

# The Sabbath Recorder

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — On November 27 our church was host to the community churches for the annual Union Thanksgiving Service. Pastor Kenneth B. Van Horn led in the devotionals with the assistance of the Methodist and Congregational ministers. Norman Clapper of our church sang "My Prayer." The Assembly of God minister gave a spiritual message on the Thanksgiving theme, directly applicable to the heart of each person present.

We lay members wish to share a blessing with any who are in our vicinity. We welcome you and urge you to attend our worship services any Sabbath day. You will experience pleasure from fellowship with us, we hope. But greater than that you will gain spiritual uplift. The sermons you hear Pastor Van Horn preach will be soul searching and helpful, interesting and enlightening, profound and inspirational, yet simple enough that their truth cannot evade you. The Bible is our source book. We feel that we have a blessing large enough to share with all. If you are as close as Rochester, train connections are direct to Dodge Center, or possibly transportation could be arranged otherwise through individual cars. Do come and worship with us or recommend our church to any of your friends coming to the Mayo Clinic who may need spiritual as well as physical help.

Though some may fail to admit this need of a Savior who can supply all needs, we believe it is a great necessity in all human hearts. We wish to share His presence with any who desire Him. — Correspondent.

## Accessions

Farina, Ill.

By Baptism:  
Stephen Stewart

By Testimony:  
Albert Appel

Plainfield, N. J.

By Testimony:  
Mrs. Kizzie Rowland

By Letter:  
Mrs. Muriel Babcock  
Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson  
Ethel Dickinson (Mrs. C. Harmon)  
Alfred H. Dickinson

## Births

Button. — A daughter, Linda Christine, to Dan and Marianne Button of Los Angeles, Calif., on November 17, 1957.

Soules. — A daughter, Kathrine, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Soules of Shinglehouse, Pa.

Burrows. — A daughter, Connie Jo, to Mr. and Mrs. Arvis Burrows of Cuba, N. Y.

Mickel. — A daughter, O'Deanne Mildred, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickel, 47 Burton St., Cazenovia, N. Y., on Nov. 2, 1957.

Brannon. — A son, Kenneth Dean, to Dr. and Mrs. Warren Brannon, Rt. 1, Freeville, N. Y., on Nov. 9, 1957.

Appel. — A son, Joel Edwin, to Rev. and Mrs. Addison Appel, Farina, Ill., on Nov. 4, 1957.

## Obituaries

Parker. — Leon J., only son of Stephen and Elsie Parker, was born in Otselic, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1878, and died at his home in Truxton, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1957.

He was educated in De Ruyter Training Class and taught school in the surrounding communities and later became a farmer. On New Year's Day, 1902, he married Maud Elinor Stevens. To this union were born two sons, Harry, who resides in Truxton, and Walter of Cincinatus, N. Y. His wife preceded him in death 10 years ago.

He was baptized and joined the De Ruyter Church early in life and continued a faithful member, having attended church the Sabbath before he passed to his heavenly home and reward.

He was elected to the office of deacon many years ago, and also served as trustee.

Surviving besides his sons are 4 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Farewell services were held in the De Ruyter Church, conducted by his pastor, Charles D. Swing. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery. — C. D. S.

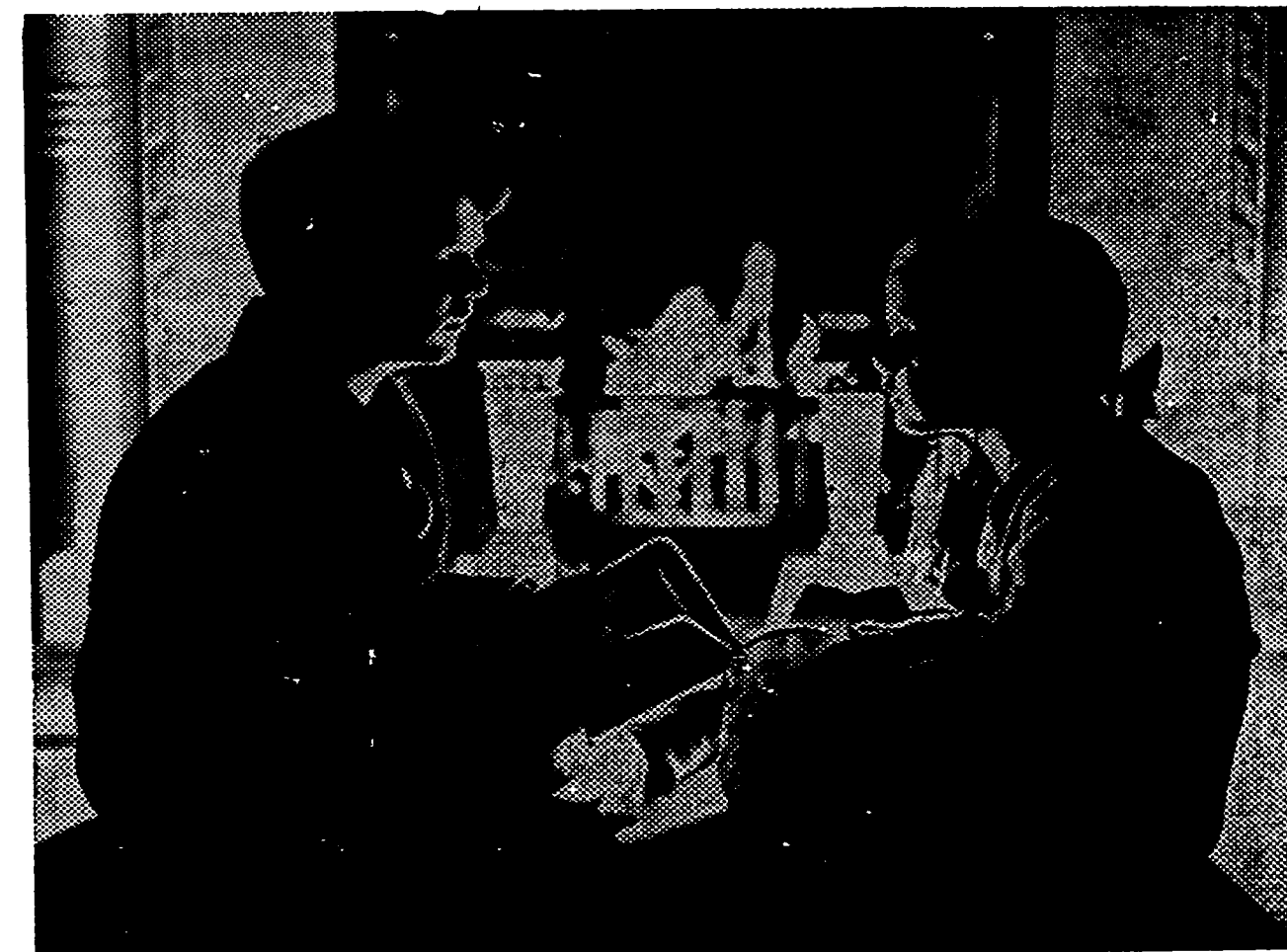
Sisson. — Ella, daughter of Jerome and Sarah Thomas Potter, was born at Five Corners near Alfred, N. Y., April 14, 1869, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., June 24, 1957.

She united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Alfred in 1886. Although she was able to hear with very great difficulty during her later years, her faithful attendance at Sabbath morning worship was a genuine inspiration. Mrs. Sisson was a past member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

She was married to J. Leon Sisson in March, 1894, who died in June, 1949.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Mary Potter Wilbur of Santa Ana, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Eeva Potter of Alfred; a niece, Mrs. LaVern Kenyon, also of Alfred; a nephew, Lloyd J. Allen of Hartsville; and several grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins.

Memorial services were conducted at the Landon Funeral Home, Hornell, June 26, by her pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H. S. W.



### THE THOUGHTFUL GIFT

We do not forget the greatest gift, God's Son, the supreme picture of love, with which all other Christian giving must be compared. Young people in countless homes throughout the world lift thoughtful faces to the light after opening their Christmas gifts and finding among them the precious Book that tells them of the Christ.

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## THE AFTERGLOW

Last week many of the items in this periodical of yours were concerned with Christmas. It was the last issue which would be likely to reach all of the readers before the great holiday. Some, however, will receive this issue before December 25 since it is mailed on the twentieth. Editorially at least, it should contain some of the glow and the afterglow that most of us feel when the greeting cards pile up and begin to diminish.

Returning from a Missionary Board meeting recently we had the experience which has been pleasurable to so many. The shore-line route gave a twilight view of a horizon where only a little of the tinted sky stood out above a wide expanse of still water. At midday the water would be blue under a dome of uniform color lighted from above. But when the sun has departed to light in their turn the paths of people of the far West and far East, then all the sea toward the horizon is illumined only by the colored light reflected at a sharp angle from the low sky to the viewing eye. Thus from our train window the water seems to light up just for us as we pass. It is rose or lavender, or whatever the momentary, glowing hue of that portion of sky just above that far, thin line which divides sea and sky. Like a rainbow viewed from a speeding car the afterglow moves with us and seems to be just for us.

As each of us views the fading of Christmas festivities, of celebrations and remembrances, and basks in the richness of the afterglow, so those who labor to serve a wide constituency through a religious periodical like to express gratitude to all who read and to the many who have contributed during the year to whatever success has been achieved in fulfilling the purpose of the publication. The editor, staff, and contributors ought to voice their appreciation for the help, encouragement, loyal support, and charitable consideration which have been evident. It is not that we ought but that we want to tell all of you of the warm glow of appreciation which we feel at this time. The glow and afterglow extend also to those who in sincerity have been critical at times. It is a strange experience, which we believe

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to be a Christian experience, to feel a warmth rather than a coldness toward those who have been critical without cause as well as those who we can recognize as having had some occasion for disagreement.

We have a wonderful Saviour. He has shown us the way to live. Whatever of light shines on our path comes from Him. We rejoice in the light that tints our horizon and in the knowledge that what blesses one blesses many. Again, we thank all who have supported this paper by their prayers.

## A New Year and Newness of Life

A glance at a complete concordance of the Bible under the word "year" brings one to the almost startling emphasis that is placed on the counting of time by years in the Word of God. We of today have a tendency to minimize these larger time markers. Is it because we are so busy with days that we can hardly think of the ending and beginning of years as being important? It is not so with God. He wants us to ponder time in relation to years and life as well as days and weeks. The Bible references to "year" are not all significant but the list of them runs into page after page.

There is little we can do about the passage of time. The years roll on happily or relentlessly according to the way we view them. We cannot roll them back. Men and women are forced to the realization that there is no magic fountain of youth for them. The young can drink deeply from a God-given fountain of youth reserved for them alone. Adults must drink from other fountains — just as sweet — and also God-given. We may well ask ourselves at what fountains we have been drinking during 1957 and where we plan to quench our thirst during 1958. In counting our time by years let us determine anew to make our years count.

Gratitude should mark the end of the year, gratitude for (among other things) the pleasant blessings of our land. God made a promise to Israel in regard to their land. He spoke of it as, "A land

which the Lord thy God careth for; for the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year" (Deut. 11: 12).

We know full well that the eyes of the world are on our plenteous land all the year, but even more the eyes of the Lord. The greater question is whether we, the people of the land, have our eyes upon the Lord "from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year."

Although we may not expect to discover in the new year a fountain of youth, we can look into the mystery of God's Word and delve more deeply into the meaning of Romans 6: 4. Our past experiences with Christ in connection with repentance and putting off of the old life have been truly good. The verse goes on to say, "even so we also should walk in newness of life." The new year is what we make it. It is ours. It may or may not bring newness of life. How are we going to begin it? We enter it not alone. The eyes of the Lord are upon us.

## Talking in Billions

Our country is great and rich in spite of its staggering debt. A daily newspaper used as a two-line filler at the end of a column the interesting fact that the present balance in the U. S. treasury is now \$3,279,213,888.74. A discussion of possible tax reduction by James W. Douthat points out that spending for the fiscal year is officially forecast at \$72 billion and that expected revenue is \$73.5 billion. No one knows at the moment how much of an increase in defense spending may be voted. Mr. Douthat observes that if our normal economic growth continues there could be an annual increase of revenue totaling \$3 billion. Even this year with certain proposed cutbacks we could increase our defense spending by \$2 billion and still end the fiscal year with a balance. These figures are to us rather astronomical.

It is interesting to note that the Protestant Church can now talk in billions also. For the first time in history contributions to 52 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox

communions in the United States reached a record of \$2,041,908,161 in 1956 (of this amount 81% was for local congregational expenses). This is approximately the same figure that is being tossed about as a possible increase in defense spending brought about by the recent indications that the Soviet Union is now producing intercontinental ballistic missiles. We as a nation may be willing to spend from tax money \$2 billion more than we were willing to spend when Congress was last in session. We give that much more because we are scared. If we set out to prove that love has greater motivating power than fear what will the churches give next year? Last year (1956) local contributions increased 10.4 per cent and benevolences 7.5 per cent. Per-member giving in the churches mentioned above increased only about \$4, for an average of \$56.74. More love would mean more giving.

#### Please Remember

Quite frequently our good friends send in published poems which they think would make worth-while reading. We usually agree on that point, but we cannot always publish the poetry because to do so without permission of those who hold the copyrights is neither fair nor legal. Permission to quote is sometimes very graciously given — if we have complete information as to author, book, publisher, or date of the copyright. If you have such material which you would like to see in your periodical, please remember to give full information, or better yet, to do the necessary writing to publishers before you ask your editor to print the poetry or prose.

Copyrights are for 28 years and can be renewed once. Therefore, many have expired and, unless the poem is later copyrighted by someone else, it can be considered to be in the "public domain" and can be used. Some books give the author's birth and death dates, which gives some indication of probable copyright dates.

He who is the center of Christianity draws men to Himself. — Lundquist.

## Executive Secretary

### Year-end Thoughts

Another calendar year is soon to begin and most of us will be thinking in terms of making this coming year — what? — a happier one, a more worth-while one, the one in which we are going to have a new house or a new car, or perhaps, a new baby? All these are certainly worthy things to strive for. But what should we put first? If we believe that every person has a unique place to fill in the total plan of God, then should not the finding of that place be the first concern of each of us?

Our denominational year will be one quarter gone on December 31. What we call the midyear meetings of the Planning Committee, the Co-ordinating Council, and the Commission will be meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, at various times from December 27 through January 2. Members of these bodies come together believing that God has a special work for Seventh Day Baptists, as a people, in His plan. In their various areas of responsibility they will review the work that has been done so far in the Conference year, and do the very best they can, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to formulate plans and make suggestions that will help to bring the program of Seventh Day Baptists more nearly within God's will, hoping that every member of our denomination will want to have an active part in the work.

Please pray for these meetings!

### Our World Mission

The statement of the treasurer of denominational receipts for November was not at hand when the time came for this issue to go to press. It will be recalled that the treasurer has to depend on the promptness of church treasurers in sending in the contributions after the last Sabbath of the month. This time the month ended on Sabbath day.

Perhaps this note can serve as another reminder that extra year-end giving may help many in their tax reports as well as giving extra encouragement to the many who are partly supported by these gifts.

## CHOOSING TO BE BORN

By Joseph M. Stowel, D.D.

Choose to be born? Impossible, you say. Yes, impossible for all but one. He alone could so choose for He is God.

He chose His mother and His place of birth. He chose to be born by a miracle — the miracle of God being born with a human body as an infant. He chose to be born when He knew that this birth would lead to a horrible death. He chose to be born in a stable where lambs are wont to be born, for He was to be "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." They called His name Jesus, for He was to "save his people from their sins."

This glorious incarnation of Christ marks a turning point in human history. Here we have God the Father giving the gift of His own Son because He loved us. Here we have the Son, with no regard for His own concerns, but compelled by a compassionate concern for our need, leaving Heaven's glory and taking upon Himself the humiliation of the human body, even the body of a baby.

But we dare not pause at the cradle to worship a baby newly born, nor do we bow before a babe in His mother's arms, for Bethlehem's cradle is empty. He is no longer the Baby Jesus. Bethlehem was only the vestibule to the holy plan of redemption.

Further, we must not pause to worship the historic Jesus of Nazareth as He walked among the children of men, for His footsteps are not now heard in Judea. His holy, sinless life became the prelude to the cross that He might be the spotless lamb, the little pascal lamb, to be slain for the sins of the people.

The climax of the world's history and of God's dealing with men took place at Calvary's cross where Christ, clothed with this human body, suffered the humiliation of the judgment of God against sin and sinners. He bore our sins "in his own body on the tree." He suffered, "the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." He poured out His life that we might live.

But the Christ hanging on the cross is

not the object of our worship, for He no longer hangs under the blazing sun of Golgotha. They took Him down and placed Him in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. We follow Him to the garden where He was buried, but we cannot find a place of worship there, for "he is risen; he is not here." The open tomb became a portal through which He came, in a glorified body, to ascend into the heavenlies and to be seated at the Father's right hand, an high priest who "ever liveth to make intercession" for us. Here in adoration we must worship Him, the Man in glory, in spirit and in truth, for there is "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." "He is thy Lord . . . worship thou him." He chose to be born in humility, that He might be exalted in due time as the object of our worship.

This Christ said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Though you cannot choose to be born physically, you can and ought to choose to be born again spiritually. This is done by receiving this crucified and resurrected Christ, the Man in glory, as your personal Saviour and God. Those who choose thus to be born again by believing in this matchless Christ will also be exalted in due time into His glorious presence in the heavenlies.

[The above article in tract form may be secured by writing to the American Tract Society, 513 West 166th Street, New York 32, N. Y.]

### Special Occasion Filmstrips

All but one of the filmstrips owned by the American Sabbath Tract Society dealing with the Christmas theme were out on loan to the churches as of December 13. Some had been called for by several church leaders. Nearly everyone requesting these free audio-visual aids or complete programs thoughtfully indicated a willingness for substitutions to be made.

Three elements contribute to mutual satisfaction in this free service: plans and orders made well in advance of the special occasions, prompt filling of orders at Plainfield, and immediate return of materials after use in the churches.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

### Universal Week of Prayer

Churches are encouraged to plan a fitting observance of the Universal Week of Prayer during the first full week of January (January 5-12, 1958).

Pastors and church leaders may order booklets with prayer suggestions from the Joint Department of Evangelism, Office of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

### Pastor Lawton and Headmaster Brissey at Westerly

Our mission leaders in Jamaica, Rev. Leon Lawton and Headmaster Grover Brissey, came to Westerly to consult with Missionary Board representatives on December 8, 1957.

Among items for discussion were the following: A statement of policy as to primary purpose of the Missionary Board in Jamaica; a discussion of reasons for two schools (Crandall High and Maiden Hall) with possible statement as to future plans for each school; discussion of the proposed committee for administration of Our World Mission budget receipts as to personnel and functioning of committee. This plan looks toward sending one twelfth of budgeted amount each month for the Jamaica administration committee to distribute; a possible "job analysis" for clarification of duties and responsibilities of Jamaica workers.

The Executive and American Tropics Committees of the Missionary Board met with Pastor Lawton and Mr. Brissey. Pastor Lawton returned to Kingston by plane December 12. Mr. Brissey returned to Washington, his home church having recently called him to ordination as a minister. An ordination council is to meet at Washington on Sabbath day, December 21, 1957.

[In order to save several months in putting into effect some of the changes discussed in the above-mentioned conference of leaders, it was decided to call a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society for Sunday, December 15.]

### Fund-Raising in Jamaica

Miss Jacqueline Wells writes concerning the annual "fair" held at Kingston, Jamaica. The men of the church put up cane poling and covered it with thatch to be used for stalls for selling goods, produce, and many varied items of handicraft.

Miss Wells writes, "We have received lots of used hats from the States to be sold tomorrow. Mrs. Brissey, Mrs. Lawton, and Sister Taylor have been steaming, pressing, and pricing them. We think we should make about fifteen pounds (\$42) on them."

### News from German Brethren

Under date of November 30, 1957, Brother Ulf Oldenburg has written from Hamburg, Germany. Excerpts from his letter will be of interest to Seventh Day Baptists of this country.

He writes, "We thank you most heartily for your earnest prayers for us and the work here in Germany. . . . Brother Bruhn and the whole assembly greet you in brotherly love. We pray much for you in the States and for the work of the Lord over all the world."

Brother Oldenburg tells of having returned to Denmark, his native land, to do alternate military service as a conscientious objector. He had expected to be required to serve in military camp for 22 months. He writes, "Yet through the Grace and wonder of God I was freed from the service after one month and since that time I serve with all my power and heart in the service of the Lord for my beloved German brethren for whom I have devoted my life and all."

He tells of having passed the examination in Greek and Hebrew studies in the German Baptist Seminary for Preachers in Hamburg. He writes, "At the same time I was fully occupied with my services among the saints and as an evangelist among the unsaved."

He tells of having purchased an old motorcycle in order to drive once a month to visit brethren at Gelsenkirchen, at

some distance from Hamburg. Of that work he writes:

Our assembly in Gelsenkirchen is greater than in Hamburg and has no preacher nor pastor. . . . The assembly at Hamburg is willing to let me visit the assembly in Gelsenkirchen once a month. On my way to and fro I have used the opportunity to visit the scattered brethren between Hamburg and Gelsenkirchen in North Germany and I cannot describe their joy and happiness for my visits. So the Lord has been a very great blessing through this old motorcycle as I have brought the Word of God wherever I visited and we have had wonderful Bible study and prayer meetings, sometimes in private homes whole families have gathered together to hear the Word of God.

Brother Oldenburg concludes:

But now it becomes too expensive to drive this old machine. It uses too much gasoline and there have been expensive repairs. Therefore, after my return from this last missionary tour, after having driven more than 1600 kilometers for the Lord in this old machine, we have been much in prayer to the Lord, if He would give me a good new motorcycle that I may continue to visit the saints in all Germany on it. Now we have laid the matter in our earnest prayers before the Lord that He may grant to me to extend pastoral ministrations to all our brethren. I myself have given all that I have to help my brethren in this matter, so also have my Danish brethren helped as much as they can in their love. I do not ask for anything for myself but I ask for the help of the service of my brethren. So we pray that the Lord may put it upon the hearts of our brethren across the sea to help us in this matter for His Name's sake.

The fifth missionary to be sent overseas by the young Methodist Church of the Philippines within three years was commissioned recently by Bishop Jose L. Valencia, Methodist bishop in the Philippines. The newest Filipino "foreign" missionary is Dr. Raymundo Rivera, a 27-year-old physician who is being sent to Malaya. He will work among the Malaya Chinese who have been resettled in "New Villages" after being removed from jungle fringe areas to escape Communist guerilla raids.

### MEMORY TEXT

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 4: 6.

### Addresses of Ministers

The correct addresses of nearly all Seventh Day Baptist pastors may be found in the 1957 Year Book which has just been mailed to all churches. One or two pastors of city churches who have changed their place of residence rather recently have difficulty in getting all the mail that people would like to send to them at this time of year. We are glad to gather together a few additional temporary or permanent addresses for the convenience of friends.

- Clifford A. Beebe, Hayesville, N. C.  
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 Kenneth E. Smith, 33 Kalamath St., Denver 23, Colo.  
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 Kenneth A. Stickney, Box 107, Holland, Mich.  
 David J. Williams, 2931 Vaughn St., Biloxi, Miss.

## Department of Evangelism Faces Problems and Opportunities

By Leon M. Maltby

It was your editor's responsibility and privilege to attend in New York on December 11 the semiannual meeting of the Central Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches. This meeting, it will be observed, followed closely on the heels of the big triennial meeting of the National Council in St. Louis December 1 to 6, which is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Many of the 60-75 attending the New York meeting had just returned from St. Louis.

This Central Department of Evangelism includes in its membership the secretaries of evangelism or home missions, as the case may be, of the various co-operating denominations. These secretaries held a meeting under NCC auspices on the tenth. Our own secretary, the Rev. Everett T. Harris, was unable to attend this time because of other pressing duties. Although the department is but one of many in the larger body it has a wide variety of projects, a large budget, and increasing prominence in the over-all work of the Council. The following committees submitted reports totaling 32 pages:

Executive, Findings, Educational Evangelism, Christian Ministry in the National Parks, University Christian Mission, Spiritual Life, Literature, Missions to Ministers, Pentecost, Passenger Ships Chaplaincy Services, and Armed Forces Preaching Missions.

The framework of the meeting was built around the above-mentioned reports and the reports of officers. The special order of the day was consideration of the report of the special "Findings Committee on Workshop — Consultation on Evangelism," a group of staff and denominational leaders who had met in November to study the NCC booklet *The Good News of God* which had grown out of a study of present-day evangelism carried on by the General Board of the NCC. Also considered at this above-mentioned consultation workshop was an evaluation of the whole program of and outlook for this Central Department of Evangelism.

Although many believe firmly that the department has great prospects of future activity, the nature and scope of much of that activity is uncertain at the present time. This is partly due to inability up to the present time to secure an executive secretary to replace the Rev. Berlyn V. Farris whose resignation became effective July 1. There have also been other unfilled vacancies in the staff. One leader in the discussion voiced the need of a well-defined program to challenge the talents of anyone who might be approached to take the position of executive director. Another stated that without the leadership of an imaginative director the department could not develop a well-defined program of advance. It could be remarked that many a church organization has found itself facing such a dilemma.

In common with denominational agencies for evangelism this interchurch body found itself plagued with the worries of inadequate financial support. Restricted from soliciting funds directly it was unable to expand its program in some of the desired areas. It was hoped that the denominational boards would respond more than in the past to the financial needs. Some are doing so, as they are persuaded of the service rendered by this body.

### Visitation Evangelism

The acting executive director, Dr. McConnell, made a significant report on Visitation Evangelism. We quote:

"I was committed to the Ashrams from July 1 to August 10 and was serving as Director of the Visitation Evangelism Crusade for Metropolitan New York October 20-24. Much time through September and October had to be devoted to the promotion of that program. We had two offices, one at 257 Fourth Avenue and the other at the Billy Graham Headquarters. We are happy to report that one thousand churches participated in the Visitation Evangelism Program and there were over 6,000 people making decisions for Christ and the church. Dr. Jesse M. Bader served as the local chairman and rendered yeoman service in that capacity. Many of the denominational secretaries of evangelism served among the 36 directors.

We wish to pay our tribute of gratitude to all who gave their time and talents to this Crusade in the midst of their busy schedules. There was a wonderful spirit of comradeship among the directors. We felt that one of the by-products in the local situation was the building of a bridge of understanding between co-operating and non-co-operating churches."

Also in the report given by Dr. McConnell was a statement about the Christian Ashrams which have been conducted each summer for 16 years under the auspices of this Central Department. At the urgent request of Dr. E. Stanley Jones he is now to be allowed to take over personal direction of these Ashrams. The Executive Committee expressed "regret that they are being taken out of the stream of life of the church and conducted under personal auspices."

Dr. McConnell concluded:

"This is a great day for evangelism. Never have the doors of opportunity been flung open more widely, never has the need been greater and the challenge more demanding. Certainly being ushered into a space age demands that we stretch our minds and enlarge our concepts and, having determined our direction, redouble our efforts to bring men and women and the institutions of our common life under the full-orbed sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ. We trust that many of the complex problems which confront this Department will soon be solved so that we can give ourselves with single-minded devotion to the work which, under God, we have been called to do."

The pamphlet, *The Good News of God*, mentioned above will probably be reprinted at a cost which will allow denominational boards to distribute it more widely. Some are already making extensive use of it as a possible standard for their own evangelistic efforts. It is said by some leaders to be challenging. Others say it is too extreme and too critical of present evangelism to be widely distributed and that study of it should be on the higher planning levels rather than in the churches. We can expect more to be written on this subject in the future.

## SPUTNIK'S QUESTIONS

By Stewart Meacham

[The writer is a member of the Peace Education staff of the American Friends Service Committee. His questions deserve careful consideration.]

Univac, the electronic brain, and Sputnik, the man-made satellite, come from opposite sides of the Iron Curtain, but they have much in common. Both represent great technological achievement. Both are portents of change in human society.

Univac promises the automation age, when factories, offices, and transportation systems, staffed only by a few skilled technicians, will operate by push button. Sputnik promises the outer space age, when space platforms, trips to the moon, journeys to Mars, and no one knows what else, will be commonplace. Univac answers the most difficult questions at lightning speed. Sputnik asks the most difficult questions at 18,000 miles per hour.

Some of Sputnik's more obvious questions reflect our own frustration. Why did Russia "beat us to the punch"? Was it because of rivalry among the armed forces? Is this the price we must pay for belittling and harassing scientists as eggheads and subversives? Is more money needed for research and experimentation? How much political hay will the Democrats make at the expense of the Republicans, and vice versa?

Other questions are less obvious, but possibly more important. We are told that we must be prepared for economic sacrifice and belt-tightening if we are to "catch up." If this is true, who will sacrifice what? . . .

Is the sacrificing all to come from the working people, some of whom already are being forced to sacrifice jobs and savings until new defense appropriations are made, or rockets replace aircraft on the assembly lines, and they are rescued from the ranks of the unemployed? Or is the sacrificing to be done by the people with fixed incomes whose small salaries and pensions shrink as prices spiral upward?

What about diplomacy and our friends overseas? Will winning the race to the

moon solve Asia's economic problems? Will it feed Pakistan's landless villagers? Will it build hydroelectric dams in India? Will it bring self-government to the people of Kenya or the Belgian Congo? Will it end the terror in Algeria? Will it solve the question of Middle East oil? Will it set the slaves of Saudi Arabia free, bring free trade unions to Spain, protect freedom of press in Formosa, or provide security from the police to the legislators of South Korea? Just who will be remembered and who forgotten as we race Russia into outer space?

During the days of our supposed pre-eminence in weapons, we felt that our "position of strength" made diplomacy unimportant. We became masters of "brinkmanship" which is another word for bluff and bluster with a loaded gun. Today, in the period of our supposed deficiency in weapons (it would take us all of three hours to wipe out every city in Russia!) our "position of weakness" makes diplomacy impossible. We must play it tough until we can catch up.

At this rate, when does diplomacy become possible? One day we are so strong we don't have to bargain. The next day we are so weak we cannot afford it. Where does this process lead?

And what about that troublesome word "morals"? What kind of morality is it where right and wrong are decided by the fastest rockets and the biggest warheads? If this is morality, what is immorality?

These are Sputnik's questions. But Sputnik, a man-made thing, can do no more than pose them, fling them far out into space and fly on. The answers must come from man himself, reached in terms of faith in God and belief in humanity and justice which alone can provide the freedom and security for which the people of the world are hungry today.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 4, 1958

The Church's One Foundation

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-19;  
Ephesians 2: 19-22.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

### World Convention on Christian Education

The Fourteenth World Convention on Christian Education will be held in Tokyo, Japan, August 6-13, 1958, and Seventh Day Baptists have been invited to send 5 delegates. If some person is financially able to attend as our representative, a thoroughly inspiring and enjoyable experience is guaranteed. The minimum amount of money necessary to make the trip and attend the convention is approximately \$1000. If anyone is interested and able, further information can be had from our office.

Exactly twelve years, to a day, after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Viscount Mackintosh of Halifax, England, president of the World Council of Christian Education, will open the Convention. "This time," writes Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, "a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night will testify to the Lord's leading rather than to man's wrath."

Delegates to the convention, from scores of countries, will go to Japan. Not only will they seek to learn more about "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," and about how to communicate the Gospel to others, but they will consciously strive to take to Japan the gift of Christian reconciliation and friendship.

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch will be the director of music for the convention. She is one of the leading singers of the Negro race, and has recently completed a world tour as a representative of the United Church Women in America. There will be a Japanese choir and an international choir.

Tours are being arranged for the delegates.

### The Lord's Call

A. S. Haney, Jr., a tough-looking deputy sheriff in Dallas, Texas, with the build of a football player, has exchanged his pistol and handcuffs for a Bible. He resigned to become pastor of the Red Springs Church in Texarkana, Texas. "Police work has always fascinated me, but I know the Lord has called me to the ministry," he said. "It's as simple as that."

Are we doing that which fascinates us or what we know the Lord is calling us to do?

### Youth Work Committee

At its monthly meeting, December 11, 1957, the Youth Work Committee voted that the chairman, J. Paul Green, write the International Society of Christian Endeavor protesting the resolution made at their convention last July that called for a condemnation of those who labor on Sunday. This matter was referred to the Youth Committee by General Conference. The committee feels that the Christian Endeavor is sincere and honorable in this matter, but that recognition in the resolution should be given those who worship on the seventh day of the week.

### Helpful Books

Two books that will be helpful to pastors and Sabbath School teachers for pastor's classes and classes leading to Christian commitment are *The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ*, by James S. Stewart, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., and *Biblical Theology and Christian Education*, by Randolph Crump Miller, Scribners, New York.

These books may be ordered from a religious bookstore, from the Gothic Library Service, Box 742, Alfred, N. Y., or from our office.

### Space and Speed

(Extract from Christmas message by Dr. Blake, NCC president.)

With right relationships established between man and God, and between man and man, then and then only can be realized the hope hinted by that Christmas star, for peace on earth and goodwill and gladness among all people. These things we ought to remember at this season, when with feverish anxiety we are trying to cast our satellites into the sky. . . . Meanings and values should be given priority over questions of space and speed. Otherwise we are in danger of accelerating ourselves into utter catastrophe and oblivion. God is love and Jesus Christ is the embodiment and interpretation of that love.

WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth DeLand

### JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICE

(Prepared by Mrs. Kenneth V. Hulin, nee Mary Fitz Randolph, daughter of the late Deacon Roy and Cora Bond Fitz Randolph of the Middle Island Church, clerk, and recently ordained deaconess of the Salem, W. Va., Church.)

Topic: Light

Scripture: John 8: 12

Hymn: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Devotional Thoughts:

### Windows of the Soul

Let there be many windows in your soul,  
That all the glory of the universe  
May beautify it. Not the narrow pane  
Of one poor creed can catch the radiant  
rays

That shine from countless sources. Tear  
away

The blinds of superstition. Let the light  
Pour through fair windows, broad as truth  
itself,

And high as heaven. — Tune your ear  
To all the voice of nature; and your heart  
Shall turn to truth and goodness as the  
plant

Turns to the sun. A thousand unseen  
hands

Reach down to help you to their peace-  
crowned heights

And all the forces of the firmament  
Shall fortify your strength. Be not afraid  
To thrust aside half-truths and grasp the  
whole.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.\*

Jesus not only said, "I am the light of the world," but He also said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world." Certainly, like Jesus, His followers are the "light of the world." How is this achieved? When I was a very little girl learning to piece quilts Mother said that I must cut each piece by the pattern. Even though there were many, many small pieces to be cut, "for," she continued, "if each piece were cut by the previous one it would not be long before

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the pieces placed on the pattern would be found to be quite different from the pattern." So it is with the Christian. We surely are helped by the knowledge, insight, inspiration, and love of our pastors, Sabbath School teachers, and other Christian friends but Jesus is our pattern, our light.

"If I have strength, I owe the service of the strong.

If melody I have, I owe the world a song.

If I can stand when all around my post are falling;

If I can run with speed when needy hearts are calling,

And if my torch can light the dark of any night,

Then I must pay the debt I owe with living light."

— Author Unknown.

Prayer:

"Searcher of hearts, to Thee are known  
The inmost secrets of my breast;  
At home, abroad, in crowds, alone,  
Thou mark'st my rising and my rest,  
My thoughts far off, through every maze,  
Source, stream, and issue — all my ways.  
Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me, my inmost soul survey;  
And warn Thy servant to depart  
From every false and evil way:  
So shall Thy truth my guidance be  
To life and immortality." Amen.

— James Montgomery in *Power for Today*.

### Rehabilitation of the Disabled

The number of disabled New Jersey men and women applying for public vocational rehabilitation service has doubled in the past two years, according to a report filed recently with Governor Robert B. Meyner. Of the 781 rehabilitants, 13% had some mental handicap which included central nervous system diseases, epilepsy, psychoneurosis, or mental retardation. The greatest growth among disability groups applying for and receiving services is heart disease. [We believe that some of this increase in heart disease could be avoided by more consistent application of principles of Christian living, by avoiding tensions, and by self-discipline.]

### National Council Issues Message

A Message speaking to the spiritual concerns of our times was directed to the people of the nation by the National Council assembled in triennial sessions in St. Louis December 1-6. The Message — fourth since the Council was organized in 1950 — called for "support and strengthening of all expressions of basic unity in Christ wherever His people work or worship, act or serve in His name and spirit."

Looking at the whole human being in today's broken world, the Message recognized the pressures, overstimulation, and tensions which make contemporary man appear "sometimes less than human."

"These hazards are increased by a society in which sheer bigness, rapid change, and the loss of control over the very means of control . . . spell moral ambiguity and spiritual despair," the Message declares. "All the double-mindedness and undue self-concern must go," it continues, "for our Lord says, 'Do not be anxious. . . . Only so can man find the true selfhood and final security which are in Jesus Christ.'"

Under the subtitles "Our Oneness in Christ," "Our Broken World," and "Unity of Faith and Hope," among others, the Message concludes: "We need not wait until complete unity is reached before we begin to realize the wholeness of life which God offers us. . . . We are called to show forth the coming of the Lord. . . . In this assurance, we move forward together."

### General Assembly Highlights

The fourth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches may go on record as the busiest yet. To the list of vital issues of the day, on which the Council's stand is made known in specific resolutions and statements, a new one was added this year: the hopes and concerns of the churches in the nuclear-space age. Declaring, "We believe that the accelerating arms race which now grips our world may lead direct to a war which will destroy civilization," the statement called

for redoubled efforts "to realize the final goal of world-wide disarmament in the framework of the United Nations."

The "moral crisis in the labor union movement and in labor-management practices" was also dealt with and a telegram sent by the Assembly to George Meany, AFL-CIO president. It commended his organization for "waging a valiant battle for decency" and urged it to rid itself of corrupt and racketeering elements.

On "freedom of association," the Assembly asked churches and churchmen to "recognize the gravity of the threat to all associations and to all liberties when the freedom of legitimate voluntary association is assailed." This statement was aimed at ordinances and laws in some sections of the South which have sent members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to jail.

"The violation of privacy and anonymity of membership limits or suppresses the activities of voluntary associations," said the statement, which urged all communions constituent with the National Council to use "all appropriate means" to prevent such "attacks upon our liberties."

Racial discrimination and segregation, the liberalization of refugee legislation, and U. S. trade and aid policies also were the subjects of forthright statements by the Assembly.

— The Religious Newsweekly.

### A New Year's Greeting From The Baptist World Alliance

(Sent to the Sabbath Recorder for publication.)

Dear Fellow Baptists around the World:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus and best wishes for a new year of peace between men and nations and for a fruitful year of witnessing for Christ.

As we look back on 1957, we have reason to thank God for a year of growth and progress in our work and witness. There are now more than 22,000,000 of us in 101 countries and conventions. Everywhere our brethren have evidenced a new zeal for evangelism and missions and a growing concern for Bible study and Christian education. While some of

our believers still labor under difficulties, others are enjoying a new measure of freedom, for which we are grateful.

Let us work and pray that the new year may see an even greater effort in every land to win others to a saving faith in Christ and a serving fellowship in the church. May we seek constantly to uphold and undergird each other in prayer and faith, ever watchful lest the witness in other lands be hampered by a lack of the spirit of Christ in our own land or our own lives. Rather, let us seek to inspire and encourage one another in faithful witness and sacrificial service. . . .

— Theodore F. Adams, President.

### Dayton Paper

#### Features Jackson Center

#### "Seventh Day Baptists Maintain Tradition in Jackson Center"

"Tradition lives on here in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, the only one of its kind in Ohio and one of but 62 in the United States.

"Oldest tradition of all — and the church's distinguishing characteristic — is the practice of observing Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as the Sabbath. Church members trace this observance to the time of creation, when, Genesis records, God set apart the seventh day as sacred."

The Dayton Journal Herald in its Thanksgiving issue carried the above feature under "How Your Neighbor Works." It pictured the old church and its youthful pastor, S/Sgt. Montie B. Slusher, holding a 110-year-old Bible. It said, "Sergeant Slusher has served for several years as a chaplain's assistant in Japan and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base."

Through the effort of Mr. Slusher the article, three columns wide and ten inches deep, told also "who we are" and "what we believe" as Seventh Day Baptists.

Northern Association voted \$150 toward the further educational training of Mr. Slusher. — Battle Creek "Friendly Guest."

## LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Leaders of national and international organizations occasionally write to the *Sabbath Recorder* to express appreciation for certain articles which have come to their attention. One such letter recently received came from Robert T. Stevens, a very prominent national figure (resident of Plainfield) who is now chairman of Religion In American Life. He says: "We have received many comments concerning the full-page advertisement urging regular attendance which you published in your November 11 issue."

The president of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship took the trouble to thank us for the "wonderful" little article we published about their work among students. In addition to the large number of magazine editors who receive and scan our publication there are many other people who subscribe to a clipping service and sometimes write to us about things that interest them. Then, too, the editor's desk piles high with mail from other organizations, individuals, and churches who desire to have their point of view known by the editor and readers of the *Recorder*. These are, for the most part, impersonal and are probably going to a great many other periodicals. Nevertheless, the releases and letters do come to us and constitute a mass of background information, some of which finds its way into our pages.

Why are these things mentioned? To make our readers aware that our magazine is much more than just a "family" paper in the sense of carrying news and articles interesting only to those who are members of our churches. It is true that the *Recorder* is primarily for the enlightenment and encouragement of Seventh Day Baptists, but every writer and contributor needs to remember those other readers and to write carefully and well.

## Minister Ill

The Rev. Verney A. Wilson, retired Seventh Day Baptist minister, is seriously ill at his home, 4068 Vina Villa Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio. It is suggested that cards and greetings appropriate to the seriousness of his illness be sent to him at this time by his many friends.

## Teen Talk

### A Modern Moses

Most of you cannot remember the days of the silent movies, the time when men had not yet learned how to reproduce the voices of the actors. In those days the story of the pictures was told by flashing brief sentences on the screen between the pictures. There was one good thing about it; a deaf person could enjoy a good movie. The only problem was that there were very few good pictures in those days.

Have you seen and heard the great production, *The Ten Commandments*, which is now playing throughout the country? Would you enjoy sitting in the theater for three and a half hours if you couldn't hear a word? It would be like parking your car on the road near a drive-in theater; the flashing pictures are almost meaningless.

When *The Ten Commandments* came to Newark, N. J., the pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf wanted to take his congregation to see it. He preaches to his people by sign language. He thought he could explain the picture to his congregation as they viewed it on the screen, but of course the theater was dark and they would not be able to read his sign language. What did he do? With the co-operation of the management he had all his people sit in one section and arranged for a raised platform beside the screen where he could stand with an ultraviolet light focused on him. Then he painted his hands, arms, and face with luminous paint. Thus he was able to give his people the speaking parts of *The Ten Commandments* in sign language. It was a thoughtful and a wonderful thing.

Moses in that picture is a modern Moses — almost too modern to be real, some people say. But how about the minister? Was not he also a modern Moses in a better sense than the actor who played the role? Do you remember that when God prepared the people to receive His laws there was thundering and lightning and darkness on the mountain while Moses was talking with God? Then when their leader came down from the mount with

the tablets of the law in his hands, the people looked at him with awe and almost fear because they saw light shining from his face. It was a glory light from having been close to God. It made the Ten Commandments mean more to the children of Israel. It was not luminous paint to enable deaf people to get the message, but that minister at Newark was something like a modern Moses.

We could remind ourselves that we sometimes act like deaf people when the message of the Bible is being given to us. Our minds are occupied with other things and we are dull of hearing. Sometimes the message is a little dull in the way it is presented. But when someone comes to us with a glowing face to interpret God's will we are compelled to listen. How about your own face? Does it show that you, like Moses of old, have been close to God?

### Year Book Editor Thanks Helpers

The 1957 Year Book is off the press at the publishing house in Plainfield and has been mailed to those who regularly receive it in quantity or in single copies. It is edited by Miss Hazel V. Gamble, who for many years was the head proof-reader at the publishing house. For the past several years poor health has kept her pretty much confined to her room but she is still able to edit with painstaking care the vast amount of diverse material submitted for this book.

Miss Gamble has asked that the following paragraph be printed with whatever announcement is made of the appearance of the above-mentioned book.

"The editor of the Year Book wishes to thank all those who helped in compiling and answering questions concerning the 1957 Year Book, especially the office workers and proofroom of the *Sabbath Recorder* concerning the correct spelling of names and address."

The price of the Year Book is \$1.50, payable to Recorder Press. Free copies to churches are sent on a membership percentage basis and will be announced in church bulletins when received.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — On November 2, Pastor Alton L. Wheeler began a series of sermons covering our doctrinal beliefs, emphasizing first, the supreme authority of the Scriptures. Members were urged to review carefully the tenets of our faith.

A full hour worship service was conducted by our pastor over our newest local radio station KACE at 11 a.m. Sunday, November 3. (We are continuing our broadcast of the "Wayside Chapel Hour" at 9 a.m. Sundays from KPRO.) That evening a special business meeting was called. The most important business was the adoption of the new increased annual Church Operating Budget.

Earlier than usual our surrounding mountains have been donning and doffing their white caps. With the reminder, "Please bring plenty warm clothing" a young people's camping day was held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., November 10 at Pacific Pines Camp. Both Los Angeles and Riverside Churches were backing the exhilarating event; theme: "Higher Ground."

With November 16 came the third sermon of the series, "We Believe in Jesus Christ." The previous Sabbath our pastor covered "Belief in God." Although, as Seventh Day Baptists, we shy from coercive beliefs, we should likewise shun ignorance.

In the evening a hobby show and pie sale was the successful means of putting the Social Committee into good financial shape as well as making practically everybody happier. The range of hobbies showed considerable skill and versatility of interests. The day following, another early expedition into the desert for rock for the camp fireplace was scheduled, with an additional call for other workers at camp.

On the last two Sabbaths of November, "We Believe in the Holy Spirit" and "We Believe in Man" were well treated in the sermons. Tuesday evening, November 26, the first rehearsal of the *Messiah* was called at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Several from our Riverside Church are participating in this community event.

Mrs. Starlin Ross, newly appointed youth choir director, plans weekly rehearsals in the parish house. Practically all the



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new committees have had their initial meetings in the past month and with the help of God a new year of greater service is anticipated. — Correspondent.

**MARLBORO, N. J.** — Harvest Home was observed September 28 with an all-day meeting. On that date our senior deacon, Luther S. Davis, passed away at the age of 88 years. The memory of his outstanding leadership and Christian home will remain with us.

In September, a fellowship supper was held in the church basement. Reports were received on the progress of the new parsonage. Individual church banks were turned in to the amount of \$238.35. Another pot-pie supper was held in the basement under the supervision of the Ways and Means Committee. This supper netted a substantial amount.

Prayer meeting continues to be held Friday evenings. The morning church attendance for three months in succession averaged over 100.

On October 5 Marlboro joined with Shiloh at our semiannual Communion service. It was an all-day service. Dinner was free to all who could attend. In the afternoon Owen Probasco and Carlton Wilson were ordained as deacons of the Shiloh Church. It was a most impressive service.

The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Churches was held here October 18-19. The aisles were filled for the Sabbath morning service at which time the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson delivered the message: "Christian Birth." In the afternoon Carlton Wilson had charge. His message was "Christian Growth" — the Yearly Meeting theme being "The Christian Life."

"Marlboro's Grand Old Man," Eber M. R. Davis, our oldest member, is 100 years of age. He came to church as long as his health permitted. He, too, is another outstanding person in church and community affairs. — Correspondent.

## Marriages

**Zwiebel-Blythe.** — Carl C. Zwiebel, son of Mrs. Altha Zwiebel, and Imogean Blythe, daughter of Mrs. Jewell Blythe Shroyer, all of Jackson Center, Ohio, were united in marriage on Sunday, December 8, 1957, by the groom's brother, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

## Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

By Testimony:

Rev. Al Huntington  
Mrs. June Huntington

## Births

**Sayre.** — A daughter, Laura Ann, to Murray and Barbara Seager Sayre of Peekskill, N. Y., on November 8, 1957.

**Knott.** — A daughter, Cheryl Dawn, to Harry and Laura Davis Knott of Hyattsville, Md., on December 1, 1957.

**Goodson.** — A son, Thomas Doyel, to Floyd and Lois Davis Goodson of Shirley, W. Va., on October 11, 1957.

## Obituaries

**Lockard.** — Sandra, daughter of James R. and Janice Seager Lockard, was born Feb. 12, 1953, in Washington, D. C., and died Nov. 24, 1957, in Georgetown University Hospital following an extended illness.

Sandy was chosen by the National Nephrosis Foundation to launch its 1957 campaign with Mrs. Eisenhower, the honorary chairman of the Foundation.

In addition to her parents she is survived by one sister, Jerry Lynn, at home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lockard; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross P. Seager; and the paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Lockard, all of Salem.

The memorial service was conducted from the Harbert Funeral Home in Salem, W. Va., by Rev. C. Rex Burdick with Rev. D. M. Dorsey, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, assisting. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery at Salem.  
C. R. B.

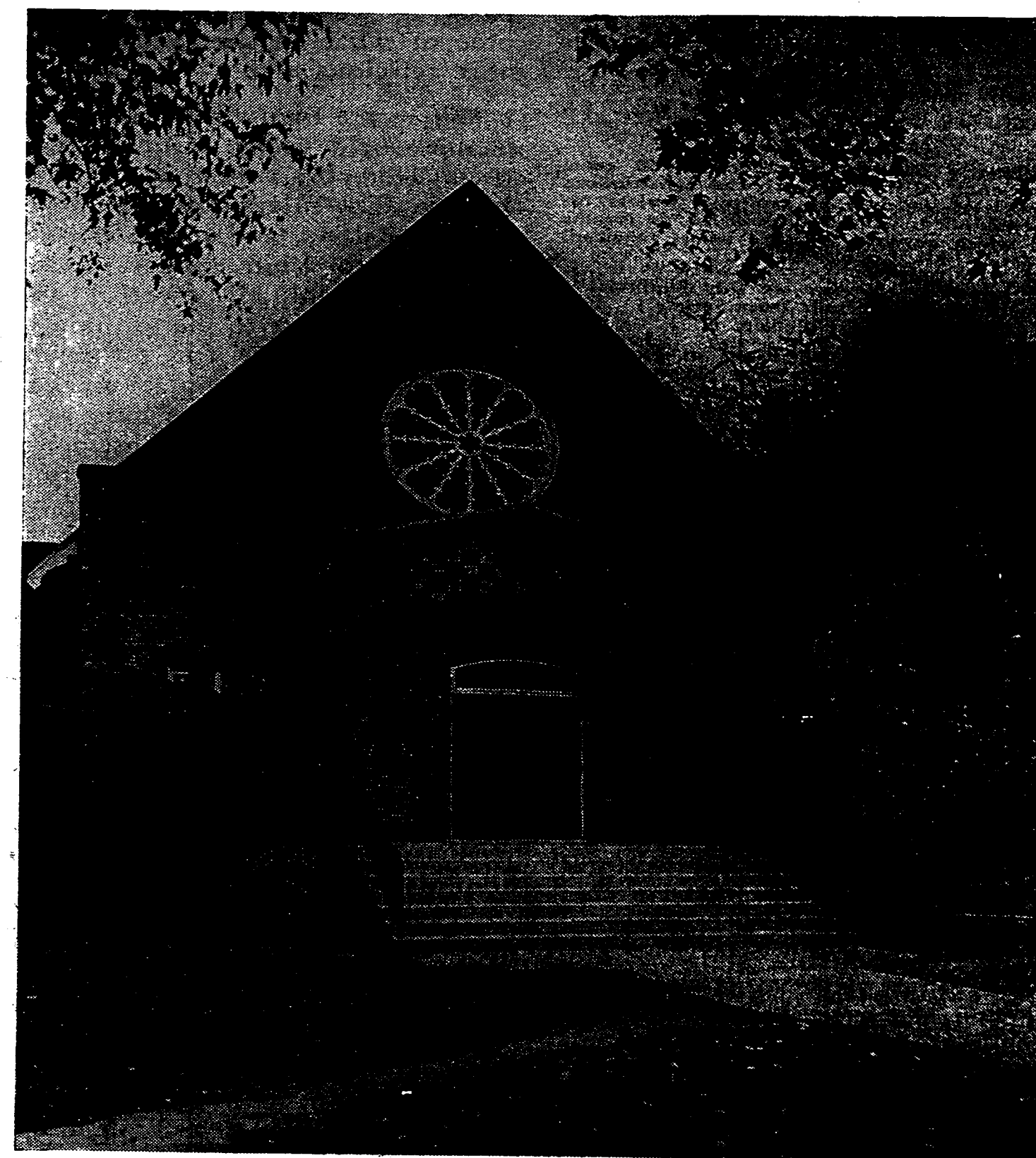
**Coon.** — Floyd Stillman, son of DeElbert C. and DeEtte Coon, was born at Farina, Ill., Sept. 5, 1877, and died Dec. 5, 1957, at the Jefferson County Hospital, Winchester, Kan.

On December 23, 1902, Mr. Coon married Etta Oursler of Nortonville, Kan., who survives him. He joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at an early age and remained a faithful member all his life. The past five years he has unselfishly and devotedly served as caretaker of the church.

Surviving are two children: Esther Jane Bruns of Redlands, and Loren D. Coon of La Mirada, Calif.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Charley, of Nortonville.

Farewell services were held on December 7 at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. C. B. Dennison, a lifelong friend, officiating. — Mrs. Charles Wheeler.

Men of heart is what the world needs to sympathize with its woe, to kiss away its sorrows, to compassionate its misery, and to alleviate its pain. — E. M. Bounds.



The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Michigan, is the midyear meeting place of the denominational Planning Committee, the Commission of General Conference, and the Co-ordinating Council, December 27 - January 2.