

"Go, set a watchman,  
Let him declare what he seeth."  
—ISAIAH 21:6—

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If the Scopes trial were held today, who would

# Inherit the Wind

By George E. Vandeman

WHEN THE JUDGE picked up his gavel in a small-town court that hot summer day, little did he know that its sound would echo around the world and that more than a quarter of a century later actors would relive the bizarre happenings of his court. It was July 10, 1925. And Dayton, Tennessee, with an unsuspecting world public, was about to "inherit the wind."

Breezes had been blowing for many a year. The background was laid better than anyone knew. The early years of the twentieth century had seen a revival of interest in the origin of man. Evolutionary theories were in the spotlight. But, on the other side of the picture, books and magazine articles were published that vindicated the Genesis account of creation. The rocks and fossils seemed about to tell man the full truth about his beginnings.

A man named William Jennings Bryan was helping it along. He was a brilliant lawyer, popular, three times nominated for president of the United States, possessor of a comfortable fortune. For years he had been lecturing across the States, occasionally feuding with evolutionists and defending the Bible against attack.

In March, 1925, the Tennessee legislature had passed a law forbidding the teaching in public schools of "any theory which de-

nies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible." It was desired to test the constitutionality of the law, and an unknown teacher by the name of John T. Scopes, twenty-four years old, was asked if he would mind being arrested. It was only a routine matter, so it was thought, one that promised to attract little attention outside the courtroom walls.

And then it happened. Suddenly the Bible, particularly the Book of Genesis, had gone on trial before a court of law. Court opened on Friday morning with a prayer that God would defend His Holy Word against its enemies. William Jennings Bryan was called to lead the case for the prosecution, and Scopes was defended by the infidel lawyer Clarence Darrow.

William Jennings Bryan was a strange mixture of intelligence and ignorance. He was a clever debater. He knew every trick of public speech. But he knew absolutely nothing about science. Nor did he want to know. Therefore he made a great mistake when, as

the highlight of the trial, he allowed himself to be placed on the witness stand in defense of the Bible. Darrow bore down with question after question that held the Scripture account of creation up to ridicule. And Bryan could not answer. He finally admitted that perhaps the days of creation were long geological ages rather than literal days consisting of an evening and a morning as the Bible says they were. Bryan, and with him the Bible he defended, became a laughingstock. Five days after the trial ended, Bryan died.

How would the Scopes trial go if it were held today? What would be the image of Scripture given to the public if defended not by a preacher-lawyer but by a scientist—a scientist who has facts at hand never dreamed of a quarter of a century ago?

Bryan could not answer. He did not have the facts. But today the situation has rapidly and dramatically changed. A man with even a smattering of scientific knowledge today can answer questions that sent Bryan silent to the wall.

We have moved into a new age, a scientific age. We have reached out and touched the universe with wondering fingers. And everywhere we find evidence of an intelligent Creator. Everywhere unbelief is confronted with order and design that simply could not just happen.

While man knew so little of the universe, perhaps it was natural to spin his own ideas of its origin. Men unacquainted with divine revelation might, with the limited vision of five centuries ago, be-

lieve that the earth was square and must be held up by some giant of mythology. Even a century ago some thought it easy to bypass the Creator. Man knew so little of creation.

But then came this strange twentieth century. And all is changed. The whole family of scientists has seemed possessed with one idea—to find out what makes the universe tick. First the neutron was discovered. Then scientists split the atom without knowing what they had done. They simply refused to believe what their instruments told them. It seemed too fantastic. One of Enrico Fermi's students explained, "God, for His own inscrutable reasons, made everyone blind at that time to the phenomenon of nuclear fission."

The hour had not yet come. But not for long would God hold men back from the secret they sought. Twenty-five centuries ago God had said to the prophet, "Seal the book, even to the time of the end: . . . knowledge shall be increased" (Dan. 12:4).

#### **Creation in Reverse**

Then came the building of the bomb. And even the scientists did not realize the immensity of what they had done until the moment they saw the whole area lighted by the searing light and heard the awesome roar. Said General Farrell, "The explosion . . . made us feel that we puny things were blasphemous to dare tamper with the forces heretofore reserved to the Almighty."

How could any man present that day doubt that there is a Creator?

Albert Einstein concluded that the splitting of the atom is in reality creation in reverse. It is releasing the very power of God. Can you not see how this breathtaking discovery makes belief in the Scriptural record of creation not at all difficult? For if man can turn matter into energy, could not the Creator have turned energy into matter?

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” There is a Creator. And the Creator of this world is none other than the One who gave His life for it. The first chapter of John describes the Lord Jesus Christ as He pre-existed from the days of eternity: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” “All things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made.” “He was in the world, and the world was made by him” (John 1:1, 3, 10).

These words refer unquestionably to the Lord Jesus Christ, your Saviour and mine—refer to Him as the Creator of all things. Says Hebrews 1:1, 2: “God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son . . . by whom also he made the worlds.” And Ephesians 3:9 openly names Him: “God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.”

There need be no confusion here. The Scriptures speak one clear, consistent message. This world has a Creator. That Creator is Jesus Christ. That message extends through to the fascinating Book of Revelation, where in God’s last invitation to men we are called upon to “worship him that made heaven, and earth” (Rev. 14:7).

Moreover when God flung the world into space, He made it an unerring clock. Its revolution on its axis was to mark off the day. Its orbit around the sun was to mark off the year. But He made still another division of time, an arbitrary one—the week. It was to be marked off by the recurrence every seven days of the Sabbath. And each succeeding Sabbath, down through the ages, was to be a reminder that God created the earth in six literal days and rested on the seventh.

“Is that what the Sabbath means?” you ask. Exactly. The fourth commandment calls upon men to “remember the sabbath.” And why? “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day” (Ex. 20: 8-11).

Do you see it now? No man can keep the Sabbath and forget the Creator. No man can keep the Sabbath and doubt the Genesis account of creation. No man can keep the Sabbath and call the days of creation long geological ages. The Sabbath is God’s own answer to evolution, to those who would rob God of His creatorship and attribute His handiwork to accident and chance.

Evidently it makes no difference that we live this side of the cross. As long as there is a Creator, there will be a Sabbath. And it can never be any other day than the one on which the Creator rested. Creation cannot be changed, nor can its memorial. God’s time-piece cannot be reset by men.

No wonder that John, in Revelation 1:10, refers to the Sabbath

as "the Lord's day." It is Christ's day because, you see, Christ made it. In Isaiah 58:13 He calls it "my holy day." No wonder that Jesus worshiped on the Sabbath day "as his custom was" (Luke 4:16). It had been His custom since creation week. No wonder that He rested in the tomb over the Sabbath while His followers "rested the sabbath day according to the commandment" (Luke 23:56). The Sabbath is His day.

I am not talking fantasy. I have the New Testament back of me in this. Surprising as it may seem to some, there is not a word in the New Testament, not even a hint, of any other Sabbath than the Sabbath of the Commandments, the seventh-day Sabbath of creation. If this be true, then a thorough restudy of the New Testament would be in order for many very sincere people. Evidently someone has tampered with God's road signs, has turned the Sabbath sign around.

There is no need for confusion here, however. We all know that Christ died because the law had been broken. If that law could have been set aside, then Christ did not need to die and Calvary was nothing more than a meaningless drama. It is as simple as that.

For this very basic reason I wonder at all the talk about the law stepping aside as soon as Christ died. If Christ Himself could not bypass its claims, how dare men attempt it? Could it be that some men are so eager to bypass *one* of the commandments that they are willing to push aside them all?

It looks that way. Why is it that

when any other commandment is defended, men laud the effort to achieve decency and order, and pray for its success? But when the fourth commandment is mentioned, the law crumbles. Yet all the commandments must stand or fall together. If the commandments are binding, the Sabbath is binding. No man of integrity will reason otherwise.

It is true that Jesus said, "He that *believeth* and is *baptized shall* be saved" (Mark 16:16). But He also said, "If thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments*" (Matt. 19:17). We are expected to do as well as to believe. We need to take His words in balance. Belief, wherever you find it, needs action to make it worth anything at all. Otherwise it becomes only idle sentiment.

Evidently the keeping of the Sabbath does matter. You see that it is important. But you ask, "How can I know which day is the seventh day? Has not time been lost?" . . .

I stood on the stage of London's old Stoll Theater, speaking on this subject. Beside me stood Frank Jeffries, a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society—astronomer, scientist, mathematician, for many years charged with time determination at famous old Greenwich. Who better could tell us if time has been lost?

Here was not a man confused. Here was not a man without an answer. Here was not a man trying to answer scientific questions with debate tricks.

He described the mystery behind the perfect rotation of our

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## Two Editors Get Letters

**T**WO EXAMPLES of effective writing in defense of the Sabbath are found in the following, recently printed in letters to the editor column of newspapers. The first is from the Raleigh, N. C., *News and Observer*, and the second from The New York *Herald Tribune*.

To the Editor: In my morning perusal of my favorite page in Friday's *News and Observer*, my attention focused on a text of Scripture taken from Genesis, chapter two, verse 2, ASV, which reads: "And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made."

Today we find Christian people confused and divided regarding the Sabbath. So let us complete the text through the third verse: "And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it; because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made."

The text here refers not to an institution, but to a certain day which God blessed and made holy. Nowhere in the Bible can be found any transfer of that blessing to any other day. Many stigmatize the seventh-day Sabbath as the Old Jewish Sabbath—but the text here quoted plainly gives the reason for God placing His blessing upon it some 2,300 years before there was a Jew. Later when God called the descendents of faithful Abraham out of bondage to an idolatrous nation, He

revealed to them His perfect Law in the center of which He wrote the Sabbath commandment with His own finger, that distinguished the Creator of heaven and earth from all the gods of other nations, and in which He made provision for the Gentile as well as the Jew.

—Tom V. Gerber,  
Raleigh, N. Carolina

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[See "Spotlight" column in this issue of the SENTINEL].

To the N. Y. *Herald Tribune*:

Your story concerning the police crackdown on Sunday law violators emphasizes the economic problem of small stores competing with supermarkets. However, the police action points up a deep religious problem as well. Among the victims of the crackdown are many persons who observe a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath and who open on Sunday in order to maintain the six-day week enjoyed by other storekeepers.

Your news report states "numerous Delancey and Orchard Street merchants are Orthodox Jews who close their shops on Saturday, which is their Sabbath. They are

exempted from the Blue Laws provision." The fact is that there is no such exemption.

For many years, the American Jewish Congress and non-Jewish organizations, have sponsored legislation to exempt from the Sunday Laws those who observe a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath. Support has come from the New York State Council of Churches, the Protestant Council of Greater New York, the Seventh Day Adventists, more than 20 members of the Legislature, and Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz. Governor Rockefeller has indicated that he was trying to find a basis for passage of a bill this year that would permit storekeepers to remain open on Sundays if they observe another day of the week as their Sabbath.

Though the proposed amendments had widespread support, the bills died in committee. The result is that Orthodox Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists, and others who observe a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath, suffer undue economic hardship in that they must remain closed two days of the week, one in obedience to the Sunday Law, and one in observance of their religious beliefs.

The recent report of the Magistrates' Courts reveals that almost 20,000 summonses were issued during 1962, an increase of 5,137 from 1960. Many of those convicted were persons who observed a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath. For these persons, it is imperative that legislation be enacted which will remedy the state approved discrimination against

them. It is likewise reasonable that a full-scale review be made of the crazy-quilt pattern of the Sunday Laws under which businesses may be engaged in on Sunday while others are forbidden.

—Howard M. Squadron  
Chairman, Metropolitan Council,  
American Jewish Congress,  
New York

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## **Have a Talent? What Are You Doing With It???**

If you have one of the talents listed below, you're just the one for whom we're looking. We need you to help with this magazine. We can promise you a salary that no other publisher can equal—you'll begin at the same rate as the highest paid one on our editorial staff—nothing in money but a far richer reward in knowing that a portion of your spare time is being used profitably in the Lord's work.

Here's what we need:

Someone who is a black and white camera enthusiast, specializing in pictures of scenery.

Someone who likes to draw and has a background in art work.

Someone who is a good typist. (We receive many manuscripts which must wait a long period before being used because we don't have time to type them for the printer.)

If you wish to volunteer for any of these positions, send your qualifications to the editor. We need you.



## "Just a Minute"

By Jessie Pitts,  
Recording Secretary

"Just a minute" is a phrase that we often use and to our surprise we then awake to the fact that months have flown by before we get the much-needed task done. Such is the case in the duty of the recording secretary. So "just a minute or two" from my records to bring you, the members, up to date on the important events of the past six months.

On Feb. 28, 1962, Lawrence Burrell, secretary-treasurer, made the motion that the job of printing THE SABBATH SENTINEL be transferred from the Fairview Republican Press to The Church of God Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri. Two reasons were given for the motion: to fulfill the policy of the Bible Sabbath Association leaders to employ Sabbathkeeping firms to handle the bulk of our printing needs, and to lighten the load of the many duties and obligations which seem naturally to fall to the office of the secretary-treasurer with the printing being done at Fairview.

The June issue of THE SABBATH SENTINEL, the latest issue that I have received, was the first to be printed at Stanberry. Many subscribers, I am sure, will agree with me that it is a credit to the association.

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On April 28, 1962, President Albert G. Gearhart made a motion that the B.S.A. accept the offer of S. I. Quigley to give to the association the type for production and distribution of the booklet, *The Resurrection—When?*

On May 19, 1962, by letter to all members of the board of directors, President Gearhart advised that eleven replies—all favoring the acceptance—had been received.

Personally, I do not know when I have been more thrilled with a booklet or tract than *The Resurrection—When?*, and I believe that it may be one of the most effective pieces of literature that we could hand to Sundaykeepers.

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May 19, 1962: Subject to a rescind order by the board of directors, Brother Albert G. Gearhart sent a directive empowering Brother Burrell, secretary-treasurer, to draw on emergency funds to meet the needs of Brother Walker in connection with "Echoes from Eden," a Sabbath-promoting radio program which is under the auspices of the B.S.A. On July 7, 1962, President Gearhart, by letter to all directors, advised that nine votes had been received, seven in complete favor, one with reservation, and one against.

Because of the very sound recommendations carried in Vice President Day's comments regarding pay to meet the "proper proportional aid," President Gearhart on July 7, 1962, amended the directive to provide concerning aid to Brother Walker: "The proportional figure is to be based upon the amount of service rendered

directly to the Association specifically by endeavor in radiocasting the Sabbath message."

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On June 2, 1962, President Gearhart made a motion that the B.S.A. accept the prepared type metal for the tracts by Brother Quigley entitled, *Not under the Law but Under Grace, Christianity—What is it?* and *The Christian Sabbath—When is it?*

On July 7, 1962, President Gearhart by letter to all directors advised that the action was approved by ten voting members with one additional vote of approval with reservations.

Comments in general favored a review with a few changes and corrections to be made by the tract editing committee. President Gearhart said that "before final decision, it would seem that Brother Quigley should have an opportunity to study the changes desired before the B.S.A. would make another printing. We accept Brother Quigley's generous and kind offer and will print and distribute tracts only after his final permission to do so. He will be free to withdraw his offer if he will not stand for the suggested editing."

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So far the year of 1962 has been one of much progress for the B.S.A. With *much prayer*, faithfulness of each and every member in giving, and actually using the tools that God has given us these past months, I believe that the B.S.A. can be of great significance in the promotion of the Sabbath Truth.

## GOD USES BROKEN THINGS

*It takes the broken soil, to grow  
And ripen fields of grain;  
And overspreading broken clouds  
To give refreshing rain.*

*'Tis broken grain that gives us  
bread,*

*And broken bread that gives  
Us strength for every moment,  
hour;*

*By broken things man lives.*

*A broken spirit, contrite heart,  
Our God will ne'er despise,  
For pleasing are these things to  
Him;*

*Therein repentance lies.*

*It was the alabaster box  
As broken, emptied, poured  
A fragrant, rich and rare perfume  
Anointing Christ, our Lord.*

*And 'twas the heart of Him who  
died*

*Upon Mount Calvary;  
As broken, bleeding thereupon,  
That ransomed even me.*

—EVA GRAY

## No Religious Issue???

The United States Supreme Court refused to review the conviction of an Orthodox Jewish merchant of Jersey City, N. J., for operating his store on Sunday. Harry F. Salamon, Chairman of the New Jersey Citizens Committee for Sunday Closing, asserted, "It confirms . . . that the New Jersey law involves no religious issue."

Doesn't it?

The elect are whosoever will; the lost, whosoever won't.



Conducted by Mrs. Ruby C. Babcock

"I read with interest THE SABBATH SENTINEL and enjoy it so much. I liked the last one very much—the new look, and think it would be of interest to everyone to have 'A Time Memorial' by F. P. Rowe in tract form. It was very timely and good reasoning Scripturally of the Sabbath. No one can change God's Word which He has spoken. Anyone with the intelligence of a child should know that. . . ."

—Rilla Weiher,  
Wenatchee, Wash.

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"I enjoy The SENTINEL more with each issue I receive. I am interested in the response as to including other messages besides the Sabbath truth. [Editor's Note: Out of 120 questionnaires returned, 67 favored "articles on other aspects of Christian living." However, the present B.S.A constitution does not permit this.] I do wish the steps of salvation could be included, because too many get the idea Sabbathkeeping is all that is necessary. The truly important thing is complete surrender to God and living holy before Him in this present wicked world (Titus 2:12).

"Surely there are honest Christians who will accept the Sabbath as they learn of it and I am thankful for 'Echoes from Eden.' I pray the Lord will continue to strengthen and guide Brother Frank Walk-

er as he labors for Him. . . .

"Oh, that more in places of influence would point souls to God and Christ with less emphasis on denominations. Surely if and when we all allow the Holy Spirit to fully control and dwell in our lives, genuine love will cause these barriers to fade and the body of Christ be more closely knit together.

"Enclosed is a check to help keep 'Echoes from Eden' on the air. May the Lord continue to bless in the efforts of spreading the true gospel and hasten the day of His return."

—Mrs. M. F. Harris,  
New Auburn, Wis.

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"I just received my SABBATH SENTINEL and enjoyed it from cover to cover. I was wondering if you have extra copies of the June issue—would like three or four copies.

"It is the most wonderful little magazine. I just read them over and over, and I know they would help others who want to learn the truth about the Sabbath."

—Mrs. Roy Harkins,  
Sayre, Okla.

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"The new SENTINEL is so much nicer than the old one in looks, and I am sure it is better in every other way."

—Paul Rampley,  
1001½ Madison St.,  
Bloomington, Ind.

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"I do enjoy the magazine, always finding something and valuable in it. May I say, however,

that the new (June) cover impressed me as 'patchy' and not as pleasing as formerly."

—Caroline L. White,  
340 Avenue Road,  
Apartment 26,  
Toronto 7, Ont., Canada

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"A note of thank you from my heart for your thinking of me. All these blessings of my brothers and sisters who lighten the fact I have no money. How greatly my Heavenly Father gives me more than money, helps me even to have ways to share and witness for Him. May He reward you for sending me the magazine; it is lovely, and all those in His love and grace who are authors and write for it! These days are alive with expectancy! May we all feel—not just to be faithful to pray—but 'watch and pray' and 'look up, for our redemption' is nigh! ..."

—Mrs. Emma F. H. Ryder,  
Smead Apts., 630 Landis Ave.,  
Vineland, N. J.

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"Enclosed is a check to be used where most needed.

"Also enclosed is another article concerning our local Sunday closing problem. . . . The mayor is not in favor of enforcing the Sunday law. . . . The county prosecutor informs me that he is not in favor of enforcing the law either. However, if the Rev. Nicholas can get someone to swear out a warrant against someone who is violating this law, then he shall be forced to prosecute. [Editor's Note: An item about this appeared in the "Spotlight" column last month.]

"I have written to the Rev. Nicholas, and in my last letter I asked you to send him some literature; so, he has been warned from the mouths of two witnesses. I don't believe there's much more we can do in this case but pray for him."

—Clarence D. Yeager,  
1734 Harding Drive,  
Wickliffe, Ohio

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"Your little booklet, *Let's Go Back to the Sabbath*, was left on my doorstep lately, and it has interested me deeply, coming from such unusual quarters. I understand you'll send me additional copies on request. Please do send me a dozen copies; I'd like to give them out to friends.

"Thanking you and enclosing the 40 cents asked for."

—Mrs. C. Widsten,  
558 E. 6th St.,  
North Vancouver, B. C.,  
Canada

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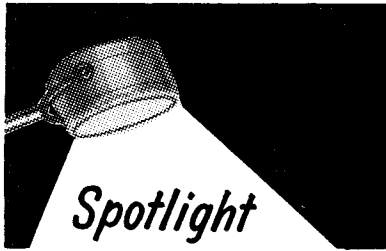
### Six Is Seven

Most Christian churches observe the first day of the week as their day of rest; some keep the seventh-day Sabbath. However, Sam E. Officer, head of the Jesus Church of Cleveland, Tenn., says both are wrong. In a recent booklet he states (and seeks to prove) that Friday is the seventh day of the week and the day to keep.

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One thing I know; the only ones among you who will really be happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

—Dr. Albert Schweitzer



## *on the Sabbath*

### **Recognition of Sabbath**

Rabbi Abraham AvRutick, newly elected head of the Rabbinical Council of America, asked Congress and the legislatures of the fifty states to "make the Jewish Sabbath a recognized and legal and social day of spiritual observance for Jews in the same manner that Sunday is a day set aside for Christians to practice their faith." He also requested that it be recognized "as an accepted day of rest and spiritual holiness for members of the Jewish faith in the armed services."

In the gathering at Miami Beach, Fla., Rabbinical Council leaders warned that lack of Sabbath observance poses a threat to the survival of Jewish religious life in the United States. Rabbi Zalman I. Posner declared that for the average Jew today, the Sabbath stands for "an infinite number of troublesome and tedious impositions which he cheerfully ignores, and the serious prohibition of business which he will shrug off as patently unrealistic." He summed it up with, "They just don't care." He suggested creating a Sabbath atmosphere beforehand and pointing to the rewards and satisfactions of Sabbath observance rather

than "the inconveniences."

Rabbi David S. Shapiro said: "A new generation has come up that knows not the Sabbath and new ersatz methods have been devised for the celebration of the day—methods that are contrary both to its letter and its spirit."

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### **"What Will It Be?"**

The Lord can use even Sunday laws for spreading His Sabbath message. In a report given to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in San Francisco, Calif., M. E. Loewen, secretary of the department of public affairs, said:

"The Seventh-day Adventist church in Houston, Tex., reports that twelve persons have joined the church as a result of the blue-law controversy there. In Shreveport, La., during a campaign leading to a referendum on Sunday laws, generous time was given to Adventists on both radio and TV. Later, the pastor received a letter from a Sunday school teacher living more than 100 miles from Shreveport, asking for more information on the change of the Sabbath. This earnest Christian wrote that their Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments intensively and was eager to know the truth of the Sabbath. 'What will it be if we are found keeping the wrong day when the Lord comes?' she asked."

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### **Praise of a Change**

Proprietors of tourist shops, corner food stores, and real estate agencies generally expressed plea-

sure with Massachusetts' new Sunday law signed into force by Lt. Gov. Edward McLaughlin on July 2. This liberalized law makes 23 changes in the old Sunday laws. It makes it legal to sell food seven days a week in stores employing no more than two persons, keep gift and antique shops open on Sundays and holidays, show real estate on Sundays and holidays, and bowl and play golf on Sundays and holidays. It also exempts those who conscientiously observe the Sabbath.

In Springfield, a baker said, "It's nice to sell someone a loaf of bread without having the feeling a cop is looking over your shoulder."

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#### **"Written in Dark Ages"**

Mayor H. Roe Bartle of Kansas City, termed Missouri's blue laws as "written in the dark ages," and declared the city's business firms had suffered financially because of the 137-year-old statute. He spoke at a hearing on the Sunday closing laws of the state. The mayor claimed that it is hardly fair for some businesses to be forced to close while others remain open on Sunday, and added that sales tax collections suffered when stores across the state line, in Kansas, were not affected by the law.

When State Representative Frank Mazzuca asked the mayor whether or not he regarded Sunday as the true Sabbath, he replied that Sunday did not become the Sabbath until after the birth of Christ.

"I must admit," he concluded, "that those of Jewish conviction

have what can be termed as the true Sabbath."

Mayor Fox of Raytown recommended a law which would permit a business owner to choose the day on which he would close. "None of us has the right to impose our religious beliefs on others," he said.

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#### **"Not Raining Rain to Me"**

During July summonses for violation of the Sunday closing law "rained" on merchants in the Lower East Side of New York City. Ordinarily ten to fifteen summonses are issued each Sunday, but on July 15, 93 were handed out between 86th and 110th Street on Broadway. Summonses and fines for Sunday selling are accepted as routine by many of the merchants who claim they must remain open seven days a week to compete with the big chain stores. One stated, "If they're going to take away the Sunday trade, this business won't be worth the trouble." Another echoed the sentiment with: "I'm a dead pigeon if they make me close."

A ranking police official maintained that the law is "adjustable." He said, "If a store owner thinks he has gotten more than his quota [of summonses], he can call at our desk and we'll try to adjust things in the future."

Meanwhile, the merchants, tight-lipped and wary, are hesitant to complain about a situation obviously ready-made for graft.

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## Did Paul Keep the Sabbath?

Yes! Our historic proof is the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 16:13: Paul went to the river side "where prayer was wont to be made" (it was a custom to do this) on the Sabbath day.

The Sabbath, seventh day, is a memorial of Creation and we were told by Yahweh to REMEMBER it. It was made for Adam (man). No other day of worship has Scriptural authority (Ex. 31:12-18; 32:16).

Paul went to the apostolic convention held in Jerusalem, recorded in Acts 15:12-32. Read this carefully. They were confronted with a problem: Some were saying you must be circumcised (verse 24). The keeping of the law here did *not* refer to the Ten Commandments. Circumcision is not mentioned, neither are feast days, nor sacrifices! When verse 21 says they have Moses "read in the synagogues every sabbath day," this refers to Yahweh's Law written in stone and placed **INSIDE** the ark (Deuteronomy 10:5). The ceremonial laws were written in a book and placed *in the side* of the ark (Deut. 31:24-26). These are two separate distinct laws. Yahweh's Ten Commandments, the Royal Law, are truth (Psalm 19:7-11; 119:142). The law of ceremonies, sacrifices, and feast days (called sabbaths or holy convoca-

tions) had to do with Israel, "when ye come to the land," as a nation under the Aaronic Priesthood (Ex. 13:5, 11; 24:3, 4).

Paul continued to keep the feast time at Jerusalem for we read in Acts 18:21, "I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem." Paul, as well as all the apostles, kept the Sabbath; "as long as the church was mainly Jewish, the Hebrew Sabbath was kept" (Hurlburt, *The Story of the Christian Church*, p. 45).

Colossians 2:16, 17 says to let no man judge you. Some continued to keep feast days the times a year mentioned in Leviticus 23. These were high days, holy convocations, sabbaths. Some ate meats, some did not (see Romans 14:3). Paul is *not* speaking here of the Ten Commandments, for verse 14 speaks of the ordinances—those things that were added because of Israel's transgression (Deut. 28:58; 31:24-26).

We need to divide the Word of truth rightly. We will need to keep Yahweh's Commandments, having His true Name and the Faith of Yahshua, to be overcomers in the days ahead and to be ready when Yahshua comes (Rev. 14:12). All others receive the MARK (Rev. 14:9)!

—Contributed by Doris M. Francis  
The Assembly of Yahweh

## A Chat With the Editor

### A Tool in Your Hands

"What is that in thine hand?" the Lord asked Moses many years ago. And Moses, not seeing beyond the material realm, answered, "A rod." But what great things were wrought with it when Moses cooperated with the Lord in putting that rod to use!

"What is that in thine hand?" the Lord is asking members of the Bible Sabbath Association today. And too often we are prone to say, "A small organization dedicated to promoting the Sabbath of the Scriptures."

So it is. But look more closely. Can't we see beyond the present harsh fact that it is pitifully small, operating on a meager budget with officers working in nearly all cases with no pay whatever?

A few years ago, while visiting the atomic energy museum at Oak Ridge, Tenn., I held for a few moments a small piece of uranium.

What was that in my hand? A heavy hunk of lead-colored metal.

But more than this—in my hand was *potential* power—enough to drive an ocean liner across the Atlantic several times, to supply electrical energy to a large city, or to level a mountain.

Think it over—what is in our hands which we call the Bible Sabbath Association?

It is potentially the means by which the Lord can tell millions of the vital Sabbath truth by means of the printed page and the radio. It is the common meeting place for brethren of all Sabbathkeeping denominations where they can fellowship together, and without lessening their own distinctive doctrines one bit, widen their horizons of understanding. It is a means by which some accept the Sabbath truth who would not accept it if brought to them by a particular denomination to which they might be too prejudiced to listen. It is a means by which talented ministers and laymen can broaden their Sabbath promoting activity into new, wider channels.

"What is that in thine hand?"

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## INHERIT THE WIND

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earth. He spoke, of course, of its spinning, hurtling through space at unbelievable speed. And then he turned to the terrific gravitational pull of passing planets as they approach and recede from us, creating considerable bounce and irregularity in the motion of our globe.

Yet in spite of all this—and he spoke with the deep feeling that only an astronomer can know—in spite of all this, our earth rides majestically in space, giving us an unerring day and night, with a loss of only a fraction of a second in a millennium.

And then he came to the question.

“In view of the fact that the calendar has been changed from time to time in the past, the question is often asked—‘Has time been lost?’ The answer is a decided No! For we have already seen that the length of the day is absolutely constant; also that the year is a definite number of such days. These two periods, the day and the year, are known in modern times to such a degree of accuracy that there could not possibly be an uncertainty of a day in the course of thousands of years. . . .

“From what I have now stated we can definitely conclude that:

“1. Our day has not altered in duration from the creation.

“2. There has been no break in time since God brought this earth into existence. From these conclusions we unquestionably infer that the Divinity instituted the seven-day week including the sev-

enth-day Sabbath of creation, and this has been continuously repeated without intermission. Consequently, changes in the calendar have no effect whatever on time, which is continuous and absolutely unalterable by man. It is in God's perfect control." And now listen to his words:

"Friends, the greatest thinkers throughout the ages and up to modern times have utterly failed to give a satisfactory explanation as to how and when this earth came into existence. Whatever theory they have evolved, they have all eventually come face to face with the necessity of a First Cause which they cannot define. So forever they stumble along groping for it, drawing millions after them; and all the time walking patiently behind them, hoping that they will turn around and look Him in the face, *is the First Cause*, the Lord God of heaven and earth.

"Dear friends, how different this earth would be if only men had accepted Him as the First Cause! For then the well-known materialistic theories would not have sprung up, for in the light of His Word, men would glorify their

Creator instead of forever trying to dispute His omnipotence.

"What more can I say unless it be, Don't clutter up your minds with theories that can never be proved anyway. Don't grope any more. Turn around and look Him in the face—in Whom we live and move and have our being."

Mr. Jeffries to this point had followed a prepared script. But now as I stepped to his side to thank him, he said with deep feeling, "Just a moment. I want to say something now that Pastor Vandeman doesn't know. My wife and I, along with you, have been attending these meetings from night to night. And we have come to the conclusion that the Sabbath is right. As for us, we're going to keep it!"

If the Book of Genesis, with its account of creation, were to go on trial in Dayton, Tenn., today, the outcome might be far different. Great scientific minds might well be its chief defenders. There would be no need for confusion. The answers would be at hand.

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#### *THIS MONTH'S COVER PICTURE*

In this mechanized world, one seldom sees horses doing work on farms. However, a harvest scene should remind those who are proclaiming the Sabbath truth of the short time left to do the work assigned, of the scarcity of laborers.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the field; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:35, 36).