

The Sabbath Recorder

ham brought a report of the women's work. Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, of the Women's Board, added to her remarks. Reports from both Conference and Commission were given by Albyn Mackintosh, of Los Angeles.

The entire Labor Day weekend camp included two more days of blessing, enlightenment, and fellowship for those enrolled. Besides the local leadership, Arlie and Edith Davis, of Phoenix, Ariz., were on the teaching staff.

On September 8 our pastor brought a forceful message, "Our Rule Is God," from the declaration of the Apostle Paul. Mrs. R. T. Fetherston was guest organist for the special baptismal service held on September 15. Four young people made their start in the Christian life by open testimony and baptism.

Shortly after this Pastor Wheeler suffered a fractured vertebra which hospitalized him for ten days. He is now recuperating at home. Though still in a cast, his pain is considerably relieved. During his absence from the pulpit, Bill Rymer preached on September 22 on "The Calling of a Steward," which brought a very favorable response. Equally effective was the sermon on September 29 by Rev. T. Denton Lee on Jesus' admonition to the rich young ruler: "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," and "Sell that thou hast."

We make loving mention of the untimely and tragic death of 1st Lt. Phillip Henry, when his jet plane crashed over Mt. Wilson, early in September. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may have rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

SHILOH, N. J. — In September the Youth Choir began singing again under the direction of Mrs. Elden Hitchener. On the last Sabbath of each month the Junior Choir will sing with Mrs. William Richardson, Jr., directing. This choir includes boys and girls from 8 to 11 years of age.

Pastor Lippincott enjoyed a two weeks' vacation with his family in Michigan in early September.

For a progressive supper for the County Intermediate Christian Endeavorers the soup was served in the Shiloh Church to about 80.

September 29 was Promotion Day and

the officers and teachers were elected for another year of service.

Rev. Leon Lawton and Dr. Victor Burdick were the guest speakers at the one hundred forty-second annual meeting of the Female Mite Society on September 1. The money collected from the dues of this unique society and the memorial fund will be divided between these two dedicated men to be used for some necessary equipment in their particular work.

Miss Marilyn Osborn who is employed as a teacher in Bridgeton is a welcome addition once again in her "home" church.

The fall Joint Communion service of the two South Jersey churches was held with us on October 6. Rev. Paul B. Osborn of Marlboro brought the message of the morning.

The members of our church feel a deep humility and great pride in having the Conference select Deacon Charles F. Harris as their president. Our prayers and co-operation will go with him. We know that it will be a busy year for him as he plans to visit as many churches as time and strength will permit. — Correspondent.

METAIRIE, LA., GROUP — The Metairie group of the Hammond Church enjoyed the recent visit of Rev. Marion Van Horn. During his visit we held special services and he helped us in making plans for a Fellowship here in Metairie in the near future. At present we all make the trip to Hammond every Sabbath day to church, but hold our prayer meetings here on Friday nights. The children all participate in conducting these services. We are starting a film study.

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Obituaries

Severance. — Louette Carl, was born in Dodge Center, Minn., Nov. 23, 1879, and died Sept. 30, 1956, at North Loup, Neb.

He is survived by four sons: Clifton of Ord, Neb., Leighton of Battle Creek, Mich., Cecil of North Loup, and Chester of Hawthorne, Calif.; also two daughters: Lillian of Evanston, Wyo., and Lucille of Denver, Colo.

Funeral services were conducted at North Loup by Rev. Francis Saunders, and interment was in Grand Island, beside his wife.

F. D. S.



Beautiful Scene on the Campus of Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." (Ps. 121: 1, 2.)

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The Liquor Menace — Are We Indifferent?

The president of the Salem, W. Va., Woman's Christian Temperance Union writes her appreciation of the occasional articles in this journal about the effects of alcohol. In the same letter this godly woman writes feelingly of her "wish that Seventh Day Baptists were not so indifferent to this terrible problem that is facing us." Concern and indifference must be considered as relative terms. We believe that our people are concerned but doubtless not sufficiently so. As at Salem, so in many other cities and communities our women (and some of our men) are in positions of leadership in the temperance cause all out of proportion to the size and prominence of our churches.

Much as we would like to see greater activity along this line, we still believe that our community betterment efforts ought to be well balanced. Temperance education may be compared to what Jesus spoke of when He gave left-handed support to the rules for tithing that were prominent in His day. He said, "Ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Luke 11: 42).

Temperance is not more important than the principle of tithing but is greater than the minutiae of an accounting of it. It is of lesser significance than judgment and the love of God, which together may be said to be the essence of the Gospel. If we look around about us it is probable that we will be forced to observe that we have far more local, county, and state W.C.T.U. officers than we have in similar organizations devoted more specifically to the conversion of sinners. This would hardly seem to be quite as it ought to be in the light of the words of Jesus, "These things (spreading the Gospel) ought ye to have done."

Seventh Day Baptists, to be sure, need to be more active in combating the evils of alcohol, one of the things that leads to serious sins, but our people need even more to be found in the forefront of the battle for the souls of men. Some of our people probably make light of certain temperance efforts but others seem to make light of certain evangelistic efforts.

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Let it be noted, however, that we probably spend infinitely more money on the salaries of pastors and evangelists than we do for the temperance cause.

Our correspondent observes that it is so easy to say, "There isn't anything I can do about it." To her that appears to be another way of getting out of our God-given responsibility. We agree and think it should also be applied more pointedly to the responsibility of spreading the truth of salvation and the Sabbath.

"Why don't Christian men and women band themselves together," she asks, "against serving cocktails on airplanes and trains, and against advertising over radio and television?" Yes! Let us work for social betterment in every line as a responsibility that rests squarely upon us because of our redeemed state. Each must spend his greatest effort in the work to which he feels called. Since we do not believe in having bishops to assign us to certain tasks we must trust the leadership of the Holy Spirit to call the proper numbers to the ministry, to the mission fields, and to the various phases of laymen's work related to the complete Christian life.

Religious Objector Without Religion

Our government in the enactment of Selective Service laws has generously made provision to excuse from military service those whose training and religious convictions have led them to take the position that they cannot bear arms. They are called Conscientious Objectors. Normally the local draft board is the judge as to whether an individual has a right to such classification. Some draft boards have doubtless been more strict than the law requires.

The Supreme Court is again being asked to step into the case of one Arthur P. Clark who, after much litigation, was given a four-year sentence on Dec. 14, 1954, after refusing a second time to submit to induction. The case is peculiar in that Clark claims he is entitled to classification as a Conscientious Objector even though he does not believe in a Supreme Being. Because he would not acknowledge a Supreme Being (the lowest

definition possible in this country) the highest court had formally declined to consider the case. Now the lawyers are claiming irregularities in the induction proceedings to gain the ear of the Supreme Court. The outcome is still in doubt.

From the religious point of view it appears to us that the Reporter For Conscience Sake puts itself in a bad light in publicizing a case where they try to circumvent good intent of the exemption granted by Selective Service legislation by appealing to minor technicalities. Equally distressing is the fact that this man who denies the existence of a Supreme Being and still claims to be a religious objector is a church member. He is a member of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles.

It reminds your editor of the religious census of Riverside, Calif., taken some years ago by the churches. The house-to-house canvass revealed several agnostics or free thinkers. In dividing up the names, the Unitarian minister asked for those on the grounds that they would fit into his church better than into any other.

Can we recognize such churches as Christian churches and still put meaning into the term when we apply it to our own denomination? Can we have religious objectors without religion or definitions which fail to define?

EDITORIAL NOTES

New Magazine — "Christianity Today"

Some months ago we mentioned the proposed new magazine *Christianity Today*. It has now made its appearance. We believe that in a relatively short time it will become as much of a necessity in the homes of ministers and others who seek to be well informed as is *Christian Century*. In size, stock, scholarship, and diversified editorial staff it closely resembles that well-known weekly. Its outstanding editor, Dr. Carl F. Henry, is notably successful as an author and as a publicity man. The editor of the somewhat similar magazine *Eternity* speaks of *Christianity Today* as the opposite of *Christian Century* although he calls the latter the best-edited religious journal in the world. He speaks of his own magazine as primarily one of Bible Study and there-

fore "in a different league" from the new one.

In a sense, the new magazine will be the voice of Billy Graham, who authors the leading article in the first issue. We believe that this 40-page, fortnightly periodical will be a truly remarkable paper in its field, filled with contemporary articles of lasting interest. The price is \$5.00 per year and the address 1014 Washington Building, Washington 5, D.C.

Trick or Treat, the Christian Way

Will your children engage in the questionable practice of "Tricks or treats" at Halloween this year? There are still many communities where this practice yet holds sway in milder or more objectionable forms. An increasing number of churches and communities are getting rid of this expensive nuisance by channeling the energies of the children into the constructive program for soliciting gifts for the underprivileged of the world through the United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF.

More than 500 radio stations will put on this year a 15-minute radio play "The Good Ghost of Halloween." It will emphasize this type of unselfish work for children. Our people should be in the forefront of promoting in their communities something like this to replace the "gimme" spirit. It is catching on like wildfire. Let us encourage it by giving to UNICEF. Gifts when collected may be sent to United States Committee for UNICEF, United Nations, N. Y.

Church Bulletins

An editor has to have an insatiable thirst for more reading material of the type that will give him background for writing and for evaluating the news in the field covered by his paper. The Sabbath Recorder is primarily a denominational magazine devoted to the spiritual enlightenment of its readers. Church bulletins give the editor an inside view of many churches.

The emphasis of the pastor, the response of the people, the activities of the church — these all show in well-written church bulletins. The editor appreciates them, reads them, files them, and draws on them for verification of facts.



MEMORY TEXT

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7: 25.



He does not like to use them for the "News of the Churches" department because he prefers to get that news directly from church-appointed correspondents who can summarize the important happenings after they have occurred.

This note, however, is to express appreciation for bulletins thoughtfully sent to the Sabbath Recorder from three new places. We renew our appeal to some of the larger churches from which we do not regularly receive either mimeographed material or personally prepared news items. We prefer the latter because we cannot find enough time to write up the information, but we want both. If you have not seen news from your church recently in our pages please check with your pastor, your local correspondent, or the persons responsible for the bulletin mailing list.

MEDICAL MISSIONS ON TV

Television's first medical network series, "The March of Medicine," will pioneer again when it presents the first nationwide program in color on a medical subject over the NBC-TV network. It is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, at 9:30 p.m., and will fill the spot usually occupied by Armstrong Circle Theater. The program called MONGANGA will chronicle the lifework of Dr. John E. Ross who, for the past six years, has served as a mission doctor for the Disciples of Christ in Lotumbe, a remote village in the African Belgian Congo. John Gunther, noted author of the best-seller, "Inside Africa," will be the principal commentator on the program.

"The March of Medicine" has recorded on film countless natives arriving at the mission station at Lotumbe to seek the aid of "Monganga" — the white doctor. Leprosy, yaws, elephantiasis, sleeping sickness, and arthritis are some of the more common diseases treated by Dr. Ross.

Conference Publicity

Weekend in Washington

As we make preparations to go to the Northern and North Central Associations, the memories of a very pleasant weekend in the Washington Church come to mind.

I had the privilege of having my wife, Anita, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Probasco as fellow-workers for the Lord. Each of us had a part in the three meetings that were scheduled. If the members of the group in Washington were blessed as much as we who went, the trip was successful.

We were pleased with the faithfulness of the group, and especially with the consecrated work of Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph. Miss Randolph seems tireless as she labors in love among the scattered families in that area. There are many children and she is devoted to them. They by their attitudes return her love. She is faithful in holding forth the words of life, for her life and words are a testimony to our Lord and Saviour.

On the evening before the Sabbath we spoke on renewing our faith in God, with Owen Probasco giving a message. Sabbath morning we enjoyed the Sabbath School classes as the regular teachers presented the lesson. Following that we spoke on "Prayer" with Mrs. Ella Sheppard having a special part.

It was by no means a coincidence that we had a quartet in our group. Three anthems were sung, and we appreciated the assistance of Mrs. Daryl Gilson.

In the afternoon Anita and I spoke on "Our World Mission," followed by a period of discussion. The people expressed their appreciation to us, and we were spiritually blessed by the experience.

We stopped in Annapolis on our way home where we visited with James Ayars, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ayars of Shiloh.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 3, 1956

Wounded for Our Transgression

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 53.

Our World Mission

The Co-ordinating Council And the Planning Committee

The Co-ordinating Council as an official organ of the denomination is quite new, being officially set up by the action of the 1955 Conference. Much work has been done along this line in the past yet without any official sanction. Much good has come from the meetings of the past — so much that it has seemed wise to set it up as an official organ. The Co-ordinating Council is composed of the Commission and two representatives from each of the following organizations: Missionary Society, Tract Society, Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, and the Women's Board, with the chairman of the Commission acting as chairman and the executive secretary acting as secretary.

The Co-ordinating Council is now charged with the co-operative development of a strategy for denominational expansion and growth, utilizing our unified resources of emphasis, leadership, and finances.

The outline of "A Program for Denominational Expansion and Growth" as appears in the Commission Report of 1956 reveals that this group has been producing results. We have reflected there, careful and serious thinking of ways and means whereby we may have a more effective witness for Christ. We recommend that the seven steps as proposed by this body be given careful consideration by all Seventh Day Baptists. It is not yet a completed product; portions of it are being enlarged and we look forward to the time when it may be published in fuller form.

The Planning Committee is a subcommittee of the Co-ordinating Council, composed of the employed secretaries and the president of the Women's Board and chaired by the executive secretary of the denomination. The basic planning is done by this committee with the members sharing the experience of their specific responsibility as they approach the total program and outreach of the denomination. The plans of this committee are reviewed by the Commission and the Co-

ordinating Council before being brought before the General Conference.

The Planning Committee meets more frequently than the larger group. It is to be in session October 28 and 29 at Westerly, R. I., under the leadership of Mrs. R. T. Fetherston.

Let us be present with them in prayer, thinking in terms of Our World Mission and as to how the work of Christ can best be implemented through Seventh Day Baptists. — Earl Cruzan, Commission Member.

Religion in American Life November Campaign

By Rev. Lee Holloway

The theme for the Religion in American Life Campaign during the month of November will be "Build a Stronger, Richer Life — Worship Together Every Week."

This is an annual church attendance emphasis program, which is implemented by the facilities of the National Advertising Council. Approximately 6 million dollars' worth of free advertising is given by the council for the benefit of the churches and synagogues of America.

Seventh Day Baptists have a part in this campaign and are represented by the writer on the Board of Directors of the national organization. Thirty-five packets of RIAL publicity materials have been sent to our pastors. Eighteen of them were smaller, containing less material.

It is probably too late for our church leaders to lead out in their communities in doing everything that could be done in the RIAL campaign. However, here are a few suggestions of things that might be accomplished:

1. Contact your local Ministers' Association or Church Council to see if something is already planned for the RIAL campaign.
2. Urge that the local newspapers be furnished with proper publicity material.
3. Make sure that the mayor of your community is furnished with the "Suggested Proclamation by Mayors."
4. Write to the Outdoor Advertising Company which serves your area, and re-

quest that RIAL posters be put on some signboards in or near your community.

5. Try to organize a visitation or telephone campaign to invite everyone to attend the church or synagogue of his choice.

6. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper commending the RIAL program, and the help and participation of American industry. It will publicize Seventh Day Baptists (if the writer attaches his title as pastor of a local church to the letter).

7. Use some of the material for your own church which is contained in the packets, and order it as soon as possible.

Street Preaching in New York

By the Secretary of the Tract Board

The editor recently took time out of the middle of a busy day at the office to attend a street preaching and Scripture distribution service in New York at noon. The trip was made in company with Noah Cappiello, a new Sabbathkeeper who attends the Plainfield Church. For about a year this young man has been assisting Rev. Ralph Roller, a converted (Sabbath-keeping) Jew, who for many years has been ministering primarily to his own people on the streets of our greatest city.

The general plan is for the two men to preach alternately for about two hours on a busy corner to the passers-by and those who gather within hearing distance. On alternate days they distribute Gospel portions, Testaments, and Bibles on another nearby corner. Sometimes a third man (and on this occasion a fourth) offers Scriptures while the other two are preaching and witnessing.

The courage, stamina, and love for people required in this type of ministry have to be admired by any Christian who is lacking in those qualities. The Lord calls some to one kind of work and some to another. Perhaps many would question the wisdom of such expenditure of effort. The contemporaries of the Wesleys were sometimes even bitter in their denunciation of street-corner and open-field preaching. But in their case the results justified the effort and mightily affected the history of two nations.

Do the results of this ministry in New

York encourage its continuance? Those who engage in the work and those who help finance it are enthusiastic about it in spite of minor discouragements. Sometimes the crowds are large, sometimes they are small. Some of the listeners are Christians who are stirred by the zeal of those who proclaim the love of Christ. Many of the folks who stop have never been inside a Christian church and would never go. Few make a public profession of Christ on a busy street corner without personal work. But it may also be said that the number responding to the call when preaching missions are held in our lovely church buildings is small too.

Conversions are not the work of man; they are the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart. One of the mightiest forces to that end is the simple Word of God which is read on the spot or carried home and pondered upon. In nine months these two men have personally distributed some 35,000 Gospels of John, several thousand New Testaments (Phophecy edition), and many, many Bibles. They have testimonies of Jewish people who were led to Christ without human help — just by reading the New Testament.



In the accompanying picture you can see a Jewish man who had just been given one of these New Testaments which contains a few pages at the beginning of it which emphasize fulfilled Old Testament prophecies. This well-dressed man

was wasting no time but was stopping to read the book during his lunch hour, listening at the same time to the preaching not far away. Four such Testaments were accepted by Jewish men during that hour. Many of the Jews cannot imagine anyone giving away such books. We heard one refusing a Gospel of John partly because it cost money.

The witness on street corners even in the beautiful area of the Colosseum at Columbus Circle reaches some of the lowest as well as the highest class of city dwellers. Near this spot we slipped a Gospel in the pocket of a young Negro who was trying to drink a glass of liquor as he staggered down the street. He claimed that he took Communion every week in a Catholic Church and confessed his sins regularly but was now on his annual birthday drunken spree.

Not showing very well in the picture here is a well-dressed man who accepted a Gospel of John and spent ten or fifteen minutes reading it while cocking one ear to the preaching. He resembled very closely in features, voice and long cigar, one of the popular comedians on radio and TV but informed us that he was an attorney for an insurance company with offices nearby.

Who can say how God's Word is going to return to Him except to recall the promise that it will not return unto Him void. These are but a few of the challenges of such work. We could mention the black-haired young man who received a Gospel on the subway and sat absorbed in it until he reached his destination. To him it appeared to be a new book. For the first time in his life perhaps he was reading of the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" and of the religious Nicodemus who wanted to know the way of salvation.

The Great Commission lays before us the program of making disciples of all nations. The apostle who found salvation in a spectacular way at a Damascus street corner, so to speak, laid upon his churches the charge, "Freely ye have received, freely give." If we think we can really fulfill that admonition with small change, or with any amount of money, we are mistaken. We are called upon to give out the Gospel.

Missions

Dr. Victor Burdick At Kennedy School of Missions

The Kennedy School of Missions, one of the three schools of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, is situated in Hartford, Conn. The purpose of the school as noted in their catalogue is "to provide specialized training for those appointed as foreign missionaries." Miss Miriam Shaw and Miss Sarah Becker have each taken part of their preparatory work at this school.



Dr. Victor Burdick, Seventh Day Baptist medical missionary appointee to Nyasaland, Africa, registered for study at Kennedy on September 17. He has written, "It is rather thrilling to be concentrating on studying again with so much of vital interest to me available for research."

The courses which Dr. Burdick elected for study are now well under way and are listed by him as follows: African Culture, Current Missionary Problems in Africa, The Practice of Missions, Introductory Linguistics, African Linguistics, Adult Literary Education, a total of 16 credit hours.

It is noted that the Chinyanga dialect as spoken by the people of Nyasaland is not taught at the school. However, tape recordings of a closely related language are available for study and the language instructor has promised to give Dr. Burdick "some personal help on Chinyanga, if desired."

Special Services Concluded At Battle Creek

Those who have been following our missionary evangelist, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, with prayers and loving concern will be interested to know that services were concluded at Battle Creek, Mich., on Sunday evening, September 30. A report follows regarding the seventeen days of intensive preaching and witnessing for

Christ on the part of laymen, pastor, and evangelist.

From Battle Creek, Evangelist Hurley has gone to Middle Island, W. Va., to assist Pastor Don Richards October 5-14; then to Lost Creek to assist Pastor Duane Davis October 19-November 3. He then goes to Berea to assist Pastor Richards again November 9-18. He will speak at Salem College during Christian Emphasis Week, November 27-30, and then return to Boulder, Colo., for a well-deserved rest.

Mrs. Hurley has been troubled with a recurring asthmatic condition but is currently much improved. Let us continue to remember the Hurleys in our prayers. Let us pray also for the pastors and faithful laymen of the churches upon whom the success of our evangelist's efforts rest in large measure. Let us pray that the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit be upon them, for without Him nothing permanent will be accomplished.

Battle Creek Pastor Reports Preaching Mission

[The following letter was written by Rev. Leland Davis, pastor of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, to the secretary of the Missionary Society.]

Your letter of encouragement was received and was read at one of our special meetings. We are grateful for many answered prayers. Prayer is the key which unlocks the door to life and prepares the way for Christ's entrance and enthronement. Seven or eight opened their hearts to Christ, as evidenced by the uplifted hand on Sabbath day, September 29. We do not know of the others who have come to believe on Him but as yet have not confessed Him. We pray we shall soon know. Many also rededicated themselves to Christ on September 29.

Attendance at the three Sabbath morning services averaged 171, which is about 25 more than the average for the past three years. Attendance during the week for the ten services was steady with an average of 70, climaxed by 96 on the last Sunday evening.

At every service there were new seekers. This may be attributed to the 1,000 printed invitations which were handed

and mailed out, to numerous calls made by the laymen throughout the effort as well as their bringing people with them, and to much fervent prayer.

We made use of both the wall chart and the two filmstrips on soul winning. A few copies of the handbook which goes with the chart were also used by the laymen. Twenty-seven different people attended one or more of the four supper conferences. Eight attended all four of the instruction meetings. Approximately seventy calls were made by the laymen on those four nights of visitation emphasis. Numerous other friendly calls were made throughout the crusade, some of which were not reported.

Before Dr. Hurley left, he organized a permanent visitation program with Arnold Davis as chairman and Mrs. W. B. Lewis as secretary. Its purpose is twofold: 1. To make visitation not a seasonal but a permanent work carried on by laymen. 2. To meet regularly as a group to develop the techniques for visitation, and to exchange experiences received while visiting. A second meeting to this end has thus far been held.

Eight most profitable cottage prayer services were held the two weeks prior to the Preaching Crusade, with twenty-six different prayer warriors engaged in intercessory prayer. There was an average of eight present on the field in corporate prayer for the eight nights.

We are not finished; we are just beginning. With God's help we shall continue our daily, yea hourly, witness for Christ, trusting that souls will be won, lives reclaimed, and hearts rededicated.

Salemville Building Program Goes Forward

[Taken from quarterly report of missionary pastor, Rev. Edgar Wheeler]

Work is going forward on the addition to the house of worship. This addition measures 20 by 40 feet, and will consist of three classrooms on ground level and two rooms upstairs. The three lower rooms may be opened up to provide one large room the full length of the building for larger gatherings.

At this time the frame is all up ready for the siding and roofing. Although it

has been a busy time, the men have given of their time and efforts to make faster progress than we had thought possible. All work except for the plastering will be done by the men of the church. Because of this fact, it is expected that the addition will be very soundly constructed and completed for less than \$3,000. Of this amount one third had been accumulated by persistent saving for this work over a period of several years. Good progress is being made in soliciting the balance from members and friends of the church.

Nyasaland News

A letter from Rev. David Pearson dated September 14 states that the special check for purchase of the new mission car was received on August 31. After some delay the new Land Rover was delivered to them on September 13. He writes:

"On Sabbath, September 15, before leaving Makapwa on the 17th (for northern trip) we had a brief service of dedication for the Land Rover. It roves and we thank God for it. Our sincere thanks to the Women's Board and to all who have made such possible."

"This letter was started some days past while at Makapwa. I now write sitting on my rope bed in a grass house, built especially for our accommodation at Manjanja Village in the Sharpe Vale, Mafuwa area. We arrived on the 17th of September as planned — however, hours late (11 o'clock). Certain of the brethren were still up and greeted us that night. Today is September 21 and we are leaving Manjanja for Nthinda this very morning.

"I am very fond of the car. It is exceedingly strong and roomy, with tasteful styling, and though more expensive initially than the Morris should be cheaper in the long run."

Miss Joan Clement writes under date of September 22:

"As I mentioned earlier our medical work has grown considerably of late. For this we are most grateful. Though the school has become my 'child,' so to speak, and I have greatly enjoyed my work in the school, my first love, I am sure you will

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER

Theme: One Body in Thanksgiving

Scripture: Eph. 5: 18b-20; Ps. 92: 1-5

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Meditation:

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand" (Ps. 95: 6-7).

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" (Ps. 92: 1).

Again we are approaching the beautiful season of Thanksgiving. The fields have given of their abundance; household preserving of good things for winter eating is nearly ended. As I write, the woods are ablaze with color. In this northern climate there seems to be a bit of a hurry to get many things done before cold weather. But soon now something of a lull will set in; we will pause a bit before the sharp blasts of winter.

This is the time that has been set aside by practice and presidential proclamation for individual and national Thanksgiving. While we are continuously mindful of daily blessings, it is fitting that we set aside the harvest time for definite and intensive consideration of our boundless debt of gratitude and love to the Heavenly Father. "This is our Father's world" — how happily the children sing it! God made it and He declared it good.

Sir Harry Lauder, noted Scot, remembered that as a child he ran to the window nightly in hope of seeing the lamplighter. It was often too dark to see him, but he always knew when he had been at the post by the light he had left behind him. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

It is right that we remember the very fact of our corporate existence in this land. How thankful we must be that God saw fit to lead Seventh Day Baptist pilgrims to the new world, where, in a favorable spiritual soil and climate, the truths they held dear could take firm root and, from the new lodgment, be carried over land and sea to the waiting

understand, is the medical work, for that is the field in which I've been particularly trained, and wherein most of my experience lies. To be perfectly honest with you I long for the day when I might turn my whole time to the evangelical work through medicine.

"If you could walk across the way with us this evening to the maternity ward you would find seventeen patients, eleven of whom have been delivered. Our ward capacity is nine. This is the busier part of the month, I do admit, but each month brings an increase in number of patients cared for. Beth and I have gotten up at night more frequently in the past two weeks to assist with difficult and complicated cases.

"As we mentioned in a former letter, we turned the Girls' Boarding House into sick wards for medical and surgical patients too ill to go back and forth to the village. This could only be temporary during the holiday. You know that we are putting up a building which will ease both the maternity situation and give sleeping space to a limited number of patients in the medical-surgical class.

"We trust the Lord will continue to bless this ministry of medicine. It is gratifying to see the patients and their families coming to church Sabbath mornings. After all, that is why we are here."

Importance of Printed Word

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, stated recently: "However great the importance of radio and television may be in our times, the printed word is more important."

He was speaking at the 44th annual meeting of the Catholic Press Association. The reference was primarily to newspapers and journals. Certainly the studied remark had more religious significance than if it had been spoken to a secular audience by one who was less interested in promoting the church. It has wide application and could be used by those who publish tracts and religious literature exclusively. It will be recalled that this same archbishop made headlines in August of 1954 when he refused to allow Catholics to attend the World Council of Churches at Evanston as observers.

lost. The examples of devotion, courage, and self-sacrifice recorded in the story of our denominational forebears, their confidence in an overruling Providence are constantly challenging us to great endeavor, complete commitment to the cause of Christ. Through many doubtings here and there, and reluctant obedience at times, the eternal truths, which so led them, still shine out as beacons in our times. Thank God for such a heritage and pray that our people may continuously be led to dare great things for Him.

"Be still and know that I am God." It is possible to so shut out the clangor and demand of discordant thought that God can be heard, though He speaks in "a still small voice," and only to the listening ear. And what unutterably wonderful words He has! Praise then will naturally come from the grateful heart for all God's goodness throughout time and eternity. With Jacob we will say, "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which thou hast shewed unto thy servant."

To King David was given the spirit to understand something of the greatness and power, the glory and majesty of the Lord; and in deep humility he prayed, "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee and praise thy glorious name" (1 Chron. 29: 13).

Of ten lepers whom Jesus healed, only one returned to thank Him. To the nine was given physical healing. The tenth received all that and immeasurably more — salvation.

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift."

"Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

"O Lord, how great are all thy works."

"For thou, Lord, hast made me glad."

"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be unto our God, forever and ever."

[Written by Mrs. Nettie Fowler, a deaconess of the White Cloud, Mich., Church. She has always been interested in young people and has taught in camp and Sabbath School. She is the daughter of Adelbert Branch of White Cloud and teaches high-school English in Fremont, Mich.]

Notes From October Women's Board Meeting

It was voted to continue sending the *National Geographic Magazine* to Jamaica, as well as other magazines to all our missionaries.

We agreed to underwrite the expenses for the Seventh Day Baptist Hymn Contest, as President Harris would like to have this continued for the coming year.

It was moved to print 2,500 booklets about our British Guiana Mission. The committee reported that the manuscript is being edited and should be printed early in November. As soon as they are completed a quantity sufficient for one to each woman will be mailed to each keyworker.

Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, the new executive secretary, felt that in accepting these new duties she could not continue on our board, so we regretfully accepted her resignation. Since she has mimeographed the Newsletter and other materials, it was discussed whether the board should purchase a mimeograph or hire the work done.

Interesting reports from Mrs. Delmer VanHorn and Mrs. Paul Green, Jr., were read, giving a resume of their course for ministers' wives, that was taught last year by Mrs. Harley Sutton. A. M. D.

THAT YOUTH PROGRAM

Does your weekly program for your Youth Fellowship have purpose?

If it does then it must be fashioned by youth who seriously consider the necessary ingredients to make it purposeful. Two of these ingredients are work and study. In a television program the other night the main character got "itchy" all over every time his mother mentioned that he ought to go to work. Those of you who are the real leaders in your group are those who work. Most of your spare time is taken up in doing something or bent toward learning something.

Now, "busy one" in your Youth Fellowship, is your real chance to work for the Lord by digging into guide material for planning your Youth Fellowship program and other types of evangelism. Most available materials for your Y. F. (as is most of the Bible) are guide ma-

Teen Talk

The Spindle Tree

We were taking a Sabbath afternoon walk to visit some Christian friends. One of the things we are trying to remember these days is to keep our eyes open for unusual things which might be of interest to Junior high-school readers. There is a saying that one picture is worth a thousand words. That's why we took our camera along.



The picture shown here may not seem very unusual, you may say. It's just a great big vine climbing up on an oak tree. After taking the picture, we showed it to the high-school girl on whose lawn it was growing. She tried to tell us the name of it and said it was very rare. It is called a euonymus tree or vine and is a native of Europe. When the family bought the home 15 years ago that vine was much like it is today. Many people have stopped to ask about it, particularly in the winter. After the oak has shed its leaves the vine shows better the beauty of its variegated evergreen leaves.

The encyclopedias tell us that this euonymus vine, or spindle tree as some varieties are called, has many uses. Its

materials. They are what we call "approach" methods rather than "concrete." We all want concrete ways of doing things, but if the whole program is handed to us on a platter we might just follow it automatically and no real thinking or vital Christian experience would come to us in the process. Isn't that what we are after? Christian character is built on Christian experience. Vital Christian character is built on vital experience. That's what we want for ourselves and others. The Bible and supplementary materials are useless unless studied, worked with, and put into practice.

Our Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education can only point to materials offered. At present we have few samples that have been evaluated, but we expect to have more in the near future from which to choose. Your youth group can help us by ordering from suggested companies a program kit, then use it, evaluate it, and send us your conclusions as to its value. That costs money and time. Beloved, any worth-while program costs.

One of the reasons our youth groups make offerings and earn money is to spend it in evangelization. Every worth-while program is a part of evangelization of the youth group, so do not be afraid to invest some of your offering in work materials; **then use them.** Most work materials list a number of good books, pamphlets, magazines, etc., that have been used to help prepare the material, and it is highly desirable that you invest in this source material. These include various translations of the Bible, Bible commentaries, concordances, and recent books on the definite theme of your program. Fill your church library; don't wait for the older folk to do it. Put an item in your budget (every wide-awake society has a budget) for programing and spend it. Have real purpose in your planning, and your program will have purpose.

R.E.Z.

U. S. Navy — I am writing to let you know how much I enjoy the Recorder!! It gives me contact with people I know!!

Thanks for a good magazine for the boys away from home.

"TRUMPETS OF CONFUSION"

By Kenneth E. Smith

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[This message was requested for publication at the suggestion of Dr. Richard R. Bond who heard it and found it helpful.]

I would like you to use your imaginations this morning to paint a mental picture. This picture is going to be a real spectacle, or what Hollywood might call an "extravaganza." In your mind's eye you see a tremendous army massed together to march against the foe. It is an army of long ago with all its color and pageantry. The sun gleams upon polished steel and bright banners wave in the morning breeze. There is nervousness and tension as horses and riders await the inevitable signal to the fray, for this is the moment toward which all preparations have been made. The enemy also stands waiting and ready, alerted for that sound which seems so long delayed. And then the trumpet sounds! It sounds, but what does it say? What mockery is this? Taps? Retreat? What is that call? Alas, alas! What confusion! What disorder and chaos!

Perhaps we have caught a glimpse of what Paul means when he asks the church at Corinth, "If the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle?" Like so many of Paul's word pictures it is an analogy for the religious life. Some of the brethren at Corinth had been preaching the Gospel in tongues. Paul was deeply disturbed about this lack of clarity and for very good reason. The Gospel is a clear-cut call to action or something is radically wrong somewhere, and something was indeed wrong at Corinth. It is characteristic of a trumpet that its call is sharp and clear. It is commanding, authoritative, and definite. It is unmistakable in its meaning and impelling in its tone. That is why trumpets are used rather than saxophones. The Gospel according to Corinth was both vague and ambiguous. It was downright confusing. To Paul that was a problem, and he meant to deal with it when he sat down to write. The Gospel was many things to Paul, but it was not confusion: "For God is not a God of confusion but of peace."

compact wood has long been used for skewers and furniture spindles and by watchmakers for pegging their tools.

It is not the beauty of the leaves or the uses of the wood which appeal to me. Rather, it is the co-operation between the little tree and the big one. At first it looked as if it might be some sort of strangle vine like we see in the tropics, but not so. It does not hurt the mighty oak upon which it has been leaning for support a little longer than you have been supported by your parents.

We would like to think of ourselves as the strong oaks which we may yet become. But right now we are more like the spindle tree. We wouldn't do well just in our own strength. Not always do we have some older person to clasp as in the above picture. Parents are sometimes not as strong spiritually as they ought to be. Older brothers are not perfect examples to follow. There is One, however, who is strong enough to bear all our sins, all our troubles, and to strengthen us in all our times of weakness. You know who it is — Christ our Saviour.

In Proverbs 3: 5 we read, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Satan's Waterloo

"We have seen a miracle" was the testimony of thousands of people in Waterloo, Iowa, when the Christ-for-Greater-Waterloo Crusade had been completed with Dr. Merv Rosell of La Canada, Calif., as evangelist.

Utilizing the Hippodrome, the largest auditorium in this Iowa city, the two-week crusade was attended by thousands each night from a community which was strangely moved by the Holy Spirit.

The crusade was under the direction of a local steering committee made up of pastors and laymen from the Greater Waterloo area. The co-chairmen were Pastor Richard DeArmev of the Grace Brethern Church, representing the co-operating pastors, and E. H. Matthias, Jr., president of the local Christian Businessmen's Committee, representing the laymen.



There are many sincere people today who feel that religion, rather than bringing us out of confusion, has plunged us more deeply into it. Amid the multiple voices crying in the wilderness religion is just one more. Did we say *one* voice? Well, actually that is not quite accurate. Even among those Christians who call themselves Protestants there are hundreds of denominations all lifting their voices to add to the chorus of confusion. Pity the honest seeker after religious truth these days! Denominations, creeds, loyalties, and fanaticisms all pointing to the true Gospel, most of them regarding themselves as the one oasis in a desert of error and heresy. It's confusing! At least, that's what a great many sensitive people think about it. Their feeling might even be confirmed if they were to receive some of the fantastic religious literature which comes to a pastor's desk over a short period of time. Religion can be confusing, all right, just by sheer variety.

Once the new convert has become a member of a particular denomination he is faced with other divisions. There will be those who call themselves liberals and those who call themselves conservatives. Some will be urging co-operation with other denominations while others will be insisting upon the need for separation. He will soon find that both sides of any issue can quote Scripture. There will be those whose religious experience is largely intellectual and those whose experience

is basically emotional or sentimental. Some will favor a democratic type of leadership, while others prefer a more central, authoritarian type. He will be told that the issues are black and white and he must stand somewhere. Of course, he will gradually make these decisions, but it's confusing. The clear-cut decision to follow Christ has run into a perplexing maze of claims and counterclaims.

Are We Apostles of Pettiness?

There is certainly a great danger that amid all of this the real meaning of the Gospel of Christ will be lost, or hopelessly diminished. It is so easy to become apostles of pettiness, saying, "I piped to you and you would not dance." More and more we witness to our opinions rather than to "that which we have seen and heard." The power and strength of the Church may well be dissipated in trivial disagreements over issues that are not worth what they cost. It is as though the bugler forgot his job and played a medley of his own favorites. But "if the bugle gives an indistinct sound who will get ready for battle?"

Let us be quick to admit that this is not a fair picture of our great Protestant heritage. When we get the total view into perspective we must realize that this freedom which allows divergence and variety is precisely the element in which we take pride. There are those who, seeing Protestantism as a discordant chaos, would take away our freedom and reorganize in such a way as to insure that only "truth" is proclaimed. To control religious opinion and doctrine from "headquarters" is one solution for a great many people, but I need not remind you that such a solution goes against everything for which our fathers fought. It is a medieval answer to modern problems. That such a spirit still lives, however, is exemplified by the Seventh Day Baptist who recently suggested that what we need is a catechism.

The situation at Corinth was a good illustration of the misuse of religious liberty. In their freedom to choose their own leadership some chose Paul, some Apollos, and others said, "We chose Christ." In their freedom of worship some spoke in tongues without regard to whether or not they could be under-

stood by their fellows. We can imagine the confusion to which Paul refers. Paul speaks of the "contention" among them, and that, too, is evidence that in misunderstanding their own freedom they rode rough-shod over each other. In his letter dealing with this situation Paul provides a clear-cut answer to what Christian freedom demands. Perhaps some of us have never noticed the setting of the famous "love-chapter," nor have we asked ourselves why Paul wrote it in the first place. That thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians is sandwiched in between the twelfth and fourteenth chapter. It begins, "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

"Behold how they love one another."

Freedom constrained by love is the glory of our faith, but freedom without love is a source of division, strife, and confusion. Love hopes all things, believes all things, endures all things, but without love every disagreement ends in rancor and mistrust. It was said of the early Christian church, "Behold, how they love one another!" How I wish the day would come when men could look upon my beloved denomination and say, "Behold, how they love one another!" We need not surrender one jot or tittle of that religious liberty which we now enjoy, if love constrains us. Let the Quakers be known for their love of peace and the Methodists for their love of temperance, but let Seventh Day Baptists be known the world over for their love of one another. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Let us hear the summary from the pen of Paul as though we had never heard it before. Here is his solution in the Philips translation:

If I were to speak with the combined eloquence of men and angels I should stir men like a fanfare of trumpets or the crashing of cymbals, but unless I had love, I should do nothing more. If I had the gift of foretelling the future and had in my mind not only all human knowledge but the secrets of God, and if, in addition, I had that absolute faith which can move mountains, but had no love, I tell you I should amount to nothing at all. If I were to sell all my possessions to feed the hungry and, for my convictions, allowed my

body to be burned, and yet had no love, I should achieve precisely nothing.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience — it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive: it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.

Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not compile statistics of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad with all good men when Truth prevails.

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope: it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

Give Thanks and Share

A hymn prayer sent to the Conference president

When thy heart with joy o'er-flowing,
Sings a thankful prayer,
In thy joy, O let thy brother
With thee share.

When the harvest sheaves ingathered,
Fill thy barns with store,
To thy God and to thy brother
Give the more.

If thy soul, with pow'r uplifted,
Yearn for glorious deed,
Give thy strength to serve thy brother
In his need.

Share with him thy bread of blessing,
Sorrow's burden share;
When thy heart enfolds a brother,
God is there. — Bullinger.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — Our church was blessed in entertaining the Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York and New Jersey Churches on October 12 and 13. We did not have very many visitors at the Sabbath eve service but some were present from Schenectady and Berlin, N. Y., and from South Jersey. The Berlin pastor had phoned his regrets that throat trouble would keep him from attending and taking his part on the program. Our pastor took his subject and gave the keynote message on the general theme "Building a Spiritual House."

A beautiful Sabbath day brought a good representation from the Irvington and Shiloh churches and a few from Marlboro, Philadelphia, and other places.

The Sabbath Recorder

There were more than two carloads of young people from the Shiloh Church. They entered heartily into the worship service conducted by the Plainfield youth on the evening after the Sabbath.

The morning and afternoon theme-centered sermons by Pastors Paul Osborn and Robert Lippincott were clear, strong, and helpful. The family life emphasis of the whole weekend was made very pointed in the second message of the afternoon by the guest speaker, Rev. Harry E. Moore, research director of Character Education at the Central YMCA of Plainfield. His research and writing in the field of program development for family and youth work have won him national renown. His experience in juvenile problems was passed on to an attentive audience which was given a chance for discussion.

A motion picture entitled "The Family Next Door" brought the program to a close.

Upon motion by the treasurer the Yearly Meeting voted \$50 from its treasury to Our World Mission, since it appeared that there was a larger surplus than would be needed for expenses next year.

RICHBURG, N. Y. — There was a fellowship supper in the church dining room on October 7 preceding the annual business meeting. The statistical report showed that we had lost one member by death but had gained five new ones.

In the election of officers, Jesse Burdick was chosen moderator with Elmer Cowles as assistant. Onnalee Saunders was elected clerk and organist. Two treasurers were voted into office, Charles Saunders for church funds with Wesley McCrae as assistant, and Blanche Clark for "Our World Mission." Eugene Burdick becomes the new trustee for three years. Faith Saunders will serve as chorister, Marie Zwiebel as assistant organist. Robert Stohr was chosen attendance officer. Wesley McCrae is the representative of the church on the Executive Committee of the Western Association.

Doyle Zwiebel was elected pastor for the coming year.

In preparation for the new pastor and his wife the parsonage has undergone some redecorating. Four rooms have been painted and a new kitchen sink encased

in built-in cupboards has been installed. Other articles have been donated to enhance the livability of the manse.

The church, too, has been the scene of some redecorating. The ceiling has been painted and the floor sanded and re-finished. New green carpet runners have been given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McCrea.

The September meeting of the Ladies' Aid featured a pantry shower for Pastor and Mrs. Zwiebel. A good stock of eatables was given during the course of the evening's get-together.

Pastor Zwiebel has entered the School of Theology at Alfred University to begin his second year of study. Mrs. Zwiebel is instructor of English and director of the Audio-Visual Aid Department at Canisteo High School.

Our local denominational budget treasurer reports that a goodly amount over the goal was paid by the group for the past year's Denominational Budget. The church realizes the growing responsibility to the World Mission as presented by the Commission and is determined to help raise the mission goal for this year.

— Correspondent.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — No services were held at Brookfield on October 13 in order that the members might be free to attend the fall meeting of the Central New York Association at Adams Center. The church is still without a resident pastor and is inviting guest speakers. On October 20, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Pearson of Amsterdam were asked to have charge of the services. The Leonardsville Church was invited to meet with the local congregation for the occasion. — Brookfield Courier.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — When Pastor Lawton was leader of the work he at first lived in rented quarters not far from the church. Later he bought a home at some distance, taking advantage of a GI loan. He was able to sell his equity when he went to Jamaica. Looking toward the coming of a new pastor the Parsonage Committee was reactivated. It is now possible to report that a new parsonage has been purchased, apparently on faith that the money will come in to meet the down payment and the other payments according to the contract. — Gleaned from church bulletins.



A group of young folks from a number of churches who spent a profitable hour with Miss St. John in the Historical Rooms of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., on October 13.

See story inside.