"TAPE’S ROLLING!" Bill Weber signaled as Pastor Dale and Janet prepared to read the dialog into the microphone at the WMNI studio downtown. It was a new experience developing and taping a thirty-second spot announcement for radio. The spot was to be broadcast twelve times from Wednesday through Sabbath before the first program of our thirteen-week series.

WE'RE ON THE AIR! Beginning Sunday, April 29, and running through July, "The Word of Truth" will be broadcast every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock over WMNI 920-AM in Columbus. WMNI is a Mutual Network station covering a fifteen-county area in central Ohio and reaching over 14,000 adults in any fifteen-minute period.

The series of fifteen-minute programs called "Word of Truth" is produced by the American Sabbath Tract Society with Rev. Russell W. Havens as host. Format includes the opening and closing organ theme, "God of the Sabbath," a hymn widely identified with our churches. Following initial words of welcome and a musical selection, Pastor Havens presents comments designed to provoke serious thought concerning various subjects. The programs are divided into sub-series with the themes: God’s Book, God’s Law, and God’s Day.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM is to inform people as to the existence of Seventh Day Baptists, generate interest in our Biblical and evangelical stand, and encourage people to feel welcome and to make contact, either by writing for further information (booklets, etc.) or by visiting.* Each program closes with an announcement of our church services and an invitation to attend or call.

Broadcast of "Word of Truth" in Columbus (and simultaneously in Fremont, Michigan, near White Cloud) is made possible through the North Central Association and the Tract Society. They are paying for the broadcast time to pilot test the programs. Cost for the broadcasts is $1040 ($80 per broadcast) plus $380 for the spot announcements. Newspaper articles and ads are also being run in the neighborhood and city papers to promote the program.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW? Listen to "Word of Truth" and encourage friends to do so. Pray that God will use the program—and use us in appropriate follow-up. People may be contacting us because of something they heard on the radio! [Janet Thorngale]

SDB RADIO

WORD OF TRUTH RADIO LOG

MICHIGAN - Fremont
  WSHN - AM and FM
  Sunday 8:15 a.m.

OHIO - Columbus
  WMNI - 920 AM
  Sunday 10:00 a.m.

RHODE ISLAND - Warwick
  WARY - 1290 AM
  Sabbath 11:15 p.m.

VIRGINIA - TENNESSEE
  WMNI - 920 AM
  Sabbath 11:15 p.m.

WASHINGTON - Chehalis-Centralia
  KEA - 1470 AM
  Sunday 9:45 a.m.

AND SOON IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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TMI KIDS' NEWS

For your free copy of the booklet, or for information regarding broadcasting the WORD OF TRUTH in your area write to:

John D. Bevis
P.O. Box 868
Plainfield, NJ 07061

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8, NASB).
FEATURES

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES FEATUERED SPEAKERS

In announcing the featured speakers and daily themes for this year's General Conference, Presiden William R. Austin has said, "The thread of love weaves its way through these themes in the same way that it must compose the fabric of our lives if we are to be recognized as Christ's disciples."

Taking as the overall theme for Conference, "If You Have Love, All Men Will Know You Are My Disciples," from John 13:34-35, Mr. Austin has scheduled the following speakers:

- For Monday evening, August 6, Steven P. Crouch, recent graduate of North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and new pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Genesee in Little Genesee, New York, and Hebron in Coudersport, Pennsylvania; Mr. Crouch will speak on "Fruits of the Spirit," taking as his text, Galatians 5:22-23.

- the Rev. Deiter E. Von Horn, pastor of the Lipton, West Virginia, Seventh Day Baptist Church and 1977 Conference president, will speak Tuesday evening, August 7; his theme will be "Serve the Lord with Joy," from Psalm 100:1-2.

- the Rev. James R. Tozer, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette, Indiana, and nationally recognized authority in the area of discipleship; Dr. Tozer will speak on "Spiritual Gifts," using as his text, Ephesians 4:11-15.

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- The Sabbath Recorder, Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, China Points To Ponder.
- Linda Hatris—Hurley Awarded
- Richard D. Foull—Women's NationalDateline
- Rev. Leon R. Lawton, Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette, Indiana, and author, seminarian, and Christian diplomat, will address Conference Wednesday evening, August 8.

- Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian since he founded the church twenty years ago, Dr. Tozer is also the author of How Not To Be Uptight in an Uptight World, and has just completed a second book, Discipleship: a Call to Growth.

As a seminar leader Dr. Tozer has participated in various seminars in the United States; in Canada; and in England. Tozer's spiritual background is in the Evangelical Free Church of America, where he served as a minister before entering the presbyterian ministry.
The eleventh chapter of Hebrews has been called “The Gallery of the Heroes.” And with good reason, for these people were not asking the world to stop so that they could get off. They were people that “mixed it up” with the battles of life—taking risks, facing “hopeless situations” in order to stand for right, laying their lives on the line, living sacrificially for causes and hopes that were not fulfilled in their time; suffering and dying, as well as in other cases being delivered from harm.

The “Gallery” includes Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; Joseph, Moses, Rahab the harlot, the spies, Joshua, David, and the prophets; plus unnamed heroes and heroines who experienced God’s gracious hand of deliverance, and who in the same fashion foretasted the future for suffering and persecution. For they knew that God was faithful and their cause was not vain.

Communist propaganda may label religion “the opiate of the people.”

Skeptics may declare that it is a “cruelty” to help the timid and the weak, but that the “strong” don’t need it.

But this honor roll of the faithful, and time and our own experience and observation, will confirm beyond argument that true religion has its foundation on a dynamic power that actually transforms more men into stalwart sons of God who can face fear, danger and the spirit of self-preservation in the cause of Truth. Those persons of renown, that every-growing roll of faithful heroes, became heroic because of their faith in God. Faith is a giant word that speaks of giant possibilities.

Hebrews 11 begins with a definition of faith. All the rest of the chapter draws upon history to verify its power in life under the blessing of God. “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is why ancients were commended for... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:1, 6 NIV).

Faith is well-founded confidence in God that will sustain life and purpose. It is “betting your life” on God and life was revealed in Christ—building your life and actions on this.

The author of this Epistle declares that faith accepts the visible in place of the “hollow of His hand.”

Oh, we all need the consolations of knowing God is with us. We all experience fear, despair, loneliness. And one of the functions of faith, or the rewards of faith, is the comfort it gives. “Praise God that we can know we are safe ‘in the hollow of His hand.’”

But faith in its maturity comprehends that the human spirit, made in the image of our Divine Creator, cannot be wholly passive, nor can it be content with merely “playing it safe.” There must be the challenge of noble faith, of doing the will of God, of ministering to the spiritual needs of the world and leaving our mark for good. These are utterly basic to purpose and fulfillment in life, and they will not be satisfied by making comfort our chief pursuit.

Paul broadens the concept of faith as a shelter from all harm, to an understanding of it as confidence in the faithfulness of God as revealed in Christ that will not be defeated by whatever extremities we face in our life of obedience. “We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose... Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or famine, or poverty or danger or death?... No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us! For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death, nor life,...” (Romans 8:28, 35, 37).

God’s people find courage and comfort in knowing that God is faithful, and that obedience to Him will never be in vain. Hebrews 11 tells us that because of this faith-born courage God’s people make His things happen. We can be of that kind, too.

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Reflections on Psalm 122:1

“My soul is fixed, O Lord, upon the Rock which is higher than I.”

Reflections on Psalm 122:2

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’”

So says the psalmist.

But I wonder how many of us are actually glad when we go into the house of the Lord?

Many go because they think they should, or because their parents force them.

But going to the house of the Lord should be, I think, a joyous time, a time for fellowship and submission With God.

—Myrna Barber

Berlin, N. Y.
All things were green and flowering. The magnolia trees were full of the fragrant blooms, and roses were perfuming the air. It was early summer in May in Waco, Texas, when the Executive Committee of the North American Baptist Women's Union met at Baylor University. Even though your President, Ada Davis, and your Editor, Madeline Fitz Randolph, had visited quite late in the evening, we were met by our hosts, Mrs. Marie Mathis, at the Waco, Texas, Airport. Mrs. Marie had been meeting planes all day, and taking committee members from all over the North American Continent to the Old Main Lodge, where she had reserved rooms for all of us. Everything had been done to ensure comfort and convenience. Our lodgings were situated quite near the ‘top’ of Baylor Hill, and had a view of the campus. For us accustomed to the University, so that only a short walk was necessary to get to our meeting place.

The campus of Baylor University is a lovely place. Even though there is a large student enrollment, this happened to be exam week and we found that the student union was almost deserted by the students. It appeared as if they were just beginning to study for their exams, as many took the opportunity to be right out of the building and on our way to our meetings. We sang, prayed, read from the Bible and studied it—together. Each of our half-day sessions was opened and ended with worship. As we heard the various women lead in worship, we were moved to reflect upon the ease and skill with which each of them led us to God in thought and prayer. Each was a true servant of the Lord, concerned and loving, as well as experienced in leadership.

We were called to order by President Marena Williams, in a lovely conference room. We sat around a long table and as we surveyed the faces of those present, we saw that there were old friends, people we have known before and grown to love, as well as some new faces. We were a unified committee, all of us were there to share our own progress and to listen to each of the others. What a high purpose was ours! The theme of our meeting was: "Oneness in Christ—Essential." John 17:11, 21, 22. Worship was an integral part of our meetings—wills, appointed to the Baptist Women's Convention of the Atlantic Provinces, the Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec; the Baptist Women's Union of Western Canada and one member-at-large, Miss Frances Wallace, who is leaving our committee this year.

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Our President, Mrs. Marena Williams, North American Baptist Women's Union

MISSION TO CHINA

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In 1893 the Davises returned to China; Dr. Swinney journeyed to the United States to visit her aged mother; and the Randolphs—sensing a lack of support among Seven Day Baptists for a larger mission placed on the program of the Baptist World Alliance for the first time that we were inspired by the beauty of the place. The story of our Risen Savior, love.

"We love because God first loved us."

John 4:19

Madeline Fitz Randolph

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Guyana, there are clinics. "Our witness will continue to go on and on, for there are many needs... our concern should be that of touching another neighbor with the blessings of our Risen Savior...Black Americans and Black Africans have a challenge that should never be broken, but as Christians we should become color blind in our witnessing and sharing God's love."

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Director of the Baptist General Convention, Mrs. Marena Williams, and Carolyn Carlson reported that the focus of the Women's Ministries is on the Christian Woman; helping her see and develop the potential that God has given her; helping her maintain her position in ministry to people as an integral part of the total church program. Target groups of people are defined in this program: Young women, single adults, including the never-married, and formerly married; career women, "empty-nesters"; senior adults; women with needs. All are served by Program Ministries, Missions ministries, Girl's Club ministries and Service Ministries.

Dorence Walth, president of the North American Baptist Women's Missionary Union, stressed that they are trying to reach the "moving target" (to aim where women are as the Davises began). Deborah Davis, and Edna McKoy, have as their concern should be that of touching another neighbor with the blessings of our Risen Savior...Black Americans and Black Africans have a challenge that should never be broken, but as Christians we should become color blind in our witnessing and sharing God's love."

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Miss Susie Burdick

In 1876, when Solomon Carpenter was forced by ill health to permanently vacate our China mission, it was left once again without missionary supervision for several years. During this time the little Shanghai congregation of about ten families was shepherded chiefly by Le Erlow and Dzau-Tsung-Lan, elders, and Zah-Tsing-San, a blind deacon with a great zeal for preaching.

After several unsuccessful attempts to call missionaries, our Missionary Society finally secured three in 1880: David H. Davis, then pastor in Shihli, N.J., and his wife Lucy in 1888, and Susie Burdick from Alfred, N.Y., one year later, the boys' boarding school was opened at last, and the school was properly staffed. The Randolphs supervised the boys' school and taught courses in English there; Mr. Davis offered the boys instruction in Chinese; and Miss Burdick began her long principalship of the girls' school, with teaching assistance from Mrs. Davis. Miss Burdick, whose support was a project of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board, also was beginning her record fifty years as a missionary, the longest term of missionary service of any Seventh Day Baptist.

Olive Wardner, one of the founders of our China mission, passed away in 1888; another of the pioneers, Solomon Carpenter, died in 1891, the same year that the Davises, after eleven years overseas, returned on leave to the United States for the first time. Although their visit was saddened by the death of their sixteen-year-old daughter just months after she had been baptized by her father in China, just months before the school in the United States, the Davises continued to serve the mission by their attendance at Conference, numerous associations and boards of churches to promote the cause of missions.

Meanwhile, in China the native Seventh Day Baptists organized their first Sabbath school, and the women formed a Dorcas Society, with sewing one afternoon a week.

Verse for the month: "Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks receives. Anyone who seeks, finds. If only you will knock, the door will open. If a child asks his father for a loaf of bread, will he be given a stone instead? If he asks for fish, will he be given a poisonous snake? Of course not! And if you heartily ask, useful men know how to give good gifts to your children, won't your Father in Heaven even more certainly give good gifts to those who ask him for them?" Matthew 7:7-11

- MALAWI, AFRICA: Mr. E. K. Mukanje has been appointed to write the quarterlies for Sabbath schools in the Central Africa Conference. Pastor W. M. Matlise is holding special classes around his churches the services at least (31) and he has baptized a number of new believers.
- WASHINGTON, D.C.: Church attendance during the first quarter of 1979 has shown a marked increase with an average of 43 persons. A year ago for the same quarter average attendance was only 21, while the average for 1978 was 31. March of '79 was the best month with an average attendance of 31. Visitors have swelled our congregation (From report by Leland Davis).
- OPEN DOOR! Though western missionary personnel may not be able to enter China for some time, there is request for thousands of teachers of English. This summer the US Center for World Mission will offer a course in "Dimensions in Chinese World Development" and an MA and certification program is planned for teachers of English as a second language (TESL). Anyone interested? Contact your Missionary Society office (481 Washington Trust Bldg., Westerly, RI 02891).

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Prayer

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

AUGUST 1979

1-Pray daily and ask God to bless your church and ministry.
2-Pray for those who are making final plans for Conference programs.
3-Pray that the rotation will be effective in your Church Interest Committees.
4-Pray that they be on the road this day.
5-General Conference sessions, President Bob Austin, and Conference Host Committee.
6-Directors of Associated Conferences.
7-Special speakers at the General Conference Sessions.
8-Francis, delegate who will be on General Conference this year.
9-Guidance in completing General Conference business.
10-President's secretary and the delegates.
11-Special conference offering for ORH—pray for leading in your own area.
12-Journey of sisters for three leaving this month.
13-Pray White Asu as he continues his work as associate for the Central Africa Conference.
14-Central High School Board as it plans for the 1979-80 school year.
15-My pastor as he ministers to the people.
16-Stephen in preparing for the Sabbath school and as our new president, as he assumes his new duties.
17-For Sister Mary in preparing for the Sabbath school and her new duties.
18-Ars to Sabbath Celebration.
19-For Paul who is going to grow.
20-Booth in Burma as they continue to build new church buildings.
21-Pray for those who are bringing up new converts in Brazil.
22-Mrs. Jose Peters, treasurer of the Guayaquil Women's Conference.
23-Booth in Nigeria as she seeks to contact two new churches.
24-New school in Matamoras, Mexico.
25-Those many who are preparing to enter college for the first time that God may keep them on the right path.
26-Pray for the work of the Lord in India and the work of all the Lord in India.
27-Pray for all who are preparing to enter college for the first time that God may keep them on the right path.
28-Prove your bounds and do good to others who are in need, do what is right and helpful and useful to the neighbors.
29-A day to remember and to pray:
30-The brethren in India as they seek to establish their bounds and to help the people.
31-The willingness to reach out to lonely persons today, making them feel a part of the world.
IT WAS VOTED TO RECOMMEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE AN INCREASE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE OLD PLAN TO $5.75 PER MONTH PER YEAR OF SERVICE, AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 7.5 PERCENT. THIS IS THE FIRST INCREASE SINCE 1974.

COSAR RECOMMENDS
(Committee on Support and Retirement)

Some things you just can't ignore!

If the above recommendation is passed at General Conference in August, a pastor who has served 40 years will receive $30 per month. For some of our pastors, this is their only source of retirement income.

This recommendation applies to pastors 55 years and older covered by the old plan. addition to those already retired, the following people will be eligible:

Addison Appel
Charles Bond
Earl Cruzan
C. Harmon Dickinson
Elmo Randolph
Victor Skaggs
Delmer Van Horn
Kenneth Van Horn
Rex Zwibel
Alton Wheeler

These pastors have served you for over 3½ centuries!

From New Testament times the church has recognized an obligation for adequate support to free those who give their lives to serve and to preach the gospel. Need for support extends beyond active service days to retirement, or disability, or when care must be provided the surviving widow and children.

Retirement support becomes a continuing “thank you” to your pastor for his years of service to you. You can help by approving—or better yet, increasing—COSAR's recommendation at Conference. (A special contribution is always appreciated.)

For further information, contact Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, 510 Watchung Avenue, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

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General Council Report
Proposal for Implementing Full-Circle Administration

I. PURPOSE
To establish departments of Extension, Nurture, and Supportive Services within the guidelines of "full-circle administration," but expanding that concept to include a wider range of ideas and creativity, from a larger segment of the denomination.

II. REASON
To respond to the mandate of General Conference by the development of "full-circle administration," but expanding that concept to include a wider range of ideas and creativity, from a larger segment of the denomination.

To verify the validity of the boards and agencies, but realign responsibilities into more viable groups.

To realign making program responsibilities to a representative group charged with specific roles in Extension, Nurture and Supportive Service.

III. METHOD
A. The current boards and agencies shall voluntarily merge into departments of Extension, Nurture, and Supportive Services for the purpose of realigning functions, with divisions developed for programming.

The three divisions shall be legally established so that the annual meetings of the departments may be held in conjunction with the sessions of Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, U.S.A.

The divisions may be located in different regions of the country and charged with their own responsibilities. They shall be responsible to the director and to the department. The liaison between the divisions shall be the director of the department.

B. The functions for extension of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, the American Sabbath Tract Society, and the standing committee on Christian Social Action shall be combined into a Department of Extension.

The following divisions may be considered:
Division of National Missions
Division of International Missions
Division of Church Growth
Division of Publications
Division of Christian Social Action

C. The functions for nurture of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, the Council on Ministry, the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, the Women's Society, the standing committee on Faith and Order, and the Men's Fellowship shall be combined into a Department of Nurture.

The following divisions may be considered:
Division of Ministry
Division of Christian Education
Division of History
Division of Women's Work
Division of Men's Work
Division of Family
Division of Youth

D. The functions for supportive services of the American Sabbath Tract Society, the Memorial Fund, the standing committee on Support and Retirement, the General Conference Office and other agencies, shall be combined into a Department of Supportive Services.

The following divisions may be considered:
Division of Seventh Day Baptist Center Operations
Division of Finance
Division of Support and Retirement
Division of Audiovisual Services

E. The functions of coordination of the program of Seventh Day Baptist public relations, ecumenical affairs, and overall administration of Seventh Day Baptist program and ministry shall be the responsibility of the Coordinating Leadership Team consisting of the directors of the departments alternating chairmanship.

This proposal for denominational reorganization, prepared by the General Council, is published here so that all may be aware of the plan before the Conference vote this year. Copies of this proposal have been mailed to all members. You are urged to prayerfully study this proposal as it represents a major change in denominational structure.
B. A General Council shall be established to coordinate the program and ministry of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, set policy in areas of administration and organization, and act as liaison between the departments.

1. The membership of General Council shall consist of two representative trustees of each of the three departments, and six elected persons from the annual General Conference, including the Conference President and President-elect. The department representatives shall be selected for two-year terms by the departments, and the General Conference elected representatives shall serve for three years. No person shall serve more than six consecutive years. The General Council shall then consist of twelve members with the department directors as consultants.

2. The Council shall meet at least semiannually.

C. The departments shall be established by the election of sixteen trustees each at constituting sessions held at General Conference.

1. The trustees are to have responsibility to implement programs created and established by the departments and General Conference. At least four association areas should be represented, with a core group of at least eight in one general area.

D. The annual meetings of the departments shall be open to all Seventh Day Baptists. The annual meetings shall be held at General Conference to elect the trustees of the departments, officers of the departments, and carry on such responsibilities as are necessary for incorporated agencies. The departments shall provide a list of nominations.

A quorum for these annual meetings shall be seventy-five individuals representing at least ten churches.

Review, creative thinking, and recommendations in the areas of nurture, extension and supportive services necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the divisions shall be considered in appointed interest committees of the General Conference as is now the case. The responsibility of carrying out the suggestions and recommendations in each area shall be delegated to the responsible division.

E. The General Council will receive and review applications for the position of department directors, and submit names to the department trustees for selection. Prior to employment, the General Council shall confirm appointment.

The trustees of the departments shall have the responsibility to employ and supervise the director of the department. They shall consult with the director in the employment of such personnel as may be determined necessary for program implementation. The director shall have supervision over staff personnel.

F. The directors’ offices shall be located at the Seventh Day Baptist Center.

G. Involved funds of existing agencies and boards shall, where legally permissible, be transferred to the holding agency of the Department of Supportive Services, i.e., the Division of Finance, which shall have responsibility for the investing and distribution of funds to the departments involved. If necessary, this agency shall be incorporated independently for the purpose of investment and distribution, but its trustees shall be elected by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

H. The department shall project its program budgets to the General Council which shall, in consultation with the Division of Finance, prepare a budget for presentation to General Conference.

I. In areas of reporting, the following procedure shall apply:
   1. Staff reports to Directors
   2. Divisions report to Departments
   3. Directors report to Departments and General Council
   4. Departments report to General Council and General Conference
   5. General Council reports to General Conference

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Points to Ponder:

THE INCIDENT THAT GAVE ME AN APPRECIATION OF THE BIBLE

By Jennings Randolph

United States Senator from West Virginia

"Each for the other and both for God.”

Those words, inscribed by my mother on the fly leaf of the Bible she gave me as a graduation gift, strengthened the meaning which the Book had always held for me. In this brief entry she crystallized in my thinking its two most basic teachings—the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

The Bible has supplied this understanding since I first came to it in my youth. Therefore, it is difficult to locate one event in the process of growing awareness when the book was as a whole to convey moral truths.

However, the day my mother penned those beautiful and reassuring words was a memorable one. I recall, too, when the certain guidance in the Bible heightened my consciousness of life and of the application of the Scriptures to living. It was unfolded, when reading the Proverbs as a young man, in the truth of the passage, “Pleasant words are as honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones” (Proverbs 16:24).

I believed this and have since attempted to apply it in my life, that one should search out the worthwhile qualities in our fellow citizens, rather than play the role of detractor and faultfinder. This does not imply a surrender of one’s values to mere flattery; it does not deny the existence of injustices that must be redressed.

It states simply a rule of life: That religious and ethical ideals will best be served by appealing to the infinite good in men and women instead of playing what we presume to be or hear to be their faults. For “he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprieve after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprieve with equity for the meek of the earth” (Isaiah 11:3, 4).

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July 1979
DEEP CONCERN

"I am deeply concerned" said one participant in a recent discussion about denominational organization.

From the content of his thoughts, the intensity of his comments, the earnestness in his facial expressions, it was evident that he wanted our denomination to succeed in its mission, and he was searching for the right answers, whatever they might be, rather than maintaining some predetermined point of view. He showed great love for Christ and compassion for fellow Christians. His was truly deep concern!

Seventh Day Baptists have two major issues with which to deal at the present time: the Sobersac of Discipleship and Full-Circle Administration. Both merit careful, open-minded consideration, but the more controversial item relating to structure should not be allowed to overshadow the more important matter of church and personal growth.

Evangelistic Perspective

The writer of a recently-published article entitled "You Can Have a Growing Church" highlighted the appropriate perspective when he declared: "Evangelism is not everything; it is the only thing. Every other task derives its life from soul winning."

Another Biblical scholar captured the same truth for individuals when he stated: "If Christ becomes the starting point in our life, He will bring with Him a different life-style. It is simply with commendation for many valiant accomplishments—-to express a desire to do better in the future, building on strengths and eliminating weaknesses.

In regard to General Conference action, an analyst of Baptist-type polity has characterized the "delegate body" as the "highest authority." His analysis reads, in part, as follows:

"The processes whereby the church expresses itself through its delegates is most interesting and unique. There is a Biblical basis for the gathering together of the body (the church) to discuss matters of importance to it, and to arrive at a collective decision that will guide the body in future actions...

"The debate and the voting on Conference issues, within an atmosphere of prayer and sensitivity and listening, is seen as a means of discovering the will of God for His body the church...

"Throughout the whole process is the need for a sense of submission to the will of the body. This becomes, perhaps, the most difficult part of the whole process. Even though persons who have spoken enthusiastically have the side of the minority point of view may have not changed their minds very much, they still need to feel a support and love for the church as it has spoken." **

My conviction is that we can achieve General Conference-mandated changes in organization, by continuing to work together—"like one big happy family"—constantly seeking God's guidance and moving ahead with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. So far, what has happened might be characterized by the following words, parceled out from another organization's report: "Motion, no momentum; activity, not action!"

Development of Departments

The development of departments concept, though undeveloped as it is not yet perfect in every detail, can provide a number of features widely advocated as important:

- With current boards voluntarily "merging" into the proposed new legal bodies, the experienced personnel currently serving, can carry on their vitally important expertise into the realigned areas of church extension, nurture, and support services.
- The new boards will be elected by General Conference, with the regions of the denomination represented and with terms of service specifically delineated. In that way, direct, broad, grass-roots participation is provided on a rotational basis and ultimate responsibility remains in the hands of the people at large.
- The directors of the three departments will each be employed by the respective board; therefore, the need for supervision, guidance and accountability is assured.
- The directors become a Coordinating Council based at denominational headquarters, with the chairmanship exchanged annually. With a predetermined schedule. The responsibilities presently carried by General Conference committees of the General Conference would be appropriately assigned to members of T.O.P. and others. That is what would be guaranteed that no denominational dictatorship could be established—a condition feared by some and abhorred by all liberty-minded Seventh Day Baptists. Tenacious individualism can be maintained without unbridled autonomy.

These, and other advantages, could accompany the proposed Full-Circle Administration with whatever modification may result from deliberations at General Conference. Eventually, additional refinements assuring more and more efficient and effective organization can evolve as the needs are felt and made evident by the people.

In the meantime, we will have started on the "road of progress" taking a bold step into the suggested ten-year period of specific advance, intending to double—yes, multiply—our ministries. It can be a giant leap into the Decade of Discipleship.

Discipling—The Prime Focus

That is where our prime focus of attention should be—on discipling: strengthening ourselves spiritually as individuals in order to share God's way contagiously and compellingly with others. That is what Christian commitment and church membership are all about—serving rather than being served; telling and selling the story of Christ's love and saving power.

All that we have studied in church growth literature substantiates this point of view:

- Rev. Ken Parker, pastor of the Berea Church in Spokane, Washington, writes: "Evangelism is the cornerstone of the local church. It is not some optional plan, but an essential priority." **
- Dr. Robert Schuller states, while he condemns divisive competitive practices, he works "as if our church were the only church in a population of a half million, and we are responsible for the salvation of all the people there." No wonder his church has grown enormously.
- Dr. Donald McGavran, chairman of the Board of the Institute for American Church Growth, points out that "what is demanded is that every church seek to be a better church—to have more biblical teaching, warmer fellowship, more Christian love, more concern for social justice, and more effective evangelism of the lost." **

In 1975, one respondent to the Task Force study, asserted: "I doubt that a proposal to reorganize Full-Circle Administration can be made for Christ until the Holy Spirit strikes all of us!"

Optimism About the Future

Evidence is that "we have been struck." Praise the Lord! There are many encouraging signs that Seventh Day Baptists have "thrust the corner" back into Evangelism Street.

Some of the churches have begun to grow; new churches have been established; and denominational leadership is thinking about the future with confident expectation.

The Coordinating Leadership Team has made long-range planning a specific agenda item for each meeting. The members have agreed to "dream dreams" and then share their "hopes and expectations" with each other, with the General Council, and with denominational membership through Sabbath Recorder articles and other means.

There has been evident willingness on the part of board and agency representatives to consider seriously the proposed new administrative procedures.

The General Council, at its April meeting, reviewed the ten-year growth plan and enthusiastically endorsed inclusion of the following statement in the preamble: "We praise God such optimism is prevalent today.

In the minutes of the April General Council meeting, special mention was made regarding the "harmony and cooperative spirit displayed in the week's work and the proposed development of departments, with appreciation for a sense of God's guidance."

My fervent prayer is that we will continue to seek and follow Divine leadership; that localized vested interests, if such still exist, will give way to deep concern for the welfare of denominational work as a whole; that the promotion of the Cause of Christ will replace endless discussion of mere mechanics of organization; and that, without going back over all the ground already covered, we can move forward in simply adjusting structure from time to time to make it what we need and want—as revealed by the Holy Spirit—in order to carry out the Great Commission with greater effectiveness.

May we constantly pray that God's way will be our way and that His will will be accomplished through us.

Won't you join me in this "deep concern"?**

**William R. Eberly, director of Evangelical Studies at Manchester College and moderator of the Brethren's Annual Conference.
Several members of the staff for the 1979 summer session of Camp Holston met the weekend of May 5-6, 1979 for a workshop. Rev. Dale Thorngate of the Columbus, Ohio, church was director of the workshop. Mrs. Mary Clare, executive director for the Board of Christian Education, was the resource person.

Among the subjects discussed was the philosophy of camping.

Camping is a popular form of recreation in today's society. Families camp together for vacation, and/or as a means of inexpensive travel. Children and youth camp as Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, 4H, Boy Scouts, and YMCA or YWCA. Some youngsters are sent to camps to get them out of the parents way for the summer.

Each of these experiences meet the needs of campers to be in a healthy atmosphere, to have programs geared to their age and abilities, to associate with others of their own age; but the basic philosophy and programs are quite different from church camps.

Outdoor education is properly referred to as Christian education when several conditions are fulfilled: 1. When outdoor experiences are related to ongoing experiences in other parts of the church's program.

2. When mature Christian leaders guide the activities and share their faith in God as Creator.

3. When the purpose of the outdoor learning opportunities is the Christian growth and understanding of the girls and boys and their leaders.

4. When questions about life and its meaning are welcomed and discussed freely in relationship to Biblical teachings.

5. When worship is encouraged and openly expressed.

6. When love, acceptance, and concern for one another characterize the relationship between the girls and boys and their leaders.

The focus of the camp is on the camper, what he is, what he needs, what he may become. Every element of the person is involved and is changed by the camping experience: physical, mental, spiritual, emotional. The sense of community in the camp should bring about a healthy relationship with others in the camp. The camper should better understand himself, be able to accept his handicaps and develop his talents so that he may be used to the glory of God both in camp and in the wider community outside camp. The camp program should fulfill the camper's need for fun and adventure by providing several exciting new experiences.

The true strength of Christian camping is the staff-camper relationship. The counselor is the key figure in achieving camp objectives. Therefore, it is important that each staff person has a firm spiritual foundation, an assurance of personal salvation, an established devotional life (including Bible reading and prayer). All staff should recognize their work is the ministry for God, that what God does in camp the camper may become.

The cook is one of the most valuable members of the staff. If campers are not well nourished and enjoy the meals, the chances are that they will give a poor report of the camping experience.

A happy camper is the best publicity for the next season.

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NORTONVILLE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR NATIONAL SDBYF—1979-80

President: Joel Osborn—18—Will be a Sophomore at Sterling College this fall. Joel has been president and treasurer of our local Y.F.; was on the Growth Force; and sings in the church choir. He played trumpet in band in high school. At Sterling, Kansas, he is majoring in computer science and math.

Vice-President: Dale Wheeler—17—Will be a Senior at McLouth High School. He has served as vice-president of the local Y.F. and is an active member of the 4-H Club. Dale plays the guitar, dulcimer and mandolin.

Treasurer: Tim Osborn—15—Will be a Junior at Jefferson County North High School. He is president and treasurer of our local Y.F. Tim is in the band and choir at school and a member of the local S.E.A.R.C.H. Club.

Secretary: Kathy Johnson—16—Will be a Junior at Atchison County Community High School at Effingham. She is secretary of our local Y.F. She has had typing and choir at school.

All of these young people have helped plan and conduct the two Year-End Youth Conferences held at Nortonville in 1977 and 1978.

RICHBURG, NEW YORK
ARTICLES OF COVENANT

Article I

We the Subscribers do covenant together as members of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Richburg, to continue to meet on the Sabbath and covenant meeting days as often as Providence will admit and try to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Article II

We agree to watch over each other for good and admonish all disorderly conduct in a Gospel Spirit and encourage Holiness and Perseverance.

Article III

As Faith without works is dead we therefore believe it to be the duty of the members of this Church in Prayer and Conference meetings to bear their part by publicly speaking or praying.
More information based upon specific facts presented honestly, clearly, and lovingly might help enlighten laymen (or—laypeople) like me. To avoid why radical changes in our denominational structure are being pursued. I, for one, would like such specific and straight answers to several simple (even simplistic!) questions:

1. Why, precisely, is wrong with our traditional structure that would be cured by the proposed structure? How?

2. When it is hard to meet the old budget, what assurance is there we would be able to raise more money to meet the financial demands of the new set-up?

3. How does this new structure give promise of deeper spirituality, growth, and/or commitment? (Harmony?)

4. Is it possible that we might jostle ourselves into making a change for change-sake that would be unjustifiable, unprofitable, or misguided?

5. Is it understandable that we should wish to grow materially, numerically, and spiritually? Why should we feel that we can be made to destroy the old structure, too? It is not perfect and run the risk of irreparable damage to the democratic ideals or basic tenets?

6. If we are the jury, responsible for the fate of a non-perfect denominational structure, shouldn’t it be wise to vote for rehabilitation, rather than for capital punishment? Do the charges justify the severest penalty?

-Velma Maxon Dayton Beach, FL

**HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?**

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The average American over 18 spends his time during the 168 hours available each week as follows:

When I attempt to explain the SDBC conference experience to someone outside our denomination, I struggle around with phrases such as, “It’s like a friendship/college/family reunion, all rolled into one.” Or “It’s a combination of the General Conference of Small Colleges, which he served as president. He also served as president of both the West Virginia Association of Colleges and University Presidents and the West Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. He has served as a director of several educational, charitable and civic organizations and has been awarded numerous distinctions, among them the Freedom Foundation Award.

Dr. Hurley had the unique distinction, while serving as president of Salem College, to confer degrees on each of his four daughters and on Mrs. Hurley. The Hurley children, Mrs. Richard L. Dixon, of Bridgeton, New Jersey, Mrs. Gary Martin, of Salem, Mrs. Tom Thompson, of Arvada, Colorado, and Mrs. Carroll D. VanHorn of Salem, all joined their parents at the college commencement.
FAMILY TOGETHER NIGHTS

WHITE CLOUD, MI—MISSION: To promote families of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church from the devastating fragmentation thrust upon them by the increasing demands of a diversified culture.

PLAN: To promote a family lifestyle that encourages and emphasizes togetherness, using Christian values and principles as a guide and structure to guide the family experiences.

METHOD: Using a series of five weekly "Family Together Nights," the family will: 1) experience and practice cooperation and communication as they interact with each other and with other families, 2) have fun, 3) through sharing with other families, learn new approaches to building relationships with their children, discipline, communication, teach Christian values in the home, and build self-esteem.

RESOURCES: International Center for Learning (ICL—published by Gospel Light) "Concept Books" which also serves as a discussion topic background material. Also, article: "Capturing Those Teachable Moments" by Gloria Gaither (Moody Monthly, Sept. 1979).

RESULTS: Nine families participated and gained many helpful insights, learned anew what it means to do something together as a family (even if it is a family pantomime of "Humpty Dumpty"!), and experienced growth as a family through personal focused attention within the family unit.

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During January and February Pastor Paul Osborn presented a series of sermons from Matthew—Matthew: A portrait of Jesus as The Kingly Messiah! The Gospel of Matthew is the logical one to tie the Old and New Testament together. FULFILLED PROPHECY and JESUS CHRIST as the MESSIAH are the two predominant related themes in Matthew. Pastor Paul reminded us there are twenty-eight chapters in Matthew and twenty-eight days in February—chapter for each day. On March 17 Tim Johnson, high school music teacher from a neighboring community of Meridian, KS, and the 1978 Perry Lake chaplain, brought the morning message "The Biblical Base for Witness!" (Matt. 28:19, 20). He outlined his plan for reaching those at the lake—now by boat—but as Jesus did. He also offered several beautiful trombone selections complete with back-up music. Perry Lake is a Corps of Engineers watered project located near Perry, KS, where hundreds gather for vacationing and weekend recreation throughout the summer. Perry Lake Ministers is one of the "ower and above" projects we support. Pastor Paul and Ira Bond are members of the Lake Perry Ministers Board and are active in that work.

Dr. Kenneth Smith was guest speaker March 11. His message "Crosses To Bear" (Mark 15:25-26) reminded us that a person in the right place at the right time will be used by God (Simon of Cyrene). Dr. Smith told us "We are the people in the heritage of the cross." April I was "preparation" Sabbath as music and message centered on Jesus' last days on earth and thoughts on "What is Life?" After a time of sharing our faith in song, Scripture and speaking, the Lord's Supper was served. That evening a group of our church family and friends attended an evening of music in song and praise by the Bill Gaither Trio in Kansas City.

Pastor Paul has asked each member to submit a list of his/her ten favorite hymns. These selections are being included in our worship services.

NEW PRESIDENT APPOINTED AT ALFRED UNIVERSITY

Howard Neville, president of the University of Maine at Orono, has accepted the presidency at Alfred University and brings the promise of a stronger Alfred in the 1980's. "I believe Alfred has the opportunity to be in the forefront of quality undergraduate education in Western New York and perhaps, in upstate New York," said Neville, "and I'd like to be a part of it." Neville has a background in economics; in teaching; in administration at the campus level as chief academic officer at Michigan State University, as president of Claremont Men's College, in California, a small but distinctive liberal arts college, as executive vice-president of the large multi-campus state university system in Nebraska, and as president of the principal graduate research university campus of the Maine land-grant system.

"Howard has a strong sense of priorities," said Dr. James M. Clark, vice-president for academic affairs at Orono. "He recognizes that an institution can't do everything. It has to develop programs in which it can't be matched regionally, or, in some places, nationally."

"I believe that Howell is unfair and, in fact, enjoys making hard decisions. Neville's appointment becomes effective sometime this summer.

A beautiful Easter Sabbath was especially enjoyed by the church family and visitors on April 14. After a bitter cold winter of snow, ice and zero weather, we were reminded of the resurrection as nature "preached" that story as blooming blossoms burst forth. Our service began with the congregational hymn "He Lives!" and came to a close with a choir number "There's Room at the Cross For You!"—the message of Easter. Hearts and souls were lifted in praise by special music and the message "A Miraculous Sign!"

The April Quarterly Business Meeting was held the night of April 24. Items of interest are the purchase of fifteen large print song books for use in Nursing Homes; to contribute $100 to Perry Lake Ministries; and securing a new used piano for the sanctuary.

For several weeks the church family has been gathering fifteen minutes before church for "Body Life" (Jn. 12:27-28) "you are the body of Christ..." for items of praise and prayer.

Regular activities that continue to benefit and lead are: the Men's Prayer Breakfast (Sat. 7:30 a.m.); Bible Study Key Classes (Thur., the Kent Wheelers and Fri. —The Kirk Loopers, Leavenworth, Topeka). Thomas J. Smith from Market Street; to Local Nursing Homes; Church Growth Group; and an active prayer chain.

From a recent bulletin:

**A GOOD RULE OF THUMB!**

Whatever the pastime
In which you engage,
For the benefit of your soul
Or the sake of your peace,
Turn away from each pleasure
For God's sake to look down and say,
"What are you doing?"

-May 16, 1980

Mrs. Merlin Wheeler

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Plan to Attend

General Conference Adair College, MI
August 5-11, 1979
The White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church has received permission to improve or rebuild the old shed behind the church. The men of the church are already at work on it to make it a useful annex to the work of the church.

Meetings for home Bible study have become a means of spiritual growth and has involved most of the members of the church.

In the interest of following after the things that make for peace, a fellowship activities emphasis church growth.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rev. and Mrs. Francis Saunders, of Berea, W. Va., visited our church April 7, with Rev. Royes giving the morning message, and a slide presentation on Camp Joy on the Move in the afternoon. April 14, Deacon Oliver Dickson led the service and gave the Easter message while Pastor Mrs. David Davis led on the program. Mrs. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis, were our guests April 21. Mr. Davis spoke briefly and brought greetings from the White Cloud church.

May 6 and 7, we were privileged to have Rev. Leon R. Lawton, executive vice-president of the Missionary Society, share the morning messages, “What Matters Most—The Keeping of God’s Commandments,” I Corinthians 7:19. He also showed us slides of his recent visit to India. We appreciate this time of sharing with us. Also May 6 we had a wonderful “Seventh Day Baptist Distinctives.” The panel participants were as follows:

1. Heritage Mrs. Alma Brissie
2. Individualism Mr. and Mrs. Douglas S. Brissie
3. Covenant People Mr. Philip Hazen
4. A Congregation of Equals Mrs. Ruth Hazen
5. Involved but Separate Mr. Don Harris
6. The Lord’s Supper Deacon Oliver Dickinson
7. Baptism Deaconess Lillian Cricchio
8. Sabbath Distinctive Mr. Douglas Kausch
9. The Bible Mrs. Leland Davis
10. Music in the Church Mrs. Marie Becc

The Sabbath Recorder

CHURCH SPONSORS SERVICE PROJECTS

SHILOH, N.J.—The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh has been richly blessed during the first part of 1979, and has continued to serve the Lord’s work without a pastor. We ask your prayers as we carry on the Lord’s work.

Weekly Friday and Sabbath morning worship services have been enriched by frequent “specials,” including several films of “Pilgrim’s Progress,” “God of Creation,” a delightful presentation of the gospel in music, skills, and other presentations presented by Proverbs 3, a professional evangelistic foursome; and a one-act drama entitled “Men of Ancient Christ” skillfully performed by Tom and Diane Merchant and Herbert Mant.

Easter services included a baptismal service, a three-hour Good Friday cooperative service, and Light Communon, “The Easter Story” cantata arranged by Mary Hitchcock, Pastor Ford’s arrangement of “The Testimony of the Eleven” in which eleven specially selected people convinced Dorothy Thomas (Assistant Pastor Don Chron) that Jesus is alive and is present in the service at Jersey Oaks Camp.

Service projects include monthly visits to Gumbert and Medley as a continuing sponsorship of a youth center for community teens, participation in the Bloodmobile program, and weekly friendly visitation to area residents. Individual classes have raised funds for the church budget and special projects by serving diners, holding yard sales, and sponsoring bake sales. Of special interest was a piano-organ concert given by David Russell, one of our new members, with a love offering being taken for the William Lupton Fund (a fund maintained to help expenses of a brain-damaged three-year-old member of the church family).

The Session Room in the Fellowship Hall, commonly referred to as “the pink room,” will now have to be called “the church room,” thanks to the Memorial Committee and volunteer help. Besides the face-lift also included a dropped ceiling, new light fixtures and new furnishing to be given in memory of Mrs. Anna Branch.

Fellowship activities have filled the calendars of many of our families. This has been a busy year for many cooperative ventures such as West District Hymnists.

and the church basketball league.

July 1979

Dr. and Mrs. Forrest M. Branch
Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Burdick

CHURCH HONORS TWO

MILTON, Wl—The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton honored Forrest M. Branch, D.D., and H. Laurence Burdick, M.D., for their many years of professional service to the Milton Community at a reception held on June 10, 1979. Dr. Branch practiced dentistry in Milton from 1941 until his retirement in 1978. During that time he has taken an active part in the community activities, serving on the Board of Trustees of Milton College for twelve years, three of which he served as chairman; was a member of Kiwanis for twenty years, serving as president; was active in Boy Scout for ten years, serving as Cub Master; president of Indian Trails Council for one year; and served as treasurer for the school board for the grade school. He served as president of the Bank of Milton for seven years, and both he and Mrs. Branch have been active in the local AFS chapter since 1966. He has also served the Milton church in many capacities. He is a member of the diaconate and has served as trustee, superintendent of the Sabbath School, as a teacher of the college age class and in the Junior High department. He has served on a number of committees, which were the camp committee and the investment committee.

Dr. Burdick began his practice with Dr. and Mrs. Donald Davis in 1946 and retired from practice in the end of May 1979, having served the community for thirty-three years. He has also been active in community affairs, serving for many years on The Board of Trustees of Miller College, serving as secretary for twenty years. He was honored as a Pillar of Milton. He has served the church in a number of ways, most recently as chairman of the investment committee for several years.

ACCESSIONS

ADAM'S CENTER, NY
Shephard E. Saunders, Pastor

By Baptism
Benjamin Bocar,
Kathrina Saunders

BAY AREA, CA
Isa Zuniga, Pastor

By Testimony
Marvin Arbo

HOUSTON, TX
Robert W. Babcock, Pastor

By Baptism
Jenifer (Mrs. Stephen) Piecz

NORTH JERSEY
Kenneth B. Burdick, Pastor

By Baptism
Carolyn (Mrs. Steve) Weer

PHILADELPHIA, PA
Associate Member
Barbara S. Saunders

TEXARKANA, AR

By Testimony:
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MARRIAGES

Davy’s Campground, 119 — David Edmund Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davies of Homer, Wisconsin, and Beth Marie Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Campbell of Janesville, Wisconsin, were married April 21 in the Plymouth Methodist Church with the groom’s parents, Rev. Richard Davis, officiating. They are making their home in Janesville.

RICE-COLEY — David R. Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice of Auburn, Wash., and Esther Marie Loven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loven of White Cloud, Mich., were married in marriage on May 26, 1979, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, South Bend, Ind. The bride is a graduate of the college age class and in the Junior High department. He has served on a number of committees, which were the camp committee and the investment committee.

OBITUARIES

DAVIS.—D. Morrison, son of the late Ether M. R. and Elizabeth Clausen Davis, was born at Hopedale Township, N.J., on September 26, 1883, and died at his home at 208 East 18th Street, Rockville, N.J., on May 5, 1979.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Davis had no children of their own, they raised two girls of Miss Rose Edgar of Rockville, R.I., and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Historical Society president

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The importance of knowledgeable and committed stakeholders in the society was underscored as the General Conference "Full-Circle Administration" proposal was considered. Just one case in point is the need for careful administration of the Julius F. Satche Collection of German Seventh Day Baptist artifacts, which were obtained more than sixty years ago with a contract agreement stipulating that they never would be disposed. A memorandum on these concerns was prepared for Conference leaders and committees on behalf of the society's trustees.

Thomas L. Merchant, historian, was reappointed for another three-year term. He was first named to the post in 1975. His annual report to the society, a study of the history of Seventh Day Baptist history prepared for ministerial students in training at the Center in Mission in addition to twelve major program appointments in churches and at the Conference during the year.

The Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, dean of the Center on Mission, spoke of the close working relationship between himself and the society and proposed a study of further cooperation in the administration of the libraries of the Southern Baptist Convention, K. D. Hurley, Conference executive secretary, acknowledged the team's hard work and expressed the society to join other denominational boards and agencies in a review of their respective budgets and services.

A buffet luncheon was served to all by Mrs. Diane Merchant, assisted by Mrs. Janette Rogers, Mrs. Shirley Bakker, and Mrs. Shlomo Hurley, at the merchant home.

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WASHINGTON—While acknowledging that "we live in a time of transition for the American family," President Carter declared his 1979 Father’s Day proclamation that "the strength and stability of a healthy, loving family life continues to remain the bedrock on which our society is organized."

The President’s message, designating the traditional third Sunday in June as Father’s Day, declares that "the evolving roles of men and women" in American society "have posed new challenges and opened new opportunities, for fathers as well as mothers.

"To the degree that mothers are assuming a more active role in the nation’s workforce, fathers are being asked to play an even greater role in the upbringing of their children," the statement continued.

"At the same time, they continue to carry out their traditional duties of helping to support their families financially, emotionally and spiritually." Father’s Day is an occasion "to reflect on the sacrifices our fathers have made on our behalf," and a time for fathers "to receive that most precious gift, the love and affection of our children," the President concluded.

Baptist Public Affairs

ERRATA NOTICE

If you find an error, please understand it is here for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for something to criticize.

THE BAPTIST HERITAGE SERIES—Ten new pamphlets giving a fresh look at the Baptist past are now available. Published by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. For practical uses in churches, the pamphlets are colorful and easy to use. They cost $1.00 per set plus postage. Special discounts exist for orders of $19.00 or more. Send orders to Historical Commission, SBC, 127th Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234.

PRAY FOR CHINA

LIBERTY CORNER, New Jersey (MNS)—The Evangelical China Committee (EFMA/EFPA) meeting here May 5, 1979, called upon Christians in North America to be alert to the changing situation in China and to pray for their fellow-believers there.

The increasing communication and contact between the people of North America and the people of China, Christians will have opportunities to extend friendship to travelers from China. North Americans (Chinese and non-Chinese) should seek opportunities to introduce visitors from China to life and culture here.

Christians in North America and around the world are urged to pray for China, establishing specific times and securing reliable information to make prayer meaningful.

Praise God that despite great hardship and suffering, there are still believers in China who have remained faithful in their witness.

Pray that all interested parties will be sensitive to the precarious situation of the believers in China and will avoid actions, statements or programs which will be detrimental to them.

Pray that additional communications and fellowships can be established by China's believers with Christians in other parts of the world.

Pray that believers in China will continue to be kept by God's power and that they will find greater freedom to serve Christ as China moves along in its modernization program.

Deciding One’s Role in Missions, Missions and the National Church, Ministry to the Chinese World, and Ministry to the Muslim World, are just a few of the topics to be addressed in the elective workshops at the URBANA '79 Student Missions Convention. On three of the four afternoons of the Convention, students will be exposed to issues of broad concern in missions today through some sixty elective workshops. Workshops will be led by specialists in each area—people like Harvey Conn, Ralph Winter, and Simon Ibrahim will share expertise and insights into a variety of issues in missions.

Workshops will be presented in four general categories:

1) Issues in Missions—current issues, new developments in strategy, training to be a missionary, role of the single woman in missions, team approach to missions, the gospel and social concern, western missions in the Third World, etc.

2) Ministry in Missions—from Evangelism and Youth Ministry to specific fields like Linguistics, Agriculture and Physicians. Sessions will deal with specific skills and relate them to world mission today.

3) The World of Missions—eleven sessions will address specific geographic regions of the world and present an overview of geographical, political and religious setting and a synopsis of the growth of Christianity there. Content challenges to the church and opportunities for service will also be examined.

4) Challenges in Missions—addresses the large people blocs in the world in which the church is growing slowly—the Chinese, the Muslims, the Hindus, the Communist World, etc.

Each workshop will consist of lecture followed by question and answer discussion to facilitate participant interaction with the issues of world missions. Thus students, faculty and pastors who supervise students should be better informed and prepared for active involvement in missions in today's world.

Scripture Gems

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Rev. David S. Clarke
Alfred, NY

REV. MARVIN NIEHMOLLER, out of his deep involvement in opposition to Adolph Hitler, spoke of Jeremiah 29:11 to a small group of us in the late 1940's in New York City. Ever since, that verse has become a magnifier for many of the pictures life has shown at me.

Niemoller explained how he had been sustained in torture and prison by this verse's insight. I have not been physically tortured or imprisoned, but arguments, strong wills and many social frustrations have been creatively met by reviewing the purpose of Jeremiah's insight from God.

From humanity's beginning, Jeremiah seems to be saying, God has given moral sensitivity to our life. We have lived by spiritual food more than physical. The "essential vitamins and minerals" have been our revelations from God.

The root and fruit of our relation to God is this assurance that God is not only superhuman but that He simply says to us: "Do you know what you are like in your finiteness?" We can't know all I know about your future, trust my love and recognize your own hopes as the extension of what you already know of my goodness."

Reading about the situation behind Jeremiah 29:11, we see how closely God walked with Jeremiah amidst captivity and upheaval. This revelation is context for the more familiar Jeremiah 31:33 about the new covenant.

So this "Scripture Gem" has brightened my experience many times and I thank God for what I already know of His love and good plans for humanity in His universe.

And you and I can expect to continue learning all kinds of beautiful new things about Him and His creation.

Rev. Marvin Niemoller
FAITH IS A GIANT WORD
(continued from page 5)

Faith is a giant word because it expands our vision.

What a difference a person who says, "I'll get my kicks now," and the believer who can postpone his personal gratification in the interest of living his life for higher purposes! Those heroic souls of Hebrews 11 had a far vision. "These people were still living in faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance" (v. 13).

Faith makes a person a giant in character, so that he can see beyond the present and beyond himself. By faith in Christ and His promises, he is enabled to take the way of self-denial and the cross, assured that this is where he will actually find his life and the assurance of living his life for all time.

This kind of faith makes us a blessing to those who follow. We are told that Abraham and those other heroes of faith "all died in faith, not having received the promises. God had planned something better for us, that they would be made perfect (find complete fulfillment in their faith)" (Heb. 11:39, 40). Because they trusted that God had plans beyond their understanding and their own goals, they lived patiently, and in so doing passed the inspiration to faith down to all future generations. Our faith today is but a link in the chain which begins with them and is passed on to those who shall follow as well. Only this kind of faith was voiced when our Lord rebuked a religion to those who follow us.

Faith is for the making of spiritual heroes. Faith is a dynamic word, for it brings action. It is best interpreted by what it produces. I think of the Psalmist's words: "By faith thee I run through a troop; and by my God I have leaped over a wall" (Psalm 18:29). Like a soldier who moves, the power of faith becomes mighty in spiritual character and action.

Dean Inge of St. Paul's Cathedral in London once said, "We areloeing in a time that our past has been another when Christianity is a creed for heroes, while we are mainly harmless, good-natured people who wait every-body to have a good time." Maybe the old man was a little too critical— or could he have been right?

It was written of the Pilgrims: "They feared nothing but God." Will it be written of this generation that "it feared everything but God?"

Faith is mighty in its possibilities because its object is the strong Son of God. It is not a self-sufficient, egotistical feeling that we can do it all alone, but that we are sufficient "through Christ who strengthens us" (Phil. 4:13).

A little boy and his companion were caught out after dark in a severe storm with wind, thunder, lightning, and sheets of rain. His terror showed as they huddled under the best protection they could find. Suddenly his face broke out in a smile. His companion could not understand, and asked why the change. The boy replied: "See the light coming across the field? That's my big brother with a lantern. When my big brother has hold of my hand I ain't afraid of nothing!"

And that is why we as Christians can face our personal battles, winds of controversy, with confidence boldly for the right, accept what seems to be depression, danger and death. For Christ is our "Big Brother." He has promised not only everlasting life, but: "In the world ye have tribulation: But fear not, I have overcame the world." (John 16:33).

It was said of those ancient heroes of faith that "the world was not worthy of them." True, but how unspeakably it has been blessed by such people? And how unspeakably it can be blessed by you as you continue in the way of obedient faith? For faith is a giant word!?

THINK IT OVER!

God made the sun—it gives.
God made the moon—it gives.
God made the stars—they give.
God made the air—it gives.
God made the sea—it gives.
God made the beasts—they give.
God made the PLAN—He gives.
God made man—he...?

Four years ago, Harold Hughes quit the U.S. Senate to work with alcoholics and drug addicts as a counselor and lay minister. Today he's more convinced than ever, that he made the right decision. That's his conclusion according to his new autobiography released this week, Harold H. Hughes: The Man from Ida Grove. (Chosen Books, publisher, Lincoln, VA. Distributed by Word Books, Waco, TX, $10.95.)

In a time when many leave government service for high-paying positions in the private sector, the former Democratic Senator from Iowa runs a small religious center in Royal Oak, Michigan. There he helps recovered—and recovering—alcoholics and addicts cope with their ever-present problems. The people he helps range from government officials, foreign diplomats, and their families, to forgotten souls who daydream and shooting gallery junkies.

In his book Hughes tells why he is more satisfied with his life now than when he was a member of what has been called the world's most powerful country.

As Hughes relates in his book, "I loaded my gun, lay on the bed and put the barrel in my mouth. And then I thought what a mess I’ll leave in the bedroom...so I decided I’ll go into the bathroom instead.

There, he said, "I thought maybe if there is a God, I should pray. I told Him that if there was any other way to go, I would take it. If there wasn't, I would die. Suddenly, I had a great feeling of peace...I unloaded the gun and went back to bed."

After that, Hughes became an organizer for independent truckers in Iowa, and was elected state commerce commissioner. He parlayed this position into a victorious campaign for governor. In 1969 he entered a career in the U.S. Senate. Today Harold Hughes believes he has found a spiritual power that is stronger than political power. Many disagree. But not those he has helped with alcoholism and drug addiction.

A number of Maryland longshoremen, U.S. representatives and some families of foreign diplomats are told that God had planned something for their lives.

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THE ALLEN'S VACATION ADVENTURE

The day was warm and the sun was bright as the Allen's packed the car for their vacation. Each year the Allen's looked forward to their vacation, and this year was no different.

"Everybody ready?" asked Dad as the last car door was closed. A chorus of cheers greeted him from the back seat. Amy and Angie (who were twins) and Susan were definitely ready to go.

Dad started the car and the Allen's were off on their way. Soon the familiar sights of the town changed into not so familiar sights of the countryside. The girls played games to help pass the time. One of their favorites was finding words on signs that began with each letter of the alphabet in order.

Soon they began to get tired of the games and began to get restless. "What can we do now, Mom?" asked Amy.

"We could tell stories!" said Angie.

"Tell us about where we're going, Mom," Susan said.

"All right," Mom began. "We are going to General Conference. Each year, a lot of Seventh Day Baptists travel from all over the country to a college campus. They have lots of meetings.""What are the meetings about?" Susan asked.

"There are different kinds of meetings. Some meetings are for decision. Other meetings are for learning and there are also meetings for worship. As we go to church. And there are special meetings for children like you. Susan will go to Junior Conference, and Amy and Angie will go to Primary Conference."

"What are we going to do in Primary Conference?" Angie wanted to know.

Mom answered, "You'll learn about Jesus and the Bible. You'll play games and make things. It's a lot like Vacation Bible School."

"That sounds like fun," said Amy.

Before long, the Allens stopped for a picnic lunch and then they started on their way again. Few hours later they arrived at Conference and got settled into their rooms.

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THE WEEK was very full of meetings and activities. All too soon, Conference was over and the Allens packed to go home. Three sleepy, but happy, girls climbed into the back seat.

"Everybody ready?" Dad asked as he had at the beginning of the trip.

"I wish we didn't have to leave," said Angie.

"I know how you feel," Dad explained, "but if we don't leave, we'll be the only ones left, because everybody else is leaving now. It just wouldn't be the same if we were here by ourselves."

"Can we come back again next year?" Susan asked.

"I hope we can," said Mom. "I had such a good time."

"What did you like best about Conference, Mom?" asked Amy.

"I think I liked seeing so many friends that I hadn't seen for a long time."

"How about you, Daddy?" asked Angie.

Dad thought a while and then he answered, "I liked the worship services. The sermons helped me learn some things I hadn't thought of before. What parts did you girls like best?"

Amy spoke first, "I liked playing games with all the new friends I made in Primary Conference."

Angie said, "I liked making things to bring home."

"I think I liked learning about the Bible, and memorizing Bible verses," said Susan. "This one is my favorite one: 'Let us not give up the fight.'" (Hebrews 10:23a, TEV)

"That's a good verse to remember, Susan," said Dad, "and like Mom said, I sure hope we can come back again next year."

You can memorize the same verse that Susan learned in Junior Conference. And you can play the same game that Amy and Angie played. You can play it on your way to Conference, if you and your family are going to travel, or you can play it anytime you are riding in the car.

Each person must find a word on a sign that begins with a letter of the alphabet. The first word you find must start with "A," the second with "B," on through the alphabet. You cannot use the same word on the same sign that somebody else uses. The first person to get all the way through the alphabet wins. You may want to skip letters like Q, X and Z.

-Linda Harris

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**God is fulfilling His promise to raise up workers.**

He has blessed us with capable, dedicated workers who have responded to the call of the ministry. Praise the Lord! Since Christ taught that His laborers are worthy of their hire, we as wise stewards of the total resources available to us ought to support those who have become trained in the development of their gifts for the ministry.

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You, as members of the body of Christ, have had a part in the preparation and calling of pastors to their appointed role. Through endowments of the past and the support of Our World Mission in the present, you have invested much in the training of these leaders. Does it make sense to inhibit their role by forcing a pastor to divert much of his energy and concern into the mere physical aspects of sustenance for himself and his family? This is not wise stewardship of either the human or the financial resources of God has provided.

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**WE ALL HAVE A PART IN MINISTRY**

**FOUND & LOST**

**Picture yourself walking down the street in front of your home and there lying in the middle of the street is a $100 bill. The question naturally comes to mind, “What should I do with it and who does it belong to?” This illustration came to me while praying about the 1979 Our World Mission Budget. Through a personal study of stewardship I have come to the conclusion that “everything belongs to GOD,” so the question comes again, “What should I do with it and who does it belong to?”**

Well, first of all, it belongs to GOD because He gives us everything. Secondly, what I do with it is the underlying question of what we do with everything that GOD gives us. GOD has given man a free will. He provides us with everything we need, in fact, many times much more. But it is what we do with what we are given that reflects our relationship with GOD. The parable in the Bible of the widow who gave her last two pennies has often caused me to wonder what happened after she gave the pennies. Although the parable docs not say whether we have the denominational program that is what we want, what we can and what we need, we as Seventh Day Baptists have always felt that GOD's Word is the source of all things.**

During 1979, giving to the Our World Mission Budget by Seventh Day Baptists has been less than what is needed. It might be said that we do not have enough to give to cover that program. But yet, if everything is GOD's, there is enough. A more basic question might be whether we have the denominational program that is what GOD wants us to be doing, or if our members know and understand what is being accomplished by the various working agencies of the denomination. Unless Seventh Day Baptists know and understand the programs being attempted, it should not be surprising that giving to these programs is not adequately funded. There is a joint responsibility between the leadership of the denomination (the boards and agencies) and our members. Leadership must communicate the needs and accomplishments and our members must investigate what the boards and agencies are doing to determine whether these programs are worthy of support from the resources that GOD provides.

At the present time, we are $31,419.53 under budget. This situation needs a careful examination. Remember the $100 bill that you found in the street? How would you distribute that gift from GOD?

Much prayer is needed by Seventh Day Baptists at this point in history. Is this part of your prayer life and are you searching for the answer? The riches that are needed are there if we are connected to the source of all things.

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Rev. Earl Cruzan
MISSION UPDATE

- The dedication service of the Tuingo Seventh Day Baptist Church in Burma was held in May. Welcome to this new congregation!

- A strong SDB work is developing in Melbourne, Australia, among the Spanish immigrants. The group was recently visited by Stefan and Vicki Kube. Joseph and Betty Alegre are the local leaders.

- Eleazar C. Paypa is the SDB radio speaker over DXSY in Ozamiz City, the Philippines. The cost is $4.50 U.S. for the 30-minute broadcast; to date 19 have affiliated with the church as a result.

- This new ambulance serves the Makapwa SDB Station Hospital in Malawi, Africa.