

"Go, Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth."

— ISAIAH 21:6 —

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"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE."

— JOHN 14:6 —



"Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely."— LEVITICUS 26:2-5

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Blue Monday

By Gordon Engen

Monday, May 29, 1961, may well go down in church history as "Blue Monday"—Blue-Law Monday! On that day the Supreme Court of the United States of America came out with their historic decision favoring laws which news commentators and editors unanimously labeled "Blue Laws."

True, blue laws are not new to the Supreme Court. Early in this century they approved them in principle. All but seven states in the union have Sunday laws of some kind on their law books, whether they are enforced or not.

Following this Supreme Court decision, we are sure to see a renewed flurry of Sunday-closing bills introduced in legislatures as well as in city councils. Through its decision, the Supreme Court has ruled that states have the power and right to force business establishments to be closed on Sunday, recognizing it as a national day of rest.

Evolution Taking Place

With the exception of their decision on racial desegregation, commented one news analyst, this is apt to be one of the most controversial decisions this court has handed down. The contrasting majority and minority opinions substantiate this statement fully. In the majority decision, Chief Justice Earl Warren stated that Sunday blue laws started out as religious laws in colonial days but they have gone through a process of evolution in intervening years. He said that now they have become social

laws and that in our accelerated pace today we need to have one day in seven when the hectic round of activity ceases and the family can be together.

However, Chief Justice Warren admitted that the laws could be found to be unconstitutional if they were used by states to aid religion. Yet, defending Sunday laws, he wrote that blue laws may result in financial sacrifice by those who observe the Sabbath on a day other than Sunday. "This is wholly different," he said, "than when the legislation attempts to make a religious practice itself unlawful."

Writing the dissenting views was Justice Potter Stewart. However, the justice who dissented in all four cases was Justice William O. Douglas. Here are excerpts from some of the dissenting views:

"Pennsylvania has passed a law which compels an Orthodox Jew to choose between his religious faith and his economic survival. That is a cruel choice. It is a choice which I think no state can constitutionally demand." "A legislature of Christians can no more make minorities conform to their weekly regime than a legislature of Moslems, or a legislature of Hindus."

In the four cases before the court, one of the Pennsylvania cases and the Maryland case were decided by an eight-to-one vote; the Massachusetts case, six to three; and the other Pennsylvania case five to four.

What Does This Mean for Sabbath Keepers?

Of special significance were many references by Chief Justice Warren to Sunday as a day of rest.

"It is common knowledge," he wrote, "that the first day of the week has come to have special significance as a day of rest in this country. People of all religions and no religion regard Sunday as a time for family activity, for visiting friends and relatives, for late sleeping, for passive and active entertainment, for dining out and the like." . . . It would seem unrealistic for enforcement purposes, and perhaps detrimental to the general welfare, to require that a state choose a common day of rest other than that which most persons would select of their own accord."

In making such statements the court has sidestepped the real issue, claiming that there is no significance to the religious implications of Sunday. And yet, almost in the same breath, it admits that a majority-rule attitude must be maintained for an "economic" reason, forcing a person, who because of his religious belief worships on a day other than Sunday, to "observe" a national day of rest. This reasoning is in harmony with the growing attitude on the part of many churchmen of subjugating personal conscientious beliefs so as to form a lock-step, super religious body.

Our highest tribunal, which has spoken out courageously in the past against racial discrimination, has closed its eyes to the issues of freedom from religious discrimination by telling minority groups whose religion differs from the masses that they may have to undergo "financial sacrifice by . . . observing Sabbath on days other than on Sunday." At the same time the Chicago Daily Tribune carried

these headlines: "High Court Upholds Blue Laws, Rules Sunday Bans No Longer Reflect Religion, States Permitted to Regulate 'Rest Day'."

Sabbath keepers have known for many years that they in many cases undergo financial sacrifices in being different from the majority by neither seeking employment nor keeping their places of business open on the Sabbath. This is a matter of conscience. But now the courts have entered in, backing city and state laws which, after a man has "rested the seventh day according to the commandment," forbid him from "keeping open his shop, warehouse, or workhouse, or performing any labor, except works of necessity and charity on Sunday." But this is not a religious ruling, they say.

From Amber to Green

As Chief Justice Warren pointed out, the court's decision does not "establish" a religion, nor does it specify religious observance of a certain day. What the court decision does, however, is to give official approval to lawmakers on all levels to proceed in the enactment of Sunday - closing legislation. Whereas the light was on an indefinite amber before, now it is green. . . .

—Lake Union Herald

SAIL FOR ISRAEL

Evangelist and Mrs. L. D. Snow and their son David, of the Assembly of Yahveh, plan to sail for Israel aboard the **SS Zion** on October 13. They will make their home in Israel, where they will establish the Assembly of Yahveh work.

Identifying Trademarks

By Ole E. Flakerud

We live in a world of trademarks, brand names and copyrights. Today, most manufactured products, services, and publications display with pride their mark of identification as a means of advertising their products, and as guarantee to the public of genuineness.

Few, no doubt, have given thought to the fact that identifying trademarks had their inception at the beginning of time. Trademarks are **not** a modern invention. In this regard, as in many other instances, man has simply imitated the Creator.

Before a counterfeit can be possible, a true or genuine must first exist. To the Corinthians the Apostle Paul wrote: "For though there be that are **called** gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) but to us there is but **one** God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him" (1 Corinthians 8:5, 6). And the Psalmist declared: "All the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens." "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad." "Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods" (Psalm 96:5; 97:1, 7).

What, one may inquire, is the trademark of the only true and living God? The only true and living God established His identity and right as such by creating heaven, earth and sea, and all that in them is. All other gods are idols,

whether they be mental, molten or graven images, celestial bodies, terrestrial creatures, or human beings. Therefore, since there can be but **one** true and genuine God, the Apostle Paul could truthfully say: ". . . we know that an idol is nothing in the world [is no God], and that there is none other God but **one**" (1 Corinthians 8:4). Consequently, all other gods must of necessity be counterfeits. After God created heaven and earth in six days, He rested on the seventh day; wherefore He sanctified the seventh day and hallowed it, set it apart a memorial of His own wonderful work of creation. Thus, the seventh-day Sabbath became, and remains, the trademark of the **ONE** true and living God — the Creator.

Even in this regard has man imitated the true God. The foremost instance is that of the sun, worshiped as a god, worshiped as an idol, in whose honor the first day of the week man has named Sunday. What a travesty and tragedy that Christians, who should know better, will resort to the false instead of the true, to idols with their identifying trademarks instead of accepting the Creator and His mark of identification!

Then we have the Mohammedans who, as do the Christians, profess to accept the Creator by acknowledging that He exists, yet reject His trademark; and, instead of the seventh day have adopted the sixth day, Friday, as their own trade-

C.A.M. AND THE SABBATH

By Mrs. Ada Dennison

In an article written by Elmer T. Peterson, in *The Daily Oklahoman*, Sunday, April 5, 1959, he states, "During the past 25 years there has been a rapid growth of a strange new cult . . . called the social gospel . . . the general idea being that governments and large groups can, by means of legislation and mass programs, bring about paradise on earth. A small group of ecclesiasts, who never thought of submitting these questions to the people, have gathered their relatively small group of eminent leaders, and gone before Congressional committees to lobby in favor of all sorts of measures . . . meas-

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mark, ostensibly in subjection to the decree of their idol—Mohammed—thus likewise honoring the creature above the Creator.

Why men will insist on counterfeits in preference to the true and genuine God is a mystery of iniquity. Nevertheless, the seventh-day Sabbath remains the trademark which identifies the Creator, the **ONLY** true and living God.

There is no intelligent reason for anyone's accepting the counterfeit in preference to the genuine as regards the living God and Creator; yet such is the contrariness of mankind. As Friday observance is the trademark of Mohammedanism and Sunday observance the trademark of an apostate Christianity, so the seventh-day Sabbath is the trademark of the Creator, the **only** true, living and genuine God.

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"This self-appointed virtuous minority group is to bring 'liberty and happiness' to the people . . . they are saying, in effect, 'We know what is best for the people, and we propose to give it to them'."

Jesus never spoke in favor of or against any political government, but laid the burden of a good society upon the individual. The way to stop evil is to overcome evil in the heart of the personal unit. You can't legislate a change of human heart or conscience. Take care of the individual wrong, and the solution to our social problems becomes automatic.

This group, known as the Christian Amendment Movement, is proposing an amendment to our Constitution, the purpose of which, according to their propaganda, is to "Put Christ in the Constitution." This "Christian Amendment Movement" is misleading, the opening wedge to religious legislation, and the development of a world religion, which must be well pleasing to certain church leaders, for it paves the way to Sunday blue laws.

As one Catholic bishop, speaking to a Jewish rabbi concerning the Sabbath, said, "There is no place for the Protestants to go now, except to you or us, and I think we shall have them first." How right he was!

"It is better to fight for the good than to rail at the ill." — Alfred Tennyson

Have You Sent For Your Copy?

New Sabbath Handbook

A new edition of one of the most popular publications of the Bible Sabbath Association, the Sabbath Handbook and Directory of Sabbath-Observing Organizations, has just been completed.

First published in 1957, the first edition has been completely sold out. Changes in Sabbath-observing groups and other things made it advisable to print a new edition, which action was taken by the board several months ago.

The Sabbath Handbook is divided into three parts plus an appendix—38 pages in all. Part I gives a brief study of the history of the weekly rest day; Part II outlines the purpose and organizational structure of the Bible Sabbath Association; and Part III gives a directory of the leading Sabbath-observing organizations. This list, revised and brought up to date, now contains the names, summary of doctrines, and headquarters addresses of 48 groups in the United States, England, New Zealand, Israel, Australia, and the Philippines. It also lists four nationwide radio programs and one television program sponsored by Sabbath-observing groups in the United States.

"A Chart of the Week," in the appendix, has been enlarged and is printed from new, improved plates. It contains the names, with literal translations, of each day of the week, plus the word for week, in 160 ancient and modern languages. This chart alone is a powerful witness of the universality of the

seventh-day Sabbath. An explanation of the chart is included.

This valuable book, which should be in the hands of every keeper of the true Sabbath, can be obtained from the Bible Sabbath Association headquarters at Fairview, Oklahoma, for only 25 cents a copy.

Other tracts and booklets, including Why I Keep the Seventh Day of the Week as the Sabbath, by C. C. Morlan (20 cents per dozen); Sabbath Truths and Sunday Fallacies Briefly Summarized, by the late George A. Main (40 cents per dozen); and The Weekly Rest Day, by George A. Main (15 cents per dozen), are also available.

FORMER B.S.A. OFFICERS ORDAINED AT FLORIDA CHURCH

J. A. Price and Alfred Blix were recently ordained as deacons in the Putnam County, Florida, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The service was conducted by the pastor, C. A. Beebe.

This church, located 10 miles north of Palatka, has 17 members. It had been without deacons since 1953 and was also without a pastor until Brother Beebe returned to the pastorate last November. Brothers Beebe and Blix have been former officers in the Bible Sabbath Association, the former serving as editor and printer of The Sabbath Sentinel at one time.

Some Facts From History

By L. L. Christenson

Quotations in this article are taken from "Wharey's Church History," published by the Presbyterian Board of Publications, printed over 100 years ago.

In the preface we read that one "reason why the study of church history should be encouraged and promoted in this Protestant country, as far as practicable: and that is, to guard against the influence and proselytism of the Roman Catholic Church. Great efforts are making [sic] by that body to gain an extensive influence, and establish a permanent footing in the United States." As we look about in our land we see how in the past century "this mystery of iniquity," as Wharey calls it, has grown and is making itself felt in many ways.

In the First Century, when the Saviour appeared, from "a religious point of view, the whole world was in a most deplorable condition." The Jews "taught for doctrines the commandments of men, and were devoted to mere forms and externals of religion . . ." Page 22: "Even in this First Century, several errors made their appearance, and heresies began to spring up." Referring to heresies: "Some of them were Jewish, but most of them of heathen origin . . ." "When heathen converts were received into the church, it was natural they should bring with them some taint of their old philosophy, and former superstitions; and some fondness for the rites and ceremonies of their idolatrous worship" (page 23). On page 24 we

read, "Christianity as it existed in the Dark Ages might be termed, without much impropriety of language, baptized paganism."

Wharey admits that in the Second Century public worship was held "sometimes on the seventh (day)" and that the first day of the week was "called in conformity with heathen custom, **Sunday**" (page 35).

To this I would add that in "The Question Box" from The Paulist Press, sanctioned by Cardinal Hayes, page 410, is found: "The observance of the Sunday was at first supplemental to that of the Sabbath," and the writer adds, "but in proportion as the gulf between the Church and the Synagogue widened, the Sabbath became less and less important, and ended at length [?] in being entirely neglected. . . . The Catholic Church requires her children to keep the Sunday holy by hearing Mass, and by resting from servile work."

Nowhere in the Bible do we find such a command! Neither Christ nor the apostles gave such an order! Nor did they tell anyone to keep a certain day simply because Christ rose on that day. God's day of rest is based on the Fourth Commandment, and the true Sabbath has not been neglected by those who know and live the truth.

Let us follow the Word of God. It is the Truth.

It is no sign of weakness when a man weeps for sin.

The Origin of Sunday Observance

By William H. Grotheer

Editor's Note: This is the second and final installment of an article which began last month.

With this background, one can now understand the basis of Pharaoh's mighty boasting to Moses. "And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice? . . . I know not the Lord" (Exodus 5:2). Then in his anger and rebellion, he challenged Moses and Aaron further. He said, "Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens" (Exodus 5:5). The word translated "rest" is the same root word as used in Genesis 2:2, 3 in reference to the Sabbath. The import of this verse is that Moses was seeking to lead the minds of the enslaved race back to the worship of the living God, and the Sabbath was involved. But with Pharaoh, as the representative of the "day star," another god was involved. God worked marvelously for His people in that day, and He will work in the same mighty way today for those who desire to throw off the pagan bondage of Sunday worship, and then keep the Sabbath of the Creator-God.

Moving forward through the history of Israel — past the establishment of the tribes in the Land of Canaan, past the time of the United Kingdom — to the story of the northern tribes under Jeroboam, we have already noted what the first king did in the erecting of the "calf" from Egypt. The sordid history of this kingdom could be summarized in these words: "They

forsook the Lord and followed Baal." But who was Baal? Baal, or the uncontracted form, Beelsemin, "is the name of the sun god, the chief of the Syrophoenician nations . . . Baal signifies 'lord' or 'master,' and personifies the productive power of the sun" (New Standard Encyclopedia Vol. 2 pp. 303-304). This background gives point to the challenge of Elijah — "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him" (1 Kings 18:21). Through Elijah God called ancient Israel to the crossroads. There is no in-between ground; there is no compromise.

Not alone did Israel go astray, but the southern kingdom, Judah, followed also. Of all the crimes that the ministers of God committed in the closing days of Judah's history, the adoration of the sun was considered by God to be the chief abomination. Ezekiel, the priest and prophet, was given a series of visions of what was taking place in Jerusalem. After each representation, God would say, "Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these." The final revelation is pictured as follows: "And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the

east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east" (Ezekiel 8:16; See the whole chapter). For this and the other crimes which they committed, God declared: "Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare" (Ezekiel 8:18). God hates sun-god worship, or any part of it.

In the decades just before the advent of Christ, and in the centuries that followed, as Christianity was making its way through the Roman Empire, a rejuvenated sun-god worship called Mithraism was also progressing in the Roman world. It was this sun-god cult that was able to impose the observance of Sunday on Christian practice. The following three quotations will give the picture. A. Paiva states: "The first day of the week, Sunday, was consecrated to Mithra since times remote, as several authors affirm. Because the sun was god, the Lord par excellence, Sunday came to be called the Lord's day, as was later done by Christianity" (p. 3, *O Mithraismo*). Weigall asserts: "As a solar festival, Sunday was the sacred day of Mithra; and it is interesting to notice that since Mithra was addressed as Dominus, Lord, Sunday must have been the 'Lord's Day' long before Christian times." (p. 145, *The Paganism of Our Christianity*). Then finally Murray summarizes: "It [Mithraism] had so much acceptance that it was able to impose on the Christian world its own Sunday in place of the Sabbath; its sun's birthday, 25th of December, as the birthday of Jesus" (pp. 73-74 *Christianity in the Light of Modern Knowledge*).

The climax of this contest between Mithraism and Christianity was reached in the days of Constantine. This Emperor of the Roman Empire was himself a devotee of the sun-god. Gibbon states this concerning the religious practice of Constantine: "The devotion of Constantine was peculiarly directed to the genius of the Sun, the Apollo of Greek and Roman mythology; and he is pleased to be represented with the symbols of the God of Light and Poetry. . . . The altars of Apollo were crowned with the votive offerings of Constantine. . . . The Sun was universally celebrated as the invincible guide and protector of Constantine" (Chap. 20 par. 3, *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*).

It was this Emperor who issued the first official civil Sunday law in 321 A.D. This law stated: "Constantine, Emperor Augustus, to Helpidius: On the venerable day of the sun let all the magistrates and people residing in the cities rest, and let all work shops be closed." This first Sunday law does not mention the day as referring to the resurrection of Jesus as a basis for observance, nor does it allude to the Fourth Commandment; but on the other hand it refers to Sunday by its pagan name—"dies solis"—in the original Latin rendering of the law. Thus by law, the day of pagan worship was imposed on all, Christian and pagan alike, by Constantine.

This pagan day of worship was adopted by the Catholic Church, and enforced through its church canons.

In considering the relationship of the Catholic church to this question, one must never forget the prophecy of this power given by the Apostle Paul. In 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4, 7-10, we have described for us the work of the man of sin, the mystery of iniquity. He would seek to be worshiped, and called God in the very temple of god. This "Wicked" one would be destroyed by Christ at His coming, but his own rise to power would be "accompanied by the energy of Satan" (verse 9 Farrar Fenton translation). Thus we see according to prophecy, the power of Rome is sustained by the energy of the same power who has deified himself in paganism, and used Sunday as his day of devotion. So it would be expected that Rome would adopt and sanction the pagan Sunday.

In the coming world-wide struggle in the field of religion as prophesied in the Bible, it will be the same issue—the Sunday of pagan worship, or the Sabbath of the Lord. We are told that the spirits of devils will lead the nations to the place called in the Hebrew tongue—Armageddon—for the battle of the great day of God Almighty (Revelation 16:13, 14, 16). This word in Hebrew is a compound word—Ar—or Har—meaning Mountain, and then Maged, as the final word to seek a meaning for. The common understanding that this refers to the valley of Megiddo is inadequate, since nowhere in the Scriptures is Megiddo ever alluded to as a mountain. There is however, a Hebrew word—Mo'ad—when translated into the

Greek, would give—Maged. This word means—congregation, and there is in the Old Testament such a phrase used—Mount of the Congregation. It is found in connection with the ultimate desire of Lucifer: "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation." (Isaiah 14:13). This was the place of worship. Paul says in his prophecy (see above) it would be the "temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

What will be the objective of Rome, when she is once more exalted to leadership in the affairs of the nations? When accompanied by the "energy of Satan," and sustained by the power of the "spirits of devils," what will she do? She proudly boasts of her program. "When the time comes and men realize that the social edifice must be rebuilt according to eternal standards, be it tomorrow or be it centuries from now, the Catholics will arrange things to suit said standards. . . . They will make obligatory the religious observance of Sunday on behalf of the whole of society, and for its own good, revoking the permit for free thinkers and Jews to celebrate, 'incognito' Monday or Saturday on their own account. Those whom this will annoy will have to put up with the annoyance" (pp. 63, 64 Louis Veuillot, "The Liberal Illusion," The National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington D.C.: 1939). With this the picture is complete. The origin of Sunday stems from the very dawn of time, as the enemy of God and man has sought to realize his objective in being adored as god. This objective he

never relinquishes, whether openly being worshiped as the great sun-god of Paganism, or in disguise draped in the robes of Catholic Christianity. And in all the centuries of time, the day has never changed—it has ever remained as Sunday, day of the sun-god.

Yes, just a day of worship! Only twenty-four hours' difference between the two days! But what a world of difference when the background and meaning of the two are contrasted.

Does it make any difference whom I worship? Yes, thousand times yes, a vast difference! And the day I observe as the Sabbath tells which God I serve. But you say, when I worship on Sunday, I worship Jesus. But remember that Jesus said, "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9). It is not what I think in the matter of worship that counts. It is what Jesus says. I may think that when I bow the knee, or lower the head, it is in adoration of Jesus. But therein is the power of deception. Jesus says that you do it in vain if done according to the commandments of men. What else does Sunday keeping rest on, but on the teachings of men, received from one who is himself only a creature?

It was noon on the Durian plain. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon had decreed that at the sound of the trumpets and instruments of music all the assembled populace and dignitaries of state bow before the golden image he had erected on the plain. The hour had arrived. The trumpets blasted, and the instruments of music were played.

All the assembled multitude bowed; that is, all except three men. These three worthies refused to bow before the image of gold on the plain before them. It was told to Nebuchadnezzar, and he had these three arrested and brought before him. He knew their convictions. He had had contact with them previously. They were good men, diligent in their governmental duties. So he sought to reason with them again and grant them another opportunity. The reasoning could have been something like this: "I, as king, know something of your convictions; but you know my prestige is at stake since I have given word as to what is to be done. It is difficult to make exceptions. Now I will give you another chance. So why don't you just bow with the rest of the multitude, but in your heart you can honor your God." But the answer by the three worthies was clear and definite. They said: "Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:18).

So today the enemy is ready to reason: "You believe in Jesus Christ, that is all right. But just do that on my day—Sunday; and in your mind, you can worship Jesus, as you bow in public worship."

There is no compromise. You cannot honor Christ and at the same time recognize week after week the day which the devil claims as his day of worship. The way to honor the Lord Jesus Christ is to keep His commandments; and His day is specified as the seventh day of the week.



ON THE SABBATH

Magistrate C. O. Bick, Metro Police Commission chairman of Toronto, Ontario, announced on June 27 that all coin-operated laundries in that city will be advised to close on Sundays. The action was based on a decision by the Supreme Court of Canada earlier in the week which upheld an Ontario Appeal Court ruling that a Sarnia automatic laundry had violated the Lord's Day Act by operating on Sunday.

Mr. Bick thought it strange that burlesque houses could be open on Sunday but that a person could not wash his clothes. "But the law is there," he stated, "and there is no doubt but that it must be upheld."

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In New York City an appellate court ruling recently reversed the convictions of 50 operators of coin-operated laundries previously convicted of violating the Sunday closing law. While ruling that the legislature has power to regulate working on Sunday, the court said that not all businesses are prohibited.

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Clergymen of New Orleans have called for an end to widespread buying and selling on Sundays which has "led to the desecration of the Lord's day." This was stated

to be the first step in a united campaign by Catholics and Protestants to close stores on Sunday. The group maintained that man must serve God in his time, and God has selected His own day—"the Lord's day."

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The Taunton, Massachusetts, Daily Gazette of June 5 states that the antiquated blue laws of that state get "spotty enforcement." The estimate is given that "for every community which observed the law three ran wide open." Enforcement was described as half-hearted.

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In two editorials (May 27 and 31) The Chicago Daily News commented on Sunday laws. One states that no ban on Sunday selling is needed. Commenting on two Sunday bills before the state legislature, it says: "Regardless of the attempt to cloak them in pious declarations about health and welfare, the motivation behind them falls into either or both of two categories: religion and restraint of competition." The other—"Blue Laws and Minorities" — states: ". . . one of the hazards of majority rule is that the reasonable rights of minorities may be disregarded. The fact that it is constitutional does not erase this aspect of the matter."

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Italy's Ministry of Defense has granted Seventh-day Adventists in the armed forces the right to abstain from all military activities on Saturdays in deference to their religious practice of observing that day as the Sabbath. The decision

came after the Italian Union of Adventist Christian Churches appealed a conviction of an Adventist army man who, for refusal to take part in Saturday training routines, was sentenced to twenty days in a military prison. Draftee Cateno La Versa, 23, was acquitted and released.

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The state's Sunday laws fell heavily on a benefit dance sponsored by the Columban Fathers in Dedham, Massachusetts. More than 1,000 persons who had planned to attend had their plans abruptly halted by Police Chief Walter Carroll's enforcement of the rigid blue laws. The affair had to be rescheduled for the next evening.

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Judge William F. Burns of Euclid, Ohio, in dismissing a Sunday closing law case, stated that Ohio's Sunday laws as written result in "chaos and unnecessary burdens upon communities." He gave the opinion that "no one can make a decision to fit every case and every situation. For that you would need a lexicographer, not a judge. Everybody is confused . . . trying to interpret the law as each one thinks it should be interpreted."

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In Gary, Indiana, spirited enforcement of Sunday laws has been promised by officials.

Let us know if you think any article in this magazine should be made available in tract form.

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From The
Mailbag



Conducted by Mrs. Ruby C. Babcock

"We are interested in a radio program promoting the Sabbath and the Gospel of Jesus Christ as well. The Sabbath is of no spiritual value without Jesus Christ. We are unable to help much but will pledge a dollar a month if such a program can be arranged. . . ."

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Earl Babcock,
1501 S. Main,
El Dorado Springs, Missouri

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"I enjoy The Sabbath Sentinel very much, as it comes from month to month. Thanks to you for the birthday card remembrance."

—Ray E. Byerrum,
2644 N. Beaumont,
North Sacramento, California

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"Christian Greetings. I've been planning to write for some time now and tell you how much I enjoy the 'new' Sabbath Sentinel. . . ."

"I am enclosing a check. . . . I want to take advantage of the special rates to send trial subscriptions to some of my relatives and friends. I wish more people could see the truth concerning God's Holy Day. It seems that Satan has the whole world blinded with his big lie about Sunday. I am so thankful God showed me the day to be observed. Such joy and peace God gives to those who obey Him!

"May God continue to bless this work is my prayer."

—Carl H. Rhea,
62 W. Brickley,
Hazel Park, Michigan

“Received the good papers. If anybody after reading them does not believe that the Sabbath is the right day to keep, he just does not want to hear the truth.

“I guess you know that the Supreme Court said that it is all right for the States to have Sunday laws. The State does not have any right to make Sunday laws; that belongs to the church. God does not force anybody to believe or not to believe; the gospel shall be preached as a witness to all nations. It will not be long before we will have Sunday laws all over the U. S. A. . . .

“Many people say they believe the Sabbath is the right day, but just to believe it means nothing; we have to keep the Sabbath. Confession means nothing if we don't practice what we believe. Jesus says: ‘in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men’ (Mark 7:7). Too many people think the big churches must be right because most people belong to the big churches. I want to be on God's side. If we obey the Bible, we cannot go wrong. . . .

“It will be hard to keep the Sabbath before long, but we have to be faithful to the end. It pays to serve God. . . .”

—Fred Swartzbeck,
Freeland, North Carolina
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“Erling Calkin's ‘Why Not Talk to God About the Sabbath’ in The Sabbath Sentinel is fine and a real stimulant for thought. . . .

“I love to think of The Sabbath Sentinel and its members as seekers after God's truth—open minds

illuminated by His Spirit; to me it is truly the ‘King's Highway.’

“If I am among the living till the 23rd of this month (June) I will be 84 years of age, and am living and watching for the coming kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. ‘The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth’ (Proverbs 10:30).

“I am enclosing a clipping from The Sentinel Record of June 9th, a daily paper published in our city. The spirit of these people should surely be ours—endure hardships.”

—Mrs. A. P. Veteto,
Route 1, Box 605,
Hot Springs, Arkansas

The clipping to which Mrs. Veteto referred was a letter to the editor by Elder J. D. Dobbs, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After commenting on the recent decision of the Supreme Court, he wrote:

“For Seventh-day Adventists the Sabbath is not a day for recreational amusements. It is not a day that we ourselves have picked on which to worship. It is the day God indicated in the Fourth Commandment to be observed as a memorial of His Creatorship. Therefore, there is no choice for us between our religion and economic hardship. If keeping the Sabbath and refraining from business forbidden by the State on Sunday means hardship, then our choice as good citizens and honest Christians must be to endure that hardship.”

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“I can be very patient with the devout observer of Sunday and

show for him a good measure of fellowship, but when would-be leaders insist that when they talk about Sunday legislation they are talking about a civic Sabbath, and then in the next breath proceed to talk about preserving the Christian Sabbath, the bulwark of the Christian religion, my patience is somewhat tested. Neither can I understand how in these days of steadily rising tides of democracy, men of broad mindedness can advocate Sunday legislation at all, beyond laws adequate for the protection of every reasonable right to worship according to the dictates of conscience."

(The above quotation is from a letter written in 1921 to George A. Main, by his father Arthur E. Main, who was then Dean of a Theological Seminary in Alfred, New York. It seems to apply equally well to present day conditions.)

—Ruby C. Babcock

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Since our B.S.A. election of officers is conducted every odd year, the nominating ballots are being mailed out at this time. A new feature of these ballots is the fact that a limited amount of information relative to each member whose name appears thereon is being furnished, with the hope you can more intelligently cast your vote.

Please do not fail to exercise your voting privilege and return your completed ballot to headquarters in the envelope provided, before the deadline.

Your secretary-treasurer.

In The Master's Footsteps

Rejoice ye Christians, Christ is coming.

Let us walk in His loving footsteps,
Let us follow in His path.

Let us do the things He told us,
Let us walk in the Master's footsteps.

Let us listen to the Master's voice,
Let His tender call so lead us,
Let His faithfulness protect us,
Let us listen to the Master's voice.

Let us look where the Master looked,

Let us share in His love and friendship.

Let His counsel be our guide.

Let us walk at the Master's side.

Let that light the Master walked in,

Let in us that light so shine,
That the peace the world's in need of,

May dwell in our hearts so full of hate.

When on this earth, the Master loved us,

And for us His kindness shone,

Let His love so lead us onward,

To that place where peace and love abide. . . . Amen.

—George E. Gunther

COMPLETE TEXT OF SUNDAY LAW RULING

Sabbath keepers should obtain a copy of the complete text of the recent ruling by the United States Supreme Court on Sunday laws. This is too long for reprinting in The Sentinel, but readers are advised to write to their Congressmen asking for a copy of the decision.

MAKING A CHRISTIAN WILL

Why should I make a will?

1. Good Christian stewardship demands the same careful planning of the disposition of property after death as during life.

2. It is the only way to be sure that your property will be disposed of according to your wishes. If you have no will, your property is disposed of in a manner prescribed by state statute.

3. In all likelihood it will enable you to reduce the expenses of administration and may result in substantial estate tax savings.

4. It gives you an opportunity to remember your Lord and Saviour in your final act of Christian giving.

When should I make a will?

Practically everyone needs a will at all times, and the first rule in making a will is: "Don't put it off." Tomorrow may be too late. If you wait until you are advanced in age or seriously ill, the will is more likely to be contested on the grounds of incompetence or undue influence.

How should I go about it?

By all means, consult a competent attorney. You will have to tell him what you want done, but he will be able to advise with you concerning the best way to accomplish the desired results. Many wills have failed or their provisions have been misinterpreted because they were not prepared by qualified attorneys.

What should I give for Christ and His work?

Just as it is difficult to establish any fixed rules for lifetime giving, it is equally difficult to establish

any general standard for testamentary dispositions. The nature and the amount of the gift depends upon many circumstances, such as the size of the estate, the number of dependent family members, and particularly upon the degree of personal consecration. Certainly a good Christian steward will want to take his Lord into consideration in planning the disposition of his property upon death. One way to do this is by a gift to The Bible Sabbath Association for use in its work.

May we suggest that you also remember The Bible Sabbath Association in your will? For your convenience we here give you the proper form of bequest for inclusion in your testament:

Form of Bequest

I give, devise and bequeath to the Bible Sabbath Association, of Fairview, Oklahoma, \$..... for the support of their activity.

ERROR

In the article on page 13 of the May issue—"Their Works Do Follow"—Mr. Hira A. Ring's name was mistakenly given as Mr. Harold Ring. We are sorry for this error which was our fault, not that of the printer. Mr. Ring kept his membership in the Methodist Church, but proclaimed faithfully to his associates that he was a Sabbath-keeping Methodist.

ARE YOU A MEMBER of the Bible Sabbath Association? For more information regarding membership, write to Lawrence Burrell, secretary-treasurer, Fairview, Oklahoma.

**MYRTLE ORTEZ IS NEW
UNITED SEVENTH DAY
BRETHREN PRESIDENT**

Myrtle Ortez has been chosen as president of the United Seventh Day Brethren at the fourteenth

annual conference held last June at Arthur, Nebraska. She succeeds W. Allen Bond. Other officers are Ardis Hawkins, vice-president; Carl C. Crouse, secretary-treasurer; and Lenore Crouse, recording secretary.

SEND 18c for "WHICH DAY IS THE SABBATH?"

NOT ONE TEXT in King James Bible, Old or New Testament, commands to keep Sunday, the first day of the week.

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This time,
like all times,
is a very good one . . .
if we but know
what to do
with it

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

According to a Chinese legend, a man went to market with a string of seven coins. Seeing a beggar who asked for alms, he gave the poor man six of the coins and kept just one for himself. The beggar, instead of being grateful, followed the good man and stole the seventh coin also. Would you, to whom God has given six days, steal the seventh day also?

Don't let this issue die with you;
Let your neighbor read it through.

SABBATH LITERATURE

Three cents each: Saved by Grace Alone; The Law and the Gospel; The Two Laws; Remember the Day of the Sabbath; The Sabbath Before Sinai; Constantine's Sunday Law; Day of Christ's Resurrection; The Day of Pentecost.

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A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content,
And health for the toils of the morrow;
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Is a certain forerunner of sorrow.

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