GUYANA NEWS NOTES

The Guyana Seventh Day Baptist Conference was held September 29-October 1 with the Georgetown Seventh Day Baptist Church.

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The youth camp, held this year at Camp Kayuka (a rented privately owned camp) began August 28, and a record number of campers was expected.

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Sam Peters and his family made a quick visit to Guyana (from Jamaica) the end of August taking advantage of special excursion rates during "Carifesta" in Guyana. The Committee on the Ministry had, on behalf of the Conference, extended him a call to return to Guyana to serve when he finishes his seminary course. It was hoped the visit would give opportunity for discussion on this future plan.

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The Guyana Conference voted funds for the SDB World Federation budget and the special evangelistic outreach being undertaken in Brazil.

Baptists must always provide a place for diversity, but diversity taken to the extreme becomes division. —Owen Cooper

Entering New Foreign Fields

It is quite natural to assume that all the larger denominations have sent missionaries to the countries that a small denomination like ours has not had the personnel or funds to enter. This is often not the case. For instance, the Southern Baptists only recently sent their first missionaries to Malawi. Not many denominations are working in that country where Seventh Day Baptists have long had a good work.

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society is announcing the appointment of its first missionary couple to work in the very large country of Nigeria. The couple, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Mundhenk, will serve also under the Foreign Mission Bureau of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, which has long had work in Nigeria.

The work of evangelizing the world is far from completed. There are promising opportunities for Seventh Day Baptists to assist and nurture national churches of like faith in many lands with materials, funds, and personnel.

Our Church

How would you react to the statement of a pastor of a Sabbathkeeping church in Dallas, that the church (perhaps our church) is speaking to a world that was rather than the one that is; that it is a lighthouse in an age of radio, a town crier in an age of newspapers, a yeast cake in an age of store-bought bread?
Theological Seminary Growth

A recent editorial in this journal commented on the declining enrollment in small colleges due to various current situations and trends. It can be remedied that some colleges are keeping their enrollment up while others are losing. The president of King's College is reported to have predicted that these religiously-oriented small colleges would rise or fall depending on whether or not they have something distinctive to offer — as their college does.

The other question that more vitally concerns Christians and church bodies is the number of students in theological seminaries and whether or not there will be an adequate supply of trained pastors in the years just ahead. Perhaps studies have been made. If so, we do not at the moment have the results of them. There are, however, some indications as well as a firm hope that the Holy Spirit will call and the seminaries will train enough students to meet the need in all evangelical denominations, including our own. A number of seminaries have closed in recent years, largely because of economic factors. On the other hand, new ones have sprung up and attracted large numbers of students.

Dallas Theological Seminary is not new but is making the news with its multi-million dollar expansion program now under way. It is one of the world's largest seminaries. The fall term showed a record enrollment of 540 students. Its news release states: "In a day when most seminaries are struggling against a sharp decline in students, the steadily expanding outreach of Dallas Seminary is considered an educational phenomenon and all the more remarkable because several hundred other applicants must be turned away each year due to limited facilities." It draws its students from the United States and Canada, as well as many countries overseas. The administration describes its emphasis as "conservative in theology and maintaining a strong focus on Biblical studies coupled with Greek and Hebrew."

Dean Kelley, who moves in liberal circles, has written a widely read and much debated book, "Why Conservative Churches Are Growing." It is a fact that people are dropping out of many main-line liberal churches and flocking to conservative branches of the body of Christ. It is manifest that there has been and will be an influx of students to conservative seminaries both as a result of this growth and to meet the need.

As we understand the situation, it is not that the middle-aged liberal churchmen have become conservative, but that the young have laid hold on some new-found realities of Biblical faith. Large numbers of theologically conservative youth want to dedicate their lives to the ministry. We see it in our churches as well as in others.

Seeing Both Sides

There are two sides to almost every economic, political, or religious question. The proponents of each side are anxious to get the majority to see it their way. This is no doubt true in theological matters where the eternal good may be at stake and leaders are impelled by their love of the Lord rather than by personal gain. What is one's side? When it comes to economic or political persuasion the "conversion" attempts are motivated by personal or group gain and are therefore very pertinent.

Editors of religious as well as secular journals are constantly bombarded with axe-grinding news releases and pamphlets on such subjects as industry and labor and pending legislation or administration policies. Labor and management have a differing outlook on many such questions. Particularly do they care what an editor thinks except that his thoughts may get into his publication, which in turn may influence public opinion and turn the tide. If editors can be persuaded to become crusaders for this or that type of economic legislation the effort would be considered worthwhile.

Organized labor has the finances and the personnel to match anything that management is able to put out in printed form. There is so much material that it is quite possible from any mail to read first a union news release or magazine and then something from the management side, thus keeping a balance. The interesting thing is that both sides in their appeal to the religious press try to make it appear that the issues at stake are clearly moral or almost religious and that their position is the only one that is for the good of all. After years of such reading one has the lingering suspicion that economic advantage to a certain group lies back of many of the arguments.

This exercise in balanced reading may be good for the editor's constitution, but it filters down to the readers only indirectly in a magazine like the Sabbath Recorder that has a much higher aim than the economic advantage in our affluent society.

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned about the more serious questions of life. There is a tendency to read only those religious opinions and arguments that are in harmony with our own opinions, even when we have not put the necessary study on our source book, the Bible. With the wealth of religious reading available do we force ourselves to maintain a balanced diet? Do we read all liberal or all conservative interpretations of the Bible? Are we willing, for instance, to read the best arguments for Sunday observance as well as the Biblical arguments for the seventh-day Sabbath? There are some reasonable, if not completely well-reasoned, writings on the Sunday side. It is up to us to get heated up by contrary opinions, but to examine them carefully and then follow the Word.

CORRECTION

The story of the Rocky Hill fair booth in the September 10 issue credited to Dale Rood should have been credited to Thelma Tarbox of the South Hopkinton SDB Church.

**MEMORY TEXT**

Listen, my son, be wise, and give serious thought to the way you live. Don't associate with people who drink too much wine, or stuff themselves with food. Drunkards and gluttons will be reduced to poverty. If all you do is eat and sleep, you will soon be wearing rags. - Prov. 23:19-21

—from the newly published Wisdom for Modern Men: American Bible Society.
Denominational Planning Committee Ponders and Builds

The fall meeting of the Planning Committee was held, as usual, in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building from Sunday morning, September 24, to Friday forenoon, the 29th. General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler presided over the six-member committee now composed of the three employed board secretaries, Myrna Cox, representing the Women’s Board and Dr. Edward Horsley, Conference president. The Rev. Mynor Soper, home field evangelist contributed to the planning on a part-time basis, as did the Rev. Rex Zwibel for the Ministerial Training Center.

It was counted as a highly profitable week in which the work of the boards was briefly reviewed, the most pressing program needs evaluated and short and long-range project’s planned or implemented. The long-term members of the body appreciated the new ideas presented by newer members board coordination and building for the future.

The agenda for the meeting included some thirty seven items, some of which called for many hours of discussion and much input from various sources. The typed minutes, exclusive of mimeographed materials produced, ran to forty-eight pages. Assignments will keep members busy for months to come.

The major work of the denomination is carried on by the boards and agencies but the manner of dedicated service are outlined and encouraged by the joint planning of this denominational committee. In that area of responsibility plans were made for another beach and church ministry at Daytona Beach next spring under the direction of Mynor Soper, supported by the Women’s Board. Enrollment and project application dates for SCSC were set and the new “ambassador” concept further developed. Plans were coordinated for the use of Linda Davis, now on extended dedicated service under the Conference office supervision.

The committee considered the best use of available manpower in evangelistic and ecumenical programs and meetings. On the subject of travel and field work there was an attempt to avoid duplication of visits to churches by denominational representatives and an attempt to set up a pattern by which nearly every church could be visited during the year by individuals who are thoroughly familiar with the current program and emphasis of our General Conference. Considerable time was spent in determining the most important challenges to be presented in such visits this year.

It had been suggested by Commission at its February meeting that there might be advantages in shifting the responsibility for ministers’ conferences and alternate-year ministers’ retreats from the Board of Christian Education and the Missionary Board to the Council on the Ministry. Since this is more in the area of program than policy, Commission decided to table the suggestion until it could be considered by the Planning Committee at its fall meeting. The matter was thoroughly discussed and the committee agreed “that the present arrangement is working well and that a change at the present time does not seem advisable.” The 1972 retreats were evaluated from reports of those who participated.

Denomination-wide Bible reading plans originate with the Planning Committee. It was decided to circulate and promote use of the American Bible Society leaflet and reading program beginning with Bible Week next month. The Women’s Board will promote it. The daily Bible readings related to the Uniform Sabbath School lessons are also encouraged. (See separate article on this.)

The general secretary proposed that he should report to the Planning Committee each time a new agency representative since the greater portion of his work is related to program planning rather than to policy. He therefore presented such a report outlining his reflections and projections in considerable detail for the record and for action. He proposed among other things the setting up of a series of workshops for local churches. It was agreed that he and Rex Zwibel should draft a general plan for such a series to be considered at the February meeting of the Planning Committee.

The conference action calling for a joint committee of the Tract Society and the Board of Christian Education to work out plans for closer cooperation was discussed. It was noted that both boards have already made arrangements for such a committee. It was suggested that it would be well to have consultants named by the respective boards and agencies including the Missionary Society, the Women’s Board, the Historical Society, the Council on the Ministry, and General Conference. It was noted that all such boards and agencies be invited to name participants who should be invited to meet with the joint committee.

The “Renewal in Faith” series of lessons projected for the next several years was given further attention and deadlines set for the production of the lessons in the series each year. Those produced by the Historical Society are now ready for distribution and use. The Missionary Board is responsible for the 1973-74 series on evangelism. It was agreed that promotion of the use of these five lesson series should be by the Board of Christian Education.

The Commission’s suggestion regarding a youth field worker was thoroughly discussed pending the receiving of any recommendation of the joint committee of the two boards mentioned above. Much consideration was given to the need for a well-conceived ministry to young adults. Suggestions were made which can hopefully be implemented.

Ambers for closer cooperation of dedicated service — a team ministry — was explored in some depth. There will be more publicity on this in the months to come.
Southwestern Association

The report of the annual session of the Southwestern Association, though inadvertently delayed in the administrative office during the change of secretaries, comes with a freshness that lingers. The meetings are a little less structured than in most of the northern associations and arrangements for entertainment and eating are a little more simple. Because the churches are more widely scattered and without much pastoral leadership, quite a little of the program is carried by the visiting delegates sent by other associations.

The meetings were held with the small Hammond, La., church over the weekend of June 16-18. All meals were served at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Earl DeLand with no charge being made. These times of fellowship around the well-laden table were a source of pleasure for all. Mr. DeLand was also president and conducted the business. The clerk was Mrs. Clifford Beebe of the Paint Rock, Ala., church.

Highlights of the meeting were the presentation of information by President Paul Osborn, and the Sabbath morning sermon by Pastor Edward Sutton of the Alfred Station, N. Y., church. He was a delegate from the Eastern, Central N. Y., and Allegheny Associations. He spoke on the theme, "Getting It All Together with Christ," from the text, Luke 8:26-40.

Other noteworthy parts of the meeting were the candlelight service on Sabbath Eve, conducted by Mr. Muriel Osborn; the devotions and testimony meeting on the night after the Sabbath, conducted by Pastor Paul Osborn; and the Young People’s program, Sabbath afternoon, in charge of Pastor Leslie A. Welch of Paint Rock; and the closing sermon, Sunday morning, following the business session, by Elder Clifford A. Beebe, in which he summed up the sermons previously given on the associational theme: "Looking Forward to a Life with Him."

At the business session on Sunday morning it was voted that we ask Commission to schedule General Conference to meet somewhere in the southwest in 1974 (Conference has not been in our area for twelve years); that the Missionary Board send a general missionary to the southwest very soon (due to Pastor Ralph Soper’s ill health, the churches of Fouke and Texarkanza are pastorless); that the “History of Seventh Day Baptist Work in the Southwest,” written by Pastor Paul Beebe be a memorial to him (it is now available from Paint Rock).

The officers for 1972-73 are: President — F. Orland Sutton, Paint Rock, Ala.; Vice-President — Alfred Lewis, Little Rock, Ark.; Secretary — Mrs. Clifford Beebe, Paint Rock; Treasurer — Mrs. Calvin Babcock, Little Rock; Men’s Director — Pastor Leslie Welch, Paint Rock; Assistant Camp Director — Pastor Kenneth Van Horn of Little Rock. The Southern Association is scheduled to meet with the Paint Rock church the second week in June.

—Mrs. Clifford Beebe

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1. The heightening of our love for people, that we may enlarge the circle of our acquaintance.
2. Ways by which we may put something of the love of Christ into every daily contact.
3. A greater desire to go far beyond our physical limitations and extend our love with wings of prayer and of pen and paper.
4. The ministry of the Mission Notes as it goes to a larger mailing list with its missionary challenge.

The Sabbath Recorder

Fall Church Retreats

Bulletins from the churches in recent weeks have told of church retreats at camps and planning retreats, either at camps or at church. It is not possible to gather all the news together in this little review, for there are no doubt a number of churches from which we do not have the latest news.

There is something of a pattern of procedure noticeable in several churches though their programs were different and each did its planning without reference to the others. The one thing in common with at three or four churches was what they did about the Sabbath morning service. The Plainfield church held its retreat at a Baptist camp about forty minutes away on the weekend beginning September 29. There was a solid Sabbath every program. Then on Sabbath morning the whole company (except the cook) came back to the church for worship, returning to camp for lunch and programs lasting till Sunday noon.

Battle Creek had a retreat the same weekend at nearby Camp Holston with an emphasis on Key 73. They found it convenient to return to the church for the morning service to provide a normal worship experience for visitors and those who did not find it convenient to go to camp.

The Marlboro, New Jersey, church had a well-organized weekend at nearby Jersey Oaks Camp with a similar arrangement for services at the church and dinner at camp. Sept. 29 - Oct. 1. Shiloh, also only a few miles from Jersey Oaks, planned a retreat for the weekend of October 6, 7, and 8, with a similar arrangement: Sabbath morning and the evening meal.

The Boulder church held a “Sabbath of Planning” at Camp Paul Hummel which included a church meal and dinner at camp at 1:30 followed by the annual planning session in the afternoon and evening.

The Riverside, Calif., church traditionally has family camp over the Labor Day weekend at their church-owned Pacific Pines Camp. The Los Angeles church takes their choir and friends to Pacific Pines for a weekend of music and planning beginning Sabbath afternoon. Thus the camps can be used by more than one church by staggering the dates. The extended fellowship and concentrated study of the Bible and church programming in beautiful natural settings is counted as valuable. Meaningful retreats can be satisfying and strengthening, say those who participate in them.

But it comes from the Salem, W. Va., church that they had an enjoyable church campout at Camp Joy, the Southeastern Association camp at Berea the weekend of September 29 - October 1 with peak attendance of forty-five. The worship leaders were Salem College students and SCSC workers, Patty Lawton, Leon Clare, Paul Davis, and Larry Graffius.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

The year 1973 has been set as the year for national thrust in evangelism. In keeping with this year’s theme, Growing Up in All Things into Christ, the Women’s Society is urging each one to grow in knowledge and grace.

We know that we cannot grow physically unless we eat properly. Is it not also true that we must study God’s Word in order to receive the proper nutrition to grow spiritually?

Quantities of a “1973 Daily Bible Reading Plan” have been sent to all of our churches. We invite you to participate in this reading program, not allowing it to take the place of our daily readings in the Helping Hand, but rather adding to our spiritual food.

Pick up a copy of this daily Bible reading plan from your church this week and be prepared to join the rest of us on November 19 in a national effort to become spiritually educated. Alexander Campbell has been quoted through history as saying, “Seventh Day Baptists will no longer be an ignorant people.” By participating each day in a study of God’s Word, we will bring his quote to life and we will grow in knowledge and grace.

—Myrna Cox
Pictures recently received from Arthur Brayman of Ashaway, R.I., chief photographer of Conference activities, make it possible to tell more graphically the story of a Conference experience in the mountains above Boulder, that was attended by more than 350 people. It was a Boy Scout-type pit roast dinner of chicken and vegetables engineered by the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, former Scout executive. This was followed by a vespers service presented by the young adults and a camp dedication service with an address by Attorney Clarence Rogers of the Memorial Fund.

A panorama view of a portion of the dinner crowd waiting for the pits to be opened and the tasty food to be served.

The pits are open, neatly-wrapped food is now ready to be handed out to the many who had been watching.

Close-up of hungry people, Elmer and Harriette Maddox, Riverside, Calif.; Ethel and Alton Wheeler, Mrs. Don Phillips and Sharon Ayars.

Vesper Service on the Mountain

Long to be remembered was the vespers service which followed the pit roast supper and a meeting of camp leaders. Such has not been possible under such circumstances at previous Conference gatherings.

The vespers area, a little distance from the camp building, is a beautiful, untouched assembly spot used by the campers and expansive enough for such a crowd, which had the advantage of a gasoline powered public address system graciously loaned for the occasion. The service pictured here was led by the Young Adult Pre-Con group under the leadership of Doris Rood. In addition to instrumental and vocal music there were testimonies and a message by Rod Tyson of South Africa, who had come the farthest to attend Pre-Con and Conference.

The climax of the evening program was a dedicatory address by Attorney Clarence Rogers of Salem, W.Va., who is president of the Memorial Fund. This denominational endowment fund had provided a considerable sum of money for the renovation and enlargement of the camp facilities including a new water system. The work was nearly completed, though some of the scars on the mountain landscape were not yet completely healed over. It was a fitting time for a dedication when hundreds could participate and give thought to the extensive camping program in which Seventh Day Baptist churches have pioneered.

Mr. Rogers, standing not too many miles from the national divide, proposed that there be a national camp director who would promote camping and give supervision to the physical development of Seventh Day Baptist camp sites. The Memorial Fund, after helping this camp, is providing funds for certain other developing camps.
If I Had Only One Sermon To Preach

Have You Thought?

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." — Titus 2:11

By Pastor G. David Oliver

If I had but one sermon to preach and one opportunity to preach it, what sermon would that be?

It would of necessity be one of questions, warning, danger, consequence, admission, hope, and reward.

In trying to analyze which of these subjects is most important, I seem to come up with an equal evaluation. In the balance each weighs out the same.

The question to know first is, where are you going? What life road are you traveling? Tell this road lead you to the goal life without God, Jesus without birth, God, and the Holy Spirit in heaven? Will you come up with an equal evaluation?

As Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, asked, "Is it well with thy household?" (2 Kings 4:26).

Have you been born again, born again into the family of God? (John 3:3 and 5). Have you been born of the water that Jesus spoke of in John 4:10-15? It is "The Living Water" which quencheth that eternal spiritual thirst. It is that water which is in you a "well of water springing up into life everlasting," an unending life with an unending source of supply.

We are speaking of the answer to the ever gnawing, ever abiding quest and search which constantly goes on in the unregenerate life, the soul estranged and separated from God. That answer is found in being born of God, born from above; not of blood or of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (John 3:13).

This second birth of the Holy Spirit is experienced as is taught by Jesus in John 1:12, which says: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." This is that regenerating experience of the spiritual nature of man which died in Adam and Eve in their act of sinful disobedience to God's command in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-19).

If you have this longing in your heart and if you have never had this experience, and if you have evil thoughts and desires in your life and acts, I must warn you of the dangers and consequences of your failure to hearken and obey God and Jesus' word of instruction. Ezekiel did this when God said, "Therefore, say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols (Ezek. 14:6)." Again he said, "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols (Ezek. 33:9)."

"...I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. 33:11). "Therefore turn thou to thy God: Keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually" (Hos. 12:6). "And Jesus answering said, '...I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent (turn), ye shall all likewise perish'..." (Luke 13:3; 5; read also Luke 12:9-13).

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Divine love does not pay off a person who believes, accepts, and appropriates its eternal rewards with something cheap, discarded, leftover, worn-out, as it were, with no life in it. True and eternal promise with its eternal rewards is, as Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). In the Revelation Jesus went on to tell John to write saying, "...Behold I make all things new. I make a new heaven and a new earth" (Rev. 21:1). He promised to make a new society of people, a people of God for your eternal fellowship (Rev. 21:3), and to make a great city eternal and holy, the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:1-10).

Since the old temple of Jerusalem has been destroyed, the Lord said He would make a new temple for you, "...for the Lord God (and) the Lamb (of God) are the temple of it" (Rev. 21:22). With such desperate need for the right kind of light, He promised a new system for the glory of God and lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof" (Rev. 21:23). There is also a new paradise and river of water for your eternal refreshment, "...pure river of water of life clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb" to quench and satisfy that eternal thirst of yours (Rev. 22:1-2). Will you not come now and accept my offer. He calls, "...the Spirit and the Bride (the church) say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Land of Promise

In an election year, says one wag, we begin to realize why America is called the land of promise. At such a time the Almighty is not only. It is thankful that the hope of "the promised land" is more sure than campaign promises.

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Rex E. Zwibbel

CENTER PROGRAM

Robert Harris has joined Melvin Stephens in the Weekend Program of the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education in Plainfield, N. J. Mr. Harris is a member of the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church. He graduated in May from Salem College and is enrolled as a candidate for the Master of Divinity degree at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The dean of the Center for Ministerial Education will serve as program planner and coordinator of the Biennial Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference which will be held in Shiloh, N. J., April 25-27, 1973.

A questionnaire has been sent to all Seventh Day Baptist ministers asking for preferences. We hope for a thoughtful and reasonably quick response.

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, through its Higher Education Committee, has directed the executive secretary, David S. Clarke, to set fees and care for other arrangements in connection with the church at Shiloh. Announcements will be forthcoming.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Two mailings have been sent recently to Seventh Day Baptist pastors urging them to keep up their educational development.

Keeping in mind that the very minimum of training is daily study at home, lists of books in eleven categories that are available from the Center for Ministerial Education Library have been sent. These books are on loan to any interested person.

The second mailing contained information regarding various training opportunities in seminaries and other training centers in six districts of the United States. Booklets sent were secured from the Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education which has its headquarters in Richmond, Virginia.

Many Seventh Day Baptist pastors are cooperating in the denominational Continuing Education program at this time. They are receiving cassette tapes, library books on many religious subjects, taking center correspondence courses, and attending classes, seminars, conferences, etc., all across the country and in Canada.

Church members can help their ministers by aiding them in planning funds for personal development. Make it possible for him to attend the Ministers Conference, and if one is needed, a cassette tape player may be made available for his use.

The Council on the Ministry and the Center for Ministerial Education are very grateful for the fine cooperation of our pastors and our churches. We thank God!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Soc. David S. Clarke

"Come, My Friends!"

Youth Week '72 speaks a powerful word at a time of tumultuous emotional buildup for Americans. Just before the national election of 1972, in a campaign with more structural uncertainties than any recent political development, Christian youth are invited to "social development or sharing through Christian political involvement," growing through group-use of the Youth Week packet.

The powerful word of Youth Week comes from the pen of Alfred White's Ulysses: "Come, my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world." Beginning with a call to youth to act as "bridge-builders" over troubled waters the Youth Week manual directs study to the meanings of religious obedience as related to personal, social, political, and economic concerns and their relation to community-building, to ways of effecting congressional (and state legislative) change.

The activity section found in "The National Debate" on James' rephrasing of Jesus' life principle, "It is not enough to be hearers of the word; but doers also." A very direct dialog among YF members is proposed in a worship program "designed to aid youth groups in listening to and reflecting upon Scripture. "Prepare Ye the Way, Day by Day; Save the People, and Light of the World" portions of "God's spell are used for introducing different Scripture meditations.

As youth groups use this resource, with its reference to many others, we pray that they may be able to "clarify values and a sense of consciousness (a place) from which they 'may move the world,' " seeking harmony, peace and justice (which are "our Lord's words: "I am the way and the truth and the life.")"

A folder indicating the source of this very constructive booklet was sent to each church late in August, along with a pocket-size Aware. Our national youth director, Alfred Station, N. Y., April 1803 or Judson Bookstore can get your subscription going at $3.75 a year. Your local or regional bookstore will have investment for updated youth news if they subscribed.

Say a Good Word for Jesus

The American Baptist Youth Ministries department came out in September 1972 with a new youth magazine titled Aware. Replacing Action Impact the new magazine carries forward the bright and clear editorial style but adds some new dimensions that will be interesting and helpful, it appears to us.

One of the very practical articles in the September initial issue is "Say a Good Word." The article, written by Dr. L. D. Bradberry of the very constructive booklet was sent to each church late in August, along with a pocket-size Aware. Our national youth director, Alfred Station, N. Y., April 1803 or Judson Bookstore can get your subscription going at $3.75 a year. Your local or regional bookstore will have investment for updated youth news if they subscribed.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PLAINFIELD, N. J.: During July, two of our young people attended Junior Camp at Jersey Oaks, and six from Plainfield and Irvington were at Senior Camp. On July 29 we had a fellowship dinner in honor of our own Earl Soper and Paul Davis, who were a great help to us in many ways. Three from Plainfield attended Youth Pre-Con, and seventeen were at Conference.

Our Key '73 Bible studies on Luke and Acts started on Friday evening, September 22. The following evening a large group attended "There's a New Wind Blowing," which dramatizes various ways in which churches are bringing the gospel to those outside the fold. Our week ended at the Baptist Conference Center, Lebanon, N. J., September 29 - October 1. was inspiring and enjoyable. There were fifty-seven present altogether of whom forty-six attended full time. Sixteen children and young people were sponsored financially by adults. The Rev. Leon Lawton was our guest speaker Sabbath eve. Sabbath morning, afternoon, and night, and Sunday morning. He spoke on the abundant life, conversion, the Holy Spirit, and witnessing. On Sunday he had us write out our personal testimony in five parts. He said our witness should not take more than ninety-seCONDS to share.

Pastor Saunders had charge of the retreat, and Douglas Wheeler was registrar. Delicious meals and refreshments were provided by Margaret Armstrong and Mrs. Barbara Saunders with the help of others. On Sabbath night our fun and games were led by Robert Babcock. The camp facilities were fully ade-

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Pay for our needs, and those who attended seemed to feel that the retreat was well worth the time and money involved.

--- Correspondent 

NORTH LOUP, NEBR. -- The Youth Fellowship and some adults spent Sabbath Day, July 15, in Lincoln with our members there. The worship service was held in a park under the leadership of Bernard Keown.

Three retreats were held at Camp Riverview late in July for age groups over 55, 30-55 and under 30. This was a time for fellowship and prayer.

A baptismal service was held on Friday evening, July 28, for Tom Merchant, recently returned from Vietnam, and Rex Clark.

Thirty youth and sponsors came by chartered bus from Salem, Salemville, and other points East and spent the night in North Loup on Thursday. Pre-Con and again on their return from Conference at Denver. Facilities at Camp Riverview were used on the return trip. The women of the church held a workshop.

Bringing messages on Sabbath morning during the summer when Pastor Skaggs was away were the Rev. Wayne Babcock (who with Mrs. Babcock and Barry were welcome visitors at North Loup, their former home); Robert Harris, our summer assistant pastor; and Terry Keown, recent convert.

Many of our youth and adults attended Pre-Con and Conference. We were glad to get reports of Explo '72, SCSC, Pre-Con and Conference from those who attended.

There was a lot of activity preceding and during Pop-Corn Days which were Aug. 28, 29, 30. The weather was ideal, and the Rev. L. C. Randolph annual year for North Loup we had a record crowd. Our church float placed first in the church group in the outstanding parade. The church food stand was a busy place and well patronized. "The Saga of the Prairie," a pageant, was given in two parts. Part I followed the class. Becky Bresley, member of our church, and Part II was given the following evening. This original production, given outdoors, was enjoyed by a large crowd. Background pictures of events during the 100 years added to the pageantry. Since the earliest settlers were Seventh Day Baptists, our church folks made and gave out booklets telling about some of the early events.

September found many of our young folks going away to school. Attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln are Bernard, Colleen and Terry Keown, Keith Severyn, Jim Goodrich, Jim Williams, Ruth Soper, Ivan and Loren Soper, and Maria Cox Gregg of Murray. Dawn Lippincott is attending the University of Wyoming at Laramie. Lana Hamer and Becky Bresley are enrolled at Central Nebraska Technical College at Hastings. Jerry Van Horn is attending the University of Nebraska State College, as is Theresa Clement, who lives in Kearney. Tom and Dianne Lippincott Merchant are taking graduate work at Stephen F. Austin State University at Nacogdoches, Texas.

A number of our church members joined our college students and others in Lincoln for a Sabbath Day service September 9. A fellowship is being considered for the Lincoln area with our youth there. We pray for the success of this undertaking.

The Rev. John Conrod, returned missionary, was guest speaker at our church September 16. Following the fellowship dinner, he showed pictures of Malawi. Various committees have met and made plans for the year's work. It promises to be a busy year.

--- Correspondent

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. -- The Rev. Earl DeLand of Hammond, La., was the guest speaker at the church Sabbath morning, September 9, and spent some time in the community in the evening. He has now accepted a call to become pastor of the church. The effective date of beginning the new pastoral relationship was October 1. The church has been pastorless only a few months. Former pastor and Mrs. Charles Skaggs have been living with their daughter's family in Panama City, Fla., pending a call, since last spring.

--- Church bulletins

THE SABBATH RECORDER

OCTOBER 21, 1972

Accessions

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

By Baptism

Janet Atkinson
Denise Beatty
Nicholas Fatato
Lisa Powell

Marriages

Price Branch.-- Larry Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Price of Shiloh, N. J., and Carol Branch, daughter of Mrs. Edith Davis Branch of the late Fred Branch, also of Shiloh, were married Aug. 15, 1972, in the prayer chapel of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, by the Rev. William B. Eppinger.

Boss - Nelson. -- Robert Wayne Boss, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boss of Delphi, Ind., and LuAnn Sharon Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Eppinger of Delphi, Ind., were united in marriage Sept. 9, 1972, at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's brother, the Rev. Luther Nelson.

Births

Whiford. -- A daughter, Penelope Marcelaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Monte Whiford of Coldwater, Mich., Sept. 26, 1972.

Davis. -- A son, Marcus Milton, to Milton D. and Dorothy (Cordtz) Davis of Milton, Wis., on May 17, 1972.

Sayre. -- A daughter, Marne Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sayre of Milton on July 29, 1972.

Loofboro. -- A daughter, Michelle Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. William Looforo of Milton on July 31, 1972.


Case. -- A son, Peter James, to Mr. and Mrs. (Joan Burdick) Case of Silver Springs, Nev., on Aug. 25, 1972.

Van Horn. -- A daughter, Sarah Rebecca, to Jared and Donna (Ochs) Van Horn of Janesville, Wis., on Sept. 15, 1972.

Todd. -- A son, Christopher Kelly to Mr. and Mrs. James Tod of St. Louis, Minn., on May 12, 1972.

Burdick. -- A son, William Andrew, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Marvin Burdick of Kalamazoo, Mich., on Aug. 8, 1972.

Whiford. -- A daughter, Sarah, to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Burdick of Janesville, Wis., on Nov. 12, 1972.

Obituaries

GODFREY. -- Alberta Severance, the only daughter of the Rev. Roland John and Mamie Saxton Severance, was born in Ashland, Dodge County, Wis., Feb. 11, 1897, and died on Sept. 17, 1972, in Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, Pa.

At the age of ten she was baptized by the Rev. L. C. Randolph as her father became a Seventh Day Baptist minister. Alberta graduated from Pennside, Calif., High School. She took nurse's training at the Kellogg Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich., and practiced mostly private duty nursing in California.

When her father became pastor of the Marlboro church in 1935, Alberta became a member and continued her membership in that church till death.

On Nov. 21, 1926, she married Earl Vincent Godfrey, Sr., of Chester, Pa. He died in 1956, and Alberta raised her two daughters with or without husband.


Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Donald E. Richards, with burial at the Marlboro Cemetery.

D. R. TITTSWORTH. -- Viola Schman, daughter of Charles and Jane Place Schman, was born in Alfred, N. Y., July 21, 1880, and died at Chenango Memorial Hospital, Norwich, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1972.

In 1907 she was baptized and joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, in which she continued her membership.

She died on Sept. 27, 1972, in Alfred and was united in marriage with Paul Emerson Tittsworth at Alfred. Dr. Tittsworth graduated from Alfred University in 1933, in which year she died. Mrs. Tittsworth lived in Alfred until 1963, when she went to reside at the Senior Citizens Home in Cincinnatus, N. Y.

Survivors: three children: Elizabeth (Mrs. William B. Stillman), Sherburne, N. Y.; Eleanor (Mrs. William B. Stillman), Md.; and Katherine Riegerer, Ithaca, N. Y.; and three grandchildren.

Gravestone services were held Sept. 27, 1972, in Alfred Rural Cemetery, with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, a former pastor, officiating.

H. S. W. LIVINGSTON. -- Leila Wells, daughter of Fremont C. and Ida Eppinger Livingston, was born July 4, 1887, and died Sept. 2, 1972.

Leila was a life member of the Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church having been baptized by the Rev. L. C. Randolph, a class with members of her Sabbath School class. She was an active member of the branch Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dayton Beach, Fla., when meetings were held in Tampa, Fla., under the leadership of Rev. ALFRED R. CRUSS.

She was married to William F. Livingston, whom she married in Ashland, Dodge County, Wis., Nov. 17, 1903, and had two children.

She also raised her two children and a half-brother, Nathan Wardner Wells of Los Angeles, Calif. Burial after cremation was to be in the Milton Cemetery.
DAILY BIBLE READINGS
For November 1972

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.")

The Church in the Secular State
1-Wed. We Must Obey God. Acts 5:17-29
3-Fri. Take Care How You Build. 1 Cor. 3:5-14
4-Sabbath. True Patriotism. Hab. 11:23-28

All Nations Under God
5-Sun. One Lord of All the Earth. Isa. 45:1-6
6-Man. A City Regents. Jonah 3
7-Tues. A Lesson Is Learned. Jonah 4
8-Wed. Love Is the Key to Good Relations. Col. 3:12-17
10-Fri. No Longer Strangers. Eph. 2:11-22
11-Sabbath. Salvation for All. 1 Tim. 2:1-7
Living on the Brink
12-Sun. Militarism Is Self-Defeating. 2 Kings 14:6-14
14-Tues. Military Alliance Not Enough. Is. 31:1-3, 8, 9
15-Wed. Resistance Sometimes Fulfils. Jer. 21:3-10
17-Fri. Beyond the Storm. Jer. 32:16-25
18-Sabbath. The Christian's Hope. 2 Pet. 3:8-13

What Kind of Peace?
19-Sun. A Picture of Peace. Mic. 4:1-4
20-Man. Cause of War. Jas. 4:1-10
21-Tues. Peace and Righteousness. Ps. 85

24-Fri. Judge of the Nations. Ps. 67
26-Sun. Judgment upon the Nation's Leaders. 2 Chron. 36:11-21
28-Tues. Preserve Me from Violent Man. Ps. 140
29-Wed. A Nation Called To Repent. Jer. 26:1-11
30-Thurs. A Well-Deserved Rebuke. Prov. 1:23-33

SPECIAL ISSUE COMING
Young people are alive; they are thinking and doing. They are witnessing and praising God. Many of them have contributed their best thoughts in prose, poetry, and art under the leadership of Linda Smith, guest editor, to the forthcoming colorful November special issue to be mailed out before the end of this month.

Seventh Day Baptist high school and college youth may well feel that this bright yellow special issue is just the thing they need in their witnessing program. It is easy reading, profitable reading, well-illustrated reading that can be put in the hands of young and old along with a personal testimony or a gospel tract. It would be a shame to limit this literature just to our regular subscribers or church members. Extra copies can be ordered at eight for one dollar before they are printed. We cannot guarantee that enough will be available afterwards to meet the need. It will be first come, first served. Churches are urged to stock pile them for future outreach programs.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for October 28, 1972

FREEDOM UNDER AUTHORITY
Scripture Lesson: Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:11-17.

Voters in recent weeks have been bombarded with political speeches as candidates of opposing parties seek to convince the public that they can offer the best for society at all levels. We do have the civic responsibility of supporting the best candidates and voting on the right side of every issue, but as Christians we testify that "life for modern man" gets its true guidance from the Bible.