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staff. Mrs. Vernon Williams and Mrs. Merle Crow of North Loup were cooks.

When the campers were interviewed about what they liked best, some mentioned food, as is so characteristic of teenagers. One from Nortonville stated what probably the others felt also: "I like it all, but the vespers are the nicest, I think. We sing and then there are devotions for about a half hour. After vespers, we sing around the campfire and play games."

A number of people from North Loup joined the campers for their Sabbath afternoon service at which Rev. David Clarke preached. Some of the visitors brought picnic suppers and stayed for the campfire service in the evening.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — The church is proceeding with the calling of a pastor to replace Rev. Duane L. Davis when he leaves in the fall to take up his new work at Lost Creek, W. Va.

October 6 has been set as the date for Lord's Acre dedication. During the year ending June 30, nearly \$330 came into the treasury from personal Lord's Acre projects.

A church library plan has been announced with titles of desired books announced and an invitation for friends to contribute the price of one or more as a lasting memorial to some loved one.

While the pastor is absent on a brief vacation Rev. Clayton Faubion has been invited to preach on Sabbath morning, August 4. Brother Faubion is a Sabbath-keeping minister from Stanberry, Mo., who until recently was a minister of the Church of God (Seventh Day) and editor of their official weekly, *The Bible Advocate*. He and his wife and 16-year-old daughter attended services at Nortonville on June 30.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Those who pass by our church will notice a beautiful new sign in front of it. Sheldon Van Horn deserves credit for planning the sign and doing most of the work on it. Del Barber also gave help and suggestions.

At the annual business meeting held recently our pastor, Rev. Francis Saunders, was re-elected to serve the church. The officers of the church remain pretty much the same for the coming year: moderator, Aubrey Davis; clerk, Mrs. Ed Christensen;

treasurer, Roy Cox; trustee, Clare Clement; organist, Mrs. Harlan Brennick; assistant organist, Mrs. Merle Crow; choir manager, George Cox; Recorder reporter, Mrs. Hugh Whitford; historian, Marcia Rood.

Our church people were much interested in the Association youth camp held nearby. It is recalled that local overnight camps have previously been held for our youth on the river. They were planned by the late Walter Rood and included devotions and recreation but not classes such as were held in the week-long camp at Lake Pibel by the pastors of the Association.

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Marriages

Foster - Cruzan. — Charles K., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of White Cloud, Mich., and Doris M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cruzan of R.F.D. 2, Fremont, Mich., were united in marriage on June 9, 1956, in the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock. The couple at present resides near Grand Rapids, Mich.

Births

Cruzan. — A daughter, Gayle Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cruzan of White Cloud, Mich., on June 23, 1956.

Wunsch. — A daughter, Kathryn Lou, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wunsch of White Cloud, Mich., on July 4, 1956.

Obituaries

Branch. — Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Belleville, was born at Lacota, Mich., Sept. 27, 1877, and died at her home in White Cloud, Mich., July 13, 1956.

She was united in marriage to Nathan E. Branch at White Cloud on July 6, 1895. To them were born three sons, W. Quincey of Lansing, Mich., Ted and Wells of White Cloud, all of whom survive. There are also two sisters, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She has been a member of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church since its organization.

Funeral services were held from the church on July 15, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery. O. W. B.



Rev. Leon R. Lawton and his family who are attending General Conference en route from his pastorate in Los Angeles to their missionary appointment in Jamaica, B. W. I. Mr. Lawton will assume supervision in September of all the Seventh Day Baptist Churches on the island and will also act as headmaster of Crandall High School.

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VOLUMINOUS ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMAN ERROR

Andrea Doria and Stockholm are names that will never die in the history of navigation because of the tragedy off Nantucket Island on July 25. The rescue of nearly all of the passengers and crew of the sinking Doria makes another saga of the sea which will be told and retold by the survivors and their relatives. But why did those other lives have to be lost? Why did this disaster have to occur in a calm but fog-bound shipping lane? The answers must await the results of lengthy investigations, but the finger points to human error rather than any kind of mechanical or instrumental trouble.

Newsweek in commenting on this coins a significant sentence, "The encyclopedia of human error is voluminous." Indeed, it is; it is much more so than any encyclopedia of human knowledge. But human know-how is so great that error and negligence are culpable. The traffic courts would be empty by comparison if they dealt only with faulty brakes and intentional collisions.

Someone, perhaps a number of people, in positions of responsibility on these two ultramodern ships, failed in the ordinary and necessary duty of watching. Lives were lost and a 29-million-dollar luxury liner went to the bottom with great personal and company loss. Faith in the safety of great ships was shaken — all this because of human error. Ships have eyes in the dark, radar scopes in the fog which give a visible picture of everything that floats on the sea or looms on the horizon within 20 to 40 miles. Why didn't the operators and officers on the bridges interpret these pictures, observe the collision courses, and act accordingly?

Whatever the judges may say, the disaster is different only in magnitude, not different in kind, from that which lurks before every one of us. Newswriters speak of human error, which is a rounding off of the corners of a sharp little Bible word, "sin." The New Testament in particular abounds with exhortations to "watch." In the Gospels that exhortation comes late in the teaching of Christ, almost always in connection with His going away and return, or with the life which must be lived without Him in the midst of temp-

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MEMORY TEXT

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Matthew 5: 16.

tations If the command of the Lord is to watch and we fail to keep that command, it is sin and will be judged accordingly.

There is no command more difficult to keep than this one of watchfulness, for the very reason that it must be constant. Furthermore, it is complicated by the fact that this extreme alertness required is at the same time relatively inactive. During World War II we went through many months of field training with antiaircraft units practicing to defend vital positions against enemy air attack. Everything depended on alertness, the watchfulness of radar, the faithfulness of those on lonely hilltop outposts, and finally the watchfulness of the individual gun crews. It was hard to maintain that alertness over any length of time even when shifts were changed frequently. It so happened that the only time your editor came close to the slaughter of war was when a lone enemy plane dropped bombs on a securely held island air base in the South Pacific well protected by antiaircraft units. The raid left many dead and injured. Not a shot was fired at the plane. Again, it was human error — not watchful enough.

One of the most pointed verses of Scripture in this connection is "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thess. 5: 6). We have no occasion to stand in judgment of the officers of the Stockholm and Andrea Doria if at the same time we have failed to "watch and be sober." This watching is not for our own sakes alone — the holding on to our own salvation and spiritual life. For by our very profession of Christ we become responsible for others. Thus again the Apostle Paul exhorts, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16: 13).

ARE THESE THINGS SO?

At Berea the Jews and "God fearers" daily examined the Scriptures after the preaching of Paul to determine "whether those things were so." The apostle by implication, if not in so many words, had severely criticized the old-established church for failure to understand the Messianic prophecies. The people of the synagogue were just as ready to criticize the new church. Some settled the matter on the basis of custom or prejudice, but those at Berea were willing to judge themselves, if need be, by the Scriptures. They would take the verdict of the Bible whether it was for them or against them. In this the author, Luke, says they were more noble.

A letter came to our desk recently, written by a conscientious Sabbathkeeping minister who is not a member of our denomination. He offers some criticisms of certain church groups, our own being among them. We are suggesting that it would be well for us to consider these things with the spirit and consuming interest of the Bereans.

The writer of the letter tells of worshipping frequently in a Sundaykeeping church, the pastor of which is a good friend of his. They have more than occasionally discussed the Sabbath question. On this particular Sunday the pastor's sermon dealt with church attendance. He was trying to get his people to be more faithful in that matter. The visitor remarked to his wife after the service that he felt sorry for the minister "trying to belabour his people but lacking Bible verses to beat them with." The remark must have been true, for later the pastor admitted that he had said almost the same thing to his wife. He had told her, "— has a real advantage with his position, having some Scripture to quote."

"That," says our correspondent, "was quite an honest facing of facts. . . . From what he said I feel sure that if he could see some Sabbathkeeping church that was really fundamental . . . and really showing a zeal for the Lord, that he would be greatly impressed."

Then the writer adds these words in his personal letter:

"This only strengthens my feeling that the Sabbath witness is actually hindered by the cultism of Adventism, the confusion, ignorance, and legalism of the Church of God, and by the modernism, self-satisfaction, and compromise of Seventh Day Baptists. And the United Seventh Day Brethren are too small as yet, too poorly organized, and in too many instances too blind to the full extent of the Gospel of grace, including eternal security. But still I feel that God will find a way to bring the Sabbath truth before the world in a clearer witness."

How we face up to that portion of the criticism which applies to us might well be used by a writer such as Luke to determine our relative nobility. Are we prejudiced like those of Thessalonica or open-minded like those of Berea?

More Things Are Wrought by Prayer — and Revealed Through Prayer — than this World Dreams Of

We sit down as unannounced visitors in the Shiloh, N. J., Church, the church of our first pastorate. It is a joy to be



in the congregation among many friends and enjoy the fellowship and worship. A pastor is sensitive to the pulse of the congregation like a doctor anxious to be

sure of the treatment needed for every ailment that can be detected by any irregularity in the throbbing. The visiting editor sitting in the pew cannot forget that he is, in a sense, feeling the pulse of both the people in the pew and the man in the pulpit.

On this occasion the pastor is away with his young people at camp. The church is not as crowded as usual. Little children are present in large numbers but the junior-age group is finishing a week of special instruction and fun at camp.

Our attention is fixed on the guest speaker, unknown to us but quite well known to the older young people. He is a young man from one of the Presbyterian churches in the nearby town of Bridgeton. We are immediately impressed by his purpose and his easy grace in conducting the service. The questions come to mind: How will he pray before a Sabbathkeeping congregation and how will he preach? Will he pray in generalities in a detached sort of way as if he could not enter into the spirit of such a congregation on a day other than Sunday? It is not uncommon for guest ministers to be that way without intending to be so.

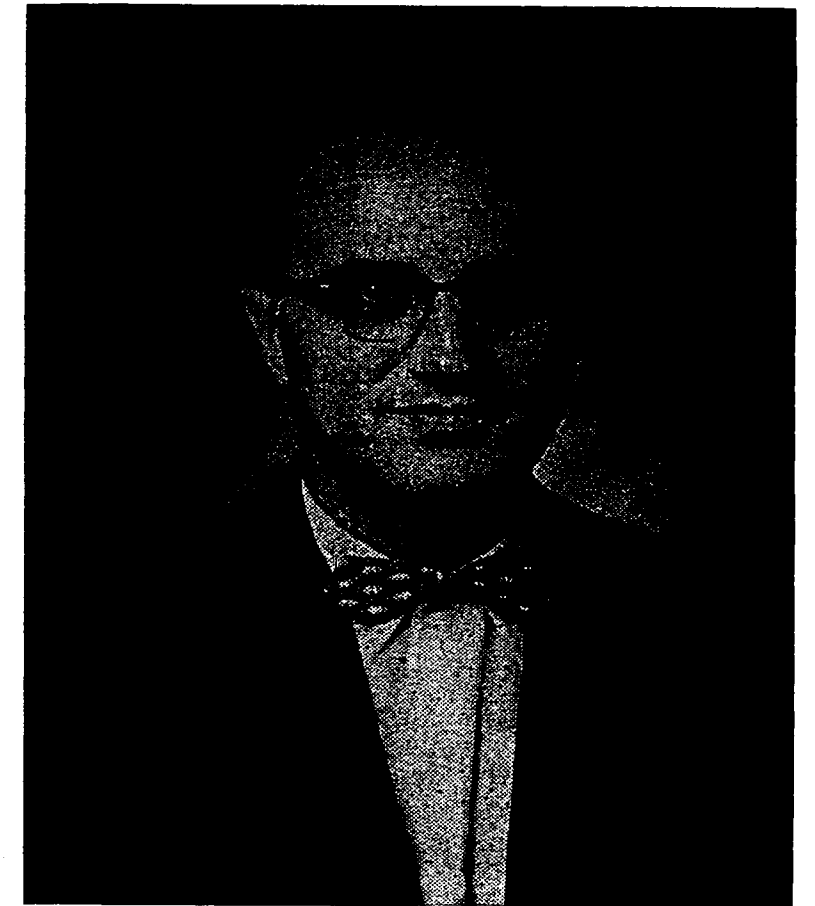
This man when he prayed (and there were several prayers in the service) seemed aware that he was not merely leading the congregation to thoughts of God in devotion. To him prayer was a means by which things were wrought, and people were called to righteousness in thought and action. Pulpit prayer was a means of accomplishing something. Like Jacob of old, he wrestled with God, even when he was not before his own pastoral flock.

But things are revealed as well as wrought by pulpit prayer. The longer pastoral prayer reveals the size of the heart of the one who prays. This prayer thanked God for the pastor, for the teachers, and for the ministry they were rendering. It seemed specific, not general. The preacher knew the Gospel emphasis of this church and its leaders. He could honestly, earnestly thank God for this and pray for its continuance — this in spite of the difference of day of worship.

We recall another Presbyterian minister who was pastor of a church some 25 miles from Shiloh a generation ago. He knew of the Shiloh Church but he did not know the church or its Gospel ministry which had much the same emphasis then as now. That minister, as we recall it, would not invite the Shiloh pastor to speak in his church because, in his opinion, any group that kept the Sabbath could not be clear on the Gospel and its relation to the law. If he had been in our church for the first time he would have felt uncomfortable because of his narrowness of thinking. His prayer would not have revealed an identification with the people in the common goal of promulgating the Gospel in its simplicity and purity.

The sermon which followed the prayer was not out of harmony with the prayer mentioned above. He preached on the parable of the Prodigal Son, laying its lessons upon the church as if it were his own. His closing story was of a modern prodigal (now at the Keswick colony for curing drunkards)! He told of this man's aunt who will not rejoice at his conversion. No longer will she have anyone under her roof upon whom she can look down. She would almost wish he would remain a prodigal. For him the home-coming will be hard because of the attitude of the self-righteous aunt playing the role of the elder brother. The speaker gently but firmly suggested that we needed to beware lest we, too, had such an attitude. The illustration was effective, for there were those in the congregation who had felt a somewhat hostile or unbelieving attitude when they had come back to church after years of wandering.

Objects to "Saturday" — A loyal member from West Virginia doesn't like to see "Saturday" printed in the Sabbath Recorder. She was brought up strictly in such matters and her mother's letters were always headed "Fifth Day," "Sixth Day," etc. [We can't always avoid references to the seventh day as Saturday but we do try.]



REV. CHARLES H. BOND
President of General Conference
Meeting at Alfred, N. Y., August 14-19

[The following article is his final "From the President's Desk." We hope, however, to print his President's Message in the next issue.]

"That They May Be One"

Jesus prayed earnestly for His disciples that God would keep them, saying, "... that they may be one even as we are one."* No individual understood better than He the need for fellowship — the necessity for Christian people to stand together in the light of God's presence if they were to live above the world and at the same time bring His message to the world.

This spirit of oneness proclaimed by Jesus and felt among Seventh Day Baptists takes form and reaches its climax each year at General Conference as representatives from the various churches, boards, and agencies come together. We are one in that we love God and have dedicated our lives to His Son. We are one in that we earnestly try to live by God's statutes and to walk in the steps of Jesus. This includes keeping holy the seventh-day Sabbath. We are one in that we work together so that the light of His Spirit may reach to the ends of the world.

But some, for various reasons, will be

unable to attend the Conference sessions this year. Still we would like for each person to feel this spirit of oneness, of belonging, of being present. We trust you will be there in spirit and will remember us constantly in your prayers. In the hope that this will take on a physical form and reality, special bulletin covers have been prepared and sent to each church for use on Conference Sabbath, August 18. These same bulletin backs will be used for the worship service at Conference. The Sabbath morning offering will go as usual to the Denominational Budget, and we are asking that the offering taken in the home churches be given for this same purpose. So we can be one in our worship and in our giving.

You will also find an outline of the day's program on the back of the bulletin so that you can follow the activities throughout the day and can be one with us.

We thank God that we may be one in His Spirit, in fellowship with Jesus the Christ, and in proclaiming the good news of the Gospel.

"Be Happy!

You are the light of the world!"

* John 17: 11 (RSV).

New York Times Interviews Salem College President

The New York Times for July 22 in a front-page article by Benjamin Fine, running to 34 column inches, was entitled, "Small Colleges Invite Students." It was based to a considerable extent on an interview with Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president, of Salem College and head of the recently organized Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges. This organization, having a membership of 115 colleges which could be accredited if they had sufficient funds, is working for such accreditation through increased enrollment and gifts.

The case for Salem College was much more fully presented in this article than in previously published articles which we have seen in national magazines. Although much of the article sounds like

what Dr. Hurley has said on other occasions about the plight of the well-established but nonaccredited colleges, three paragraphs about his own Seventh Day Baptist college are directly quoted. The final one is reproduced here:

"I do not think that we give an inferior education to our students. Many of our graduates have gone on to do good work in the academic field. We are not a newcomer in the education field. We are sixty-eight years old, founded by the Seventh Day Baptists. Our college is open to students of all denominations."

It appears from the article that Salem College will increase its enrollment from 300 to 400 this fall. But with relatively low tuition the extra funds thus made available would not pay the higher salaries and meet the cost of improved facilities needed for accreditation. Extra funds, so readily available to large institutions, are needed to make up the difference.

The continuing publicity gained through the efforts of our Salem College president is bound to have its effect on future gifts to small colleges such as Salem and Milton. Our denomination also is receiving in this way some well-deserved publicity for its pioneer efforts in the field of higher education.

College education in the early days of our country, like elementary and secondary education, was sponsored by the church. These church-related colleges still have a great responsibility to stem the tide of secularism and materialism which all too easily sweeps over institutions of higher learning when the faculties are not committed to Christian standards. If our own colleges are careful to maintain these standards, along with their anticipated growth, they will continue to render a great service to the future of our country and of our denomination.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

for August 25, 1956

Christian Growth Through Testing

Lesson Scripture: James 1: 2-18.

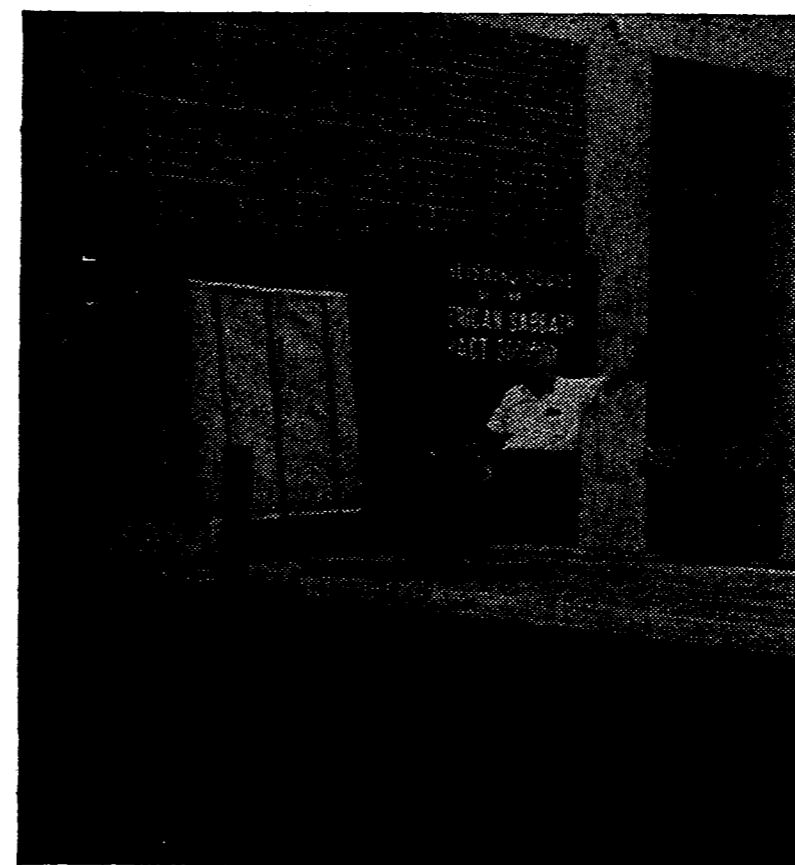
for September 1, 1956

Democracy in Christian Fellowship

Lesson Scripture: James 2: 1-13.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

It takes huge quantities of paper to feed the seven printing presses in the publishing house of the American Sabbath Tract Society. Handling and storing these heavy skids is all in a day's work for some of the personnel in the print shop. Pictured below, directing this particular project at the moment, is Fred Miller, a retired minister, who is the handy man of the shop and whose duties include wrapping and mailing of printed work, delivery, melting and casting old type, and such jobs as are not assigned to other people. Before the oil burners were installed he fed the furnaces with 100 tons of coal each winter. Now in extra-duty time he is doing some of the janitorial work.



The weight of the package of paper in this picture is about 3600 pounds. Shipments frequently include six such packages. For one advertising catalog, paper is purchased in 7-ton lots. It is interesting to note that a shipment of that size would be slightly larger than the amount of printing stock (6 tons) purchased at Evanston, Ill., in 1954, in preparation for the second Assembly of the World Council of Churches. The present inventory of type metal at our print shop is about 15,000 pounds.

From time to time there are job open-

CHECKING UP ON MYSELF

(The following questions, to be answered with a yes or no, were submitted to all the campers in one of our camps and carefully filled out at the consecration service. Another paper for recording decisions was also used.)

1. Am I selfish?
2. Do I sometimes lie in word or act?
3. Do I sometimes swear?
4. Do I enjoy smutty stories and jokes?
5. Do I honestly try to control my temper?
6. Can others depend on my word?
7. Do I shirk my duties?
8. Am I willing to follow part of the time?
9. Am I willing to apologize when I am wrong?
10. Is there someone to whom I am "not speaking"?
11. Might it be my fault?
12. Do I really have reverence for holy things?
13. Am I a church member?
14. Do I attend regularly?
15. Do I read the Bible daily?
16. Do I pray every day?
17. Have I honestly taken Christ as my Saviour?
18. Am I really trying to live a Christian life?
19. Do I go any place Christ would not take me?
20. Is there any habit, companion, or anything else I have not given up for Him?
21. Do I do things just because I want to, without honestly considering whether they are right or wrong?
22. Can people, watching me, know I am a Christian?
23. Can I truly say, "Where He leads, I'll follow"?
24. Am I entirely willing to say to Christ, "Have Thine own way, whatever it costs"?

ings for qualified men and women in various departments of the publishing house, from office to bindery. The business manager, L. H. North, would like to fill vacancies as they occur with Seventh Day Baptist personnel. Those interested should keep in touch with him.

Missions

Review of Jamaica Work

By Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph

Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary to the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference Assembled with Bowensville Church, July 15, 1956.

Greetings in the name of our blessed Redeemer:

Once more we are assembled in our annual conference and it becomes my duty to present to you a summary of the year's work and to suggest plans for the further development of the work. However, today I am asking your forbearance while I review not merely the work of the last year but of the work since 1945.

It was on February 19, 1945, that Mrs. FitzRandolph and I, together with three children, came to Jamaica as employees of the Missionary Society to work on the Jamaican field. It was a strange land and a strange people: a *terra incognita* to us. We were sure that there was missionary work to be done in Jamaica, but how to do it, where to start? Today I could never tell you what was the answer or how we found it. I know that as I look back over the years and consider what progress has been made, that God somehow helped us to get into the work and, somehow unworthy as we are, has blessed us in our efforts.

Let us consider the situation. There were fifteen churches at that time. They were weak and struggling. Seven had church buildings in various stages of construction; four had windows in them, including the Kingston Church; eight groups worshiped in booths. Kingston Church had 47 members on the roll and many of them were not attending. The country churches were also very weak. Conference had three paid workers on the field. Their salaries were £6 per month for the two ministers and 10/- a month for the Bible woman. Six of the parishes had no Seventh Day Baptist Church. We soon had to drop one church for bringing reproach upon the conference by the conduct of the church.

Today we have twenty churches that

are members of conference. We also have seven other places of worship where Sabbath services are held weekly. We have established churches in three parishes since 1945, leaving only three which do not have churches. Of the twenty-seven groups, nineteen worship in buildings in various stages of construction. Thirteen have windows. Eight worship in booths. Kingston, Thornton, Wakefield, Higgin-town, Blue Mountain, Tydixon, Bowensville, and Lemon Hall have more than doubled their membership in the years under review. Whitfield Town, Jackson Town, Comfort, Accompong, Albion Mountain, and Orange Bay have entered the conference during this period. Instead of two ministers and one Bible woman we are now employing five ministers and two Bible women. They are receiving more than double the monthly pay they received in 1945.

In 1945 we had no school. We had only a dream and even that was a dim one. Our boys and girls had no hope for a better preparation for life than their fathers had — no prospect for a fuller, deeper, more useful life. Only our women were looking and working for a better day.

The Board of Christian Education was vitalized, changed from a dead thing buried in a few sections of the constitution into a living, active force in our denomination, a force which is changing our people from a backward group of Christian people into a forward-looking, intelligent, zealous group of workers for Christ. Crandall High School was started in 1948 with fourteen pupils. Crandall has seen hard days, when even its friends predicted that it would close its doors forever in a few months.

Today, Crandall High School is firmly established, with the approval of the education authorities and with a growing record of service to Jamaica and to our own young people. Today, Crandall High School has a group of talented and trained Seventh Day Baptist young people whose aim in life is to do Christian work — Christian evangelism. If we can have the vision and practical common sense to

find means of putting these young people to work in the Kingdom harvest field, then all the time, labor, and money which has been put into Crandall High School will not have been in vain. The establishment of Crandall High School has been a notable accomplishment of which we should be proud, and grateful to God.

The Maiden Hall school project is a further extension of the dreams of our women. It has involved the purchase of the Maiden Hall property as the site for an industrial school and the construction of suitable buildings for the industrial or country school. Pastor Smellie has been placed in charge of farm operations and Pastor FitzRandolph in charge of construction. Pastor Smellie has done a grand job on the farm in bringing it into a state of production where it can help to carry costs of insurance, interest, and payments on the mortgage.

The construction work has proceeded slowly, due to several factors. However, the old building has been remodeled and enlarged to meet the needs of a dormitory. The construction of two classrooms is the next item of importance on the program. This will have to be done before school can start even in a small way.

Thus during the years under review, we have established Crandall High School and brought our country school to a state where it is no longer a dream but actually within our grasp. We have only to reach out our hands and make it our own.

For these things we must not only thank God but we must ever be grateful to our American brethren for their financial assistance which has come only through sacrifice on their part, for none of them are wealthy. Also we must be grateful to the Millses, the Bonds, the Brisseys, and Miss Wells who have not only given their time, labor, and love but have sacrificed American incomes to labor here at a mere pittance.

The section of our constitution concerning our young people has been implemented to make the youth of our denomination aware of their importance in the life of Seventh Day Baptists. The

Rally in May clearly demonstrated the ability of the young people to "carry on" and it is only the first step toward greater and more glorious things.

This will be my last report to the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference. I hereby tender my resignation from all offices of honor, trust, and service which I may be holding in this conference and in any of its auxiliaries. I do so with full appreciation of the honor and trust which you have placed in me during the years I have labored together with you in the Master's service. Whatever failures there have been were due to our faintheartedness and our failure to put our trust in Him and to let Him lead the way. Whatever success there has been,

"To God be the glory,
Great things He has done."

From Missionary Board Minutes

On Sunday afternoon, July 22, at two o'clock the Quarterly Meeting of the Missionary Board was called to order by President Harold R. Crandall. Eighteen board members and seven visitors were present as the meeting convened in the vestry of the Westerly Church. Doyle Zwiebel, assistant pastor of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, offered the opening prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph, recently returned from Kingston, Jamaica, were present and spoke to the board. Many facts presented are included in Pastor FitzRandolph's annual report to the Jamaica Conference, which report is included in this issue of the Recorder.

Pastor FitzRandolph has also served as Missionary Board representative on the British Guiana mission field, making annual supervisory visits. Mrs. FitzRandolph has been treasurer of the Jamaica Conference for the past ten years. The board was informed and inspired by the messages and by the presence of these devoted workers.

The annual report of Treasurer Karl Stillman was received and approved, subject to audit by Loomis, Suffern and Fer-

nald, certified public accountants of New York, N. Y. The report was ordered printed in the usual quantity along with Secretary Harris' annual report and distributed at the General Conference as the annual report of the Board of Managers to the Missionary Society and to General Conference.

A special committee was appointed to arrange for a commissioning service to be held jointly for Rev. and Mrs. Leon Lawton and Dr. Victor Burdick on Sabbath afternoon, September 8, in the Pawcatuck Church. The chairman appointed the following members to this committee: Rev. Charles Bond, Rev. Lester Osborn, and Secretary Everett Harris, chairman. It was further decided to ask the ladies on the board to arrange for an informal social hour to follow the commissioning service.

Upon recommendation of a special committee the members present voted unanimously to extend to a pastor who is known to be interested a call to serve as missionary to British Guiana. Most of the details of the call were read to the board by the executive secretary, and an amount possibly sufficient to send a family to the field was placed in the tentative budget.

It was reported that six churches in Jamaica had received aid from the church building and repair fund, using \$390 of the \$400 appropriation. The churches are Bath, Luna, Jackson Town, Post Road, Thornton, and Waterford. It was reported that in British Guiana the churches receiving aid to date are Parika, Wakenaam, and the Georgetown group. Uitvlugt is working hard and has saved funds with which to match assistance from the appropriation but needs first to purchase property at a suitable location on which to build a church.

A tentative budget totaling \$53,197.50 was approved for submitting to Commission and Conference. It is larger than last year in the hope that an enlarged program of work at home and abroad may be carried forward.

The meeting closed with prayer offered by Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph.

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER

ONE BODY IN CHRIST

Working together as Seventh Day Baptists

By Ruby Clarke Polan

Suggested Hymns:

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
How Gentle God's Commands
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Trust and Obey
Blest Be the Tie

Scripture lesson: Romans 12.

(Read verses and comments as indicated.)

Verses 1 and 2

Paul begs the members of the church at Rome to present their bodies a living sacrifice which will be holy and acceptable to God — and we are told that that is only a reasonable expectation. In verse 2 they are admonished to renew their mind that they may know what is acceptable unto God.

Verses 3, 4, and 5

He refers to the different parts of the body as they work together to complete the functions of the body. He mentions thoughts — the mind, specifically — thus giving prominence to our every thought. The church at Rome is like the body. It has many parts, many people, and each one has his own individual work to do. And so it is with us today. Each has his own talent which should be used to glorify our Lord and Master.

Verses 6 through 8

This tells us of many kinds of service which can be rendered, all acceptable in Christ's sight. Some can minister, some can teach, some can prophesy. But we are told in verse 8 to do whatever our part may be, with simplicity, not feeling it more pertinent than the other.

A story is told of a minister of a fashionable church who attended a Retreat. When the work period came, in which all worked with their hands, he absented himself saying, "I've come here to develop my spiritual life, not to work with my hands." After staying away for a day, he returned taking up a broom and sweeping out the hall. He then came back radiant, saying, "I didn't know a broom could do that for you. I'm going

back to my church and preach the Gospel of the Broom."

Verses 9 through 18

Verse 12 tells us we must have within us a spiritual element of "rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." Kagawa has said that if it does not fall to one's lot to be a leader "be content to play a subordinate part," but that it should be done to the best of one's ability. "There are no complaints from one who is devoting his life wholly to God and burning the continuous lights of faith, charity, and hope. Working together, the whole family is in a holiday mood. We feel happy in any sort of job." It is the true Christian life and the true worship of God to be happy whether we are engaged in professional work, in manual labor, or in whatever our task may be.

Verses 19, 20, and 21

We are exhorted to "love our enemies," even as Christ said upon the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Like produces like. Hate produces hate. Love produces love. The genuine Gospel is the religion which is preached by love. Love has the fusing power of the sun beaming upon ice. Christians should take the initiative in forgiving and showing love toward their enemies. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Key verse, Romans 12: 5

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ; and every one members one of another."

To many Ladies' Aiders the value of church suppers is questioned. But the value of working together has been found to be of great help. The money raising is of small importance when you consider the value of the "give-and-take" in a project of serving the public. The easing-off of tempers — in a time of nervous tension — has been of great value to many Christians. And so it is in working together. We need the "give-and-take" of a Christian spirit which rounds off the corners and smooths up the surface of our Christian life.

There are wonderful resources for us

in Christian fellowship. When our associates expect great things of us, we strive to "measure up." When they ask favors of us, we rise to meet their demands. We can do what love calls us to do.

There are latent energies in each of us, energies seldom used. And all the vast resources of our Heavenly Father are at our disposal, if we love God and our fellow men.

Christian fellowship is worth more than property or possessions. Friendships founded upon Christ's way of life are true expressions of our fellowship with Him.

So we may ever be Christian workers together — and in our own denomination — Seventh Day Baptists working together, to reach our common goals.

Prayer: By leader or some other member
Closing thought:

Christian society is like a body; each individual has his particular function; while the welfare of the whole depends on how he performs it.

Conference News in the Recorder

This issue of the Sabbath Recorder will be on display at General Conference at Alfred. The next issue, dated August 27, will contain much of the Conference news and some of the messages. We believe that 75 per cent of the people attending Conference are already subscribers to their denominational paper. We think that the other 25 per cent will not want to be without the issues that preserve for them the values received at the meetings. This is an invitation to enter your subscription now so you will not miss the good things to come.

For those unable to attend Conference, the Sabbath Recorder is the quickest and best way to get the story of the inspiration of those meetings and the forward-looking programs of the boards and agencies which carry on the work voted by Conference. Is your subscription up to date? How about your friends? Don't let them go hungry for the spiritual food available in these pages. Gift subscriptions bring year-long satisfaction.

New Education Secretary Takes Up Duties of Office



Greetings from the office of the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education which is in the new location in Alfred Station, N. Y. All correspondence specifically for the attention of the secretary may be addressed to Box 15, Alfred Sta-

tion, N. Y. With all the rush and hubbub of sorting, packing, unpacking, and arranging of our home and office furnishings it is hard to settle down to routine matters.

As we moved the secretary's goods from the School of Theology to our home, right in the midst of packing, we were invited by Dean A. N. Rogers to attend a chapel service of the special session of classes in the school. Even though the chapel is quite different from the one in the old Gothic where we worshiped many times while attending the School of Theology, we felt right at home and were inspired by the services led by the special instructor, Rev. C. W. P. Hansen. The time of worship taken from the day and the little season of interruption of our normal living gave us a mighty lift. It served to remind us of the necessity to take "time out for God" in the midst of all our doings.

A visit from Paul Green, special agent for our board, brought us information of the joyfully inspiring time he and his good wife, Denise, had this past summer as they labored in many of our Seventh Day Baptist camps and associations. He, along with six or seven other Seventh Day Baptist men, will be studying in the School of Theology this coming year.

Now we have moved and have unpacked much of the material and, by the grace of God, are beginning the work of Christian Education on a national scale. In all of our recent endeavors, the leaving of the students and friends of Salem

College, our loved ones in Lost Creek and Roanoke, W. Va., and the entering into a comparatively new community, we are reminded of our dependence upon God and His people for support in the glorious task of Kingdom building. Very little can we accomplish here unless we all work together in love to promote and increase knowledge and understanding of God and His will for Seventh Day Baptists.

Assured that God will and always does His share, we can do no less than pledge our best in the name and spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Will you?

For Jr. High

Lost Mountain Climbers

Did you see the newspaper story recently of the teen-age group of mountain climbers who suffered a terrible fall on the icy slopes of Mount Hood three thousand feet above Timberline Lodge, Oregon? The youthful climbers (apparently from eastern cities) were on vacation and were trying to conquer the mountain as any normal boy and girl might long to do.

They were tied together with 100 feet of rope for safety. In spite of that precaution, one girl 13 died of suffocation in the snow at the bottom of the pile of climbers, and doctors worked through the night to save the lives of others who slid 100 feet down an icy chute and plunged 40 feet more to the bottom of a rocky crevice. How did it happen? Two youths at the end of the rope slipped. All the rest were whipped over the edge by the rope.

You can imagine yourself somewhere along that rope, at one end or in the middle. You are no doubt thinking that you might have been one who would find something to hold on to and that you might have saved yourself and the others from that terrible fall. It could have been just that way, but you were not there and those who were, failed to hold on.

We can't blame the two at the end

whose feet slipped. Even the most experienced climbers slip once in a while just as the Christian of many years along in his Christian growth sometimes loses his footing. Perhaps we can blame the other members of that mountain team. Possibly it was the coach who had failed to explain to them just how to save each other by the rope which bound them together. The article does not give the details; it only describes the tragedy and the rescue of some of the young folks.

The rope which should have saved them all, only served as a Devil's chain to drag them to their fall. We suppose the reason was that no one was anchored securely to the rock at the moment the two slipped. Certainly there is a lesson in it. We are not strong because we are tied together in an organization like Christian Endeavor or the church. We are only strong if the uniting cord holds us to the Rock, Christ Jesus. (We do not know that any of these boys and girls were Christians.)

Some of us seem to be always well grounded in Bible truth, others, seldom sure of their footing. The best may sometimes slip and the weakest may sometimes hold, but we must always watch and do our very best to be the anchor man in time of need. Don't let your crowd, your friends, go over the edge to spiritual death or bruising or heartbreak.

Tract Distribution Stories

A lone Sabbathkeeper in Phoenix, Ariz., O. A. Davis, has for a number of years been preparing himself for possible full-time Christian work. In the meanwhile he has been witnessing in his own city, consistently spreading the Gospel by distributing salvation and Sabbath tracts. In a letter recently received, he gives a little report of his volunteer activities in June and July. During June he handed out 792 tracts and 18 Gospels, witnessed to 21 people, made 80 house calls, conducted 7 Bible studies in homes including a Negro Children's Bible Club of 12 members. In July he spent two weeks in California speaking in both the Riverside and Los Angeles Churches, witnessed to a

number of people, and distributed over 1000 "bombs" (tracts wrapped in red cellophane).

From England, Rev. James McGeachy sends word that he went from door to door in London selling 25,000 copies of a special issue of the Sabbath Observer. Another special edition of 30,000 has been printed which he is selling the same way.

An individual in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Denver has been advertising her church in the columns of the Denver Post, resulting in a number of new people finding their spiritual needs met. Other ads quoting Mark 2: 27-28 and asking "What Day Is the Sabbath?" have directed interested people to write to the American Sabbath Tract Society for free Sabbath truth. Responses up to the present, have come from her own city and from points in Texas.

Shortly after General Conference three stories of tract distribution, illustrated with a profusion of colored slides, will be available to churches for a special program. These stories are relatively true to life and should point out ways in which every local church member might use tracts to assist in the evangelistic outreach of the local church. The stories show the value of well-filled tract racks and one of them features possible results of work like that of O. A. Davis mentioned above. Those desiring this program of slides and script should order it the same as filmstrips are ordered — from the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

NO NEW BUDGET FIGURES

We are sorry that the latest figures on the status of the Denominational Budget were not available for inclusion in this Conference issue of the Recorder. The July receipts will no doubt be announced during the Conference sessions but those not in attendance will have to wait until the next issue, August 27. It is expected that the Conference offering, both at Alfred and in the churches, can be announced at that time also. Let us all do our part to help the missionary work of our people go forward.

Publishing House News

Back of the Seventh Day Baptist Building in the civic center of Plainfield is the denominational publishing house owned and operated by the American Sabbath Tract Society. When the front building was being equipped a little over 25 years ago the 12-foot-wide sidewalk was somewhat damaged by the heavy trucks backing across it, so we are told. The repairs that have been made through the years did not leave it quite smooth enough for safety and appearance in the eyes of the city authorities. Therefore, the owners of the two buildings were requested to replace the walk.



During the week of July 23-27 a local contractor laid a new walk and curb the full length of the property (about 86 feet). The rather high cost of this extensive paving was borne equally by the publishing house and the Memorial Fund and will be reported in detail in next year's financial records.

The weeks just prior to Conference are busy ones as far as denominational printing is concerned. This year there have been two or three extra jobs done for the benefit of General Conference. The following full reports have recently been printed for consideration and for inclusion in the 1956 Year Book after Conference approval: Tract Board, Missionary Board, Board of Christian Education, Historical Society, Memorial Fund, and School of Theology. The Conference programs were also printed at Plainfield this time. A seventh church bulletin cover for use in all the churches on Conference Sabbath has been run on the

presses, with 1000 to be used at Alfred. The Recorder Press is furnishing 1000 delegate's badges free of cost to identify those who attend the six-day meeting in our university town.

The Tract Society continues its program of tract printing in addition to the regular issues of the Sabbath Recorder, letterheads, envelopes, etc. During the last week or two an order has been placed for reprinting 4 tracts, a total of 20,000 leaflets. It is expected that these will be printed at the convenience of the shop in time to fill the orders that will be coming in from the churches.

Sabbath Promotion by Young People

By Mark K. Sheppard

There are many things that we can do as young people to promote the Sabbath. On a farm of most any type just so much work must be done during the Sabbath. But we can do some jobs on Friday to lessen the task.

Our neighbors and friends form their opinions of our Sabbath by noticing the little things which seem very unimportant to us at the time, such as stopping our work before sundown or starting it before the Sabbath ends. Our friends' feelings toward the Sabbath may be affected by the reverence they notice we have for it. They will be aware of how we spend our leisure time.

The friends with whom we spend our social time notice whether or not we go to the show or the shore before or after sundown. They will also notice whether our church activities mean more to us than our social activities. Our friends will see that we are trying to put "First things first."

During our business associations if the people with whom we deal can respect us, they will be more willing to respect our Sabbath.

Many young people try to obtain jobs and find it difficult because they refuse to work on the Sabbath, but quite frequently they get a better job because of the stand they took for it, and then find they are respected because of their stand.

So our attitude toward the Sabbath and our use of it can greatly influence those about us.

The Old Grindstone

By Mark Sanford

Very soon after the first gas engine came to our farm, I graduated from my job of turning the grindstone. But we never did get that old grindstone balanced so it could be run much faster than we could turn it by hand. It was all right at slow speed, but when we tried to increase the speed things began to fly. On another farm, a grindstone was speeded until it blew up with fatal results.

A little later we learned that our old horse-drawn equipment could not stand the power and speed of the tractor.

We have done a fairly good job of adapting our equipment to the power and speed of our tractors, but we have not done so well with the human factor. Too many of us are like the old grindstone. We do not have the moral strength or the mental and spiritual balance to stand the speed of present-day living. In spite of all that we hear and read, I do not think people are any worse now than they were 50 years ago, but we are not enough better than they were to control the extra power that has been placed in our hands.

There were drunken drivers in the horse-and-buggy days but they did not have the power to do as much damage as can be done with a car, and the horse stayed sober.

Many of us are caught in a circle which runs something like this. The urge to become efficient or to keep up with our neighbors prompts us to buy things which we cannot afford. The cost of these things forces us to take on more work. Then we need a new car to get to our work. The payments on the car force us to neglect other things, and so we go around and around, faster and faster, until something blows up, and it may be our children.

We work so hard to make a living that we don't have time to live.

High wages and short hours can also throw us out of balance unless we learn to use our time and money wisely.

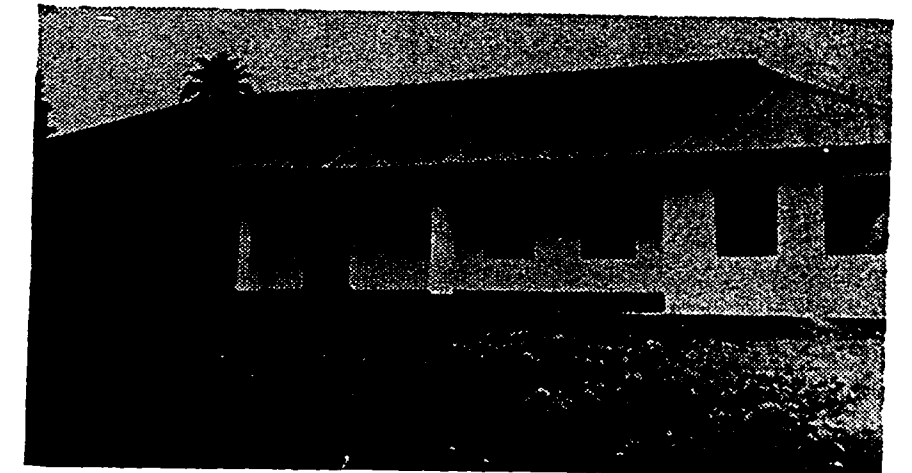
In an age when our young people need

the stabilizing influence of a good home life, as never before in history, we have too few good homes. No organization can take the responsibility away from the parents.

A short time ago in Buffalo a third-grade girl said, "Mama, I am so glad that you don't drink. The other girls all wish that their mamas did not drink."

If we can't keep our balance, we had better slow down. — Allegany Farm Bureau Magazine.

EIGHT-BED MATERNITY HOME AHOADA, NIGERIA



The above picture sent by Rev. O. N. Imegi in July is a front view of the maternity home constructed under his supervision with funds from New Zealand. This recently completed building is regarded by the native Seventh Day Baptist leaders in this district of Nigeria as the tangible basis of what they speak of as a modern Macedonian call to Seventh Day Baptists in America to send someone over there to help them. They see no way of putting this building to its intended, and manifestly much needed, use without a doctor.

It is understood that part of the money needed for equipping and operating the clinic would be available from New Zealand if adequate personnel to supervise the work were available. This is one of the many calls before our people to help underprivileged and needy folks in Africa. Some of the Nigerian pastors are now enrolled in the correspondence courses prepared by our School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y. At present we have no white representatives working with the church groups of Nigeria that are seeking assistance and recognition.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — A Vacation Bible School was held in the two churches of our village with 90 enrolled, June 25-July 6. Three of the teachers were from our church: Pastor Cruzan, Mrs. Nellie Barbur, and Mrs. Gerald Greene; and three of our young people were helpers; Diane Avery, Barbara Cruzan, and Rodney Greene. Twelve of our young people later went to Camp Harmony for a week. At least three plan to attend Pre-Con and Conference.

Funeral services for Rev. E. H. Bottoms were held in our church June 6. Mr. Bottoms was well known in this community, having served as our pastor until he was called to take up missionary work. The large attendance and the many floral tributes showed the high esteem in which he was held.

On the evening of June 30 a company of the church people gathered at the parsonage, as a surprise for Pastor and Mrs. Cruzan, the occasion being their twentieth wedding anniversary. Gilbert Horton in behalf of the company presented them with an electric clock and a purse of money. The evening ended with music and community singing.

Our church was pleased that the editor of the Sabbath Recorder was with us June 30 and July 7. (Mr. Maltby was serving his annual two weeks of chaplain duty at Camp Drum.) At Pastor Cruzan's request he preached the first Sabbath he was here on the topic, "What's Ahead for Seventh Day Baptists." On the second Sabbath he assisted with the Communion service.

The Maltby name has had a long association with the Adams Center Church. When the children are up in the front pews of the church listening to the special sermon our pastor has for them, it is not at all unusual to see several sixth-generation Maltbys among them. The editor was born into this church, was baptized and joined it in early youth. Throughout his college years and while in theological school all his vacations were spent back here at Adams Center. When he and Mrs. Maltby were married, it was our pastor at that time, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, who united them; and when he was ordained into the ministry, that happy

occasion was conducted in the Adams Center Church. Through the intervening years, those early close associations have been as far as possible maintained, and it is always a gladsome occasion to us when "Leon" comes home. — Correspondent.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — The first Sabbath day in July was another full day. Communion services were held, followed by a fellowship luncheon. Then the new officers of the Ladies' Aid Society were formally installed with a candlelighting ceremony. Mrs. Orville Babcock read the charge to each officer. The program concluded with the presentation of two one-act plays written by Mrs. Wilkinson, dramatizing the founding of the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in America.

Action was taken by the church to pay our pastor's expense in driving to Conference. We are glad to report that Pastor Babcock has fully recovered from his surgery and has been able to resume his outside work again — preaching in first-day churches in Big Rapids, Big Prairie, Fremont, and Newaygo.

Friends of Nathan Branch will be sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Branch on July 13. She had been confined to her home for many months.

The Harold Bakker family will soon be moving to Battle Creek, Mich., where Mr. Bakker will join the teaching staff of the Battle Creek school system. — Correspondent.

Births

Burdick. — A son, Bruce Stanley, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Burdick of Middletown, Conn., on June 20, 1956.

Sabbathkeeping churches and promoters of the Sabbath of the Bible can now procure an invaluable historic Chart of the Week, showing the unchanged order of the days of the week and the true position of the Sabbath as proved by the combined testimony of 160 ancient and modern languages. It was prepared by the scholar, Rev. William Mead Jones, D.D., who was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England. A photostatic copy in 4 parts each measuring 17½ by 22½ inches and suitable for framing may be procured by sending \$10 to Mark Wiley, 5614 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.

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Members of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference pictured at Alfred, N. Y., after their week of deliberation. Left to right, back row: Clarence M. Rogers, Salem, W. Va.; Rev. Earl Cruzan, Adams Center, N. Y.; Rev. David S. Clarke, Boulder, Colo.; front row: Albyn Mackintosh, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. Charles H. Bond, Westerly, R. I.; and Charles F. Harris, Shiloh, N. J. The same men will serve next year except that Dr. C. LeRoy DeLand of Bellevue, Mich., will replace Mr. Rogers.