DAILY BIBLE READINGS for October 1971

A lamp to my feet A light to my path

( Including and supplementing the daily Bible readings of the Uniform Series of Bible Lessons published in "The Helping Hand.")

God Calls Men
1—Fri. Called to Godly Living. 2 Peter 1:3-19

God Creates a Community
5—Tues. God Keeps His Promise. Josh. 23:1-8, 14,16a
6—Wed. Promise of a New Covenant. Jer. 31:27-34; 29:10-14
7—Thur. Members of One Body. 1 Cor. 12:12-26
8—Fri. God’s Own People in Community. 1 Peter 2:1-10, Matt. 18:10-20

God Responds to Prayer
10—Sun. God Responds to Prayer. Psalm 34
11—Mon. God Hears His People. Psalm 102:1-22
12—Tues. How To Pray. Matt. 6:5-18
14—Thur. The Spirit Intercedes. John 16:4-17, Rom. 8:26-28
15—Fri. When Weakness Is Strength. 2 Cor. 12:1-13
16—Sabbath. Thirst for the Living God. Psalm 42

God Heals Broken Humanity
17—Sun. The Healer from God. Is. 61
18—Mon. Supported and Protected. Is. 62
19—Tues. His Steadfast Love. Is. 63:7-19
21—Thur. Peace from God. Is. 60:17-22; Col. 1:21-23
22—Fri. Assurance in God’s Promise. Is. 40:1-12

God Judges Nations
26—Tues. The Covetous and the Grasping. Hab. 2:9-20
27—Wed. Awe Before the Lord. Hab. 3:1-11; 17:19
29—Fri. A Drop from a Bucket. Is. 40:9-20

God Sustains His Creation

Pakistan Refugee Relief

Over 4,000 tons of basic protein foods have been shipped into the massive East Pakistan refugee zones by Church World Service.

The relief agency had previously sent large supplies of medicines and shelter materials into the refugee camps. Breakdown of the huge food shipments of 4,128 tons revealed the agency has dispatched 6,614,000 pounds of wheat; 661,000 pounds of powdered milk; 661,000 pounds of vegetable oil and 332,000 pounds of beans.

Field representatives of CWS in India reported that the number of refugees has passed the 8,000,000 mark.
The Work Before Us

We as a people have been greatly stimulated by a year of celebration of our 300th anniversary of organized Seventh Day Baptist churches in this country. Many of us were able to attend Conference, make a pilgrimage to the site of our first church, and do more talking about the Lord’s work than doing the Lord’s work. Have we said that we have no good reason that all the people around us have fully made up their minds in favor of another religion or no religion? It isn’t true. “God’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save.” We realize that someone else in the same circumstance that discourages us might do a great work for the Lord or start a new great project. We extended the music and messages of these pages and from the church representatives who, like working ants and bees, brought back all they could carry of good food and sweetness. Some churches through tape recordings have extended the music and messages of whole services to the local congregation.

We do well to get all we can from the well-prepared worship and other programs of our August meeting, but there comes a time when the forward-looking business of the church and denomination has to take precedence over past experiences, for we were not there. There is a work to do and we must be prepared for it. The past is preparation for the present and future.

Sometimes you and I have to meet some physical emergency. In the course of life we may unexpectedly be called upon to walk some distance or to run for aid. Or some unaccustomed length of hand, arm, or back may be needed. It is then that we find out, to our joy or to our embarrassment and shame, whether or not we have kept ourselves physically fit. Consistent exercise strengthens us for the known or unknown requirements of the future. Moreover, there is the general feeling of well-being and contentment that comes from proper exercise with its deep breathing.

Just as bodily exercise is profitable, so, too, are mental and spiritual exercise. We are hampered in our attempts to think clearly and imaginatively if we have not done much thinking. We may be thrown into an emergency where a friend needs spiritual, Biblical counsel. We can help if we have been taking our spiritual life toned up. Otherwise we will fail.

Have our past experiences, including our historical and other exercises, caused enough deep breathing to send the blood tingling through our spiritual bodies? The fall months are here. The best of the year for Christian work may be with us right now. The year will soon be gone. We know that we have no time to perhaps think about the Lord’s work than doing the Lord’s work. Have we said that we have no good reason that all the people around us have fully made up their minds in favor of another religion or no religion? It isn’t true. “God’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save.” We realize that someone else in the same circumstance that discourages us might do a great work for the Lord or start a new great project. We extended the music and messages of these pages and from the church representatives who, like working ants and bees, brought back all they could carry of good food and sweetness. Some churches through tape recordings have extended the music and messages of whole services to the local congregation.

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How To Live Longer

Traditionally every man wants to live
to a good old age in health and vigor.
The way we cling to life indicates that we
enjoy it and also have a certain amount
of fear of dying. On the other hand there
are a few who at an early age become so discouraged, frustrated, or mentally
unbalanced that they talk of ending it all.
The world through the ages has fought
long and hard for longevity. If he is serving the Lord
and winning souls he wants to continue
that work until God calls him to rest
from his labors. He avoids habits that
will shorten his life span.

People are asking if death is a matter
of fate or if certain actions shorten life.
Studies have been made showing that people
of average vigor and vitality can order
their lives so as to live longer than
others. Statistics are quoted to show that
a person twenty-five percent overweight
is likely to die early. A man who smokes
a pack of cigarettes a day can expect to
live five years longer than an unmarried,
divorced, or widowed person -
also to show that a married person lives
years of married life are more important
than the earlier years.

The professional journalist is tempted
to evaluate his success on the basis of
 circulation and readership - the size of
his audience, and its approval — rather
than on the basis of how well his publica-
tion is articulating and promoting the
church's philosophy. For example, he
can get the impression from reading some of
today's "super-relevant" religious publica-
tions that an occasional editor is strain-
ing so hard to imitate the slick, popular
magazines of general circulation that he
has succeeded in making his own mag-
azine more or less superficial, as far as
his special audience is concerned.

Such publications sometimes tend to
be little different from the secular press,
devoting themselves to conventional dis-
cussions of daily events and current
"insensitivity" toward "dissent," the evils
of the military-industrial complex, the
drug culture, abortion, pollution, the
need for population control, turmoil on
the nation's college campuses, and other
common topics being reported and ex-
haustively analyzed in the secular press
daily.

All the aforementioned topics are ap-
propriate ones for frequent discussion in
the religious press, of course, but church
publications should avoid duplicating the
secular press. A church publication
finds itself, and of secular affairs related to its
faith. Ideally, the content should be an
interesting mix of straight news, inter-
pretative articles exploring problems of
the church in depth, inspirational features,
thought-provoking letters to the editor
that give the impression of a forum for
exchange of comment and criticism —
praise and encouragement, too — and
editorials that take a positive stand on
issues of particular interest to members
of that church.

CORRECTION

It has been called to the editor's at-
tention that in quoting the report of
the Conference Committee on Social Action
Interests on page 4 of the September 11
issue, the paragraph was lacking. This
paragraph is important because it is the
action part of the report and calls on the
standing committee to make available to
churches, study guides and whatever is
needed, to provide a meaningful forum for the
exchange of comment and criticism —
praise and encouragement, too — and
to editors that take a positive stand on
issues of particular interest to members
of that church.

Tract Distributor Arrested

Tract distribution can be quite re-
warding and in some circumstances quite
hazardous. That is the way Sammy Tip-
pit found it in Chicago. Sammy is a
respected Southern Baptist who does
evangelistic and mission work in Chicago.

He felt that there was a need for
more needy place for distributing gospel tracts
than in front of some of Chicago's night spots.
Evidently his work was recognized by
the owners as being more effective than
some tract distribution efforts. His
strong men threatened him because his
work was not good for their business.
Perhaps the prospective patrons did not
drink as much or otherwise live it up as
freely with gospel tracts burning in their
pockets. Anyway, evangelist Sammy Tippit
found himself arrested by Mayor
Daley's cops and charged with disorderly
conduct. He and others felt that there
was collusion between the local police-
men and the night spot owners.

The seventy-two member Board of Di-
rectors of the Illinois Baptist State Con-
vention at their meeting in mid-Septem-
ber adopted a resolution protesting the
arrest of Sammy Tip. They also dis-
orderly conduct claiming that "passing
out tracts" could hardly be considered
"disorderly conduct."

The forces of evil do not take kindly
to loss of income by competition of their
own kind and especially by competition
of the gospel that takes away the desire
to participate. It has been so ever since
the days of the apostles who "turned the
world upside down" with their teaching.
Times are a little different now. The
apostles faced suffer charges than dis-
orderly conduct. But then they did not
have "harmless" tracts to distribute and
were more aggressive for the cause of
righteousness and faith.

We need more outreach of the Baptist
Sabbath Recorder to hand out tracts in front of night clubs and
more leaders to protest the trumped-up
charges that smack of some sort of law
enforcement of corruption.

—Corresponding Secretary of the
Tract Society

THE SABBATH RECORDER

OCTOBER 2, 1971
The current issue of the Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls has a cover picture that will puzzle both youngsters and their parents. The photograph was taken from an airplane flying low over a hamlet where there's a Seventh Day Baptist church. Most of us don't have the thrill of flying that low over our home town, so even villagers from the one pictured might not recognize their own church. Whose history has brought very clear changes in name, or appearance, or mission is being suggested to families who published just one of a series that have been published in the past year. Several parents and grandparents subscribe to the Visitor for themselves and/or their grandchildren. Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, Alfred Station, NY 14803, is circulation manager and can arrange monthly mailings to individuals for only $1.50 per year (subject to club subscriptions of ten or more). Of course, primary subscribers are from the United States, so the cover pictures you see are from Seventh Day Baptists mostly. The World Federation meetings this past August have emphasized that we are a world family and we are not just English-speaking countries (even in non-English-speaking nations) who enjoy reading such magazines. And since the Sabbath Visitor is just what its title says, Sabbathkeepers around the world might help each other keep the Sabbath better by good use of the Visitor. Primary, junior, and even junior high youth are invited to consider helping send the Sabbath Visitor to Seventh Day Baptist friends in other countries. There are so many youth who have little or no reading materials, and little or no “spending money” that it seems only kind of you to be willing to take from your abundant resources to subscribe for Seventh Day Baptist boys and girls overseas. We would like to send thirty Visitors to Jamaica each month, fifteen or so to England, twenty-five to Guyana, fifty or more to India, ten to New Zealand. And there may be others who would like to have it, if we'd send them samples — and hope of sponsors in America. What finer “year-round Christmas gift” than to send a Christian magazine? Write to Mrs. Pierce or to the board office (Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803) about gift subscriptions for overseas Seventh Day Baptists. And while we're talking about contributions, “Aunt Fran” (Mrs. Frances Clarke) as the Visitor editor urges youngsters to send a story, or a picture, or a puzzle, or a response to her questions. Gene Van Horn, who publishes the Visitor, can easily put your picture into the next issue if Aunt Fran gets it for planning.

Christian Education Week

Sept. 26 - Oct. 3

Pastors, clerks or moderators, and Christian Education keyworkers have received suggestions for observing Christian Education Week this year. The emphasis is on use of the materials in the new Era of Action “resource guides” sent out by the Planning Committee this August.

“Learn To Reconcile” is the key issue of the green section of the Planning Committee guide. To “create hope” through the improved teaching and learning that goes on in our Sabbath Schools is possible as we more consistently express the gospel of Jesus Christ among our friends. Creative use of the suggestions is urged, with a worshipful commitment to our Christian ambassadorship as reconciliation bearers. Resources for a message on one of the urgent issues in education are many, and you are urged to relate the educational tasks of the church to the moral and religious values taught by our youngsters, whether in church school or not.

It has come to be an important moment on the Conference program when the Board of Christian Education gives public recognition to Sabbath Schools that stand at the top of the list in achievement of certain goals. This year Battle Creek drew double honors. Representing the Board in this picture is Mary Clare (right) presenting to Jean Albion of the Battle Creek Sabbath School a certificate indicating excellence in training of local Christian education leaders and a beautiful plaque for the greatest percentage of increase in Sabbath School enrollment and attendance.

Giving Can Increase

Two of the large Baptist denominations report an unprecedented amount of money received from their people for the total mission program during July-August, which are not normally the highest months. This should help to keep us from assuming that we are in an economic squeeze and that there is not enough money available to support our church work. This upsurge in giving from people in like circumstances indicates confidence in the future and a growing love for the Lord’s work. Seventh Day Baptists also gave well in August. They can do so in the remaining months of the year.

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OCTOBER 2, 1971
And God Said...

Prophetic Anniversary Sermon
Sabbath Morning of General Conference

By Herbert E. Saunders

Continued from last week

Seventh Day Baptists, you want to be a great servant people — turn to Me—let Me decide your fate. Give Me a chance to show you what I expect from you and can make you. You have a brilliant heritage and tremendous potential, but so long as you continue to hide your denominational head in the shifting sands of time, so long will it be before I can really use you. I want to use you. Seventh Day Baptists, because I know you search for truth wherever you find it.

You recognize that I am the one God and Father of all men, and you call men to Me in renewed faith and trust. The Lord told Peter to tell you, will be the 'salvation of your souls.' Believe in Me and My Son and your faith shall live.

But too often, Oh My people, your faith has been very shallow. You act as if I am not even here. You call to Me in your times of need, and sometimes I feel like some kind of spiritual ambulance or religious rescue squad. I am another 'crossbar,' and I'm willing to do for you what I've always done for those who call upon Me, but you seldom call. You have too much faith in your own accomplishments, Seventh Day Baptists. You believe in your cause but you fail to recall that I am the source of your cause — that I am the one who made you what you are.

"I know you live in a world that changes too rapidly — a world that demands so much of everyone and everything. I know that times are hard and faith is difficult when pressures and struggles continue to bear down. I know that it is difficult to be courageous and hopeful in a world that I have a deep concern for you because I know what the burden of life can be like — and My heart weeps when I see you under such pressure. That's why I want you to see why you continue to hold Me off — why you take so little time to be with Me — why you refuse to let Me help you in your time of need. Your faith can be strong if you will let Me strengthen it. Your faith can be real if you will only let Me substantiate it for you. Your faith can be deeper because the past three hundred years of continued service if you will only reach out to Me and trust Me. I can restore your faith in My world. I can restore your faith in the basic goodness of human flesh. I can make you what you want to really be if you will only have faith in Me. Change your ways. Let Me be your guide. Let Me strengthen you with the deep desire to build a better life of faith for yourselves and for others. And the future will hold great promises because I ordain it to be. Remember, today is the first day of the rest of your life as a people — and faith can make it rich and joyful.

"Seventh Day Baptists, remember the faith of your fathers. It brought you to this moment just as those still unborn await your response to Me in faith. I sent My Son to strengthen that part of life you call faith, and I ask that through you His life will be shared with others. Spread your faith, not because you have to, but because you cannot help it. You say you have faith — then live it, be a part of it, share it — that's what I ask of you."

Then the Lord said again, "Seventh Day Baptists, take another look at that cross. It has a left 'crossbar.' Two hands were spread out across it. Just as one reaches out in faith with one hand, so he must reach out in love with the other. What one receives one must also give. I love you so much that I was willing to share My Son with you — to live your common life, to teach you the way all men ought to live, to share the burdens and pains of human flesh, and to die once for all of you — for each one of you. It is not enough for Me just to tell you that I love you — I had to show the deep devotion of My heart. I made you and through My Son I also redeem you.

"But you have yet to really show My kind of love to others. You receive it, as you claim, by your faith, but you have yet to give it. What you are like, I am. I, who am a caring people — a people whose prime purpose in life is to love as Jesus, My Son loved you. I search for you in the hidden way of love that gives without thought of reward or return. And I look to you. But I see the selfishness of your ways, and I know that you are more concerned about maintaining your pure strain than you are for loving people — regardless of who they are. I hear your eloquent words of love, but somehow they just don't coincide with your actions. You have large mouths but small hearts. And what I don't need in this selfish impersonal world, oh Seventh Day Baptists, is a people who can't hear My plea to love.

"I love you, each of you. Is it too much to ask that you love Me, and love each other, and love those thousands out there who have never known any kind of love? "What my world needs now is love sweet love." I thought I taught you a lesson in..."
love two thousand years ago. I thought
you were listening when your Conference
to..."caring...
cause there is one thing that is certain,
highly about those who care — those who
really love. But I want you to be that
ing that love, oblivious to the cries of
the German congregation in Ephrata,
my servants of your people, a pastor of
enemies, a man who had hurt him several
times by bitter words and angry accusa­
tions evident today, but what about to­
punctuating your past, and even expres­
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viduals and as a people if you will make the
adjustments necessary. I have great con­
tinence...a!...a people...the
cross, the cross...Macedonia...my
measure and in love, give...day. As a
people you have been out front in many ways
among My Christian fellowship. You've
shown your cooperation with others. You
have shared...you are known, Seventh
Day Baptists, I want you to look
upward. The cross is not complete with­
out the upper beam — the upright part
which reaches upward to me and onward
to greater things. It emerges quite sig­
ificantly from that part of life you call
hope. As the tetrahedron is not complete
without its fourth side, so the cross of
Christ is never complete as a symbol of
your faith without the upper bar — hope.
It is here that the message of your life in
Me reaches its climax — the hope that will
never disappoint you. You live your life
in the world and you recognize that with­
out My Son as the foundation upon which
your life is built, there is nothing at all
— it is His Spirit that holds you up. You
celebrate your past of faith, realizing, of
course, that the strength of your faith res­
sides in the genuineness of its expression
in your life — that "faith without works is
dead, being alone." You see yourselves
in the present as a people who ought to
love, without reservation, reaching out
beyond your own lives into the core of
life that is in others. But the joy and
strength of your life is hope — in the
anticipation of what can be — is in the
strength of a future that responds to the
past and is made real by the present. And
your hope...a!...security — is to be found in Me.
"I have shared with you My concern.
My people, because I desire for you the
life that reaches beyond the bounds and
limits of your human frailty. But now I
wish to share with you the joy of My di­
vine heart as I call you to a new aware­
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Board at their annual banquet at Conference here we see the Robe of Achievement being pinned on Susan Davis Bond, a granddaughter, by Madeleine Randolph, president of the board. Mrs. Davis was not picked just because of outstanding abilities or just because she is on the mission field serving a "daughter" Seventh Day Baptist Conference in Jamaica. Part of the reason for selecting her for the honor this year was because of the quality of service that she has rendered and continues to render although she is widowed and could have gone into retirement. She mothered her own children in ways that made them unusually appreciative and loyal. She took on numerous grandchildren inviting the older ones to come to Jamaica one at a time when she did not feel that she could leave her work to come home and visit them. Now her granddaughter Susie who tearfully represented her at the robing has children of her own, making Mrs. Davis a great-grandmother.

There are not many great-grandmothers on the mission field in any denomination, much less a small denomination like ours. The devotion to the task and the sense of need keep Mrs. Davis serving without pay in Jamaica. Her motherliness, which was so much appreciated in the Plainfield church and in the Publishing House before she went to Jamaica with her husband upon his retirement from the principalship of the city schools, went with her to the Caribbean Island. Students, the ministers needed an understanding mother who could get things done. They found such a one in "Sister" Davis.

It is not a case of serving beyond one's time or lying children too long with the apron strings, but of continuing to render valuable service where it is most needed. Here is a great example of a woman who became a missionary mother after she became a grandmother. It is no wonder that the younger women chose to honor her with this "Robe of Achievement."

Three R's

Whether it is true or not, much of the American public believes that the three R's that are preeminent on the campus today are "reading, 'riting, and revolution," and this belief has done nothing to increase college support, financial or otherwise. — Ralph A. Phelps, Jr.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Elmer W. Anderson

Missionary Grandmother Honored

Some mothers and grandmothers are more motherly and grandmotherly than others. Some who have other qualities and skills are best known for the motherly characteristics that they have cultivated. Such it is with Frank Davis who was honored in absentia by the Women's

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Correct Figures; False Impressions

It is sometimes said that figures don’t lie but that liars do figure. Like other trite sayings it falls short of the whole truth. As a matter of fact, the quoting of figures, correct as they may be, often leaves a false impression by design. The person who has an ax to grind is likely to quote statistics that favor his position and put the other side in a bad light. The reader often has to do his best to line up another set of figures to balance the ones quoted. This is particularly true in the continuing struggle between capital and labor or between political parties.

Take the case of George Meany, president of AFL-CIO, whose views on labor and social betterment differ widely from those of the President. In a recent speech (and Mr. Meany is always speaking) he lists a number of things showing the terrible state of the national economy about which the present administration is allegedly doing too little. He points out that by a stroke of the pen millions can be added to the poverty roll. It makes a difference whether you arbitrarily set the poverty level at $3,000 or $4,000 income or somewhere in between. Other figures could be quoted to show considerable progress in the national war on poverty. An increasing population also increases the number in various categories. To say that 5,000,000 workers are unemployed does not take into account the fact that the percentage of unemployment has been dropping in recent months. The charge that the President was doing nothing to create jobs lost its punch when Mr. Nixon on the same day declared he was signing such a bill.

Figures are quoted showing that unemployment among blacks is 10 percent, among teen-agers 17 percent, and among returning GI’s 13 percent. All of this is bad, but it could be expected to be much worse. There has been a great cry to get the GI’s out. It takes time to absorb them. The blacks also are getting preferential treatment and are at last making some inroads into construction unions.

The National Association of Manufacturers of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce would pick out other figures than those quoted by the president of AFL-CIO and could show that business is trying hard to do what it can for a stronger national economy in a time when the labor force is increasing and the market for American-made goods is decreasing. There is a difference of opinion as to who is to blame for our loss of overseas markets in the influx of foreign made products. It is a question of who selects the figures to quote. Mr. Meany notes that nearly all radios sold in the United States are imported and that auto imports now comprise 20 percent of the U.S. market. It could be observed that some of the countries that a generation ago had to be carried on our backs are now taking care of themselves by selling their goods to us.

Far be it from the present writer to pose as an economic analyst or advisor, especially on such things as international periodicals. We may point out, however, that state socialism, toward which labor leaders and others are trying to lead us is not necessarily the Christian answer to our problems. The cause of most of our frictions is the basic sin of selfishness practiced by individuals, groups, and nations, and for which applied Christianity is the cure. For these many years we in America have felt that we have a right to live better than all others. Minorities and emergations are now challenging the assumption that people of one nation have a right to live ten times or a hundred times better than people of other countries who work harder and have the same basic needs. Our protective trade walls are beginning to crumble.

What is the Christian attitude? As the world shrinks and all men become our neighbors through improved means of communication, can we continue to live in a world where almost all of the people of other lands would consider themselves wealthy at half of our stated poverty level? Is it not possible that Christianity is not the standard of living so that others may at least exist? Eventually there must be a leveling even if it only means that it will hurt more if we continue our selfishness and the deprived of the world rise up against us. There is enough to go around for many years to come by the prescience, the Christian solution of the ills of the world includes missionary work in other countries. They, too, must become Christians if they are to overcome their basic selfishness and we are to live together in harmony.

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Marriages

Dalton - Smith.— Billie Ralph Dalton and Brenda Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Smith, of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, August 21, 1971, by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the bride.

Doll - Adrian (“Art”) Doll, son of Annon Doll of Spokane, Wash., and Kay Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Emerson, Milwaukee, Ore., were united in marriage at the sanctuary used by the Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church in Des Moines, Wash., by Pastor Duane L. Davis, on Sept. 11, 1971.

Gregg - Cox.— Laurence Dale Gregg, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gregg, Des Moines, Nebr., and Maris Jane Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, North Loup, Nebr., were united in marriage Aug. 21, 1971, at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. Victor W. Shoggs, officiating.

Lawrence Freeman.— William Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence, and Shirley Ann Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman, were united in marriage at the home of Joseph Freeman, Jr., the bride’s brother, on August 7, 1971, by the Rev. Charles Bond.

Births

Fogg. — A son, Peter Scott, to Peter and Karen (Petersen) Fogg, on July 25, 1971, at Bridgeport, Conn.

Tayvinsky. — A son, George Albert, to Robert and Carol (Nelson) Tayvinsky, on June 12, 1971, at Bridgeton, N. J.
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