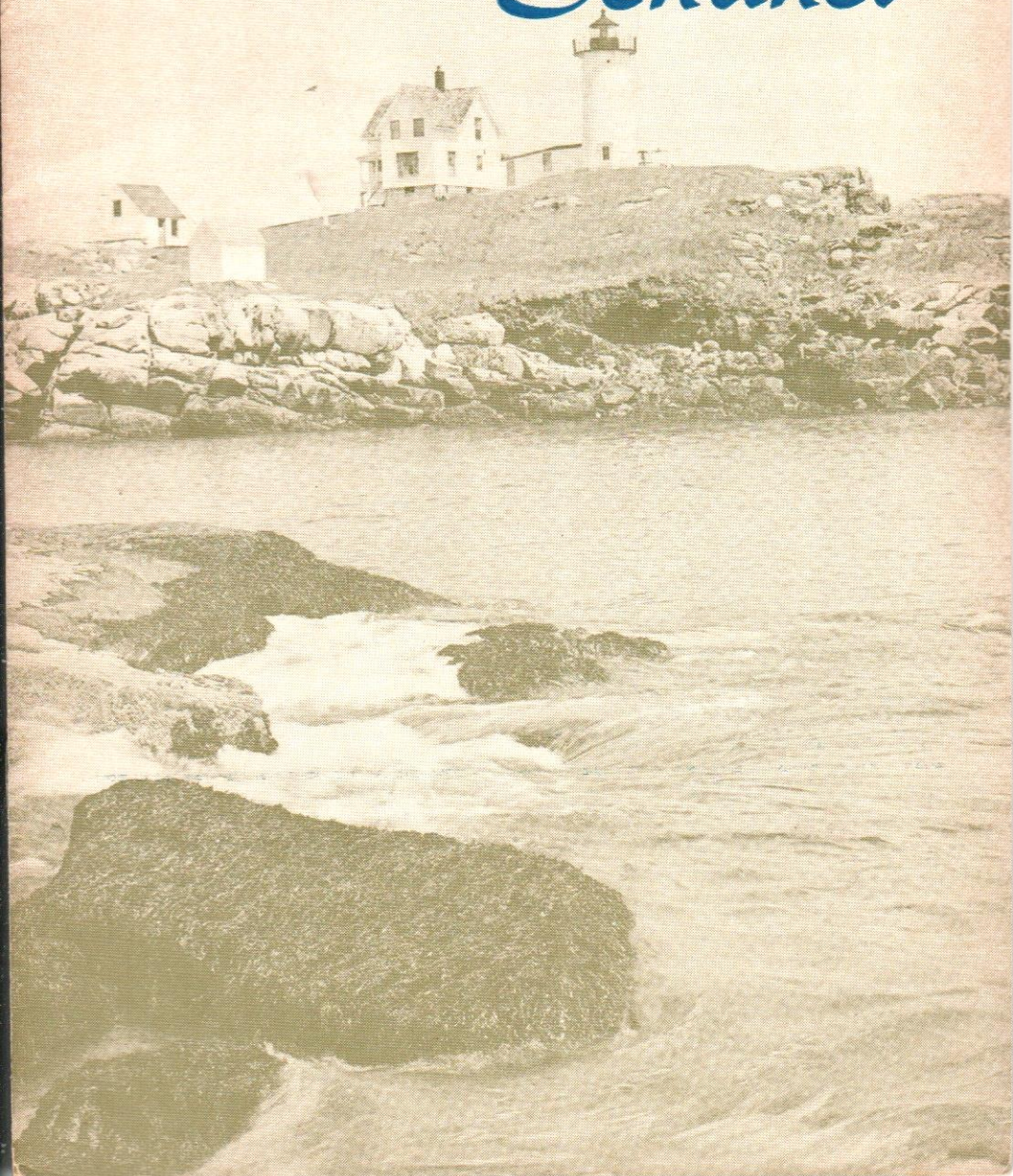


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Let him declare what he seeth."
— Isaiah 21:6 —*

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The Confused Mr. Doe

PART I: "There was no Sabbath before Sinai"

By W. E. STRAW

SABBATARIANS accept the Bible as the basis of their faith. They believe what Jesus and the apostles taught, and claim that every principle they hold can be established by their teaching. However, men like Mr. Doe often confuse the people regarding the teaching of the Scriptures by setting up artificial barriers in claiming that the Sabbath was an old Jewish institution introduced at Sinai.

The reason given is that there is no specific command in Genesis that it should be observed. Mr. Doe thus ignores, or overlooks the fact that the book of Genesis gives only a resume of the early events of this world. It records what men were doing, but gives no reason why. Hence, the reasons must have been given to them audibly, but were never recorded in the writings.

There is the experience of Cain and Abel offering sacrifices, but no account of any command that this should be done. But since Cain was punished because he did not follow specifications, they must have known what they were, although it has not been recorded to us. There is no command that men should pay tithe, but both Abraham and Jacob knew it was required (Gen. 14:20;

28:22). There is no recorded command that people should not kill, steal, or commit adultery, but they knew that these should be observed.

Mr. Doe says, "The first time the word Sabbath is used in the Bible is in Exodus 16:23.

But Mr. Doe ignores Genesis 2:2-3 where God mentions the origin of the Sabbath. His argument is a play on words. In this he overlooks the fact that in Hebrew, the language in which the Old Testament was written, "Rest" and "Sabbath" are synonymous, and mean the same thing. Genesis 2:2, 3 reads, "And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it he "Shabbathed" (rested) from all his work."

Thus it will be noticed that the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment and the Sabbath of the text he used, and the 'Rest' of Genesis 2:2, 3 are one and the same in the original. Therefore, the Sabbath was instituted and set apart for a holy use at creation at least 2500 years before there were any Jews, and so could not be Jewish in any sense any more than marriage. Two institutions that came into existence before sin entered and thus have no relation to it are marriage and the Sabbath. One is no more Jewish than the other.

Genesis 2:3 says God blessed the seventh day; He put something into that day that was not in any other. It was different! He sanctified it. Therefore, the seventh day was set apart for a sacred or religious use or observance before there were any Jews, and even before sin entered the world. Hence, the Sabbath can have no relationship or bearing upon either as such.

What is the meaning of Exodus 5:5 where Pharaoh was complaining about Moses' making the people "rest from their burdens"? In the original the word "rest" is "*Shabath*," "Sabbath." Moses made them Sabbath "from their burdens." He began to place before them some of God's requirements which they had forgotten or been unable to observe as slaves in Egypt. Now if they were to go out and be God's representatives in the earth they must be loyal to His requirements.

But this brought a protest from Pharaoh for he was then unable to get the same amount of labor from them. It is clear that this was the situation, for a month later when they were in the Wilderness of Sin they ran out of bread. In laying plans to supply their needs God explained how they would be supplied and how that would fit into their observances. "Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them whether they will walk in my law or no" (Ex. 16:4).

So the law of the Sabbath was already known to them and they were observing it at least thirty days before they got to Sinai. And their loyalty to God was tested in regard to

their observing the Sabbath. God said, "Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none" (Ex. 16:26).

Not only this, but Genesis 26:5 says, "Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." Therefore, God's laws were known and observed by Abraham 400 years before the time of Moses. Hence, Israel must have, to some extent, lost track of them while slaves in Egypt, and now God was only reiterating them to get them clearly before the people.

The great commentator, Dr. Cunningham Geikie, says, "No details are given of the creed of Abraham, but . . . it must have included all that was true in the popular beliefs of Chaldea. This would imply his knowledge of the Sabbath: for the seventh day, by a tradition handed down from Eden, was 'holy' in his Eastern native land, and was honored by the cessation of all work on it." [*Geikie's Hours With the Bible*. Volume I, p. 334. Three Volume Edition.]

Professor E. J. Blanks, of the University of Chicago, who spent years in the East, writes as follows: "Though the Jews of a later date may have thought of the Sabbath in connection with their escape from Egypt, the day was observed long before Moses led the Israelites to Sinai, even before Abraham crossed the desert, for the early Babylonians also had a Sabbath. Among the tablets from the royal library at Nineveh was a Babylonian calendar of clay. . . . A translation of the calendar for the seventh day is as follows: 'The seventh day is a sacred day; . . . He (the king) may not hold court, nor may he call

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President Littrell Speaks at Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church

On Sabbath, July 21, Bible Sabbath Association International President Terril D. Littrell spoke from the pulpit of the Paint Rock, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist Church. His subject was "Blessings Through Obedience," which showed that we, being the seed of Abraham by faith in Christ, have the promises of the blessings of Abraham, and that our obedience to the Ten Commandments will bring blessings both to ourselves and to our posterity.

Pastor Littrell spoke also of the work of the Bible Sabbath Association International and how its program

fits into the spectrum of events in regard to the ministry of the people of God in these closing days of probation.

Pastor Littrell was received by several members of the Paint Rock church, Rev. Clifford Beebe, Mrs. Robert L. Butler, Sr., and Miss Golda Gerat. The pastor of the church, Rev. Leslie Welch, is also a member.

Seventh Day Baptists had an organized work in the Paint Rock area as far back as 1889, but the actual edifice which now serves as a house

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Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church

The Family of Believers at Salem Acres

THE breakdown of the home and family life became painfully evident during the 1960's. But in the midst of it all there was a little family of a husband, his wife, and five children who stayed together. That was the Lester Anderson family of Rockford, Ill. It was this family spirit that drew young people who had been separated from their own families and had lost their way in their generation to the home of the Andersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had open minds to listen to young people who had problems—deep seated problems. They did not set themselves up as judges, but practiced love and mercy as taught by the Savior. Young people seemed to be drawn to the Andersons. They were always welcomed regardless of the length of their hair, their unkept beards, or the clothing they wore. The doors of the Anderson home were always open to the poor and needy in spirit. The Andersons not only shared their living with a lot of mixed-up young people but they shared the gospel with them as well.

By 1970 many young people were coming to the Anderson home for prayer for deliverance from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and lust. Miracles were performed and others began to come also for deliverance and to receive the engrafted word. Hippies

were being transformed into clean-cut, well mannered, knowledgeable, and gifted young men and women. This family had grown to the place of needing room for expansion, so they purchased a farm about 20 miles from Rockford near Rock City, and named it Salem Acres.

Hard work has played a great part in the life of this great spiritual family ever since. The ever-present sounds of vacuum cleaners, hammers and saws, tape recorders, musical instruments, printing press, typewriters,



Lester Anderson



The family of believers at Salem Acres

tractors, and trucks are to be heard at all hours of the day and often into the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are referred to by all 75 members of this increasingly extended family unit simply as "Mom" and "Dad." Mr. Anderson was at one time a Baptist minister but left the Baptist church and has remained free from any denomination to this day. The family has no written creed; they accept the Bible and the authority for all doctrine and advocate walking in the light as it shines on their path. They observe the seventh day as the Sabbath, hold holy convocations at the time of the annual feast days of Israel. They believe in the restoration of the five-fold ministry, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the holy name of the Father and the Son and in communal living. If there is one strong characteristic that stands out above all else in this family, it is love for Israel and their desire as a body to take the gos-

pel back to the Jews. They publish a magazine called *Yehweh Nissi*, which is free to all who request it.

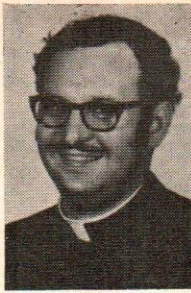
If you are ever near the Rockford area, you owe it to yourself to visit this unique body of people. Due to such a busy schedule, however, Mr. Anderson requests that those intending to visit them write for an appointment first. His address is Mr. Lester Anderson, Route 1, Rock City, Ill. 61070.

Bottle Ministry Brings Results

Seaman Roy Garrison, a life member of the Bible Sabbath Association, recently bought some tracts printed in the Japanese language at Yokohama, put them into bottles, and cast them into the sea.

A Japanese fisherman picked up one of the bottles, read the message,
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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Working In His Vineyard

I began working on a full-time basis for the association in June, 1973. I felt that my acceptance of this position of executive director was an important position that needed to be filled by someone who had a particular burden and calling for this type of ministry.

For several years I have sensed the need of a field representative to make personal contact with B.S.A. members and call on prospective members. Therefore, we have spent the biggest portion of the summer months doing just that. Following is a report of our work in the Master's Vineyard.

We traveled to Fairview, Okla. the first part of June and spent the most of two weeks there assisting the Burrells with their work and becoming oriented to many of the new responsibilities that would become ours with this new job. Before leaving Oklahoma we attended the Feast of Pentecost at Oklahoma City with the World Wide Church of God.

Traveling from Fairview we called at the home of one of our B.S.A. directors, Mr. James Porter, in Kansas. As most of you probably know, Mr. Porter is the author of the book, *The Sabbaths of God*. It was our first time to meet with Mr. Porter. Our

visit was brief and we hope to have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Porter again in the near future. The rest of June was spent in taking care of correspondence from our home office and preparing for a trip to the southern states to call on various B.S.A. members and new contacts.

The first part of July my wife, children, and I, left Missouri and made our first stop at the Church of God (7th Day) at Bono, Ark., where I spoke on Tuesday night. From there we journeyed on to Dyersburg, Tenn., where I spoke at a Wednesday evening prayer meeting at the Tower of Prayer. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ball are the leaders.

The next day we proceeded to Alabama and called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire at Birmingham. I made several phone calls to new B.S.A. contacts that evening, and we spent the night at the McGuire home. Mr. McGuire is a Seventh Day Baptist and an active member of the Bible Sabbath Association.

We arrived in Mobile, Ala., mid-afternoon Friday, and prepared for the Sabbath. We spent the holy day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jones and attended church services with them at the Sunset Hills Evangelistic Center, a Seventh Day Pentecostal Church. I spoke to the congregation about the nature and purpose of the B.S.A. There were several visitors from the Seventh-day Adventist Church there at that time.

We then traveled to New Orleans, La., and the first home that we called on was that of Pastor Jesse L. Andrus, a former independent Seventh Day Baptist pastor. Pastor Andrus escorted us to the temple on Prytania Street where the People of the Liv-

ing God worship. We spent three days with them and I spoke at an evening service and presented the program of the B.S.A. There were three different groups represented at this meeting. As a result ground work was laid for establishing a branch chapter of the B.S.A. in New Orleans. Three members of the People of the Living God have been members of the B.S.A. for many years; they are David Scullin, who is the leader of the group since the passing of their former leader, Mr. Harry Miller; Mr. Harold Scullin; and Randall Walton. Pastor Jesse Andrus is a recent member and Pastor William Payton joined while we were at New Orleans. We should have a complete report of the newly formed New Orleans chapter in the SENTINEL very soon now.

We traveled from New Orleans to Jackson's Gap, Ala., where we called at the home of Elder and Mrs. Bob McBride. Mr. McBride is the pastor of the Assembly of Yahweh at Jackson's Gap. While there they gave us names and addresses of people who might be interested in knowing about the B.S.A. Our visit was brief and we traveled on to "Faith Home" near Jackson's Gap to visit with our old friend, Mr. Luke Boyd. "Faith Home" is a small commune of about 15 members. For the first time we had the opportunity to meet the leader of the group, Elder Robert Young and his family. We ate the evening meal with them and then entered into a praise and prayer service before retiring for the night.

From there we traveled to Paint Rock, Ala., by mid afternoon on Friday and prepared for the Sabbath. We spent the holy day by attending services at the Paint Rock Sev-

enth Day Baptist Church, and visiting in the homes of Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Beebe and Mrs. R. L. Butler, Sr. I spoke on the function of the B.S.A. at the morning worship hour of the Paint Rock Church. (For complete details of this visit, see the article on page 5 of this issue.) I considered it a grand privilege to meet three of the charter members of the Bible Sabbath Association who belong to the Paint Rock Church: Rev. Clifford Beebe, Mrs. R. L. Butler, Sr., and Miss Golda Gerat. We arrived at our home the latter part of July and caught up on our office work, then prepared to leave for a trip east.

We left Missouri August 1 and called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. White at Monmouth, Ill., early the next afternoon. Unfortunately Mr. White was away on a construction job and we missed seeing him, but we did have a brief visit with his wife and children.

By late afternoon we called at the home of former B.S.A. president Albert Gearhart at Galva, Ill., and learned from his wife that he had been admitted to the hospital at Galesburg, Ill., the previous day and was scheduled for an operation the following week. So my wife and I went to the Galesburg hospital to see him. We visited briefly. I then presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the board of directors of the Bible Sabbath Association for 15 years of service to the B.S.A. as its president, offered prayer for his healing, and departed.

We arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lowe at Kewanee by evening and visited with them briefly before retiring for the night. These

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Albert G. Gearhart Is Honored

Certificate of Appreciation

WHEREAS, for 15 years

ALBERT G. GEARHART

has made an outstanding contribution to the service of both God and man as President of the Bible Sabbath Association International; and

WHEREAS, he has made a tremendous contribution toward the renewal of the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America, thereby reestablishing the religious foundation that America was built upon; and

WHEREAS, he has made a significant contribution to the cause of Christian unity, organizing and conducting the affairs of the Bible Sabbath Association to include various religious denominations and groups.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the said association has caused this certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and directors and to be sealed with the seal of the association the first day of August, nineteen hundred seventy-three.

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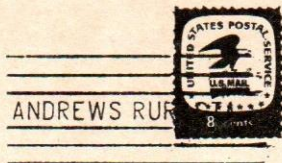
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President Terril D. Littrell presented the above certificate to former President Albert G. Gearhart recently.

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A stamp does not become worthless after it is used. Stamps—especially the commemorative and high-value ones—can be sold to stamp collectors.

Readers can help forward the Sabbath message by sending used stamps to the Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737.

Do not tear the stamp off the envelope, but cut or tear around it, sending the portion of envelope along with it. Do not send regular issue stamps, unless they have a face value of more than ten cents, but send com-

memoratives (the special stamps which are issued at various times and used for only a short while).

If a stamp is quite heavily cancelled it usually has no value. Stamps which have perforation missing or are torn are usually worthless to collectors.

Please send them to us.

Alabama House Repeals "Blue Law" Bill

The Alabama House faced a bill to repeal the state's "Blue Law" which forces some businesses to close on Sunday while allowing others to remain open.

Members were sharply divided on the issue and when it first came up, the House adjourned rather than put up a lengthy debate. Two days later, however, it finally came to a vote and was passed 49-33.

"Echoes from Eden" Radio Log

The new "Echoes From Eden" is now on the air on these stations:

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- WMOO, Mobile, Ala. (1550 kHz)—3:35 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
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We invite your support of the new "spot" programs on these and other stations. Send donations to:

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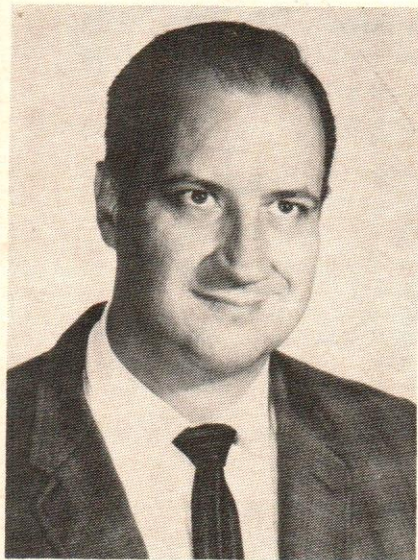
in the News

John McGuire, a Seventh Day Baptist of Birmingham, Ala., and member of the Sabbath Association International, wrote the following letter recently to a member of his state legislature:

Dear [Member of Legislature]:

Again our precious liberties are threatened and we call upon your dedicated efforts as one of our able legislators to help preserve these liberties! Please help us overcome these . . . threats to liberty and *vote against* the so-called blue laws (Sunday-closing laws). . . .

Sir, as time passes, the blue-law problem apparently becomes greater,



John McGuire

more complex, more unenforceable, and more repressive of our individual and our religious rights both as Christians obeying God's Law and as citizens following our U. S. Constitution. *The Sunday-closing laws are not easy for all our Alabama citizens to live with*, especially minority religious groups (whose rights as citizens are also important in our democracy), *and these unjust laws should be abolished* (preferably) or radically amended (secondarily) to assure greater personal and religious freedom for all our Alabama citizens.

Please consider these reasons why our State should *not* have these repressive blue laws:

(1) *Such laws violate our cherished principle of the separation of Church and State* (I as a Baptist Christian devotedly advocate this principle. Observance of "holy days" should be no concern of the State to enforce but should be left up to each individual religious person).

(2) I believe *these blue laws violate* the first, ninth, and fourteenth amendments to the U. S. Constitution, as well as the spirit of religious (Christian) liberty in such matters.

(3) These laws are so full of exemptions they are no longer effective (a lady teacher of the handicapped said, "Where will it stop, this making of laws telling us what to do or not do on Sunday?")

(4) They violate the principle of freedom of conscience and freedom of choice, foundation stones for personal and religious liberties.

(5) Sunday-closing laws are discriminatory (a) against the working man because he often needs to do personal business, even shopping for groceries or other household goods, on his day off (Sunday may well be

the only day he has off); (b) against several religious groups who observe Saturday as the Sabbath (not Sunday) causing them, to an extent, to "observe" another "Sabbath" (Sunday) by abstaining from work or employment on a *second* day each week in addition to the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday). This reduces their earning potential, in many cases, by some seventeen per cent as compared to that of their competition or neighbors.

(6) These laws, in effect, constitute State support for Sunday keeping by most Christians, while denying all other Christians, religionists, and nonreligionists equal rights. (Why should the State favor one religious group over another?).

(7) Rest on Sunday is no more beneficial than rest on any *other* day of the week (several states presently have laws requiring one *day's rest in seven*, but not specifying *which* day). I and my family enjoy resting on Saturday.

(8) Blue laws are based on the mistaken idea, from Scripture, that Sunday is "the Sabbath" or "the Lord's Day," but Holy Scripture (upheld by Christ in Matthew 5:17-20, 12; Mark 2:27, 28; Luke 4:16 and elsewhere) plainly teaches (also see Exodus 20:8-11, Nehemiah 13, Isaiah 58:13, 14), "*the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God...*" Thus a commandment of God is, to some, set aside to observe "a tradition of men" (Mark 7:7)....

In conclusion, dear Sir, we believe *blue laws* are unconstitutional, un-Biblical, un-Christlike, unjust, discriminatory and *should be abolished* (if abolition is impossible, please *amend* them so people may at least open their businesses on Sunday af-

ternoons to serve the public who *wish* to shop—after all, no one would be *forcing* a person who chooses to keep Sunday as his Sabbath to shop on Sunday).

Hoping for favorable actions . . . on the blue laws, we remain

Yours Very Sincerely,
John and Glenda McGuire

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Evangelist Erma Jones, a Seventh Day Pentecostal minister in Mobile, Ala., and member of the Bible Sabbath Association International, began a fast on June 1 that continued for 40 days and nights.

Sister Jones undertook this fast to gain greater knowledge and power from God that she might be used in a greater way in exercising wisdom in presenting the Sabbath message to other Christians who have not reached a level of spiritual maturity in understanding that the Creator asks
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Excerpts from Letters



Conducted by Mrs. Ruth Thomas

I am writing you in an effort to obtain information relative to conceiving Sabbath promotional literature.

A friend gave me a tract from your association called *Search The Scriptures*. I have been using Mr. J. L. Tucker's booklet *The Christian Sabbath*. Both your tract and his booklet are excellent literature for conceiving others of the Sabbath truth. Enclosed please find my check for 100 copies of the tract.

—W. B. G., Pennsylvania

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Enclosed is a check for —. Please send me 3 Sabbath calendars for 1973 and use the money that is left for a donation or whatever you want to.

—W. R. R., Ill.

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I just completed reading the *Sabbath Handbook*, and I must admit that the contents are very valuable and welcome information. We are in our beginning, teaching and observing ALL of the commandments of God.

I have read your membership requirements and agree with them, so enclosed please find my check for membership dues.

—Rev. J. L. A., Louisiana

Praise God for giving us the wonderful holy Sabbath.

We are a small group here in Florida but obey all of God's commandments including Saturday as the Sabbath.

—Francis Eggers, Florida

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I saw your address in a book that a friend of mine owns. Please send me some literature and tell me more about your organization.

—K. D., New York

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Your thirteen lessons of Home Bible Study surely are eye openers. I have given several copies to my neighbors and write in for more.

—E. L., Arkansas

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Thank you for supplying some literature for our Seventh-day Adventist missionary work here in Africa.

—Pastor A. D. M.

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Recently an acquaintance of mine showed me a copy of the booklet produced by the Bible Sabbath Association, listing Sabbathkeeping groups. If these are still available, please mail two copies to me. Enclosed is my check to cover the cost.

—Gerald Bronkar, California

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Will you please give me the names of the last two people that I gave gift subscriptions to of THE SABBATH SENTINEL? I usually keep these names so I will not send a repetition to the same people. I have some more names of people that I want to send THE SABBATH SENTINEL to in the near future, as soon as I have the funds.

You are aware that Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," and as I am not able to travel around the way I could a few years ago, I feel that this is the only way that I can do the preaching, so continue to pray that these booklets will have their effect.

—Bro. F.J.C., Michigan

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Please send me 100 tracts of *Sunday-Law Defiance of the U. S. Constitution*. Enclosed is a love offering to go toward having more tracts printed.

—A. D. M., Ohio

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...I can enjoy listening to the mocking birds singing praises to God in the morning, and I also praise Him that I can be out in my garden and get my fingers in the ground that I was created out of and see the labor of my hands grow and blossom and bear fruits...and yes, I look forward each week to the Sabbath, and how I wish I could be able to encourage more folks to keep the Sabbath.

—Bro. Wes Hamlin, California

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Please find enclosed — for membership and *SENTINEL*... Thanks for your faithful service these years. There is much work in preparing this wonderful publication... May the blessings of the Lord rest upon the staff who works in each department.

—Sincerely, Missionary R. P.,
Missouri

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I have heard your program on KFNF radio, Shenandoah, Ia. I would

like to have more information on your beliefs.

—A.E.C., Missouri

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Enclosed is my check for the WNWI radio ministry. An additional — is enclosed for the very good booklet, *Questions for Seventh Dayists*, by Pastor Terril D. Littrell. This is one of the best presentations I have read regarding why we should observe the seventh-day (Saturday) Sabbath.

M.C., Indiana

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I have been slow in writing you. Seems I am behind in everything and every way. I never fail to read *THE SENTINEL* and all other literature that is in praise and glory to the blessed Lord and Savior. Praise His holy name.

—M.O.F., Missouri



Directory Revision Committee Meets

The Directory of Sabbath-keeping Groups revision committee met on August 18 at St. Marys, Ohio. Left to right: Eugene Lincoln, President Terril D. Littrell, and R. D. Bradshaw.



A Note
from
the Editor

Looking Back

THIS month I reach the half-century mark. Thirty-five of those years have been spent as a Sabbath keeper and member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Those have been mostly good years, and I thank the Lord for many things which have occurred.

When I became a Christian Sabbath keeper, I lived alone with my mother; later my brother Abraham lived with us. I was the only Sabbath keeper in the family at that time. Neither my mother nor Abe ever caused any difficulties because of my belief, though Abe did some good-natured teasing at times—such as his telling my mother that if she put me on the house top on Friday evenings she would get a few more seconds work out of me!

With two exceptions, my public school teachers did not discourage me. At Marion College, a Wesleyan institution where I did my undergraduate work, the instructors were tolerant of the “odd ball” in their midst. I have high regard for Marion College, and consider it a place where Christianity is practiced in deed as well as word.

The Lord gave me a wife who is as nearly perfect as I could expect.

This was a direct result of prayer. I, in Indiana, was praying that the Lord would find “the right girl” for me; at the same time she, in Georgia, was praying that the Lord would find “the right fellow” for her. And the Lord did it! I am grateful.

One son, David, is now married to the former Janice Layton of Johnstown, Pa.; and another is employed at a Fort Wayne Catholic hospital. Dave and Jan have a daughter, Melissa. Michael, the hospital worker, served one summer as a student missionary in Honduras a few years ago. When he was offered the chance to go to Colombia, South America, a couple of years later, a Catholic sister offered to loan him the money—interest free—and to see that his job at St. Joseph hospital was waiting when he returned. Not too often would one expect something like that!

Our daughter, Angelita, now almost twelve, likes to write. She has had a few things published and dreams of being a writer. Jonathan, almost ten, is a typical boy, interested in airplanes, cars, riding lawn mowers, and seeing if he can smuggle pet toads into the house.

For these things, too, I am grateful.

I am grateful also that my Master has permitted me for over 13 years to help produce this magazine. Through it I have met—either in person or by letter—many Christians whom I respect and admire. I feel closer to my Creator because of work with the Bible Sabbath Association.

“The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations” (Psa. 100:5).

Eugene Lincoln

Lloyd R. Day Dies July 30

Lloyd R. Day of Huntsville, Ontario, Canada, passed away at his home on July 30, 1973.

Mr. Day served as president of the Bible Sabbath Association from 1954 to 1957, and was active in B.S.A. affairs for over 25 years. He had a brilliant mind and retained a vast amount of knowledge, having varied interests in life, especially in the stamp collecting and literary areas. For several years he wrote the lessons on the B.S.A. calendars.

In the spring of 1972 he suffered from congestive heart failure and never regained his strength. He came to the point of being able only to feed himself before passing from this life. His friends took care of him and related that he never gave indication of being depressed or despondent. His death came fast and he passed away in a happy mood.

So at nearly 54 years his life came to an end. Only the Creator knows, however, just how far-reaching it was. It may be that he has been spared the many trying times that lie ahead and are coming on the world.

The members of the Bible Sabbath Association say "Good bye" to our faithful brother, in sure hope and faith believing that we shall meet him again when all things are made new.

BOTTLE MINISTRY

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tuned in the Voice of Prophecy on Tokyo Radio, as listed on the tract, and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

PRESIDENT LITRELL SPEAKS AT PAINT ROCK SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH.

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of worship was erected in 1953 as the James Edward Butler Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church. James E. Butler was the son of Robert Lee Butler and Almira Bottoms Butler. He was a captain in the U. S. Air Force and served as a fighter pilot in World War II. He was missing in action over Tunisia, Africa, in 1942. The insurance of this brave young man, who gave his life that this country might remain a country where all could practice their religion in freedom, largely financed the building of the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church.

THE CONFUSED MR. DOE

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in a physician. At night the king should offer his sacrifice that his prayer may be acceptable." [E. J. Banks, Ph.D. *The Bible and the Spade*, pp. 85-86. Association Press, 124 E. 28th Street, New York.]

Thus we see that the Sabbath was well known long before Sinai and before there were any Jews, and hence, it was in no sense Jewish. Mr. Doe calls the Sabbath Jewish; but God never does. He calls it "the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

Which shall we believe? Mr. Doe says the Sabbath was not known before Sinai; and the Bible and history say it was.

The facts are, and will ever remain, that God blessed the seventh day and set it apart for a sacred use centuries before there were any Jews. The fact can never be changed

by any pope or minister of the gospel. God Himself cannot change that fact. It will always remain a fact that God blessed and sanctified the seventh day. Every time the seventh day comes, it is blessed and sanctified whether you recognize it or not. Even if you are mopping the floor to get ready to observe a day God has never called blessed or sanctified—the Bible has never told anyone to observe or recognize Sunday in any way.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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people are new contacts and they show much interest in the B.S.A.

The next day we arrived at Salem Acres, near Rockford, Ill., ate the evening meal with them, and entered into a prayer and praise service before retiring for the night. This is a unique group of believers who are zealous to spread the gospel of love and joy to the world. The leader is Elder Lester Anderson. This group, less than two years old, is for the most part made up of young married couples.

From Rockford we traveled to Merrillville, Ind., and called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cecil and son. We spent a day and night visiting with these people who are sponsoring the "Echoes From Eden" radio broadcast in their area.

From Merrillville we traveled to Terre Haute, Ind., where we spent the Sabbath with Pastor and Mrs. James Wilson and family. We attended the Seventh Day Pentecostal As-

sembly where Mr. Wilson is the minister and I spoke at the morning worship service. Pastor Wilson has been a long-time friend of the B.S.A.

From Indiana we proceeded to Washington, D. C., where I met with the Washington chapter board of directors. We visited twice in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Floyd, Jr., and attended services at the Church of God (7th Day), where Pastor W. H. Olson is the minister. Before leaving Washington we visited several of our national historical sights, and made a host of telephone calls to B.S.A. members and new contacts.

From Washington we traveled to St. Marys, Ohio, for the General Conference of the Church of God (7th Day). There I met with R. D. Bradshaw and Eugene Lincoln, to revise the B.S.A. *Directory of Sabbath-Keeping Groups*. I appointed Mr. Bradshaw to serve as chairman of this committee. One other member of the committee who did not get to attend the meeting because he was ill at the time was Mr. Edward Elstone from Canada. As a result of this meeting, the B.S.A. plans to produce the biggest and best directory that it has ever published listing the various Sabbath-keeping groups.

From Ohio we traveled home again to Missouri in time for our two children to enroll in school. We traveled over 7000 miles for the cause of the B.S.A. and to the glory of our Saviour.

Please remember us when you pray.

Peritt D. Littrell

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for complete obedience to all the commandments of the Decalogue.

Sister Jones, who distributes B.S.A. literature in her ministry, said that the fast opened doors of opportunity to make the work of the B.S.A. known to people of Sunday-observing denominations who had heard of her fast and had contacted her to discuss why she had undertaken it.

Sister Jones' ministry is strictly non-denominational and she invites people of all faiths to her place of worship at 4627 Bit and Spur Road, Mobile, Ala.

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

The Bible Sabbath Association needs someone to serve as our official photographer. The photos will be used on the covers of THE SABBATH SENTINEL, and throughout the SENTINEL in news articles and other uses as the need may arise.

We cannot pay for this service; but if you are interested in donating some time and effort to this cause, let us know immediately.

"ECHOES FROM EDEN"

All those who support the B.S.A. radio ministry, "Echoes From Eden," this month will be sent one of our new 45 rpm records for their home use. Please mention the record when you write. Send contributions to Radio Ministry, Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737.

Love may be blind, but hate is far more so.

In supposedly religious colonial America, only about 5% of the people had any connection with any church, the records show. Now, the figure is about 58 to 60% of the population showing some church affiliation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copy must be brief. No charge will be made, but offerings to defray cost will be appreciated. The right is reserved to reject any proposed copy.

Send all copy to Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737. Information as to dates and places of Sabbath services, camp meetings, radio programs, desire for employment by Sabbathkeeping people or vice versa, prayer requests, requests for information leading to Sabbath fellowship for isolated people, etc., will be included.

This feature, offered solely as a service for Sabbathkeepers, is probably not obtainable elsewhere and is for the purpose of fostering increased good will, love, and harmony among ALL Sabbath-observing people (John 13:35).

AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION—Reprints of the article, "The Two Covenants From Mt. Sinai," by Archie B. Craig which appeared in the Sentinel a few months ago. Contributions to cover postage and handling appreciated. Address: Archie B. Craig, Box 51227, Tulsa, OK. 74151.

I need large acreage for development for folks on small pensions, children. Those interested in living in and helping develop food, housing for Sabbath keepers or invest, contact Keller, 1938 W. Hayes, Daventryport, Iowa 52804.



A person who is . . .

- Reliable
- Ambitious
- Sociable
- Sincere
- Diligent

If you qualify, the B.S.A. needs your service. Sometime, during a quiet time at home . . . between getting in from a hard day at work, opening the mail, catching the evening news, sitting down to dine, getting rid of the salesman at the door, finishing around-the-house chores, dropping an overdue note to the family, putting out the trash, having some recreation with the children, and getting a few hours sleep that you deserve, . . . could you find time for the Bible Sabbath Association?

If you could find some time for the Bible Sabbath Association, we would love to hear from you.

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