Webster, of Sanborn, N. Y., on November 27, 1958. The couple is residing at 709½ Union Avenue, Morgantown, W. Va.

Obituaries

Ritter. - Maurice U., son of Frank and Isabel Spencer Ritter, was born June 26, 1907, at Hopkinsville, Ky., and died December 24, 1957, at the Westernly Hospital, Westernly, R. I. Mr. Ritter was a member of the First Hop­kinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Kelly Ritter, of Westernly, and a sister, Mrs. Ralph Briggs, of Hope Valley, R. I.

Funeral services were held in the Buckner Funeral Home, Westernly, with interment in Olive Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I. - E.F.W.

Roney. - Nevah Thompson, daughter of Orin and Mary Thompson, was born September 13, 1900, in Aline, Okla., and died in Riverside, Calif., Nov. 15, 1958. At the age of three she contracted spinal meningitis from which she lost her sight. At the age of twelve she attended a school for the blind in Kansas City and later completed her academic work for a four-year degree at UCLA in Los Angeles. For several years she was employed in the entertainment world doing considerable radio work in the Midwest.

As a consecrated Christian, she ever had an open, warm, and glowing testimony for her Lord and used well her talent as a singer. For some thirty-five years she was an active member of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, having sung “Open the Gates of the Temple” at the dedication service of the newly built church in 1927. She is survived by her husband, Golden Roney; her son, David Westover, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; one brother, William, of Downey, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted in Riverside by her pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was at the Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside. - A.L.W.

Shaw. - Emma, daughter of Clifford and Myrtle Crosley Maxson, was born in Farina, Ill., October 30, 1902, and died in Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, January 7, 1959.

She spent nine months in an iron lung. In childhood Emma was baptized by the Rev. J. T. Davis at Leonardville, N. Y., and later in her youth she affiliated with the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She was graduated from Milton College in 1927 and on Christmas Day of that year she was married to Elston Shaw. Before moving to Milton, Wis., in 1933, they had lived at Streator, Ill., Port Huron, Mich., and Mans­field, Ohio.

A beloved and valued member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Emma served as deaconess and held many other church and civic offices.

Survivors besides her husband are a son, Edwin, of Milton; three grandchildren; three sisters, Ina Maxson, Burlington, Vt.; Dorothy Maxson, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Bernice Hoekstra, Houston, Tex.; four brothers, Rex, Russell, Edmond, and Clarke; and her father, Clifford Maxson, all of Battle Creek.

Funeral services were conducted from the church, with the Rev. Victor Skaggs officiating due to the illness of her pastor, the Rev. Elmo R. Fraz Randolph. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

Sheets. - Albert E., son of Norman and Adelaide Sheets, was born Dec. 1, 1882, in Moulina, Ontario, and died in Battle Creek, Nov. 21, 1958.

A recent convert to the Sabbath, he was baptized and joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, August 10, 1957. He had lived in Battle Creek for over 40 years, serving as one of the caretakers at the Memorial Park Cemetery. He was a member of the YMCA, Townsend Club, Senior Recreation Club, and the Interracial Club.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Mallory of Battle Creek, and Mrs. Maud Derickson of Santa Rosa, Calif.; one brother, William, of Downey, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Leland E. Davis, from the Shaw Funeral Home, and interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery. - L.E.D.

Stillman. - Dayton Theodore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stillman, was born in Nortonville, Kan., April 22, 1904 and died in Montebello, Calif., June 22, 1958.

As a young man he accepted Christ and was baptized, joining the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton, Wis., later transferring his membership to Riverside, Calif. Training as an educator, he was destined to serve some thirty-two years as a teacher and administrator in Wisconsin and California. For the past fifteen years he served as principal of the Montebello Public Elementary School where he resided.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; a son, Theodore Gerald; a daughter, Joyce Thompson; two brothers, James, of Houston, Texas, and Clarence, of Madison, Wis.; one sister, Rose Stillman, of Milton, Wis.; and two grand­children.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, with interment at the Rose Hills Cemetery in Montebello.

WORKMEN TOGETHER

“We are laborers together with God.” Those laymen who build houses of worship and fill them by their personal witnessing are as truly laborers together with God as those who hold forth the “Word of Life” from the pulpits of our churches.
In the church of tomorrow, the laymen must play an ever-increasing part. With ministers generally underpaid and overworked, it becomes more and more evident that if the church is to grow, it will do so only as the laymen and laywomen of the church are restored to the first century enthusiasm that caused the early church to propagate itself by evangelism and even through martyrdom.

The fastest growing sects in America today are the ones which make the best use of all their laymen. All have duties to perform, leading many times to house-to-house evangelism, and diligent training in the business of what gains have already been accomplished.

We do not intend to imply that growth is a sign of the presence of greatest truth. Far from it! Error can be propagated as well as truth, as we have noted in the advance of Communism. But we have seen again and again that failure or success in an undertaking depended upon the extent to which the largest number of the common people could be imbued with a determination to see it succeed.

It is for this reason that this issue of the Sabbath Recorder is dedicated to the laymen of the churches. Especially would we pay homage to the many faithful men and women who have carried the burden of the work on their shoulders, and a concern for the cause of Christ upon their hearts.

Gratefully yours,
Paul S. Burdick, Editor.

**A PRAYER FOR THIS ISSUE**

Our Father in Heaven, this special issue of the Recorder will enter many homes, some for the first time. It will meet with many responses. Some will throw it aside as worthless. Others may receive it with joy and expectation. However, with it may we send our heartfelt prayers that into whatever home it goes, it may carry the light of the Gospel, an expression of truth, and a concern for the welfare of the soul of the reader.

Bless all who have made this issue possible: the editors, the composers, the printers, and all the busy folk who are our servants for Christ's sake, and not alone for material reward. We are debtors to so many.

And whosoever these messages may come, may they represent a true effort on our part to subdue self, lift up the Christ to draw all men unto Himself, and bring a ray of sunshine into homes and lives where need exists. Amen.

**The Chair Leader's Prayer**

O Lord of Mercy and of Love, we have come here this morning with our plans made and our practicing done. We leave the rest in Thy hands. Dear Lord, if we have come to this service with any thought of selfish gain, or any seeking of the praise of men, forgive us.

Humbly we ask that some heart may be touched by our music to feel the upward pull of Divine Love, and yield itself to the harmony of oneness with Thy Will. Amen.

**In Church: A Prayer for My Neighbor and Myself**

Dear Lord and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, here in Thy holy courts this morning, I have sat and contemplated my neighbor with unfriendly eyes. I have thought upon his faults, and had bitterness in my heart for his failings. Forgive me, Lord, for what, in Thy holy eyes, must seem most profane and sinful in me. Help me, Lord, to turn with sorrowful eyes to my own faults and my own need. Replace the spirit of enmity with the spirit of service. Run my life with the sandpaper of penitence, and curb my hasty temper with the bit and bridle of truth and fairness. Then send me through the day, may I carry to all who hear, the establishment of morning devotions, church attendance, and secret prayer. And Thy name shall have all the glory. Amen.
By An African Christian

"For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" If any man is not in Christ Jesus, he is lost. John 3:16 says that "...whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I was lost in heathenism. The fact was that in our village none of the families knew about Christ. Instead of worshiping God, men were dancing, drinking, and fighting.

Fortunately, one day, a Christian family came to visit my family. When the message found in the above verses was given, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and became a vessel for God's mercy, which permitted our family to learn of Jesus. In Christ I am happier than I was before. All of my needs are met in Him. Nothing I ask will be denied, if I am in His will. When I lift Christ will lead me in a way everlasting.

At present I am employed as a medical laboratory worker at Makapwa. I work in the ministry of healing men's bodies, but also find the privilege of witnessing for Christ. Larger numbers come in for treatment, but prior to treatment we extend a Gospel witness.

One morning I preached of Christ's power in raising Lazarus. Some were converted. Others seem to understand, but we continue to witness.

I ask your prayers that we here might continue on to win lost men to newness of life.

The foregoing was written by NarrailKend Mitengo, one of Dr. Victor Dutcher's medical workers at the Makapwa Mission in Nyanzaland, Africa.

Many times doctors and drugs alike failed and faith was the only answer.

"I felt God was going to do something terrible to it some day. I found myself again faced with the problem of insecurity. Death was striking everywhere and near to me too. Friends passed on at the tick of the clock and some of them just were not Christians. Who would be next? I was sure it was I. Death hung over me like a cloud each day. Some people are prepared for the judgment day, but I was not. My problem was preparing for death. Was I sure it was God Himself acting at this stage, and I traced the sequence of events in my life and their relationship to one another. It looked like going through school from kindergarten to university. I was now ready for my diploma as a Christian. Death drove home the last lesson. It was turn around and be saved or continue and die. I got my last assurance of divine guidance the very evening I spoke to my pastor about my baptism. That was the very evening he planned to ask me about it, having checked his records and not finding my name on any of them."

Experiences, as I have said before, come in various ways and at diverse places. They help us to make decisions, and the greatest decision that anyone can make is one for Christ! Let us all endeavor to work and seek salvation now while it is day for the night cometh when no man shall work.

"Eternal death offers a challenge to every one of us as our existence is inevitably terminated on earth. It would be a good thing if we could sense the seriousness involved as we go about making our decisions. How long will we find no other refuge but Christ?"

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When Converted and Consecrated

YOUTH SPEAKS FOR CHRIST

WHY I AM

A CHRISTIAN

By Colleen Horton

I am a Christian because God saved me when I could not save myself. When I was at the end of my road, God reached down and turned me around. He gave me something to live for, and the joy of knowing that there is a wonderfully perfect life after this one is over.

Sometimes everything seems to be going wrong, and I begin to get discouraged; then God reminds me that He is with me, and will take care of me no matter what happens. Then I remember all the things He has done for me, and how He has taken care of me in so many difficulties before. I feel better immediately, and rely on Him to work all things for good.

When I have something to do that seems too hard for me, I just ask God to help me, and as I keep trying with my trust in Him, my work seems to become easier, and I am able to complete it successfully.

Being a Christian is just so wonderful that one cannot conceive of the joy until he has accepted Christ as his own personal Savior. The Psalmist who wrote these words has expressed the joy of being a Christian so beautifully:

"But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. God reminds me that He is with me, and will take care of me no matter what. Seventh Day Baptist, I would give up then God reminds me that He is with me, and will take care of me no matter what. Seventh Day Baptist Church.

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YOUTH SPEAKS TO OUR AGE

WHY I TOOK CHRIST AS MY SAVIOR

By Ruthann Dickinson

In everyone's life, at some time or another, there arises the question, "What is the best thing for life?" A few years ago I asked this same question. Should I take Christ as my Savior and become a Christian, or just try to find something else to fill my wants? If I accepted Him, it meant giving up many things, I thought — worldly pleasures, un-Christian attitudes, for example. As a Seventh Day Baptist, I would give up social and school activities on Friday night and Sabbath day.

On the other hand, if I accepted Him, there would be the peace and joy which He has promised to those who accept His Son, and are willing to be led by His Spirit (Gal. 5: 16-26). Then in time of trial and temptation there would be someone to go to; there would always be someone to understand my wants and needs.

This was a hard decision to make, but I know now that I made the right one. Now I have Christ as the center of my life, and try to witness to others so that they may have the same opportunity of accepting this wonderful Savior. I have always liked as a testimony the words to a chorus that goes like this:

Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul,
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole,
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me
The great salvation so rich and free.

Ruthann Dickinson is seventeen years old, and a junior in high school. She and her father and mother, as well as three sisters and a brother, are all active members of the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

We are now living in an age of great speed — an age of atomic power, space satellites, the moon, and ever-increasing feats of doing more and more in less and less time. This seems to be an age of hurrying off in all directions.

Very few of us realize the time necessary to commune with our God. We are just too busy with our worldly cares. We don't give thought to recharging our spiritual batteries and refilling our pitcher of life. We give little thought to the purpose for which our Creator placed us here. We get so involved with "my wants and desires," that we completely forget to consider "His will" for us.

We endeavor to face our trials and temptations and hours of decision alone, and oftentimes find ourselves completely lost and confused — without a sense of unity, purpose, and direction in our lives. We forget to call on our Heavenly Father for help when we need it, yet we feel He has wronged us when things don't go as we would have them.

We lack a deep and abiding, unshakable and everlasting faith and trust in our kind and loving Heavenly Father. We do not, at all times, accept God as our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. We try to be sufficient unto ourselves, until such time as we discover that we are unable to cope with all of our problems. Then we are lost and don't know which way to turn.

Young people today are, in far too many cases, being reared under the influence of this idea of self-sufficiency and lack of necessity for God. They are given the impression that they, or their parents, or some other mortal soul can fulfill all of their needs, solve all of their problems, and give them a full and happy life. They get the idea that the world owes them a living; that the world, and the people in it, will always take care of all their needs.

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These young people usually get a rather rude awakening when they leave home for the first time to attend college, join the service, or take a job. They find that they are poorly prepared to cope with the problems which they encounter in adjusting to new and different types of personalities, different values, and the idea of being on their own. The problem of loneliness, missed loved ones left behind, seems too hard for me, I begin to get discouraged; then God reminds me that He is with me, and will take care of me no matter what. Sevent Day Baptist, I would give up then God reminds me that He is with me, and will take care of me no matter what. Seventh Day Baptist Church.

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At the point when young people are on their own, they must have a Power outside of themselves — a Power that is far greater than themselves. Such a Power suitable to meet all of their needs is the Power of God, as represented through His Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. If we but let Him, He will show us the path our feet should tread. When we let Him come into our hearts, our problems be come His problems, and ultimately we

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Witness for the Sabbath

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Christ was the world's greatest teacher and those who follow this calling have as an example the man whose three short years of teaching and preaching did more to mold the course of human history than any other person. For that reason alone the teacher should study the pedagogy of the Master as the great source of inspiration for his task.

Teaching as a profession requires a considerable period of preparation. Christ spent 30 years to prepare for His short ministry. This period of preparation, in terms of book knowledge, experience, maturity, and responsibility, is of fundamental importance to the success of the teacher. If he is inadequately prepared, he can scarcely expect to have the respect of his students or challenge them to greater academic achievement. And without this respect he will have little or no influence on his students nor will he be a vital witness for Christ and the Sabbath.

One of the greatest challenges which faces the teacher is the continuing responsibility to balance instruction with commendation and punishment with patience. In this area of the teacher's work lies perhaps the greatest opportunity for the application of Christian discernment and also the greatest need for divine guidance. The teacher is not a substitute for the parent; neither is he secondary at any level. His counsel must be just, however, and the student must realize that failure to meet requirements brings with it a penalty in school as well as in later years. Although the teacher may modify the penalty, his task is to determine how the student may be shown the underlying causes for his difficulty. One does not have to be a psychiatrist to accomplish this but he does need a deep Christian faith in his students. A longer prayer list may be a partial answer.

Freedom of conscience has given each of us the right to choose how we observe the Sabbath. Some have kept it very strictly, others very liberally. The tendency in recent decades, however, has been to hold our heritage too loosely and many, both within and without the church, no longer observe and sanctify the Sabbath. This is a problem for both those who are members of a Seventh Day Baptist church group as well as the lone Sabbathkeeper. Worship and frequent contact with those of the Sabbath faith are of inestimable value in strengthening one's own faith. The lone Sabbathkeeper who worships and works in a first-day church group finds a double pleasure in actively engaging in church activities while still maintaining his allegiance to the Sabbath.

As a teacher, the Seventh Day Baptist should have a definite policy on Friday night and Saturday activities which is known and understood by the school administration. There are numerous ways in which the Sabbathkeeper can offer additional service to offset his inability to participate in all curricular (Saturday classes) and extracurricular activities.

Teaching affords greater opportunity to witness for Christ and the Sabbath than many vocations. Do we do it?

A Teacher Declares

There is work for all

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When we become members of the church we want to have some part in the work of that organization that can be done by a layman. The idea of being a worker together with God is an appealing one. To work in partnership with God should challenge us to prove ourselves worthy by seeking to understand our part in the partnership and then learning to do it well in a humble way.

Anyone who tills the soil either as a vocation or merely raises a few flowers as a hobby can readily see that he cannot make the seeds grow. His task is to provide the right conditions for growth. God alone can give the life. This story may illustrate the point. A customer in a florist shop was looking at some beautiful hybrid roses and marveling at their perfection. "What wonderful things God can do," he remarked. "God and man working together in harmony produced these roses," answered the florist. He then showed the customer a wild rose with many thorns and single blossoms. "This rose grew without that teamwork," said he.

Many a public speaker or a singer has been able to develop his talent when he became aware of his role as the partner of God. It was then that his message in word or song could best reach others to inspire them to a higher plane of living — a greater love for God.

At the present time when so much of the training of the children is left to the school it behooves the teacher to have the Master as the partner and work in harmony with Him. Certainly it is the hope of every teacher that the children in her care may develop a character of growing beauty comparable to the hybrid rose.

The housewife as she keeps her family well and growing physically and spiritually; the businessman as he lives the Golden Rule; the laborer as he does an honest job, and the youth as he seeks to learn his place in society may each be a worker with God and live a daily witness to that fact.

Perhaps someone may say as did the Rich Young Ruler, "This I have done all my life and still I am not satisfied." Maybe the answer to us will be, "Give a tithe of your time, beyond your vocation, for some type of church work.

Let us explore this field a bit; not turn away sorrowful as the Ruler did when given his task.

The needs are all about us; the ways to serve fit all abilities, the opportunities for a positive witness endless, and the blessing sure. Sabbath School classes, Vacation Bible School projects, church camps, Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, and many others need volunteer workers trained in many skills, yours and mine, to lead the youth to a better understanding of the Christian life. The choir may need your voice. The sick or shut-in enjoys a card and a bouquet of flowers. A troubled person wants a sympathetic listener as he tries to define his problem and seeks a solution. Someone depends on your car to get to church. All these and many more await your talents and time.

"Look around you, find someone in need. Tho' it be little — a neighborly deed.

May each of us as a workman strive to present ourselves to God as one approved and needing not to be ashamed.
A Church at Work

WITNESSING TO THE LOVE OF JESUS

"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2: 17).

The New Orleans Fellowship, I believe, has more "ups and downs" than most churches. One reason for this is our burden for the underprivileged and handicapped people. The Lord has led us to work in several housing projects set up for people in the lower income bracket. We have had several families with whom we have been spiritually blessed. They have shown an interest in the Lord, in the Sabbath, and in our church, but because of the loss of jobs, changing of jobs, and similar changes, these families have moved out of our reach, except by letters and prayers. We feel that the seed was planted, and that is what is expected of us.

Of course, outwardly, we cannot see that these families have accepted Christ as their Savior, but we pray that they may continue to do the Lord's work here in this large city. No one realizes the number of miles that have been traveled by these families before being given out. We have also distributed many sacks of groceries and medicines, as well as the clothing.

As our pastor has so well put it, we do not want a merely "social" church, where people feel that they can come for material help, and then leave; but the point always to be kept in mind is the need of the soul. Through these kindnesses, we always have the opportunity of witnessing for our Lord and for the Sabbath.

Our talents are not all the same. To some it may appear that the talent of working with children, visiting hospitals, and helping the handicapped is not spreading the Gospel, but didn't Jesus go about comforting the sick and visiting in the homes of people? "For I was hungry and you gave me meat..." (Matt. 25: 35-40). Some lives just show the love of Jesus without words; others can go out and preach the Word, but unless they live it, their witness is ineffective.

After our Sabbath service, cars go in every direction returning people to their homes. The majority of us then spend our time either with some kind of witnessing: passing out tracts; classes consisting of Bible stories, songs, handwork with children in different homes. Others spend time with those who wish to know more about the Sabbath and salvation, while still others spend the time visiting in hospitals, with shut-ins, or new prospects, thus opening the door for more Christian interests.

We need the prayers of all Christians that we may continue to do the Lord's work here in this large city. No one realizes the number of miles that have to be covered in one city to do the work we are doing. Pray for our work.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

A Christian Housewife Speaks of —

WITNESSING IN EVERYDAY LIFE

There are those who believe that Christianity is only following a set of prohibitions such as not smoking, not wearing lipstick, not doing this or that, after one has accepted Christ as Savior. Such people also seem to think that the time spent on the sick, or handicapped, except for the definite challenge to witness for the soul's salvation, is wasted time.

However, if we note our Savior's attitude, we see a concern for people as people, and not simply as candidates for heaven. How else can we interpret sayings about sharing what one possesses, giving the cloak also, going the second mile, and forgiving one's enemies? Not once only, but so many times that it becomes deep

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TWO FARMERS SPEAK

Close to Nature
Close to God

By Arlie Greene

Farming is an occupation which is spoken of many times in the Bible. We find farming first mentioned in Genesis 2: 15, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

As we read the Gospels, we learn of Jesus telling stories, in parables, to illustrate certain truths. Jesus used different phases of farming in many of His parables, for instance, "The Growing Seed" (Mark 4: 3-20); "The Mustard Seed" (Matthew 13: 31-32); "The Lost Sheep" (Luke 15: 3-7); and "Laborers in the Vineyard" (Matthew 20: 1-16).

Farming, I believe, is second only to the ministry. A farmer works very close to God's creation. He depends upon God for the rain, the sunshine, and processes of nature established by the Creator. He cooperates with God in raising crops.

The story has been told of a minister who called on a certain man. As they were looking over the man's garden, the minister spoke to the man about the wonderful job he and God had done together. The man said, "You should have gained my garden last year when God had it all to Himself!" He perhaps failed to realize that only by cooperating with God in our farming can great things be accomplished.

Farming is very confining, but it is an occupation that makes it possible and easier to keep the Sabbath. Of course, the necessary chores have to be done on Sabbath day, but we can plan our work so it is different from the other six days. We can take time to worship God as a family by attending church services and Sabbath School. Also, I feel the farm is the best place to rear God's precious children. It gives them a place to play without being on the streets and where they can see and feel God's presence in His great universe.

I think the farmer and minister have one thing in common — their income is rather low compared to the rest of the world. A farmer has quite an expense for feeds, equipment, livestock, and the like, so it is necessary for many to seek other means of income. Like myself, some of them drive a school bus to supplement their income. This gives us an opportunity to witness. As I go on my egg route each Monday, it gives me an chance to speak for Christ in my business.

In Matthew 24: 14, we read the words of Jesus, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Therefore, a farmer has just as many, if not more, opportunities than others to witness for Christ and the Sabbath.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5: 16).

Obedience Through Love

By Aubrey Davis

How often we take for granted the blessings of God's love, never stopping to consider our own unworthiness and never realizing that if it were not for God's grace and love, we would not have the opportunity of eternal salvation. As Christians, we need to measure ourselves often, determining our value in His service. There are many ways we may witness for our Christ, but as Sabbathkeepers Christians we have an unusual opportunity to witness for Him. Our fellow men notice the peculiar difference of Sabbath observance by comparison. For instance, on the farm they note a consistent cessation of work at sundown, the inconvenience of marketing crops in certain cases, the lack of participation in certain community social activities, and the contentious reluctance to perform everyday business. These are sure ways to set one apart and yet these should not be in fulfillment of our mission. We must ever be on the alert for new ways and opportunities to bring other phases of the good news to those who have never heard — even to those who do not care to hear.

All in all the call to service is a supreme challenge, calling for the best in us. Yes, even more — calling for a dependence and trust in God's guidance that transforms us and lifts us out of ourselves, radiating His love, shown by our daily living and by the seizing of opportunities otherwise not seen.

It seems to me we have several reasons for seventh-day Sabbath observance. First, we have the commandment in Exodus 20: 8. God in His wisdom gave man the command to rest, realizing man's need for physical rest as well as for a renewing of his spiritual nature. He specified the time for man's own good at the end of six days' labor; and because in it He had rested.

Also, we have Christ's example as we read in Luke 4: 16, "And as his custom was he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day." This was definitely the seventh-day Sabbath as there was no other day observed as a weekly day of worship at that time.

And last of all, Christ came to establish and fulfill all righteousness and to give men everywhere a new conception of His love. "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another" (John 13: 34). "For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4: 8, 9).

Here to me are several good reasons, and if there were no others I think these would be sufficient. It seems when we have fulfilled these, surely we can say, "I do these things because I delight to do thy will, O my God." And being of this enlightenment, we keep this whole law through love, desiring of a full attainment; which, of course, few attain in this life but are nonetheless subjects of His grace. If we could only bear in mind at all times Christ's love for us and His desire that we witness for Him in every circumstance.

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A Prayer For Our Minister

O Lord and Father, help me to be a better listener. Sometimes when I have come to church, I have let my mind wander over other concerns, and have not given thought to the message of the morning.

Sometimes I have wished that our minister had more appeal in his message, and more attention-getting voice. But, Lord, I know that the fault is in me, that I have not learned to give to the message the attention that it deserves. Forgive me.

Dear Father, give to our minister this morning a message from Thine and from Thy Word, and give me a mind alert to receive it.

May all those who have come to church this morning, even some who, like myself, have come in a critical mood, that they receive a message that will cause a searching of hearts that will bring conviction of sin, and a crying out for divine forgiveness and salvation through Christ, Amen.

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An effective witness to the true Sabbath of the Bible requires more than a casual profession of Christianity. The love of God must be the most significant part of one's life. The homemaker's witness of first importance is in the home. The members of the household, especially the children, are definitely influenced by the witness before them daily. Do we find stalwart Christians — consecrated Sabbathkeepers — coming from homes where parents are "half-hearted" Christians, who know the real Sabbath and make a weak effort to observe it? If we indeed love God, we must go out of our way to please God "children's children" as in Psalm 103: 17.

Many difficulties are certain to arise in every Sabbathkeeper's home to test his real Sabbath and make a firm witness to God's laws. Many difficulties are certain to arise in this way the home can be a godly homemaker..." (Read Exodus, chapter 20.) These are God's laws; they set a standard to live by. Why should we need more discipline than is contained in these words, given to Moses to be handed down from generation to generation? They are most wonderfully revealed in the teachings of Christ. He brought the most exalted truths to the humblest understanding. To the peasant He spoke about His corn and the mustard, the wheat and the goats. He talked to the fishermen about their nets and boats. These were lessons of divine wisdom and love to men in all walks of life, the rich and poor, beggars and thieves alike.

Man-made laws are patterned after God's laws, and if we obey one set, we naturally obey the other. Man-made laws and God's laws are the same, as in the Ten Commandments: "Come to Life." They are the living words of God. They are the words of God's law which He talked to the people of Israel. They are the words of God's law which He talked to the people of Israel.

Take, for example, the driver of a car, speeding through the country, exceeding the speed limit of the posted signs, keeping an eye on the rear-view mirror, and saying to himself, "I can't see a highway patrolman so I am all right." That driver in his own mind, not only against the laws of the state and man, but against the commandments of God. What an example to be set before others? I say again, "Why do we have to be watched?"

How hard it is to say that one commandment is more essential than another, for we must heed each one! However, I will start with the fourth.

Remember the fourth day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. The seventh day is a sacred holiday, set aside by God for man to worship and rest, to bless him with his spiritual vitality, and rest your physical being. Do not say that any day will do.

Thou shalt not kill. A Christian does not have angry, unloving, quarrelsome feelings in his heart, which would lead to murder. Rather he seeks to win people for Christ.

Thou shalt not commit adultery. This would be a violation of pure love and honesty. We learn a wonderful lesson from the flowers: their sweetness and purity. We love the drooping snowdrop, no stain upon its pure, white flower. The seventh commandment teaches modesty in your thoughts and feelings.

Thou shalt not steal. He who takes the very least that may not be missed, but it is far better to go without than to get the thing dishonestly. An instance comes to mind, trivial perhaps, but I recognized a young man buying a basket of apples at a market. I was also buying, and he did not think I was listening. He bought fruit and said, "What do you think of this person? I think he was cheating, and not living according to the eighth commandment."

I could go on with each one, but time and space will not allow.

May I close by quoting the words of the late President Coolidge: "The foundations of our society and government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should decrease to be practically universal in our country."

Pray that we as Christian laymen may be obedient to God's laws, that our light may be seen in other nations. Amen.

Mrs. James S. Alexander has been a member of the De Baster Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1912. She was made a deaconess in 1932.
"You say you're a Seventh-Day Baptist and don't work on Saturday?" queried my prospective employer. "Well, in that case, your salary will be $22.50 instead of $25.00 a week."

"That's all right with me," I replied.

Thus began my career as a textbook editor with the Macmillan Company seventeen years ago. With my three-month probationary period over, my employer called me into his office.

"Your work has been satisfactory, and you'll receive a $2.50 raise," he announced.

"And furthermore, I don't see why you should be penalized for your religion. You'll be getting $27.50 from now on."

I had found that it paid to state my religious conviction at the outset of my new career. There was never any question about whether I would work on the Sabbath or not.

Ten years later when I applied for a job with the American Book Company, the publishing companies were working only five days a week, but I made it clear that I would not be available for overtime work on the Sabbath, and I have never been asked to work on that day.

I realize that not all Seventh Day Baptists have found it as easy to get a five-day-a-week job as I have. But I believe that Sabbathkeeping young people should enter a vocation that makes it possible for them to keep the Sabbath every week. It should also be a vocation which they feel is honest and constructive from a Christian viewpoint. One's choice of a vocation is an important way of witnessing to Christ and the Sabbath.

Another important way of witnessing is to have an attitude toward one's work. It has been my aim to do as thoughtful and constructive a job as I am capable of doing in the time available. I have tried to demonstrate my sincerity by concentration on the job at hand, cheerfulness, self-control, humility, and a willingness to go the second mile.

A third way in which I have tried to witness to Christ is in my relationship toward the people I work with. I don't believe in having long religious discussions on company time, but there are opportunities, especially at lunch time, for letting people know directly that I am a Seventh Day Baptist and am proud of it. When a person shows some interest, I hand him a Sabbath tract. I often mention church activities, such as choir and Women's Society. Recently I asked my editor-in-chief for permission to leave early on choir nights, since my train had been changed, and he quickly granted it.

Two of my authors are receiving copies of the Upper Room from me. One author, to whom I have sent it for six years, has told me several times how much the Upper Room has helped him in finding his way back to God.

I try to maintain a prayerful attitude at work. When I am called into an executive office, I pray, on the way in, that my words and actions may be in accord with God's will. Choosing a Christian vocation, getting the right kind of job, and being a Christian on the job have all been matters for continual prayer, in order that I may witness to Christ in my work.

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"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7).

"Power of Prayer"—three little words, but what a big meaning!

Picture a man in his late fifties, enjoying good health, a happy home life, many friends and business associates, a hobby he enjoyed in his spare time, suddenly finding himself in the hospital, not knowing what was wrong. A consultation of doctors resulted in a recommendation to inject a shot directly into the heart, which, his wife was informed, would either remedy the situation or cause instant death. The injection was administered, the patient remained alive, and spent the next eleven weeks in the hospital. Five weeks were spent in an oxygen tent, this man not realizing anything most of the time, suffering with pneumonia and pleurisy, together with other complications.

Then another specialist was called in and within two hours a chest operation was performed. Blood transfusions and intravenous feedings followed. Two more weeks, most of which time the patient was unconscious, brought him to be rallied, and was on the road to recovery. Four weeks more were spent in the hospital. His weight had dropped from 160 pounds to 98. I was that patient!

In my conscious moments during the first five weeks, I prayed as I have never prayed before. I wanted to live! There were many things I wanted to do. I wanted to enjoy the later years of my life. My aged parents needed me. So I prayed. The next two weeks I do not remember. But the last four weeks I enjoyed my wife's visits, those of my minister, and of many of my relatives and friends. There was no particular time I prayed—morning, afternoon, evening, and night. I enjoyed having my wife read to me from the "Upper Room" and the 'Secret Place' every night at the closet of my prayers. By this time my prayers were actually an expression of thanks. It was pleasing to learn that so many individual prayers had been uttered for me. A local church of colored people held prayers for me (one of the members was employed by the company for which my wife worked). My sister's church in San Diego, Calif., 2,500 miles away, held special prayer services for me.

Do I think all these prayers helped me? Let me assure all you readers that I did! Without discreditting the doctors, nurses, surgeons, and other hospital personnel, I unhesitatingly say that prayer brought me through the ordeal. Some of your prayers, too.

Several doctors, nurses, and hospital staff members have since told me that night after night little hope was given that I would be alive the next morning! I believe in the power of prayer. I hope you do.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6).

"Power of Prayer"—It exists!

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What Students Are Saying

Our Duty to God and Church

In general our duty as Seventh Day Baptists to God and the church is the same as for any other Christian. We must have faith, a deep and lasting faith in God and a love which reaches out toward all people. We must serve to at least try what is asked of us. As Seventh Day Baptists we believe that the Sabbath is the Lord’s day for the church. The Sabbath, two Friday nights and one Saturday night, is the Lord’s day for the church. The Lord has given to us in the Ten Commandments.

It is true that we are a minority group. Because we are, we must work extra hard to make ourselves known. I am convinced that we must strive to be outstanding in this one thing in our everyday life and contact with others. Only in this way will we be missed when we are absent. We are a minority group. The Sabbath is the Lord’s day for the church. The Lord has given to us in the Ten Commandments.

Frequently, a college student loses his perspective on life because his time is occupied with everyday activities and he does not take a moment to stand aside and get a different view of his world.

The student in today’s college spends much of his time studying the needs and purposes of laws, and their effects on humanity. The most important laws, almost everyone agrees, are the laws God given to us in the Ten Commandments. Among these laws for the governing of man, is one in which we are commanded to set aside the Sabbath day to rest and worship God.

The Sabbath seems increasingly important in today’s college world because it stands for many new things — a day of rest and of turning aside from the busyness of the week.

The Sabbath appears to reflect the laws of God and His commandments of rest and of work. This makes the Sabbath a day of worship and of pleasure. On this day we are able to think about doing good.

I think this is a good thing for every Christian to think about. But I also feel that it has a special significance for our special group. Let’s not only think about this but pray and work that others may think of us as Christians who not only go about doing good, but who live our faith in such a way that in everything we do, we are witnesses for God and His Sabbath.

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You will need to:
1. Set a definite time.
2. Build up a spirit of expectancy in your congregation.
3. The pastor should prepare his people through a series of sermons.
4. Advertise the plans in the press, don't keep them a secret.

On the night or day of the visitation some churches plan to serve a simple meal to the workers before they go out. At that time the workers should be given instructions by the pastor. Cards should be ready giving names and addresses and any other background information. While these visitors are out making the calls another group, maybe the shut-ins, should spend the time in prayer for these workers and those to be visited. In other words everybody in the church should take some part.

These are some of the results one can look for:
1. This kind of visitation will bring back to the church those who have become indifferent.
2. It will tell nonchurch-going people that the church is interested in them.
3. Many will be brought to Christ and into the church.
4. It gives the worker a chance for personal service and deepens his own Christian experience.

"Never forget that you are a chosen ambassador of your church. In the eyes of those upon whom you call, you are the church."

"It will take time and effort but the results will be more significant than you may ever know. You made the visit. He sent the messenger. You went. I'm sure He was pleased."

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A FAITH FOR TODAY
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reach the point where we can say, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." Then we are truly children of God, and will always feel His presence in our lives.

"Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter; I am the clay."
The Hand That Rocks the Cradle

A Mother’s Role

It has been said, “The mother in her office holds the key of the soul; and she it is who stamps the coin of character, and makes the being (who would be a savage but for her gentle care) a Christian man!”

As I think about this subject there come to mind many instances in the Bible where a mother’s love and faithfulness have molded the characters of the great leaders. One of the outstanding mothers was Eunice, the mother of Timothy. She gave the most precious gift a mother could give — the gift of “sincere faith” (2 Timothy 1: 5).

Although some noble things have been written, such as, “An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy,” and, “A woman’s place is in the home,” they will not take root in the modern woman’s mind because of the climate of thought prevailing today; for too many women feel that, with the advent of their suffrage, they have been emancipated from the home as well. In trying to be the equal of man in achievements, woman is destroying her purpose; in trying to compete with him, she is creating an unstable, neurotic society in which children are prey to all sorts of evil. Women have long coveted jobs which, it was supposed, only men were mentally fitted for. So now that she has proven herself to be his mental equal, there is no limit to her selfish ambition.

Basically, I think the problem with the modern mother is that she is too selfish. She wants to live a gay, unrestricted life. It is so much easier for her to indulge the children, and leave them to someone else’s care, than to give of herself. At the same time she is very conscious of what her neighbors possess in the way of material things, and feels that she must keep pace with them. Many Christian mothers, too, find themselves in the throes of modern living. The pace of this kind of living is not conducive to patient, gentle, Christlike example.

James 4: 4 tells us that friendship with the world is enmity with God. And the Apostle Paul also wrote, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind . . .” (Romans 12: 2, RSV). So it is a truly Christian mother who chooses well the necessities, keeps a firm hold on the family activities, protects the members from worldly influence, and guides them into the “paths of righteousness.” For, in so many homes the television set has replaced the Bible as the focal point of family life; indulgence has taken the place of loving, tenderhearted discipline and common sense has simply taken a back seat.

If I were to make up a proverb regarding mothers, I think it would go like this: “The woman who uses her intellect to raise godly children is wise, but the woman who thinks she is wasting her intelligence doing her motherly and wifely duties, is a fool, and is giving her children a deplorable heritage.”

There is so much a woman, especially the mother, can do for Christ. If she did her part well, the pastor could attend to more evangelistic duties; taking him out of the role of mentor that he might devote himself “to prayer and to the ministry of the word” (Acts 6: 4, RSV).

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The SABBATH RECORDER

God Is My Strength

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness” (Isaiah #1: 10).

Where does one start to express one’s inner faith and love of the Master? God sent His only Son into the world that we might be saved. All we need do is repent and give our hearts to Him and He will give us the strength to meet the problems of everyday living in this complex and perplexing society in which we live. He is my strength and my Redeemer. God is always with us and we call on Him whenever we feel weak and uncertain.

As a wife, mother, and homemaker, I so often feel incapable of living up to my responsibility. I put my trust in Him and find a joy in everyday living. Just as I believe that doing all the routine chores of managing a home is my way of expressing my love for Him and doing His commandments are my way of expressing my love for Him and because I know my part is not real unless we put it in practice in our lives. Our actions speak louder than words anyway.

We spend a large part of our days in making a living but most take time out for meditation and devotions during the week (and on the Sabbath) for worship and for inspiration to keep us steadfast in our faith. We need physical rest and spiritual uplifting. There is joy in worshipping in church in fellowship with others and in helping to carry on the work of the church. Each one has an important job to do.

Is God my strength and my Redeemer. Will you let Him be yours?

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Prayer for a Little Child

Here, O Lord, Thou hast given us one of Thy little ones to care for — to bring up in Christian faith and love. Help us, we pray, to have the same concern for his development in character as Thou hast for us. That the blessed Child who grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men may be the example that shall continually be set before this child, whom Thou hast placed within our charge.

When he places his hand in ours, looking up to our eyes in childlike trust, we are reminded of the total amount of confidence which we should have in Thee. Thy truthfulness, Thine integrity, Thine unwavering love have so often put us to shame in our dealings with others of Thy children. O help us in our dealings with this child, and with all children, never to make promises that we have no power to fulfill; never to fail them when they look to us for an example of truth and love; and never to be critical and fault-finding toward them, regarding the mistakes that they, alas, are too prone to make ourselves.

We ask this through the mercies of Him who once said, “Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more.” Amen.
"I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not . . . I will make darkness light before them . . . These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them" (Isa. 42: 16). "I was eyes to the blind, and feet was 1 to the lame" (Job 29: 15). The American Bible Society does this as shown in the film "Bearer of the Book."