Our Father in Heaven

We pray thee, save us from ourselves.
The world that you have made for us, to live in peace, we have made into an armed camp. We live in fear of what we create.
We are afraid of “the terror that flies by night, the arrow that flies by day, the penumbra that stands in the shadow that yesterday was yesterday.”

We have turned from you to go our selfish way. We have broken your commandments and denied your truth. We have left your altar to serve the false gods of money and pressure and power.

Forgive us and help us.

Now, darkness gathers around us and we are confused in all our counsel.

Losing faith in you, we lose faith in ourselves.

Inspire us with wisdom, all of us of every color, race, and creed to use our wealth, our strength, to help our brothers, instead of destroying them.

Help us to do your will as it is done in heaven, and to be worthy of your promise of peace on earth.

Fill us with new faith, new strength, and new courage, that we may win the Battle for Peace.

Be swift to save us, dear God, before the darkest falls. Amen.

—from "The Battle for Peace", an address by Harold N. Parker, "Christian Magazine".

TWO COUPLES COMMISSIONED FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

UPPER: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Crandall, Rev. & Mrs. John Conrod and their children pose with Missionary Secretary Leon Lawton and Conference President Edgar Wheeler.
LOWER: Closing hymn at Commissioning Service in Ashaway after laying on of hands by the ten ministers present.
The Jewish Passover

Passover has come and gone for our Jewish friends the last weekend of April. We are quite familiar with the ancient celebration of the Passover, but the world regarding the instructions are given in the Old Testament. We are not so familiar with how it is celebrated or what it signifies to modern Jews. Christians regard the Passover as having special meaning and think of it primarily in relation to the Lord's Supper which replaced it in the Church as instituted by Christ. He celebrated it in the traditional way during His ministry, but at the close of the third celebration He gave his followers a new commemorative ceremony to replace it.

Just as we Christians wonder how the Jews can neglect the Messianic prophecies which seem to us partly fulfilled in Christ, so, too, we wonder how Passover can continue to have meaning in modern Judaism. When the New Testament Scripture makes it so clear that "Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7),

The fact that the writer is that this most significant feast in the Jewish calendar does not mean the same to all who celebrate it. Just as the Lord's Supper is not understood in the same way by all professing Christians. There are different schools of thought. Some spiritualize the symbols and come to see a modern application of the deliverance from Egyptian slavery that lies back of the first Passover celebration. They are not unmeaning in the fact that there is a complete understanding of the Lord's Supper. It is not limited to Jews. The Bible frequently speaks of "the Lord's Supper, which is the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is not limited to Jews. The Bible frequently speaks of a sacred meal of liberation from slavery to the present plight of three million Jews in the Soviet Union, the continued threat to their security in Israel, the oppressed state of Jews in Arab countries, the situation of black and brown people and other deprived minorities here and abroad, and to the yearning for peace in Vietnam, the Middle East and elsewhere.

This, too, is interesting. We can see how it may appeal to those who are looking for new meanings in old symbols.

Rabbi Tanenbaum notes that "the famous Seder family meal with its intriguing symbolic foods . . . the high point comes when the door is thrown open to the prophet Elijah, who according to legend, sits at the head of the table and enjoins this be blessed on this Passover. The prophet Elijah has arrived today; the Messiah will come in the future. Thus, present and future are joined with future hope as Passover reaffirms the belief of Judaism that the future deliverance from war and oppression will come about through a second Moses, a Messiah, who will free the Jews and all men everywhere on the eve of the Great Passover Passover of Tomorrow.

Joyful and fanciful as this Elijah bit may be for the children, some of us may be a little disturbed by the nature of the connection made by the rabbi with the thought of the coming Messiah. It is heartening to learn that there is still a Messianic expectation, but our conversations with some orthodox Jews in this country and in Israel lead us to think that a feeling of a Messiah to come in person is not a very dominant expectation. It is disturbing not only to recall that so few Jews recognized Jesus as the Messiah when He came, but also to get the feeling of a long tradition that the future coming of the Messiah has no more substance than the belief that Elijah sips the wine at the Passover supper in the home. Somehow we must find the words and the love to explain to our Jewish friends that Christ has come, is present, and will come again at the close of the age to reign over all.

A Growing Need

Calls for a Growing Church

There may be a few questionable motives for suggesting growth for our denomination. If that be so, we do well to stress the motives that are not questionable. Among these looms large: We face a growing world need, and that calls for a growing church. There may be a few local situations where a given church seems too small need to fulfill its mission (prayer, lack of vision) and is struggling to exist rather than to serve. But a conference or denomination may see in better perspective how desperately the world needs the gospel message with which we are entrusted.

The other day I read in a Baptist news story about one of the Baptist churches of England are growing smaller instead of larger. Membership is slipping. Some 250 ordained and lay leaders of the British Isles planned a soul-searching conference for May 12-15 to delve into the problems of the seventies. One of the papers prepared for that conference discussed the way of the church faced in the light of a declining membership. "By any calculation the point must surely be reached when a decline of membership annu-
Evangelism sees a deeper need than the physical, and a glimpse of this need puts wings on our feet as well as on our money. We go, we send, in response to this eternal need. When we go either to our near neighbors or to those across the sea, we grow.

Seventh Day Baptists are faced with as many or more calls for help in spreading the gospel than at any time in our history. We must grow, not so that we can have a more comfortable church building or anything like that, but we must grow to meet the spiritual needs of those who are counting on us to help.

**Spring Meeting of Tract Board**

By L. M. Malby

Corresponding Secretary

Twenty-one members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society were present at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield for the quarterly meeting of the board when it assembled at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 19. Three committees, with members from Pennsylvania, South Jersey, held meetings in the forenoon. Reports of past work and plans for the future were considered in the three-hour meeting of the board.

Mrs. Ella Sheppard of Shiloh, N. J., member of the board, who edits the May special issue of the Sabbath Recorder, brought to the office the paste-up dummy ready to be turned over to the pressman for hand composition and printing. The Tract Board Committee has secured special issue editors for 1971 and hopes to announce soon a new choice of editor for the November 1970 issue.

Mrs. Malby reported things going well during the quarter. Sabbath Recorder Day on February 21 was considered to be successful. The board, upon recommendation of the Committee on Publications, voted to ask that a similar day be set aside by the churches next year. It was reported that up to the present some seventy-five people have requested and are receiving sample copies on the two-month offer. The editor mentioned speaking engagements and a Telugu language of India (through a special gift) and that three somewhat revised tracts in English have been reprinted recently: "Word of God or Traditions of Men," "First Day of the Week in the New Testament," and "Second Coming of Christ."

There was an increase in calls for sample copies of our tracts but few large orders from churches or individuals. An order of over 200 was placed by a new friend in the Canal Zone, a man about to complete his Navy career.

The chairman of the Committee on Audio and Visual Services, Fred Ayars, reported considerable progress in assembling the electronic components of studio sound system which the board is providing for conference use and the production of audio-visual materials. The committee also reported on the new and enlarged catalog of filmstrips and tape recordings.

Time was given in the board meeting to the national organizations. The chairman of the Supervisory Committee explained the new arrangement just put into effect of committee management of the Publishing House. There are not sufficient funds available to hire a manager, and the general secretary, Alton Wheeler, who had been doing it voluntarily in addition to his other duties, felt that he must give it up the first of April. An explanation of the new arrangement as it affects organizations having printing done will appear in a separate article soon.

The board listened to portions of the annual report of 1969 which will be presented at General Conference in August. Actions were taken to eliminate the Publishing House debt, to adjust the current budget, and to advance the general work of the society. The next regular meeting will be held at the Marlboro, N. J., church Sunday, July 19.

**SABBATH RECORDER**

**Pray for:**

1) The college-age students who have offered themselves to SCSC (Summer Christian Service Corps)
2) The churches that have seen the need for outreach and are planning to use these Corps teams.
3) The Junior Conference at Milton under the leadership of Mary McSparrin (who makes the request).

**Suggestions for Prayer This Week**

- Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Sabbath? that grew out of the recent Missionary Pastors Institute and is designed to supplement similar tracts produced by Campus Crusade for Christ. The board authorized printing 15,000 copies as soon as it can be made ready.

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Bible Clubs, Riverside, Calif.

Jan. 31 - Mar. 14, 1970

(This is a continuing report from Miss Connie Coon, Assistant in Evangelism, now serving on the west coast.)

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

Certainly the time spent in Riverside was one real victory for Him. Previous to my arrival five places of meeting were made available. The Lord gave an increase as we enrolled a total of 219 youngsters in the clubs.

Much of the success of the program is due to the cooperative efforts of the Dorcas, Mary Martha, teen-agers who willingly gave of their time in helping with the clubs, the adults who furnished refreshments, and most of all, the prayer support of so many of the church.

The largest club was held in an apartment housing area where eighty-one youngsters gathered to participate in the craft projects and listen to the gospel story. Ten staff members graciously gave of their time for this Friday afternoon event. Thirty-three were enrolled on Mondays at the Boatmans, thirty-nine on Tuesdays at the Roses, twenty-two met Wednesdays at the Parish House, and forty-four met at the parsonage on Thursdays.

Friday evening, March 13, we brought as many of the club members as possible together at the church for a sharing program. Religion, the religious vocabulary, verses and songs after which we saw the movie "Hidden Island" and had refreshments.

Besides working with the clubs, six children's messages were brought on Sabbath mornings, one talk about the work, one young people's meeting, one testimonial, another Bible study, and one slumber party chaperoned.

Again, fellowship was beyond compare and we just praise Him for the wondrous ways in which He works.

A nation which can set foot on the moon can no longer explain to the world why some Americans do not have shoes.

U. S. Rep. Louis Stokes, Ohio
It's a Home Run

By Herbert E. Saunders

On the shelf in my study there resides a book that I take out if I want a good laugh. Perhaps the funniest things that happen in life are the most unexpected things — the little mistakes that we so often make. The book I refer to is titled Parodies and Perversions and contains a collection of little stories about people with big audiences said things they hadn't intended to say. One such story is about an announcer for a major league baseball team. The game was an exciting one, and the moment in question was described in this manner by the announcer. "Here's the pitch. It's a deep line drive into straightaway center field. It's going, it's... curving foul." Technically, such a description is virtually impossible, but the story impresses upon us a condition regarding our relationship to our children that is so.

How often is it that we pride ourselves on the fact that we have given our children a lead on life that sends them toward straightaway center field — we're rarely the ones to make it. But to our amazement and to our deep distress we find that they are curving foul — they are beginning to stray away from the path we so carefully planned for them. We feel as if we have been carefully planned out for them. We find them off in "left field" as it were, and we're sure that they are not the ones playing the game.

But if we have been true to our mission as parents, grandparents, and friends — if we have given the child the proper guidance and a cornerstone of faith and purpose that we know is right, we will find that when the final announcement is made the verdict will not be, "the Pacific strike two" but rather, "It's a home run."

We are reminded of the tremendous responsibilities we all have to be faithful witnesses to our children of the love of Christ with those who belong still for their lives. If there is one experience from which none of us can claim to be exempt it is the influence we have on children. Here are God's most precious gifts to us as fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers, aunts and uncles, and good friends. Here is the greatest natural resource we have as a people — the little children put into our care by a loving and benevolent God. The responsibility for their future lies in our hands and the future of the world. How can we bring them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

It is only logical, then, that we use as our text the sixth verse of the twenty-second chapter of the Proverbs—Solomon's collection of witty and thoughtful sayings delivered over the years of his reign. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." What a promise! At a time when we feel the pressures of the world pulling our children away from us, this verse of Scripture from the lips of one of the wisest men the world has known gives encouragement to our efforts and adds impetus to our endeavors to give our children what they need of love, discipline, and security.

If ever children needed the active concern and commitment of parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends, it is now. And the call goes forth for a more dynamic and concerned relationship among adults for the lives and thoughts of our children. Their future and the future of the world lies in our hands, and we cannot afford to throw up our hands in despair and abdicate our position as teachers and guides for these young minds and hearts.

Two stories illustrate the possibilities we have to influence the lives of our children. One is taken from the Biblical account of the mission of the apostle Paul and the job for which he was made contemporary that the emotions felt are still deep with us. I refer, of course, to the recent successful return of Apollo 13. How does this scientific achievement tell us anything about children and their growth and nurture? Let us analyze the situation for a few moments. Apollo 13 was almost too perfect at the beginning. German measles had put some doubt upon the mission, but that was quickly resolved by a substitution of pilots. In fact, so perfect was the beginning of the flight that a newspaper in Milan, Italy, ran the headline, "Too perfect: The public is getting bored."

Indeed, such was the case. Of course, by 08:08 p.m., Monday, April 18 when the explosion aboard the service module aborted the mission of Apollo 13's landing on the moon. The four men were caught in emotional upheaval throughout the world the likes of which the world has never seen before in relative peace.

It is not necessary to go into the details of the flight from the time of the explosion because we all know too well the circumstances of the flight home and as Israel was glad when he saw Lovell, Haise, and Swigert step onto the aircraft carrier Iwo Jima. But the circumstances of their return were the result of several things. First of all, the pilots were trained test pilots. They knew what they were doing. Long hours had taught the world the value of a simulator and in discussions and in preparations for the flight. They had been trained to the limits of their abilities and knew the dangers and the opportunities that lay before them. That training and ability proved to be the key to their survival in the hostile environment. Without the knowledge of the spacecraft and the various systems that controlled attitude, velocity, and environment, they would have perished. What a "home run." The flight was! It illustrates the fact that when a child is given proper guidance in his life, the child develops a discipline that has to make throughout his life will be affected by what he learned in the church. In the school, in his church. Psychologists tell us that what a child sees and learns in his first five years of life has much to do with what he will be psychologically and emotionally throughout his life. Training in proper relationships and in love and understanding, and in the faith of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, does affect the life of the child. It is not just a matter of being home. And parents, grandparents, and friends all need to remind themselves of their return were the...
that they are the teachers—that they are the ones who develop the method of training and actualize it in practice. I am certain that the head of the astronaut training squadron will probably be the proudest man alive when the return was successful—he was the one responsible for the development that gave the astronauts the lives. And, my friends, every child that comes into our sphere of influence is our responsibility and our assignment.

But not only that, but we must continue to be responsible in our relationships to our children. The influence we have on children and young people does not stop when they leave our homes or immediate responsibility. Many parents today get the idea that once the child is gone from home, it is difficult for the actions and all concerns for the continuing maturity of that individual are gone, but that is not the case. If the ground crew of Mission Control had determined that when that rocket lifted off from Cape Kennedy that the mission was the astronaut and we would have never return to earth alive. Yes, they were trained—they had all the skills necessary to be responsible in their jobs—but they needed the continuing awareness of the ground crew and the continuing concern and responsibility of those who manned the little boxes that computed their needs. And, my friends, our children need us as well—they need our concern—our concern—our concern and anxieties as we live in the world. They have their own character and personalities.

The Biblical story mentioned before as being evidence of this promise is the story told by Jesus of the Prodigal Son. The son, when the father returned and saw the father at the return of his son that we forget that there must have been something in the boy that got at home that convinced him of the value of his return. He had spent his life away—as a young man in "riotous living" but now he knew the value of home and the home and the home and the home and the home and the home of the father. There was something stronger of the character of his father that made him think home in the first place and then make the momentous decision to go back. Perhaps Jesus was reminded of the proverb as He told the story to His disciples.

My friends, the fact of the matter is that the son did return home, and if we can have the faith to work. God has given us for our children by giving them good homes, with creative and loving atmospheres, centered in faith in God and His purpose for every life, we will find that when our children are old, they will not depart from what we have taught them. And that is the only time that it does not say "when they are teenagers," or "when they are young adults" (Continued on page 12)

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WOMEN'S WORK Mrs. Earl Craven

Attended Evangelism in Deep Forest

Mrs. Mary Suseela again writes of activities in India:

On the south side of Nellore City about 10 miles outside Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh State. This district is full of forests, valleys, mountains and wet lands. The people of this district are all very dangerous position. There is a large forest in this district called Karveti Forest, which is almost impossible to go into. We can not find the way to get inside it and we cannot walk freely in this forest. There are no proper paths, which makes it very difficult. When we go we can see some types of wild animals in this forest. There are very big caves and deep valleys. Most of the trees are full of snakes in the inner forest area. Some of the people live in caves, some are living in small huts, which are on the biggest trees in the forest and some have bamboo huts.

Eleven persons went to that forest area February 23, 1970, myself and four other women, the rest men. We followed the Rev. B. John Rao as our leader. We stayed in the forest five days, but the forest people did not allow us to preach the Word of God to the community people. They have their own stone gods for their worship. They have many drunkards; their women are like devils. Adultery is common. They cook forest rice for their daily food. They eat all sorts of birds, snakes, cows. Both men and the women put feathers on their heads every evening they do all sorts of forest dances. They do not like the city people. The training period would be enroute to their assigned projects June 18.

Ongole Trip

In February five of us women went to Ongole district for a baptismal service, along with the Rev. B. John V. Rao. Our group was over 25 persons baptized by Rev. B. John V. Rao. On February 21, and then we returned to Nellore. Pray for these new converts.

We have started new gospel work in two districts, namely, Chittoor District and Ongole District and are going to conduct open air meetings in another new district named Godavari District. Pray for this work and for the Rev. B. John V. Rao.

Note: Mary Suseela, a gospel preacher and women's worker, is the wife of the Rev. B. John V. Rao.

CORRECTION

SSCC Training Date Change

Please note a change in the beginning of SSCC training. The young people will gather at North Loup, Neb., Tuesday, June 9, rather than June 11, the date given in the article on page 8 of the April issue. The training period will end June 17. The dedicated workers will be enroute to their assigned projects June 18.

Women as Preachers

The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland made a study, and concluded that "The New Testament does not yield a Biblical basis for either the acceptance or rejection of the ordination of women." Erik Ruden, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland made a study, and concluded that their churches have used women evangelists since the beginning of this century. "Women were the first to declare that Christ had risen," Ruden said. "So it would not be improper for them to proclaim it today."

The truth is that practice will vary from church to church, from congregation to congregation. Whether their role is official or unofficial, dedicated women will continue to be "last at the cross and first at the tomb."

Robert J. Hastings

Sermon Tasters

Why go to church? It's not worth the effort if you go only to be a sermon taster or an anthem rater. There is more.
Pacific Pines, the camp owned by the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church has set the following dates for this year’s camping program:

Intermediate Camp will be held June 21-28; Primary Camp, June 28 - July 1; Senior, July 2-5; and Junior, July 5-12.

There will be other camping experiences for staff training, family living, and camp maintenance. When not in use by the church or the association, Pacific Pines is occupied by other groups.

Camp Harley Sutton—In an recent issue of the Sabbath Recorder, we printed the director of the Primary Camp at Camp Harley Sutton as Pastor Harold King. The name should have been Mrs. Richard (Susie) Bond. (See March 2 issue.)

The Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education plans to publish a camp manu­

The nominations for the 1970-71 Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship National officers have been submitted to the Beacon editor. A list of each nominee and a ballot included in the Beacon. Those who are members of the National Youth Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship will have the privilege of electing next year’s officers. The nominees are from the New England area since that is the district in which General Conference will be held in 1971.

It’s a Home Run

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but “when they are old.” And we must, if we would be true to the responsibilities that are ours, never give up on those who are our children.

Some people find meaning for life and a purpose in life much faster than others. Some people because of the very nature of their personalities come to grips with the issues of life and make their decision quickly. Others, by inferiority, take longer to reach the goals of their lives and meet the demands of their personalities. But all of them need our continuing concern and prayer—all of them need the deep-seated understanding that transcends the barriers—the generation gap, if you please—that separates us.

“Train up a child in the way he shall go, and when he is old he will not depart from it,” What a promise! What a responsibility! What an opportunity! If we are faithful to our trust as parents, grandparents, and friends to train up our children in the best way we know we can be assured that some time in their lives they will find meaning in what they have been taught. If we are faithful to our trust to keep in touch with our children, we can be assured that our children will be affected and strengthened by our concern. If we are faithful to our trust in

God to pray for those who belong to us we will be rewarded by the continuing growth in purpose and trust in their lives. For He who has promised is faithful, and we can be assured that He will bring to pass that which He has made known to us.

Yes, a “home run” is a great thing. It can determine the outcome of the game. It can hit hard and on the direct path in order not to curve foul. Our children need the guidance of their parents and friends in order to be directed on a path that is straight and true. But if they do start to curve foul—if they do stray from the set pattern of life as it has been taught them—let us not despair, for the promise is true and sure. If we have trained up our children properly, we have done our best in instruction and practice—they will not depart so far from what has been taught them that the “home run” is impossible. And the game of life will be won and we can thank God for His great promise and for His continuing presence in our lives.

LET’S THINK IT OVER

Assessing the University Situation

Faculty as well as students are responsible for what a University of Michigan history professor called the “politica­

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What Apollo 13 Accomplished

“The Apollo 13 mission, as perhaps nothing else in this amazing twentieth century, has brought science and religion together at their best,” an editorial in the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine said.

Editorial Erwin L. McDonald wrote here that the Apollo 13 mission, far from being a failure, may turn out to be “the greatest mission of all” if somehow Apollo 13 can point the way for a universal and spiritual pattern for all people, such as that we have felt for three astra­

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Rather than making a one-week Sabbath emphasis on Sabbath Rally Day, the pastor plans a Sabbath Emphasis month for May, using the theme, "The Sabbath for New Testament Christians." This is a good time to invite people who might be interested in our approach to the Sabbath.


SHLOH, N. J.—At our Friday night prayer service on March 20, after the dedication of our new baptismal pool, the first baptismal for many years was held in the church sanctuary with seven candidates.

A Good Friday evening many attended a candlelight Communion Service in the Fellowship Hall. The tables were arranged in the shape of a cross. A chair with a picture of Christ on it was at the head. As we sat around the tables, poems and Scripture were read along with the singing of familiar hymns. This was a wonderful experience or Bible verses was given. This was indeed a very thrilling and touching way in which to celebrate the Lord's Supper during this Easter season.

Easter Sunrise services under the direction of the Tri-C class were held at the Jersey Oaks Camp at 5:45 a.m. with a brief message by Pastor Bond. Hot coffee and doughnuts were served afterward.

Mrs. Foster was a member of the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Little Genesee. In addition to his wife Cora he is survived by a brother, J. Weldon of Princeton, Ind.; a sister of his wife, Mrs. K. Duane Hurley of Salem, W. Va., and Gary David Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Martin, of Salem, W. Va., who survives. Mrs. Gustav Florin of Boalsburg, Pa., are three sons: Paul and Aubrey of Industrial, Wash.; and Gordon of New Cumberland; two daughters: Mrs. K. Duane Hurley of Salem, W. Va., and Kathleen Ann Osborn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Davis, of Salem, W. Va., were married Dec. 19, 1969, at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Francis D. Saunders officiating. They are living at West Union.

Obituaries


On April 14, 1920, he married Isabella Davis, who survives. She is a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. They have three sons: Paul and Aubrey of Industrial and Gordon of New Cumberland; three daughters: Mrs. Gay Cuthwight, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Martin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Davis, of Salem, W. Va., and Kathleen Ann Osborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Davis, of Salem, W. Va., were married Dec. 19, 1969, at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Francis D. Saunders officiating. They are living at West Union.

Marriages

Barber - Wiswell.—John Arthur Barber, son of Deacon and Hiram W. Barber, Jr., of South St. Marys, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wiswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Wiswell, were united in marriage at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sunday, April 26, 1970, by the Rev. Edward Sutton, pastor of the church.

Davis - Florin.—Philip C. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Davis of Shiloh, N. J., and Jayasmine L. Florin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon J. and R. Wesley Davis, were united in marriage in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, April 4, 1970, by the groom's pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond.

Dobrow—Dobrow.—R. Wesley Davis of Vineyard, N. J., and Elsa Tomlinson Dobrow of R.F.D., Bridgeport, N. J., were united in marriage in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, April 23, 1970, by the Rev. Charles H. Bond.

Gilmour—Gilmour.—Beaumont Gilmour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Gilmour of Racine, Wis., and Linda Annette Loofboord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Loofboord of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 28, 1970, with the Rev. Earl Cazaan, pastor of the bride, officiating.

Gilmore—Hurler.—Rebecca Marie Hurler, daughter of Pres. & Mrs. K. Duane Hurley of Salem, W. Va., and Gary David Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Martin, Sr., were united in marriage April 11, 1970, at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor J. Paul Green officiating. They are making their home at Fort Knox, Ky., where Mr. Martin is serving with the United States Army.

Miller—Kenyon.—Joseph B. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller of the Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers Avenue, New Brunswick, N. J., by the Rev. Charles E. Cruzan, pastor of the church. Pastor A. Kenyon, Jr., of Westerly, R. I., and Nancy Lauretta Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Davis, of Salem, W. Va., were married Dec. 23, 1970, at the Oakland United Methodist Church, Oakland, Md., by the Rev. Lawrence Shepherd. The couple are making their home in Salem.

Valentine—Davis.—Jack Valentine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Valentine of West Union, W. Va., and Jackie Davis of Salem, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Davis, were married Dec. 23, 1970, at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Francis D. Saunders officiating. They are living at West Union.

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Some time ago mention was made in these pages to the fact that Arthur Blessitt, a Baptist evangelist well known for his successful Sunset Strip ministry in Los Angeles, had started across the United States carrying a large cross and holding meetings along the way. Pictures in the papers show the cross with wheels attached to the foot of it so that the full weight does not have to be carried when the evangelist shoulders it. Reports are that this unusual means of getting attention is coupled with articulate witnessing and preaching. He expects to reach Washington in mid July.

Another group of seven young evangelists are now on the way to Washington pushing a wheelbarrow load of Bibles. They are trying to dramatize the fact that America has a spiritual hunger that can be satisfied with the Word of God. The group started March 16 traveling across Alabama and Mississippi. They expect to join Arthur Blessitt in Washington, D. C., on July 18 for a mass rally and a 24-hour period of prayer. The young people financed the trip by selling personal possessions, even cars. They ask nothing from the churches where they hold revivals. Some go on ahead making plans for meetings while others of the party push the wheelbarrow.

Sammy Tippit, 22, a spokesman for the group who have held successful revivals during the winter, felt the need to do something. After talking several hours with Evangelist Blessitt and with the Lord in prayer, the group decided to simulate Blessitt’s trip.

Young Tippit spoke exuberantly of his desire to see a spiritual reawakening in this country. “We’re just challenging people the whole way to let Christ be a part of their lives,” he said. He added he believes that the country is on the brink of a religious revival comparable to the great awakening of the nineteenth century.

Their wheelbarrow carries “psychedelic Bibles” and copies of Good News for Modern Man, a contemporary translation of the New Testament. “We feel that it’s time for positive action rather than negative analysis,” Tippit explained.

Crusade Committee Urges Fellowship Continuation

The Crusade of the Americas Central Coordinating Committee, meeting for its final session, evaluated results of the hemispheric four-year evangelist effort and urged the fifty participating conventions to appoint representatives to conserve and continue the fellowship and spirit created by the crusade.

In his final report to the Central Coordinating Committee, Crusade of the Americas President Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, called the crusade “The greatest evangelistic campaign in the last one hundred years.” Crusade of Americas General Coordinator Henry Earl Peacock of Sao Paulo said that incomplete reports from twenty-five of the fifty participating national Baptist conventions in the thirty countries in North, Central, South America and the Caribbean indicated a total of 494,018 decisions for Christ during 1969, the climactic year of the crusade.

Results are not all recorded. This year of 1970 is "the Year of Conservation of Results."