

**OUR WORLD MISSION**  
Statement of Denominational Treasurer, July 31, 1957

|                                  |                   | Receipts                  |                                |                   |                           |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| July                             | Budget<br>10 mos. | Non-<br>Budget<br>10 mos. | July                           | Budget<br>10 mos. | Non-<br>Budget<br>10 mos. |
| Balance July 1 .....             | \$ 60.56          |                           | Los Angeles .....              | 146.00            | 1,282.33                  |
| Adams Center .....               | 104.05            | 863.33                    | Los Angeles,<br>Christ's ..... |                   | 100.00                    |
| Albion .....                     | 117.86            | 522.60                    | Lost Creek .....               |                   | 880.00                    |
| Alfred, 1st .....                | 244.12            | 3,832.81                  | Marlboro .....                 | 667.06            | 2,697.42                  |
| Alfred, 2nd .....                |                   | 1,044.14                  | Middle Island .....            | 22.00             | 187.00                    |
| Associations<br>and groups ..... | 41.28             | 2,588.33                  | Milton .....                   | 569.21            | 5,312.44                  |
| Battle Creek .....               | 573.67            | 4,856.69                  | Milton Junction .....          | 101.10            | 1,496.95                  |
| Bay Area .....                   |                   | 55.12                     | New Auburn .....               |                   | 64.09                     |
| Berlin .....                     |                   | 489.72                    | New Orleans .....              | 28.75             | 28.75                     |
| Boulder .....                    | 48.35             | 486.45                    | North Loup .....               |                   | 380.18                    |
| Brookfield, 1st .....            | 45.00             | 292.74                    | Nortonville .....              | 130.32            | 711.62                    |
| Brookfield, 2nd .....            | 215.43            | 345.03                    | Paint Rock .....               |                   | 137.00                    |
| Buffalo .....                    | 84.00             | 229.00                    | Pawcatuck .....                |                   | 3,550.43                  |
| Chicago .....                    | 472.62            | 1,529.62                  | Plainfield .....               | 237.37            | 4,046.74                  |
| Daytona Beach .....              |                   | 511.29                    | Putnam County .....            |                   | 105.00                    |
| Denver .....                     |                   | 454.39                    | Richburg .....                 | 73.00             | 519.80                    |
| De Ruyter .....                  | 71.77             | 678.77                    | Ritchie .....                  | 40.00             | 197.00                    |
| Dodge Center .....               | 182.97            | 685.42                    | Riverside .....                |                   | 2,154.35                  |
| Edinburg .....                   | 15.00             | 311.10                    | Roanoke .....                  | 12.00             | 237.00                    |
| Farina .....                     |                   | 370.00                    | Rockville .....                | 20.55             | 202.01                    |
| Fouke .....                      | 81.87             | 221.97                    | Salem .....                    |                   | 906.76                    |
| Friendship .....                 | 28.00             | 247.50                    | Salemville .....               |                   | 78.97                     |
| Hammond .....                    | 28.65             | 108.65                    | Schenectady .....              | 15.00             | 202.89                    |
| Hebron, 1st .....                |                   | 258.57                    | Shiloh .....                   | 358.65            | 3,985.75                  |
| Hopkinton, 1st .....             | 123.25            | 1,328.90                  | Stonefort .....                |                   | 75.85                     |
| Hopkinton, 2nd .....             | 30.00             | 111.00                    | Syracuse .....                 |                   | 50.00                     |
| Independence .....               | 44.00             | 901.00                    | Texarkana .....                | 5.00              | 24.16                     |
| Individuals .....                | 22.50             | 2,768.50                  | Twin Cities .....              | 38.43             | 78.75                     |
| Irvington .....                  | 250.00            | 650.00                    | Verona .....                   | 162.75            | 1,443.14                  |
| Jackson Center .....             |                   | 40.00                     | Walworth .....                 | 56.20             | 182.20                    |
| Kansas City .....                | 35.00             | 285.00                    | Washington .....               | 40.00             | 344.05                    |
| Little Genesee .....             |                   | 486.22                    | Waterford .....                | 90.84             | 644.16                    |
| Little Rock .....                |                   | 12.00                     | White Cloud .....              | 135.63            | 469.11                    |
|                                  |                   |                           |                                | \$5,869.81        | \$60,342.46               |
|                                  |                   |                           |                                |                   | \$1,038.05                |

| Disbursements                    |  |                         |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
|                                  | Budget<br>(Designated &<br>Undesignated) | Non-<br>Budget<br>Gifts |
| Missionary Society .....         | \$2,436.21                               | \$ 54.02                |
| Tract Society .....              | 351.90                                   |                         |
| Bd. of Christian Education ..... | 606.90                                   |                         |
| Women's Society .....            | 87.10                                    |                         |
| Historical Society .....         | 127.50                                   |                         |
| Ministerial Retirement .....     | 737.18                                   |                         |
| Ministerial Training .....       | 607.90                                   |                         |
| S. D. B. Building .....          | 51.00                                    |                         |
| General Conference .....         | 657.90                                   |                         |
| World Fellowship & Service ..... | 49.30                                    |                         |
| Salem College .....              |  | 10.00                   |
| Oneida Valley Nat. Bank .....    | .65                                      |                         |
|                                  | \$5,713.29                               | \$ 64.02                |
| Balance, July 1 .....            | 90.75                                    |                         |

| Comparative Figures   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Current annual budget .....   | \$95,469.50 |
| Treas.' budget receipts in 10 mo. ....  | 60,342.46   |
| Boards' budget receipts* .....  | 5,759.98    |
| Approx. 10 mo. budget total .....   | \$66,102.44 |
| Amount required next 2 months .....   | \$29,367.06 |
| Ave. monthly requirement next 2 mo. ....  | 14,683.53   |
| Budget receipts in July .....   | 5,745.23    |
| Percent of budget elapsed .....   | 83.33       |
| Per cent of budget raised to date ....  | 69.35       |
| Approx. budget shortage to date .....   | \$15,914.77 |
| * This is an approximate amount of budget gifts received directly by our boards, according to the latest figures reported from the board treasurers to the executive secretary. |             |
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## Tunnel Travel

Most of the time we are proud of the achievements of man in conquering the obstacles of nature. Usually when we glide smoothly through man-made mountain caves or the glorified, glistening muskrat burrows under our great rivers and bays we almost wonder if there could be anything, anyone, greater than man. It is but a fleeting thought for all his greatest accomplishments are strictly in accord with the natural laws of God. We are brought up short when we realize how much better we have done in interpreting and conforming to God's natural laws than to His moral laws.

New York is a city of tunnels, tubes, trenches, and trestles, designed to expedite transportation. Ordinarily those who enter and leave the city give little thought to diving under the Hudson or making like a groundhog at the gaping entrance to the subway. We thrilled a little as we steered into the third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel on the day it was opened. There is another experience with the Holland Tunnel which is fresh in our minds. On both occasions we were thinking about God, for we were taking friends to hear a great evangelist.

One lane of the Holland Tunnel was blocked; it happened to be our lane. Half a mile ahead of us a car had stalled on the upgrade. Our windows were open as the other lane of traffic "zoomed" by us. In it were many, many trucks turning on the extra power to maintain speed. The roar was terrific. On an open highway we are not so conscious of America's 10,750,000 trucks, but down under the river we felt very small and insignificant as the great hulks crowded past us with their all-enveloping aura of overpowering sound. The words of the Psalmist David came to mind, "When I consider thy heavens. . . . What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

Not long ago the news headlines featured a breakdown in the Hudson Tubes, a subway railroad tunnel handling commuter traffic between Jersey City and New York. Someone had thrown an "innocent?" little beer can onto the tracks shorting the third rail and stalling the train. Commuters had to walk the tracks for a mile and a half under the river. How many of them had deeper thoughts

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than those which concerned their daily time schedule we do not know. Big things are little in the sight of God and some things we call little are large in the values He places upon them.

Some months ago we stood on a subway platform at one of the small stations where there was but a single-track tube. The approaching train all but filled the tube like the plunger of an elderberry popgun which the farm boys of a previous generation used to make. Long before the blunt-nosed monster came into view there was a great rush of air which was thrust along ahead of it. It was a new experience, thrilling the writer with the wonder and expectancy of the moment.

Elijah stood before his cave on Horeb where he had spent forty days and nights. There he heard and felt the rock-splitting wind in which he expected to see the Lord. But the wind preceded the coming of the Lord, whose coming was as a still small voice. Before the coming of Christ there were great prophetic winds that blew but when Christ came He spoke gently to the hearts of men. The Holy Spirit, in the meaning of the word and in some of His manifestations to the disciples, came in terms of rushing wind but He Himself in most cases operates within the heart of man without great spectacular outward display.

We travel man-made tunnels but our thoughts turn to the triune God. All that is human we must view in the light of the divine. What is man? In the natural sense he is insignificant but God has counted him important and has done great things for him. Through Christ, God touched earthly clay and gave it eternal destiny.

The way to cut government spending, according to Ernest G. Swigert, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, "is to take the checkbook away from the spendthrifts."

The way to provide the needed funds for Our World Mission, we might add, is to take the coin purse away from our penurious church-goers and persuade them to use the checkbook.

## MEMORY TEXT

You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Ezekiel 34: 31.

## Catholic Bible Claims

The Knights of Columbus in a 24-page propaganda pamphlet, "The Bible Is a Catholic Book," make some interesting and some unacceptable statements about the Bible (by which they mean the Douay Version). On page 4 we read, "If you can accept the Bible or any part of it as the Inspired Word of God, you can do so only because the Catholic Church says it is." The claim is made on page 6 that "the Catholic Church and the Catholic Faith existed before the Catholic Bible or any other Bible." This identification of the present Roman Catholic Church with the church of the first century cannot be accepted by unbiased historians.

"The only certain source of correct interpretation is the Catholic Church, which Christ Himself created and commissioned to teach His Word to all nations — without error — for all time" (page 10). This claim is enlarged upon in the last three pages under a heading, "Is the Bible Easy to Understand?" Having previously pointed out that Catholics are allowed to read the Bible and ought to believe the Bible, the author goes on to try to prove that the Church has as much authority as (or more than) the Bible. Thus: "It is plain that Christ could never have intended to make the Bible as a whole, and the New Testament in particular, the final and only authority for the truths of the Christian faith" (page 20).

Yes, Catholics may read the Bible and believe it, concludes the Knights of Columbus writer, but attempting to interpret it for himself may bring ruin to his soul. He claims: "This is what we have in the Catholic Church — an authority to decide finally and forever all questions concerning the correct meaning, the exact force and value of the Bible." With such warnings about private interpretations, it is no wonder that the Catholic laity, in general, leave the Bible alone and just listen to what the priest says at the Mass.

## President's Column

### One in Christ — Forward in Growth

The Conference theme which I would bring to you has been implied in nearly every theme which has been presented to us. It expresses a need which I have felt for some years and which I believe is shared by many. It has been voiced continually in one way or another during these Conference meetings. It was brought to us by Mrs. Margaret Mosher when she challenged us that before we are anything else, we are a child of God. This recognition must come first if our relationship to God is vital to our lives. We are a child of God drawn unto Him by His love.

Again it was presented to us by Duane Davis as he challenged us to grow up with a positive faith. A positive faith is also an understanding faith — understanding others.

Loyal Hurley told us that we need an evangelistic fervor. We need more than an argument about the Sabbath. Our faith must be vital if we are to grow. We have been challenged that we do not love Christ enough to support His work.

George Parrish challenged the ministers to forget their theological wrangling in leading their people to Christ; that they be endued with the spirit of love.

There is a need for growth. This need is not primarily for church growth or denominational growth. We see our churches getting weaker — a combining of pastorates that a pastor may be more adequately supported; not enough ministers to fill our pulpits; not enough stewardship to support them in the work of Christ; a declining membership from year to year. And yet I maintain that our need is not primarily for church growth or for denominational growth. Perhaps that is one of our difficulties — we think too much in terms of organizational growth when what we need, first of all, is personal growth. We need to live the joy of Christian redemption and the growth of the spirit within our lives. We need to feel the joy of sharing that glorious message of salvation through Christ. If we will keep Christ central in our lives, we

will grow, and as we grow spiritually the witness of Christ will grow through Seventh Day Baptists. We should not be so concerned that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination grows, but that the witness of Christ may be spread and that the truth of God may be understood and shared with others. If the truths which we hold as Seventh Day Baptists are valid then others will find them valid for their lives, also.

For growth there must be unity — not a complete unity of expression, but a centrality of faith. Remember, Christ prayed in His high-priestly prayer: "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" (John 17: 23). God in Christ and Christ in His followers that they may be made perfect in one and that the world may know the love of God: this is the need.

And yet, how quickly man loses sight of this need of God and Christ in him. How oft some thought, some person, some cause obscures the centrality of Christ in the Christian religion. And whenever this happens it loses its effectiveness.

It happened early in the Christian Church. It was the burden upon Paul's heart as he wrote to the Corinthian Christians. It was reported to him that there were contentions in Corinth. He says that some say: "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ." He challenges them with the thought: "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" It tore his heart to hear these divisions for he recognized that each one labors in a different way, each one expresses the truth differently — that the approach may be different — but there must be unity in Christ. For Christ is central. Christ is the Son of God. Christ was crucified for mankind and his redemption.

And in writing to these people Paul again affirms: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3: 11).

This is one of the strengths of our denomination: that each one of us may take the Bible, and studying it, determine

the truth which is vital and important and apply it to his life. The weakness that we know is not from this; but rather arises from our jealousies, our judgments of others who do not express their beliefs as we do. Yet if we believe in the priesthood of all believers and cherish the freedom of Scripture study and interpretation for ourselves, we must grant this freedom to others, also, or lose our honesty and integrity. Our failure to grant this to others is a weakness which is ours. It divides the work which we could be doing for Christ.

I have felt in the past few years a growing unity among us. That in the Planning Committee and the Co-ordinating Council and the treasurers' meetings there has been a meeting of the various facets of the work of Christ's Kingdom, and as there has been a sharing of vision and planning there has been growing up a greater feeling of fellowship and unity, a working together for God. It is good to have this feeling.

We do not all have that concept; perhaps it is hard to have it clearly for our vision is dimmed by various things. Even where our denominational agencies have a growing feeling of oneness, not all of us as individuals do. Another underlying factor to our lack of growth is that one of us may say, "I do not like this phase of work; therefore I will not support a united work." While another picks out something else that he does not like. Therefore they will not push a united work of the whole denomination. This makes it difficult to grow for where one is ready to put his shoulder to the wheel another pulls back and progress is delayed.

So the first part of the theme which I would hold before you is "One in Christ." Let us remember that it is in Christ that we have the promise of God — that it is in Him and through Him that we have forgiveness of our sins. Let us remember that Christ is our Savior and that it is in this fact that we have the joyous message of salvation.

So let us follow Christ. Let us do His work. Let us seek His truth. We will not always arrive at the same answers — one will see one phase of truth and someone

else will see another. But let's keep before our eyes the truth that Christ is the Son of God; that He is our Savior; that we are brought into the relationship of sonship to God through His sacrifice; and that He has promised that we shall be with Him in His glory.

Let us each teach, but teach in love without bitterness or jealousy — openly seeking the truth of God. Not as having achieved — either in all knowledge or in the accomplishment of life — but that we are in the process of achieving.

Let us press forward in growth — in the sharing of our faith. Let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and let us plant the law of love for our fellow man within our hearts, producing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5: 22-23).

So our theme will be "One in Christ — Forward in Growth." Remembering that "... we are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3: 9b).

This carries with it the thought of the Great Commission to take the Gospel into all the world, along with the inner and outward growth of the commission in Acts 1: 9b — that we start at home and reach out in ever-widening circles.

I would urge a greater knowledge of the Bible on the part of every member through daily Bible reading and study. Instead of a specific book to study I will suggest passages which point to oneness and unity — passages which challenge to a sharing of our faith.

Let us not allow individual differences and interpretations or the responsibilities of our individual portion of the Kingdom's work to get in the way of the total growth of God's Kingdom. As individuals, let us seek not authority, but understanding, not sitting in judgment upon others, but sharing the glorious message of salvation through Jesus Christ through humility in service.

One in Christ — Forward in Growth.  
"We are laborers together with God."

### Evangelistic Team Has Rich Experiences

The evangelistic quartet employed by the Missionary Board under the direction of Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, Field Evangelist, had rich experiences during their summer work. They were given opportunity on the Conference program to tell of these experiences for the benefit of all, and to encourage other young people to give their time in a similar service at a future date. The following paragraphs present part of what these young people said on the Conference program and the statement made by the Field Evangelist at the close of that home missions program.



Wendell Thorngate, Battle Creek; Carol Harris, Shiloh; Helen Ruth Green, Milton; Peter Van Horn, Milton.

I would like to say it was surely a privilege to be in this quartet even though when it all started I wasn't in it. We practiced here in Milton for nearly a week with Prof. Stringer and Doctor Hurley. We got the feel of being together and singing together. When we started, it certainly wasn't like it is now. We didn't sound the same. We had devotions after our practices and our prayer together helped very much our feeling of being together.

I was happy to be with them this summer and one of the finest experiences I found was praying. In Dodge Center, after the meetings, we had prayer meetings in which all from the congregation, who

wished to do so, joined. Our praying and meditation together was a wonderful experience to me. I had always been independent before and I never thought I could use help from anybody else. I found this summer that I do need help and I am sure that all of us do. I found through prayer that I can get that help. Pastor Don Sanford invited us to come to New Auburn the last weekend and we sang in the new church. — Peter Van Horn.

None of us were ready this summer, none of us prepared to do the things that could be done, but through the summer we got better prepared. I want you to know that I think this is one of the best opportunities the denomination has to offer young people, not just as a service but as a training experience for them, and a way for them to grow spiritually. One of my main impressions was that people are very needy. They have problems. I know, more than ever before, that God has the power to meet the needs of people. We who know Christ have the greatest thing to offer to other people that there is in the world. I am grateful. I want to praise God for teaching me this lesson that Jesus Christ is the answer to all human needs. — Helen Ruth Green.

I, too, would like to give my personal testimony. My summer I assure you has been most profitable and satisfying. There is no other way that I would have liked to spend my summer than working for Jesus Christ and to witness for Him. In doing this, we as a quartet needed spiritual guidance. We were able to have this help with Dr. Hurley having a Bible study and prayer for the team for at least one hour each day. This type of work with the Bible study and prayer has been an inspiration to me. I have felt that I have increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and with man. My personal satisfaction of this past summer is this: I have grown into Christ and I know I know Him. I am sure I have His love in my heart. It is my sincere desire if it be God's will to use me in His work, that I will not fail to hear that call. If there is anything I want more than to love God,

it is to spread His love to all those who wish to know Him and love Him. — Wendell Thorngate.

Visitation was one of the greatest experiences for me. Peter has fairly well covered the feeling that we all had. I would simply like to say that first of all, in giving an impression, we were asked by Dr. Hurley to speak three or four sentences. I thought to myself how difficult it is to summarize a thesis in three or four sentences. I don't know whether any of you have tried that or not but it is quite difficult. These past two months have been a very, very great privilege. I do thank God for the privilege of working for Him and I want to thank you for the privilege of working for you. I thank Dr. and Mrs. Hurley, newly adopted mother and dad, for the privilege of working with them. — Carol Harris.

### The Challenge of the Task

I have been asked to speak on the challenge of the task and it is tremendous. There is a growing challenge of a foreign field and a shrinking home base. Just listen to Beth and Joan describe Nyasaland and then listen to our executive secretary tell us there are 137 less Seventh Day Baptists at home. A year ago we voted to send the Delmer Van Horns to British Guiana. This year maybe not. We voted to put Nigeria on a three-year probation. Recent suggestion is that we should reconsider and the budget is not raised. What is the challenge of the task? Well it is a challenge to inspire churches, laymen, and pastors to grow through their own efforts at home.

There is another challenge that a lot of you do not recognize — to seek to change a very wide-spread attitude regarding the Sabbath. E. Stanley Jones says something like this, "Whenever Christianity loses its evangelistic fervor it slips back into the Judaism from which it arose." We find too many Seventh Day Baptists who have only an argument about the Sabbath, no evangelistic fervor, no charity for another, no patience and love, no respect for another conscience, no

Christ-like spirit — only literalism and legalism. Not all of us, thank God, but too many have only an argument about the Sabbath. That is repelling not winning. It is Judaism not Christianity.

There is another challenge — to seek to deepen Christian experience until it touches our purses. There are too many of us who have never glimpsed the meaning of stewardship. If all of us had glimpsed it, we would raise our budget. There are many who may be adding to their own financial holdings, building up their own property, but they do not support the church and Our World Mission. Some of these are very expert in repeating the proper phrases or insistent in their dictation as to how others should live and serve, but they do not love Christ enough to support His work.

These are just a few of the challenges. Why do we keep on? The work is hard and often discouraging. At least in some places the discouragement is so great that we would quit if it were not for the fact that we find real gains in some of the work. We have seen the preaching of the Gospel win people to Christ and have their lives changed. We have seen Christian counseling straighten out discouraged and disrupted lives. We have seen the beginning of real results in some of our churches. Ernest Bond at Lost Creek said the program we started last fall is beginning to pay off. We are getting the people into our churches and our Gospel team has told you some of the results in their own lives and in other lives. This thing works. The program is good. — Evangelist Loyal F. Hurley.

From Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, comes a letter from the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Oglesby, independent Pentecostal Sabbathkeeping missionaries, well known in the Plainfield, N. J., Church. They describe some of their experiences in Sabbathkeeping. Some doors are closed that were open to them when they kept Sunday; others are opening.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together" (Acts 4: 31).

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

### Log of the Trip North

By Dr. Victor H. Burdick

We left Makapwa at 8:15 a.m., June 7.

**The Travelers:** Witness Mankanamba, pastor of our largest church — Bali Hill; Chitekwe Lozani, pastor of Molele Church, near Malamulo; Watson Chiweya, preacher near Zomba, capital; Solomon Kondaya, our cook; David Pearson and I.

**The Car:** British Land Rover — a pick-up truck with canvas roof and sides in back. Style — crude and square; steel plates, rivets, and hinges show like a Brink's armored car. Engine — four cylinders, 52 horsepower; low and high range of gears, four forward speeds in each range; four-wheel drive. (The old mission car's lowest gear was three people pushing.)

**The Roads:** Nyasaland has about two hundred miles of single-lane tarred roads; the rest are dirt. Some are fair, others are bad. All are dusty. Motor traffic is light. Sometimes a bus or transport truck, sometimes a government car, will pass in a cloud of dust. Only one car overtook us on the whole trip. Slower traffic — by foot and cycle — is heavy. Cycling, the man does all the work. The woman rides side-saddle on the carrier with baby on her back and basket on her lap. A boy may ride on the bar. Walking, the woman does all the work. The man leads the way; the woman carries baby, firewood, food, and pans. Perhaps this family is taking a sick child to the hospital. Those women carry firewood to their village. That man returns from taking his son to a mission school. These boys are riding to Zomba to find work. Clothing is varied: drab and ragged — khaki, black, washed-out blue; a shirt may lack sixty per cent; bright and stylish — a scarlet shirt, a yellow head cloth, a royal blue dress, a purple drape, a tie with Van Gogh painting or a Miami beach scene.

**Moonlight through the Msassa:** June 7, evening, Manjanja village — our first night in the bush. A full moon gave much light, but no heat. Our people there had made us a msassa, or grass house. After an evening service, Dave and I went to

bed. The Africans sat up singing hymns till the fire died. Our "beds" were Makapwa-made — wood frames strung with rope and set on four pipe legs. We covered them with cardboard and split reed mats; two folded blankets below, two above. Moonlight streamed through the thin grass roof. "You know, Dave, that's the same moon that shines at Waterford." Cold air streamed between the blankets.

**Clinic:** June 8, Sabbath, morning and after services. A talk at 5 p.m. on Christ healing the man born blind, followed by clinic. An endless line moved in and out of the msassa door as we dispensed by lamplight — a few simple medicines for minor complaints, bits of good advice for major complaints and minute discomforts. At 9 o'clock, when complaints seemed less than curiosity, we closed the black bag and the msassa door, and went to bed. We slept better.

**Whiffle Ball:** June 9. "Frivolous!" Bettie had scoffed when we took whiffle ball and bat. "You're supposed to be going to preach the Gospel." At rest stops, we batted the ball a bit. In one small town, we played something resembling softball — two three-men teams, bases of tin, stone, and cardboard. A new thing for the African brothers. In the heat of the game a runner on second dashed off into right field for a ground-ball. Later, a runner sprinted toward the left field bleachers to avoid a tag-out. Soon we had a crowd of amazed Africans watching this strange thing. At the bottom of the 4th, we quit. Someone said, "Let's have a street-meeting. Watson, you preach." A few Christians were in the crowd. We gave tracts to others — Zintu Zinai (Four Things God Wants You to Know). We packed the whiffle bat and ball with care, and drove on.

**Native Authority:** June 10, Kasungu Rest House. Our pastors hiked off before dawn to find an Adventist School and Mission. At one village, the people said, "It's over there." Over there, they said, "It's over yonder." Over yonder, they said, "It's back there." They never did find it. After breakfast and packing, we drove out to find them. In our searchings we entered the "place" of an African super-

Chief — a native authority in the British Colonial Government. Among several modern, well-kept buildings we found the Chief's office. He invited us in. We sat on benches. He sat at his desk piled high with letters. We were impressed to find a Chief so progressive. He wore business suit, white shirt, tie, and shoes. His English was perfect. "I've been at Oxford a bit," he explained. While he talked about his trips to England we looked around the room. On one wall, we found the picture of the Queen; along two walls, benches for visitors; in one corner, a filing cabinet; in another, three old muskets and an eight-foot ivory. He asked about our work. We stated our problem. "Oh, I see, you're Seventh Day Adventists, looking for your school at Jolo!" He rang a bell. A messenger stepped in briskly and snapped a smart salute, "Yes, Master?"

"Show these men to Jolo village."

We met our pastors on the road.

**In the Shadow of SDA:** June 11. We drove from Mombera to Luwazi — a half-day trip. These are both Adventist Missions now, but were strong SDB areas. We have small churches near each, but in the shadows. The members have a number of poor reasons for staying with us, but none know the difference in teaching. These are weak groups.

**Potatoes in the Bonnet:** June 12. We were all packed, ready to leave Luwazi. Our people brought us more eggs, rice, and little potatoes. To save time, we put the eggs and rice under the front seat, potatoes in the "bonnet" — spare wheel bolted flat on the hood. At one place a Britisher noted this with an expression such as he might have used had he caught us putting marbles in the Queen's crown. One rugged roller-coaster road proved too much. We topped the second rise with a bounce that spilled eight.

**A Quarter of Goat:** June 14, Lusimbo, center of our work in the North. We arrived last night and here we received our warmest welcome. The three pastors of the area were all present. The people had waited for us for a long time after dark. We had a late meeting. This morning the people killed a goat for us; gave us one whole leg and half a liver. Solomon

watched the pot all morning and served us up a lunch of goat, rice, and peas. Goat and potatoes for supper; goat and poached eggs for breakfast tomorrow; goat and cheese tomorrow noon; goat soup tomorrow night.

"Ye also ought to wash one another's feet": June 17. Yesterday we hiked seven miles into the hills to Uzumara. My turn to preach. John 13 — Christ washing His disciples' feet. Today we hiked another sixteen miles to our church at Chisenga on Lake Nyasa. The last few miles of path drop off sharply down a mountain to the lake. Our tender feet blistered and our weak ankles wobbled by the end of that little jaunt. At the lake, my shoes, socks, and shirt came off, my pants legs up, and I soothed my aching feet in cold water. When I came out to sit down to rest, one brother was picking the weed seeds from my sweater, another from my socks; one was cutting sugar cane for me to chew on. After two meetings with our people, we held clinic for twenty or so. Lots of arthritis and myositis, from heavy loads and much walking. I advised fomentations often. After clinic, Pastor Shadrack offered to foment my feet. That sure felt good. I was glad I'd preached on John 13.

**Sears-Roebuck Catalog:** June 18. The hike from the lake was slow. Dave and I took four hours to climb the first few miles. We reached Uzumara again late in the day. The fresh oranges tasted good. Some of the men, in their tattered clothing, gathered around us. They brought out a recent Sears-Roebuck catalog and laid it on the ground near the hut. They asked us the prices of things in pounds, shillings. One man asked us to find the socks section and show him some cheap socks. One man asked about cowboy and base-ball suits. Another wanted to buy a TV set. All were amazed at the wedding ring set that cost \$2000. American gadgets and dress make dreams enough for the whole world. I don't know how they got a Sears-Roebuck catalog.

**Sermons to Spare:** June 22, Sabbath. Nthinde, last stop. Sabbath School. Church-sermon on the true vine; sermon on the man who built on the rock; ser-

mon on the Ten Commandments; African fable to illustrate redemption; song and words to urge people to come to the Ark of Life.

We arrived at Makapwa at 8:15 p.m., June 22.

**Some Statistics:** Days gone, 15; miles driven, 1400; churches visited, 11; membership, 9 to 90; meetings, 26; clinics, 6; plus a few extra people treated here and there; six of us went; five more joined us for the return trip.

### Encourage Sabbath Recorder To Publish Special Issues

The Milton Conference, among other things, adopted the plan advanced by the Tract Board at its June meeting to publish special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* on a quarterly basis. This was presented on the floor of Conference by the Committee on Publishing Interests. The committee also suggested that the special committee of the Tract Board be continued another year to evaluate the special issues.

Following is the Tract Board action which was approved, as mentioned above:

A. That the board plan, with Conference approval, four quarterly issues of a magazine of a type intended to assist in winning souls to Christ and to full commitment, including the Sabbath.

B. That it recommend to Conference:

1. That the Tract Society be authorized to pay the additional editorial, secretarial, and mechanical costs of such issues by the adjustment of such other items in its budget as may be reduced with least harm to the work of the board.

2. That the board be authorized to include these special issues as regular issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* at its discretion.

3. That the churches be canvassed for pre-publication orders for copies of these quarterly issues at bulk rates to be established by the board.

4. That the first quarterly issue be published as soon after Feb. 1, 1958,

as practicable, and that the first issues be evaluated by Conference in 1958.

C. That in planning for the quarterly magazine the board provide for a careful review and study of its previous experience with special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

D. That the board announce that it stands ready to continue its study of the various recommendations from our people for our denominational publications.

Also voted at the recommendation of the Conference committee was a suggestion to the Tract Society "that serious consideration be given to using a special editor or editors for the special issues of the Recorder."

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### Report of the Pre-Con Director

We did it! By the grace of God an all-time high in attendance at Pre-Con was set this year with 101 Retreaters participating. The Milton Church led all others, having 21 present. Next in line was Los Angeles with 7 campers. Lost Creek and Denver followed with 5 each; Battle Creek, Berlin, Boulder, North Loup, Verona, and Second Alfred each had 4. Six churches had 3, six churches had 2, and seven churches had one representative. Twenty-eight churches were not represented — we're sorry. We hope that plans will be put into operation right away for each church to have at least one representative at Pacific Pines in California next August.

There were 17 leaders and 3 regulars on the cooking staff. Many local ladies of our Seventh Day Baptist churches gave a hand in the kitchen on selected days. The co-operation of staff members was thoroughly Christian.

Much credit goes to the leaders and the many others who helped in various ways. Hours and hours were spent in preparation by at least 30 persons. We are especially grateful to Rev. John F. Randolph, the efficient business manager; Mrs. Geraldine Kenyon, head cook; and Rev. Kenneth E. Smith, the Retreat dean, who selected study leaders and taught a class.

Commendations for work well done go to Mrs. Maleta Curtis, worship leader; Pastor J. Paul Green, chairman of the Youth Work Committee and recreation leader; Rev. Don A. Sanford, Rev. Edgar Wheeler, Mrs. Gladys Vincent, and Mrs. Venita Zinn, all of whom led the workshops; Dr. Loyal F. Hurley, Bible study leader; Denison Barber, waterfront director; Miss Emelyn Burdick, campfire and recreation leader; Kenneth A. Babcock, music director; Dr. Dale Curtis, Retreat physician and counselor; Mrs. Thelma Wright and Miss Barbara Kenyon, cook assistants; Mrs. Denise Green, Miss Helen Green, and Miss Carol Harris, counselors.

We also make mention of the ceaseless effort of the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education which met ten times during the past year spending a major portion of each meeting laying plans and following developments of the preparation for Pre-Con, 1957, and the youth activities at Conference.

The usual heartaches went into the preparation and operation of the program, but the fellowship, the number of consecrations, the general interest in study, the intense worship — these point to a realized hope that all the effort was of great worth.

The treasurer's report has been held up due to final settlement with the camp officials.

The offering that was made during the worship service on Sabbath afternoon amounted to \$38.15. It will be used by the Youth Work Committee for 1957-58 activities.

The marvelous accommodations at Indian Trails were generously supplied by the Camp Committee of the Indian Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, Janesville, Wis. Their wholehearted co-operation is deeply appreciated.

### Corporate Meeting of Tract Society

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, September 15, 1957, the annual meeting of the corporation of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J.

### COMMISSION REPORT

(Continued)

Commission met as a part of the Coordinating Council and, as always, found it helpful to discuss problems in this larger body. The council adopted the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that, in the interest of developing leadership, initiative, and creating interest in all phases of our Christian endeavors, we suggest that the churches, associations, boards, and agencies give thought to the possibility of limiting the length of time a person serves in any elected office, with proper steps being taken to have persons ready to take their place.

The council discussed in detail various phases of Our World Mission program and will present, at the request of the Conference president, a panel discussion on "A Program for Extension and Growth."

Reports from meetings of the Planning Committee have been considered and at a suggestion coming from this committee Commission decided to approve the establishment of the office of press relations, using the address of our denominational building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. Appropriate stationery will be prepared to be used by persons sought out by the executive secretary and located in various areas, looking toward nation-wide press coverage.

The Commission members in a personal way and in behalf of General Conference would express their sincere thanks to Albyn Mackintosh who has served our denomination as a member of Commission for the past four years and as a most capable chairman of this body for the past three years.

### Recommendations of the Commission

1. We recommend to General Conference:

a. That our colleges be commended for the increased emphasis in the field of Christian education and for their influence in molding Christ-like character as talents are developed in their students.

b. That knowledge be taken of the dedicated staff, many of them Seventh Day

Baptists, who sacrifice much to carry on this work.

c. That our young people be urged to take training in these schools.

2. We recommend that General Conference commend the Tract Board for publishing without cost to General Conference the manual "A Program for Extension and Growth"; for giving to "Our World Mission" \$2,000 of unexpected surplus; and for their decision to turn over one half the profits of the publishing house to the general treasury of "Our World Mission" for the coming year.

3. We recommend that General Conference commend the Missionary Board for their decision to participate in our Ministerial Retirement Plan.

4. We commend the Associations for their increased activities: for the increase in the use of workshops; for more frequent Associational executive meetings; and for encouraging the exchange of young people in the camping program and in the organization of Associational youth fellowship programs. Several Associations have revised their constitutions and by-laws.

We recommend:

(a) That camping programs whenever possible be planned, set up, and executed on an Associational basis.

(b) That Associations use the manual, "A Program for Extension and Growth," and that their Home Missions program be emphasized so that individuals, groups, and fellowships be sought out and nurtured.

5. Upon suggestion of the Southeastern Association we recommend that each Association prepare a limited report of its outstanding activities for publication in the Year Book; the cost of the printing to be paid by each Association and the material to be edited by the executive secretary.

6. Commission believes it would be wise if the list of requirements for accreditation of our ministers by Conference included a provision for the accreditation of ministers who have proven themselves through years of service. Therefore we would recommend to General Con-

ference that section "h" be added to the list of requirements as set forth in the 1946 Year Book and revised in 1953. This section to read:

"h. That a church may apply for the accreditation of a pastor who has been ordained and has served one or more member churches of General Conference acceptably and continuously for a period of ten years." (See 1946 Year Book, p. 38, and the revision in the 1953 Year Book, p. 50.)

7. In response to the request of the 1956 Conference "to formulate a plan by which it may be determined how new denominational interests may be met, nurtured, and brought under supervision," we recommend:

(a) That we shall not use the words "recognition, accreditation, and approval" in relationship to churches outside of our General Conference.

(b) That visitation by representatives or members of other Seventh Day Baptist conferences or churches be encouraged, feeling that we have benefited greatly by such visits in the past and would encourage our representatives or members to make similar contacts whenever they are in the areas of other churches and conferences.

(c) That all official correspondence with those outside of established mission fields where we support workers should go through the office of the corresponding secretary. We would pledge ourselves to pray for others and would ask their prayers for us.

(d) We would recommend: that the listings of churches in the Year Book be limited to the following four sections:

- (1) Member churches of our General Conference
- (2) Fellowships
- (3) Seventh Day Baptist Conferences and churches outside of the General Conference in which we support workers
- (4) Other Seventh Day Baptist Conferences and churches from which we receive statistical reports.

(e) We recommend that all existing contacts outside of our General Conference be brought under this plan.

## Experiences as a Helper In a Great Crusade

By Harriet Saunders

Last May I thought that I would go to the Billy Graham Crusade a time or two and that would be that. I was curious and nothing more. I sat in the balcony that first night and was impressed with the dignity and the pageantry of it all. So I went back again a few nights later, and before I knew it I was caught up in it — was going straight from the hospital to the Garden every evening. I hadn't thought to count the number of times until asked about it. I have been there 47 evenings and will be able to go four more times when I get back from General Conference.

So many things about this crusade impress me: the people hurrying with their crusade hymnbooks toward the Garden at 5:30 to be among the first to go in when the doors open; the arguments with the policemen who try to keep some sort of order in the lines which form outside the doors; the terrible crush when the doors do open and the people almost stampede to reach their favorite seats; the friendliness of the ushers who hold seats for those of us who go often to the office to address or stuff envelopes before the service begins.

I watch the floor of the Garden fill within 20 minutes. I see the disappointment of those who seek "a seat up front"; the arguments with the ushers when told the section is full, "for surely I have come early enough this time."

I hear every evening the hum of pleasure and surprise that runs through the Garden when the lights go up at 7 o'clock. I note the annoyance of those who are attending for the first time because the talking and moving about do not subside when the choir begins its half hour of rehearsal preceding the service.

Most heartwarming is the cheerful smile of Cliff Barrows (choir director) when he opens the service with, "Aren't you glad you're here?" and announces the opening hymn, "Blessed Assurance."

I join in the enthusiastic response of the congregation when recognition of the many out-of-town delegations is called for.

Watching the flow of latecomers stream

into the top balcony and all the empty seats behind the choir is thrilling. Often Dr. Graham comes late to the platform because he has been outside speaking to those who could not get in for lack of room.

The conversations with counsellors who have the seat next to mine is part of it also. Some of them are teen-agers; one is a blind man. I see the service being translated into sign language for a group of deaf-mutes who come often to a special section saved for them. Many of this group join us in the cafeteria after the service to "talk it over." I catch the surprise of firstcomers when the finances of the crusade are so frankly discussed from the pulpit. (The average collection per person is 30¢. The Garden alone costs \$7,000 per day to rent!)

Out of the corner of our eye we watch the families of the crusade team who sit in boxes at one side. Often their children are present, squirming and whispering as children do everywhere.

It is an experience to be in charge when the call for volunteers is made for help with the stuffing and addressing of envelopes. So many respond and so many must be diplomatically turned away because there is no more room in the small office. Volunteers have stood around tables and sat on the floor because there weren't tables and chairs enough. Many come back during the day to help.

Nightly we anticipate the hush that prevails after the singing of, "How Great Thou Art."

Then comes the sermon, and finally the call to come forward.

There is a sameness about it all. Yet each night is different. Mrs. Graham and Billy's mother have spoken to us. Opera singers Jerome Hines and Ethel Waters have been guest soloists. Ethel is a regular member of the choir and causes considerable comment when pointed out to newcomers. Some evenings Billy Graham is full of stories and fun. Other evenings he doesn't crack a smile.

The people are very quiet while he preaches. You might expect some shouting and "hallelujah-ing" from such a congregation, but the ushers are quick to quell any demonstrations and very few

have broken out. The great dignity of the service is often mentioned in the cafeteria where many of us gather afterward. My cousin, the Reverend Abraham Akaka, writes from Hawaii, "We are pleased with Billy Graham's work and are praying for him. I have heard all kinds of evangelists and consider him the best in mass evangelism. He presses for commitment with a minimum of interference with the Holy Spirit. He is a truly dedicated soul."

Billy Graham says, "You are not here by accident, but by the will of God. . . ." And the people keep coming and coming. The closing hymn each night is "To God Be the Glory." What could be more fitting?

### Christian Churches Face Opposition

Speaking before the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Yale Divinity School on July 31, Rev. J. Russell Chandran, principal of the United Theological College of Bangalore, India, cited two main types of opposition to Christianity which are now widespread. The first type, illustrated by the Hindu resurgence in India, seeks to limit Christians to humanitarian services and bar propagation of the faith. The second kind of opposition, found in Communist countries, limits the Church to purely religious activities and denies "the freedom to work out the social and political implications of the Christian faith."

Even in the State of Kerala in India, where there is a Communist local government working under a democratic constitution, steps are being taken to nationalize social services, according to Mr. Chandran.

Thus the Christian Church faces some very real problems, especially in lands where there are both Communists and native religionists trying to cut from acceptable diet the two kinds of milk which missionaries are constrained to give — the "milk of the Word" and the "milk of human kindness." Ironically, one of the native religions has a "sacred cow."

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 14, 1957

Ezekiel: The Work of a Pastor

Lesson Scripture: Ezekiel 1: 1-3; 2: 1-5; 34: 11-16.

## Teen Talk

### Amazing Movie Camera



What would you like for your birthday? The chances are you would be more than satisfied if someone would give you a camera for taking home movies, especially if it could be one of these new 8 mm cameras that adjusts itself automatically for perfect pictures.

We can't tell you what it costs or how to persuade someone to buy it for you, but it is so amazing, so wonderful, we feel we must tell you about it. The boy shown here is using it to catch his father and mother. He is sure of a good picture without making any adjustments himself.

For the first time in history the light of the sun is harnessed to generate electric current and to use that current to adjust the lens and shutter opening of the camera in relation to the amount of light. It is another use of the photoelectric cell. All you have to do is to wind up the camera and aim it. Before you are ready to press the button the light has automatically adjusted the lens.

How could men make such a wonderful piece of equipment? I do not know.

I am reminded that you have had two pieces of equipment like that serving your needs since the day you were born. When God made Adam He gave him eyes with protective coverings and with the wonderful ability of narrowing or expanding for perfect vision no matter how much or how little light. Some of the lower animals and insects may have better eyes than we have for certain types of vision. None, however, have the ability to record and interpret the pictures as we can. God has given us the power to think, and to some He has given inventive genius by which they can make a camera that opens and closes the lens of its eye much like we have been doing all our lives.

Jesus said, "The light of the body is the eye." He warned that evil in our lives would shut out the true light and we would be walking in darkness. This new camera tells you instantly if there is not enough light for a good picture. Our Lord said in another place, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life" (John 8: 12).

I am sure you will not be too unhappy if you do not get one of these amazing new cameras for your birthday. I am more sure that if you follow Jesus His light within you will make you very happy.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

### Sabbath School Reports

The office of the Board of Christian Education is anxious that all reports telling of the statistics and activities of Sabbath School, Vacation Church School, Week-day School, and Youth Fellowships be returned by October 1. These reports appear in the denominational Year Book and need to be as complete as possible. They are also reported to the National Council of Churches Division of Christian Education.

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held in the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 P.M. All members of Seventh Day Baptist Churches who were in attendance at General Conference are eligible to vote in this meeting.

### 1958 Conference Officers

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### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — For the Riverside Church, July is a month of greater challenge to Christian leadership not only for those who dedicate themselves to the work at Pacific Pines Camp, but for those who fill the gaps left at home. We are happy to report that the twofold challenge was successfully met.

With Pastor Wheeler in charge at camp, our brothers, P. B. Hurley and Robert Henry, conducted the Sabbath worship service, July 6. It was a service of real blessing.

We were happy to welcome our pastor back into the pulpit the following Sabbath. He remained for the quarterly business meeting of the church in the evening at which camp construction problems were the chief concern. Camp again called him for the remainder of the month.

It was Nevah Hunt who was behind the scenes getting out the weekly church bulletin. More in evidence were those who led the services. Prayer meetings also went on.



# The Sabbath Recorder

Sabbath, July 20, was memorable. Mrs. Robert Henry called upon her reserves among the young people and together they conducted an inspiring church service. Leona Sloan presented the Scripture from 1 Corinthians 12. Prayer was offered by Marjorie Lewis and Mrs. Henry brought the children's message. Albert Withrow, Jr., favored us with a trombone solo, "Somebody Knows." Ellis and Marjorie Lewis shared the pulpit with telling sermonettes on "Love." Songs for congregational singing were selected that day from the Sabbath School Hymnal.

The closing sermon of the month was appropriately "God's Men" preached by William Rymer. He drew heavily from Hebrews eleven.

Heartening reports from camp reassure us that God's Word is not returning unto Him void but is accomplishing His good pleasure. We are also rejoicing in the prospect of soon hearing firsthand from Joan and Beth what God hath wrought in Nyasaland.

FRIENDSHIP, N. Y. — Our pulpit was filled on pastors' exchange Sabbath by J. Paul Green, pastor of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. Our pastor was at the Second Alfred Church.

July 8-19, the Community Vacation Bible School was held. Sixty-one pupils were enrolled in the five classes. Twenty-three had perfect attendance. Pastor Zwiebel and Mrs. William Davidson taught the Junior class. The closing program was held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Pastor and Mrs. Zwiebel were gone two Sabbaths in August. On August 10, Kenneth Davis, of Alfred, supplied the pulpit and on August 17, we met with the Richburg Church at Richburg and Rev. Ivan Mathewson of the Friendship Congregational Church gave the morning message.

The Sabbath following Conference, two of our delegates to Conference, Pastor Doyle Zwiebel and Mrs. Gertrude Burrows, gave reports of the Conference meetings which they attended to a union service of the Nile and Richburg Churches at Nile. Following the morning service a "fellowship luncheon" was served to forty-three in the church parlors.

— Correspondent.

## Marriages

**Husselbee-Smith.** — Charles Parker Husselbee, Bradford, R. I., and Shirley May Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Pawcatuck, Conn., were united in marriage at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath Day, July 20, with her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating.

## Obituaries

**Bee.** — Bertha Jane Loofbourrow, daughter of William Wade and Martha Lemasters Loofbourrow, was born in Dark County, Ohio, June 25, 1874, and died June 12, 1957, at Sampson, Wis.

On October 22, 1896, she was united in marriage with Raymond N. Bee and moved to the North Loup vicinity where she became a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

To this union was born four sons and a daughter. Surviving is the daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Esther) Loofboro of New Auburn, Wis.; a nephew, Wade Loofbourrow of Yreka, Calif., who was brought up in her home; two sisters: Mrs. John Chatfield of Ord, Neb., and Mrs. Frank Holman of La Mesa, Calif.; one brother, W. C. Loofbourrow, of American Falls, Idaho; a grandson and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted by Rev. Don Sanford in New Auburn, Wis., and by Pastor Mynor Soper in North Loup, Neb. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery, North Loup, Neb. — M.G.S.

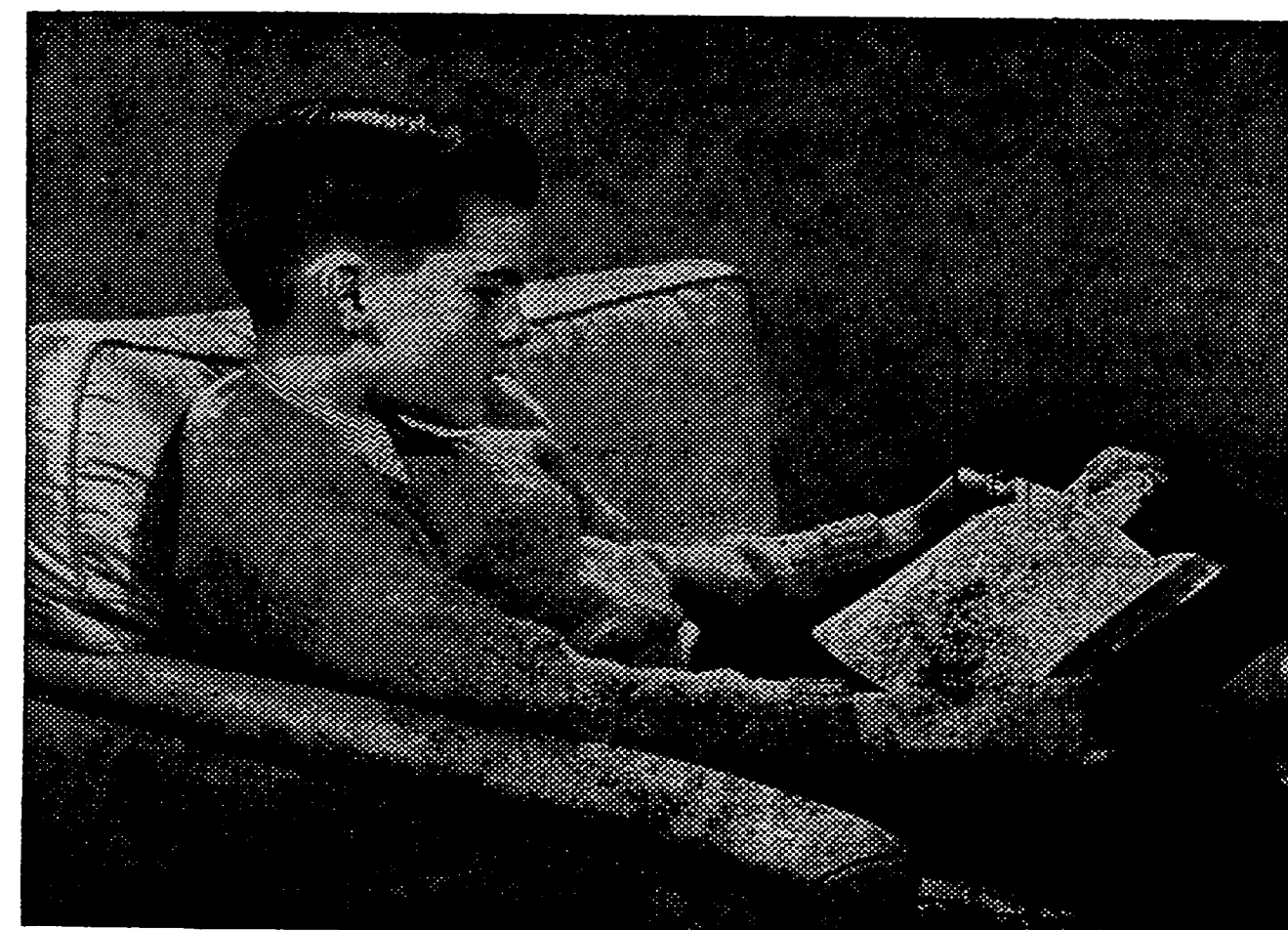
**Stillman.** — Ruth Ann, daughter of Adelma and Mary Coon Stillman, was born September 22, 1888, at Utica, Wis., and died August 1, 1957, in a Madison, Wis., hospital following a brief illness.

Miss Stillman's early years were spent in Nortonville, Kan., where she attended the elementary and high schools. When she was eleven years old she was baptized by the Rev. George W. Hills and joined the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Following high school she moved with her family to Milton, Wis., where she attended Milton College and received her degree. She dedicated and devoted herself to the education of youth, through the teaching of biology and related subjects, for forty years.

Ruth was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and was loyal in her support of it though living in Madison.

Surviving are a sister, Rose, of Milton; three brothers: Clair, of Wauwatosa, Wis.; James, of Houston, Tex.; and Theodore, of Montebello, Calif.; an aunt, Mrs. James H. Coon, Milton; six nephews, and five nieces.

Funeral services were conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 5 by her pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. — E. F. R.



### A Bible-Centered, Bible-Minded People

At the Sabbath Eve prayer meeting just prior to the recent annual Conference, the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, pastor of the largest Seventh Day Baptist Church in America (Milton, Wis.), stated: "We are a Bible-centered, a Bible-minded People." When the boys of America are found reading their Bibles for the love of the Book and when the parents of the boys show how much the Bible means to them, then better times will come to the home, the church, and society.