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Manifesto
by David Beebe

No time for languishing and pleasantries;
No time for honor upon praise returning.
Injustice tears the bleeding heart of God
And on his thousand hills are crosses burning.

While yet the earth is rocked with anguish pain;
While yet men reach with empty hands for light,
There is no ease for God-convicted men;
There can no compromise be made with night.

Look! To the gallows and to great duress;
Look! To the noble glory of the Soul
Christ calls us, calls us to the ends of earth
And bids us bear the blood that makes men whole.

He is the Prince of Glory; To His call,
Unflinching and with full salute, we rise.
No time for honor upon honor turned;
Only the bleeding heart—and then the prize.
Opportunity becomes golden

by K. Duane Hurley
First editor of The Beacon

A momentary glimpse into the past; an exhilarating look into the future.

Opportunity becomes golden

Many facets of the project have obviously changed during the intervening years, but a great deal—including the purposes—remains essentially the same. A major goal was to provide a “voice” for Seventh Day Baptist young people as they endeavored to achieve universal enthusiastic participation on the part of all the young people in all the churches.

These objectives were—and still are—important. What was mainly just a potential in 1936, becomes a realistic golden opportunity in 1986.

In the early copies of The Beacon, there was a column with the following heading: “Features (Feet-Yours)—Steps in the Right Direction.” As editor, I remember drawing on the mimeograph stencil for that page the words in the caption, as well as sketches of the “foot-prints.” In this section of the publication were printed news items, comments, ideas, and testimonies from young people all around the SDB circuit.

The basic implications of these “feet-yours” are still appropriate and imperative, it seems to me. It is your feet (each of us, individually, “stepping out” steadfastly in the right direction) that will not only make possible the continuation...
Many happy returns!

A letter from
Nanci Is Bankin

I remember my surprise at being asked to join The Beacon staff as art editor when I was a sophomore at Salem College so long ago. My first assignment was to design a logo for the cover page of the new youth paper, which was called The Beacon, and I felt overwhelmed by the task.

It seems that somehow it became known that I had been given a few art lessons. (One of my high school teachers in Alabama had told my mother I had talent, so there went my carefree summers for a couple of years.) This Alabama farm girl had never seen a beacon, and I believe it was Crosby Rogers (who also coached me through my first year of chemistry under Dr. Gould) who came to my aid. Together we produced an acceptable rendering of the first beacon light, whose later variations were to shine on so many hundreds of young people for the next 50 years. This context of the Old South, with all its social and racial divisions, was an inspiration to so many young people, to their children and their children's children.

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Carpenter, Button, and Main come to mind. Then there was Luther Critchelow, I looked up to him with a certain awe and some bewilderment, for he was the first black person I had known outside the context of the Old South, with all its social and racial divisions. He was so self-assured and had so many good ideas. I felt he could have been the whole staff of that fledgling paper and would have done it more than justice.

I seem to recall also two young men, bright lights on the Salem scene even then, and later to become giant figures in the SDB denomination and in the wider religious and academic world. From my 1986 perspective, I have a feeling Wayne Rood and Duane Hurley were the prime movers of that youth paper that was to offer opportunity for expression and inspiration to so many young people, to their children and their children's children.

A critical mind becomes a loving heart

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1. Blessed are my eyes, for they see good in all people and in all things.
2. Blessed are my ears, for they hear God's voice in all creation.
3. Blessed are my lips, for they speak only words of beauty and truth.
4. Blessed are the hands for they work, even as my Father works.
5. Blessed are my feet, for they walk in paths of peace, in paths of righteousness and truth. They publish glad tidings.
6. Blessed are my lungs, for they breathe, the breath of God, of life.
7. Blessed is my heart, for it fills my whole being with love.

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Here is a brief sketch of the acrostic:
• J—Jesus—our pattern to follow
• O—Obey—our part, less trouble if we obey
• Y—Yielding—not stubborn
• F—False—danger of being two-faced—be either hot or cold
• U—Useful—to others—be unselfish—not for our own gain
• L—Love—do any service if we love Jesus
• S—Specific, strive, special work—try to do it
• E—Earnestly endeavor—too easy to just slide along
• R—Rich reward—both in heaven and earth
• V—Victory—sure to win if instructions are followed
• I—Innocent if on Lord's side—no troubles or worries
• C—Cheerful—when doing right one is happy
• H—Humility—great reward, gift of God
• T—True love—always, always, always
• D—Duty—answer to call of God
• A—Always content in whatever state
• R—Rejoice—when troubled, keep rejoicing
• E—Endurance—humbled, yet free

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8. Blessed are my vital organs, for they are about my Father's business, keeping me whole and well.
9. Blessed are my nerves, for they are centered and poised in the Christ mind.
10. Blessed is my mind, for the same mind that was in Christ Jesus is now in me.
11. Blessed is my body, for it is the temple of the living God.
12. Blessed is my home, for love and peace are here.
13. Blessed are all my affairs, for they are in my Father's keeping.

Duty

To do our little bit of toil,
To play life's game with head erect;
To stoop to nothing that would soil,
Your honor and your self respect;
To win what gold and fame you can,
But first of all to be a man.

To know the bitter and the sweet.
The sunshine and the days of rain;
Nor boast too loudly nor complain;
To face whatever fate befall
And be a man throughout it all.

A few pearls from the editor

"Life will work only one way, and that is God's way."
God is the ultimate provider

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10

Gordon MacDonald, in his book "Ordering Your Private World," says, "The task of a steward is simply to properly manage something for the owner until the owner comes to take it back."

In March, I attended the Christian Stewardship Council meetings in San Diego, California. One of the seminars at the conference was on the Biblical perspective for giving. The presenter, Tom McCabe, began his presentation by emphasizing that it is important for us as Christians to understand that all we have in this world belongs to God. We are only stewards or managers of it. It is not an idea that sits well in a materialistic culture.

An Old Testament story that really emphasizes how God provides is found in 1 Kings 17. The story is about the prophet Elijah and how God provided for him first by the raven bringing him bread and meat in the morning and evening by the brook in the Kerith Ravine. Then when the brook dried up, the Lord sent him to Zarephath where a widow and her son were to take care of him.

Through this experience, Elijah and the widow learned who the ultimate provider is. After Elijah, through the power of God, saved her son, the widow said, "Now I know that you are a man of God and the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth."

The passage of Scripture at the beginning of this article is Paul, the apostle, writing to the church at Corinth. It is part of a sermon that he is giving them on the importance of giving for the work of God's kingdom. He begins by reminding them that it is God who supplies the seed for the bread in the first place. Therefore he says, "He who sows sparingly reaps sparingly, but he who sows generously reaps generously."

In the Old Testament, there are several passages that indicate God expected the Israelites to give a tenth of what they owned to the Lord every year. I have heard many people say that was an Old Testament idea for the Jews. We are Christians, and the New Testament does not require us to give a tenth.

Stewards and managers

Both of these points are true, but if we are as proud of what we own—as most people in our country are—then maybe we would be better off with the Old Testament idea of the tenth. I understand the point that Paul is making, everything belongs to God. We are only stewards, managers for God.

If I own it, I only have to be accountable to me. If someone else owns it, then I have to be accountable to them. Paul indicates that this great God, who has given us so much already, will give more if we will be generous with what we have. But we have to be accountable to him for how we use it or give it away.

Personally, I think we should all begin with a tenth of our income. I have heard someone ask if that is a tenth of my gross income or a tenth of the net. That sounds like an IRS question to me, but I will let Cont. to page 31.

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Getting acquainted: Seventh Day Baptists around the world

Fifth in a series.

It is anticipated that one or more delegates from each of the 16 national conferences and groups will be able to attend the SDB World Federation sessions August 6-9 in Rhode Island.

The Netherlands

Seventh Day Baptist activity in Holland began over 100 years ago with the work of Gerald Velthuyzen and establishment of the Haarlem church in 1877. Velthuyzen had left the Dutch Reformed church to begin a pioneer Baptist work. Then he read tracts on the Sabbath from an SDB missionary in Scotland. Twenty joined with him to form the new church which celebrated its centennial several years ago.

The church grew and began a mission in Java (East Indies) where many Dutch SDBs went to do social work among orphans and the disabled over a 50 year period until after World War II. More recently, the Dutch people have promoted SDB work in Africa and have established and maintained communication and exchange with the Sabbath keeping Baptists in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Last year, the Netherlands Conference listed four churches with a membership of 55. The Conference contributed greatly to formation of the World Federation, particularly through the efforts of Gerben Zijistra. Other delegates have included the Nieuwstratens, Kramers, Sizmanns and Leks. In August, the Netherlands Conference will be represented by Hans Sizmann, their international secretary.

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The Sabbath Day Christian Church in Poland celebrated its 50th anniversary during the annual conference in Warsaw in 1983. At that time its president wrote, "The history of our Church is not very long but hard. The 2nd World War delivered to our Church great losses. In 1949... there were only ten persons and no material resources or exterior support..." He names Brother Alfred Kube, father of Stephan Kube of Australia, as one who started "reformatory activity" in the Adventist church which led to the formation of the church in the early 1930s.

Poland now reports 12 churches and 30 small groups with a total membership of 457. In 1984, they became the 15th conference to join the World Federation. A major means of outreach for these churches, scattered throughout Poland, is their publications and correspondence courses. The publishing work is aided by Seventh Day Baptists in several countries through the coordinating work of Jan Lek. Bronislaw Ciesielski, president of the Polish conference, will represent them at the 1986 sessions.

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The story behind one L.S.K.
by Ruth Butler
Woodville, Alabama

On a little farm about three miles out from an average sized town in north Alabama live a couple—a couple who quietly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last summer. If you could watch these two people throughout a day or a week, you would see a perfect example of true love—true love for one another and true love for the Heavenly Father. These two people live alone, and through her strong faith she has reared eight healthy children in a “lone-Sabbath keeping” atmosphere.

and realized the real truth about the Sabbath. Their life and that of their children changed. They began observing the Sabbath, but with no church to stand by them. They revered and worshipped on the Sabbath, but there was no church to go to, no choir to hear, no Sabbath School to have their children grow up in, no S.D.B. young people for associates. There was the family and the family alone.

This is a picture of my S.D.B. ancestors—only one generation back. They reared two sons to be ministers and one daughter who has become the most devoted and sacrificial member that the S.D.B. church has ever had. She has become a true example of what the Christian mother should be like. She has remained true to the Sabbath through countless obstacles and hardships. And through her strong faith she has reared eight healthy children in a “lone-Sabbath keeping” atmosphere. Lucky for her, this home also is on a farm, and outside of the evil influences of city life. Here there is group-singing on Friday evening and the “Bible lesson” on Sabbath afternoon. Here is a family set apart from the rest of the community, but true to the Sabbath and true to the S.D.B. church of which they know so little and which seems so far away. Here is a family which has not had the privilege of going to a church they can call their own. Here is a small group which worships on the Sabbath week after week without ever hearing a S.D.B. minister on Sabbath morning, with no other children to share with them their faith. But in spite of all this and through the careful guidance of a mother of strong convictions, this home has remained loyal to that one aspect of the church which makes it distinctly what it is, the Seventh Day Sabbath.

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If we search the world over, we would never find the secret of real power, for it is not in worldly things, but in God. Throughout the history of the entire world, we are not able to find any greater power than the power of God and His power working through the people.

Now some say that power is given only to the rich and famous, but God's power is for ANY who believe, the obtaining of this power? They are the Christian. It is gained through activity. Each life would be thanksgiving.

The barrier stone was rolled away
And loud the angels sing;
The Christ comes forth this blessed day
To reign, a deathless King.

For shall we not believe He lives
Through such awakening?
Behold, how God each April gives
The miracle of spring!

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The age of power

No matter where we look today, we find we are living in an age of power. All nations and individuals are seeking for the means of gaining power. Many are money-maddened for they feel that here is power. And yet if we search the world over, we would never find the secret of real power, for it is not in worldly things, but in God. Throughout the history of the entire world, we are not able to find any greater power than the power of God and His power working through the people.

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A suggested S.D.B. Youth Fellowship emblem

All is on the Cross of Christ, symbol of his message and God’s redemptive love. The Eternal Circle of Fellowship encircles all the world and all S.D.B.’s. Members of the Fellowship are quick on the Winged Foot to serve the Lord and Master.

- All service becomes true devotion as it grows out of worship and obedience to God’s Commandments.
- Every fellowshipping spends some time for the enrichment of his life in the Tents of Recreation, recreating body, mind, and spirit and strengthening the ties of true comradeship.
- All fellowshippers with the Torch of Truth to light the way, study the Open Bible to show themselves approved of God and worthy to wear the Breastplate of Righteousness and able to grasp the Sword of the Spirit as they carry on the warfare of Christ’s Kingdom.

(This suggested emblem was distributed to the young people at conference. At that time opinions and suggestions were asked for. Again the call comes for the reaction of the young people. Send your reaction to Beverly Burdick, Milton, Wisconsin. If you can, send news in, too.—Ed.)

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More than conquerors

Editorial

Today, when we think of the persecutions the early church suffered, and of the many martyrs to the cause of Christianity, we realize that we can only guess at the power of their faith. They encountered “tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword.” But because of their love for Christ, and their faith in Him, they were “more than conquerors through Him.” (Rom. 8:37)

Sometimes we wonder why we are not persecuted, as the early Christians were. The old hymn says, “How sweet would be their children’s fate, if they, like them, could die for Thee.” But the Christian of today finds foes from within, which are sometimes more insidious than physical enemies. “For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities ...” (Eph. 6:12) We come across these foes in our thinking, in discussions with non-Christians, and in trying to live a life worthy of our professed beliefs.

Let us search our hearts and ask God’s help in overcoming these weaknesses. Is it easier to be a Christian now, than it was then? What does following Christ mean? For the early Christian, following Christ was an all-or-nothing proposition. There could be no halfway. If he chose to be a Christian, he was chose a life so different from that of those around him, that he had to make a complete change, going against tradition, custom, law, and sometimes even against his own family. What strength of spirit and purpose that must have taken!

If we stand true to the cross in this day and age, we, too, will have to endure many things for Christ. The firmer the stand we take, the more we are going to be challenged. And we must be able to meet this challenge by saying, as did the Apostle Paul, “...nothing...in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 8:39)

Miriam Seager
Editor

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Pre-Con 1953

The summer is past, but the memory lingers on. Now don’t turn the page with disgust. This is not going to be a “sentimental journey,” but it is a review of what happened at Pre-Con last August.

There were sixty-nine campers altogether, with sixty-five spending the entire period in camp. They came from widely separated points on the globe—Rosemary Hare from Parrua, New Zealand; Rev. Ronald Barrar from Sandama, Nyasaland; and Rev. and Mrs. Neil Mills and their daughter, Miriam, from Kingston, Jamaica, joined campers from “Rhody to Colorado.”

Dave Clarke was the camp director and he was well supported by thirteen other staff members.

The camp theme was “Patterns for Power.” The booklet “Christian Growth Unto the Fulness of Him” was used for the “Alone with Him” period, the first thing in the morning. After this, the campers met down at the lake shore where Rev. Clarke read some scripture and opened channels for the campers to express and share their own thoughts.

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“Finding God in ’53.” He suggested a number of practical acts that we can perform in bringing about a Christ-like relationship between ourselves and God and ourselves and others.

There were five workshops. Ronald Barrar directed his group in making a mfdel of the Makapwa mission in Nyasaland. Members of this workshop could be recognized by the sickly green color of their hands. However, it was nothing serious—they were just dyeing sponges to make trees.

Some wondered at the antics of the campers, but there was a lively bunch and capably led by Duane Davis.

One of the main projects undertaken by the church news workshop was the “Power Line,” the camp newspaper. It also published the conference news bulletins. Leon Lawton was the director of this group of hot-story reporters.

David S. Clarke led his group in an inspirational study on Christian discipline.

A workshop which was very important to the completion of a day’s activities was camp was the one directed by Rex Zweibel. This was the worship workshop. Its members were responsible for preparing vespers, the Sabbath afternoon service at Pre-Con, and also for four half-hour services at conference.

Participants in camp activities are usually found to be quite musical.

Even without the leadership of Marion Maxson.

Not too much has been said yet about the surroundings of Camp Ben Johnike. It is located amidst a wealth of trees, many of them pines. It is right beside a sparkling blue lake. Needless to say, the campers made full use of the lake by swimming, boating, and canoeing.

A high point of the whole retreat was Sabbath Day. At the “Chapel in the Pines” Rev. Neil Mills, Leon Lawton, and Ronald Barrar led a discussion of the Sabbath School lesson.

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My camp experience
by Marjorie Craw

What has Camp Wakonda given me that will help me to be a better Christian and understand my religion more fully? Our experiences in camp have deepened and strengthened our faith. The discussion groups answered some of the questions which might have arisen in the past years. They helped us realize the reason we worship on the Sabbath, what "believing" is and why we believe as we do.

Camp has made us mindful of God's love and care. It has shown us how much our help is needed in countries where His word is little known. It makes us feel humble in this great earth, and yet we want to do our part in God's work.

Camp helps us to understand each other's difficulties more completely, and many close friendships arise from our fellowship with other Christian young people. I believe the most impressive thing camp gave me was the realization of beauty in the common place.

I believe the most impressive thing camp gave me was the realization of beauty in the common place—the trees lifting their leaf-covered branches heavenward, the towering white clouds floating in the light blue sky, even the lowly raspberry bush, its juicy purple fruits hidden among the green foliage—all had their own beauty.

And the sunsets—oh, they were magnificent! The sky was alight with beautiful colors long after the sun had dropped behind the distant horizon.

Rocky Mountain Camp

The Rocky Mountain S.D.B. Camp was held this year from June 30 to July 8. There were about thirty campers coming from Denver, Boulder, Nortonville, North Loup and Milton.

There were four counselors, ministers from the churches of the Mid-Continent Association, and two cooks. The four ministers were: Rev. Leland Davis, Rev. Harmon Dickinson, Rev. Duane Davis, and Rev. Francis Saunders.

Rev. Dickinson led a class on prophets, using as his main scripture, Peter 1:19-21. Rev. Duane Davis led a very interesting class on the Sabbath. Some of the scriptures we memorized were: Gen. 2:1-3, Exodus 20:1-17, and Isaiah 58:13-14. Rev. Leland Davis chose as the theme for his class, "His Very Own." This study group was a very interesting one, using discussion and Bible references. Rev. Davis brought in the study of the writings of Paul in his discussions.

Chapel met every morning following "The Lone Hour." Each day was ended at sundown by the vespers on "sunset rocks." Each vespers was closed by singing "Day Is Dying In The West."

Lewis Camp

Lewis Camp opened this year on July 19th, with about 21 campers. The leaders were: Rev. Barrar, Rev. Osborn, Rev. Bond and Rev. Masson. Ruth Kenyon was the girl counselor.

The classes were on missions. This was very interesting, especially with Rev. Barrar telling actual experiences to help us learn more about our missions.

Although it rained a great deal of the time, two days were nice and sunny so that everyone could enjoy a nice swim in the ocean. Of course a part of camp is the work groups. These were headed by Eunice Masson, David Gavitt, Rose Anna Rello and Barbara Smith. These leaders were also in charge of the vespers.

Three guest speakers were the recipients of much appreciation. They were Mr. Lewis, the owner of the camp, Rev. Harris, the secretary of the missionary board, and Rev. Crandall, president of the missionary board.

Sabbath morning services were held with the Westerly church, and in the afternoon everyone was invited to attend services and the camp.

Everyone had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to camp again next year.
Women's Society NEWS and IDEAS

Patterning our lives

by Marilyn Merchant

Dear Ones All,

"Creative people can find inspiration from the most mundane things" so says an article in the May issue of the Reader's Digest. I think that is nice because I do, and it really does not take too much to send me off into a pipe dream that ends with me thinking, "I really should write that down so I will remember it for a Women's Page." It was just such a thought that sent me to my typewriter on a Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. (and also because I have a deadline to meet). I seem to have problems with the month of June. I remember that last year I belabored the love and wedding theme, but I am off on another track now. It is all muddled up, so bear with me.

This is the time of graduations of all kinds, and after that, what? All this started with a book I have been reading lately, Joyce Landor's I Came To Love You Late, which I highly recommend for a good story. From this I gained several precepts that had here-to-there escaped me, but all of a sudden, I realized that although this was a very good story, it was just one person's interpretation of what might have happened—not the Bible story. It was enhanced. As we make our patterns of life, we must be very careful that we stick to the original pattern.

When I was a very small girl, I was fascinated with the postage stamp-sized blocks my grandmother Clement cut out of the various left-over pieces of cloth from the clothing she made for others. These tiny blocks were so precise, each became an enlarged tiny bit until they no longer fit together properly. Books expounding and explaining the pattern for our lives are helpful for understanding and enlightenment, but we must remember to check the pattern, our Bible, for the true size to remain constant.

Now that that is settled, where are we heading as graduates? Do not turn away and say that is all behind you. Until you graduate to your eternal home, you are constantly graduating from one level to another—be it kindergarten, grade school, junior high school, high school, college or graduate school, motherhood/fatherhood, work related levels, retirement, etc. There are all degrees of education, but where are you headed? This relates back to the book I mentioned a few paragraphs ago. You will recall that, last month, I related the story of the "empty nest syndrome" as it affected my seminar instructor on organizing prayer life. In the Landor story, Martha—Lazarus and Mary's sister—had reached that point in her life; she no longer had anyone to make a template, each became enlarged a tiny bit until they no longer fit together properly.

Choose your pattern wisely, stick to it, and make sure it is within God's will.

Patttering our lives

suppy us with to make us happy. We must have a direction in which we wish to go. And it has to be within his will for us.

A conversation with a young woman who is in the process of looking for work brought that to the forefront of my mind when I reminded her that God never closes any doors but what he opens for others. After a moment, I added that sometimes it seems like the hinges are rusty and stick a bit, and I guess that is because we are always so "hurry up" minded. We have to seek him first, and then all these things will be added. So my graduation and June message is this: Choose your pattern wisely, stick to it, and make sure it is within God's will. Come to think of it, that is not bad advice for newlyweds, either. It surely worked for us.

I have been most interested in the articles about the federation delegates. Have you? The board is urging the sponsorship of some of the ladies by women's groups throughout the states. We have had information from several churches telling of their sponsorship, which thrills us. We are also urging early Love Gifts to make it possible for the board to help a delegate stay and enjoy our conference session. Our Pen 'n Prayer group is trying to get some two-way correspondence going between delegates and people who are going to be in store for those of you who participate. I have heard of persons who have corresponded for many years before they chance to meet. I hope you are taking advantage of Jean Jorgensen's notes in The Sabbath Recorder.

I am not sure whether or not there will be any of the Indian ladies here from our conference, but a most interesting report has come to my hands and I do want to share some highlights from it. I am going to quote some passages from their report.

"The work of the Women's Evangelical

Teams are mainly to visit every home, irrespective of the resident's caste or creed, preach the gospel, reading the Bible as well as sharing the day-to-day problems of the women and folk, lightening spiritually their burdens, comforting the sick, etc. These women are popular with womenfolk and are generally welcomed everywhere in the field. They report to the Chairperson of the S.D.B. Women's Society, a wing of our

All too often we flounder our way through life without trying to find out what we really are expecting to have God supply us with to make us happy.

Conference." Then again, "The Bible Women, singly or in pairs, regularly visit women members, read the Bible, become acquainted with the localities, helping, sometimes. They help in the field. They report to the Chairperson of the S.D.B. Women's Society, a wing of our

Correction

In the Women's Society NEWS & IDEAS column printed in the April Sabbath Recorder, there was an address error. The correct address of Ruby Hambleton, the new treasurer of the Women's Board, is: 18064 Ivy Street, Fontana, CA 92335.
Religion in the News

Christian network cuts back

Christian Broadcasting Network is cutting back and announcing the layoffs of 41 employees due to a slump in contributions. Pat Robertson, CBN founder and host of “The 700 Club” religious talk show, said that the cuts could total $42 million this year.

According to the announcement, CBN will sell its three television stations and cancel its toll-free telephone lines for counseling and financial support.

Robertson said that attention to his interest in the U.S. presidency may be a factor in the loss of support. CBN has an annual operating budget of $230 million, and media attention to the size of the operation may have brought negative results, Robertson said.

Religious sect charged with abuse

Members of a sect known as Black Hebrew Israelites were arrested in New York City and charged with child abuse. A spokesman for Queens District Attorney John Santucci said that nine persons were charged with systematic abuse and exploitation of children. The charges included beating the children who were sent out on the streets to beg.

City officials learned of the abuse when two children escaped and were taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Benson opens Mormon conference

Ezra Taft Benson opened the first general conference of the Mormon Church as recently elected president and prophet. The former U.S. agriculture secretary under Eisenhower admonished Mormons for neglecting the Book of Mormon in their daily lives. Benson spoke to 6,000 church members in the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Benson said, “All is not well in Zion...” and called sexual immorality “the plague sin of this generation.”

Vatican denounces violent revolutions

Roman Catholic clergy and political leaders were warned against violence as a means to political change. While the new statement supported civil disobedience in the face of tyrannical governments, it rejected violence as a necessary path to liberation.

The 59-page document was seen by observers as a challenge to clergy who use Marxist analysis to justify military revolution. It specifically warns priests and nuns against political involvement, and seeks to distance the church from extreme positions of liberation theology.

Churches sue immigration service

A federal judge has denied the request of 17 religious groups to join in a suit against the U.S. Immigration Service. A civil suit has already been filed by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the American Lutheran Church on charges that government agents infiltrated church meetings to seek information on illegal aliens.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs also filed an amicus curiae petition which was unsuccessful. The BJCPA said in a position paper, “We abhor government agents’ fraudulent use of the name of Jesus Christ to gain access to the household of faith.”

Ethnic-minority studied in churches

Three denominations were listed as growing in ethnic-minority membership, according to a study in the United Methodist Reporter. Assemblies of God, Southern Baptists, and American Baptist churches were the denominations showing most growth in ethnic-minority percentages.

Most mainline churches showed little growth in minority membership. American Baptist churches were reported at 38%, leading all major denominations.
Pre-con and conference directions

Directions to Youth Pre-Con:
Colonial Village site of Camp Canonicus, Exeter, Rhode Island.

Coming from the west along I-95, take exit 3 onto RI Route 138 east. Follow 138 about eight miles to RI Route 2. Take 2 north (1/4 of the way around the traffic circle) about five miles past the RI Veterans Cemetery on the left to a country type store called "The Exeter Mall." Turn right at the intersection at the "mall" and go about one mile to Camp Canonicus. Colonial Village is along this road to the right, just before you get to the first main entrance to Camp Canonicus.

Directions to Young Adult Pre-Con:
Cathcart Retreat Center of Camp Wightman, North Stonington, Connecticut

The camp is located off Rt. 201 near the Griswold-North Stonington line. From I-95, take exit 92 to CT Route 2 north. Follow four miles to CT Route 201. Turn right onto 201 north, go about seven miles. Entrance to camp is on the right. A sign at the entrance, which is Coal Pit Hill Road, says Camp Wightman. Follow this road about one mile. Pass the maintenance buildings. Just before the blacktopped volleyball court is a driveway and parking lot on the left for Cathcart.

Directions to General Conference
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts

From the West: Take exit 10 off the Massachusetts Turnpike at Auburn. Take Route 1-200 into Worcester. Get off at exit 17 (Lincoln Square, Belmont Street, Route 9) and turn left off ramp. Continue through Lincoln Square to Highland Street following Route 9. At West Street, turn right to the WPI campus.

From the East: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to exit 11A. Then take I-495 north to I-290. Take I-290 west to Worcester, getting off at exit 18. At the exit, turn right at the traffic light, then go a very short block and take a right at the next light (Concord Street). Go straight through the intersection at the next light, bearing right (onto Salisbury Street). Follow Salisbury Street to the top of the small hill opposite the park, where you will turn left onto West Street and drive into the WPI campus.

Please Note:
Hymnals will not be available from the conference site. Therefore, we have chosen "Hymns for the Family of God" as the hymnal we will be using. If you have your own copy or can bring several copies from your church, please do. Be sure all copies can be readily identified.

No Sunday meals will be provided at the conference site. There are many restaurants convenient to the campus, so plan accordingly.

Meet your Youth Committee
The Beacon
February, 1959

S. Kenneth Davis is a new member of the Youth Committee. He is a man of many activities, as you shall soon see. His childhood home was in Plainfield, N.J. After serving in the Marine Corps, he went to Salem College, and graduated with an A.B. in Elementary Education. He now teaches 6th Grade in the Alfred-Almond Central School. Besides that, he has a private teaching job at home where he is the father of four children. Ken is also learning as well as teaching, for he is a student at the Alfred University School of Theology.

He is a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and will be its assistant pastor this coming summer. He is also the advisor to the Western Association Youth Fellowship.

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Nine complete Conference set in Jamaica

Home Bible studies expand

FOCUS

on missions today

by Leon R. Lawton

Missouri group reports growth

Naylor, Missouri, USA: Though this is a new name to most readers, there has been a Seventh Day Baptist group meeting here for over two years. Pastor Ronald J. Elston, an ordained Baptist pastor, came to the truth of the Sabbath during a seminar held by the Adventists but could not go along with the teaching of Ellen G. White. He writes, “I found I was a Baptist that kept the Sabbath. After a long search, I found a SDB church in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Myron Soper visited our group and helped us get started. We stepped out on faith with only two families and, with God’s help, we now have a building, with seating for 40, and two acres of land. We started meeting in February, 1984, and have now grown to 15 members, with additional visitors attending. In our first year, we paid out over $1,200 in helping people in need with food, shelter, medicine, clothing and finances.” Pastor Elston attended the Area Pastors’ Workshop in Milton, Wisconsin. Last in April, he cooperated with area church leaders to distribute over 15 tons of food to the needy, serving over 300 families. On May 1, the Naylor SDB church becomes the newest Extension Pastor church following adoption by the Missionary Board of the recommendation of the Evangelism/Home Field Committee.

Malawi, Africa: At their March 9 meeting, the Board of Trustees of the New York, USA: The first Training in Ministry and Extension (TIME) module seminar was held April 12-13, hosted by the SDB churches of Salemville. The nine who had completed their six weeks of home study and participated were: Charles and Faye Thomas, Hebron, Pennsylvania, and Little Genesee, New York; Stephen and Irene Saunders, Richburg, New York; Herbert Condison, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Andrew Samuels, New York, New York; Gene Smith, Adams Center, New York; Richard Evans, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Bobby Wright, Blountville, Tennessee.

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Board of Christian Education

National SDBYF officer candidates

The candidates for officers of the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship for 1986-87 are:

President: Michael E. Looper

Mike, who is a member of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, is a junior in college. He has served his church as Sabbath School superintendent, choir member, past president of the Youth Fellowship and Year-End Youth Conference Planning. He has been active in Pre-Con and General Conference. Mike spent one summer working in SCSC.

Vice-President: Chris Severance

Christopher Jay Severance, 17, is a member of the North Loup, Nebraska, Seventh Day Baptist Church and Youth Fellowship. He will be a senior at North Loup-Scotia High School where he is active in band, student council, honor society, speech, W Club, swing choir, stage choir, basketball, and all-school play cast. He is also a member of the Nebraska State High School Champion Speech Team. Chris’ favorite pastimes are baseball and basketball.

Secretary: Jody Looper

Jody, who is a member of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, is a sophomore in high school. He has served his church as assistant teacher in Pre-School Sabbath School Class, choir member, and past vice-president and current secretary of the Youth Fellowship. He attended Pre-Con for the first time last year. Jody attends General Conference regularly.

Treasurer: Steven A. Looper

Steve, who is a member of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, is attending vocational technical school and has served his church as usher and audio/visual technician. He has been active in Pre-Con and General Conference.

The officers are responsible for planning and conducting the youth activities at General Conference, the Youth Banquet, and the annual business meeting. It is expected that the national officers will report to the Youth Committee and through The Beacon to the Youth Fellowships.

Sabbath School Teacher of the Year Award

Each church of the General Conference is asked to nominate one Sabbath School Teacher (nursery through adult) for the Sabbath School Teacher of the Year award. A letter of nomination signed by the pastor and/or Sabbath School Superintendent should include the nominee's name and address, current Sabbath School teaching position, experience teaching within the church, church membership, and other biographical information.

Deadline is July 1, 1986. Send your letters to:

Sabbath School Committee
SDB Board of Christian Education, Inc.
P.O. Box 115
Alfred Station, New York 14003

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The work of Miss Linda Bingham in the local church

Her primary work is to become acquainted with the present work of the Youth Fellowship, its personnel, its leaders; to learn what the felt needs of the group are; to suggest materials in any or all of a variety of fields (worship, study, program, organization, social activities, project activities), to demonstrate and adapt materials for the group and to suggest methods for their use; and to explore the responsibilities of youth work in the local church as related to the Youth Work Committee of the SDB Board of Christian Education.

In order to do this, she should be scheduled to meet with the group as much as possible during the time she is to be in the area.

This may be done in:
1. Meeting with the entire group.
2. Visits in homes of the members—possibly for meals.
3. Small committee meetings (special topics for exploration).
4. Meetings with pastors and adult leaders for informal talks.

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Los Angeles, California
March 31, 1963

Hi, Kids!

My winter in southern California is very nearly over. Tomorrow I'll be heading east once more, planning to work with those of you in the Mid-Continent, North Central and Northern Associations between now and August. August, of course, means time for Pre-Con and Conference—hope to see many of you at Fort Collins, Colorado!

In nearly every church that I've visited, there has been someone who expressed to me real, serious concern for the future of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. There is, I believe, some cause for concern. The older generation know this only too well. But how about you—you who are our future? When you sing our rally song, do you really mean what you're saying? How concerned are you for the Seventh Day Baptist cause?

Suppose your university schedule requires that you attend classes on Sabbath Day, or that your employer requests you to work on Sabbath Day, what would you do? If you couldn't talk your way out of it, would you drop the courses which met on Sabbath, or would you attend anyway, even though you might feel it was wrong? Would keeping the Sabbath be important enough to you to cause you to quit your job?

If, upon graduation from high school or college, you find a job in a community where there is no Seventh Day Baptist church, would you take the job? How far would you be willing to drive each Sabbath in order to attend an SDB church? Would you sacrifice vocational or professional advancement in order to live where you could attend an SDB church?

Would you marry a person who is not a Seventh Day Baptist? Would you marry a person who is not a Seventh Day Baptist church?

Think seriously about these questions. Talk about them with your folks. Base a Youth Fellowship discussion on them. Then, if you have the time and the inclination, please drop me a line (Linda Bingham, Rural Route 1, Milton, Wisconsin) and tell me your feelings.

Will we be SDB in 1983?

Most Sincerely,

Linda

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The Beacon
June, 1963
Psalm 100
by Patty Lawton

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and Bless His name. For the Lord is good: His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100 has been put to music. Many of us sang it at Youth Pre-Con this past summer. Because it is such a familiar psalm we often tend to overlook what the psalmist was trying to say. Therefore, I would like to share with you what I have learned from studying it. As I thought about this very meaningful psalm it gave me some new insights into Thanksgiving and Praise. In the psalm I see six ways God has commanded us to cultivate a thankful heart.

1. "Make a joyful noise . . ." JOY comes out of a thankful heart. A continuous thankful heart in today's apathetic world has to be cultivated.

2. "Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing.. . ." The Lord asks us to serve Him with gladness. Our obedience in gladness causes Him to rejoice. Entering God's presence (in prayer) with singing also pleases God. Singing psalms and spiritual songs is one of the greatest tools used to enter into the proper prayerful attitude for God to hear our prayers.

3. "Know ye that the Lord is God . . ." Knowing that the Lord is God is accomplished by faith. In Hebrews 11:6 it emphasizes how important it is to know God through faith and that you must diligently seek Him.

4. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise . . ." Here I notice that "entering His gates with thanksgiving" precedes "His courts with praise." Does this mean that praise is of a higher order than thanksgiving? Should thanksgiving to God (thanking Him for the things He has done for you) precede praising God (for Who He is) then?

5. "Be thankful unto Him . . ." Again the psalmist emphasizes to be thankful unto God. Everything should be done with thanksgiving.

6. "Bless His holy name . . ." Blessing His Name is another requirement. In the dictionary one of the definitions for blessing someone besides praising and glorifying him is to "center happiness upon him." God wants us to make Him happy and that's how we bless Him! Through words of praise and deeds of diligence in serving Him, each one of us can bless the Lord. In the last verse of the psalm, then, the psalmist is declaring Who God is and in this way God is being blessed.

Considering all of these ways to cultivate a thankful heart, maybe you can now join me in singing Psalm 100 with the new enthusiasm and JOY that Jesus has taught me. So sing to your heart's content! God enjoys it more than you do! Bless His Name and be thankful, and JOY will abound within you!
Prayer power

This past year in my dorm room I found a new, different, exciting way to talk to God. My roommate and I felt an urgent need to communicate not only with each other, but with someone who could help us with our problem. At the moment I can't recall what the situation physically wore out...but I had the greatest feeling inside me. I felt a new friendship with Jim that I never have experienced with any other person—a friendship bound together in Christian love.

I don't think this type of prayer could be used in a group of over three or four...and shouldn't be attempted with people who don't really know each other.

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50th Anniversary

by Mark Warner

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December, 1969

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Patternning

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Conference is so precarious and limited that it is not possible for them to get the tracts printed and distributed freely. It is my understanding that the many dialects in India would make it impossible to have the tracts printed in any other country. He went on to report that tracts have a foremost and indispensable place in their gospel work, and that they cannot dispense with them. He speaks of the same hurdle existing in the case of Bibles, which is most discouraging for their gospel workers. I must apologize to Rev. Rao and Mrs. Susseela for the brevity of my excerpts, and for some editing. I had to do in the interest of space. This report was sent to me by one of our American ladies who has been interested in the work in India and with the request that perhaps their needs could share in the love gift distribution this year at conference. Since then, it has been suggested to me that often the children at our summer camps take a missionary offering, and that they, too, might like to share in the work in India, especially as it affects the orphaned children there.

Here at home, church after church has noted that they are refurbishing the parsonages, cleaning their churches, and that God has been so good to them.

The Beacon
August, 1964

by Ruthie Harris

Have you every thought about why you are a Seventh Day Baptist? I mean, gave it some hard concentrated consideration? When you were children, your parents start bringing you up in their religion—bringing you to church with them, to social activities, and Sabbath School. Then is when a basic religious belief is instilled in you.

But the older you grow, or at least this is how I feel, the more inquisitive you become about other people and their beliefs. And when the decision is finally up to you, you’ve got to reject the religion that you honestly believe is right.

Sometimes it seems a lot easier if you could just quietly switch over to another Protestant religion and go to church on the popular day, Sunday. It appears almost as if attending church on a different day is your “cross to bear.” But when this ever comes up with me, I always remember that the majority isn’t always right, and that, in black and white, the Bible says the SEVENTH day is hallowed.

Of course, the decision in the end is yours. Parents, friends, relatives, and your pastor can only go so far and then it’s up to you. The path of Jesus isn’t always easy—it can get pretty rocky sometimes—and it’s your feet that walk down it.

The Beacon
Summer, 1960

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Ultimate provider

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you decide which it is since it is only the beginning.

One of my very dear friends, Dick Shep, when he was president of General Conference, said, “You can’t outgive God.” Remember, whoever sows sparingly, reaps sparingly; but whoever sows generously, reaps generously, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The work of Seventh Day Baptists through our “Partnership in Ministry” is part of the work of building God’s kingdom. In the 20th century, it takes money to make ministry happen. I pray that you have already begun with your tithe, and that God has been so good to you that you are becoming more and more generous.

The apostle Paul says that if we give more, we receive more—not just material returns but the “harvest of our righteousness” increases as well. I pray that God is rewarding your generosity with a great harvest of righteousness.

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Our World Mission budget update

Our World Mission is a Partnership in Ministry

You can be an active part of this partnership through your ongoing relationship to your local church. At the same time, you can help to carry the responsibility of the partnership by supporting our combined denominational budget—Our World Mission. Your dollars are needed to do the work that is the denominational agencies’ responsibility in the partnership. Your prayers, ideas and reactions are also needed to support the work that Seventh Day Baptists are doing together.

"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Yes! I want to be a partner in Our World Mission.

My Partnership Plan:
☐ One week’s salary or income
☐ Other

This contribution is for:
☐ OWM undesignated giving
☐ OWM designated for:
☐ Evangelism and Missions
☐ Christian Education
☐ Publishing (Sabbath Recorder, Lead-Line, Tracts)
☐ Leadership Training (Ministerial or Lay Training)
☐ Hunger Relief (SDB United Relief Fund)

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: __________________ State: ______
Zip: ______ Church: ____________

Please make checks payable to Our World Mission.

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Obituaries

Wilkinson.—Walter J. Wilkinson of Battle Creek, Michigan, died February 21, 1986, in the Battle Creek Veterans Administration Medical Center at the age of 92. He was born September 10, 1893, in Saginaw County, Michigan, the son of William and Phoebe (Maddill) Wilkinson. He was a World War I veteran and came to Battle Creek in 1903. He retired as a steam engineer at the Federal Center and was a former farmer. As an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist church, he held various offices, including trustee and camp custodian. His wife, the former Edna Van Horn, preceded him in death in 1980. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by interim pastor Delmer B. Case at Battle Creek on February 24, 1986.

Millar.—William D. Millar of Battle Creek, Michigan, died March 2, 1986, in a Battle Creek nursing home at the age of 96. He was born May 7, 1899, in Elgin, Scotland, the son of Alexander and Jessie (Johston) Millar. As a young man, William worked at a variety of jobs in Scotland and Canada, including clerking in clothing stores and hiring out for work in fruit orchards. He and his wife, Eva, homesteaded a farm in Canada before coming to Battle Creek in 1922. He was employed as a shipping clerk for 37 years by the Battle Creek Food Company and retired in 1960. At the time of his death, he was a deacon emeritus of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. He had also served as church treasurer and trustee.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Eva Burkinshaw, who died in 1980. A son, Arthur B. Millar, survives. 

Burkard.—Kenneth B. Burkard of Alfred, New York, died April 4, 1986, at the age of 91. Mrs. Burkard was a deaconess of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and served for many years as superintendent of the Intermediate Sabbath School. She led pilgrimages to Newport, Rhode Island, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and other places of denominational interest. While her husband was on the faculty at Alfred University, she was a part-time business instructor in English and acted as interior decorator for two buildings. She always made her home open to her husband’s students.

She was the wife of Dr. Harold O. Burkard, Alfred University professor and dean who preceded her in death, as did her son, Dr. Kenneth Burkard. She is survived by two daughters, Carol Burkard of Alfred, and Judy Downey of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Burkard’s parents, the Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw, and her sister, Miss Miriam Shaw, spent their declining years in the Burkard home after the latter’s failing health brought her home from mission work in Shanghai, China. Dr. and Mrs. Burkard donated land for the development of Camp Harley Sutton by the Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

Davies.—Elise F. Davies was born April 17, 1910, in Doddridge County, West Virginia, and died March 26, 1986, in The Arbors, Farmington, West Virginia, following a brief illness. Elise is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Louie Webb of Clarksburg, West Virginia, and Mrs. Rose Robinson of Salem, West Virginia; two step-brothers, Ray and Ollie Johnson, also of Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

Elise was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was a non-resident most of her life, but wherever she was, she was involved in community service, especially working with children during church Bible schools.

A memorial service was held Sabbath afternoon, March 29, 1986, in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, officiating. —S.K.D.
Obituaries

Jones.—Mrs. Fredora Jones, 96, of Alfred, New York, died March 22, 1986, in St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, New York. Born February 16, 1890, in Alfred, she was the daughter of Clark and Ida Allen Burdick. On December 24, 1913, she married William R. Jones of Elm Valley, New York, who died in 1964. Mrs. Jones was a 1912 graduate of Alfred State College and had resided in Elm Valley for 52 years until moving to Alfred. She was a member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1909 and a member of the Women's Society. Surviving are three nieces, Mrs. Evelyn Morgan of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, Miss Lillian Snyder of Roslyn Heights, New York, and Mrs. Chevie Birect of St. Paul, Minnesota. Friends called at the Mulholland-Swan Funeral Home, Inc., Andover, New York, where a funeral and committal service was held March 23, 1986. Rev. David Clarke of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in the Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover. Memorials may be made to the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Brissie.—Alma Babcock Davis Brissie, age 86, of Laurel, Maryland, died February 8, 1986, at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital. The third of eight children, she was born on July 13, 1897, to Chesney and Edith Davis in Doddridge County, West Virginia. She was married to Grover Stevenson Brissie in Salem, West Virginia, in 1918. Her husband died in 1962. Mrs. Brissie was a long-time member of both the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Washington, D.C., Seventh Day Baptist Church. She served in many capacities, including that of deaconess. Her professional career included many years of teaching in public schools in West Virginia and Maryland. She also served two terms in the mission field in Kingston, Jamaica, teaching at Crandall High School along with her husband. Survivors include two sons, William O. Brissie of Torrance, California, and Charles T. Brissie of Locust Grove, Virginia; two daughters, Georgianna B. Childers of Laurel and Dorothy Jones of Falls Church, Virginia; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were arranged by the Fleck Funeral Home of Laurel. The eulogy was given by Oliver Dickenson, and the placement was in the Meadowridge Memorial Cemetery.

The following letter was written by Dorothy Tamburrino's son, Bill, in tribute to his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Grover S. Brissie.

February 28, 1986

Dear Mama,

I find I can't allow Nana's passing to go without writing a few words of sympathy and recollection. However we may reconcile the death of someone very important to us, I know that it is always accompanied by pain and sorrow. For Nana, I find it helpful to comfort myself with my memories of her character and many accomplishments.

The sermon at Nana's funeral appropriately acknowledged how well Nana and Grandad worked as a team. Though I'm sure their trials and hardships were as difficult as those encountered by us all, they made their lives appear easy. That they accomplished so much—their respective careers as teachers, their dedicated years of mission work in Jamaica, the generation and support of a strong family—is a measure of their love and support for each other. Their hospitality and warmth were generous and enduring, their personal conflicts small and fleeting. It is no coincidence that they sustained their energies to a very great age, enjoying the adventure of world travels and the simplicity and comfort of a secure home and retirement. Their years which I remember must have been the product of a lifetime of sincerity, patience, determination and fulfillment, a lifetime which is a model to all of us with whom they shared their lives.

Grandad is remembered as a gentle sage, wise and discerning, full of stories worth the listening, respected as a leader among his family and community. The twinkle in his eye and his appetite for living were equalled by his sense of goodness and piety. Marian and I have always considered his consecration of Dominique a great honor.

Of Nana, I will always remember her charm and wit, which were genuine, direct and, in private company, warmly informal. Though perhaps often overshadowed by Grandad's leadership qualities, she, too, was a leader among her family and friends, a supporter of her church, the backbone of her family, a woman devoted to teaching others. The genealogy which she reconstructed is a reflection of her pride and determination. It is a legacy for all of us to treasure.

Of Nana and Grandad, that which always will be clearest in my memory and heart is my sense of and respect for them as my grandparents. In many ways, they epitomized that role. It was such a fulfilling adventure to visit their home in the country—to run freely in their yard, to climb my first tree, to first enjoy the sensation of a fireplace, to listen to the stories of their youth in West Virginia. These romantic ways appear easy. That they accomplished so much—their respective careers as teachers, their dedicated years of mission work in Jamaica, the generation and support of a strong family—is a measure of their love and support for each other. Their hospitality and warmth were generous and enduring, their personal conflicts small and fleeting. It is no coincidence that they sustained their energies to a very great age, enjoying the adventure of world travels and the simplicity and comfort of a secure home and retirement. Their years which I remember must have been the product of a lifetime of sincerity, patience, determination and fulfillment, a lifetime which is a model to all of us with whom they shared their lives.

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The Sabbath Recorder
Obituaries

Jones. — Mrs. Fredoos Jones, 96, of Alfred, New York, died March 23, 1986, at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, New York. Born February 16, 1890, in Alfred, she was the daughter of Clark and Ida Allen Burdick. On December 24, 1917, she married William R. Jones of Elm Valley, New York, who died in 1966. Mrs. Jones was a 1912 graduate of Alfred State College and had resided in Elm Valley for 52 years until moving to Alfred. She was a member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1909 and a member of the Women’s Society. Surviving are three nieces, Mrs. Evelyn Morgan of Berkel Park, Pennsylvania; Miss Lillian Snyder of Roslyn Heights, New York, and Mrs. Cherie Bujstrom of St. Paul, Minnesota; friends called at the Mulholland-Swan Funeral Home, Inc., Andover, New York.

Memorials may be made to the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Brissey.—Alma Balock Davis Brissey, age 86, of Laurel, Maryland, died February 8, 1986, at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital. The third of eight children, she was born on July 11, 1899, to C. Sidney and Edith Davis in Doddridge County, West Virginia. She was married to George Stevenson Brissey in Salem, West Virginia, in 1918. Her husband died in 1962. Mrs. Brissey was a long-time member of both the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Washington, D.C., Seventh Day Baptist Church. She served in many capacities, including that of deaconess. Her professional career included many years of teaching in public schools in West Virginia and Maryland. She also served two terms in the mission field in Kingston, Jamaica, teaching at Crandall High School along with her husband. Survivors include two sons, William O. Brissey of Torrance, California; and Charles T. Brissey of Locust Grove, Virginia; two daughters, Georgianna B. Children of Laurel and Dorothy H. Gross of Edinburg, Maryland; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were arranged by the Flock Funeral Home of Laurel. The eulogy was given by Rev. C. W. Deakin, and interment was in the Meadowridge Memorial Cemetery.

Accessions

Plainfield, New Jersey
Joe A. Samuels, Pastor
Joined after Baptism:
David Malby
Myron Samuels

Joined after Testimony:
Leonard Comrie
Sylvia Mamman
Andrew Samuels
Rudolph Samuels

Salem, West Virginia
S. Kenneth Davis, Pastor
Joined by Letter:
Frankie Llewter Davis
Stella Van Horn Coach
San Diego, California
George Calhoun, Pastor
Rachael Casselman

Verona, New York
Russell Johnson, Pastor
Joined by Letter:
Pastor C. Rex Burdick
Joyce S. Burdick

where a funeral and committal service was held March 23, 1986. Rev. David Clarke of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in the Valley Brook Cemetery, Andover.

The following letter was written by Dorothy Tamburino’s son, Bill, in tribute to his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Grover S. Brissey.

February 28, 1986

Dear Mama,

I find I can’t allow Nana’s passing to go without writing a few words of sympathy and recollection. However we may reconcile the death of someone very important to us, I know that it is always accompanied by pain and sorrow. For Nana, I find it helpful to comfort myself with my memories of her character and many accomplishments.

The sermon at Nana’s funeral appropriately acknowledged how well Nana and Grandad worked as a team. Though I’m sure their trials and hardships were as difficult as those encountered by us all, they made their lives appear easy. That they accomplished so much—their respective careers as teachers, their dedicated years of mission work in Jamaica, the generation and support of a strong family—is a measure of their love and support for each other. Their hospitality and warmth were generous and enduring, their personal conflicts small and fleeting. It is no coincidence that they sustained their energies to a very great age, enjoying the adventure of world travels and the simplicity and comfort of a secure home and retirement. Their years which I remember must have been the product of a lifetime of sincerity, patience, determination and fulfillment, a lifetime which is a model to all of us who shared their lives.

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by Bonnie Williams

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