

The Sabbath Recorder

has been here on business, spoke concerning Christian education and promotion during the Sabbath School hour on October 26.

We appreciate the presence of those who have returned for the winter season and we are looking forward to the arrival of several others who are planning to come.

The Daytona Beach Church, 145 First Avenue, is a friendly church and will be glad to welcome all who can attend our services. If in Florida, come and worship with us. — Correspondent.

Births

McCrea. — A daughter, Ellen Marie, to L. Maurice and Grace McCrea of Richburg, N. Y., on Oct. 29, 1957.

Obituaries

Horton. — Eva W., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Witter, was born in Albion, Wis., Jan. 14, 1896, and died in the Brockville General Hospital, Brockville, Canada, Oct. 15, 1957.

She was married to Kenneth Horton of Adams Center, N. Y., on April 5, 1919. Surviving her are her husband, a daughter Ruth, and two sons, Kenneth, Jr., and John F.

Funeral services were held at the Scott Funeral Home, Brockville, Ont., and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeChois Greene of Adams Center on Oct. 17, 1957, with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating at Adams Center. Burial was in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. E. C.

Barber. — Glen Douglas, son of Charley W. and Louisa Barber, was born at North Loup, Neb., May 5, 1887, and died Oct. 14, 1957, at Vallejo, Calif.

On Dec. 24, 1907, he married Cora Rogers, at Milton, Wis. Two sons, Ellis and Paul,

preceded him in death. Surviving are: his wife; 4 sons: Kenneth and Wayne, of Vallejo, Claude of Colorado Springs, Colo., Merton of Battle Creek, Mich.; 3 daughters: Mrs. Henry Dress of Ogalala, Neb., Mrs. Dale Jillson of Littleton, Colo., Mrs. Robert Priestly of Milford, Neb.; 28 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Fern Maxson, and a brother, Dell F. Barber, both of North Loup.

He was a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church and had attended Milton College. For the past 12 years he has made his home in Vallejo, Calif., where he suffered a severe stroke several years ago from which he never fully recovered.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church at North Loup, Pastor Mynor Soper officiating. Interment was in the local cemetery. M. G. S.

Davis. — Hannah Frances Van Horn, daughter of Sarah Furrow and Lewis Van Horn, was born in Shelby County near Jackson Center, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1873, and died May 28, 1957, at the home of her son Aubrey, west of North Loup, Neb., where she had made her home since 1943.

She moved with her family by covered wagon to a farm northwest of Humbolt, Neb., when she was five years old. She was baptized Aug. 15, 1888, by Rev. Uri Babcock, and joined the Long Branch Seventh Day Baptist Church.

On Dec. 25, 1891, she was married to Ruben Jay Davis, who died in 1941. They became charter members of the Farnam Seventh Day Baptist Church. In 1919 they moved to a farm near North Loup, and joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which they were faithful members the remainder of their lives.

Surviving besides her son Aubrey are four daughters: Mrs. Earl Babcock of Gentry, Ark.; Mrs. Riley Brannon of North Loup; Mrs. Ernest Thorngate of Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Herman Swanson of Ericson, Neb.; 20 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted from her church in North Loup by Rev. Ralph Sawyer. Burial was in the local cemetery beside her husband. M. G. S.

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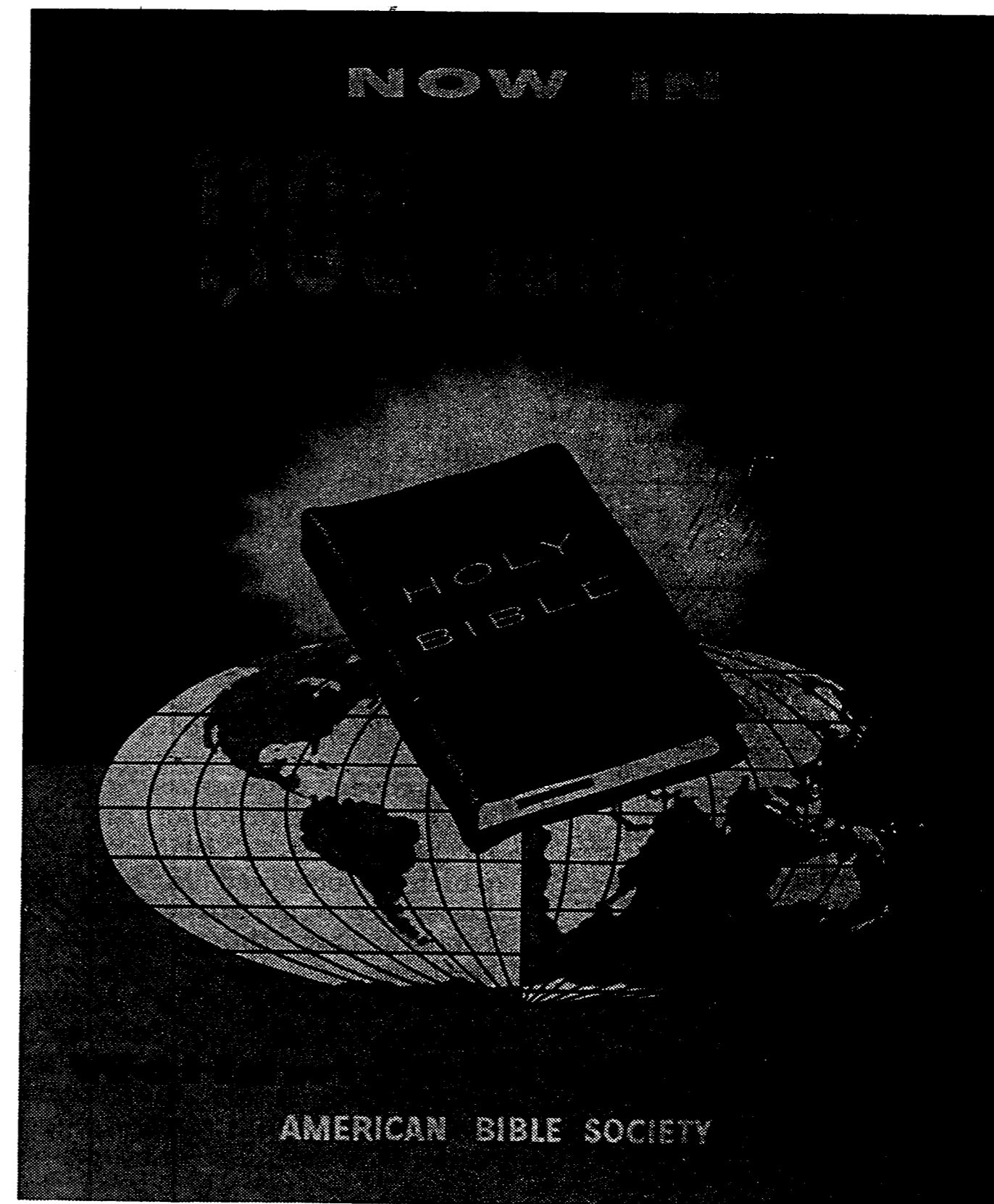
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Thanksgiving Spirit

There is a day set for a national Thanksgiving Day. It is the same day every year and is not directly related to the degree of prosperity enjoyed by the nation. That is as it should be, for thankfulness is a spirit. If it exists in the human heart it will not fluctuate with the stock market or be stifled by the adversities of life. If we have not learned to recognize the goodness of God or to express gratitude for His greater gifts, no legislation of Congress or proclamation by high executives will be effective. An intimate acquaintance with our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer creates that spirit of thanksgiving.

The Pilgrim fathers who set aside that first Thanksgiving Day were by no means the first to recognize that God should be thanked in days of privation as well as in days of plenty. Only the godly person can truly respond to the call to rejoice and give thanks. Near the end of the Old Testament stands the little three-chapter prophecy of Habakkuk, a much neglected but precious little book. One of its greatest passages gives us a wonderful testimony of the spirit of thankfulness. We must confess that we have not always come up to his high ideal upon the day appointed. Read the inspired and inspiring words again which end his message:

Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
neither shall fruit be in the vines;
the labour of the olive shall fail,
and the fields shall yield no meat;
the flock shall be cut off from the fold,
and there shall be no herd in the stalls:
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Our cover emphasizes again the great work of the American Bible Society and its promotion of that special Bible day which is observed in most churches on December 8 of this year and in ours on Sabbath Day, the seventh. As this Recorder goes to press our denominational representative, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, is in New York for two days (Nov. 19, 20) attending the 39th Annual Advisory Council Meeting, contributing his thought and our interest to the great variety of matters which are the concern of this honored agency of the churches.

Let us make Bible Sabbath an important day in our churches. We believe that no other church should have a higher regard

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for the Word of God as the rule of faith and practice than the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination. Any organization dedicated to publishing and distributing that Word without note or comment ought to be encouraged.

Education and the Poorer States

Throughout our whole country there has been the annual emphasis of National Education Week. Added to this, of course, has been the tremendous emphasis on higher education in the scientific field engendered by the knowledge that the Soviet Union is producing research scientists at a much faster rate than our country.

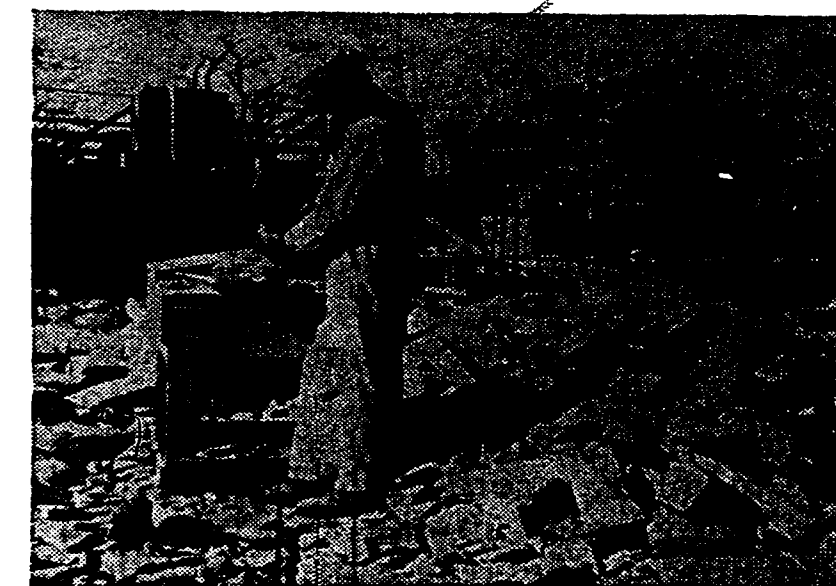
There are those who contend that the Federal Government must take a more realistic attitude toward the educational needs of certain poorer states. This magazine is not primarily concerned with secular education but is concerned with the welfare of people in some of the states standing in need of help in educating their youth.

According to information considered reliable, West Virginia and New Mexico in 1956 had only half the per capita income of Delaware, for example. In the fall of 1956 Delaware needed only 1.2 per cent increase in classroom space. West Virginia needed 11.3 per cent increase. These figures are used in connection with the information that Federal grant programs in 1956 financed only 9 per cent of total state and local expenditures. Some think that the Federal Government should disregard state barriers and provide educational funds where they are most needed in order to insure a higher level of education for all our people.

Seventh Day Baptists have a vital interest in numerous localities of West Virginia. Our people cannot provide lower-school facilities for the state but we can bear in mind the needs of our families, churches, and our college in that area. We need to remember that those who live in communities where economic opportunities are greater, should share in some tangible way their greater blessings in order to bring out the latent leadership of our young folks in the more remote villages of this state.

Building a Church

The writer was spending several days in a New England town attending meetings. Each morning as he started out from the home where he was being entertained, an unfamiliar but intriguing sound greeted his ears and drew him on toward the source of that sound which smote the stillness of an otherwise quiet street. It was the ringing "clink, clank, clink" of heavy hammers on steel chisels.



Four or five workmen at their heavy benches amid rubble and rock are plying the ancient trade of stone cutting. The sound of chisels on stone is sharp because they are working with native granite. The odd-shaped pieces of gray rock glistening in the morning sun must first be brought to rectangular form on one end which would be the face. Then the remainder of the block must also be squared until the stone can take its place in even tiers in the slowly rising walls of a large building.

The building which we saw being constructed so laboriously by hand was to be a great church, we were told. It was not a church to house people of our faith, but it was a church. Wall building by this almost forgotten method was intensely interesting to one who could try to imagine himself wielding hammer and chisel and stopping frequently to check the accuracy of his stone chipping with the square. We learned that the contractors advertised widely to gather together enough experienced men willing and able to hew the granite blocks for the building.

Month after month the painstaking work went on with the "clink, clank, clink" sounding forth from morning to evening.

Most of us have witnessed the erection of prefabricated houses. What looks like a house sometimes is put up in one day. Churches, too, of certain types and shapes can be contracted for in the same way, we understand. In a very brief time they are ready for the worshipers. Such functional buildings are doubtless justified in many circumstances.

There is a symbolism, in our opinion, in the individual hewn-rock construction which caught our attention in this New England town where the finest rock was available in a local quarry. Whether or not it was wise to spend \$360,000 on this particular house of worship is not the point. A true church is something quite distinct from walls, beams, and spires. It is a congregation built on a firm foundation with Christ as the cornerstone. Each member, according to Peter's epistle, is a living stone in the structure. Love for Christ unifies the spiritual building, cementing the stones together. We are rough and unusable in the form in which we come from the quarry of the world. We may glisten in the morning sun as we come fresh from the blasting upheaval of our initial contact with the power of God, but we need a great deal of trimming. Our lives need to be squared with the law of God and hewed to the pattern of the New Testament. It is a great task for skilled workmen — this church building. It takes time; it takes patience.

The ancient and the modern may well be combined as we seek to build churches. There can be no modern substitute for the faith which was once-for-all delivered to the saints. No other book or combination of books can replace the Bible as the guide for the faith and practice of the Christian Church. No modern prophets sounding forth with words pilfered of their meaning or with social schemes falling short of salvation can be allowed to cheapen the present-day church.

In that New England community mentioned above the church now nears completion with modern methods. A recent newspaper picture story shows a giant



MEMORY TEXT

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psalm 100: 4.



mobile crane hoisting a prefabricated metal steeple into place atop the sturdy peak of the building. Modern methods must be employed wherever possible in organizing and in extending the usefulness of the church of our day. As a crane is used to point the building in a visible way toward heaven, so every legitimate modern tool and medium should be employed to point science-conscious people with earth-bound thoughts to heavenly security.

Another church makes the headlines by using a helicopter to lift a heavy golden cross into place on a new church spire. Commendable! Radio and television are among the modern communication media that can be used to bring the message of the Cross to the world. Russian satellites circle the globe with coded messages of unknown import. Perhaps our contribution as a nation could be to put transmitters into space with uncoded messages of Christian faith — messages which speak peace to human hearts.

The "clink, clank, clink" that hews the stones of the church needs to be combined with the newest cross-lifting methods. Only thus do we successfully build churches. Modern science can be used in its proper place. Much of it is still beyond our own understanding but the saying of Christ will ever be true that the peace that passeth all understanding is given by Him to His followers — His Church.

Dr. John A. MacKay, president of Princeton Seminary, comments on the New York Crusade: "I have been greatly impressed by the Christ-centered message of the evangelist. . . . Men and women have been brought face to face with the person in whom God revealed His love and power to mankind. . . ."

— Decision Newsletter.

YOU MAY SHARE

Earl Cruzan

President of General Conference

As we make preparations for the celebrating of the "Glad Tidings" of the birth of Christ, brought by the angels to the shepherds, and the homage of the Wise Men as they later brought their gifts unto the Christ Child, we have another opportunity to share in the spreading of the "Good News" of salvation which He brought to mankind.

We may do this by buying one or more shares in a new mission car for Jamaica. This will be offered to you by the young people of your church at \$1 a share. These shares are in the form of small red cards with a picture of a car and the wording:

"This ticket represents a dollar share in the mission car to be used for Seventh Day Baptist missionary work in Jamaica. For your share in this project, you will receive the assurance that you, too, are traveling the mission field."

These cards attached to our Christmas trees would have special meaning and would be a daily reminder of a greater part that we have in sharing the Gospel of Christ. It would also be a worthy project for "White Christmas" giving.

Some of you have already given in support of the project spearheaded by the students at the Alfred School of Theology and promoted through Seventh Day Baptist youth groups. It did not get wide publicity. Its support was not widely encouraged last year; not because of a lack of the concept of need, but because it seemed more important to bend our efforts toward the raising of Our World Mission budget in full. We are encouraged that this was nearly done this year.

A new car for Jamaica is a part of the asking of the Missionary Board from Our World Mission in 1957-58. As these budgets were considered at Conference time, it was anticipated that the most of the funds for a new car would come from designated giving. An appeal is coming to you to support this project during the month of December. As we give, let's make it an extra gift to our present support

of Our World Mission; remembering that had each of us given \$1 more last year, we would have oversubscribed the financial asking for Our World Mission.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Nurses Plan to Visit Churches

Nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement are planning to visit as many Seventh Day Baptist churches as possible during their year of furlough. Since their return to the West Coast following Conference they have been visiting the churches and fellowship groups of the Pacific Coast Association.

They suggested a schedule of visits to be made in the late spring and early summer of 1958 which was considered by the African Interests Committee of the Missionary Board. It was approved with the understanding that these tentative plans should be open to change should the nurses feel the need to change them.

The contemplated visits would carry Miss Severe and Miss Clement around the United States covering approximately 11,000 miles. There is no budgeted amount to cover the travel expense entailed but it was thought that the churches would be willing to share this expense through free-will offerings. The Missionary Board approved the amount of \$200 to be sent to the nurses as an advance on these expenses.

The schedule is as follows: During April (after the Pacific Coast Association, which is the second weekend) visiting at Phoenix, Edinburg, Houston, Hammond, Metairie, Texarkana, Fouke, Little Rock, and Paint Rock; during the month of May, visiting Daytona Beach, Putnam County (a possible vacation trip to Jamaica, B. W. I.), Salem, Berea, Middle Island, Roanoke, Lost Creek, Washington, D. C., and Salemville; during the month of June, first week in Central Association, second week in Eastern Association, third week in Western Association, and fourth week in Northern Association; during July, first week — Chicago, Stonefort, Farina, and Milton; second week — Milton Junction, Albion, New Auburn, and White Cloud;

third week — Minneapolis, Dodge Center, Denver, and Boulder.

It is expected that they will return to the West Coast for a few weeks before Conference meets there in August. They have expressed the preference to return to Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, by ship. Passage is being sought for the approximate date of September 12, the same date when they sailed from New York in 1953 for their first term of service.

China Interests

From a reliable source comes word that "the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Shanghai is still open." This means that worship services are being held by our Chinese brethren in the beautiful house of worship in that city. We recall that the last statistical record from our Shanghai Church noted a membership on the church roll of approximately six hundred.

The same source of information writes, "We are sure that you are aware that the schools have been absorbed into the government school system, as no private school education is permitted in Communist China."

News was received of the intention of the Shanghai Municipal Government to relocate the Pa Hsien Ch'iao Municipal Cemetery to a new location "to make way for new construction." The new location is at the Chi An Public Cemetery, about 16 miles from the center of Shanghai on the Shanghai-Tsingpu Highway. "The remains will be buried in separate graves as at present but if possible they will be regrouped according to nationalities. It is understood that headstones will be transferred and re-erected and that the cost of reburial will be borne by the Chinese authorities."

Deceased Seventh Day Baptist missionaries or relatives affected are: Mrs. Solomon Carpenter, Rev. David Herbert Davis, Albert Whitford Davis, and Dr. Grace I. Crandall.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 7, 1957

What Christ Means to the Christian

Lesson Scripture:

Philippians 3: 4-14, 20-21.

WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth M. DeLand

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE

(Written by an older member of the North Loup, Neb., Church, Mrs. Cora Hemphill. She has been active in her church many years having lived in North Loup for over 66 years. Her husband, Dr. N. J. Hemphill, practiced there for forty-seven and a half years before his death.)

Topic: Love

Scripture: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4: 11). Also read the "love" chapter (1 Cor. 13) using the word "love" for charity.

Prayer Thought: The disciples earnestly desired to learn how to pray, so Jesus told them to pray after the "manner" of the Lord's Prayer. Often we have said it, or heard it, but many times it is merely said, instead of prayed. We recognize the brotherhood of man when we pray, "Our Father." When our faith in God inspires a love for our fellow men, our possessions will not be paramount, but will be secondary to our responsibilities. Such love bids us share what we have with those who have not. A crust of bread tossed to a hungry man is not true charity. Charity begins when, having only one crust of bread, we divide it with a hungering neighbor.

Unison Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Meditation: Since December is the month in which we celebrate the birthday of Christ our Lord, let us be reminded of God's great love for us in giving us His beloved Son. No one can merit the love of God. Even though we be sinners, yet God's love towards us and all men never fails. It is His free gift for man's redemption. Because of His great love, we should show our love for Him, not once or twice a week, but every day of our lives.

This love abides in our love to others. Let us demonstrate our willingness to share by fulfilling our part in Our World Mission. As we think of Christ as a baby, an adolescent, and a young man, we should be reminded that through our

gifts, children in Nyasaland and Jamaica will learn of God's love, as well as through our many tracts that are spreading the Good News all over the world. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Poem:

Brotherly Love

By Elizabeth Mae Crosby

Love that makes earth heaven-like
And mortal man divine,
That perfect love that leads the soul
To God's eternal shrine.

A love for all God's children here,
That is a debt we owe;
A glad smile, a word of cheer
As on life's road we go;
That love from God that will inspire
The soul to mount forever higher.

True love is harmony of soul,
And God will sow the seeds
That rooted in the heart will bud
And fruit in kindly deeds;
That love from God that will inspire
The soul to mount forever higher.

Love is the glowing torch of heaven
That shines from realms above.
No greater attribute has man
For God Himself is Love.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

Prayer Hymn: "More Love to Thee"

Closing Thought:

In the pure soul, although it sing or pray,
The Christ is born anew from day to day;
The life that knoweth Him shall bide apart,
And keep eternal Christmas in the heart.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Filmstrips for Christmas

To enliven the programs of the Christmas season why not use a filmstrip? One or more of the following could be used: "Christopher Mouse," 75 frames in color; "When the Littlest Camel Knelt," 45 frames in color; "Star of the King" 61 frames, color, and captions; and "Shepherds Out in the Fields." There are many others. Consult your film catalogue, and order from nearest film library.

[Two of these are available free of charge from the American Sabbath Tract Society. Our catalogue lists 7 on the Christmas theme.]

Youth Fellowship Round Robin

In an effort to develop the spirit of Christian unity in the Southwestern Association which was recently engendered by a YF get-together at Alexandria, La., the Fouke youth have started a round-robin letter around the Association. Miss Janet Van Horn, president of the Southwestern Association SDBYF, in telling of the letter, says: "It tells of what we have been doing, of Pre-Con and youth at Conference, and includes a devotional that we have used in one of our meetings. We suggested that the other youth groups exchange one of theirs for it and send it on." Miss Van Horn further reports that the Fouke group has been sending devotional sheets to some of their lone Sabbathkeepers and letters to the young people in the military service. Since Pre-Con they have continued using the theme of "Christ in You" for their devotional meetings with a great deal of interest.

It is thrilling to note the increase of youth interest in the Southwest, and we are thankful to those who, motivated by the Spirit of God, are inspiring the youth to reach out. The youth reports from that section fairly beam with excitement of events past and anticipated. We rejoice!

THE PILGRIM FATHERS

By Leonard Bacon

O God, beneath Thy guiding hand
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With prayer and psalm they worshipped Thee.

Thou heard'st well pleased, the song, the prayer:
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward through all ages bear
The memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Came with those exiles o'er the waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here Thy name, O, God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more.

A Spiritual House

By Rev. Paul Maxson
Pastor at Berlin, N. Y.

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house (1 Peter 2: 5).

I hope to help you to do some honest-to-goodness thinking about your spiritual house that you are now in the process of building. I sincerely hope that every one of you has laid the solid foundation. As you all know, the great skyscrapers of the great cities of our nation are built upon solid foundations. I am told that they sometimes dig underground as far as the building towers above ground. I am also told that a tree has as great a root system as the branches that reach toward heaven.

I would like to have you realize the great importance of accepting Christ as your personal Savior. If you have already accepted Him as your Savior, I am wondering why you are so hesitant, so slow in working diligently for Him. I also wish to point out that you are casting a great influence upon the community in which you live. You are like a rock or a pebble tossed into a pond of still water and the ripples go out to the very farthest edges of the pond. Your influence affects people many miles from you. You who are parents, remember that your influence reaches down much deeper than you ever think. It affects your own children, as well as the children of your acquaintances, your friends, and your neighbors.

You children and young people also have a great influence. There are many who have persons that they idolize or pattern their lives after. As we watch the children, we see Johnny putting on the big boots that Dad wears and see him go out and struggle to get along in them. Many times my youngest daughter will put on my fishing boots and start off across the back yard for the brook, wobbling and falling down many times before she reaches it. When she is asked why the boots, she will say, "I am going fishing, and I need Daddy's boots." (Incidentally, she has caught more and larger trout out of that brook than I have.) Perhaps imitating is all right to a certain

extent, but I would warn against following anyone except Jesus Christ. He is our pattern and our guide.

Building a Spiritual Home

The home is the place that the child comes first to stay on this tiny planet of ours, called the Earth. Many of the problems of today could have been solved had the parents of my generation and the generations before my time held to the teaching of the Word of God. In our morning devotions we read about the children of Israel being instructed to write the commandments of God in their hearts, upon their minds, and as frontlets upon their foreheads. They were instructed to talk about them when they sat down in their own homes. They were to talk about them when they went out upon the streets to converse with a friend or neighbor, yes, even when they met a stranger. They were to think about them the first thing when they woke up in the morning, and the last thing before going to sleep.

The home is the greatest training ground in the world. We desperately need to help our children get their feet on the ground and to learn how to think and act in accordance with Bible truths and in the ways of God. I can well remember my mother saying to us as we sat around the table at mealtime: "I am sure of one thing, if you do not know how to act at home, and mind your manners, the way I have tried to teach you, you certainly will not know how to act when you are away from home." It seems that we were not doing so very well with our manners, even though we were getting the food into our mouths. We must also learn of God in our homes and trust Christ as our Savior.

Why We Must Be Born Again

We might hear some people say, "Why is it necessary to be born again?" Let me point out why I think we need to be born again, though we must not stop there.

First, we must recognize God as being a holy God, a just God, a loving God, and a God who looks at sin as anything less than perfection in thought, word, and deed. I wish that you would notice with me that it is more than just the act of doing wrong. It is also the failure to do the right thing when you know perfectly well what is right. The law or the commandments that God has given unto us to follow, if we keep them, demand absolute perfection. To follow them completely would mean that we were living a sinless life. God also gave us His sinless, perfect Son as an example for us to follow. We must not put our trust in man, whether he be friend, neighbor, or a member of our own family. In every way that our lives fall short of Jesus' exemplary life, we are sinners.

I need not tell you that we all have sinned. We all realize this when we turn to Romans 3: 23 and read: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Perhaps there are those who will not agree with me in this statement that we all become sinners by birth. I shall not ask you to take my word for it. Let us turn to the Scriptures and see what they say about it. Romans 5: 12 says: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: . . ." Let us do a little clear thinking on this subject. When a person is born into a family of poverty and indebtedness he inherits the debts as well as the responsibility of paying them off. I can well remember as a boy, a time when our grocery bill ran up to over five hundred dollars. This was back in the early twenties, and a dollar went much farther than it does now. We all set to work paying off that bill and the mortgage on the little farm there in the hills. The boys cut wood, dug graves, moved houses until they had paid off the indebtedness and were able to eat a meal that was paid for before they ate it. Probably that is one reason why I seldom, if ever, go in debt for anything, even food. I would almost rather starve than go in debt.

I feel that we should go one step further and recognize the fact that we are not just little white sinners, but that we are desperately wicked. We sin with our thoughts, our words, and with the things we do. We are guilty of breaking all of God's commandments, as James 2: 10 tells us: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." It is true that we have not gone to the bank and demanded their money, or pointed a gun into someone's heart and pulled the trigger. Yet we are guilty of all of these sins when we break one, yes, even the least of the commandments. I cannot think of one of them that is the least. They are of great importance, each and every one of them.

Galatians 5: 19-21 puts it in very plain terms that everyone may understand. We are ungodly, deceitful, wicked, enemies, lost, evildoers, guilty, unthankful, vile, covetous, and abominable. Some of the sins of man are spoken of as uncleanness, irreverence, immorality, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, unbelief, and lying. Some will say, "That is pretty strong language; preacher." I am not saying this. It comes from the Holy Word of God. Now let us go on. We find in Romans 3: 10-20:

"There is none righteous, no not one: There is none that understandeth. There is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; There is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in their ways: and the way of peace have they not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

This shows the true character of man at the cross of Calvary. Men nailed the Prince of Peace, the Son of God, to the cross to die.

God Must Intervene to Save Us

Then we are helpless of ourselves to do anything about this sin and guilt. Only through Christ are we brought to God in complete righteousness. Yet today we see so many trying to live apart from God. They seem to think that somehow they will make it into the land of eternity without the help of God, through His Son Christ Jesus, who paid all for us. If man were to be left to himself, he would perish eternally. He would get what he justly deserves — hell and eternal banishment from God. Now if he is to be saved from eternal damnation and separation from God the Father, God must intervene. Thanks to God, that is just exactly what He has done through His Son, Christ Jesus, there on the cross of Calvary. We receive a new birth in Him. He came alive spiritually and the unfolding of God's will and way is revealed unto us. We must grow from babes in Christ to full-grown men and women. God is absolute, just, and yet at the same time merciful. Man cannot meet God's standards, so God had to provide a way through His Son for man. The substitute that He has provided is a wonderful and an amazing grace.

This is a subject that I love to talk about. I hope that each one of you will study the amazing grace of God as found in the Word, the Bible. There have been many Bible courses written on this subject and will probably be many more written about it. I have been studying the Book of Romans, have completed the course and received my certificate. It is called "Romans, the Book of Grace," by Charles J. Woodbridge. I would highly recommend it to anyone for study.

Helping People Out of the Dilemma

I would not stop before first pointing the way out of the dilemma. Back in the horse-and-buggy days, if someone was to get stuck in the mud, and you were passing, you would not lean out of your rig and say, "Fellow, are you stuck in the mud?" You would get out and look over the possibility of helping him out, then hitch on and pull him out. We desperately need to help, to point out the way to

others, helping them to find Christ. Just look around you and you will see men and women who are tried and tested to the breaking point. They are tormented and torn by life. We can and ought to help them find relief from sin and shallowness in their lives by finding Christ. We must help them to seek and to find that salvation is a free gift and that all they have to do is to reach out in faith and take it into their hearts and lives.

I am happy to say that about thirty in the congregation that I serve in Berlin have finished the course, "The Good News," a Moody Bible Institute course. I might also add that there have been ten who have been baptized and have been taken into full fellowship. We need to remember that when we accept salvation, we take the responsibility that is placed upon us to go tell all people: our neighbors, our friends, and all people of the earth. The Great Commission was given to each one of us.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10: 17). Thus we must read it; we must study it; then we must go tell others. Our influence in the home, in the church, in the community must always shine for Christ. When we open up our minds enough to read, to study the Word of God, we find many things that we do not like. First, we find that we are sinners — not just sinners, but sinners of the worst kind. We find that we cannot save ourselves. This offends us because we are proud and this offends our pride. The good Book tells us that only Christ can save us. We do not want to bow a knee to Jesus as Lord, the Savior, the Son of God, when we are in sin and are interested in the things of the world. If man were left to himself, he would never accept Christ.

Thanks again to God for the Holy Spirit which uses the Scripture to convict the sinner of his sins. The Holy Spirit does not stop there, but convicts man of the truth of the Scriptures and of his lost and hopeless condition without Christ. Then the Spirit points the way through Christ to a new way of life and a new hope. The sinner soon discovers that he

needs a Savior, and he realizes that there is no other place where salvation is found. He accepts Christ by faith. Faith is simple trust. This trust must be complete and full. We must have the faith of a little child. When a father takes his child and puts her up on a chair and then holds out his hands to her and tells her to jump, he knows she will, sometimes before he is really ready to catch her.

Build Your Spiritual House on Christ

We must forsake all and take Christ fully and completely, putting Him at the center of life, in our thinking, in our actions, and in all that we say. In other words, build our home, our life, our all, upon the solid foundation of Christ Jesus. The winds and the torrents may come, but the floods cannot harm or hurt you. You will have trials, temptations, and disappointments. If you have built your life upon Christ, you will be on the sure and eternal foundation that built and brought forth the world and all that is in it.

It is well to remember that it is we who do all the sinning and it is Christ who does all the saving. There is nothing we can do to save ourselves, except to put our full and complete faith and trust in Him. When we have accepted this gift, this foundation in Christ Jesus, let us stand upon it; let us move forward with Christ as He challenges us every day of our lives to greater and more noble thoughts and actions. If we completely give ourselves unto Him we will increase. We will grow spiritually. We will not sit idly by and let the great masses of people go rushing on over the cliff to destruction.

The old and familiar hymn comes to mind as we think of planting our feet upon the solid foundation of Christ Jesus:

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve!
Because the promise I believe —
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

[The above sermon was sent for publication at the request of members of the congregation.]

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. Mark 14: 31.

European Leader For Nigerian Work

The Holy Spirit directs missionary work in mysterious and unexpected ways. At least that was true in the days of the Apostles. It can be assumed that it is true today, though we may not be quite as sure of the Spirit's guidance in details as was Paul.

It would seem that there are some close parallels between the second missionary journey of Paul, which took the Gospel to a new continent, and the opportunities that may be opening up for Seventh Day Baptists to convert souls and strengthen churches in Nigeria, West Africa.

The Church at Antioch sent Paul and other brethren on the first missionary journey through Galatia in southern Asia Minor. For some time after that successful project Paul and Barnabas worked at the missionary headquarters, helping to solve some important questions of policy for gentile Christians. The urge came upon them to visit again the brethren in the churches previously established and left without mature leadership. Paul and Silas departed on the trip "being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God."

First they did what they set out to do. Then they tried to make human plans for entering neighboring provinces. They felt that they should preach in the province of Asia but the Holy Spirit forbade them. They wanted to go into Bithynia but again "the Spirit suffered them not." They knew not why they should be denied entrance to these provinces until they reached Troas and the Macedonian call came to Paul in the night. A new continent and new countries awaited the Spirit-led missionaries.

Many times similar things have happened to God's people. Something like that may be the experience of Seventh Day Baptists in this day. We have prayed for Gospel openings abroad. Doors have closed on one side and the other. Suddenly we found ourselves in the midst of a great work in Nyasaland. Nigeria beckoned but we had not the funds or the leaders to send to that country.

It now appears that God is more able

than we had thought. Ours were normal human plans such as any Christian leaders would make before sending missionaries into a new field. Nigeria was too big an undertaking along with the other work we were doing or had promised to do. When we prayed for the people who called to us from that land we could see no way that the prayers could be answered. But the Holy Spirit had laid it upon the heart of an Italian Baptist with wide experience in African evangelism to accept the Sabbath. Later the Spirit moved him to undertake an independent Seventh Day Baptist work in Nigeria. Many were the obstacles to a full decision to go. Correspondence from this country gave him little or no encouragement other than to urge him to let the Lord guide. One by one the obstacles have been fading away until it looks as if our brother may soon be serving the Lord in Nigeria. The story is thrilling.

Roger Cazziol of Milan, Italy, the man of whom we write, is a young, unmarried man of considerable linguistic attainments and of high scholastic training in the fields of science and of theology. His reading and almost world-wide correspondence have made him very familiar with American ways. Denominational leaders who have shared his letters have been impressed with his sincerity, unselfishness, and zeal as well as his practical approach to problems. Doctor K. Duane Hurley who spent a day with him in Venice last summer brought back a very good report of the fine Christian fellowship he had with him.

Brother Cazziol has visited our London pastor and has been received into the membership of the Mill Yard Church, which to a certain extent is sponsoring his entry into Nigeria. Funds are being provided by friends of Mr. Cazziol in Europe and America for his travel expenses to the field when his visa is granted. One of the native ministers in Nigeria, Rev. R. Nwankwo, seems to have left no stone unturned to expedite the coming to his country of one who could do much for his people educationally and spiritually. He reports that a house is now built and inspected and that the

government has approved the opening of a "training college" with a fairly adequate salary (according to Nigerian low standards).

So God seems to have been moving in ways that seem almost beyond our faith. We had no man; we had no money; it looked as if the Seventh Day Baptist work in Nigeria would wither and die. Even now we cannot be sure what the future may reveal as to the permanence of the work but the Holy Spirit seems to have provided both the man and much of his support.

For further information write to the American Sabbath Tract Society or to the executive secretary of the denomination. The plane ticket will probably be purchased in Plainfield from funds held in trust for that purpose. — Leon M. Maltby.

NEWS OF MINISTERS

In the following news bits the editor draws on information from various sources. In some cases he has to rely on a faulty memory. Additional items of news will be appreciated for another article in an early issue. Laymen are encouraged to remind the Sabbath Recorder of newsworthy ministerial activities not mentioned here.

It is reported that Clifford A. Beebe, formerly of Palatka, Fla., is living at Hayesville, N. C., as of November 20, where he will support himself by editing and publishing a newspaper. He will also serve as acting pastor of the Yonah Mountain Church which has not been reported in the Year Book for the past 9 years. It is his hope to revive that work.

Orville B. Bond, who has moved about the country a good deal since his retirement from school and missionary work, is understood to be back in Lost Creek, W. Va.

The Directory of Associations in the new Year Book will give the address of A. T. Bottoms as Glendale Farm, Woodville, Ala., the same address as his sister, Mrs. Robert Butler.

The Salem, W. Va., Church will be

temporarily pastorless when C. Rex Burdick and family move at the end of the year to the Verona, N. Y., parsonage.

Harold R. Crandall, retired, of Rockville, R. I., has been supplying the Ashaway pulpit quite consistently, although Everett T. Harris is listed for the month of November.

Earl Cruzan, Conference president, recently visited the New England churches and the October meeting of the Missionary Board. Plans call for a visit to all the churches of the Western Association the last weekend of November. He relinquished his part-time school bus driving to devote more time to (unpaid) denominational work.

C. Harmon Dickinson, as previously reported, is fitting into the work of his new pastorate at Plainfield, N. J., and is taking on some Tract Board responsibilities.

Wardner T. FitzRandolph and his wife Bertha of Texarkana are reported to be spending the winter with his brother Winfield next door to the Daytona Beach, Fla., Church. The same is true of John F. Randolph of Milton Junction, we understand.

Dr. Walter E. Hancock, listed previously as retired, is employed this year as Scholastic Administrator on a full-time basis at the Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Mo., a Church of God (7th day) school which reopened this fall.

Clifford W. P. Hansen has a change of status at Salem College. He is now elevated to the position of Associate Professor of Bible and Sociology. On November 1, 2, and 3 he conducted "A Spiritual Clinic" at the Alfred, N. Y., Church.

Lee Holloway continues in the denomination although he is currently serving two Methodist Churches. His address is Califon, N. J.

Loyal F. Hurley keeps up a heavy schedule of evangelistic work. His future program will be featured on the Missionary Page. Between campaigns he and Mrs. Hurley spend some time at their home in Boulder, Colo.

Leon Lawton, missionary supervisor in

Jamaica, B. W. I., will be back in the States for a week or more beginning December 6.

Paul Maxson of Berlin, N. Y., had a longer siege of illness than others who have been afflicted with the current respiratory ailments. His activities have been quite limited for a month.

The Osborns are active. Lester G. is pushing ahead in his new pastorate in Schenectady, N. Y. Paul and his family at Marlboro, N. J., have been mentioned in a recent issue. They, too, have had several weeks of sickness which kept him from attending seminary classes.

Herbert L. Polan of Battle Creek again takes over the winter pastorate of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Church and is already established there.

Elizabeth F. Randolph, pastor of the Washington, D. C., Church, still has a love for the people of the Putnam Co., Fla., Church. She recently assisted in revival meetings there, baptizing three candidates and bringing in two others by letter. This appears significant, considering the size of the church.

Dr. Wayne R. Rood of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., begins a sabbatical leave of absence sometime this year which may take him to some faraway places.

Victor W. Skaggs of Verona, N. Y., takes over the double pastorate of Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., the first of December. His address is expected to be R. D. 1, Edgerton, Wis.

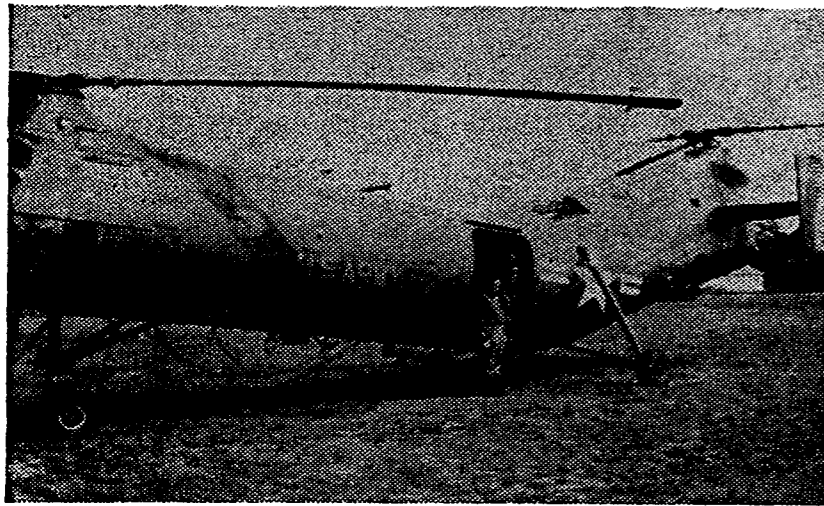
Kenneth Smith recently conducted special meetings at Salem, W. Va., for the college and then went to Denver, Colo., where he has been installed as the new pastor. He was formerly pastor at Albion and Milton Junction.

Student pastors have been mentioned in previous issues. New ministers at home and abroad will be mentioned in other articles to follow. — Ed.

Let's hope the motto "In God We Trust" on the new dollar bills means they won't lose much more of their purchasing power. — Westerly Sun.

Teen Talk

To the Rescue



We are strong; we are brave; we are not afraid. Why? Perhaps because we are young and full of strength. But once in a while we do have fears, do we not? What boy or girl hasn't awakened in the middle of the night after a bad dream — a dream in which he was lost, forsaken, or about to be attacked with no one coming to the rescue? Things like that may also happen to us when we are awake.

Men who serve in the Armed Forces and men who fly have a fear which they cannot entirely push aside. It is the fear of being lost or cut off. Suppose I am wounded and alone in the mountains? What if my plane crashes in rough country or I am set adrift in a wide ocean? How will they save me?

The prophet Ezekiel had an experience which reminds us of the giant helicopters which now lift people up in thrilling rescue operations and take away the fear of being hopelessly lost. Did you ever stand near a helicopter when it took off? It almost beats the ground with its rushing wind. Listen to this Scripture:

"I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing. . . . I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing."

The prophet goes on to say (Ezek. 3: 14) that the Spirit **lifted him up** and took him away. The Lord had a work for him to do somewhere else. If we are in the service of Christ and He has a work for us to do, we may be sure that in our times

of loneliness and fear there will be a way provided to lift us up out of our lost situation.

If you look carefully at the picture of the "flying banana" on this page you will see a soldier standing on the ground by the open door. You will also see his boy standing in the doorway. The father is explaining to his son the great lifting power of the two rotors of the giant helicopter. He points out to him the strong cables looped underneath its body. Just a few days before this picture was taken a small plane was crippled when it tried to land out on the artillery range. It called for help. The rescue ship hovered over it while the cables were fastened. Then with a great rushing of wind it lifted up the plane and carried it back to the hangar where it could be repaired and put back into service.

There is another verse from the Psalms of David which can fill us with hope if we ever feel alone and afraid anywhere in this wide world. David never saw a man-made helicopter, but he had some wonderful experiences with God during a long life filled with many dangers. In Psalm 9: 13 he speaks of his Heavenly Father as "Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death." Such experiences can be ours now and in the years to come. Spiritual help is far more wonderful than any gasoline-powered airlift, isn't it?

Income Tax Deductions Broadened for Clergymen

The following are excerpts from an article, "Housing Deductions for Clergymen," by Glenn D. Everett which appeared in the October, 1957, issue of Church Management.

The Internal Revenue Service has finally issued a definitive regulation spelling out just how ministers of religion may claim the income tax deduction provided by Congress for housing allowances paid in lieu of furnishing a parsonage.

It was a manifest inequity to exempt the rental value of a parsonage for one minister while another had to pay rent for his lodgings under identical circumstances. Therefore, Congress agreed to exempt "the rental allowance paid to a minister of religion as part of his com-

pensation to the extent such allowance is used by him to rent or otherwise provide a home."

The clause "or otherwise provide a home" was added by the Senate when it was pointed out that some clergymen own their own homes. Internal Revenue also gives a broad definition of the word "home" specifically extending it to "appurtenances thereto, including a garage." A clergyman who owns his own home would be able to charge off the cost of maintenance and of all utilities, as well as payments he makes on his mortgage.

To be eligible for tax deduction the portion claimed for housing expenses has to be paid separately from the salary, but Internal Revenue makes it as simple as possible to do this. The rental allowance does not have to be paid by separate checks.

The most generous provision of all is that the housing allowance is deductible all the way back to 1954, retroactively, if such an official action is taken prior to January 1, 1958. This is designed to help those ministers who were not familiar with the new amendment when it was adopted in 1954 and who did not know how to comply with it.

These ministers who have not yet had part of their salaries designated as housing allowance may do so prior to January 1, 1958, and will be eligible to claim refunds in taxes paid in 1954, 1955, and 1956.

There is one aspect of the regulation that ministers will want to watch out for, and that is that for any new employment undertaken after January 1, 1958, the housing allowance must be provided in advance of employment. Any minister taking a church or position with a church agency which does not include rent-free use of a parsonage will want to take care that part of his salary is specified to be a housing allowance. For after he takes a position he will not be able to present any retroactive action to the tax collector.

[It is suggested that ministers get the October issue of Church Management (1900 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio). Read the whole article and take the matter up with responsible church officials if it will make a difference now or in the future.]

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — We again renewed our faith, with gratitude and humility, in the observance of the Lord's Supper, October 5. Each such occasion brings us a step nearer the time when, by the mercy of God, we eat and drink anew with Him in His Father's Kingdom.

On October 6 our Sunday morning broadcast over KPRO, known as the "Wayside Chapel Hour," was resumed by contract for one year. Such a venture of faith calls for prayer as well as financial support. May the Lord anoint our pastor's lips.

"Only to Love Is to Live" was the message gleaned from the Book of Obadiah, October 12. The utter rout and destruction of Edom foretold by the prophet was but the sure result of its hardened callousness.

On the evening of October 13, the church was called together in annual business session. Alton L. Wheeler was unanimously retained as our pastor for the ensuing year. Others retained were: Mrs. Rex Brewer, secretary, and Mrs. Al Withrow, treasurer. A new office of collector was created in order to provide Mrs. Withrow with an assistant. Elmer Maddox took office as church president, with Dr. Louis May, assistant, and Mrs. Orvis Chapman as director of music.

Pacific Coast Association was entertained by the Los Angeles Church during the weekend of October 18, 19, and 20. The program was planned around the theme, "Christ in Me." Some of our number were privileged to be present throughout all the meetings, but the largest attendance was at the Sabbath morning worship service. Pastor Francis D. Saunders of Los Angeles and our pastor were the chief speakers, but William H. Rymer addressed the young people Sabbath afternoon. The combined choirs, the men's chorus, and other special vocal and instrumental numbers added to the musical feast. Miss Lois Wells brought added life into the congregational singing with her spiritual warmth and fine leadership.

Part of the joy at every Association is the meeting of fellow-believers about the

OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of Denominational Treasurer, October 31, 1957

DECEMBER 2, 1957

		Receipts			
	Treas. Receipts October	Boards' Budget Receipts October		Treas. Receipts October	Boards' Budget Receipts October
Balance on hand, Oct. 1 ..	\$.00		Marlboro	339.12	
Adams Center	168.81		Middle Island	24.25	
Alfred, 1st	571.65		Milton	578.85	55.00
Alfred, 2nd	157.75		New Auburn	45.75	
Associations and groups ..	87.37	23.54	Nortonville	100.50	20.00
Battle Creek	426.91	35.00	Pawcatuck	345.20	
Berlin	50.48		Plainfield	607.45	
Boulder	46.90		Richburg	27.00	
Brookfield, 1st	53.50		Ritchie	15.00	
Brookfield, 2nd	38.00		Roanoke	12.00	
Chicago	91.00		Rockville	23.88	
Daytona Beach	45.00		Salem	150.00	
De Ruyter	100.00		Shiloh	212.00	
Dodge Center	67.03		Tract Society	1,297.89	
Friendship	69.00		Verona	31.00	
Hopkinton, 1st	144.75		Walworth	40.00	
Independence	69.00		Waterford	85.92	
Individuals	2,047.00	56.00	White Cloud	26.69	
Kansas City	45.00				
Los Angeles	222.00				
				<u>\$8,546.20</u>	<u>\$ 189.54</u>

Treasurer's Disbursements

SUMMARY

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)	Non- Budget Gifts
Missionary Society	\$3,133.65	\$ 107.00
Bd. of Christian Education ..	870.70	
Ministerial Training	762.40	
Historical Society	1,147.40	
Ministerial Retirement	611.12	
Women's Society	86.80	
World Fellowship & Service ..	40.20	
General Conference	837.50	
Trustees of General Conf. ...	73.70	
Tract Society	864.30	
	<u>\$8,427.77</u>	<u>\$ 107.00</u>
Balance, Oct. 31, 1957	11.43	

Current annual budget	\$90,000.00
Treas.' budget receipts first month	\$ 8,439.20
Boards' budget receipts first month ..	189.54
	<u>\$ 8,628.74</u>
Remainder required in 11 months	\$81,371.26
Percentage of budget year elapsed	8.33%
Percentage of budget raised	9.59%
Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.	
Verona, N. Y.	

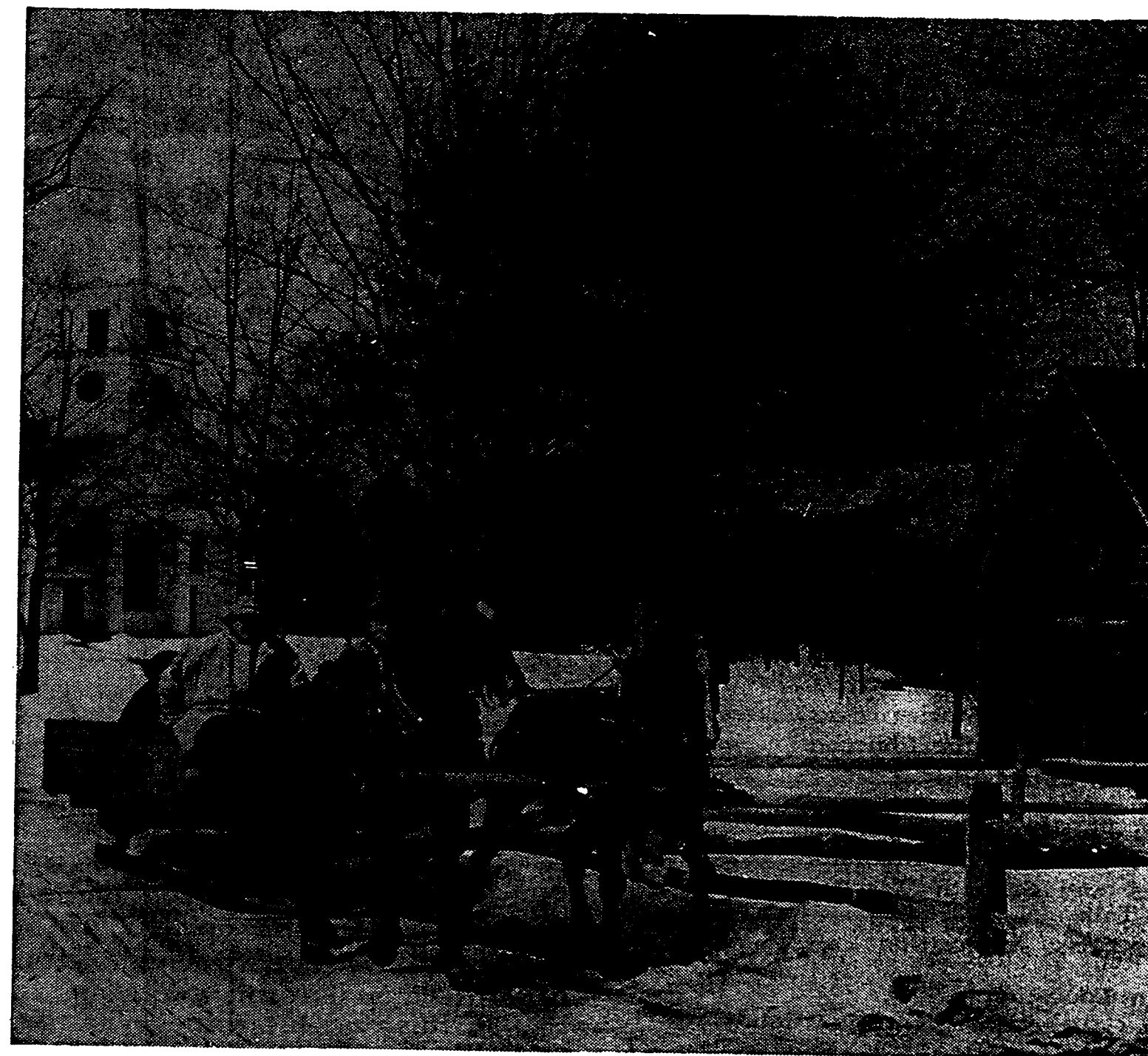
shared meal. Lunch served in nearby Sycamore Park, under a warm but clouded sky was particularly enjoyable. The brightly yellowed leaves created a sunshine of their own. The tables, attractively set with paper plates and cups in dainty colors, added another lilt. The food was nicely prepared and delicious. Happiness prevailed.

We were greatly pleased with the homecoming of K. Duane Hurley as unexpected speaker on Sabbath morning October 26. From his early background in Riverside, his recent European trip, his experience as president of Salem College, and the flowering of his own spirit came an unforgettable sermon. In the afternoon

he talked to the C.E. groups and delighted the evening audience with a showing of color slides accompanied by appropriate remarks. Views included the meeting of Beth and Joan as they returned from Nyasaland last July, shots of the UN Building in New York, a good cross section of Europe, enough from Salem College to make us feel acquainted with its importance and its need, and a sufficient glimpse of his personal family to warm the heart.

At this writing a Leadership Training School, sponsored by the Riverside Church Federation, is about to close. Seven teachers from Riverside Church have been enrolled and have found it profitable.

The Sabbath Recorder



Old Sturbridge Village

From memory's storehouse many can draw experiences of Sabbaths well spent in the snowbound village church: the sound of tinkling bells, of squeaking leather, of crunching shoes; the feel of gliding runners; the lifting of a Psalm, "Praise the Lord. . . . He giveth snow like wool."