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Cover by Douglas Yarbrough of Texarkana, Ark.

We want to add our "Amen" to those that have already resounded regarding the "new" family, monthly, Sabbath Recorder. Our editor is doing a tremendous job, and we certainly do want to renew our subscription for another year.

—John and Lucy Harris
Pennsville, N. J.

I was a little amused to find my early years described as "dour and difficult" (see June issue article by Albert N. Rogers). I have only happy memories of my boyhood, playing football, collecting train tickets and football cards showing famous players in action, going on long walks with my father on Sunday afternoons in the public park, catching tadpoles in the pond where we also sailed small toy yachts, playing cops and robbers with the other boys in the street. As a boy I read boys' papers and magazines, and Baden-Powell's "Scouting for Boys" although I never became a Boy Scout. Anyway I think this is sufficient to show that my boyhood can hardly be described as "dour."

—James McGeechey
Hessle, England

Please renew my subscription. I continue to look forward to each inspiring issue! Keeping in touch with the people and interests at home all the years I was in Malawi made the Recorder a very special friend. May God continue to bless each of you dear ones who labor to get each issue out.

—Miss Sarah Becker
Chehalis, Wash.

WELCOME FORMER EDITORS

We welcome Dr. K. Duane Hurley and the Rev. Leon M. Maltby as contributors to this issue. We are happy that our former editors continue to have interest in the Recorder.
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The Sabbath stands among the days as the Bible does among the books, as Christ does among men.

by A. H. Lewis, D.D.

One other part of the story needs recognition. When Peter heard that this act, whatever it was, was something to do with his continued fellowship with Jesus, he wanted to be washed all over from head to feet. Jesus said, "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit." That is, if you took a bath (as every Jew was expected to do before the Passover supper) you are clean except for the dust that collected on your feet on the way down from Bethany. You just need your feet washed. And yet there was a deeper meaning to it all, for Jesus said, "And ye are clean, but all are not." They had all taken a bath, and all had had a foot-washing by Jesus. Nevertheless, they were not all clean.

Here is a situation where Jesus was performing an act in the natural realm to accomplish a result in the spiritual realm. It is a demonstration of the real meaning of the laver in the old Tabernacle service. Each priest was consecrated but once. If he was properly anointed, he was a priest as long as he lived, no matter what his conduct might be. But he needed constant cleansing to be fit to serve as a priest. Whenever he assisted a worshipper at the altar of sacrifice, he got blood on his hands. He must wash. Whenever he entered the tabernacle to attend to the candlestick or the showbread, or offer incense, his feet got dirty. There was no concrete floor, or blackboard. The Tabernacle was set up on the bare ground. Sandaled feet got dusty with the every service. He must wash. He must be clean, ye who fear the vesture of the Lord." (Isa. 52:11.)

These twelve men were all disciples of Jesus. The "all" included Judas who was as truly a disciple of Jesus as the others. He belonged in the company, physically, but not spiritually. The Synoptics record how all of them were quarreling about which one was the greatest. That is, they were all full of pride and self-seeking. They were not fit for the real fellowship of Jesus. They all needed to be humbled and cleansed from strife. That was what Jesus accomplished by the foot-washing — for all of them except Judas. His death with the chief priests had already been made, and he was neither humbled nor repentant. Jesus said, "Ye are not all clean."

The occasion for the foot-washing was the dust that collected on sandaled feet in the walk from Bethany to Jerusalem. The purpose was to cleanse the disciples from sin. People who wear shoes and stockings and ride in carriages and automobiles have no occasion to practice foot-washing. People who wear open sandals or go barefoot on dusty roads surely do have occasion for foot-washing. However, all people need cleansing from their sins.

Our Lord continued, "I have given you an example (not an ordinance) that ye should do as I have done to you." An example is an illustration, a type, a model. That is, we should seek to do for our fellow members what Jesus did for us.

(Continued on page 28)
Expressions of joy, tears of happiness, amazement, unbelief were on our faces when the final total of the LOVE GIFT was announced. It was a strange, dream-like moment, almost unreal . . . never had so much been given before.

While the unreality of it was still strong, our minds raced ahead with ideas as to just how much this kind of gift could accomplish. This was not a "token" gift, but one which would indeed be able to put "love into action!" We realized that Seventh Day Baptist women would have a large share in some Kingdom work. It was a satisfying thought and an exciting one.

What is a love gift, I asked myself, and as I pondered it, there came to my ear, that inner ear of the mind, the sounds of love . . .

The lovely voice of Joyce Harley, teaching women the skills of homemaking . . .

There was music; the songs of young people and old, thankful prayers, praising prayers; prayers of those whose visions of hope are the future of our churches . . .

There comes the sound of the hurrying feet of Audrey Fuller, caring for those who need her . . .

A balky machine starts to run smoothly, as a skillful Menzo works on it . . .

The sounds of love . . . may we keep them always in our hearts!

Kindle our imaginations, O Lord, so that we shall see the far-reaching results of our stewardship, but especially, O Lord, give us a glimpse of those, whoever and wherever they are, who preach the good news that is a vision of hope for all. Amen.

"I just can't get over it!"
"What can't you get over?"
"Why, the LOVE GIFT!"
"Isn't it wonderful!"

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Women of many Protestant denominations gath­ered together back in the nineteenth century to help in the missionary outreach both toward our western frontiers and to foreign fields. By the last part of the nineteenth century there were women's boards for home and foreign missions in most denominations. (Seventh Day Baptist women be­gan writing for our Sabbath Recorder in March 1888.) A Council of Women for Home Missions was started in 1898, and in 1911 the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions; both interdenominational organizations. In 1887 these women gathered for a DAY OF PRAYER, developing programs, studying and raising large sums of money for missions. The Day of Prayer became an annual occasion and is now celebrated in 169 countries and islands as THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

May Fellowship Day began in May 1933, at that time established to express the unity the groups of women felt. That month, Church Woman magazine published volume 1, number 1. World Community Day was first observed on the first Friday in November of 1942.

"to encourage church women to come together in a visible fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Savior, and, enabled by His Spirit, to go out together into every neighborhood and nation as instruments of His reconciling love."

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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"We love because God first loved us."
1 John 4:19

"What are some common forms of dishonesty to which young people are apt to yield? Does Christian honesty demand that one disclose to the world all that he knows?"

Such are some of the areas of dialogue on "Honesty Removes Masks" developed in a program kit provided by Christian Endeavor International for local youth groups in November—or almost any time. In loose-leaf 8 x 11 inches format, the sheets outline ideas for development of several worship and study events and series. A "Hitchhikers' Holiday Party" looks especially fun-filled.

Also included in the November packet from Christian Endeavor International, 1221 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43216 are "Important Principles of C. E." and a suggested Installation of Officers program.

Several Seventh Day Baptist young groups are closely allied to Christian Endeavor and use the materials quite regularly. The Christian Endeavor World and Junior C. E. are regular printed services of the International C. E., and are used by some SDB's. Others may want to investigate the mimeographed packet for helping youth groups in Christian growth, service, and fun. Write the International C. E. at above address, or our Board of Christian Education.

Youth advisors will have received a folio of materials for "Faith Recycling," and other YF activities. "Faith Recycling" could be an effective method for continuing fellowship about the Word of God . . . in the gathered YF group experience or in the personal and family disciplines of members.

The folio was sent to suggest in preparation for "Youth Week" observed in many denominations the last of October or first of November. So many church celebrations have been changed to "moveable feasts" by the fluidity of our society that many YF's and churches observe "Youth Week" at different times. We hope that the important fact of acknowledged group and personal dignity and purpose is celebrated by every SDB church this year. The youth need to celebrate their presence and goals in the life of the church and community. The church also needs to observe, at some particular time of each year, the youth group as a vital part its mission.
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CAMPER EXCHANGE

The July closingcirle of a
Primary Camp at Pacific Pines Seventh Day Baptist Camp, high in the
mountains above San Bernardino, Calif., arouses happy memories and
hospitable vision of the past month of November. Staffers and campers alike are enriched by such face-to-face spiritual experiences with which the camp setting and program have made possible. Learnings about God and His world, His people — as well as those who don’t know Him as God and Father—are recalled in a type of commitment that encourages Christian service "down in the valley." An informal gathering at Pacific Pines Camp operated by the Seattle Seventh Day Baptist Church in a Presbyterian camp east of the city recalls the happy Sabbath experiences of Pastor Duane Dixon, SCCA, Justin and Susan Shumaker of Portland with the young leaders. Pacific Pines Camp is very close to the northwest had sent their Craig Inabin dit as exchange camper to Pacific Pines Camp in the far south west.
And that begins a tale about "Exchange Campers" all the way across the nation. Pacific Pines Association had its own intra-association camper exchange. Pacific Pines Camp sent Sandy Hemminger to Firs. Several other associations have two or more camps where Seventh Day Baptist Churches operate programs each summer, and some exchanges do occur between camps. The national Camper Exchange is worked out on Association basis. This column invites reports from exchange campers or from staff involved in hosting or training exchange officers. The 1974 Exchange Camper program was put into geographical and personal terms in a large poster at the Salem Conference. Continuing benefits of the program will occur as campers and host campeXchange reports share reports of the exchanges. The Board of Christian Education Program Committee will be gleaming ideas for its 1975 program from these reports. Bill Ashcroft of Pacific Pines went to Wakonda near Milton, Wis., where the North Central Association Senior High Camp met June 16-23. Lisa Powell of Camp Wakonda returned the favor by attending Pacific Pines. Lisa hails from Battle Creek, Mich., where Camp Boston hosts Association camp in alternate years with Wakonda.

Paci fic Pines Camp, San Luis, Washington

Sharon Davis of Southwestern Association’s Camp Miles participated in the Camp Paul Hummel program operated for Senior Highs by Mid-Continent Association.

Judy Palmier of Camp Hurley Sutton at Alleghehny Association and Wendy Warrner of Camp Harmony in Central N. Y. Association attended Camp Joy in Berea, W. Va. The two sending camps had combined operations this year, but separated ones last year, so that each had elected exchangers in ‘73. Camp Joy very kindly and joyfully hosted Judy and Wendy, June 30 - July 7. Camp Hurley Sutton hosted Pati Burdick of Camp Paul Hummel, the host camp for Mid-Continent Association this year. Camp River view in Nebraska often hosts Mid-Continent Senior High programs.

Ray Fletcher of Camp Joy was sent to Camp Joy by his Association, the Southeastern. At Miles, Ray was hosted by Pastor Leslie Welsh and staff.
The Camp Program Committee expects to set up the 1975 Camper Exchange Plan in later September. The exchange camp association camp committees and directors. Suggestions were received from participants at last national Ministries Conference. Ideas are always welcomed at our office on ways to improve the sharing of camp skills and moral-religious energies. Bob Snid of Richmond, N. Y. 14774, is Camp Committee chairman.

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COME AND JOIN US!

—Burlington Baptist Newsletter, adapted.
MISSIONS—Les R. Lowen

DESIGNATED GIVING WITHIN OUR WORLD MISSION

Many people like to give specially. They like to designate their money for a set purpose and know that they are meeting a vital need. Others are interested in a certain mission field or missionary, and give in support of such. They like to designate their money for a set purpose and know that they are meeting a vital need. Others are interested in a certain mission field or missionary, and give in support of such.

Because of this your missionary board includes a significant amount along with undesignated giving received through the World Mission in its annual budget under the heading "Designated Giving." This, along with undesignated giving received through the World Mission, is what we term "Current Giving." The balance of receipts is from investment income from funds left by previous generations to further the work of missions.

While designated receipts have been good in 1974, they are still below the budgeted needs. The highest support usually comes early in the year as voting membership is counted. Your gift will match those of our brethren at Parika or Dartmouth or Bonaventura in their projects.

Jamaica—

Our new missionaries, Douglas and Jane Mackintosh, in Jamaica have a travel allowance each month. It is $54.00. Why not raise enough to pay for their travel for one month? Dedicated worker, Kenneth Burke, receives an allowance for living expenses of only $11.00 a month from your Missionary Board. He could love each other at first sight, communicate, and share beyond any imaginable belief? Praise the Lord! Along with the singing in these evening meetings, each night a different country was represented. Someone from that country would sing in his own language, do a dance, or talk to us about his country. Then at the close of the program, someone from the same country would pray in his native tongue. Now that was exciting! It may have been virtually impossible to understand, but they were praying to the same God we love and follow; they were pleading for the same things we cry for; and they were doing it with the same honesty and sincerity that we implore every time we talk to our Lord. One could just feel the overwhelming presence and power of the Holy Spirit totally enveloping the entire coliseum. I could do nothing more than cry when it was over because the presence of the Lord and the impact of the program left me with so much love for everyone. How could one not love them when they reached out and cared so much?

One thing that was emphasized throughout the entire five days was "We can, and will," reach our goals, if each one does his rightful share.

The Sabbath Recorder

November 1974
At the present time, we are preparing for the bicentennial anniversary of the American Revolution. The literature is filled with descriptions of the horrendous problems the people of the embryonic nation faced in the 1770's. But history records in glorious fashion that they made every effort to do what they considered to be God's will (even as the children of Israel moved out of Egypt with a sense of covenant between God and His people) — and they succeeded!

Three years ago, Seventh Day Baptists ("chosen people", in a special sense) also celebrated the centennial anniversary of their coming to America. It was perfectly evident, by reports at General Conference that year, by dramatizations of the Sabbath keeping controversies, that life was being made in many ways, that life was being made constructively for the world.

If those impoverished, ridiculed Pilgrims, without a characteristic spokesman to plead their case, without a single government or private subsidy, won their freedom, triumphed over hunger, and laid the foundations of a nation.

Today, we find ourselves in another troubled era, with its disillusionments as rebellions, its inflation, and its erosion of traditional values. How do we react? I fear that we tend to be negative. We are discouraged. We are overwhelmed. We are ready to capitulate. Particularly as Sabbathkeepers — a "peculiar" little, often isolated and ridiculed, minority people — we are apt to feel that the cause is hopeless. Where has that determined covenant spirit gone?

If those brave ancestors from Plymouth and Newport could appear in our midst and sense our frustrations, what would they say? One thing is certain: If they were here today (as one participant in the seminar at Plymouth emphasized) they could speak with compassion and rapport to many different kinds of Americans: To those who love adventure, to those who cherish freedom, to those who respect spiritual values — to idealistic youth, minority group members, as well as the poor and oppressed. They had personal experience in all these categories.

Quite likely, if those hearty pioneers were here, they would offer us (among many challenges) the following counsels, all of which are based on their life experiences:

One: Don't be stymied by negative attitudes or empty rituals. Keep a steady keel. Many early New England Seventh Day Baptists were ship builders and seafaring people. They knew the importance of the lighthouse which often brought them safely back, even through rough seas and dense fog, to their home port, Old Mystic, Connecticut.

With spiritual realism, they also kept their basic faith burning brightly, guiding them Home. Modern day Sabbathkeepers occasionally think that the odds are against them. "Everybody else" worships on another day, and the work-a-day world mitigates against employment and prosperity for the "holdouts." Or so they sometimes feel.

The Pilgrim Fathers would probably say: Don't give up the time-honored truths. Stay close to God and come alive!

If you are dissatisfied with the way things are, think carefully how they can be made better, then work constructively to make them so. The Pilgrims wanted a better world, and they got it — not by tearing down the Old World but by building up the New and they made mistakes. Everyone else is a negative. We are discouraged. We are overwhelmed. We are ready to capitulate. Particularly as Sabbathkeepers — a "peculiar" little, sometimes isolated and ridiculed, minority people — we are apt to feel that the cause is hopeless. Where has that determined covenant spirit gone?

Two: No matter how deeply you believe that your way is right, be gracious and respectful to all sincere people of opposing views. Give them more than tolerance; give them love.

Unlike the Puritans, who remained in the English Church and sought to force to change, the Pil­grims were Separatists who asked only for the right to "do their own thing," and granted the same right to others.

Some Seventh Day Baptists have been ashamed of being so different from others, so "separate." Far from being handicaps, however, these differences can be marks of distinction.

Seventh Day Baptists have been known through all the years, as unusually fine, hard-working, ecumenical, dedicated, honest, and happy people. It has been a proud privilege of mine, during my presidency at Salem College for twenty-two years, to explain literally thousands of times the rootage of that institution in the Seventh Day Baptist tradition. Without exception, the response has been favorable (among businessmen, industrialists, foundation and corporate executives, civic club members, community leaders, legislators, educators, everyone) when they understand that the College was established in the mold of American democracy where each person is recognized for his own worth and where the right of individuals to worship according to the dictates of their own consciences is respected. Salem College is the distilled essence of the democratic ideal — a legitimate place in the sun for the conscientious minority along with the majority — as fostered and perpetuated by Seventh Day Baptists.

Our dedicated forefathers would probably say to us, "Continue to be separate" by clinging to the old truths, but be a constructive part of the real world. Don't be stuffy, self-righteous, and Puritanical, but be warmhearted, Elizabethan-spirit­ed, participating citizens in a society which needs integrity, honor, and forthrightness.

Three: Build your life upon a Rock. The Biblical injunction still stands, as recorded in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, that "everyone who heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it."

If our houses—our projects, our programs, our activities in the present times—are going to stand, then we must make the same commitment intoned by the Psalmist of old: "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust." (Psalm 18:2-6).

We can be sure that, if our ancestral clan from the Pilgrim days could drop in for a visit today, they would say what we agree should be said.

"Build on something solid and true in which you can really believe, and then believe it — and live it — with all your heart. Seek an ideal; aim for something higher than your personal pleasure, comfort or convenience, something greater than your private prosperity or popularity. Seek the highest truth, the greatest good, the finest example you can find — Jesus Christ!"

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Preparations, nationwide, are well under way for celebrating, in 1976, the two-hundredth anniversary of our existence as a nation. These preparations are motivated, to considerable extent, by a feeling of thankfulness for the vision, wisdom and self-sacrificing spirit of our founding fathers, a feeling that may well come to prayerful expression on the fourth Thursday of November, this year.

To keep the record straight, we must observe that Thanksgiving Day, as an institution, is not the same age as our nation. It is both older and younger. What we traditionally celebrate is the Pilgrim Thanksgiving Day, which was set aside in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1633, which was 143 years before the United States came into existence in 1776. We might note also that Seventh Day Baptists were giving thanks to God as a church on the rugged New England coast in 1671, which was 105 years before our nation’s first birthday. The first nation’s Thanksgiving Day, which was set aside in the Old Testament, from the song of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15) to the Psalms of David and poetry of the prophets, is filled with beautifully expressed praise, which is the basis for the New Testament call to thankfulness of heart and lips.

There is a tendency to limit our thankfulness to certain days of the year and to our feelings of personal well-being, although this is quite contrary to Bible teaching. Along this line, there is no verse in the epistles of Paul more challenging than that one in First Thessalonians 5 which begins, “In everything give thanks.” There should be no such thing as people being ungrateful. Somebody asked him what he had that day to praise the Lord for. “Oh,” he said, “I was coming down the street tonight with a piece of beef steak. I spent all my money for that steak. I laid it down for a moment to tie my shoe and while I was tying my shoe a big dog grabbed my steak and carried it off. But, praise the Lord, I’ve got my appetite back.”

To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

By Rev. Leon M. Maltby

November 1974
RECEIVING LITTLE CHILDREN

Carl W. Tiller

"And whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name receive me — Matthew 18:5"

Seventh Day Baptists of the United States, through the Christian Social Action Committee, have joined with other Baptists to apply Christ's teachings in Vietnam, through the channels of the Baptist World Alliance.

The recent war in southeast Asia left many young children orphaned in Vietnam, too often without even any relatives to care for them. Circumstances also left many children half-orphaned, children whose Vietnamese mothers were abandoned by American fathers when the American military forces left. The mothers in such cases usually find it extremely difficult to keep themselves alive and raise their children; both mother and child are likely to be unacceptable among other Vietnamese, which in turn means that mother has trouble getting employment or getting day-care for the child if she is employed.

Some estimate place the number of orphans and half-orphaned at 800,000 out of 8 million children in South Vietnam. Still another source says that there are 1,500,000 orphans in Vietnam. In any event, the need for care for children in Vietnam is one of the world's great social needs, and one toward which Americans should have a special sensitivity.

Even before the American forces pulled out, some dedicated Baptist chaplains and lay people took steps to start an orphanage at Cam Ranh, one positive step to be helpful, though of course only "a drop in the bucket." Originally Protestant Men and Women of the Chapel at the Cam Ranh Air Base gave of their time as well as their money in this ministry. Now that they are gone, many of them contribute money, but it is necessarily for Vietnamese to staff the orphanage and give "tender, loving care" to the children.

The sum of $15 a month will support a child in the orphanage. So far this year, the Baptist World Alliance has supplied $4,000, of which $550 came from Seventh Day Baptists. When the money arrived, the director of the orphanage advised that the money will be used "to buy rice, fish sauce, and necessary clothing," which were the most critical subsistence needs at that moment.

Carl W. Tiller is an associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. He is responsible for the coordination of the Alliance's relief and development programs.

SDBURF CAN YOU PRONOUNCE THAT?

That is the translation of the word "Thanksgiving" into the language of Honduras, Bangladesh, India and the Sahel countries of Africa.

I'm sure they all have a word in their language that means Thanksgiving. The only question is whether it can really interpret meaning.

How do you convey the part of Thanksgiving which means: Harvest — in Bangladesh where floods have destroyed all crops. Homecoming — in Honduras where home has been destroyed?

Family Gatherings — in the Sahelian countries where the family has starved to death.

Counting the Blessings of Christ — if I hear only words and have never experienced His love from the hand of another?

How? except by SDBURF, the Seventh Day Baptist Relief Fund which in the name of Christ expresses His love in food, clothing, in medical supplies to those who cry out in need. Not because Jesus loves you. But "Smile, Jesus loves you enough to share His life with you through me."

During 1974 $2,300 more has gone directly into medicine, food, and clothing through SDBURF in the name of Christ. None has gone for overhead or promotion (that is met through undesignated giving to OWM and "One Great Hour of Sharing"). All has gone to recipients through Christian agencies. Floods, droughts, tornadoes in Africa, India, North America, Central America, South America have been met with the compassion of Christ.

You will probably receive directly a letter giving dollar amounts to all causes to date this year along with an envelope for your Thanksgiving offering to share with the disaster-stricken in 1975 God's bountiful blessings to you in 1974. Please send your gift through your own church if you are a member of a Seventh Day Baptist church. If not, send you gift to Gordon Sanford, treasurer, Our World Mission, Little Genese, NY 14754. No other gift can do more since 100 percent of it reaches those in need.

You Are There Because You Care
The Planning Committee, com­posed of board and General Confer­ence executives, continues to seek the help of the Church in making the 1970’s an ex­citing and productive “ERA OF ACTION.” In addition to the hold­ings of two extended sessions Sep­tember 23-28, 1973 and May 13-17, 1974, it met with the Commission, August 8 and 9, and members have been in frequent cooperation with one another personally as well as through exchange of correspondence and telephone conversations.

There are numerous manifesta­tions that our leaders are becoming increasingly Christ-conscious, mis­sion minded, and goal oriented. There is corresponding credit being given to inspiration, leading, and empowerment derived through the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. Chal­lenged by the responsibilities of co­ordinating and correlating service and witness on the part of individu­als, churches, boards, and agencies, they are venturing forth with faith and zeal urging good stewardship and cooperation are highlighted in this report.

A few of many instances of encouraging deeper commitment, greater involvement and meaningful cooperation are highlighted in this report.

**Planning Committee Plans**

Promoting Evangelism

Realizing that the Church in the name of Jesus Christ should be in the heart of every community, and noting that there has been a phe­nomenal growth in population from rural to urban areas as well as from one place to another where the church is no organized Seventh­Day Baptist witness, the Planning Com­mittee has committed itself to en­couraging extension of our Chris­tian witness and to urging the orga­nization of additional Sabbath Schools, church fellowships, and churches across our nation.

**Extending Missionary Efforts**

Our mission as a physical therapy student was to give an opportunity to take an expense-paid vacation to Hawaii and when I graduate maybe a job in Maui, Hawaii; what is more is that when I graduate there will be many jobs available that will be offering me good salaries in all­most any place I choose to go. But I didn’t choose Physical Therapy for the money or opportunities for glamorous vacations, I became a PT student because I wanted to be involved with helping people over­come their handicaps and that covers a large spectrum of physical disabilities to mental blocks con­cerning a physical problem.

Becoming a registered Physical Therapist is a long and hard pro­cess. There are years of schooling and months of interning — ending with a comprehensive examination and a registry exam by the state. Is it worth it? Those who dropped for varying reasons apparently say “no” but those of us who continued and those that have completed it say a definite “yes.” However, there is no end to the learning — as in any medical field, new discoveries are always being tested, so seminars after seminar gives us more informa­tion to tack away.

What do I actually do as a physi­cal therapist? How do I achieve my satisfaction and help handi­capped persons? That is truly a mon­strous question to answer. The best explanation is to describe some of the people that pass through the department.

Hand treatments for a woman who had hand surgery two weeks before, a complete guide on individuals and groups both in this country small group dynamics as well as Bible study and prayer group plans.

**Extending Communication Lines**

Desiring to extend communication lines on local, regional, and national levels, the Planning Committee is seeking to increase the efficiency of several strategic plans:

1. **Every Church Visits**

   Every Church Visits is being coordinated with contacts made as frequently as possible with churches by denominational leaders or ap­pointed pastors to “talk and listen,” telling of denominational efforts be­ing undertaken and resources of­fered as well as to learn of local accomplishments and needs.

2. **Our Denominational Representa­tive’s Projected Travel Plans**

   Our Denominational Representative’s Projected Travel Plans are being coordinated at least a year both to inform the churches and to en­courage additional invitations to serve the Lord while representatives are in their area.

3. **Our National Mail Service**

   Our National Mail Service is being reorganized with the Pub­lishing House being paid to keep some twenty-seven categories of

**Addresses**

by Shelley Austin

Dodge Center, Minn.

**ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH**

**A Vocation with Opportunities**

November 1974
AID TO HURRICANE VICTIMS

Reacting quickly to the widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Fifi, Church World Service/CROP has rushed aid to the disaster-stricken Central American nations, where 50,000 are homeless, over 5,000 dead and more than $500 million in damage has been reported.

To meet the immediate problem of health and sanitation, and to ward off epidemics, CWS immediately airlifted 160,000 pounds of antibiotics, 121 pounds of anti-diarrhoea medicine and 200,000 water purification tablets into Honduras, the nation hardest-hit by the storm.

At the same time, CROP—the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service—diverted a shipment of non-fat dry and chocolate milk intended for Nicaragua, where the hurricane damage is not as extensive, into the immediate disaster area.

First reports indicate that emergency food supplies, children’s clothing and medical supplies constitute the most pressing need. Agricultural items, especially seeds, will be needed as soon as the flood waters recede to help bring the people back to a self-sustaining level.

CROP and Church World Service are sending out an urgent appeal to all concerned people for funds and desperately needed clothing. The CWS Clothing Appeal cautioners everyone not to send clothing directly to Honduras, or other nations within the area, but to send the clothing through Church World Service so that they can arrange for orderly transportation and distribution of the clothing to areas where the need is greatest.

GRAHAM CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY WITH CRUSADE

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Graham’s first nationally publicized crusade with services at the Hollywood Bowl, earmarked all offerings beyond actual expenses for famine relief.

Not only were the surroundings different from the 6,000 capacity tent pitched in Los Angeles in 1949, but the well-known evangelist drew larger crowds, attracted more young people (over one third attending were under twenty-five) and received the backing of more churches. The anniversary services were video-taped for later prime-time television programs.

While many things were different, one thing stayed the same. Graham, a Southern Baptist, repeatedly gave God the credit for the unprecedented opportunities for ministry of his team as he proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ at each of the three services.

Each night’s program clinched Billy Graham’s attitude with part of the Crusade meeting in Maracana, the world’s largest stadium, drew an unprecedented—for Brazil—a live television audience. In either North or South America, the evangelist also had an unprecedented—for Brazil—a live television audience.

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The following Sabbath, September 21, a large group from the New York City Mission attended our service, and ten of them give their testimonies and joined our church. A quartette of young Jamaican women sang to the guitar. James Woodgate, our new dedicated worker, became an associate member. Over 100 were present, and most of them enjoyed a fellowship dinner after Sabbath School. One large cake was served in honor of Dean and Mrs. Rex Zwiebel, who were to move shortly to Alfred Station, N. Y. They were presented a monetary gift in appreciation for their services to our church and the denomination during the last four years.

The Rev. David S. Clarke of Alfred, N. Y., preached on September 28 while Pastor Herbert E. Saunders and several other members attended Annual Meeting at the Shiloh church.

A service of baptism was held on Sabbath, October 4, followed by the reception of new members and Communion on Sabbath morning and by Communion at the New York City Mission in the afternoon.

—Ruth Parker

REX ZWIEBEL LEAVES C.M.E.
FOR ALFRED STATION CHURCH

Ministerial students and colleagues at the Seventh Day Baptist Building are missing the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel who has begun a pastorate at Alfred Station, N. Y., after four years as dean of the Center for Ministerial Education.

Dean Zwiebel lived at Alfred Station while he was secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education before coming to Plainfield. Here he has been recording secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation and treasurer of the American Sabbath Tract Society in addition to his official duties in guiding the programs of theology students. Also he has worked in conjunction with the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, secretary of General Conference, in matters related to the ministry. Reclassification of the Center library, began under his predecessor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, was completed. Counseling students has been a special concern and the cassette tape ministry and in-service training program enlarged. Courses in New York City and elsewhere have been added to keep the program abreast of what others are doing in the field.

Rex has often been seen pushing a lawn mower, a broom, or a snow shovel around the building. Although not a coffee drinker, he has been a regular attendant of staff mid-morning coffee "breaks." The Plainfield church has benefited from his help in the choir and on various committees. All of us wish him and his family well back on the front line of Christian witness and service.

—A. N. R.
The Rev. Edward Sutton, former pastor of the Alfred Station church, has been appointed associate for institutional research in health technologies at the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred, N.Y.

Dr. David Huntington, college president, said Mr. Sutton has been appointed to the health technologies post through a federal grant from the Division of Associated Health Professions, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The position was conceived about two years ago by Professor Robert L. Love, chairman of the Health Technologies Division.

Professor Love submitted a proposal for federal funds and the initial award was made to Alfred in 1973 when the college became the first institution of higher learning in the nation to employ an associate for institutional research and advancement in health technologies.

As an associate for divisional research, Mr. Sutton will compile geographic, cultural, economic, and educational information on students for health-related and institutional purposes.

Another duty he will assume is the job placement division, while he will also act as liaison between the division and the college’s Center for Human Development and its Reading and Study Skills Center, according to Professor Love.

Mr. Sutton, a native of Berea, W.Va., is a graduate of Salem College in West Virginia. He also holds a bachelor of divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., and a master of divinity degree from the combined Colgate Rochester-Bexley Hall-Crozer Divinity School in Rochester.

As part of his ministry in this area, he was a member of a team of chaplains who served students on the college campus and conducted the Communion service.

There are some people who were with us who live too far from a church to attend regularly. It was wonderful that we could all be together at conference. The Haarlem church provided a hot meal and many took a walk afterwards to enjoy the beautiful day.

We were privileged to have visitors from the Seventh Day Baptists churches in Germany present. Even though there was somewhat of a language barrier we were one in God and enjoyed a warm fellowship. Mr. Jaap Nieuwstraten from Haarlem opened the afternoon session with prayer and then read letters from the U.S.A., Australia, and Germany. It is always a joy to know we are not the only Sabbathkeepers in the world, and it is really true that although we are separated by many miles we are one in the Spirit.

During the afternoon various people read poems, talked, or sang, and we had a very enjoyable program. Greetings were read from Mr. Alfter, our secretary, who could not be present because of health reasons. Representatives from Locward, The Hague, Amsterdam, and Germany gave short messages on the theme. We listened to a spoken tape on tape sent from Australia.

During the evening service the young people sang German and English songs. An offering for the youth work was taken and we decided to give half to the Ladies’ Aid to be used in overseas youth programs. The Ladies’ Aid of Holland is doing a fine job and has been able to send a sum of money to the mission field.

On Sunday morning Mr. Stolz from Rotterdam spoke. He is currently serving as one of the editors of Our Anker (Our Anchor) the monthly of the church. It was a delicious lunch the conference was adjourned. We really “Walked Together” this weekend and it is our prayer that this may continue in the future. Please pray for the churches in Holland and Germany and the many problems that we are facing. May God help us to “Walk Together” until Jesus comes.

—John Farenhorst, Reporter

HOLLAND CONFERENCE MEETS

The Harlem church was filled on Sabbath Eve as Seventh Day Baptists came from all sections of Holland to attend a special conference meeting. The theme was “Walking Together.” We were welcomed by Jan Velk who also led in the song service. We began our worship by reading a story about the Sabbath and how it is a very special day because it gives not only physical rest but is a time for fellowship with God and each other. Siep Groen from Leeuweraken spoke about the theme and mentioned how many nations try to work together in many ways because they feel together it is possible to do more and greater things. Our theme teaches us to indeed “Walk Together” as Christians! The Leeuweraken Y. F. sang a song entitled Brother, Come and Walk With Us.” On Sabbath Day our worship speaker was Mr. Biais from The Hague. Following his message we shared in the Communion service.

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By Albert N. Rogers

“Now the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not wanting . . .”

SUNNY ROGERS

By John D. Bevis

Clarence Rogers was my friend and I feel a very personal loss at his passing. I suppose that everyone who knew him could agree that his friendly spirit and radiant smile will be what we remember most. He had a tremendous sense of humor and possessed that rare gift of making anyone feel in a few minutes that he had known for a lifetime. He loved people and was always involved in helping those around him. There are countless people across the entire country who will remember Clarence for his loving disposition, deep optimism and enthusiasm. How well we will remember his interest in music. For several years he directed the music program of many a college class in music. He was a sincere Christian who put his faith in the Lord first in his life. Everything he did was with enthusiasm. How well I recall sitting in his Sabbath School class in Salem. You didn’t just sit there, you became involved as his class was always lively and interesting. Many of his students received commissions. For several years he directed the Salem church choir which was one of the best in the denomination and the very best in Salem. Conference governors with other conference officials that he and Ruth Sarah made to the music program of many a Conference. The article “Obituary” in the October issue was written by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers.
PLANNING COMMITTEE
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and abroad. In many instances, local pastors or laity have been alerted and urged to follow through contacting inquirers who have asked for information or literature, and who have manifested interest in associating with our people. There has been exchange of correspondence internationally with leaders in other countries including India, the Philippines, Korea, Kenya and Ghana. Members of this committee, appointed by the Planning Committee, include John D. Bevis, Herbert E. Saunders, secretary, and Alton L. Wheeler, chairman. This committee works in close cooperation with the New Fields Committee of the Missionary Board.

Recruiting for Dedicated Service

Dedication of talents, skills and time continues to be promoted through such organized efforts as SCSC, Extended Dedicated Service, Team Ministry, the Ambassador Plan, Lay Witness and other plans. Information is available through the General Conference office and all applications are channeled through that office to the respective boards for implementation.

In the near future additional pages will be sent for inclusion in the "Era of Action" packets of pastors and lay leaders. These will include a projected program coordinating calendar, travel plans of denominational representatives, witness and service strategy sheets, and "seeds and sprouts." Additional sets of packets of passages as well as additional sets of "seeds and sprouts" will be sent for inclusion in the nominational representatives' packets, in the "Era of Action."

Urging Action Now!

Reflecting on such a challenging passage as 2 Corinthians 5:14 - 6:2, we are reminded that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation . . . Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today He is ready to save you." Now is the time as never before to seek, save and serve in the name of our Lord, as inspired, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

"Unless far better men ye be than proud professors of the way, The Heavenly Kingdom you'll not see Nor enter in that blessed day,"
—Matthew 5:20
Rev. F. D. Saunders

THANKSGIVING E. S. P.
(Continued from page 15)

As church-believing, Christ-commit­ted Seventh Day Baptists, how should we respond to the admoni­tions from out of the past? I answer, with pride in our heritage, with renewed faith in the present, and with redemption to the Eternal Truths.

A recent publication calling for a Religious Observance of the Nation's Bicentennial sums it up in three elements: Heritage — Festival — Horizon. It says: "The Hebrew-Christian tradition provides some very basic insights into the human heritage and the need to reexamine the past, into festival and the deeply-rooted desire to celebrate; and into horizon, with its orientation toward the possibilities of the future. The churches have a tremendous opportunity to make the focus on heritage more than the glorification of a glamorized past, to help make festivals more than hip-hip-hop cover-ups for present day problems, and to give the dreams about horizons something of the quality of the vision of the Kingdom of God."

This Thanksgiving time, let Seventh Day Baptists have renewed satisfaction in their Bible-verified concepts, take justified pride in the accomplishments of their forefathers, be reeducated to carry out God's special missions for His church; and experience rekindled joy in living the Faith — even in the face of real or imagined difficulties. In truth, every day should be a day of thanksgiving within the spirit of perpetual festival!]

[Dr. Hurley serves as editor of the Loma­lom Recorder 1944-47. We appreciate his continued interest and support.

FOOT-WASHING
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brethren what Jesus had just done for His disciples. In doing a humble service for them, He had cleansed them of their pride and self-seeking. So in humble service, we should seek to help our brethren overcome the weaknesses and sins of their lives. And there are many, many ways to do this whether a pan of water is needed or not. The occasion may be vastly different, but

the purpose remains the same. Jesus gave us an example, that is, an illustration of one way to accomplish the purpose.

When one becomes a Christian, he is not instantly changed to perfect sainthood. He still lives in a human body with its basic instincts of self, sex, and the herd, all alive and active. No matter how much they may be subdued, they still exist; they cannot be eradicated and still leave a person. A Christian is still a person with the temptations that came out of personality. And he still lives in a wicked world where temptation is rampant. When the Bible talks about "the world, the flesh, and the devil," it is not using empty phrases. The greatest saints have been most conscious of this constant tendency to sin. All of us need constant cleansing. To help each other in this great need is real foot-washing, whether a pan of water is used or not. We need to remember that this Biblical teaching, like others, is covered by Paul's statement, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."]

WELCOME
NEW SUBSCRIBERS

William Vic
Branchville, N. J.
Mr. and Mrs. David Payne
Alexandria, Minn.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Randall
Blooming Prairie, Minn.
Mrs. Vivian Greene
Dodge Center, Minn.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bond
Dodge Center, Minn.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klopstein
Kasson, Minn.
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Larson
Alexandria, Minn.
Dennis J. Braum
Rochester, N. Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Clarke

Family Worship Before Thanksgiving Dinner

Leader: "Sing for joy to the Lord, all the world! Worship the Lord gladly, and come before him with joyful songs!"
—Psalm 106:1-3 (TEV)

Song: "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy," or other happy song known by all.

Leader: "Come, let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! He is our God; we are the people he looks after, the flock for which he provides."
—Psalm 95:6 (TEV)

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" or other song of praise known by all.

Leader: Let us praise and thank the Lord.

"Praise the Lord!"

Children: "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good."

Grown-ups: "His love is eternal."

Brothers: "Who can tell all the great things he has done?"

Sisters: "Who can praise him enough?"

All: "Happy are those who obey his command, who always do what is right!"

Leader: "Praise the Lord!"

Children: "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good."

—Psalm 106:1-3 (TEV)

Song: "Thank You, Lord" or other song of thanksgiving known by all.

THE BLESSING—(Let one person be chosen well)

Leader: "Thanksgiving—Let one person be chosen well in advance of the meal to give the prayer of blessing at this time."

All: Amen. Praise the Lord!

(Prepared by Ethel Dickinson. Art work by Margaret Taylor.)
This month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, the first of the national holidays to be established in the United States. Indeed it is one of our most cherished holidays because it was initiated for the specific purpose of thanking God personally for His many blessings.

Of course, the real origin of all thanksgiving goes far back into the ancient world. The Old Testament abounds with references to harvest festivals and other special times of thanksgiving such as the Feast of Tabernacles.

Thanksgiving is thought by many to have originated with the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1621, marking their first bountiful harvest on the new continent. However, history records that on December 4, 1619, the settlers at Berkeley Hundred, Virginia, on the James River, decreed that “the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned . . . in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept as holy and as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God. The custom in Virginia seems to have been repeated more or less annually in the early years and gradually discontinued. The Pilgrims continued with their holiday and thus we credit them with the introduction of the celebration as we know it today.

The first national celebration of Thanksgiving was proclaimed by the Continental Congress for Thursday, December 18, 1777, marking the victory over British troops at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777.

New York. This was one of the first important victories of the revolution and encouraged the French to enter the struggle against the British. To the Americans of that day it certainly was a time to celebrate and give thanks.

Some years later George Washington issued the first presidential Thanksgiving proclamation. He officially designed Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day to acknowledge “with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God.”

However for many years Thanksgiving was not observed nationally, with practice among the states varying considerably.

It was many years later in the midst of the devastating Civil War that Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of prayer and Thanksgiving. Thus began our traditional annual celebration of Thanksgiving.

For many Americans this day is simply another holiday, a day off with no school and a time for friends, and football games to truly remember that the American people will not pause to give thanks for all the blessings they enjoy. Real Thanksgiving is possible only for those who take time to remember.

Let us pause during our busy day of food, family, friends, and football games to truly remember that all of our blessings as individuals and as a nation come from God. “O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever” (1 Chron. 16:34).

**O E D I T O R I A L**

**DENOMINATIONAL D A T E L I N E**

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**SUMMARY**

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**And There Were Shepherds.** Color filmstrip for children. A biblical story that could have happened on the night Jesus was born.

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**November 1974**
"THE SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION"......
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST WEEK OF PRAYER
January 5 - 11, 1975

The first full week of the new year, 1975, will again be a Week of Prayer for Seventh Day Baptists around the world, encouraged by member groups of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. Daily morning prayer services in the churches, group meetings in homes, or other services for prayer in churches will gather members and friends together. Individuals and families will also join in the special emphasis in their homes. The Rev. L. Sawi Thanga, secretary-treasurer of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference is the author of the 1975 devotional booklet. Under the theme, "The Service of Reconciliation," Brother Thanga emphasizes the theme of the Baptist World Alliance world outreach emphasis, "Reconciliation Through Christ" heading up the key verse of 2 Corinthians 5:18: "But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

The Rev. L. Sawi Thanga resides in Rangoon, Burma, and has a ministry translating tracts and booklets into the Lushai language (used in the Chin Hills where the Seventh Day Baptist churches are located) and writing Bible study lessons and books which are used in many church groups. He was ordained in February 1974, during the visit of the SDBWF ambassadors when they were asked to be members of the ordination council.

Sample copies of the Week of Prayer booklet, published by the SDB General Conference (USA) have been sent to pastors, and/or church leaders across our country. It is hoped that every church, every family, every individual, will actively participate in this Week of Prayer. Now it is time to consider ways in which all members of your church can be challenged. Orders for copies of the booklets are to be sent to the General Conference office, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.