



Go, set a watchman,  
Let him declare what he seeth.

Isaiah 21:8

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“Sunset again! What a relief!”

## Do You Keep Sabbath Like You Kept Sunday?

REBECCA E. LACEY

*If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
and doing business on the holy day,  
if you call the sabbath, ‘Delightful,’  
and the day sacred to Yahweh ‘Honorable,’  
If you honour it by abstaining from travel,  
from doing business and from gossip,  
then shall you find your happiness in Yahweh  
And I will lead you triumphant over the heights of the land.  
I will feed you on the heritage of Jacob your Father.  
For the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.”*

—Isaiah 58:13, 14 *The Jerusalem Bible\**

Comparing this portion of Scripture with various other renderings before sharing the following sketches will most likely initiate a chain-reaction of thought among serious-minded Sabbatarians everywhere!

“Oops! it’s almost that time again! And I forgot to take the laundry out of the tub! The dishes haven’t been put away or the table set! . . . Now let’s see, where did I put that other set of place mats? . . .”

“Where’s the bath oil? It was right here earlier today! The sun certainly sets quicker on Friday than any other day in the week! . . .”

“Oh no! Not again! Why doesn’t the car start like it did when I flew to the store to get another box of Jello for Sabbath! . . .”

“The sun is setting *so fast!* . . . SCREECH! . . . One more inch and that driver would have hit me! Why don’t people watch how they drive on Friday nights? (Did I forget to turn the oven off?) Wonder if we will find pastor ‘Janitor’ apologetically sweeping up the pew areas before

his regulars arrive like last week! . . .”

“The sun did set fast! Now where’s my Kleenex? Seems like I get the ‘sweats’ specially come time for ‘service.’ Well, while I’m waiting for Pastor ‘Janitor’ and his members to arrive, I may just as well get into The Word. Don’t tell me I’ve forgotten my Bible again! No matter; they’ll have an extra one, no doubt. Hmm, not so many came out tonight . . . Oh, there’s Sister Flamboyant, all dolled up in the new outfit she told me about! Wonder why Elder ‘Monopoly’ doesn’t encourage individual Scripture reading instead of talking about his own experiences all the time? . . .”

“It’s time to begin the usual hassle again! Strange the children can *never* find their socks come Sabbath morning—like their father, of course!”

“We’ve done better than usual today! Only ten minutes late for Sabbath School! Oh, there’s Sister ‘Bug-Detector’! Is she going through ‘her thing’ again today about the

bugs she tracked down in poor unsuspecting Brother and Sister 'Newly-Met's house?'

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## What on earth happened to the choir?

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"What on earth happened to the choir? They sound like a masked nightclub ensemble turned sacred! No doubt, given a chance, we could all do a real 'swingeroo' to that recurring 'shuffle' beat!"

"Not again! That's the same sermon Pastor 'Repetitious' preached at 7 o'clock service a few Sabbath ago! Even the jokes are the same! Wonder why that organist drowns everybody out! What's he got against blending voices with the organ?"

"Could our brothers and sisters in the early church have taken up more collections than we do? Could they possibly have read more announcements than we do?"

A beaming elderly visitor shared her favorable comments regarding the sermonette following the main message. Proudly, the rejoinder came: "You didn't know we're to keep the seven annual sabbaths just like the Jews? You didn't know before that the Israelites lost their land primarily because of their failure to keep the seventh-day Sabbath properly? Do, precious Sister, visit with us as often as you can! I'm sure you will *greatly* benefit from *our instruction!*"

"Wish Sister 'Free-Load' would always let us know when she's joining us for Sabbath dinner! Now there'll be extra dishes to wash before we get out for afternoon services, plus, I'll have to find something else to stick into the oven for her little Calvin! The monster can't eat cold turkey!"

"We may all just as well leave a

bit earlier for the Youth-Wants-To-Know Hour. It beats staying here at home, plowing through the noise! Of the many meetings scheduled on Sabbath this one is my favorite!..."

"Oh, my! My eyes *must* be deceiving me! It just can't be sunset again! What a relief! Now I can stay in bed in the morning and get my rest, while the ole man 'runs with the pack'—that is, at least until he's off proselytizing again for the remainder of the daylight hours!"

Some of this recounting, dearly beloved, is true to setting, some shifted, some contrived to drive home the point more clearly! Notwithstanding, the whole is presented in love, to the end that each of us more seriously re-evaluate what is done during the whole of Sabbath, from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday in light of what the Word says as compared with what actually takes place among us on "My Holy Day!" (verse 13, KJV).

The writer is the first to admit there's yet much remaining to be set in order as she, too, seeks to please the King at whatever cost! Let us earnestly pray for each other in this particular, bringing our doing into absolute conformity to His expressed Word!

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## What is done during the Sabbath?

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"Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed. (Hebrew verbal form of *nephesh*: soul-quickened, have new life put in, renewed or revived.)" (Exodus 23:12, *Companion Bible*).

TO THE MOST HIGH ADORABLE ONE BE HONOR AND GLORY FOREVER! Amen. ■

# Honking Is Not Enough

EUGENE LINCOLN

**S**TOPPING at a traffic light in Goshen, Indiana, I noticed the bumper sticker on the car ahead of me: "If You Love Jesus Honk."

"Why not?" I asked myself. It was a Sunday evening, and I surmised that the driver was probably on his way to church. He and his wife and small daughter were obviously dressed better than they would have been for buzzing over to a McDonald's. After all, a response to the bumper sticker might give him a touch of pre-church service inspiration to know that others in the world loved Jesus also.

I touched the horn button ever so lightly and gave two polite little beeps. Just as I gave the first one, the light changed from red to green.

The response from the driver was immediate and unexpected. He turned his head and glared at me; if looks could kill, I certainly would not be around to tell this story! Then, with a squeal of protesting rubber on pavement, the car lunged forward.

"Well!" I thought to myself. "Something seems to have gone wrong somewhere. Perhaps he thought I was impatiently honking for him to start. Maybe he's forgotten the message on the bumper sticker. Or perchance his wife has burned the evening meal."

I planned to catch up with him at the next traffic light, pull up beside his car, and flash a friendly grin just to let him know that everything was all right. But the chance did not come. He zoomed through the next light just as it was

changing. As I obediently stopped I saw his car careen around a corner one block ahead, and it disappeared.

Long after I had left Goshen behind me, I pondered over his reaction; I found myself hoping that the sermon he heard cooled him down.

Since then I've often wondered: What in the world does the honking of an auto horn have to do with loving someone?

My son Mike used to work in the custodial department of a small university in southwestern Michigan. Between our house and his place of work lived Sandy, a girl he knew. Each time he passed her house he would slap his hand down heavily on the horn, causing it to emit an ear-splitting screech.

Once when riding with him I asked him why he did this.

"I dunno," he answered. "I suppose it's to let her know that I like her."

"But what about the neighbors," I asked him, "and the fact that you honk even when you pass her house at eleven-thirty at night?"

"Oh, I don't think they mind much," he answered in a tone that indicated he himself was not convinced of the truth of what he was saying.

I continued quizzing him. "If you like her so much, why don't you think about asking her to marry you?"

"It isn't anything serious, Popsy. I just think that she's a lot of fun, and—"

By that time we were home, and I never did hear the rest.

I love Darlene, my wife. In fact—despite statements from the authorities that there is no such thing as love at first sight—I have loved her since the time, over thirty years ago, I first looked in the seat behind me at church and saw her there. But I wonder what she would think if, on our wedding anniversary or her birthday, I limited my expression of love to a honk of the horn as I drove up the driveway after a day's work.

As I came in the house she would probably ask me (trying to be subtle), "Honey, do you know what day this is?"

And I would answer, "Sure. That's why I honked as I drove in."

She would probably wait a few moments, then ask with a tone of disappointment evident in her voice, "Is that all?"

"Yep," I'd reply in this purely hypothetical case. "Isn't that enough for you?"

Assuredly, that would not be the secret of promoting a happy marriage!

Honking is just not enough to show love, it seems. It takes more than that—much more. In the case of Darlene and me, it takes an occasional "surprise" present, a little love pat, or helping her do the dishes when she is tired at the end of a long day. And many other things also.

And what does the Lord expect of those who claim to love Him? A honk of their auto horn? A tiny golden cross worn on the dress or lapel? A bumper sticker proclaiming that "I Love Jesus"?

He answered this question long ago when He told His disciples just before He was crucified, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word" (John 14:23). Just a few moments before this He had told them, "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves *me* will be loved by

my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him" (verse 21).

That rule applies in secular as well as spiritual things. If we love others, we try to please them; we try to do what they want us to do. So we please the Lord by keeping His commandments. We do not keep them to earn our way to salvation, for this we can never do if we were to "be good" all our lives (see Ephesians 2:8,9).

Predicting conditions in the troubled times just before Jesus' second coming, the apostle Paul described most of humanity as "lovers of self, lovers of money, and lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:1-4). And he counseled youth Timothy that, as a Christian, he should "avoid such people" (verse 5).

We find much that is called "love" in the world today, but the greater portion of it is as fake as a three-dollar bill. Henry Drummond calls it "the greatest thing in the world." He says further that love is "Christ's one secret of the Christian life."

If, as Christ said, love involves obedience to Him, then only a casual glance at most of Christendom shows its lack. In the present-day world the Ten Commandments are considered of little importance to the Christian. "Only honk your spiritual horn of faith," we are told by some theologians, "and you can forget about the law of God, for you do not need to keep it now."

But the apostle James had another point of view in this matter. After discussing the law of God and its relationship to a practical demonstration of one's love to God and other people, he said unequivocally, "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2:17).

So horn-honking is not enough for the Lord. He wants our obedience to His laws as evidence of our faith in and love for Him. ■

# What's A Quarter Worth?

A quarter is an interesting thing. Thirty years ago, if you were fortunate enough to have one, you could get:

- \* a haircut
- \* a quart of milk and a loaf of bread and have change left.
- \* a double-dip ice cream cone for you, your wife, and three kids.

Now a quarter won't do much. But it's still important. A few quarters added up amount to a lot of money even yet.

If you will let us know your change of address when you move, you will save us a quarter. That's what the Postal Service charges us when you don't.

Send us your name together with *old and new* addresses at least six weeks before you move if possible.

## ATTENTION ALL SABBATARIANS!

### Are We to Have a National "Common Rest Day" Law?

It seems that there is a thinly veiled threat that this will occur. I only suggest that those thinking otherwise read on microfilm at their public libraries these issues of the *New York Times*: June 18, page 1, section 2, pages 4, 5, and 7; June 21, page 33: 1, August 28, front page. Possibly many others have similar items.

On June 17, the State of New York's highest court declared that the "Sabbath" selling law was unconstitutional! All members agreed on this decision. They did not rule on other parts of the law, forbidding "common labor."

Since then an increasing number of stores have started opening on Sunday. On August 29, (Sunday) the giant Macy and Gimbel department stores were open for the first time ever on a Sunday.

High officials of the Catholic Church are urging that the New York legislature enact a strong "Common Rest Day" Law. They are asking their members (millions) not to shop Sundays. Protestant clergymen for the most part agree with them. Most letters to editors and articles in papers and magazines also agree. All mention the "sabbath." Not one that I have read mentions anything about the seventh-day observers. They all decry "that the 30 states having Sunday Laws are failing to obey them."

Isn't it time that all Sabbath keepers write the New York news media and the three major radio/television networks, giving the seventh day side of the Sabbath? The address is ABC & "Face Off", 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019; CBS & "60 Minutes", 51 West 52nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10019; NBC, 30 Rockefeller Center, New York, N.Y. 10020; PBS, 475 L'Enfant Plaza West S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. Also letters should be written to the Association of General Merchandise Chains, 1625 I, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20000.

—J. G. Songer  
a concerned reader



## The Bible Sabbath Association International Salutes Evangelist Erma L. Jones

Bible Sabbath Association member Evangelist Erma L. Jones, who is a member of the Seventh Day Pentecostal Church in Mobile, Ala., recently led a group of young people of her church in Youth Temperance Education Week. The group received a proclamation from Governor George Wallace for its outstanding contribution in the community in promoting temperance. Seen in the picture above (reading from left to right) are: Gaith LaVonne Jones, Mary Wyman, Sophia Thompson, Mrs. Avert (not a member of Sister Jones' church), Bill Jackson (Governor Wallace's counsel), Evangelist Erma L. Jones, Betty Anderson, and Nina Wyman. The Bible Sabbath Association salutes you, Sister Jones, in your temperance work.

**"WE BRING SABBATH-KEEPERS TOGETHER"**

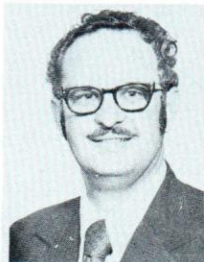


A lot has happened to bring Sabbath keepers together. And we help make it happen! By featuring articles and news by and about Sabbatharians from different denominational backgrounds, we enjoy the blessing of flowing together in promoting a common cause.

**The Bible Sabbath Association  
Fairview, Oklahoma 73737**



from the  
**PRESIDENT'S  
DESK**



## WHY GIVE BEFORE 1977 ?

**A**S THE OLD YEAR takes its bows the stage must be cleared for new ideas, experiences, and goals. It is a time for catching up and starting over, for undoing and redoing, for tying up the loose ends. Last year's resolutions are inventoried, sorted, and reclassified under "ACCOMPLISHED" or "CARRIED OVER FOR NEXT YEAR."

From a practical standpoint it is a good time to review financial factors as well. For most people January begins a new tax season and after December 31 it will be too late to have deductions apply on this year's income tax return. It is also the one time of the year when we are most aware of our overall financial picture, earnings, expenses, etc. In other words, we are in a better position to judge what we can afford to give after our own needs are met.

Whether you are balancing the family checkbook or directing a multimillion dollar corporation, now is a good time to decide *what* you want to give, to *whom*, and *how* you want to give it.

### What Should I Give?

#### I. Cash

Back when our country was young and bartering was a common

system of exchange, money may have been the least likely thing one would have considered giving. If someone were in need, a neighbor would give food from his garden, timber from his land, or maybe even flour from his mill. In today's economy, however, though we may still take food to a sick neighbor, cash is the most convenient charitable gift. Cash can be exchanged for whatever is needed most, whether it be medicine, food, books, or workers.

When making a cash gift, you can give up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income and deduct it on your federal income tax return.

#### II. Securities

Cash, however, is not the only way to make a current gift. Though you may not have an acre of pine trees or a wagonload of corn to give, you may have other resources besides money. More than 32 million Americans own securities (stocks, including mutual funds, and bonds). Many of these people have philanthropic interests and are using their securities as a means of giving. They are giving securities in three ways. You may want to give in one of these ways:

**First**—give directly to the

charity or institution securities that have held for six months or longer and have appreciated (gone up) in value. This offers you two tax advantages: (1) You can deduct the current fair market value of the securities, and (2) you avoid all capital gains taxes.

For example, say you bought 100 shares of ABC corporation last year and paid \$1,000 for the stock. Now it is valued at \$2,500. When you give the stock itself, you deduct \$2,500 on your federal income tax return. You avoid the payment of capital gains on the \$1,500 increase in the value of the stock. This can mean a tax saving of as much as \$375.

Gifts of appreciated securities are deductible up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. So, if you have appreciated securities, consider using them rather than cash to fulfill your charitable intentions. You can afford to give more by giving appreciated securities outright, because of the tax benefits.

**Second**—give the gain. You give the capital gain instead of the full value of the stocks. This is called a 'bargain sale'—you actually sell the stock to the charity for its original cost and deduct the difference as a charitable gift. You will probably incur some capital gains tax, but you will also receive an income tax deduction.

**Third**—sell securities that have declined in value and give the proceeds. Securities that are worth less than you paid for them entitle you to take a capital loss on your federal income tax return. If you give the securities directly to the charity, you cannot take the capital loss on your tax return. You still receive a tax deduction for the value of the cash you give, however.

Suppose you had paid \$1,000 last year for securities now worth only \$800. If you gave the securities

outright, you would receive an income tax deduction for \$800, period. But if you sold the stocks for \$800 which you then gave to charity or to a nonprofit institution, you would receive a deduction for the \$800, and in addition, there would be a \$200 capital loss when you sold the stocks, which you may declare on your tax return.

### III. Life Insurance

Life insurance policies that you no longer need for a child who has completed his education, a mortgage which has been paid, or for family protection because of business success make excellent charitable gifts. If the policy is fully paid up, you may deduct its replacement cost. If premiums are still being paid, the approximate cash value is deductible, plus all future premiums you pay. Your life insurance company can tell you the exact amount you can deduct.

or

You can give your policy dividends by assignment. The policy dividends you receive are not reportable by you as taxable income, but they are deductible when you give them.

or

Take out a new policy naming the institution as owner and beneficiary. It is a way to assure a very substantial gift at a relatively small monthly cost—the "installment plan," you might say. The premiums are deductible on your federal income tax return.

### IV. Gifts in Kind

Suppose you do have that acre of pine trees, or that crop of corn, or livestock, or a coin collection, works of art, jewelry, antiques, royalties, inventories, etc. These are still valuable items of exchange which institutions welcome and appreciate as gifts.

### V. Real Estate

Many people have a great deal

of their resources tied up in homes, farms, ranches, rental property, commercial property, resort property. These as gifts should be discussed in advance with a representative of our organization.

### VI. Memorial Gifts

Often families, respecting the wishes of deceased loved ones, request that memorials be sent to a favorite nonprofit institution in lieu of other remembrances. Such a tribute is appropriate even in the absence of a public request and, unlike other gestures, a memorial contribution lives on in service to other people.

### VII. Corporate Giving

If you are a major stockholder in a closed corporation, consider letting your corporation do some of your giving. A corporation can give up to five percent of its taxable income to nonprofit institutions and deduct it.

Gifts of overstocked inventory are also tax deductible at cost basis.

### Who Cares About Tax Advantages?

"I don't give because of tax benefits," you may say. "That's not my purpose at all."

Of course not. If it were, you would be better off keeping your money and forgetting about taxes.

You give because you are concerned about others and the world around you. But tax benefits are intended to be used; that is why they were created in the first place, to encourage charitable giving.

### Give More Than You Can Deduct This Year

If you want to give more this year than the 50 percent you are allowed to deduct, you can carry over the excess into the five succeeding tax years. In this way you can give from an unusually large income and still be able to claim the tax deduction over a period of years.

### To Whom Should I Give?

The Bible Sabbath Association International is worthy of your prayerful consideration. The continuance of our worldwide ministry is dependent upon your liberal love gifts.

At this time of the year it is not unlikely that one's mailbox might contain several appeals in the same week. You might see anything from a glossy four-color pamphlet to a handwritten postcard. How do you decide?

We all have our priorities—what we consider the most urgent cause or what will, in the long run, have the most important effect. That is the first consideration. What do you want to accomplish by your gift?

Only after you have prayerfully considered the far-reaching consequences of your gift to the Bible Sabbath Association International, then make sure it reaches us before January 1, 1977.

The president, officers, and directors at large wish you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year!

Praying for the success of your endeavors in spreading the Sabbath truth, I remain

Yours in the cause,

*Kerritt Littrell*



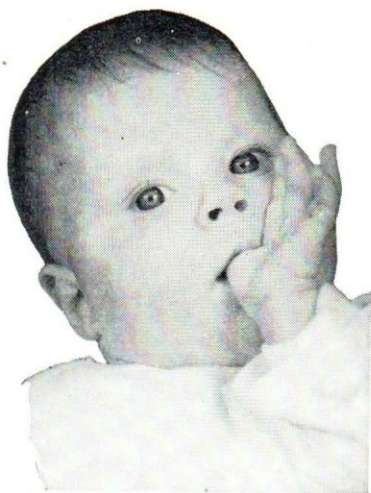
## Elementary Reactions . . .



What difference does it  
make what day you keep?



How can some people be so  
dumb in a modern age?  
Sunday is still the Sabbath.



I'm satisfied with what I  
believe.



Don't confuse me with the  
facts. My mind is already  
made up.

## To Sabbath Keeping



Don't bug me with any  
"new light."



Sunday keeping is good  
enough for me.



I can't be bothered with  
such childish doctrine!



I'd rather fight than switch  
my weekly rest day!



## U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Sabbatarian

On November 2 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld, in a 4-4 decision, an appeals court ruling that Parker Seal Company had violated a section of the civil rights law when it discharged Paul Cummins, a supervisor at its Berea, Ky., plant. Cummins had refused on religious grounds to work on the Sabbath after he joined the Worldwide Church of God.

The effect of the tie vote—with Justice John Paul Stevens not participating—is that the lower court ruling stands, but no precedent that can be applied in other cases is established. The two-sentence announcement gave no clues as to how individual justices voted or why Justice Stevens did not participate.

In arriving at the decision the justices relied on a 1972 amendment to the Civil Rights Act that had been introduced by Senator Jennings Randolph (W. Va.), a Seventh Day Baptist.

In a similar case which came to the Supreme Court from an appeals court in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1971, the justices had ruled in favor of the employer, the Reynolds Metal Company.

Jay Siegel, a labor law specialist who represented the Parker Seal Company, expressed dissatisfaction with the decision, saying that it “really throws it into a no-man’s land” and that one could take his choice of the two conflicting

decisions.

Other similar cases now pending are complicated by labor union agreements. One concerns a TWA employee in St. Louis, Mo., who refused Sabbath work. Other cases were started by employees who had been discharged or demoted because of their belief.

The justices have agreed to rule on the TWA case.

### WOWO Manager Talks on Hoosier Blue Laws

Warren L. Maurer, general manager of WOWO Radio, Fort Wayne, Ind., broadcast an editorial on October 2 and October 3, 1976, in which he said:

“Thousands of Indiana residents break the law every week and probably don’t even know it. They break the law by going to work, going hunting, or even by mowing the lawn or washing the car. Most of us frequently break this law by working, hunting, or engaging in common labor on Sunday. That’s right. Indiana’s Sunday closing law, enacted in 1905, has never been repealed.

“There are a few exemptions to Indiana’s law forbidding most kinds of work on Sunday. You can legally work if you convey travelers, keep a toll bridge or toll gate, operate a ferry boat, or publish or distribute news . . . at least the WOWO news department seems to be safe. Another interesting

exemption in the law allows you to play baseball or hockey on Sunday as long as you do it after 1 p.m. and more than 1,000 feet from any church or hospital.

"Although Indiana's Sunday closing law has been on the books for 71 years, enforcement has been pretty spotty. In fact, the last time authorities in northern Indiana seriously tried to enforce the law was in 1967.

"WOWO thinks the 1977 Indiana General Assembly should repeal the Sunday closing law. Even though the law has not been enforced lately, it remains to be used by an over-zealous police department or prosecutor.

"Let's repeal it and save everybody a lot of trouble."

### **Sunday Sales Soar In Alabama Stores**

Cash registers as well as church bells are ringing each Sunday in Alabama these days, the result of a ruling last year by the Court of Criminal Appeals that Birmingham police were being discriminatory in their enforcement of the city's Sunday sales laws.

State blue laws prohibit food stores from being open on Sunday, but larger cities may pass local laws which supersede the state law in allowing stores with four or fewer employees to open on that day. Since the legislature failed to define clearly what it means in providing exemptions, enforcement has led to confusion. Courts have either skirted the issue or let the laws stand in most cases.

A spokesman in the attorney general's office expressed doubt that there would be any change of the laws in the immediate future, but there seems to be a growing acceptance of Sunday shopping among many Alabamans.

One Sunday shopper said, "If they sell it during the week, I think you should be able to buy it on

Sunday."

Another one who does most of her grocery shopping on Sunday, feels that "those people who don't want to shop on Sundays don't have to." And one Birmingham housewife stated, "Church is over and it's convenient for me to shop on Sunday."

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Birmingham said, "I wish more stores were open on Sunday. Then I could tell them [my congregation] they no longer have any excuse for not coming to synagogue on Saturday, because they could work on Sunday."

Often, what day is considered sacred depends on what culture predominates in a country. "In Israel," Rabbi Stern said, "Christians and Arabs alike have to work on Friday (Sabbath for the Moslems) and Sunday (Sabbath for the Christians)."

A mellowing attitude is shown even among Protestant ministers. For instance, Rev. Robert A. Larson, pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, said, "I have mixed feelings about blue laws in general. Really, it ought not be necessary to keep stores open at all on Sunday. But I feel we should not impose our beliefs about blue laws on Seventh-day Adventists, Jews, or even those who have no commitment to church."

Alabama is one of about thirty states that still have laws on their books which regulate Sunday activities. Most of them are not rigidly enforced. In many states the laws are under severe criticism, with such chains as Sears, Penneys, and Montgomery Ward often opening their stores on Sundays. The National Association of Food Chains reports that about half of the nation's supermarkets open on Sunday. ■



# Speaking to Youth

LINDA WEHMEYER



**H**OW MUCH do we really care about righteousness and about the way we are living? Do we stop and consider if we are doing the thing most pleasing to our heavenly Father? Shouldn't our first response be to ask ourselves what would Yahshua do in such a situation?

If we are to become true followers of Yahshua, we must care very deeply about righteousness. We must strive in the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill all the things that Yahshua would have us do. If we do not have a deep-down desire to be like Yahshua, then only heartaches are in store for us. We cannot expect to be anything besides carnally (worldly) minded, if we don't have a burning desire to be like our Saviour in all things.

We shall have this greater desire as we talk to our heavenly Father and commune with Him. Therefore, we definitely need to pray. Prayer is something that is not hard to comprehend. Prayer is

simply talking to our heavenly Father just as if He were our best friend. He should be our Best Friend if He isn't already! He understands and knows us much more than any friend here on earth could ever hope to. We must claim the great privilege of prayer.

If we cannot talk to our heavenly Father, how can we expect things to go according to His will? We each have a great privilege of talking to our heavenly Father about all things, but unless we put this privilege into action, we shall fail to reap the benefit He wants to give us.

Prayer becomes extremely important as we grow spiritually. We must realize that when problems arise, we have a place to turn to. Who could possibly work out our problems better than our heavenly Father, who knows and wants only what is best for us? If we would not try so hard to work out everything the way *we* feel is the best, but rather allow our heavenly Father to work things out on His own time schedule, we could grow so much closer to Him. Isaiah 40:31 states, "But they that wait upon Yahweh shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Holy Name Bible). So patience, we see, will make us stronger and closer to our heavenly Father. After all, we know He is far more capable of taking care of all our problems—no matter how big or small they seem to us—than we are.

We must remember to walk and live by *faith*. We shall then be surprised how our heavenly Father's plan for us is really the best plan for our lives. ■

## NOTICE

Please submit all articles, poems, etc. to me by the 25th of the month instead of the 5th.

—Linda Wehmeyer



# News From Sabbath-Keepers

Conducted by LUKE WILLIAM BOYD

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE IN ISRAEL

Following World War II and the Jewish holocaust in Europe, a group of Christians decided that something should be done to let Jews know that Christians are not opposed to Jewish people. Thus a Christian community called Nes Amim was established in Israel.

In Nes Amim these Christians began to develop a cordial relationship with the neighboring Jewish kibbutz, which is comprised of survivors of the Jewish holocaust. It took some time, but they are being more and more accepted in the surrounding Jewish communities.

In recent months the community changed its day of worship from the traditional Sunday to the seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday. Their village minister, Shimon Schoon, says that even the Orthodox rabbi now receives him for discussions.

Those of us who observe the Sabbath prayerfully look forward to seeing more and more groups begin to practice the teachings of the Bible concerning the Sabbath. Even though this group began observing the Sabbath in Israel for convenience sake, we believe it is an example of the work of the Holy Spirit to bring the message of the Good News of Yahshua the Messiah to the Jewish people. The only way we as believers can provoke Israel to

jealousy, fulfilling Romans 10:19, is to observe the teachings of the entire Bible, not forsaking the observance of the Sabbath, and then show them the great joy there is in walking in freedom in the light of the new covenant with the Messiah which they and their ancestors have rejected.

## THE MUSIC SCRAPBOOK

The producers of The Voice of Prophecy, a Seventh-day Adventist venture for Christian outreach, have begun producing a new program called "The Music Scrapbook." This music program, hosted by Wayne Hooper, will be made available to radio stations as public service time.

Many SDA singing groups and musicians will be participating in the program, which will feature many types of music with little talking other than narration about the composers and songs presented. Each week there will be a program theme, such as the songs of Charles Wesley or the Psalms put to music. Listeners may write in for a printed sheet which is concerned with that particular program.

Those interested in getting their local station to air this program may write to The Voice of Prophecy, 1500 E. Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, CA 91206, for more details. Then write your station to encourage them to place this

program on the air.

## THE SIGN OF THE PERPETUAL COVENANT

An association of assemblies which practice communal living similar to the practices of the early church following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost publishes several periodicals which are distributed to various assemblies in England as well as elsewhere in the world. They practice the observance of the Sabbath, and in a recent issue of their main evangelistic magazine, *Reality*, all articles touch on various aspects of the Sabbath. "The Sign of the Perpetual Covenant," the lead article by Peter Warsop of Nottingham, England, relates the observance of the Sabbath through the Bible. Those wishing to receive this issue, *Reality* 34, or other literature or information about this group may write to Peter Warsop, The Congregation of Yahweh, 52 Beech Avenue, New Basford, Notts., NG7 7LQ, England.

## SALT

A group of Sabbatarians who previously published a magazine called *Facts of Our Faith* began the publication of a new magazine in May, 1976, called *Salt*. It has a totally new format with something for everyone. There are mission reports, editorials on current topics, letters with comment on numerous subjects, news with commentary, strong doctrinal presentations, articles on education, etc.

An article in the June issue told how their local missionary efforts into foreign countries have been integrated into the much larger missionary work of the General Conference of the Church of God in Denver, Colo. The name of this Hawthorne, Calif., missionary endeavor, Missions Abroad, has been adopted by the combined work in Denver.

If you'd like to receive this informative magazine, please request it from *Salt*, P.O. Box 1134, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

## CHURCH SCHOOLS

Although the Seventh-day Adventists have probably the second largest parochial school system in the world, there are very few church schools among the other Sabbath keepers. With corruption in politics, drug traffic in schools, and educational emphasis on evolution and sex education, as well as the court cases opposing public Bible reading and prayer in schools, more and more small independent Sabbath-keeping bodies are starting their own schools. If you know of any, please write me and let me know about it. We will include information about them in the news column from time to time. Write to Luke Boyd, Route 2, Box 441, Dadeville, AL 36853.

## KEY WAY SCHOOL

A group of believers who have moved to the edge of the desert in south central Oregon has started a small private school for their children. As much as possible their textbooks and subjects are based on the Bible. They work with all the children in their community between the ages of two and thirteen.

They begin the day with morning worship, music, health, etc. Then the small children go into a separate room for their instruction. Each child learns a Bible verse each week which is used by the older students for handwriting exercises.

Various members of the community instruct the children in the skills which they have acquired in life.

They would like to exchange ideas with other Sabbatarian schools as well as get pen pals for

their students. Write to Mary Wallace, Key Way School, Star Route 1, La Pine, OR 97739.

### **WEEK OF PRAYER JANUARY 2-8, 1977**

The Seventh Day Baptists are advocating that members dedicate the first week of 1977 to special prayers and meditation. It would be good for all Sabbath keepers around the world to join together with the Seventh Day Baptists and any other believers for a special week of prayer at that time. With world conditions worsening, we need to set aside special times for prayer that we will be granted strength and wisdom to face victoriously the temptations which Satan hurls against us in his last period of freedom.

### **MOUNT ZION REPORTER RESUMES PUBLICATION**

Following the death of Elder A. N. Dugger, the magazines which he published in Jerusalem, Israel, ceased to be issued for several months. Decisions concerning who would carry on this work had to be made and a license obtained in order to continue publication. This has been taken care of, and the new editors and publishers are again sending out *The Mount Zion Reporter* and other literature.

The new editor of *The Mount Zion Reporter*, Effie Dugger, had faithfully worked by Elder Dugger's side for many years. She will be assisted in her work by Elder Gordon Fauth, who will be assistant editor as well as managing editor of the publications.

For those who are interested in finding out more about this work in Israel which is teaching the commandments of the Almighty and spreading the gospel of Yahshua the Messiah to the Jew and to the uttermost parts of the earth, write to Effie Dugger, *The Mount Zion Reporter*, P.O. Box 10184, Jerusalem, Israel.

### **DIAL-A-WORD-FROM-ZION**

A telephone recorder is used in a telephone ministry, called Dial-a-Word-From-Zion, which has been initiated in the French Lick, Ind., area. By calling (812) 936-2590 people can hear recorded messages that are changed daily. Some are in the form of one to two-minute sermons; others are inspirational messages in song. The purpose of this ministry is to reach ones, such as shut-ins, who are not able to attend services and to have inspirational words available to everyone 24 hours a day. Some like this ministry because it is a way they can listen to comforting words and yet have a private devotion at the same time. It is sponsored by the Zion College of Theology, a Sabbatarian organization in French Lick.

### **PILGRIM ACRES SCHOOL**

While driving down a dusty country road in East Texas near the little town of Emory, one comes upon a small community of Sabbath-keeping believers who put a high premium on the education of their children. Just this fall they inaugurated the Pilgrim Acres School.

Under the direction of their church pastor, Elder Paul Wilds, this school is now functioning smoothly with 30 pupils in attendance. The bulk of the teaching is by Patricia Adair, with help from other members of the assembly. Many of the children live with their parents in homes on property adjoining the assembly building and schoolhouse which are used for camp meetings and special meetings also.

Instruction is given in the Bible, with worship, prayer, and Bible reading emphasized. The textbooks which are used for secular subjects are Bible oriented. Being only in their first year, they are praying for

guidance for the best methods of operating the school for the spiritual and intellectual growth of their children.

## **SCHOOLS TO MERGE**

Dr. Daniel Knapp has joined the faculty of the Alaska Christian Bible Institute in Houston, Alaska, as dean and will teach Hebrew, exegesis of John, English, and church history. Dr. Calvin C. Hartman, president of the school, will teach Old Testament survey, Psalms, and Christian education. Ana Knapp will be joining the faculty in February as professor in Hebrew. She will also be teaching the course in the Book of Daniel.

Zion College of Biblical Studies, the school that was begun by the Knapps in 1969, is going forward too. Sister Knapp is presently remaining in Vancouver to continue that work. One of its original students, Elmer Varner, has gone to Alaska to continue his education and to work toward the Bachelor of Religious Leadership degree. Brother Varner was the first official student of Zion College. He studied the Hebrew language. Now he is continuing his work in Alaska.

Alaska Christian Bible Institute and Zion College of Biblical studies are contemplating a union. Neither will cease to operate as a unit, but both will continue independent of each other and will seek to cooperate as fully as possible. Both will have the same curriculum in the future, Dr. Knapp and his wife will be on the board of trustees of the institute and Dr. Hartman and his wife will be on the board of directors of Zion.

Drs. Hartman and Knapp both graduated from Pacific Bible Seminary—Hartman with the M. A. and Knapp with the Th.B.

### **The King's Work**

The King's Work is a newly formed agency of professional radio

announcers who are all Sabbatharians and who desire to obtain more and more radio time for all Sabbatarian churches. They are interested in working with all who already have radio programs, no matter how large or small, and also with those who have not had the opportunity in the past to have a radio ministry. They would even be available to supply announcers for any church that would want to start a radio ministry, as long as it is Sabbatarian.

Although a new organization, they already have contacts with several stations throughout the United States who are interested in selling time to churches who have quality religious broadcasts. Opportunities for a real growth in Sabbatarian radio ministry are quite good at the present time. And being Sabbatharians themselves, they are going to be quite concerned to obtain the best times on the best stations at the lowest possible rates. They may even be able to arrange some free time on occasion.

The Bible Sabbath Association would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those who have begun this work and to say we are praying for our Creator's blessing on this new organization, The King's Work. Those interested in working with them or who would like more information about this association may contact Larry Dean Spurgeon, The King's Work, 901 Quarry Rd., Suite 10, Havre de Grace, Md. 21078.

### **WOMAN MINISTER ACCEPTS CALL**

The Rev. Helen R. Green has accepted the call of the DeRuyter, N.Y. Seventh-Day Baptist Church to serve as pastor.

Miss Green who is a recent graduate of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary assumed her pastoral duties November 1, 1976.

# IN MEMORIAM



## ELDER KENNETH H. FREEMAN 1911 — 1976

*"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD, FOR THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM."*

The Bible Sabbath Association was saddened by the sudden death of Elder Kenneth H. Freeman who passed away at his home at Friendly, W.V., on October 25, 1976, from a heart attack.

Elder Freeman had served as one of the Board of Directors of the Association since 1970. He also served the Association as "Echoes From Eden" radio speaker for two years.

Kenneth Freeman was an ordained minister of the Church of God [7th Day]. He served as young people's national chairman in the 1930's. He was one of the contributing editors of the *Bible Advocate* magazine at the time of his passing.

Mr. Freeman was an outstanding leader, serving his denomination as its chairman from 1959 until 1963 and as its international radio speaker from 1953 until 1973. Altogether he gave 45 years of his life in the ministry.

Many BSA members will remember his kind but firm manner. He was a compassionate man with deep convictions.

He was laid to rest in his home town of Friendly. The prayers of the Bible Sabbath Association continue for his wife, Mrs. Bertie Freeman, and their two daughters and one son as they continue to surrender their wills to our Lord.

## Who's Who In the Sabbath World



**WILLIS J. HACKETT**

Willis J. Hackett, vice-president, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Washington, D.C., was born February 11, 1915, at Mullen, Neb. He received his B.A. from Union College, Lincoln, Neb., in 1939.

Ordained a Seventh-day Adventist minister at Keene, Texas, in 1942, he has served his denomination as pastor/evangelist, in Beaumont, Texas; departmental secretary, Arkansas/Louisiana Conference, Shreveport, La.; pastor in Omaha, Neb.; secretary, Missionary Volunteer Department, Southern New England Conference, South Lancaster, Mass.; secretary, Missionary Volunteer Department, Far Eastern Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Singapore; president, North Philippine Union Mission, Manila, Philippines;

president, Atlantic Union Conference, South Lancaster, Mass.; and president, North Pacific Union Conference, Portland, Oregon.

Elder Hackett married Margaret Estelle Rollins at Boulder, CO in 1937. They have two children Willard K. and Arlind E.



Conducted by Ruth Thomas

On page 14 of the October, 1976, issue of "The Sentinel" there appeared an article titled "Vegetarian Way Is Best." I would not want the readers of "The Sentinel" to be mis-led into thinking that this question is cut and dried as the article stated. There have always been those who advocate vegetarian or other diets with all kinds of claims, but the fact is that the vegetarian diet is not the best and there is *no recognized authority in nutrition* that advocates vegetarianism as a superior diet. My study on this subject reveals that meat is a wholesome food and should be included in the diet. This is taught by all nutritionists that follow recognized authorities. Faddism and foolishness have no part in Christianity. Our bodies were designed by an all wise Creator; when He gave us meat to eat, He knew what He was doing. If uric acid levels rise abnormally, there is a reason; take care of the reason. That makes more sense than removing meat from the diet. There is so much more that could be said but in so doing we would get

involved in the religious doctrine of many good people and I feel this type of controversy should not be aired in a publication such as "The Sentinel" so I will drop it here. If there are those with specific honest questions, write me enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. I do want to help anyone with honest questions or problems but I do not have the time to enter into debate either in print or by letter on this subject. Contact: Dr. F. W. Cox, 107 E. 3rd St., Willow Springs, Mo. 65793, or Phone (417) 469-2772.

I have only recently come into contact with your magazine and am glad to hear about your aim to unite all Sabbath-keeping groups.

Please send me a new *Sabbath Directory*. Enclosed is my check for \$3.50.

—J. R. G., Kentucky

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If time allowed, we would love to put a personal note of greeting in each order mailed or receipt sent, but since that is out of the question, we do want to say that the patience shown and the friendship felt as well as the prayers said in our behalf are deeply appreciated. May God bless each of you abundantly.

—Lawrence and Lottie Burrell  
Sec'y.-treas. and assistant

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