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OF BOTH THE CREATOR AND MAN
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PLEASE MEET

THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL with headquarters in Fairview, Oklahoma, U.S.A., Promoters and Defenders of the Seventh-Day Sabbath.

WE ARE

- An interdenominational group of Sabbathkeepers absolutely non-sectarian.
- An independent group, separate from all churches and other organizations, yet one which gladly works, where possible, with all other Messianic or Christian Sabbath-keeping groups in promotion and defense of the seventh-day Sabbath.
- A group which respects and considers as brethren Messianic or Christian Sabbathkeepers of whatever denominational persuasion or creed.
- A group made up of Sabbath-keeping brethren who are members of many different Sabbath-keeping assemblies and churches, such as Seventh-day Adventist, Seventh Day Baptist, Church of God, charismatic, sacred name, and others.
- A group which encourages its members to support and participate in the activities of their own individual churches and assemblies.
- An organization dedicated to the promotion of the Bible truths about the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath day in particular, and which takes no stand on unrelated doctrines upon which Sabbath keepers may differ.

WE ARE NOT

- A denomination, church, or assembly.
- A group which conducts religious or worship services on the Sabbath.
- In competition for members or support from any church or assembly.
- Trying to unify the different Sabbath-keeping churches and assemblies into one organization.

OUR OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

- To promote fellowship and brotherly love among all Messianic Christian Sabbath keepers of whatever denomination, church, assembly, or group.
- To assist the different Sabbath-keeping churches, assemblies, and groups in their efforts for:
 - A. world-wide restoration of seventh-day Sabbath of the Creator and sovereign ruler of the universe.
 - B. Imparting to everyone an appreciation of the permanency of the Ten Commandments and particularly the Fourth Commandment.
 - C. Urging the study of the Old as well as the New Testament.
 - D. Working to repeal all existing blue laws.
 - E. Defeating the adoption of any calendar which would disrupt the weekly cycle of seven days.

OUR HISTORY

The Bible Sabbath Association began in 1943 when a few Sabbath keepers of different denominational backgrounds felt the need for closer fellowship among Sabbath believers without regard to denominational creeds. The election of first officers and directors and the adoption of a constitution and by-laws occurred in 1945.

OUR WORK AND PROGRAMS

- Publication of the monthly magazine *The Sabbath Sentinel*, a magazine devoted to the Sabbath, Sabbath keepers, and all truth seekers. Members of the association receive the magazine automatically. Non-members may receive it by subscription.
- Promotion regularly of Echoes From Eden, a radio program heard over many stations and of interest to the public generally and to Sabbath keepers particularly.
- Publication of an attractive and informative Sabbath keepers calendar with the seventh-day Sabbath in red.
- Publication of a *Directory of Sabbath-observing Groups*, an

interesting and informative book containing an introduction and brief description of many different Sabbath-keeping churches, assemblies, and groups.

- Publication of several booklets, tracts, and leaflets—all pointing toward the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath.
- Organization of local branch chapters dedicated to the promotion of fellowship among Messianic or Christian Sabbath keepers without regard to their individual denominational affiliation. The address of the nearest chapter to you will be sent upon request. Or if you are interested in organizing a chapter, write to headquarters.

YOU ARE INVITED

to join with us in the promotion of the seventh-day Sabbath of Holy Scripture entirely from a non-denominational and nonsectarian viewpoint. The only qualification for membership is belief in the Seventh-day Sabbath.

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The Sabbath Sentinel Salutes

The Bible Sabbath Association Pioneers

THIS IS THE HOUR to salute Bible Sabbath Association pioneer members who found a cause that brought fulfillment to them and to others. They helped to prepare the way for those who follow.

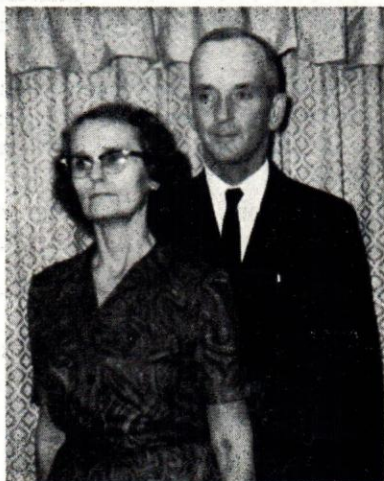
We are sorry that pictures of Mrs. Ruby Babcock and of George A. Main are not available at the time of publication.

Mrs. Ruby Babcock, who served as director of the association from 1954 to 1970, was born in Wisconsin 88 years ago. She was married to L. Emile Babcock in 1915. Both she and Mr. Babcock were charter members of the Bible Sabbath Association when it was organized in 1945. They were both lifelong members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, serving in various offices of that denomination.

After her husband passed away in 1955, Mrs. Babcock shared her home with his brother, caring for him until his death; then living alone until she was no longer able to care for herself.

She served as associate editor of THE SABBATH SENTINEL for a number of years and managed the mail-bag column until suffering a stroke in 1963, for which she has been gradually recovering.

She is living today in a small but comfortable well-kept nursing home in Daytona Beach, Fla., and attends church every Sabbath.



Lottie and Lawrence Burrell have served The Bible Sabbath Association as secretary-treasurer and assistant since 1955.

"In the Beginning..."



Three charter members of the Bible Sabbath Association: Reading from left to right, Mrs. R. L. Butler, Sr., Rev. Clifford A. Beebe, and Miss Golda W. Gerat. They are all three active members of the Paint Rock, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Following are their testimonies about the beginnings of the Bible Sabbath Association.

Steps of the Committed

By Mrs. R. L. Butler, Sr.

The Bible Sabbath Association had in its inception and organization in a man who felt a deep spiritual urge to launch an effort for a worldwide witness for the true Sabbath of the Bible and to draw together into one

fellowship all who felt deep commitment to the Lord and His Holy Sabbath.

When Mr. Main wrote to me, explaining his God-given inspiration for such an organization and inviting me to become a charter member, I was happy to respond affirmatively.

It has been a joy over the years to

observe that this organization is made up of those who are truly committed to the Lord and His truth.

Through the pages of *THE SABBATH SENTINEL* we often meet people who grew up believing that Sunday was the Sabbath, and learned of the true seventh-day Sabbath through the BSA. Being truly committed, these were led into real study and prayer till the beautiful light dawned upon them. So it was a joy to step out in the light; yes we can think of the many who have been led by the Holy Spirit in taking the steps of the committed.

This kind of steps takes real courage and only the sincerely committed are able to make this translation, which brings joy and peace inexpressable. New meaning is realized in the beatitudes, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake. . . ."

Mr. Main has gone to his reward, but his memory will live long to those who have, through the Bible Sabbath Association, been led to take the steps of the committed.

The Beginnings

By Rev. Clifford A. Beebe

The idea of an organization to promote the Bible Sabbath undenominationally was born in the fertile mind of George A. Main, a civil engineer of Daytona Beach, Fla., many years before it crystalized into the present Bible Sabbath Association.

Mr. Main presented a proposal for this sort of organization, called the "Sabbath Promotion League," to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at Shiloh, New Jersey in 1921. Here it met largely with disfavor, as

I remember, because it was understood to be an intended rival to the American Sabbath Tract Society, a denominational agency.

Mr. Main finally, in 1943, worked out with a group of interested persons a plan for an organization to be known tentatively as the "Seventh Day Sabbath Association." These "founders" were Mr. and Mrs. Main, Mr. and Mrs. L. Emile Babcock, and Miss Elizabeth Randolph, all of Florida; and Mr. Ole E. Flaskerud of Chicago (who became the first president). The organization was effected at the Main farm, Pomona Park, Fla., which continued to be the headquarters until Mr. Main's retirement as secretary-treasurer.

An appeal was widely circulated for charter members; a considerable number (I forget the figures) joined, myself among them, and a constitution was framed. At my suggestion, the name finally adopted was "Bible Sabbath Association."

Among the suggested projects at the start was the publication of a magazine. A lady in California (whose name I don't recall) submitted plans for such a publication, to be called "Echoes from Eden." Although the plans were not adopted, the name was used later for the association's radio program. After some years of planning, a publication *THE SABBATH SENTINEL*, was launched in 1950, at first a quarterly. The first issue was mimeographed, later printed, with Robert C. Darnell of Cleveland, Ohio, as the first editor. It has gone through some difficult struggles, but survives as our official publication today.

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Look!

ALBERT G. GEARHART



Albert G. Gearhart

Albert Gearhart was one of the early members of the association, No. 185 in fact; he still has his original membership card issued by George A. Main in 1945. He became an active leader in the association right off and was elected as president in 1950. He served the association for 15 years as commander and chief. The first issue of The Sabbath Sentinel was published during his able administration, and he promoted its growth from a quarterly to a monthly publication within a decade. He dreamed of the day when the association would maintain its own centrally located headquarters-publishing building with all paid employees. In 1973 he was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the board of directors of the association for his services.

THIS IS A commanding little word. It gets attention. It is hoped that you will give more than just a passing glance at this short article. It doesn't pretend to be of professional quality, but there is a point to it just the same. We would all do much better if we would first LOOK, study things over, and then be guided and act accordingly.

In retrospect we shall return to the early days of our SENTINEL. Some may recall that there was a desire to obtain a Scriptural statement delineating or setting forth the purpose of our little magazine.

"Go, set a watchman [Sentinel], let him declare what he seeth" (Isa. 21: 6). This was chosen and is quite appropriate, being retained to this day. You will find it on the front cover of each issue.

It is the responsibility of the watchman or sentinel to stand guard. He must be constantly looking in every direction, for we know not from whence an attack may come. Aware of all conditions, this servant stands ready to sound the alarm and give warning of impending dangers which lurk in seemingly familiar places. Each of us must stand ready to speak through the pages of the SENTINEL, altering the flock or whosoever will be ready for all eventualities as our welfare is threatened. All must LOOK!

It has been said that hindsight (looking back) is better than foresight. We can look back and when we do, we should see what our mis-

takes were. From that point on, there should be no desire to go back, but to make things better. That which has happened may well have enriched our lives, but retrospectively we must not come to the desire to try reliving those times. We should gain from it an inspiration for present accomplishment and almost unlimited aspiration for the future. There is a future, a bright one for the believer. A look at the record will encourage us to believe that records were made to be broken. How can we do better and make new and better records?

"In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" (Psa. 5:3). Each new day provides us with another golden opportunity to pray with refreshed mind and heart to our Creator. We become renewed through these intimate contacts. We take on new strength and have a more healthy outlook on life. It is at this early meeting of the morning when we more easily consecrate our lives and dedicate ourselves to the duty of looking up to Him for all other matters during the waking time. Being this close helps us to be aware, to be watching and acting as sentinels, to be ready with warnings of dangers on the horizon. Guard the gateway to the mind and heart. Shirk not. Look to it and see that it is done.

A day should not go by without introspection, looking at ourselves, our innermost being, examining ourselves to see whether or not we are truly in the faith. Are we where the Father can use us? This spotlight should reveal just how and where we stand. It isn't easy to do, but if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. Most everyone, in this secret check, if he is sincere and honest

about it, will find some shocking things. Each of us, not yet being perfect, falls far short of the Father's glory. See why it's so wonderful to have the Saviour to whom we can confide?

Satan is taking every advantage of you he can obtain. No stone is being left unturned to warn you of the deceiver's cunning designs and ensnarements to take you, if the sentinel is looking at Satan's program, interpreting it and crying aloud with warning, even paying attention to suggested ways of escape. Our Father has many means of drawing you close to Him. Seek out His will in His Word, accept it, and let nothing separate you from the good life.

As we look out and around us in these terrifying days, we see portents of things to come. The world scene isn't very promising for anything good and of lasting worth. It means, then, that it is time to look to the Author and Finisher of our faith. He sits at the right hand of the Father and His plans for humanity, for those who will trust Him, are absolutely beyond human comprehension. Hebrews 12:2 seems to sum it all up; and if you look deeply into the statement, you can but stand in awe of and for Him who did so much for us.

Look to the Lamb which was slain from the foundation of the world. A price which goes beyond all human reason was paid for you and me. He looks upon us as His purchased possession. He has every right. He is the only Way and this SENTINEL says to look full into His wonderful face and give yourself unreservedly to Him.

At the longest time that man could imagine, if he could put off the soon
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Needed: Long-Distance Runners

"IN A RACE, everyone runs but only one person gets first prize. So run your race to win. To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best. An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon or a silver cup, but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step" (I Corinthians 9:24, 26 *The Living Bible*).

The world of sports has produced an interesting phenomenon of many athletes but very few long-distance runners! Long-distance running requires planning, pacing, discipline, stamina, and a belief in the ability to win everything over a long haul. Endurance is the name of the game!

My reference to the long-distance running, of course, has no tie to the Olympics or the Penn Relays but to the goal of the Bible Sabbath Association, which is indeed a long distance race; for we are nothing short of recognition as a powerful force in a society where our religious liberties as Sabbath keepers are often threatened.

The athletes know the kicks are in the sprints and dashes, but it is the LAST KICK in the mile that counts. To win the race that is set before us as an interdenominational association for the advancement of the Sabbath cause will require planning, pacing, discipline, stamina, and a belief in our ability to win the long-distance struggle. We must construct some long-distance planning, instead of "hand-to-mouth" planning — reaching forth by one kick, one sprint, and one dash at a time.

Our struggle as an association in the 1950's was a series of kicks and sprints. The 1960's saw a series of hundred-yard dashes. The 1970's are bringing us closer to the finish line. The Almighty raised up long-distance runners such as George and Mabel Main, Lawrence and Lottie Burrell, Clifford Beebe, Golda Gerat, Almira Butler, Ruby Babcock, Frank Walker, Albert Gearhart, and Eugene Lincoln, to name only a few who have been willing to do the unglamorous work of building for the future of a long-distance institution.

Some of the above named are still in the race, while others are resting in their graves until the day when all eternal rewards are given. Those who are still in the race realize the importance of making every moment of time count for the Master. They never say they don't have time; rather they check their priorities to see which is the most important way to invest their time. They realize that fundamental change will not come overnight, but that all of us must work together as if it is a possibility the next morning. There is an indomitable spirit, with a will to finish and

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Congratulations as you celebrate the 30th anniversary of your association.

We are extremely proud to have The Bible Sabbath Association here in Oklahoma and I know I speak for the citizens of this State in wishing you continued success. Freedom of religion is a firm and perpetual principle of this nation. Our founding fathers recognized it in the constitution.

Your association has done much in the past to keep sacred the principle of religious liberty in this country. I know you will continue your work in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

David Hall, Governor.
State of Oklahoma



My warmest congratulations go out to your organization for 30 years of worthwhile Christian endeavors. It is an honor to be associated with you.

We all feel deeply about our religious convictions, and I greatly admire the work you have done in standing by those convictions and in safeguarding our rights to those convictions.

I appreciate the work your organization has done and pray you will continue your strong efforts on behalf of religious liberty. God bless you all.

With kind regards,

Cordially,
Jerry L. Pettis
Member of Congress

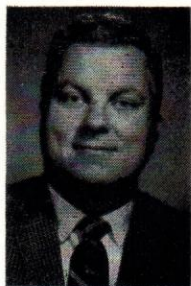
Congratulations on the 30th Anniversary of the Bible Sabbath Association, which takes such an interest in the religious liberty guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States of America.

Your work is greatly appreciated in Washington. May you have many more years of success in your ministry.

Truly,

Senator Jennings Randolph





Congratulations to the Bible Sabbath Association on its 30th birthday!

We are pleased to recognize the growth and development of this fine organization over the years. It is good to know that the Sabbath appointed by God for His people has been championed for the past 30 years by the Bible Sabbath Association.

Our best wishes for the Association are that it will continue to prosper in its presentation and defense of the Sabbath.

Very truly yours,

Robert Coulter, Chairman

General Conference Church of God (Seventh Day)

Hearty congratulations and warmest wishes on the 30th anniversary of The Bible Sabbath Association, celebrating thirty years of service to God and to those who keep His Sabbath throughout the world.

The Bible Sabbath Association through its many ministries including the publication of *The Sabbath Sentinel* has been a vital organ in the promulgation of the Sabbath truth and has proven a blessing to countless Christians as they have sought to discern and follow God's leading.

May God continue to bless your ministry and multiply it many fold during the next three decades or until the Lord returns in glory.

Yours because of Him,

S. Kenneth Davis, President

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference



It is a pleasure to send you greetings on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Bible Sabbath Association.

In these days when lawlessness is so widespread we are pleased to join our voices with those who give emphasis to the Ten Commandments, of which the Sabbath commandment is the very heart.

We appreciate the endeavors of the Bible Sabbath Association and wish for them continued prosperity in their service for God.

Very sincerely,

Robert H. Pierson, President

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



The Origin and Progress Of the BSA Radio Ministry

FRANK M. WALKER

SURELY IN THESE LAST DAYS a "strong voice" or loud voice is needed to call people out of the sins of Babylon and back to full obedience to the gospel of Christ Jesus and obedience to ALL of the Ten Commandments (Rev. 18:1-4). Early in the history of the



Elder Frank M. Walker became an active member of the Bible Sabbath Association almost since its inception, and was the pioneer radio director of the association after the death of George A. Main. He served the association in this capacity for over a decade. During this time he became the author of two scholarly works, "God's Law From Adam to Moses" and "Echoes From Eden Home Bible Study Series," an attractive 75-page book containing 13 lessons on the Ten Commandments and the gospel prepared primarily for use with Echoes From Eden radio ministry. He is presently serving as first vice-president of the association.

BSA the idea of using the radio to promote the Sabbath truth was presented but radio was not used extensively for a few years.

Shortly after I became acquainted with the BSA work, some of us proposed that we use radio, with our literature, as a major outreach with the Sabbath truth. We believed that many people would be reached and the honest-hearted would study it more readily if presented by a non-denominational association such as BSA.

A plan was adopted and manuscript for 13 thirty-minute radio programs was prepared by the writers and approved by the BSA board. Those were recorded so that they could be used repeatedly as needed. So far as I know, we still have those original tapes.

Those 13 lessons were printed by mimeograph—a neat job—and a generous supply prepared for use with our radio ministry. Interested persons could write in for any lesson by number, or for all 13 lessons. This series of lessons became the center of our Echoes From Eden radio ministry and later was printed in book form with some minor additions.

Our radio ministry started on a small station in Marysville, Cal. Soon other stations followed. Because of other responsibilities, I dropped the radio ministry for a time and no one else took it.

Later we felt the burden to renew that ministry and to make it a major part of my ministry. BSA brethren were happy to cooperate. Letters were sent out to BSA friends of the plans and a full-time, regular Echoes From Eden ministry began, this time with more stations and more support. Two aged brethren helped supplement that radio ministry in their wills and generous offerings. Through this and the regular support of many BSA friends, this ministry grew; the outreach covered areas with large listening audiences. We were able through this additional help to get on some powerful stations covering populous areas, such as XEG, XERB, KXEN, KGA, KFAX, KASA, and a number of smaller stations in various areas in the West, Midwest, South and East during those 10 or 11 years that I was director. We were not on all these stations at one time, but usually there were several at a time . . . some small, and a large one or two . . . according to our finances. When finances were

lower our outreach was smaller, and when finances were larger the outreach was larger . . . but a constant radio ministry has continued to this day, thank God. Multitudes of people have heard Echoes From Eden messages and are still hearing them with our dear Brother Kenneth Freeman as your able director.

During those years as director of Echoes From Eden, thousands of copies of those 13 lessons with other Sabbath literature were mailed out, and we know of some who have accepted and obeyed the truth preached. Some ministers have been helped in their studies and are now teaching this truth. We still believe that God has blessed this radio ministry and that it is still a great BSA outreach with this Sabbath truth, and should be much larger than it is.

Brethren, these are the last days. Let us get behind this work with prayers and finances as God leads.

May our God bless all of you (1 Cor. 15:58).

The Profile of a Pioneer

LAWRENCE BURRELL

A TRULY Sabbath-minded individual in the person of George A. Main more than any other deserves credit for activity in the early 1940's which culminated in organization of THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION in 1945. Born and reared in a Sabbath atmosphere in a family who were among the leaders of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, he received most of his formal education in their schools.

George was married in 1907 to Miss Mabel Dixon, also with a Sabbath-keeping background, and after some years spent in the practice of his chosen profession (mechanical engineer), the couple answered the call of the Master to devote the balance of their lives to furthering, as Mr. Main stated it, "knowledge of, belief in, and observance of the Creator's only holy day, the seventh-day Sabbath of each recurring week,

the Sabbath of Scripture, of history, and of reason."

After some years of painstaking and sacrificial effort, they were rewarded by the participation of fifty charter members in launching the drive that brought into being The Bible Sabbath Association. Among the first outreaches of the group were THE SABBATH SENTINEL, then a quarterly publication, and the Sabbath calendar.

It was the happy and richly rewarding privilege of the writer and wife to spend several weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Main familiarizing ourselves with the duties which were to be ours and learning of the total dedication and sacrifice to which they were committed in order to realize the fulfillment of their dreams.

According to Webster, a pioneer is one who goes before or opens the way for others to follow. Truly our late Brother Main was such a one. To him all Sabbath observers more or less practiced a general adherence to the Creator's Ten Commandment law but none of them especially emphasized the one of the ten, the Sabbath command, which is universally repudiated and trampled under foot by most professed Christians while they feel bound to keep the other nine.

Brother Main long nurtured the conviction that since there was in existence an apparently successful organization, the main purpose of which was to promote observance of Sunday, the first day of the week (The Lord's Day Alliance), it was also a logical conclusion that there should be a similar organization promoting only the true Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. The latter years of his life abundantly attest to the strength of this conviction. Many are familiar with

a book of which he is the author, entitled *The Sabbath in Divine Revelation and in Human History* (now out of print).

LOOK!

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return of our King, the time would be far too short. Look now into the Word and find the Way, the Door, and escape the day of His wrath when He must put down sin, transgression of the Law, once and for all. Today is the day of salvation.

It is highly important and crucial that we tenaciously hold on, no matter what may tend to deter or reflect us from our ultimate relationship with the Eternal, the Law-Giver. Look out! Satan will try to trip you. Get your sights set! Look forward and press on! You must look forward in order to march to the goal. Yes, our prospects and hopes lie in "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of . . . our Saviour" (Titus 2:13). "Look unto me," the Eternal says, "and be saved" (Isa. 45:22).

We look out around us and see the need for our SENTINEL crying out to keep the Commandments, with special emphasis on the Sabbath, or Fourth Commandment, that we may have a right to the tree of life and entrance to the gates of the heavenly city which will come down. By His grace I look forward to that time (Rev. 21:2; 22:14).

Look up! Lift the bowed head! The time is at hand and your redemption is nigh. See Luke 21:28. It's worth LOOKING and then acting isn't it? You have to decide.

A Note from the Editor



LIKE THE FABLED old gray mare, THE SABBATH SENTINEL "ain't what she uster be." Looking back at copies of the 1960 era and before, I am amazed at the changes in the general appearance and content. Hopefully, these changes have been for the better.

A magazine which allows itself to get into an editorial rut regarding the format and purpose will soon cease to exist. The old *Literary Digest* is one example; it gave up the ghost around 1936. A more recent example is *The Saturday Evening Post*, which was aimed at a section of middle-class, small-town American that has all but vanished. Even the resurrected version is not really taking hold in a big way with readers.

And so it must be with the SENTINEL. It must keep up with the times. More changes are in the offing and we hope these will further improve the magazine and make it more in

Eugene Lincoln's record of service to the Bible Sabbath Association goes back to 1953, when he became a member. He has served on the board of directors continuously since 1960. He became the editor of The Sabbath Sentinel in March of that year. Since then the number of subscriptions to the magazine has more than doubled.

keeping with the changing times, while still proclaiming the old and changeless message that "the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord."

My one regret during the past fifteen years is that, since the editing of THE SABBATH SENTINEL is on a part-time basis and we cannot pay contributors, we have not been able to give the subscribers a more attractive, better-edited magazine. That is the sad thing about being an editor or writer. You work on something; you revise it and re-revise it, finally sending it to the printer. When the proofs are returned, you make other changes (though you try to hold these to the minimum, since they are charged extra as "customer alts"). Then the final printed product comes to you. Immediately, things that you said in the wrong way jump out of the page and sock you in the face. You wring your hands and wonder, "Why did I say it *that* way?"

And yet it is good that editing a magazine always presents a challenge to do better the next time. And, with the Lord helping us, we hope to do that.

Our subscription list has more than doubled since 1960; that is good, but what if it had tripled—quadrupled? Why weren't we able to get our paid subscriptions up to ten thousand, fifty thousand, a hundred thousand? Then the economics of long printing runs would show up in a better magazine.

We're still in there pitching, and we hope that in the future the batting average of this magazine will improve to the point that it will be one of the best religious magazines published.

Pray with us for that goal.

News from Sabbath-keeping Groups

Conducted by R. D. Bradshaw

Another month means more news from Sabbath-keeping groups.

Church of God (Jerusalem Acres)

Robert S. Somerville, chief bishop of the Church of God (Box 1207, Jerusalem Acres, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311), reports that their move to the Sabbath is having its repercussions, especially within the Church of God of Prophecy and the Church of God — Elders (both Sunday-keeping groups). It is being made manifest in the form of verbal persecution; but the subject is being brought to the minds of thousands. Huge signs have gone up in Cleveland and elsewhere, declaring, "Sunday is still the Sabbath." It is affording The Church of God, Jerusalem Acres, many opportunities to defend this truth. Bishop Somerville concluded his report by stating, "I thrill at such opportunities."

Church of God (7th Day) Denver, Colo.

The Church of God (7th Day) of Denver, Colo., is organizing a new congregation at Fargo, N. D. Twenty-five or thirty members are expected to be in this group. According to *The Harvest Field Messenger*, "This effort is the result of an evangelistic program sponsored by the Alfred church, and will continue to be sponsored by them until the new congregation becomes fully established."

BSA expresses best wishes to this new Sabbath-keeping group.

Church of God (7th Day) Salem, W. Va.

Two *Sentinel* readers wrote us recently about the reference in the September 1974 *Sentinel* about the Church of God (7th Day) of Salem, W. Va., and their observance of the Feast of Tabernacles in 1934 and 1935.

Although the meetings were conducted as reported in the *Sentinel*, one reader (an officer of the church) pointed out that he "found no record or statements that require the Church of God (7th Day) at Salem to observe any Feast or Feast Days." The church constitution does not mention whether or not the Feast of Tabernacles were to be observed. The Church does not presently observe the Feast of Tabernacles. Probably they were not observed in the 1930's as a point of doctrine.

Our remark in the *Sentinel* was prompted by a large number of articles and comments in the Salem *Bible Advocate* (official Church of God magazine) in 1934 and 1935 which reported the Feast of Tabernacles meetings those years. By reporting these events, it was not my intention to suggest in the article whether or not the Feast of Tabernacles was to be observed. This question is a

matter of individual conscience. This column is not attempting to promote any doctrine other than the seventh-day Sabbath. However, it is sometimes necessary to report facts and events relative to other doctrines as they do constitute news items. In mentioning these facts as news items, BSA is not expressing a position pro or con on such news being reported.

House of Yahweh

The House of Yahweh of Nazareth Illit, Israel, is a comparatively new work with which many readers are probably not acquainted.

This group keeps the annual Feast days, uses the sacred Hebrew names of Yahweh and Yahshua in worship, and is dedicated to preaching the gospel of Yahshua to the world.

They publish *The Prophetic Watchman*. This magazine is sent free to all people who write to Israel requesting it.

Recently, Elder F. C. Ardaen (Post-box No. 6, 1800 Vilvord, Belgium) and his Sabbath-keeping group in Belgium affiliated with The House of Yahweh.

In India, work of The House of Yahweh is carried on by Elder Daniel Y. Basu (Kattabettu P. O., Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, 643 214, South India).

For more information about The House of Yahweh, write to Elder Jacob Hawkins, overseer, P. O. Box 1039, Sjuna Dromit, Nazareth Illit, Israel.

Seventh-day Adventists

Lorna Golladay, an active Seventh-day Adventist layman in Richmond, Va., has an interesting work going on

almost every day in her home.

In recent years, she has opened up her home to a significant number of young people who were interested in a daily Bible study program. Sister Golladay, a dedicated student of the Bible, conducts this Bible study almost every night. A number of these young people have become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Several others are definitely interested in the church.

For more information about this interesting work you may write Mrs. Lorna Golladay, 5238 Wythe Ave., Apt 2, Richmond, Va. 23226.

BSA expresses best wishes to Sister Golladay in her efforts to teach the Sabbath truth in the city of Richmond.

Seventh Day Baptists

Seventh Day Baptists have an interesting affiliated organization, the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, incorporated in 1916. This society has done much work in compiling and publishing historical information about the Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists. Their annual report for 1973 presents a good summary of their efforts that year. From this report, we quote:

"Volume III, *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*, was available in bound copies March 20, 1973, after over five years in preparation. Orders have been filled weekly by the Publishing House. Comment by most readers has been satisfactory and a list of corrections is being prepared. The editor and contributors can only hope that it will prove a standard resource for the history of our work since 1900 as Volumes I and II have been for the earlier periods. . . .

"Microfilming of *The Sabbath Recorder* files, 1844-1970, was completed in Chicago and our copies returned to us. The fragile paper is thus preserved in a new form and an immense body of material is made available for wider use. Added space is being made available for historical articles in the new *Sabbath Recorder* with its conversion to a monthly magazine, thanks to John D. Bevis, editor.

"Besides the routine of indexing files of *The Sabbath Recorder* and other materials, time was spent this year in indexing *The Sabbath Observer*, 1909-1970, published by the Mill Yard Church, London. Additional time is needed to make the contents of other publications more available in this way. . . ."

Volume III, *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America* is available at \$6 each (cloth bound). A complete set of volume I, II and III of SDB history is available at \$16. If interested, orders may be sent to the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

As many *Sentinel* readers probably already know, the SDBs were most likely the earliest in bringing the Sabbath truth to the Americas when, in 1664, Stephen Mumford came over from London and established a SDB church at Newport, Rhode Island. Thus, early history of the Sabbath in America is closely interrelated with the history of the SDB Church.

The Society invites memberships. Address inquiries or send dues to Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

Worldwide Church of God

Because of financial considerations,

the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) has cut back some of its programs, including the canceling of the four-year co-educational undergraduate college program at Bricket Wood, England. Many students who were attending there have transferred to one of the two U. S. Ambassador Colleges. They have retained a ministerial training program in England.

WCG has also significantly reduced the flight operations department by selling the King Air airplane which was used on the Texas campus. Officials are considering selling Gruman Gulfstream G-II and Falcon airplanes.

They have closed their Imperial high schools and elementary schools in the U. S. and terminated the employment of 40 faculty members at these facilities. They have also sold or are in the process of selling some of the festival sites, faculty homes, and other facilities.

However, in respect to radio and television coverage, the church has added a number of new stations.

General

This year, BSA would like to announce as many festivals, feast days, and camp meetings as possible in the *Sentinel*.

Would you please help us? If you would like mention made of your group's observance of the Passover or memorial supper, would you please advise us by February 1? I will need to know about Pentecost meetings by February 15, and about summer camp meetings by March 1.

In providing information about these meetings, please furnish data as to what meeting, where and when it will be conducted, any other pertinent particulars.

Send notices of these meetings to
R. D. Bradshaw, Box 231, Morgan-
ton, N. C. 28655.

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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WIN the race.

The Bible Sabbath Association gives honor to all those who have been in this long-distance race almost since its beginning. It also welcomes a new generation of long-distance runners who will be determined not to give up until the BSA has made the profound and far-reaching

contribution to human history of which it is able.

As we near the finish line of this race it is important that those of us who take this race seriously realize the long time it takes to progress to maturity and come to fruit.

Yours in a confident future for the BSA.

Terrell Littrell

IN 1945—FDR died, World War II ended, the atomic age began—and BSA was born.



ANNOUNCING A NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL

All who order their copy of the new *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups* during January, 1975 at the regular price of \$3.50 per copy, may also receive a 1975 Sabbath-keepers' calendar for 50 cents (a 75-cent value). Both items for only \$4.00.

Send to: **THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION**
Fairview, Oklahoma 73737

Yes, I want to take advantage of your New Year's Special. Please find enclosed my check for \$4.00 for the new *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups*, and the 1975 calendar with the Sabbath in red.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Letter Explains H. R. Bill 636

THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION *is in receipt of the following message concerning the proposed H. R. Bill 636 that would eliminate tax deductions for charitable contributions.*

This is in response to your recent communication expressing your concern over possible enactment of the Tax Policy Review Act. As a matter of interest, several bills were introduced in the last Congress, namely H.R. 15230 and S. 3657, which automatically expired at the end of 1972 when Congress failed to take any action on them. Although H.R. 15230 was reintroduced by Congressman Heinz as H.R. 636 in the current Congress, on March 27, 1974 Mr. Heinz withdrew support for H.R. 636.

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Heinz' withdrawal statement from the Congressional Record. You will note he explains that the bill has been subject to a great deal of misunderstanding. By proposing that all tax exemptions and preferences granted piecemeal over the year automatically expire over a three-year period, the supporter of the Tax Policy Review Act hoped to mandate a comprehensive Congressional review of our entire tax structure. Many, if not most, of the preferences and deductions would have been scrutinized and reapproved. I have no doubt that the deduction for charitable contributions would have been one of these.

I want to assure you that I personally support continuing tax deductions for contributions to religious, ed-

ucation and other charitable institutions. I am confident my colleagues in the Congress feel likewise and that these beneficial deductions will not be repealed in the foreseeable future.

Many Members of Congress are of the opinion that a comprehensive reform of our tax laws is long overdue. It appears that a majority of the electorate feels likewise. In response to these pressures, the House Ways and Means Committee is now meeting in executive session to prepare a comprehensive tax reform bill for debate on the House floor.

In my considered judgment, there is no real threat that the comprehensive tax reform bill will repeal deductions for charitable contributions. To the best of my knowledge, there is no Member of Congress who is seriously advocating such action. Nevertheless, you may rest assured that I will carefully scrutinize the provisions of any tax reform bill with your interests in mind.

I appreciate your informing me of your interest in this legislation, and hope that this letter and the accompanying enclosure provide a satisfactory explanation of a very complicated parliamentary matter.

Sincerely,

Congressman William J. Randall

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The BSA Calendars

By Miss Golda W. Gerat

In 1946, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Main, founders of the Bible Sabbath Association, and I, a life member, decided that annual calendars would be good method of Sabbath promotion in 1947.

Deacon Mark Wiley of the Chicago, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church had sent a printed outline for the pad. The pagan (Teutonic) names for the days of the week were printed and below were the Biblical numerals. It was decided to print the Sabbath days in red. The backing was to advertise the Bible Sabbath Association.

Advertisement brought good response—also many suggestions for a more attractive calendar for the future. A beautiful colored scene of God's out-of-doors was placed above the pad. Texts from the Bible on the pad were selected by Brother Lloyd Day from Ontario, Canada.

Members purchased them for gifts—a daily witness for the Bible Sabbath. I am so glad to see the calendars still coming out, and with many new improvements, after almost 30 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Send all copy to Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737. Information as to dates and places of Sabbath services, camp meetings, radio programs, desire for employ-

ment by Sabbathkeeping people or vice versa, prayer requests, requests for information leading to Sabbath fellowship for isolated people, etc., will be included.

Miss Susan Bartch, translator of the Spanish Sabbath Sentinel, is a 1974 high school graduate, and is in need of full-time employment. She is interested in using her foreign languages for the glory of the heavenly Father. She is a non-denominational Sabbathkeeper. If you could use her services, please write in care of Employment Department, Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, OK 73737.



All Sabbath keepers visiting or residing in the Fort Worth, Texas, area are invited to worship with the Fort Worth Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship that meets each Sabbath at 11 a.m. for worship at 5200 Smokerise Court, Arlington, Texas. For further information write to Lee Floyd, 5200 Smokerise Court, Arlington, TX 76016, or phone (817) 924-6827 or (817) 457-1029.

MAGAZINES WANTED—I want to buy a copy of each of the following old Sabbath Sentinels: April and July 1961; December 1963; August 1964; January and June 1965; November 1966; and August 1970. R. D. Bradshaw, Box 231, Morganton, N. C. 28655.

Let Us Help You to Mark a Milestone

The year 1975 marks a milestone for the Bible Sabbath Association, as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary. But this special get-acquainted issue of The Sabbath Sentinel can also help you to mark a milestone in witnessing about the Sabbath truth by providing you with the opportunity to acquaint your friends with this fellowship.

Use the convenient coupon below to order extra copies for distribution.

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