

The Sabbath Recorder

New Manual on Scouting in Evangelical Churches

A new booklet entitled *Scouting in Evangelical Churches* came off the press on January 1. It aims to interpret Scouting for the churches that are affiliated or are co-operating with the National Association of Evangelicals.

Editors of the booklet are Rev. Gunnar Hoaglund and Rev. Clate E. Risley of the National Sunday School Association. The manuscript was approved by the Boy Scouts of America. The booklet (No. 3555) is available at 45 cents per copy through the Supply Service of the Boy Scouts of America or the office of the National Sunday School Association in Chicago, Illinois.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for January 18, 1958

The Church Is a Fellowship

Lesson Scripture: Acts 2: 42-47; Romans 15: 1-9a

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — The Ladies' Aid has been very busy this fall with four chicken and one turkey dinners. Their receipts were around \$554 plus \$190 from the bazaar. The ladies have tied four quilts. They contribute monthly to the local "Haven of Rest" Mission and have voted \$25 monthly to the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, the Southwest shepherding pastor, for gasoline. Clothing has been contributed for the World Community project. The society expects to make 36 girls' hospital gowns for the Makapwa Mission. The sum of \$25 dollars was voted the Jamaican Woman's Board as a donation.

Sabbath eve cottage prayer meetings have been held in the homes this fall.

The Christian Endeavor young people are meeting Sunday afternoons at the parsonage or at various homes for fellowship-recreation and supper. At the present time Pastor and Mrs. Davis are acting as sponsors.

Outstanding Berean Hours have been the talk given November 23 on "Foster Home Placement" for children needing care and guidance, by Police Lieutenant

Alice Sherrat, of the Battle Creek Police Department. Then on November 30, LeRoy Burdick, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Burdick, told of his overseas experiences with the Heifer Plan, sponsored by the Brethren Service workers. He showed many beautiful color slides of the work with which he was associated for two years.

The children's division of the Sabbath School brought in \$15.28 for UNICEF at Halloween.

There has been much illness this fall. We all mourn the passing of Aunt Nell Ellis, Jack Langworthy, and Mrs. Herbert Cadwell. We miss Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Polan who are spending the winter at Daytona Beach, Fla., where he is acting as pastor for the church. The Goodwill Class sent 10 fruit baskets to the shut-ins, and the Sabbath School furnished baskets for three needy families at Thanksgiving. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Boulder, Colo.

By Baptism:
Kenneth Bottoms
Sherman Clarke

Washington, D. C.

By Testimony:
Rev. D. G. Werner
Mrs. D. G. Werner

Births

Brown. — A son, Victor Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown (Mary Barber) of Pepperell Air Force Base, Newfoundland, on November 19, 1957.

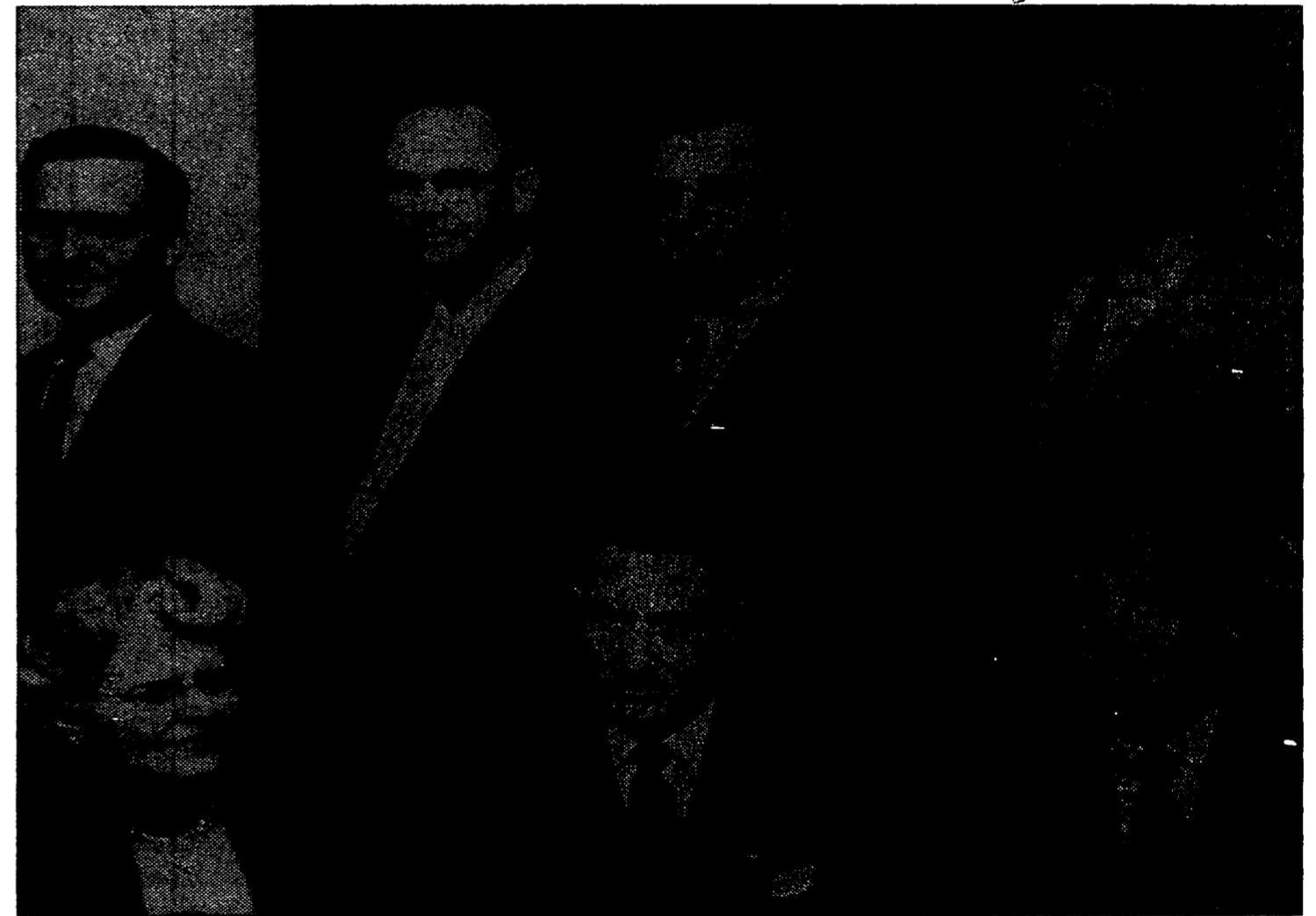
Maxson. — A daughter, Linnette Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maxson (Marion Burdick) of Lansing, Michigan, on December 4, 1957.

Obituaries

Whitford. — Byron Frank, second son of John Byron and Mary Summerbell Whitford, was born March 21, 1876, in Berlin, N. Y., and died December 27, 1957, in a hospital in Newtown, Conn.

"B. Frank" was graduated from Friendship N. Y., Academy, and from Alfred University with an A.B. degree in 1902. His life was devoted to teaching and service to young people. Among other positions he was principal of the Patterson, N. Y., High School and principal and assistant superintendent of schools in Stamford, Connecticut. He was a member of the Nile, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

— J. F. W.



COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Back row, left to right: Wayne N. Crandall, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Dr. C. LeRoy Deland, Rev. David S. Clarke; front, Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston, executive secretary, Rev. Earl Cruzan, president, and Charles F. Harris, chairman. This group deliberated for six days at Battle Creek, Mich., at the year's end. See report of actions inside.

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Seamen Without Country May Set Foot on Land

Thousands of European merchant seamen have been for many years virtual prisoners on their ships because they had no papers allowing them to set foot on land. They were refugees earning their living as crew members, unable to go back to their native land or to be accepted in any other due to lack of documents — a rather pitiful situation.

In November, eight Western European governments were represented at a Conference at The Hague — the third such Conference on the Status of Refugee Seamen — working under the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. As a result of this gathering the participating governments unanimously agreed to a series of provisions making it possible for these seamen to land and to stay for certain lengths of time either in their native land or another country of their choice. One of the provisions for granting a travel document is that the man shall have served on a ship 600 days during the past three years.

To sail the seven seas perpetually without haven or home is certainly an unpleasant outlook. To have no papers and no legal basis to apply for them; to be unwanted in any land when one has committed no specific crime against any land is a situation that ought to be remedied. We can be glad that most of the seamen finding themselves without a friendly shore are now provided for.

Does our concern reach out to those who are spiritually at sea? It is not because there is no document available to entitle them to entrance into a kingdom. Long years ago there was a "conference in heaven," so to speak, and provision was made through One who might be called the "High Commissioner of the Nations" — provision for weary seamen to find a haven. The Prodigal Son in his conversion experience came to the point where he was willing to return to his father and to say, "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight." Such an attitude is necessary.

Millions rather than thousands have made themselves refugee seamen either by conscious sin or by neglect of the Gospel

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documents which were available to them. They have begun to feel that their chosen life at sea is unsatisfactory. Desperately they long for a destination, "for a city whose builder and maker is God." Most of them have been so long unwilling to become citizens of the kingdom of heaven that they have forgotten how to gain entrance to the promised land. Men and women of the church must show them love, must hold out again to them the promises of the Book. Are we doing it?

1960 Census

It was proposed, and supposedly decided, that one of the questions to be asked by census takers in 1960 would be a question about religious affiliation. On the face of it, such a question seems innocent enough, and perhaps it would be if the information thus gathered was always properly used. For those who are anxious to get a complete census of denominational preference or affiliation it would be a neat and inexpensive method.

There are some religious bodies — some of the largest Protestant denominations — whose leaders see this as a violation of the principle of separation of church and state. They claim, as we understand it, that the Federal Government has no constitutional right to ask every citizen to what denomination he belongs. Furthermore, there is always a slight possibility that the information thus gathered might be used for discriminatory action against certain unpopular minorities somewhere along the line. Again government religious census figures in a given local community or state might encourage lawmakers to propose legislation to suit the religious emphasis of the majority rather than the general good of all.

Whether or not the champions of a clear separation of church and state are justified in their apprehensions in this case may be an open question but we are inclined to side with them just on general principles. It pays to be vigilant. According to the newspapers the remonstrance against including this question of religious affiliation in the 1960 census has reached Washington effectively and it has been decided to drop the plan.

Denver Church Takes Giant Step

Just received from the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Denver, Colo., is a new 8-page magazine edited by the pastor, Rev. Kenneth E. Smith. This magazine is called *The Advance*. It is an attractively printed magazine with a two-color cover and well illustrated on the inside. There seems to be no indication of frequency or cost. The page size is 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. It is introduced by the following paragraph:

"Published by the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of witnessing to our faith in Christ and sharing the truth of the Biblical Sabbath. Edited by the pastor under the guidance of the Advisory Board of the church."

The editorial is entitled "Denver At the Cross-Roads." We would venture to say that the Denver Church will not long remain at the crossroads if it is able to publish and distribute widely such a magazine as this. We would certainly exclaim, "Hats off" to such a local venture of faith which may do much to build up the church. There are indications that both attendance and finances have already increased considerably. We quote below the major portion of the pastor's stimulating editorial:

This church has come to a point in its history where there is a fork in the road to the future. During the past twenty years the church has been growing as a natural result of the movement of families from other Seventh Day Baptist churches to the city of Denver. We are now in a healthy position. We can even expect that many more of our people will settle in this fast-growing city and the church will welcome them and prosper by their addition. But that is not what we must count on for tomorrow. We are now in a position to take the "leap of faith."

This is a city of about 800,000 with only about 100 Seventh Day Baptists as far as we know. Perhaps 799,000 have never even heard that we exist. If we have faith in what we profess; if we believe that the truth is its own advocate, then we have an obvious task to perform. During the next few years we must all get behind a tremendous publicity campaign for

our church and the Sabbath. That is, in a nutshell, what *we* must do. If the pastor does it alone it will be something far short of tremendous. Wouldn't it be ridiculous to aim a hugh cannon at the target and have a peanut pop out. That's what will happen to our program if it isn't *our* program. Right now in the great city of Denver there are a thousand people who would be Seventh Day Baptists if they knew who we are and what we believe. We have only to reach them. We need never doubt that they are there. Those of us who are thrilled by this great adventure are asking the rest of you to stand up with us and be counted. Who knows what God has in store?

Special Issue News

As this Recorder goes to press much of the material for the 24-page special issue due to be mailed early next month has been set in type. The editor, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, and the denominational publishing house are doing their best to get out an attractive 2-color magazine at the appointed time.

The experimental quarterly special issues are a project of the American Sabbath Tract Society. Their success depends very largely on the use made of them. Will our people order them and distribute them? Do we have sufficient evangelistic interest to buy and distribute occasionally in large quantities an evangelistic magazine of the nature of this forthcoming issue? The Tract Society hopes so and is moving ahead on that hope. The lady at the denominational desk in the office of the publishing house is prepared to take advance orders now. It is up to you, our subscribers, to send them in at once — preferably through your local church.

The cost of extra copies will probably be as follows: 15 cents each; 10 for \$1.00; 100 for \$8.50. Each Recorder subscriber will get one copy of the larger 2-color issue at no extra cost. It will be dated in the regular sequence. Additional quantity orders will be undated so that they may be used later.

We cannot make athletes of our young people by frequently displaying the questionable ability to get our feet in our mouths.

Father, Forgive Them. They Know Not What They Do.

Billy Graham's Diary: "In village after village great crowds had gathered to put up a roadblock to stop us, and the police would not let us through until I had gotten up and waved to the crowd. One man stuck a whole bunch of bananas in my hands. People gave us lemons and oranges. . . . Some would wave palm branches at us. Word had traveled down the highway that we were coming.

"In one section we passed a number of Communist parades. They were parading with their flags waving and shouting their slogans and songs. We got out for several of them so pictures could be taken. We marched along for about three or four hundred yards with one group. I would wave at them and smile, and they would smile back, because of course, most of them, even though they were in red shirts, waving the hammer and sickle, did not know what it was all about.

"We stopped in front of one group in one little village of Communists that had gathered with their flags waving, and they were all giving their shouts and slogans, with their fists clenched in the popular Communist fashion; so we got out, and I told Bishop Jacob, who was accompanying us, to interpret for us. So we quieted the crowd down, and I started preaching to them.

"I told them what Christ meant to me, that He was the only answer to the world's problems, that I had not come to India to talk politics but had come to talk Christ. And as I began to tell about the change that Christ could give in their lives, they began to drop their clenched fists, until only one man standing in the middle was holding his fists up — but he could not look me in the eye any longer. He looked down; the Holy Spirit was convicting him.

"I am convinced that the average Communist in India doesn't know what it's all about." — Billy Graham in *To The Far Corners*, by George Burnham, Fleming H. Revell Co.

MIDYEAR MEETING OF COMMISSION

Special Report to the Sabbath Recorder

The midyear meeting of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference was held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Battle Creek, Michigan, from December 27, 1957, through January 2, 1958.

On Sabbath afternoon the Commission presented a panel discussion on "Essentials to Church Growth" for the Berean Hour of the host church. At 7:00 p.m. its first meeting was held. On Sunday the Commission was joined by the Planning Committee to meet as the Co-ordinating Council. The Planning Committee had met on Friday, December 27. Suggestions that came out of this meeting were very beneficial in the formulation of the agenda for the Co-ordinating Council and the Commission.

The report of the executive secretary was received and the Commission would commend her for her continuing dedicated service in promoting the work of our denomination.

Suggestions for intensifying our work in the home mission field, particularly in the area of city evangelism, were presented by Secretary Harris to the Planning Committee. These were discussed by the Co-ordinating Council and by Commission. There is a widespread awareness of urgent need in this area. We would commend Secretary Harris for the suggestions he has made and will give them further study at the pre-Conference meeting of Commission.

In the interest of long-range planning, the Commission is requesting that budgets to be included in *Our World Mission*, for the next year, be presented to the meeting of Commission in December, 1958.

The feeling has been expressed that the *Our World Mission* quotas assigned churches are too high. A reason given for this inequity is the percentage of inactive members on the church rolls. May we remind you that many factors were considered in arriving at these quotas. They are intended only as a guide in assisting each church in determining its

responsibility to *Our World Mission*. In no way would the scaling down of the quotas for our churches decrease the total needs. Is it not a more positive approach to place our emphasis on stimulating the interest of inactive members rather than to attempt to scale down quotas in view of these members? Each church may wish to review the suggestions made in the stewardship portion of the publication, "A Program for Extension and Growth." Many of these suggestions prayerfully planned and energetically carried out should assist in this effort.

A word of greeting was sent to Roger Cazziol of Milan, Italy, assuring him of our deep interest and our fellowship in prayer for him as he undertakes a task of service among our brethren in Nigeria. After careful consideration it seemed wise to tell him that present commitments, under our planned program, prohibited any possibility of financial help from our people at least in the near future.

We would urge Associations to study the "Program for Extension and Growth" with a view to carrying out some of the specific suggestions therein hoping to widen the scope of the total home mission program of our denomination.

We would hope that all churches would consider the carrying forward of the facets of the program outlined in the *Extension and Growth* manual that would deepen the spiritual life of their people. We would encourage at least one period during the year of an organized evangelistic effort at which time concerted thought and prayer might be given not only to the winning of new souls to Christ but also to the seeking out and encouraging of individuals in the matter of looking toward a life of work in the ministry or the taking of greater responsibility in positions of lay leadership.

A communication was received from the chairman of the Vocational Committee, Clarence M. Rogers, relative to the carrying forward of the work recommended in its field by General Conference. We commend the committee for progress made.

A report of the Committee on Stewardship Promotion was given by George Parrish, chairman. This report was well received and a period of discussion followed. Commission wishes to thank this committee for the work it is doing, and would commend the committee for its vision in the approach toward the picture of total stewardship.

We suggest that one copy of every hymn, anthem, and song that has received and will receive recognition through our denominational music contest be placed on file with the Historical Society. We look forward to their publication at some future date in a form to be readily used by our people.

Letters of resignation from Forrest M. Branch and Alfred L. Davis of the Ministerial Training Committee were received and accepted. Letters of appreciation for their past services were sent. J. Leland Skaggs and David T. Sheppard were appointed to fill the respective vacancies (see 1957 Year Book, page 66).

Due to misunderstandings arising out of the receipt of literature, we wish to make clear that the Des Moines Bible College headed by E. Marvin Juhl is neither supported, recognized, nor approved by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

In response to correspondence from Samuel W. Blizzard in regard to the Clergy Research project of the National Council of Churches, it was decided that as a Conference, we should co-operate in this study, and that the Ministerial Support Committee be instructed to carry on our contact in this project.

We wish to congratulate Professor D. Nelson Inglis as he completes fifty years of teaching in Milton College. May the blessings of God rest upon him and his family. May the knowledge of his service to our people in teaching and in denominational leadership continue to inspire us to greater loyalty to Christ and the Church.

We would commend the Washington, D. C., Church for calling out for ordination (as a minister) Deacon Grover S. Brissey of Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies.

MEMORY TEXT

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.
Isaiah 56: 2.

Conference President Earl Cruzan outlined his planning and thinking toward the Conference program. We commended him and asked him to proceed along the general plan outlined.

At the request of the executive secretary, the job analysis of the position was reviewed. Certain changes in emphasis were suggested to make more efficient use of time and talent.

Commission would encourage each board also to review annually the job analysis of its employees in view of constantly changing conditions.

The Commission discussed producing such materials as a concise Seventh Day Baptist historical volume, a series of tape recordings on our beliefs, a revision of "The Manual of Seventh Day Baptist Procedure," a text for church membership classes, and supplemental Sabbath School booklets on the Sabbath, history, missions, etc. These matters were referred to the Planning Committee for study at their next meeting.

After careful review of past thinking, time was spent in exploring areas of further need and the development in long-range planning for the World Mission of Seventh Day Baptists. The opinion was evident that in any growth or contribution to Christianity of our day, there is a need for unity of purpose in Christ which reaches beyond individual differences of personality or interpretation to a common kingdom task. A growing sense of unity will strengthen the financial support of our present work and enable us to go forward in spiritual growth. — The Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

If 'tis anchorage you seek, anchor your soul to the Rock of Ages. If you would sail the seas in high adventure set your rudder to follow the Master of sky and sea.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Urgency in Christian Work

It is true that we should work patiently and carefully as though we had all eternity before us. But it is equally true that we must labor with a sense of urgency and haste as though the Lord would call us to judgment this very day. "Work for the night is coming when man works no more."

Brethren, we are **stewards of the Gospel**. We are of those who have heard the good news and we have accepted the Savior to the cleansing and forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, we now have a message to share and there is urgency in sharing it.

As stewards of the Gospel the followers of Christ will be expected to give an accounting of the way they have witnessed to His grace at home and in all the world. It is no simple thing to be holding this treasure in earthen vessels.

There is a haunting fear in men's subconscious minds today, a fear that easily turns into terror. What are we afraid of? The unknown, mostly. When we know that a cold war could wax hot overnight and we have been led to believe that a hot war means the dropping of hydrogen bombs, we get jittery.

We who believe that a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is necessary for eternal salvation have a sense of urgency in this matter of witnessing to His grace and His keeping power. He alone can still our fears, quiet our minds, and give peace to our souls. He can even bring about that state of mind in the leaders of the nations which will bring peace on earth in our time. We pray fervently for this.

Meantime, we call on all to work while it is yet day. Today is an acceptable time. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . ." (2 Cor. 5: 11). If we fail to tell men and they perish eternally then is their blood upon our hands.

Some of us need to be stabbed broad awake by the "terror" of the Lord of judgment rather than the terror of hydrogen bombs.

Progress on Jamaica Mission Car Fund

Hats off to the young people of the denomination for their efforts in raising a fund for the purchase of a new mission car for Jamaica. Indications are that the needed amount is at hand or is in sight.

Our appreciation goes especially to a group of young "Theologs" at the Alfred School of Theology who took the initiative in this matter. Also we are grateful to all our young people for their loyal support. After Conference gave the "green light" to this special project by including an amount in this year's budget (\$2300) the young people and their friends rallied to make possible the carrying out of this project.

Should an amount be received over the estimated cost of a Volkswagen Kombi (the type of car toward which our Jamaica missionary has expressed a preference), it has been suggested that it might be used for car accessories, insurance, licensing, etc.

WHY?

By John Conrod

Why can I not be perfect, Lord?
It is Thy will for me.
I know that in myself I can't;
I yield myself to Thee.
But still, O Lord, I sin the same,
And go my wicked way;
I know I've said my life is Thine,
But that is just to say.
I know I must yield all my life,
My will and wishes too.
Is this the matter, O my Lord,
Have I kept aught from You?
Take my life, my will, my all,
And every part of me;
And then, and only then, O Lord,
Can I perfection be.

Matthew 5: 48.

"The time has come for renewal of my subscription to the **Sabbath Recorder** which I find always so inspiring — I am not like the person who thinks the paper has a discouraging note sometimes. Rather, it seems to me every writer to the **Recorder** has great enthusiasm for us to go forward."

Weekly Sabbath and Festival Sabbaths

By Donald E. Mote

"One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it." Romans 14: 5, 6.

Of all the writings of Paul, these are perhaps the most misunderstood and misinterpreted. The advocates of Sunday observance are chief among those who distort these words written by the Apostle Paul to the Romans.

If a Sabbathkeeper tries to prove the case for observance of the seventh day from the Scriptures, the advocates of Sundayism are sure to cast Romans 14: 5 in his teeth. And, what a pity it is that some Sabbathkeepers are troubled and confused over this very text.

In the first place, there was no argument over whether it was right to keep Saturday or Sunday in Paul's day. In those early days of the church the Sabbath was universally kept by Jews and Christians alike. They knew of nothing else. The Sunday institution was nonexistent as it is in its present form. The only Sunday adherents in Paul's day were some pagan tribes who openly and flagrantly worshiped the sun. The first day of the week was referred to in olden times as "the venerable day of the sun." That is the derivation of the word Sunday — sun-day. The weekly seventh-day Sabbath was not a part of the consideration here, as we shall show.

Then what was Paul talking about, one might well ask? According to preponderance of evidence cited by our early church historians, there was a decided tendency among many of those early Christians to cling to certain of the old feast days and religious rites of the old covenant. Some even continued to practice circumcision. And, why not? Many of those early believers were converted Jews.

There were seven yearly feasts which were referred to as "sabbaths" or day of holy convocation, under the old coven-

ant. A record of these may be found in the twenty-third chapter of Leviticus. These annual sabbaths, as they were called, fell on definite dates and had nothing to do with the seventh-day Sabbath at the end of each weekly cycle. The weekly Sabbath was called the Sabbath of Jehovah and it pointed back to Creation week. The annual sabbaths pointed ahead to the redemptive work of Christ.

Naturally, when Christ came on the scene to fulfill His mission of redemption, those festival sabbaths terminated, but those early Christians had a hard time in breaking away from those age-old customs. Some clung to one feast day, some to another. Some clung to all of them, and some to none of them. Those are the circumstances under which Paul penned those lines. When one understands their setting, then it is easy to see how the Sunday advocates have misconstrued them.

Paul understood well enough that these annual sabbaths of the old covenant had terminated, but he was understanding and charitable in the matter. His plea was for unity and peace. He besought them not to judge one another in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days; which are a shadow of things to come. The weekly Sabbath was not "a shadow of things to come," but the annual sabbaths were.

"Yes, but this is Paul's Epistle to the Romans. This was directed to the church at Rome where they were all Gentiles, so your arguments don't hold water," says the Sunday advocate. What we have set forth here is factual enough. However, the situation at Rome may require further explanation. There is evidence to show that the church at Rome had a sprinkling of Jews among them at that time. Many of the churches throughout the Middle East had a certain percentage of Jews among their number. There were devout Jews living in nearly every country that surrounded the Mediterranean Sea and throughout the Middle East.

As previously indicated, this was also the case at Rome. Probably most of them were Gentile converts, but with a sprinkling of Jews. The Gentiles knew nothing of the ancient feast days of the old coven-

ant and were in no wise sympathetic to them. Rather, they preferred the liberty that is in Christ Jesus. As a natural consequence of this, certain ones of the Gentile converts wrote to Paul registering their complaints about the Jewish element that still clung to the festive sabbaths. Actually, the text under consideration was a portion of Paul's reply to those complaints.

Although Paul's Epistle to the Romans was principally a directive to the church at Rome, still it contains profitable and timely admonitions for Christian believers of all ages.

While many use the text under consideration as an excuse not to observe the seventh-day Sabbath, it is most certainly a wresting of the Scriptures. If we are at liberty to regard any day as we choose, individually, then why the general acceptance of Sunday?

God never left the matter of the observance of the weekly Sabbath to the individual's option. That would be placing every man in the position of being a "law unto himself." The inevitable result of this would be little more than anarchy. Man will not be judged by his own standards. We must all measure up to God's yardstick. — **Gathering Call.**

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Christian Century remarks editorially in connection with a discussion of a proposed collaboration between religious leaders and artists that when the professionals in the popular arts "get religion" it is often an embarrassingly moralistic version that they propound.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel THE BEACON

Word has been received that the fall issue of the **Beacon** has gone to press and will be distributed in the near future. The September-October issue has been combined with the November-December issue.

YOUTH WEEK — JAN. 26 - FEB. 2

The finishing touches should now be put on the Youth Week program in each of our churches. Special worship services, intergroup activities, and parent-youth banquets will be used to challenge the youth in the church to accept their responsibility in the church's task and to impress upon the adults that the youth must be recognized as able workers. The theme suggested by the United Christian Youth Movement is "Lord, Help Our Unbelief."

In some of our churches Youth Week will be celebrated as "Christian Endeavor Week." Their theme will be "Lord, I Believe."

It is possible that the two themes could be worked together.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Some churches have begun long since preparing for next summer's Vacation Church School. If you haven't, now is the time to start. Early planning is important. Each church should make its own list of steps toward a more effective vacation school. The following might be included:

1. Get the local church committee together for planning.
2. Select leaders early enough for thorough preparation.
3. Choose curriculum materials from those recommended by your denomination early enough for leaders to use these guides in their advance planning.
4. Determine dates and hours for the school according to the time of summer and time of day which are best for the pupils and leaders.
5. Arrange for the workers to attend

area or local vacation school workshops or institutes.

6. Schedule preliminary workers' meetings to plan for each group in the school.

7. Secure the necessary equipment and work materials before the school begins.

8. Include in the daily schedule of the school a time for teacher evaluation and planning.

9. Provide a budget to cover all costs (textbooks, work materials, equipment, and special items).

10. Plan attractive, appropriate publicity.

11. Set a time at the end of the school for evaluation and for making recommendations for the following year.

12. Base all the planning on the purpose of helping boys and girls to grow in Christian living. — *International Journal of Religious Education*.

THE MOUNTAIN REVISITED

By Rev. J. Carter Swaim

"You Must Be Perfect"

(Sermon on the Mount as translated in RSV)

Give people anywhere a chance to ask questions about religion, and someone is bound to inquire, "What does Jesus mean when He says: 'You, therefore, must be perfect', as your heavenly Father is perfect?" (Matt. 5: 48, RSV). The answer is sure to precipitate a theological debate. Pelagius held that the saying implied that perfection must be possible to any individual who wholly desires it, but the church at large has stuck with Augustine, whose view of human nature hardly included this rosy possibility.

On the basis of such interpretations of this passage as 1 John 3: 9, Wesley required of his preachers at ordination a statement of their intention to "go on to perfection," but it is not certain whether he ever believed anyone had reached that state. When a rare individual in our society claims to have attained it, we find that his neighbors do not usually share the opinion.

Perhaps the clue is Wesley's "go on to perfection." Sir Joshua Reynolds tells us concerning the artist's ideal: "The sight

never beheld it, nor has the hand expressed it. It is an ideal residing in the breast of the artist, which he is always laboring to impart, and which he dies, at last without imparting." So it may be that perfect goodness, though not attainable in this life, is the goal of all our striving.

Consider, however, what the dictionary has to say about the English word "perfect." Its primary meaning is not flawlessness but rather "Having all the properties or qualities belonging to its natural, completely developed, or whole state." This, too, is the meaning of the Greek word. What Jesus is saying is that we are to reach our full development, become mature, adult, complete. Used of animals, the word means full-grown; of arguments, fully constituted, valid; of persons, accomplished.

Paul's interpretation of this is Ephesians 4: 13f.: "Until we attain to . . . mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles." It is the teaching of the pastoral epistles that this is the very purpose for which the Bible was given: "that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3: 17).

Salem College Students

There are 232 students from the State of West Virginia now enrolled in Salem College, Salem, W. Va.

Fifteen states have students now at Salem. Pennsylvania ranks highest with 21 students; New York 19; Connecticut 15; Ohio 13; New Jersey 12; Virginia 10; Maryland 4; Indiana 4; Michigan 3; Nebraska 3; Wisconsin 3; and Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Rhode Island, each have 1 student at the college. This makes a grand total of 111 out-of-state students.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 25, 1958

The Church Organizes for Service

Lesson Scripture:

Romans 12: 3-8; 1 Timothy 3: 1-10.

JAMAICA HARVESTER

A sixteen-page mimeographed publication *The Jamaica Harvester* is now published quarterly by the Jamaica, B.W.I., Seventh Day Baptist Conference. Edited by the Rev. Leon R. Lawton with the help of an efficient staff it is circulated on a cost basis throughout the island with some copies sent to this country. It contains news of many of the churches and promotes the work of the conference.

This little paper provides background information and insights of interest to those who know something about the activities of Seventh Day Baptists on the island and who want a more intimate knowledge of things than can be printed in the *Sabbath Recorder* or *Mission Notes*. More and more people are finding it possible to visit our mission work there and to come to a knowledge of the ways of these brethren of a different color and background. The writer can testify to the thrill of coming to a sympathetic appreciation of the difference between American and Jamaican churches through a brief visit to that Caribbean island three years ago.

There is strong human interest appeal in two or three items of news from the churches in the latest issue of *The Jamaica Harvester*.

From the Wakefield Church, far to the northwest from Kingston, the reporter tells of the death of "Deacon Black's son-in-law's brother" and adds that "four hundred people were present to witness the funeral rites which were performed by Deacon Black." Another little paragraph from the same church reads:

"We observed Sabbath, September 7, as a day of mourning for those who lost their lives in the train disaster. It was pleasing to see nineteen strong men in Class Five at Sabbath School on this day."

The Mountain View Assembly located in one of the poorest districts of the city of Kingston reports encouragingly:

"We had a sacred concert in the Kingston Church on the 21st of September. Proceeds of this concert went toward our

fund for a house of worship. We are trying our best. Let us pray for success.

"A baptismal service followed the concert with three candidates from our assembly. Please remember these three young people in your prayers as they endeavour to follow Him, their Lord and Master."

At a little place called "Cottage" the church surpassed practically all the other country churches in fund raising. The description sounds a little strange in our ears, but here it is:

"We had our Rally of the Twelve Apostles on the 25th of August. Our Missionary Meeting was held October 13 and this program came off successfully and we raised over 50 pounds to aid in our Church Building Fund."

Missionary Lawton explains the reference to the 12 apostles. Members of the church represented different apostles by name (some were women) and, in costumes considered by them appropriate, raised money for the cause.

SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TOTE AWAY

As you start upon a journey
With your suitcase in your hand,
Packed, perhaps, with things essential
For your trip across the land,
There is something you'll be leaving
That you cannot tote away,
For it's stationed strong and steadfast
Like a mountain there to stay.

It's the influence that you've wielded
In the lives of other folks
By the words that you have spoken —
Maybe vile and filthy jokes;
Yes, the sins that you've committed
That young people may imbid;
May be deeds that wreck your fellows
That in words we can't describe.

Or perhaps it's deeds most noble
That shall bless the souls of men;
Maybe blessed words you've spoken,
Or have written with your pen;
Something good and quite uplifting
That shall live across the years,
Helping men to find the Master
Who shall drive away their fears.

Walter E. Isenhour.
Taylorsville, N.C.

Teen Talk

Arctic Icecaps and Icebags

Lowell Thomas does not direct his radio and TV programs to high school students but when he talks about "high adventure" he is on a subject that appeals especially to the teen-ager.

Not long ago this world traveler was broadcasting from Greenland and making some almost unbelievable statements. He stated that the Arctic icecap on Greenland was 10,000 feet thick and so vast that if it were to all melt at once it would raise the water level of all the oceans of the world 32 feet. We do not expect that to happen and perhaps we should pray that man would not use atomic heat to remove Greenland's icecap.

As I write this little talk just a few days after the beginning of a new year, I am remembering all the joking on the New Year's Day radio and TV programs about the people who had celebrated the night before with alcoholic beverages and were suffering hangover headaches. Some radio announcers were unable to come to work. Others were taking drugs. Some people were lying in bed with icebags on their heads to relieve the pain. I believe it was "Aunt Fannie" of the Breakfast Club who spoke of folks who had trouble with their heads on the morning-after; they were people who didn't use them the night before.

The Bible long ago cautioned both young and old:

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the end it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. . . . Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth on the top of a mast" (Prov. 23: 31-34).

Let's leave the icecap on Greenland and keep it off our own heads. This is an age of science, of space travel — a time when young people are going to be given every opportunity to develop their scientific skill and their thinking capacity. Constant clearheadedness in the years ahead will be the price of life for our-

selves and our loved ones. Your Lord and Savior counts on you. He expects you to far surpass those who are being educated away from God in the Iron-Curtain countries.

Lowell Thomas circled the globe in different directions about 30 times last year. Most of those circles were made where living was tough and dangers great — at the North and South Poles. Hillary, the man who conquered Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, has now completed another great adventure, making an overland excursion to the South Pole. Many others had tried and failed. We can't all do things like that but the highest peaks of Christian character lie before each of us and we are called upon to scale them. Shall we deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow?

Youth News

Miss Helen Ruth Green attended the fifth International Missionary Convention of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Illinois, December 27-31.

At the convention in Urbana were more than 2,500 college students and other young people from all over the world. Miss Green went with a group from the University of Wisconsin Inter-Varsity chapter.

Featured speakers were Dr. Billy Graham, international evangelist; Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, Boston; Dr. Donald Gray Barnhouse, Philadelphia; Dr. Masumi Toyotome, Tokyo; and Dr. Kenneth Strachan and the Rev. Israel Garcia, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Sponsored every three years by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the convention is an opportunity for young people to get firsthand reports from more than fifty missionary boards about world-wide fields. — Milton & Milton Junction Courier.

C. E. Citizenship Contest

Preparations are being made by young people in thousands of Protestant churches throughout North America for the ob-

servance of Christian Endeavor Week January 26 - February 2.

"Lord, I Believe" is the theme for the celebration which will mark the 77th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor. Christian Endeavor co-operates in the Youth Week observance with the United Christian Youth Movement.

Four-color outdoor poster panels with the message, "Live Daily — For Christ and the Church — Attend Christian Endeavor Regularly," will be displayed throughout the United States and Canada in co-operation with individual outdoor poster companies which are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

The deadline for entries in Christian Endeavor's seventh annual Citizenship Contest comes with the closing of this week. Young people up to 25 years of age may be nominated for this competition, which offers the Albert H. Diebold Citizenship Awards totaling \$1,000 in cash and two trips to the Christian Citizenship Convocation in New York City, July 4-6. Nominations, postmarked no later than February 3, should be sent to the Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Winners will be decided on the merits of "A Letter to My Editor" on the subject "Speak for Christian Citizenship!" and a Christian citizenship service record.

Dr. Earle W. Gates of Derby, New York, is president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, which includes thousands of societies in Protestant churches in North America. Dr. Daniel A. Poling of New York City is head of the World's Christian Endeavor Union which is composed of the International Society and some 50 national unions. — Release from International C. E. Office.

"The time has come for renewal of my subscription to the *Sabbath Recorder* which I find always so inspiring. I am not like the person who thinks the paper has a discouraging note sometimes. Rather it seems to me every writer to the *Recorder* has great enthusiasm for us to go forward. . . ."

REV. VERNEY A. WILSON



The recent death of the Rev. Verney A. Wilson on December 19 calls for a brief review of his life which is furnished by the Rev. Rex Zwiebel with the help of Mrs. Wilson. Secretary Zwiebel deeply appreciated the work of this older ser-

vant of the Lord and testifies that it was under his pastoral leadership that he himself felt the call to the Gospel ministry.

Verney Wilson, the son of Deacon John and Laura Banks Wilson, was born on December 1, 1891. He was baptized at the age of 14 by his uncle, the Rev. Scott Wilson. He was licensed to preach by the Attalla, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist Church and was ordained there in 1916. He served as pastor of the Attalla Church, at Athens (now the Oakdale, or Paint Rock), Stonefort, Ill., Hammond, La., and Jackson Center, Ohio. His last pastorate was at Nortonville, Kan., from which he retired in 1951. His years of retirement were spent in Dayton, Ohio.

Pastor Wilson was married to Minnie B. Connell on May 27, 1913. Their four children who survive are Lucile (Mrs. Lawrence Mustaine) of Alhambra, Calif., Malvin and Elwyn of Dayton, Ohio, and Edward of Baltimore, Md. Four sisters and two brothers also survive him: Lela (Mrs. J. M. M. Woffard) and Maude (Mrs. O. S. Mills), both of Attalla, Cornelia (Mrs. J. O. Vernon), of Altoona, and Della (Mrs. George Burgess), of Fort Payne, all in Alabama; Clifford of Ocean Springs, Miss., and Lonnie of Birmingham, Ala.

Farewell services were conducted at the Morton Funeral Home at Vandalia, Ohio, by the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and Mr. Wilson's new pastor, Montie B. Slusher. Burial was made in the Memorial Park in Dayton.

A humble servant of our Lord Jesus Christ has departed this life. He was always thoughtful and considerate of

others. Mr. Wilson's life was lived in such a manner that others might believe and have eternal life abundantly. All who knew him, loved him. — R. E. Z.

Learning Where to Walk

Margaret Slattery, social scientist and social worker, was about to speak before a large audience in the Midwest. She had tears in her eyes. Before she spoke she told the story of when she was in New York City. There she saw a boy sitting in a chair watching other children play ball. He imitated the batters and runners. His legs were paralyzed because of an accident, but he tried to go through all the motions of the player. Miss Slattery went to the lad, knelt down, and asked if he would like to have an operation and get well. Whereupon he replied that he would but it would cost a thousand dollars. She got ten men in New York City to give a hundred dollars each. A few days after the operation the boy walked out of the hospital.

"I wish I could tell you that tonight that boy is a preacher, a doctor, or a lawyer," said Miss Slattery, "but he is on Death Row now at Sing Sing and will be electrocuted in the morning at six o'clock." She concluded by saying, "Ten men can help a boy to walk again, but only God can show him where to walk."

In social work we can develop techniques and programs to aid the process of adjusting an individual's relationship with himself, with others, and with the wider social life. But only God can give him the strength and courage of victorious living. — H. H. Barnette of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in a *Western Recorder* article on the theological basis of social work.

Yes, renew our subscription to the *Sabbath Recorder* for 2 years, at the above address. While we sometimes fail to read cover to cover we certainly want it and commend you on selecting deep soul-searching and Christ-glorifying articles. We are also enclosing a sufficient amount to cover a 6 months' subscription for our supply pastor.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Robert H. Bowman, vice-president of the Far East Broadcasting Co., whose aim is to take "Christianity to the World by Radio," writes that 2 Timothy 2 has challenged his heart of late. "Several phrases have stood out," he says, which he wants to pass on to those interested in the work:

Verse 14: "...strive not about words to no profit..."

Verse 16: "...shun profane and vane babbling..."

Verse 23: "...foolish and unlearned questions avoid..."

Verse 24: "...the servant of the Lord must not strive..."

These are the days for spiritual action! Words and striving in one's own strength can never accomplish God's will.

The phrases quoted above could well be pondered by others than those actively engaged in radio broadcasting.

Let's Try This On

In correcting a false impression which might have come from a printed item, the writer of it expressed himself this way, "As usual, I stopped thinking too soon." There are times when any one of us who writes or speaks before an audience would do well to make a similar observation. Perhaps with rigid self-discipline we can reduce the number of times.

I fear I have to admit that both Neo-orthodoxy and Existentialism leave me cold. They are too involved for my poor brain to grasp. But if I have a warm, personal relationship with God through Christ, that satisfies me, and I am willing to remain in the eyes of some, a "fool for Christ's sake." — One of our well-educated ministers.

Recently, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley said: "Now is the time to employ human intelligence for the salvation of mankind. If mankind is to save itself from destruction, human intelligence must concentrate less on earth satellites

and more on this satellite, Earth. Our plight is critical and with each effort we have made to relieve it by further scientific advance we have succeeded only in aggravating our peril." Certainly, competition for the conquest of outer space will not lead to the salvation of mankind until man knows that the sky above him is being used only for peaceful purposes. — Committee for World Development and World Disarmament.

Science is limited, by its method, to the study of the material aspects of reality; the Christian is also concerned with the world of nature and uses the same scientific methods to understand God's creation. Other methods are used by the Christian to comprehend spiritual realities beyond science but both methods are needed to complete the picture. The scientist, using only the one method, ends up with incomplete knowledge. — S. A. Hoslett, in a review of a book by Arthur F. Smethurst, Ph.D.

In dealing with tuberculosis or polio or cancer we take every precaution to prevent these human illnesses. But in the case of alcoholism we sell \$10,500,000,000 of alcoholic beverages per year to our people and then cry with alarm because we have 5 million alcoholics!

— Major Wallace, Executive Director of the National Temperance League.

One Lutheran Church Rejects Merger

The American Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church have agreed to unite. A fourth group, the Lutheran Free Church has decided to stay out of merger negotiations.

Supporters of union in the LFC, who include its top leaders, were disappointed by the results of the balloting. The victory of anti-merger forces, representing a militant minority in the Free Church, was attributed by observers to their evident success in arousing opposition to the World Council of Churches, in which the new church will seek membership and in which the three uniting churches are already members.

E. P. S., Geneva.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WATERFORD, CONN. — The choir of this small church was expanded to 24 voices during December in order to present on Monday, December 23, a Christmas cantata entitled "The Holy Nativity." The choir, directed by Morton Swinney, included the following people: Miss Helen Maxson, Mrs. Albert Brooks, Mrs. Paul Burdick, Miss Linda Altieri, Miss Roberta Gunn, Mrs. Allen Swaney, Mrs. Fred Kelley, Miss Emma Burdick, Miss Ellen Swinney, Mrs. Leslie Getchell, Mrs. Ralph Sisson, Miss Ruth Bushley, Mrs. Francis Fetrow.

Also, Mrs. Olin Dwire, Mrs. Leslie Avery, Mrs. Henry Briggs, Paul Johnson, Albert Brooks, Harry Getchell, Fred Kelley, Rev. Paul Burdick, Douglas Rogers, David Sisson, Leslie Avery, and John Shontell. Mrs. Virgil Neff was accompanist.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — On Sunday evening, December 22, a Christmas program was presented to the congregation and visitors by the Sabbath School.

Led by Mrs. D. C. Lippincott, the graded department brought the true Christmas message of salvation to all mankind through their recitations and dialogues. Following their part on the program, older members of the Sabbath School presented a play entitled "Christmas in the Cobbler Shop," under the direction of Mrs. Wallace Greene. It carried out the theme "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The cobbler, played by our Sabbath School superintendent, Claston Bond, found that the way to find Christ and to gain the joy of the Christmas season is not only to give, but to share one's blessings.

The Sabbath School gained a blessing as we applied this truth to our Christmas giving. The practice of making ours a "white Christmas" rather than a personal gift exchange was initiated this year with great satisfaction and pleasure on the part of the givers.

A generous sum of eighty-five dollars was given to be divided among the Jamaica and Nyasaland Missions and the Dodge Center Church's organ fund. The children were made aware of the need for a

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car in the Jamaica field by a model car donated by Floyd Van Horn.

— Correspondent.

Accessions

New Auburn, Wis.

By Baptism:

- Nancy North
- James North
- Mrs. Arden Pederson
- Mrs. Warren North
- Mrs. Clayton Pederson
- Richard Loofboro
- Terry Loofboro

Marriages

Hansen - Randolph. — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., on December 29, 1957, Theodore Carl Hansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hansen, Denver, Colo., and Miss Roberta Ann Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Randolph, Arvada, Colo., were married by the bride's maternal grandfather, the Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, D.D., Boulder, Colo., assisted by her paternal grandfather, the Rev. John F. Randolph, Milton, Wis. Their home will be at 3232 Eleventh Street, Boulder, where Mr. Hansen is attending Colorado University.

Births

Keller. — A daughter, Ruth Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Keller of Roseville, Mich., on December 30, 1957.

Obituaries

Davis. — Gertrude Gardiner, daughter of Dr. Theodore L. and Emily Place Gardiner, was born at Hebron, N. Y., May 29, 1871, and died at her home at Lost Creek, W. Va., Dec. 12, 1957.

She was baptized at Shiloh, N. J., September 2, 1884, and became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. In early girlhood she had the responsibility of caring for her father's parsonage home. (Dr. Gardiner served as pastor of several Seventh Day Baptist Churches, as president of Salem Collège for 16 years, and for many years as editor of *The Sabbath Recorder*.) She attended Alfred University, and while a student she was united in marriage there to William E. Davis, on January 1, 1891. Mr. Davis died in 1946.

A loyal and active member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, for more than sixty-one years, Mrs. Davis served faithfully in many ways and she worshipped every Sabbath with the church up until her death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter: T. Edward, Salem, W. Va.; Max H., Chicago, Ill.; and Miss Dora G. Davis, Parkersburg, W. Va. An older daughter, Susie G. Nepps, is deceased. Also surviving are an aunt, Miss Arta Place of Alfred, N. Y.; two grandchildren,

two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted at the church by her pastor, the Rev. Duane L. Davis, and burial was in the church cemetery.

— D. L. D.

Lewis. — Katie C., daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Jane Crank, was born near Golconda, Ill., Oct. 21, 1893, and died at her home near Stonefort, Ill., Dec. 14, 1957.

Her childhood and youth were spent in Pope County, Ill., and her married life in the Stonefort community. She was united in marriage with Rev. Oliver Lewis who survives her, Sept. 5, 1915. To this union were born seven sons and three daughters. They are: Ray M., of Palatine; Charles E., of Jonesboro; Lester H., of Calumet City; Harry V., of Greenup; Hubert O., at home; Mrs. Alice Ruth Brown, of Rummelfield, Pa.; Claude H., of Kirksville, Mo.; Carroll W., of Hammond, Ind.; Mrs. Myrtle M. Walker, of Stonefort, Ill.; and Mrs. Laura M. Streich, of Stoughton, Wis. She is also survived by a stepdaughter, Mrs. Buleah DeVard of Marion, Ill.; 24 grandchildren; and a brother, Walter Crank, of Indianapolis, Ind.

She had no direct church affiliation but had professed faith in Jesus Christ, into whose care we commit her keeping.

Farewell services were conducted at the Old Stone Fort Church by the Rev. Addison Appel of Farina, Ill., assisted by Pastor Carlos McSparin. — Florence Hancock and Cora L. Green.

Randolph. — Elsie Irene Langworthy, daughter of Elbert and Arville Johnson Langworthy, was born on a farm near Farina, Ill., May 23, 1874, and died at the home of her daughter in Jerseyville, Ill., Dec. 19, 1957.

When she was six years old, her family went to Kansas in a covered wagon and there staked a homestead. The farm was on what has been known as Seventh Day Baptist Lane near Nortonville. She lived there until the time of her marriage to Ernest F. Randolph, Sept. 28, 1893, and then moved to Farina where they made their home until 1945.

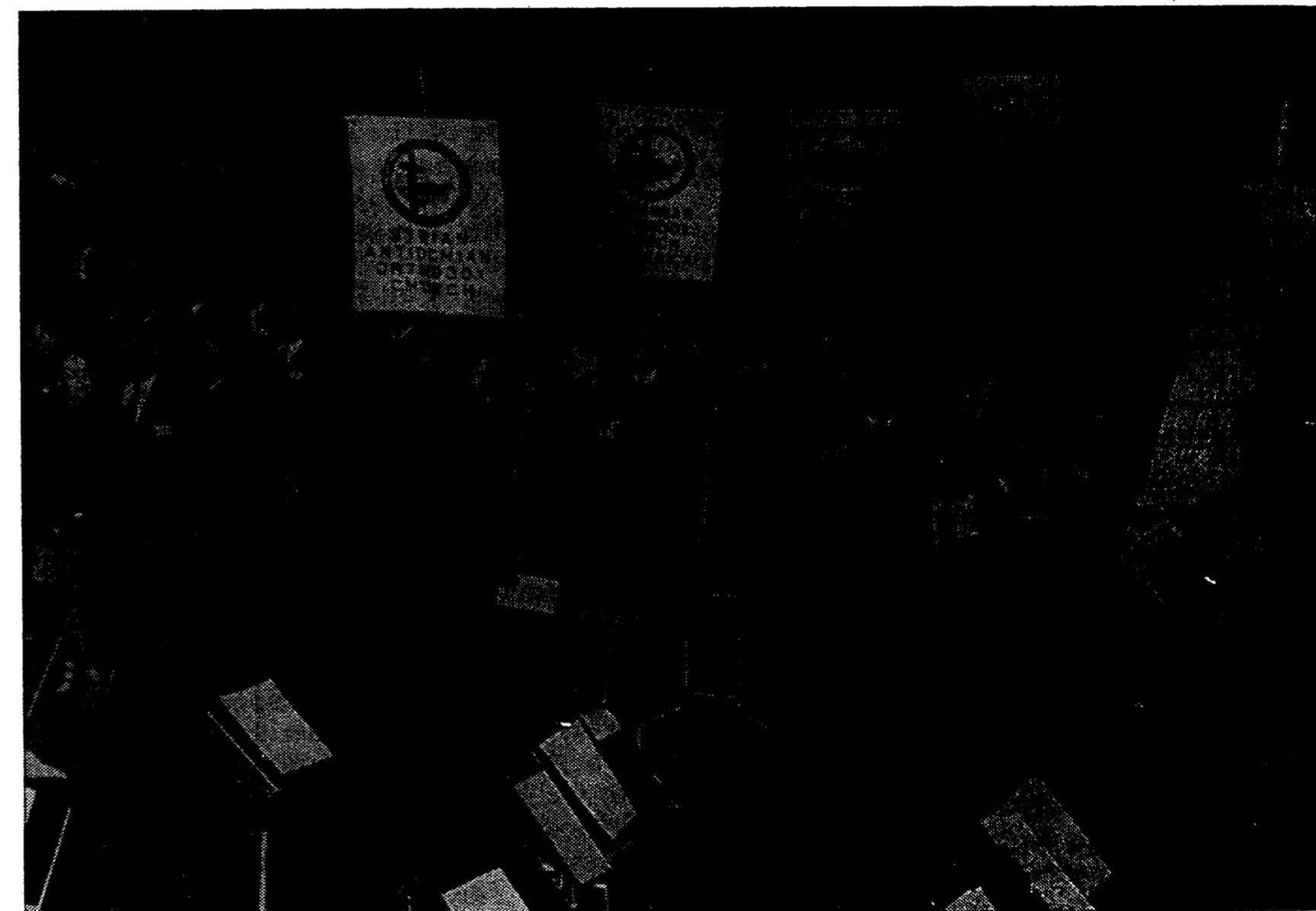
Mrs. Randolph joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at an early age and remained a faithful member all her life. She was always helpful to friends and neighbors in time of need, and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Rebecca, and Royal Neighbor lodges.

She is survived by her daughter Emily and son-in-law Irwin (Bud) Davis, who was like a son to her, two granddaughters, Frances and Deanna, all of Jerseyville, Ill., and a sister, Jesse Crouch, of Nortonville, Kan. Her husband, a deacon of the church, died suddenly in 1945, and her only son Dale died in 1953.

The memorial service was conducted in Farina, Ill., by the Rev. A. Addison Appel, and burial was in the Farina Cemetery.

— A. A. A.

Wilson. — Rev. Verney A., son of Deacon John and Laura Banks Wilson, was born Dec. 1, 1891, and died Dec. 19, 1957, at the Good Samaritan Hospital at Dayton, Ohio, after a six months' illness. (More extended obituary on another page of this issue.)



Church Standards Raised at St. Louis

Processional at opening session of the triennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches at Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo., December 1, 1957. Third in line is the banner of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference carried by the Rev. Duane L. Davis, official representative, who gives his impressions of the Assembly in this issue. Nearly three thousand representatives attended.