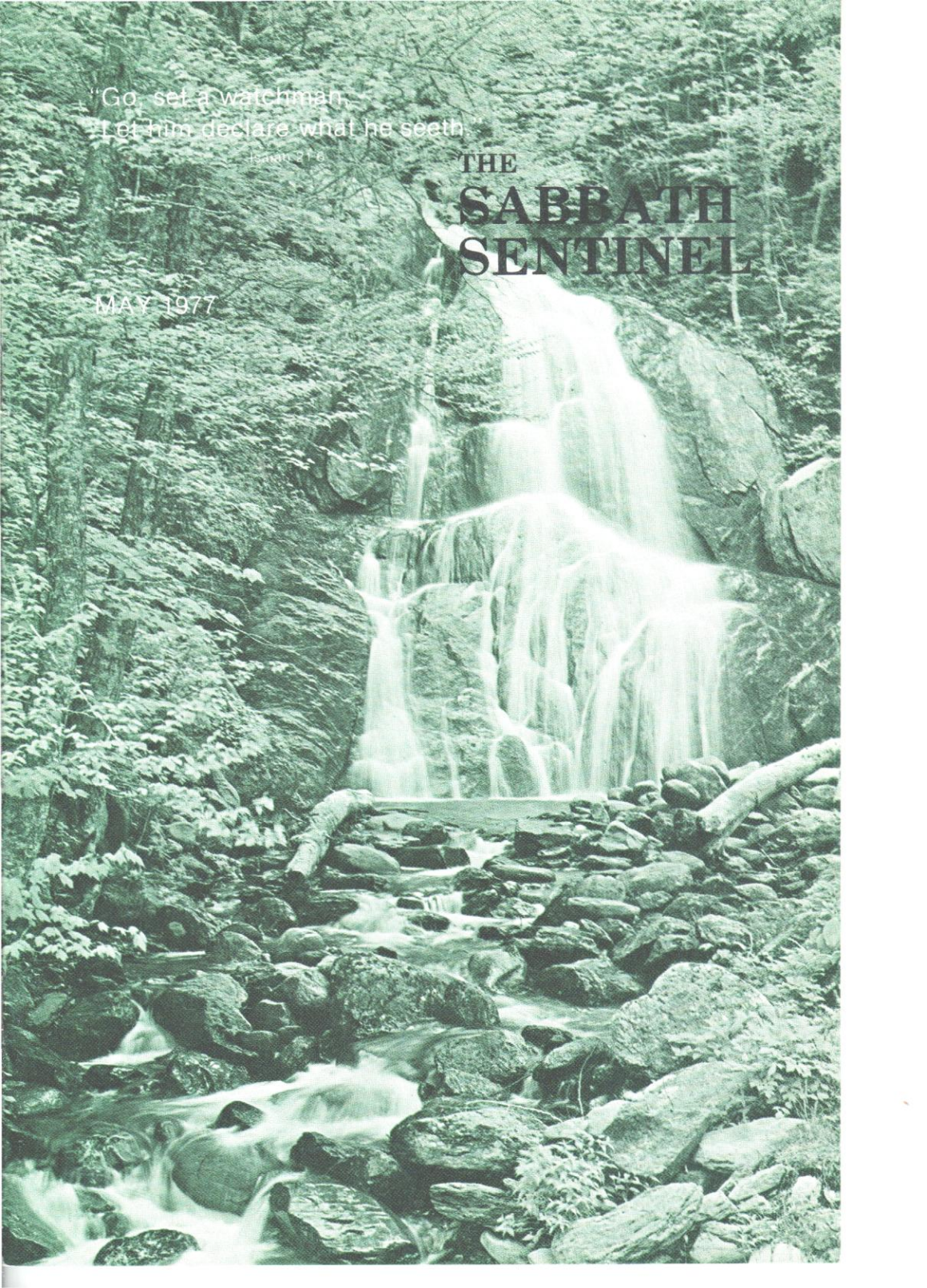


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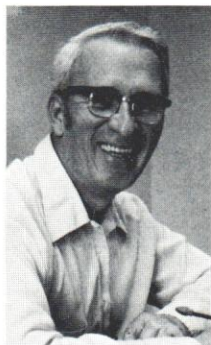
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A Note From the Editor



Eugene Lincoln

MRS. ALLEN PRICE (her friends call her Edith) of Marion, Ind., will probably never be listed in the "Who's Who Among Sabbath Keepers" column.

But to me she is one of the most outstanding people I have ever met. For many years she has taken "unadoptable" children under her care and, with husband Allen, has given them a Christian home and heaping portions of love.

The Prices have served as foster parents to many of these children, and they have adopted two. One of these has now graduated from

college and is an asset to his community and his church.

The Prices would be the last ones to feel that they are outstanding, but they have shared their love with those who needed it most.

Perhaps that's what the Good News of salvation is all about.

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We Need a Back to the Bible Reformation

PETER A. JAMES

IT IS related that a distinguished preacher once delivered a sermon from the text, "Hear the church." In a convention in London, Archdeacon Farrar related this incident to show the folly of those who take mere fragments of sentences from the Bible for texts, regardless of their setting in the context. In this connection Rev. Farrar explained that there is no such text in the Bible; it is only a fragment of a verse. To use it in such a sense as that indicated in the sermon would be really reading a falsehood into the Bible.

Archdeacon Whately, speaking of the same matter, said, "He might just as well have taken the text, 'Hang all the law and the prophets,' as to have taken the one he did."

This is a good illustration of the way that many ministers trifle with the Bible and with the souls who look to them for spiritual guidance. It is sad indeed to see one claiming to be an ambassador for Christ really falsifying the message his Master has sent to his people. It would be considered a crime for an ambassador of this nation to misrepresent and misinterpret the messages of his government sent to another people.

Is it any less criminal to falsify the messages sent by the King of kings? Yet this is all too common. In many cases it may be done unwittingly, but the damage to the cause, the leading astray of the King's servants, is just as disastrous as though the false teachings were intentional on the part of the teachers. The catastrophe is just as great to the blind man who falls into the ditch while following a blind leader as it would be if his fall were due to willful misrepresentations. We do



not see how some men can plead ignorance for their glaring inconsistency in the use of many Scripture passages contrary to their clear teachings.

The Bible is the Protestant standard of faith and practice. In that Book the Sabbath question is neither obscure nor difficult. The Fourth Commandment stands in the heart of the Decalogue and bears the signature of Yahweh as no other one of the commandments does. Christ's teachings and example concerning the Sabbath are plain and unequivocal. They constitute His commandments on the Sabbath question and he declares that those who love him will keep His commandments.

Men will not keep the Sabbath, nor any other day as the Sabbath, unless moved by love and guided by conscience. There was never any reason for interference on the part of the civil law, and the results of such interference are increasingly evil. Put the issue on the basis of the Bible, and let the behests of conscience direct, and Sunday laws will die a natural death. Wiser legislation ought to hasten their removal. Let us have protected rights to rest, and not enforced idleness on a specific day, under the false claim that not to remain idle on a particular period of twenty-four hours is a crime.



Blue Laws

The Massachusetts Legislature placed a question on the ballot to determine whether the people favor or oppose allowing retail stores, including package liquor stores, to open for business on Sunday and on those holidays to which present Blue Laws apply.

The General Court has annually considered legislation proposing repeal or modification of the state's Blue Laws mandating Sunday closing of most retail businesses. Sunday laws also apply to most state holidays. Recently, pressure from businesses near the New Hampshire border, where stores remain open on Sundays and holidays, has grown.

A special legislative commission following extensive public hearings around the state, recommended earlier this year adoption of a local option law, allowing each city or town to decide the issue for itself. Unable to muster enough votes for local option legislation, the General Court instead chose to place the question on the ballot as a non-binding advisory question.

PRO: Proponents maintain that sentiment in favor of repealing the Blue Laws has spread beyond the Merrimac Valley, where there are 183 businesses within ten miles of the New Hampshire border. Rhode Island recently passed legislation allowing stores to open on Sunday during the Christmas season. Proponents believe that the

Blue Laws are archaic. They say that it no longer makes sense to maintain unnecessary constraints on business. The Secretary of Manpower Affairs has testified that business will benefit from repeal. He states that a survey by the International Council of Shopping Centers indicates that weekly sales of stores open on Sunday rose by 9 percent. Proponents see repeal resulting in increased sales, increased employment, especially jobs for youth, and more flexibility for consumers. The consumer will be able to take advantage of the price differential between large and convenience stores on Sunday. A \$5 million increase in state revenues from sales and liquor taxes is predicted. Proponents find it hypocritical that the race tracks are open on Sunday, but a mother cannot buy shoes or food for her children.

CON: The opponents of repeal of the Blue Laws include the Massachusetts State Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Massachusetts Federation of Womens' Clubs. They point out that 13 years ago Massachusetts won a decision in the U.S. Supreme Court upholding the validity of Sunday as a day of rest. Opponents see repeal as weakening the family structure. They insist that opening all retail outlets will not put any more money into state or business coffers. They ask, if consumers have only so much to spend, how can retail sales increase? Further, they fear that

profits will be transferred from smaller to larger businesses and that the additional labor costs will be passed on to consumers. The Association of Massachusetts Consumers, Inc., in November 1975, opposed the repeal of the Blue Laws in the interest of conservation of energy.

President Carter Teaches Sunday School Class

President Carter, who teaches a Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., recently stated: "God's law does not change, no matter if one is in Plains, Georgia, Washington, the Soviet Union, China or Pakistan. He added with a smile: "Congress meets and goes home. God's law doesn't change."

We wish to echo the President's statement, "God's law doesn't change." This includes the commandment, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." Man has attempted to change God's holy day from Saturday to Sunday; but the Bible is silent about such a change. The Creator remains changeless in His divine law.

High Court Accepts Second Sabbath Case

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Supreme Court announced here it will decide after all whether employers must make special arrangements to accommodate the religious views of Sabbatarians regarding working on Saturdays.

Just two weeks earlier, the high court, in a 4-4 tie vote, affirmed a lower court ruling which held that employers must make such concessions. That action, however, failed to establish a firm precedent for other similar cases.

A 1972 amendment to the Civil Rights Act stipulates that employers must not dismiss or refuse to hire any individual for

religious reasons, including anyone whose religion requires strict observance of the Sabbath. The amendment was introduced by Sen. Jennings Randolph (D-W. Va.), a Seventh Day Baptist. Ever since passage of the amendment, the courts have been besieged with claims of discrimination against Sabbatarians.

The new case the high court agreed to hear involves an employee of Trans World Airlines (TWA) at Kansas City International Airport. Larry G. Hardison, a mechanic, joined the World Wide Church of God in 1968, more than a year after going to work for TWA.

Southwestern Association of Seventh Day Baptists

The Eighty-sixth Session of the Seventh Day Baptist Southwestern Association is to be held with the Paint Rock, Ala., church, June 16-19, 1977, sessions beginning on Thursday night. Dan M. Butler of Paint Rock is the president and has announced the theme, "Labor in Love."

August 7-13, 1977

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Sabbath Dialogue?

Dr. K. D. Hurley, Executive Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, reports that there is much interest in religious leaders getting together this summer for dialogue about "quiet saturdays."

He has heard from the following

religious organizations: The Bible Sabbath Association, The Presbyterian Church in the United States, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Advent Christian General Conference, American Baptist Churches, Church of the Brethren, Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, General Conference Mennonite Church, Church of God (Seventh Day), Christian Reformed Church, The Christian and Missionary Alliance, The Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee), Church of the Nazarene, The Salvation Army, The General Association of General Baptists, Episcopal Church, The United Presbyterian Church, Lutheran Church in America, The American Lutheran Church, The Southern Baptist Convention.

Id Sounds Likely!

In a recent "Wizard of Id" comic strip the Wizard's wife tells him of an editorial in the paper against doing business on the Sabbath.

He replies, "They'd better be careful. There won't be any more Sunday paper."

State Supreme Court Rules In Favor of Church of God (Seventh Day)

Tax administrators for the State of Colorado refused property tax exemption on the administrative offices and printing plant of the Church of God (Seventh Day). Their decision to tax the facilities of the church was based upon their insistence the church must render benevolent service to the residents of the State of Colorado. Since only a small percentage of the church's national membership resides in the state tax exemption was denied.

The Colorado State Supreme Court, in a recent decision, overruled the tax administrator.

The Court said, "Neither the percentage nor absolute number of members of a religious group resident in Colorado can alone be dispositive of their treatment." Even if the church had only 200 Colorado residents as its entire religious group, the court said, "we could not, for that reason alone, deny them a constitutionally mandated exemption. Numbers alone can never serve to evaluate the substance or essence of a religious faith."

Adventists Suggest Monday Rest Day

A Seventh-day Adventist magazine, *Ministry*, has suggested Monday as a nonreligious day of rest for the U. S. *Christianity Today* editor Harold Lindsell had asked readers to "consider the case for quiet Saturdays, but Monday is better," say SDA officials, because "in no way could a law to this effect create a church-state problem, since there is no religious organization in this country that places any religious connotation on Monday, as far as we know."



"It is the duty of the civil power to protect Christians against disturbance in their Sabbath worship, but the (civil) power is intruding in divine prerogative when it assumes the right to compel the subject to worship God, or to refrain from those pursuits which do not disturb others. The keeping of the Sabbath is eminently a moral duty, and hence it must be a voluntary service rendered under the pressure of moral suaves only."

How I Became a Sabbath Keeper

ELDER BOB THROWER



THE LITTLE WORLD in which my first eighteen uneventful years occurred was in West Point, Ga., where I was born in 1927. West Point, about 90 miles south of Atlanta, was the industrial part of the great Chattahoochee Valley. I was the youngest in a family of four children, and my favorite sports were hunting and fishing. But more than sport, this was a part of our meager survival.

Not much was said about religion in our home. Mother and Dad seldom attended church—not because they didn't believe in God, but because other things came first. Instead of thinking of God, I worked and was intent upon finding odd jobs.

Then my world changed. On December 28, 1945, I was sworn in as an Army private. After basic training, a stay in Denver—and a missed trip to Tokyo, I was honorably discharged and headed back for West Point. What would I do with my life now? Would I be able

to settle back to small-town life? With no definite objective in life and no special girl, I continued the freelance life of sowing more wild oats. Thoughts of God had not been a part of my life up to this time; but God's hand was over me.

I contacted R. B. Brock, general manager of the local A&P supermarket, and was immediately hired to help his associate, O. C. Clark. Although I realized Mr. Clark was no ordinary man, I was not prepared for his words a few days later: "Bob, I have you on my prayer list. I'm praying for you to be converted." These words spoken in love echoed through my mind, even though I had no desire to attend church. Then on Saturday afternoon, January 6, 1951, Mr. Clark invited me to a sunshine band to visit a jail.

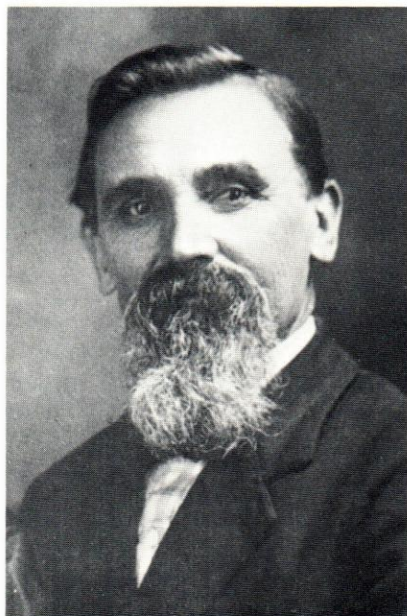
I declined, but my resistance against God had been broken. "Mr. Clark, I've changed my mind. I'm going."

Mr. Clark was joyful and clearly explained to me about the working of the Holy Spirit (see John 16:7-15 and Romans 8:14).

The message that was prepared for those prisoners that Sunday afternoon spoke to me, and I surrendered my life to Christ. That day I also prayed my first prayer and felt immediately that I had been delivered from sin (Colossians 1:13, 14, 2 Corinthians 5:17). I could hardly wait to tell my family that I was a changed man, but they thought I had gone off my rocker over religion. One week later I was baptized and joined the wonderful people in the First Baptist Church in Lanett, Ala.

One Wednesday evening after leaving church I felt God's Spirit
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THE HONOR ROLL



ELDER S. S. DAVISON
1845-1930

Samuel Stennett Davison was born December 5, 1845, in N. J., one of the youngest children in his family to be born in the U.S.A. as were half of his brothers and sisters. The others were born in England.

In 1870 he married Matilda Ann Sheffield, and six children were born. In 1899 he sold his land near Woodward, Iowa and brought his family to Oklahoma, where farms were available for his children. He and his older children bought claim rights from people who had made the run and finished "proving up" homesteads. They settled around the Roscoe community, which is two miles north and five miles west of Fairview.

Brother Davison was an avid Bible student and as a boy formed the habit of getting up an hour earlier than the family and building the fire so he could study the Bible, a habit he retained all his life. His father, Samuel S. Davison, was a Baptist minister in England until he became convinced that the Bible taught that the seventh day was the true Sabbath.

S. S. Davison was one of a group of ministers that organized the Church of God, Seventh Day, in Iowa in 1863, when he was 18 years of age. He remained active preaching in that church until his death in 1930.

He helped to establish a church in Woodward, Iowa, in 1891-92, where he preached until going to Oklahoma in 1899. In Oklahoma he preached in the Red Top schoolhouse near Roscoe, in Golden Valley. He shared his ministerial duties with Elder J. R. Goodenough. He later preached for many years in the Church of God, Seventh Day, in Fairview.

S. S. Davison was interested not only in religion but also in his fellowman and community as well. Relatives, friends, and neighbors in this pioneer community would come to him to serve as minister for weddings and funerals. He also was a justice of the peace.

In 1910 he was elected to the state legislature. He did not run for a second term because he said, "that was no place for a minister."

A quiet man who did not talk very much, he always tried not to criticize others but to say something good about them. His faith in God's

love helped him to be generous in his judgment toward others, and his Christian faith was the sustaining influence of his life.

His favorite verse and philosophy was "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). S. S. Davison and his wife, Matilda Ann Davison, both died in 1930 and are buried in the Roscoe cemetery, seven miles northwest of Fairview, Oklahoma.

S. S. Davison was the father of Elder Roy Davison, who was also an

active minister for the Church of God (Seventh Day) until his death. Elder Roy Davison served as editor of *The Bible Advocate* from 1937 to 1943. He also was elected president of the General Conference of the Church of God (7th day) at Stanberry, Missouri. Roy was the third consecutive generation of Davisons to be a minister in the Church of God (7th day).

Elder S. S. Davison was the uncle of Lottie (Davison) Burrell, assistant BSA secretary-treasurer.



Who's Who In the Sabbath World



GARNER TED ARMSTRONG

Garner Ted Armstrong, born in 1930 in Portland, Ore., spent his boyhood in Eugene, Oregon. He served four years in the navy during the Korean conflict.

Afterward he enrolled in Ambassador College, earning a bachelor of arts degree in 1956, a master's degree in theology in 1960, and his Ph.D. in 1966.

Today Mr. Armstrong is the commentator of "The World Tomorrow" program heard worldwide on radio and television stations. He has also written numerous booklets and articles on such subjects as dating, juvenile delinquency, marriage, crime, foreign affairs, and ecology.

His travels have taken him to countries all over the world, including Rhodesia, the Philippines, Australia, Britain, Canada, France, India, Latin America, and Germany. Due to an early interest in Latin America, he speaks fluent Spanish.

Mr. Armstrong holds a private pilot's license with a multi-engine land, sea, and instrument rating, and he has logged over 1,600 hours flying modern aircraft, including jets. He is also an avid deer and elk hunter and enjoys fishing.

He is in constant demand for speaking engagements all over the world but is able to accept only a few of those invitations due to an extremely active schedule and his many responsibilities.

He resides with his wife in Pasadena. The Armstrongs have three sons.

HOW I BECAME

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speaking to me: "Bob, I need you . . . I want you to give yourself fully to My work." This impression became stronger, so I unburdened myself to Mr. Clark. He answered immediately, "I have been praying for exactly this same thing. God can use you!"

So I decided to attend Bible School and become a minister. It was then I received my second strong impression. Among those who congratulated me the night I made my decision was Miss Wilma Mabry. Something told me this was the girl for me. Wilma and I became very good friends.

Before my arrival at Tennessee Temple Bible School in Chattanooga in June of 1951, I pastored a church in Columbus, Ga., and preached my first radio sermon. It was one of Dr. Mark Cameron's classes that I first heard about Seventh-day Adventists and Sabbath keeping. This marked the beginning of my confusion about religious teachings.

One thing I wasn't confused about was Wilma. One July 15, 1951, we were married. After a short honeymoon we returned to school, and two years later I proudly received my three-year diploma. In 1953 I was ordained and received my first church in Plant City, Ala.

The next several years were busy ones—filled with revival, meetings, radio programs, and preaching and sharing the joy of our firstborn, Donna. But through several events and people God was leading me—He was "breaking me up" as to my theological teachings. A Christian grandmother showed me I should keep *all* ten commandments, a dedicated layman jarred my beliefs on hell, and an elderly couple shook my convictions that Sunday was "the

Lord's day."

This bombardment on my ideas plus my former confusion led me to return to school with Wilma, Donna, and our 16-month-old twin girls, Nancy and Pamela. I still continued preaching and radio work, but added to this load was the preparation of advertising and brochures for the radio program. It was in this capacity that I met Mr. W. C. Starkey, a Seventh-day Adventist printer. My friendship with Mr. Starkey grew, and it was during a Bible discussion with him and his wife that I first made a verbal commitment to my beliefs concerning the Sabbath. "I'm not sure that we should keep the Sabbath today," I continued, "but in all fairness, I do recognize the Sabbath of Exodus 20:8-11 to be one of God's commandments. I have often stated that from the pulpit. I realize the position I am in. My family is keeping nine commandments. We are not keeping the fourth commandment."

This was the last straw. "Wilma, I'm going to tackle this matter with concordances, Bible dictionaries, commentaries, and just anything I can find! I want to settle it once and for all! And we did! When we finished, our notes read like this:

1. The seventh-day Sabbath was given in Eden—a memorial of creation (Genesis 2:1-3).
2. The Sabbath was given to man. Adam and Eve had the Sabbath, and they were not Jewish.
3. The Sabbath was set apart from other days in three ways:
 - a. God rested on the seventh day.
 - b. God blessed the seventh day.
 - c. God sanctified and made holy the seventh day.
4. God preserved the seventh day in the wilderness for forty years (Exodus 16).

5. God wrote the Ten Commandments and included the Sabbath as the Fourth Commandment.
6. Jesus observed the Sabbath (Lúke 4:16).
7. Paul observed the Sabbath (Acts 13:42-44; Acts 17:2).
8. In heaven all of God's children will keep the Sabbath (Isaiah 66:22, 23).

"We've been trying to ignore this Bible truth for a long time, Wilma. Don't you think we should admit that it is an important part of God's will for us?"

"There's no way to get around it, Bob. But what are we going to do? We have three little ones to care for, but why should I question God's power? He has directed us so wonderfully thus far, and as long as we trust Him, He will not fail us."

With this step taken, it was all in God's plan that we soon became acquainted with several Seventh-day Adventists in that area—Mr. Louis Spitzer, Wilma's boss; Pastor Metcalfe; Jerry Friesen, a singing evangelist; and Pastor Roy Thurmon. It was also in God's plan that my radio program be tuned to catch H. M. S. Richard, Sr.'s "Voice of Prophecy" radio broadcast. When Mr. Stark suggested an appointment with Pastor Thurmon, I was ready to study all the Seventh-day Adventist Church's teachings at his church office.

Wilma was full of questions when I arrived home, so I gave her a repeat performance of the study I had received. A keen Bible student, Wilma was not one to accept something just because I told her it was so. Many times before, we had entered into some lively discussions about points of doctrine. But this time she could only say, "Bob, it surely sounds like the truth to me."

In our future studies at Collegedale, Tenn., I began to see how the early Protestant reformers held to Bible truths that the

churches they founded later ignored.

But the struggle to part with friends and close associates in the Baptist church was powerful. These people were sincere, and Wilma and I dearly loved them. What could we do? Every time we would mention our newfound truths to others in the Baptist church, we were strongly rebuffed—and then ignored.

I was out of town for several days, and upon returning home I discovered that Wilma had been attending a tent crusade at East Ridge, Tenn. I too attended and enjoyed the tent meetings. God's truth was presented with power.

I studied with Pastor Thurmon, and he often visited our home. On one visit I suddenly realized that I was standing at the crossroad with two different paths awaiting my choice. "Bob," he urged, "make your decision at the close of the crusade. If you believe this to be the truth, unite with God's people. Why put it off if you know it is the truth of God? If it is right, it is right to make your decision without waiting!" Before leaving, Pastor Thurmon offered a beautiful prayer asking God to give us the courage to be true to our convictions.

Wilma and I searched our Bibles diligently; we attended meetings; we investigated every aspect of the Adventist Church. We studied Adventist doctrines in the light of how Adventists live around the world. We found nothing wrong with the teachings and found that the church did work around the world.

The crusade was drawing to a close, and a terrific battle was raging in my soul. Finally God won. We made our decision. We wanted to do as Jesus did; we wanted to follow where He was leading us. That night, the last night of the evangelistic crusade, we rose from our seats and walked forward.

Gripping Pastor Metcalfe's hand, I said, "We want to unite with the church and become a part of God's people."

"It surely sounds like the truth to me."

What a happy time it was for us, and how marvelous to know that God was directing our lives, even though we could not see the future! Now we faced the problem of explaining our newfound joy with our friends and family. It was too difficult, but knowing we were following His great example gave us strength for the trials ahead.

On September 17, 1960, Wilma and I were baptized and became members of the Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church. This high experience was followed by another—on my 33rd birthday, September 30, 1960, I received a letter from Pastor A. C. McKee, president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, asking me to become one of the associate pastors of the Chattanooga Church, followed by a year's study at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.

That year at Andrews passed quickly. Then a short time after we had been back in Tennessee, the Lord led us forward again, this time to a new field. The Texas Conference Committee extended a call to me to serve as conference revivalist. Both Wilma and I felt the talents which God had given us could be best used in full-time evangelistic work, so we accepted the call.

This full-time evangelistic work led right into radio work, and with the help of Jerry Freeman, "The Hour of Prophecy" radio program

began. The first program was in Uvalde. Then KCTA in Corpus Christi and XERF in Del Rio, along with XEG in Monterrey, Mexico—all clear-channel stations—accepted our broadcast. And now our weekend thirty-minute broadcast covers most of North America.

A dream had come true! With three major stations, our program was heard at three different times Monday through Friday—not only in the great southwestern area, but throughout the nation. Then in the spring of 1971 our monthly *Hour of Prophecy News* was born. The initial mailing of this journal went to 15,000 homes. Our current circulation is 50,000, and another 10,000 will be added within sixty days. The Lord knew where we could best be used.

There was only one reason why I wanted to publish my life story. I want you to have the same joy and happiness that I have found in living for my Lord and preparing for His coming! It is not always easy to follow truth, but as we walk with Jesus a sweet peace comes into our lives. Walking in His steps gives a satisfaction that cannot be found any other way! After almost sixteen years of being a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I have never regretted my decision to follow God all the way.



IF YOU THINK . . .

that this issue of *THE SABBATH SENTINEL* is worth reading, why not order five, ten, or fifteen copies to distribute among your friends and neighbors? This is mission work. Order your copies from The Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737.

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The Age of Specialization

IN THIS AGE there is a necessity of specialization. For instance, the American Bible Society limits itself to one object, the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures.

This solitariness of purpose is also one which characterizes the Bible Sabbath Association. It has one task to perform, the task of maintaining and promoting observance of the seventh-day Sabbath.

This is our task, our sole responsibility: to be an organized structure—streamlined and integrated with the Sabbath keepers of various denominations for service in the modern present—a positive stance for the Lord and His holy day—fresh and vigorous vehicles for communication and vital relevance of the Sabbath—the confrontation with society on expanding fronts, both geographic and spiritual, and a realistic, practical, and dynamic way—with an approach that is glowing and imaginatively POSITIVE!

Ours is not a task of censorious restrictiveness—a series of “Thou shalt nots”—but one of continuous reminders that man finds his true fulfillment through weekly renewal at spiritual fountains.

There are many doctrines that we could stress and lose the

understanding of our primary purpose, and consequently our efficiency in performing that purpose, if we were to dissipate our energies by endeavoring to serve many causes and thereby serving none.

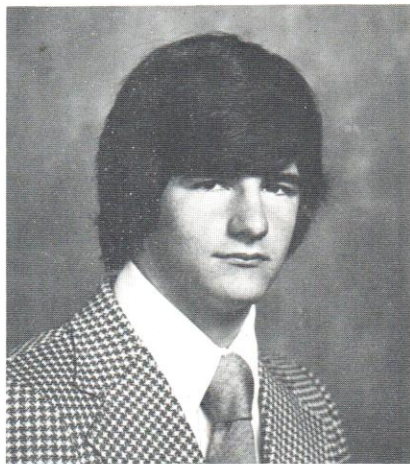
I have believed ever since I first came into contact with the Bible Sabbath Association that the Lord has designed this organization to fill a need, with a relevant place in the historical context of our times—to give direction in the midst of confusion.

Will we have some word of guidance and instruction to those who don't know the truth? What will they do? What should they do when the civil law says, “Keep Sunday”? The Bible Sabbath Association can be and, under, God *will* be a UNITED FORCE of all Sabbath keepers against Blue Laws.

Our method in the pursuit of our purpose as the Bible Sabbath Association to promote belief in and observance of the true Sabbath is not by “civil authority,” but by God's authority.

It is a simple method, but not an easy one. It is found in the ancient Biblical injunction, “precept upon precept, line upon line.” In short ours is an EDUCATIONAL TASK!

Speaking to Youth



By RON BRAMLETT

WE REJOICE to see young people who are dedicated to the work of God, and we give recognition to them for their zeal. The following is an interview with a young ministerial student, age 20. Ken Jones is a native of Florida, a member of The Church of God (Jerusalem Acres) and a staunch supporter of the Sabbath truth:

Bramlett: How long have you been observing the Sabbath?

Jones: I have been observing the Sabbath for a little over two years.

Bramlett: Do you feel the Sabbath is a burden or a blessing?

Jones: Practically always when a person makes a change, he tends to feel uncomfortable. This was true with me also. I had to change my life-style somewhat on the weekend. I thought this would be a burden to me. However, I read the Scripture in Isaiah 58:13-14, "If thou call the sabbath delight, . . . then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord." I began to understand that it was more to God's perfect will to keep His Sabbath day as a remembrance of His rest and ours.

Bramlett: What do you do on the Sabbath?

Jones: I attend church Sabbath evening and Sabbath morning. The remainder of Sabbath I try to do the things pleasing to the Lord. When our Messiah was on earth, he left an example for us of doing good things for the Father, and thus glorifying Him.

Bramlett: What do you suggest other young people do on the Sabbath?

Jones: I suggest other young people attend church on the Sabbath to show their remembrance to the Father. When the Messiah was asked why he did the things he did on Sabbath, He asked them if it was lawful to do good on this day. There is no law against doing good for the Lord, so I feel this is what we should do.

Bramlett: How do you feel about discrimination by secular employers against Sabbath keepers?

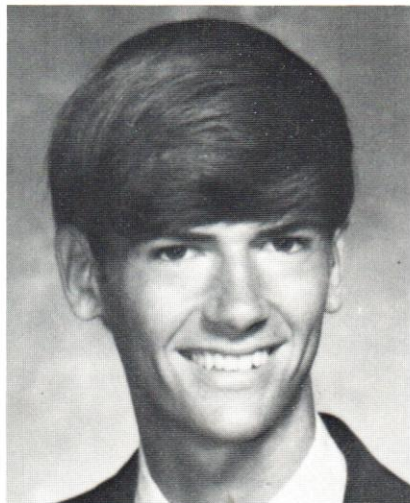
Jones: I feel it violates our rights as citizens of the United States. We as Sabbath keepers should receive no less favor than those who prefer to worship on Sunday. Generally, employers will comply with our requests, providing we show good Christian character and attitude and work with them in every way possible.

Bramlett: What is your attitude toward other Christians who do not have the knowledge of the true Sabbath?

Jones: I believe we should be patient with them. We all had to come to the light of the Sabbath at one time. Though Sabbath-keeping is not essential to initial salvation, it is more to God's perfect will to walk in His light as He shines it on our paths (Proverbs 4:18).

Bramlett: What do you think of the work of the Bible Sabbath Association?

Jones: I think the BSA puts out



good religious material. It seems to break sectarian barriers between fellow Christians.

Bramlett: How do you think the BSA can reach more young people?

Jones: I think the BSA can reach more young people by having more youth-oriented articles of news and study. Young people would be more interested if the articles are simple, direct, and appealing.

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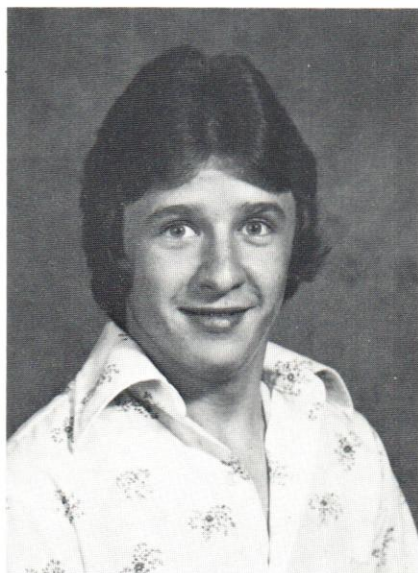


“Experience shows that the idea of sacred time, and hence of the weekly rest-day, is vitally connected with the development of religion in individual life and in the world. There is no point on which God had more clearly uttered His verdicts,” declared the Rev. A. H. Lewis (noted Seventh Day Baptist minister and denominational leader) to the World’s Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in connection with the Columbian Exposition of 1893.

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ATHEROSCLEROSIS



AATHEROSCLEROSIS. Sound like a bad word? Well, at the least it is bad news. Much misunderstanding and misinformation has been circulated about atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis is a form of arteriosclerosis with degeneration of connective tissue of the artery walls due to accumulation of cholesterol and other fatty substances, causing thickening of the lining of arterial walls.

As the fat-filled thickening progresses, scar tissue appears in the vessel walls. Calcium is deposited, tissue is destroyed, and there may be hemorrhage in the arterial lining of that area from small blood vessels located in the wall of the artery.

The result of these changes is gradual narrowing of the blood channel and therefore a reduction in the amount of oxygen and nutrients carried to needy parts. How this affects the patient will depend on the area of the body in which the artery is located as well as the extent of blockage. An artery may be narrowed to the point where just enough blood gets through to supply the needs of the tissues when at rest or during moderate exercise; but when the demands are increased by exertion, they cannot be met, and obvious symptoms occur. Example:

narrowing of an artery in the leg may result in severe cramps in the calf muscle that may occur after the patient has walked a distance and that disappear when he stops and rests. Decreased blood flow to the heart may cause heart failure and abnormalities in rhythm or pain in the heart muscle (angina). Blockage of an artery to the brain may cause a "stroke." Obstruction of an artery of heart muscle (coronary occlusion) results in "heart attack."

Statistics provided by Drs. L. K. Ferguson and John H. Kerr state, "The leading cause of death in the U.S. is disease of the arteries of the heart. In a vast majority of cases this is brought on by arteriosclerosis."¹

The blame of cholesterol in atherosclerosis is well documented. Test animals fed a high cholesterol diet quickly developed atherosclerosis. There is seeming parallel between high blood cholesterol and atherosclerosis in humans. But cholesterol is not all bad. It is an essential component in every cell and is a precursor of both cortical and sex hormones.

The elimination of cholesterol from the diet would not completely eliminate cholesterol from the body, nor would it be advisable, since your body can and does manufacture

large amounts of cholesterol.

Cholesterol is a waxlike substance found in all cells of the body. It performs a variety of important metabolic functions. Besides its relation to hormone production it is a precursor of bile salts and vitamin D.

Nutritional management of body cholesterol is aimed at using cholesterol efficiently. It appears that excessive amounts of cholesterol seek weakened areas in vessels and leave the blood stream to form the beginning of an obstruction.

There are several nutritional elements which we want to discuss concerning management of cholesterol in our bodies. Phosphatides are important constituents of blood plasma as part of the lipoprotein complex. One of these important factors which helps keep cholesterol in an emulsion in the plasma is lecithin. Recently attention has been focused on lecithin as a chemical balancer to other lipids (fats) in the blood.

Roger J. Williams says that lecithin's presence in the blood tends to dissolve cholesterol deposits. He sums up his thinking this way: "A better way to answer the problem of cholesterol deposits may be this: consume more lecithin."²

Krumdieck and Butterworth³ state that both lecithin and vitamin C participate in the mobilization and excretion of cholesterol. Myasnekov⁴ and Sedov⁵ have reported a lowering of cholesterol levels when vitamin C in high dosages was given patients of high cholesterol levels and deposits. Several other authorities could be quoted to add weight to the evidence shown here.

It has been suggested that consumption of extra fat promotes a

deficiency of vitamin B6. This in turn suggests that many cases can overcome the atherosclerotic effects of extra fat in the diet by getting more B6 vitamins.²

However, the enzymes needed to synthesize lecithin are active only in the presence of magnesium.⁶ When vitamin B6 is adequate, a lack of magnesium prevents lecithin from forming, and this inhibits the utilization of cholesterol. When patients with heart disease were given supplemental magnesium, many showed dramatic improvement^{7, 8}, and the blood cholesterol levels in many patients were reduced significantly.

In an experiment by M. J. New⁹ it was shown that giving sufficient magnesium prevented atherosclerosis despite feeding huge amounts of cholesterol and saturated fats. Even after the arteries had become infiltrated with cholesterol, adequate magnesium not only reduced the serum cholesterol levels but the arteries also became healthy again.

Folic acid is another nutrient which may be in short supply in the environment of the cells involved in atherosclerosis. Evidence is based on a medical report¹⁰ in which 17 elderly patients were given therapeutic folic acid daily, and of these, 15 responded by increased capillary flow and improved vision. The improvement in vision was ascribed to the diminished atherosclerosis and better blood supply to the retina. It would appear that folic acid aids resorption of cholesterol infiltrated plaques which occur in atherosclerosis.

Several authorities could be quoted as to the effectiveness of vitamin E in the treatment of atherosclerosis, especially in combination with lecithin, vitamin C, vitamin B6, magnesium, folic

acid, and calcium.

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I am not a Seventh-day Adventist or even a Sabbath keeper (I'm affiliated with the Mennonite Church), but I am honest enough to admit that there is not one commandment in the Bible on which to base a resting-on-Sunday conviction. If we want to get legalistic, the seventh day would be Saturday.—D. N., Oregon

In 1846 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to two little shepherds, Maximin and Melanie, at La Salette, France. She was weeping, and told the children that her divine Son, Jesus, was greatly offended because the people swore and cursed, and did not keep holy Sunday, the Lord's Day, as commanded.

She warned that unless they did

penance and ceased offending God, they would be punished. And they were punished. That year all the crops were wormy and moldy, and there was famine and suffering in that district.

That should be a warning to us today, because there is a widespread movement to abolish Sunday as a day of rest and worship, and instead do business as usual.—R. L., Massachusetts.

I continue to enjoy THE SABBATH SENTINEL. The articles that inform us of the historical backgrounds of Sabbath-keeping groups and individuals are of special interest to me.

I would like to compliment you on the good quality of the SENTINEL; the layout and the printing are greatly improved.—P. S., Washington.

I think the SENTINEL is excellent and the work of the BSA a valuable contribution toward uniting the Kingdom of God.—William P., Canada

I like the calendars much better this year.—G. L., Missouri

The Puritan Sunday a Compromise

DR. HERBERT LEWIS

IN THE EARLIER stages of the Protestant Reformation the Sabbath question received little attention. The reformed churches on the continent of Europe did not abandon the Romanist ground of holidayism and the supreme authority of the state-church, and its power to appoint festivals and forms of worship. When the second stage of the Reformation was reached in England and Scotland, the question of the authority of God's law, and hence of the Sabbath, came fully to the front. The English Seventh Day Baptists stood for a complete reform and a full restoration of the Sabbath according to the Decalogue. The majority of the Puritan Party refused to go this far. On the other hand, they did not dare retain the Roman Catholic position.

So a compromise theory was developed which was identical with the position of the Seventh Day Baptists, except the claim that the

Fourth Commandment might be transferred to the Sunday. That view was published by Bound in A.D. 1595. It was generally accepted by the Puritans, and became the starting point of what is known as "the Puritan Sabbath." This half-truth, coupled with other influences born of the spirit of reform, wrought much good to the spiritual life of the Protestant movement.

The main trial of that theory has been made in America. It began with the conscience of the people and the severest forms of civil law in its favor. The inherent weakness of a half-truth and the error of appealing to the civil law as a prominent, if not a main, support have culminated in its complete overthrow. This country is experiencing a swift down-grade movement in the matter of Sunday observance, resulting in a chaos of opinions, doubts, and fears as to what ought to be done or can be done to retrieve the disaster already at hand and save something from the wreck of increasing Sabbathlessness.

The only hope for genuine Sabbath reform is in the restoration of the Sabbath based on the unabrogated law of God as written in the Decalogue and as interpreted by Christ. This would lay a permanent and efficient basis for conscience and loyalty toward God and the Bible.

On such a basis the spiritual life of the church would rise to a point which it has never reached and can never reach under the prevailing theories. All of these openly or virtually set aside the Bible, the Law of God, and the example of Christ in the matter of Sabbath observance. So long as Sabbath observance is made a matter of conscience, so long



as it is left to the authority of custom or made to rest on the dictum of civil law, there can be no basis for loyalty toward God, no soil in which to grow a Sabbath conscience in the hearts of men. Conscientious regard for Sunday decreases steadily. The friends of Sunday declare that prominent forms of its desecration would cease if the patronage of Christians was withdrawn. Beyond question, no-Sabbathism and the half-truth of the Puritan compromise have enervated spiritual life, and destroyed conscience beyond the hope of

redemption, unless new ground is taken.

Hence the Sabbath, though long rejected and secularized even by the church, rises in this hour of peril and ruin through no-Sabbathism, and offers, in the name of God the Lawgiver and of Christ, "the Lord of the Sabbath," the one and only road back to higher spiritual life, to firm and abiding conscience, and to the long train of blessings which are enfolded in love, loyalty, obedience, and communion with God, through his divine Sabbath.

The Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference Leader Speaks . . .



Rev. L. Sawi Thanga & Family

The Reverend L. Sawi Thanga, secretary of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist conference, is located in Rangoon, far from the main area of the country where the Lushai language is spoken. He has

translated and supervised the production of all the Seventh Day Baptist literature used by the Lushai-speaking churches of the conference. Presently he is working on the editing of a hymn book published in the native language.

Some of his works are *God's Holy Day, You and Your Church, Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs, and The Blessed Hope*. He also writes Sabbath School lessons for adults.

Rev. Thanga was employed by the public library until 1968, and since that time he has given full-time service to the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and receives financial support from the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Mr. Thanga says, "My aim is to be the most prolific writer-translator of Christian literature in Burma."

All BSA members wishing to write to Reverend Thanga may do so in care of Reverend Leon R. Lawton, Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, 401 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, RI 02891.

chapter Chatter

CHAPTER CHATTER

A new Bible Sabbath Association Chapter was formed in Spokane, Wash., on January 15, 1977.

The president of the local chapter is Mr. Ted Stenzell, a businessman and active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The infant chapter reports a membership of ten. The parent body, with headquarters at Fairview, Okla., wishes these new members much success in reaching the Spokane community with the Sabbath truth.

Three Keys to Good Programs

Research, time and imagination are three keys used by BSA chapters in presenting their outstanding programs.

Always go to the heart of your topic and contact people or organizations involved. Contact new groups, churches, colleges, and individuals. Contact government agencies dealing with minorities, look for speakers or involved people to interview.

The government has free brochures and books (some of which are free), on all subjects and the U. S. Printing Office, Washington, D. C., actually has large catalogs with complete lists of materials available to all citizens (some large libraries have them, too).

Whatever your subject, there is an abundance of information available, even though you might

have to look for it. You might want to contact universities and research laboratories.



Three Keys to Good Programs

Your city and state governments can be of help to you. They have facts and figures on many subjects. Interviews of people involved in local government or in politics who are knowledgeable in your subject could be of particular interest. Interview involved individuals with different viewpoints, and have a debate before the chapter.

If your subject is current, the news media are wonderful sources. Watch newspapers, magazines and periodicals, for they may have much information of interest. Have you seen a television program or heard something on the radio pertaining to your topic? Write or call the local station and you will find them happy to hear from you and willing to be of service in sending copies of the particular program. This might also lead you to possible speakers or interviews.

Seek out possibilities for field trips. The program committee may prefer to make one, giving a report to the chapter upon return.

When researching for a program, *have a fling*. Look for humor wherever you may be searching and bring it into your program. Free your imagination, dare to do something never dreamed of previously, and enjoy the fruits of your labors.

—President Terril D. Littrell

Please let us know what your local Bible Sabbath Association chapter is doing so we can let the readers know in this column. Send reports and pictures.

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—Lawrence Burrell

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The Rev. Herbert E. Saunders announces a 1977 Summer Institute, June 13-July 1, 1977 at the Center on Ministry, Plainfield, N.J. Interested in attending? Write: Seventh Day Baptist, Center on Ministry, 510 Watchung Ave., Box 868, Plainfield, N.J. 07061.

I will be available for limited speaking assignments during May through September. Eugene Lincoln, 106 Hiller Drive, Old Hickory, TN 37138. Phone (615) 847-5653 Friday through Sunday and evenings; (615) 889-8000, Ext. 172, days.

The Church of God, Sabbatarian, 1983 Sipes Ave., Memphis, Tenn. plans a Feast of Pentecost for May 20-21. All Welcome.

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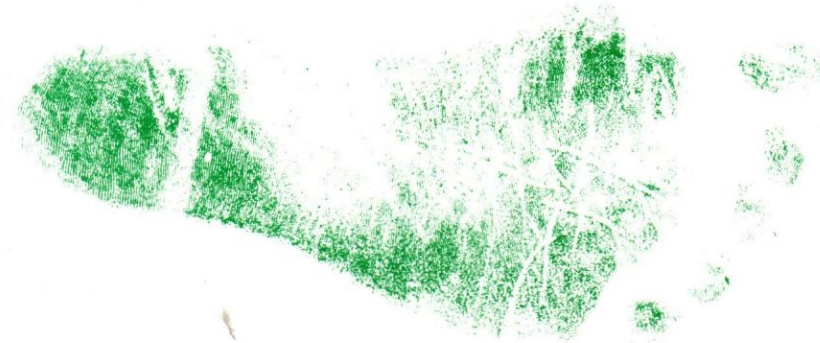
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