

OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, July 31, 1958

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958

		Budget Receipts					
	Treasurer's	Boards'		Treasurer's	Boards'		
	July	10 mos.	10 mos.	July	10 mos.	10 mos.	
Balance, July 1	90.69			Los Angeles	215.00	1,899.00	25.00
Adams Center		927.63		Los Angeles,			
Albion	27.63	510.63		Christ's	20.00	110.00	
Alfred, 1st	545.13	4,555.35	100.00	Lost Creek		983.94	45.00
Alfred, 2nd		1,567.18	11.85	Marlboro		2,416.22	80.00
Associations				Middle Island	11.00	181.25	
& groups	151.77	852.12	593.91	Milton	569.46	5,238.34	205.00
Battle Creek		5,124.73	141.40	Milton Jct.	25.00	1,062.95	40.00
Bay Area		27.00		New Auburn	29.40	103.19	
Berlin	24.00	765.70	83.95	New Orleans		233.91	
Boulder	48.54	812.35	35.00	North Loup		639.20	
Brookfield, 1st	124.00	733.62	20.50	Nortonville	162.94	1,267.58	105.00
Brookfield, 2nd	60.25	348.11	30.50	Old Stone Fort ..	25.00	105.00	
Buffalo		122.00		Paint Rock		100.00	
Chicago	130.50	1,423.50	120.00	Pawcatuck		3,318.92	211.00
Daytona Beach	148.47	742.47	30.48	Plainfield	177.90	4,005.58	
Denver		550.51	50.00	Richburg		557.00	
De Ruyter		704.00	14.13	Ritchie		166.00	
Dodge Center	111.96	1,130.67	20.00	Riverside	994.50	2,841.08	
Edinburg		269.50		Roanoke	18.00	277.00	
Farina	82.00	295.50		Rockville	11.00	298.16	
Fouke	122.37	241.12		Salem		1,687.90	
Friendship	30.00	208.00		Salemville	10.00	152.77	12.00
Hammond		60.00		Schenectady		163.00	
Hebron	21.66	303.76	2.00	Shiloh		3,723.34	90.00
Hopkinton, 1st	357.25	1,445.95	100.00	Texarkana	16.57	37.07	
Hopkinton, 2nd	2.00	254.00		Tract Society		3,893.67	
Independence	110.00	1,000.00	75.00	Twin Cities		185.00	
Individuals		2,593.39	857.75	Verona	198.50	1,401.31	
Irvington		730.00		Walworth		220.00	
Jackson Center		20.00		Washington	40.00	307.00	50.00
Kansas City		140.00		Waterford	116.46	871.46	
Little Genesee	65.16	431.28	26.00	White Cloud	40.41	458.90	80.50
Little Rock		55.10					
					\$4,934.52	\$67,850.91	\$3,255.97

Treasurer's Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)
Missionary Society	\$2,167.24
Board of Christian Education	484.00
Ministerial Training	581.00
Historical Society	88.00
Ministerial Retirement	466.84
Women's Society	51.00
World Fellowship and Service	24.00
General Conference	500.00
Trustees of General Conference	44.00
Tract Society	518.00
	\$4,924.08
Balance, July 31	10.44

Non-Budget Gifts

July Receipts	\$11.55
July Disbursements:	
Missionary Society	\$11.55
SUMMARY	
Current Annual budget	\$90,000.00
Treas.' budget receipts 10 months	67,850.91
Boards' budget receipts 10 months	3,255.97
	\$71,106.88
Remainder required	\$18,893.12
Percentage of budget year elapsed	83.33%
Percentage of budget raised	79. %
Verona, N. Y.	Olin C. Davis.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 6, 1958

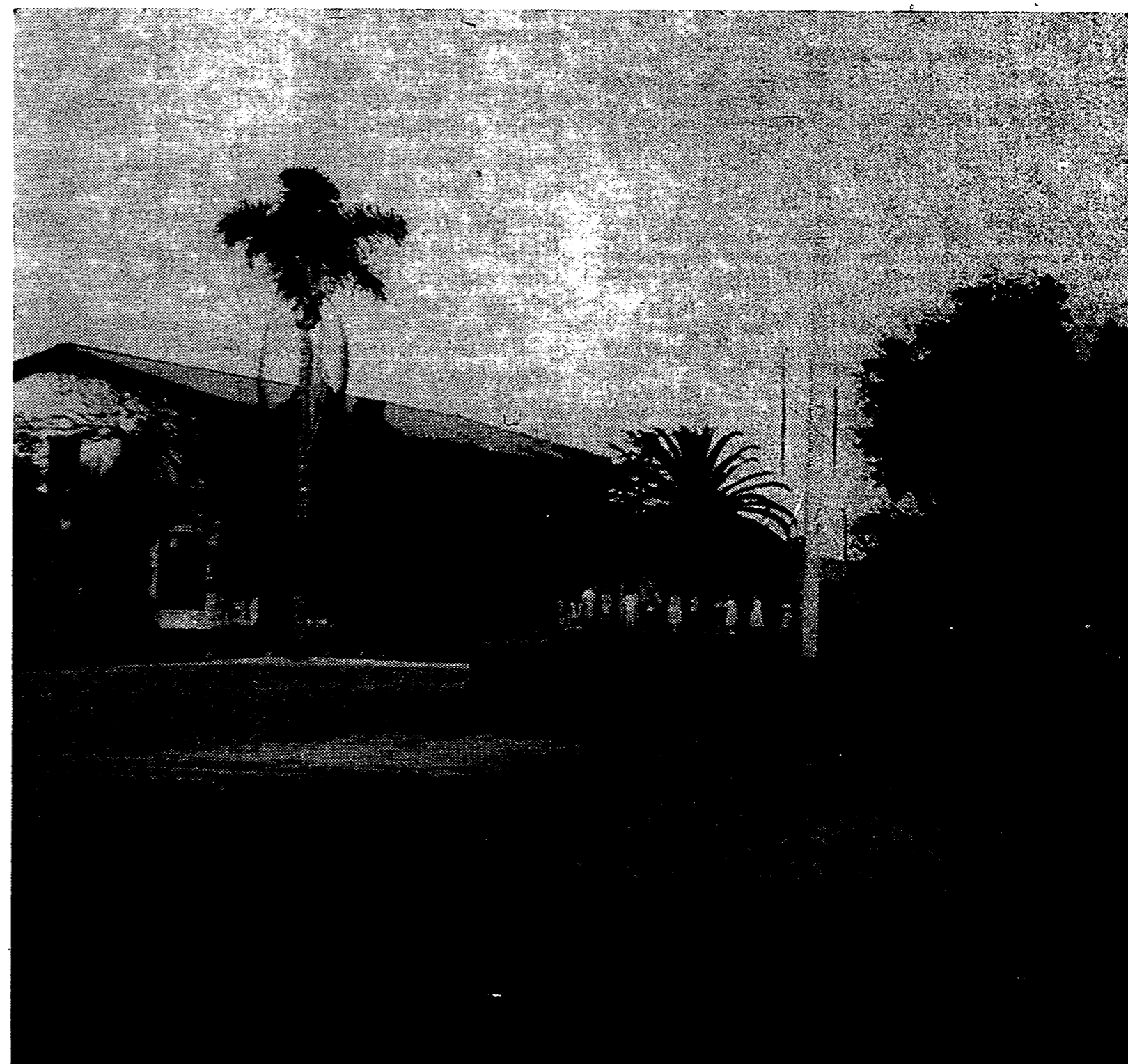
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OBITUARY

Bond. Ahva J. C., son of John and Elizabeth Schiefer Bond, was born May 23, 1875 at Roanoke, W. Va., and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., on July 26, 1958, after a long illness. (See extended obituary on page 13.)

The Sabbath Recorder



SPACIOUS CONFERENCE GROUNDS

The delightful campus of California Baptist Seminary with its ample facilities became a place of prayer, of inspiration, of deliberation and decision, of work and blessing for the hundreds of Seventh Day Baptists who assembled there from August 11-16 for the 146th session of Conference.

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ANOTHER LABOR DAY

This issue of the Sabbath Recorder bears the date of September 1, the first Monday of the month — Labor Day. On this day thoughtful people of every vocation pay respect to the great contribution made to our American way of life by the laboring man.

A national holiday honoring labor may be a vanishing day like Armistice Day. It was a lofty concept, and still is to some extent, but the line between labor and capital or between the laboring man and the salaried man grows thinner with each passing year in this well-favored land. One cannot distinguish between the so-called classes, generally speaking, aside from a slight difference in their land holdings. When their day's work is done they wear similar clothes and drive to their homes in the same make cars. They invest in the same stocks and take an equal interest in the financial and sport sections of the daily paper.

Furthermore, labor has received so much protection and assistance from the government in its organization that it has become perhaps the most potent force in our country. It probably claims more news space than any other single group because of the power that it exercises over every aspect of daily living for the whole populace through its ever-present threat to strike. More recently the people of the nation have been made aware of widespread corruption in the labor unions — a thing to be deplored and to be dealt with by every legal safeguard — but a thing to be expected.

The Bible long ago told us of the sinful nature of man and of the very natural inclination of the human heart to abuse power. Even Christ Himself, during the time that He was in the flesh, was assailed by the temptation to misuse the power that was His. He resisted that temptation, leaving us an example which, through the strength He promises us, we can follow.

Today as we salute the laboring man (and Jesus was a carpenter for many years), we reassert the dignity of labor. We are challenged by the honest toil by which men earn daily bread for the families they love. We dedicate ourselves to the over-all task of making it possible for all our citizens to enjoy life, liberty,

and the pursuit of happiness. But at the same time we refuse to bend the knee to corporations, to corporate labor, or to anyone else but Christ, the Savior of men. Him we will serve; to Him we will devote a just portion of the fruits of our toil, whether it be one tenth, one half, or all. We rejoice that there still remain in our land so many who have this attitude — people who desire to give an honest day's work for the pay they receive and who also strive to be honest with God.

What our nation needs is more Christians, more workers who are no longer ruled by self. Readers of this magazine are not immune to the modern forms of the sin of selfishness. Seventh Day Baptists, enjoying the unfettering which has come with the labor-sponsored five-day week should be in the forefront of those who give "honor to whom honor is due, and tribute to whom tribute is due."

CONFERENCE MEETING PLACE

From Gymnasium to Sanctuary

It takes vision, ingenuity, good taste, contributed resources, and a liberal donation of labor to transform for a week a huge, bare gymnasium into a sanctuary, a place of sacred song and a scene of natural beauty. Such was the splendidly fulfilled task of the Decoration Committee headed by Miss Dora Hurley, a busy nurse of the Riverside Church.

The gymnasium of California Baptist Seminary was remarkably transformed. The front was narrowed by the use of bamboo screens draped with asparagus ferns, dotted with flowers, and flanked with palm branches. In front of these screens and the wide platform was a veritable garden of canna lilies, potted shrubs, and artistically arranged flowers. The blank wall above the four-ranked seats for the 80-voice choir was broken with a symmetrical design of California greenery. With the pulpit furniture and audio facilities provided by other committees this place of sports was made ready for worship or for business. The decorations were kept fresh with replacements and with changes of design throughout the week.

In characteristic humility the chairman

MEMORY TEXT

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Isaiah 55: 2.

of the committee gave the credit to her helpers who contributed and transported the materials with which she worked. Miss Hurley was anxious that recognition be given in particular to Mrs. Edith Babcock of Rosemead who so graciously loaned her potted shrubs. No nursery was willing to risk the damage to such choice plants for the extended period.

The beautiful grounds of the host seminary were matched by the beauty that rested the eyes of delegates and visitors in their meeting place. Some of the pictures published in this or succeeding issues may help to show how the decorations helped to inspire the people who made up the 1958 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Jehovah's Witnesses Exposed

We have previously mentioned the book *Thirty Years a Watchtower Slave*, by W. J. Schnell, a book that has broken sales records but has not stopped the growth of this strange perversion of the Gospel among those who have not read it. Now in its second year is a quarterly copyrighted little paper by the same author called "The Converted Jehovah's Witness Expositor," offered free at 2889 Gus Ave., Youngstown 8, Ohio.

Jehovah's Witnesses have recently held another encampment in New York which was advertised as totaling 13,000. At the same time the New Jersey Seventh Day Adventist Camp Meeting began with 3,000 expected.

The success of a movement is not necessarily closely related to its percentage of truth. It may or it may not hold to a comparatively great amount of time-tested truth. Witness the spread of Communism in China and the rise of totalitarian political regimes in the modern world. But why do such movements as the Jehovah's Wit-

ness organization gain such a foothold in an enlightened country? Some truths they may have. They play religion on a one-string fiddle, but they fiddle for dear life. They have zeal without knowledge, but they have zeal. People have become spectators of faith; and when they see people so dead in earnest they first admire and then follow. What a pity that so few of us who have a full-orbed Gospel message don't get excited about it and really sell it to our neighbors.

WCC General Secretary

The characteristics of the ecumenical movement are the opposite of the super-church and the accusation that the World Council of Churches is creating a super-church "has no foundation in fact," according to an article by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the WCC, in the July issue of the council's quarterly publication, "The Ecumenical Review," published on July 15.



Dr. Visser 't Hooft points out in writing on "The Super-Church and the Ecumenical Movement," however, that though the World Council differs fundamentally from the super-church "in intention, spirit, and structure," it is "not necessarily immunized against infection by the super-church psychology which threatens every ecclesiastical body and more especially large ecclesiastical bodies."

But, he writes, there are safeguards. He suggests avoiding describing statements and actions of the WCC as coming from "the World Church"; realizing that the word of the council "is never a last word, but a first word; that . . . it is the task of each church to consider whether it should or should not identify itself with positions taken by the World Council's organs"; ensuring that the council "does not become the victim of a self-centered institutionalism which suppresses prophetic voices"; refusing to overrule minorities in matters of spiritual significance. "It is better to record disagreement than to seek to enforce agreement," he declares.

CONFERENCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS



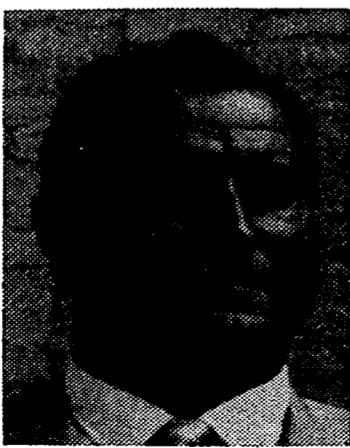
Wayne Crandall, vice-principal of the Canisteo, N. Y., Central School where he is also a teacher of agriculture, was elected president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in the closing Conference sessions Friday, August 15, 1958.

Mr. Crandall, who has his master's degree in science from Cornell University, has served on the Commission, an advisory board of the denomination, for a year, having been elected for a three-year term. He was president of the Board of Christian Education for two years before his election to Commission.



Pastor of the Milton Junction and Albion churches in Wisconsin, the Rev. Victor Skaggs, was elected to a three-year term on the Commission and also elected first vice-president of the Conference. He is a graduate of Salem College, Salem, W. Va., and of the Alfred School

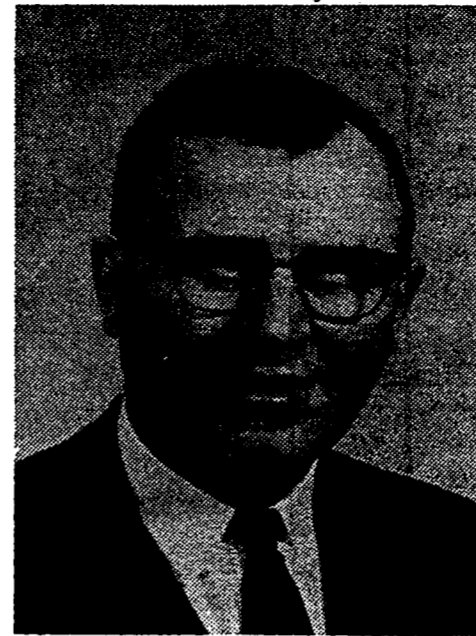
of Theology in Alfred, N. Y. He has served as corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society and was pastor of the Piscataway (New Market), N. J. and Little Genesee and Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist churches before going to the Wisconsin area.



Philip H. Lewis, Riverside, Calif., elected to the Commission for a three-year term, is in the elementary school system in Riverside. He served as chairman of local arrangements for the Conference this year.

One of six sons of Mrs. Dolly Lewis, all of whom are veterans of World War II, Mr. Lewis is also the

father of a large family. Although he has been active in the Pacific Coast Association this is his first opportunity to serve the whole denomination.



Eldred Batson, Parkersburg, W. Va., was elected treasurer of Our World Mission. He is an elementary principal in the Parkersburg schools and a member of the Salem, W. Va., church.

Mr. Batson replaces as treasurer Olin C. Davis of Verona, N. Y., who served for three years and declined re-election.

The Rev. Earl Cruzan, pastor of the Adams Center, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, was named chairman of the Commission at its organizational meeting. He served this past year as president of General Conference. He succeeds Charles Harris of Bridgeton, N. J.

PARENTHESIS OF PRAYER

Many of the delegates to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference deeply appreciated the president's programing of special prayer periods at the beginning and end of each day. These half-hour meetings served as a parenthesis of prayer within which the whole day was, in a measure, inclosed. The president daily called attention to this opportunity for group participation in the Christian's greatest privilege. He himself was almost always present, as were most of the members of Commission.

In a sense, the times scheduled for prayer meetings were the most difficult to meet. There were usually three or four organized activities after 9 o'clock in the evening in addition to the need of delegates to seek rest or relaxation after a hot and strenuous day. Among these activities was the choir rehearsal, which was quite necessary for the degree of perfection

of Gospel singing so greatly appreciated at the evening services (many of the choir members attended the early morning prayer meeting). An eight o'clock meeting, when breakfast was not served until 7:30, also involved some hurrying. In spite of these slight obstacles the attendance was generally good and the blessings were apparent.

On the first evening of Conference nearly all of the young people joined in a roller-skating expedition after the close of the public meeting. The next morning a high percentage of the prayer group was teen-age young folks. In response to questioning after the prayer period it was learned that most of them had been roller skating the night before but felt the need of beginning the new day with prayer. What was felt by the youth was also felt by the equally busy adults who took time for guided prayer.

In some previous years prayer meetings were privately arranged on some of the evenings. This year the Conference president arranged the times and printed the names of all the leaders on the program. Those leaders represented East and West, white and black, laymen and clergymen. They were as follows (omitting titles, for in prayer we are all on an equality): Marion C. Van Horn, Oscar Burdick, Henry C. Lewis, Kenneth B. Van Horn, Albyn Mackintosh, Theodore Hibbard, Sarah Becker, Alvin E. Huntington, Trevah R. Sutton, Leon M. Maltby. — Editor.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

ATTENTION Sabbath School Superintendents, SDBYF Leaders, and Camp Directors! We would like to have your reports of statistics for the past year's activities in the board office as quickly as possible. These go into the Year Book, and it is circulated throughout the world. We need your reports to paint as true a picture of our Christian education program as possible.

Vocational Committee Annual Report

Your Vocational Committee met September 18 and December 22, 1957, and June 28, 1958. Attendance at these meetings was good, although it has been difficult to find a time satisfactory for a committee membership with such varied occupations.

In October, 1957, the chairman of the committee and Rev. Clifford Hansen, one of the members, were in attendance at the Western Association meetings in Richburg, N. Y. At this meeting the work of the Vocational Committee was presented and well received.

Later that same month the chairman of the committee visited the Daytona Beach, Florida, Church, and presented some of the ideas of the Vocational Committee to the church there.

In January, a vocational panel discussion was held in the Salem Church with Rev. Clifford Hansen, K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College, and your chairman participating as panel leaders. The Salem Church people and young people from the college indicated an interest in the talks by the panel members and a good discussion followed.

At the meeting in June with the executive secretary of the General Conference, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, considerable time was given to a discussion of the request of General Conference in 1957 to begin plans for a financial agency for Seventh Day Baptists which would be useful in the development of business projects.

At all meetings of the committee the question of the development of such a financial agency was discussed, and after reading and studying materials covering the organization and use of credit unions, it was deemed wise to recommend to Conference that a type of financial organization similar to a credit union be studied and developed to meet our needs.

A summer work program for young people was not conducted by the committee this year because personnel for supervision of such a plan was not available. The quarterly "VocatioNews" did

not get published because of lack of time by the chairman of the committee. These two projects the committee feels are worth while and should be reinstated if possible.

Some correspondence has been carried on by the committee with various persons throughout the denomination regarding job opportunities and job placement, and also regarding the work of some associational committees.

As a delegate from the Southeastern Association to the Central New York Association, your chairman presented to the Central New York Association some of the challenges to us, as a people, in terms of denominational growth and vocations.

The Vocational Committee would recommend the following to General Conference:

1. That the establishment of a credit union plan as a financial resource for new enterprise among Seventh Day Baptists be studied by General Conference, and that action upon such a plan be taken one year from now.

2. That a study be made of the idea of the dedicated service plan of work by our young people as soon after their formal education is completed as conveniently possible.

3. That we urge all associational and church vocational committees to forward suggestions and ideas to the General Conference Vocational Committee for study, use, and distribution.

The committee has used, this year, only a portion of its allotted funds but believes that the amount budgeted should remain the same. Therefore it requests an item of \$100 in the budget of 1958-1959, and an item of \$200 for 1959-1960 if some favorable action would be expected regarding the establishment of a credit union.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Rogers, Chairman.

The U. S. Departments of Commerce and Labor report that new church construction jumped to \$75,000,000 in July, an increase of five million dollars over June.

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

To the General Conference:

Your 1957-58 Commission humbly presents this report of its deliberations and recommendations, trusting that each member of the General Conference may more readily find his place in Kingdom work among Seventh Day Baptists. The Commission has sought God's will in its work of relating the various resources of Seventh Day Baptists to the calls for Christian service.

This Commission organized itself at a meeting in Milton, Wisconsin, August 18, 1957, with Charles Harris, chairman. LeRoy DeLand and Wayne Crandall were appointed as Auditing Committee. Earl Cruzan, Conference president, was authorized to prepare the program for the 1958 session of Conference. Mr. Cruzan was asked to countersign General Conference and Our World Mission treasury checks. The new chairman asked each member to take assigned areas for their special concern.

The executive secretary of Commission has frequently consulted the members of Commission on Conference work, and also reported to them periodically.

At the midyear meeting, held in the Battle Creek, Michigan, Church from December 27, 1957, through January 2, 1958, the Commission considered many specific problems and spent half a day in general exploring of possibilities in our world work (a report of this meeting appeared in the January 13, 1958, Sabbath Recorder). In two sessions the Commission joined with the Planning Committee to meet as the Co-ordinating Council. This larger body felt much actual strength was gained by bringing together the planning of all agencies of the Conference.

The agencies participating in Our World Mission were asked to present their proposed budgets at the midyear meeting of Commission rather than at the pre-Conference session.

Reports were received from the Vocational Committee, the Committee on Stewardship Promotion, the Clergy Research project of the National Council, and others. Local churches were urged to activate all members in Our World Mission stewardship, and to use the "Manual for Extension and Growth" in improving both stewardship and evangelism. Associations were urged to use the manual in widening the scope of home field evangelism.

Because of the resignation of Forrest Branch and Alfred Davis from the Ministerial Training Committee, the midyear Commission session appointed J. Leland Skaggs, Milton, Wisconsin, and David T. Sheppard, Cedarville, New Jersey, to fill the respective vacancies.

The plans of the Conference president were reviewed and commended. The executive secretary's work was surveyed, at her request, and each board was encouraged to make a similar survey of job analyses annually. A number of publishing projects within the denomination were discussed.

We note the continued efforts of the board representatives in meeting together as a Planning Committee, reviewing current work of their agencies. We would especially commend them for their proposed plan of bringing together three-year projected objectives for co-ordination in order that the over-all Our World Mission work of our denomination may be better integrated. Also we would commend them for recognizing the need of including the hopes and aspirations of the various standing committees of General Conference in their considerations and would encourage these committees to make available to the committee their plans.

We highly commend the executive secretary in her work during the past year. She has prayerfully applied herself to the responsibilities of her position. She has helped to provide continuity to the work of Commission and as chairman of the Planning Committee has assisted in co-ordinating Our World Mission work.

Commission sent a contribution through the International Christian Committee for the Protestant Pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair.

A study was conducted looking forward to the revision of the forms for statistical reports of the churches to make them more convenient for those making out the reports and to more adequately reflect the giving for local expenses and benevolences.

The Auditing Committee reports that the accounts of the treasurer of the General Conference have been duly examined by a competent auditor and found correct.

A list of Seventh Day Baptist ministers has been prepared and is available for inspection at this Conference. Permission is requested to make any necessary changes required between now and the publication of the Year Book.

It is with glad expectations that we note the ordination of Donald Richards as a minister of the gospel. We have found, upon examination, the credentials presented are in order, and recommend that the request of the Ritchie Church for his accreditation be approved. We would also commend the Washington Church in its desire to increase the depth and effectiveness of the work of Grover Brissey by calling him to ordination. Again we would urge the churches to encourage lay leaders to improve their talents and prepare themselves for greater service, looking forward to ordination.

Your Commission commends the Women's Society for its enlarged program in assisting with Vacation Bible Schools. We would urge each church to use and develop local leadership as much as possible in conducting their own schools. This would enable the Women's Society to more adequately meet the needs where local leadership is not available.

We appreciate the vision of the Women's Society in providing tuition for our young people who are taking religious education courses. This is an encouraging trend. It is hoped that similar courses will be offered by all of our colleges.

The report of the Ministerial Training Committee was considered. The School of Theology is commended for including in its plans the charging of tuition to help meet the financial need in moving toward accreditation. The committee was commended for the attention they plan to give to recruitment in the coming year. They presented a budget reflecting the necessary steps toward accreditation of the School of Theology. It was possible to include only a portion of this increased asking in Our World Mission budget presented to Conference.

Commission appointed Courtland V. Davis to a term of five years on the Ministerial Training Committee.

We would call attention of General Conference to the particularly forward-looking program of the Missionary Board for the home field. We commend the board for its vision and careful planning by which such a program is included in so limited a budget. We also recognize the desirability of the proposed project for a city evangelist, and would hope that this plan would continue in development to be instigated at such time as leadership and funds are available.

The Commission looks with optimism upon various indications of strengthened work and organization in the Associations. We commend the Associations which inquired regarding the presentation of Our World Mission program to their 1958 sessions, and we look forward to more work by the Associations in helping the interests and vision of the Conference to bear fruit in their constituent churches and communities.

The Commission members in a personal way and in behalf of General Conference would express their sincere thanks to Charles Harris who has served our denomination as Conference president during 1956-57 and as a member of Commission for three years, serving this past year as a most capable chairman.

Our World Mission treasurer has been authorized to present a ten-month report to Conference. We recommend that his current yearly report be adopted subject to audit for printing in the Year Book.

(To be continued)

Informal Scenes from Conference

The spirit of Conference is hard to catch with a few snapshots. As usual the Sabbath day meetings provide a climax of attendance and inspiration.

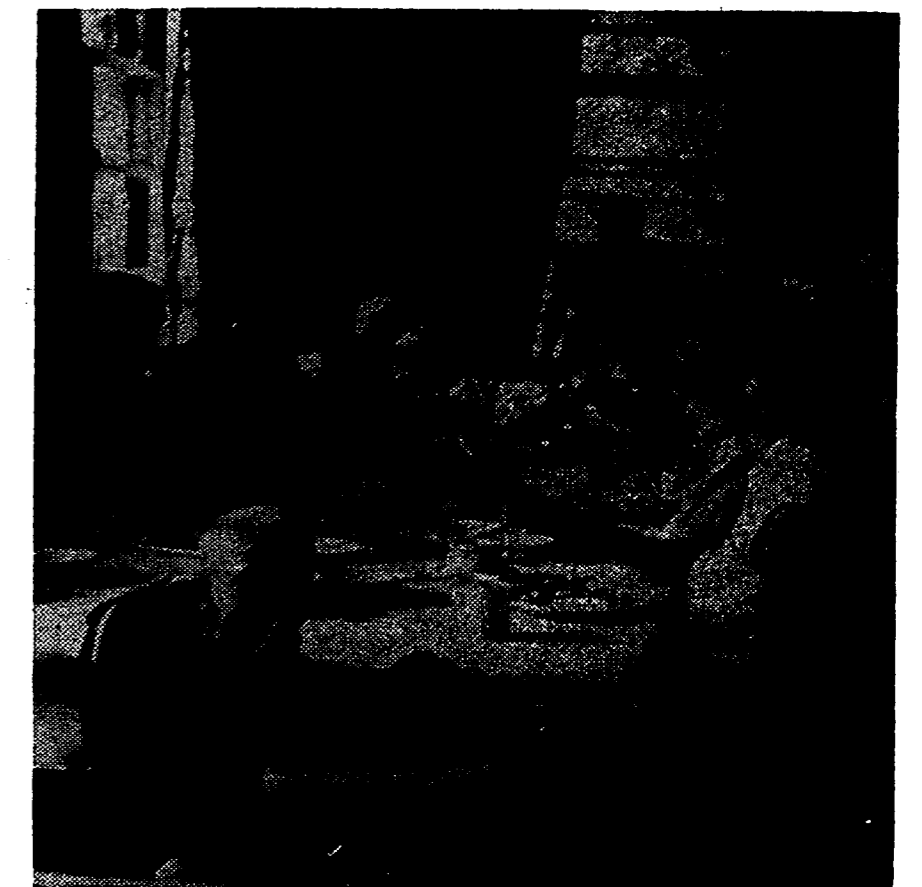


The picture above is of a small portion of the crowd outside the gymnasium. In the foreground are three generations of Hurleys with Mrs. P. B. Hurley, of Riverside, giving attention to K. Duane Hurley's youngest daughter. On the right can be seen the Rev. C. W. P. Hansen and his son, Robert.



A number of family groups came long distances to the California Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keller and their children from the Detroit, Mich., area were often seen together with Mrs. Keller's father, Timon Swenson, of Viborg, S. Dak.



Eating is always interesting. Here we see Mrs. Oscar Burdick of Berkeley, Calif., and their little daughter in the Conference dining room.



Mynor Soper, right, talks things over on Sabbath afternoon with some young faculty members of California Baptist Seminary. Mr. Soper attended the seminary while he was student pastor of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church.

TORONTO YOUTH CONVENTION

By Luan Sutton

Alfred Station, N. Y.

"Christ for the World — Now!" was the theme for the Fifth Baptist World Youth Conference held in Toronto, Canada, from June 27 to July 2. This conference was planned by the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance of which Seventh Day Baptists are members. These conferences have been held in 1931 at Prague, Czechoslovakia, with 20 nations represented by 400 participants; in 1937 at Zurich, Switzerland, with 1,564 young people from 28 nations. Because of World War II there couldn't be one in 1942, so the next one was held in 1949 at Stockholm, Sweden; and in 1953 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with 1,500 young people from 28 nations. This year at Toronto there were 8,021 young people registered from 63 nations. You can see how it has grown. Four of these 8,021 were Seventh Day Baptists. Pastor Paul Green, his wife, Denise, Roberta Armstrong, and myself were the lucky four.

You can see that it was a great privilege for me to attend this conference. To have the meeting place so near was very fortunate. When I looked around at the meetings it seemed wonderful to think that all of those people were Christian young people and that they were mostly my age. It was the largest group of people I had ever seen in one place. When everyone sang a hymn it filled my heart with joy to hear those young people from America, Canada, and across the sea, all praising God with their singing.

We had a display in a room with 14 others. First I'll tell you some about the other displays, then I'll tell you about ours. All the displays were about Baptists (of course) in some way. While we were setting ours up two men from Argentina were putting up pictures and maps of the Youth Work in Argentina. There was a display of all types of Bibles by the American Bible Society, Bibles in many different languages and Bibles written in Braille. There was a display of the American Baptist Publishing House, one of the Baptist Student Unions in

Louisiana, and there were others of foreign countries and other Baptist groups.

I think our display was the best and most interesting, but of course I'm prejudiced. We had a pegboard with pictures of Salem, Alfred, and Milton, also of the School of Theology and the Seventh Day Baptist Building and Publishing House in Plainfield. On one side of the table we had yearbooks from the colleges and catalogs and other information which the people could take with them. On the other side of the table we had four of our tracts. We started out with 500 of each tract and we brought back only a few. The tracts were: "Statement of Belief"; "Seventh Day Baptists Who They Are — What They Are"; "The Sabbath in the Bible and in History"; and "Sabbath and Sunday — The Real Difference." We were a little bit afraid to put the last one out because we thought it might be a little bit too forward on our part. We put it on the table and sort of hid it behind the pegboard. When we went back later we found that many of them had been taken, so we put more out and brought them out of hiding. We also had copies of the special issue of the **Sabbath Recorder**, the **Sabbath Visitor**, and the **Beacon** which people could take with them. In the middle of the table we had books which we did not want people to take — books like *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*, *Year Books*, *Junior Quarterly*, *Helping Hand*, *Hand Book of Statement and Beliefs*, and other Seventh Day Baptist literature.

On the front of the table we had two maps. One was of the United States with a pin and a piece of paper showing where each of our churches is located. The other map was of the world showing all our missions and churches in other lands with a few facts about them.

Whenever we had any extra time during the week we would go to the display room and put out more tracts and talk to people that were looking at our display. It was very interesting to talk to these people. We met many who had never heard of us and they seemed to be very much interested in everything about us.

(To be continued in the next issue)

News from the Southwest Field

(From Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Shepherding Pastor)

We had a fine Association. Many actions were taken that have a definite forward look. All committees were asked (urged) to use the round robin letter method of doing Association business between the sessions. The Executive Committee was given a number of things to do in the interim — first, study the possibility of sponsoring a representative to Pre-Con; second, consider the Exchange Camper Program suggested by the Board of Christian Education; third, encourage a Camp Miles alumni group as suggested by some former campers, the purpose of which is to give financial aid to needy but worthy campers to attend the camp; fourth, prepare a job analysis of the officers of the Association so each will know his specific duties; fifth, study the Rules of Order and Constitution for possible need of revision.

Out of the workshops came many suggestions to the churches. One was that each church plan its program out in broad outline a year in advance, possibly in quarterly periods, with themes such as Stewardship, Our World Mission, Family-Church Relationships, Evangelism, etc., as emphases for the quarters. The Shepherding Pastor was asked to revise and mimeograph the booklet of charts which he prepared several years ago called **A Balanced Program for the Local Church** — these to be sent to the churches in sufficient quantity for study groups to use in evaluation of the church programs.

It was voted to have the Association camp in the central area for at least the next three years. The Camp Committee is to prepare a set of rules for the governing of the camp. These are to be directed mostly to the sponsoring groups who invite or send the campers to the camp.

Consideration was given both to enlarging the News Letter to carry more news and also to carry the Gospel message and appeal. Our Association minutes when printed are rather brief and the Executive Committee is to consider and bring to Association next year a recommendation as to whether or not we include in the

printed minutes the reports and the letters of greeting from sister churches. It is in these that the inspirational element is found.

We had a rousing good Association with good spirit.

Missionary Interests Committee Works Hard for Several Days, Presents New Idea for Growth

Probably the most interesting and stimulating business session of the recent General Conference was on the last afternoon (Friday) when the Missionary Interests Committee, after eleven hours of deliberation, brought in a recommendation which evoked a fine type of discussion even though the specific recommendation was modified by amendments (proposed by the Rev. Delmer Van Horn and the Rev. Alton Wheeler) which some of its sponsors felt weakened it too much.

The chairman of the committee was the Rev. Elmo Randolph and its secretary, Winfield Fitz Randolph. A number of the members were people closely associated with our past or present missionary work.

The original form of the recommendation was as follows:

Because we believe that extension and growth in the United States is an imperative need challenging Seventh Day Baptists to an all-out effort now, and because it is evident in our thinking that this cannot be accomplished through the efforts of any one of our existing boards or agencies, we sense a need for a Seventh Day Baptist Department of Church Extension and Growth and we would recommend that Commission present and complete, detailed plans for such a department together with personnel and budgetary needs to the next Conference for action.

In its adopted form it reads as follows (according to our tape recorder):

Because we believe that extension and growth in the United States is an imperative need challenging Seventh Day Baptists to an all-out effort now, we sense a need for a Seventh Day Baptist Department of Church Extension and Growth and we request the Commission in cooperation with the Planning Committee to study the advisability of the establishment of a Department of Extension and Growth, and that the Commission bring any recommendations to the next year's Conference concerning such department including budgetary items as it considers them advisable.

Miss Beth Severe, Dr. Keith Davis, and the Rev. Elmo Randolph, members of the committee, were asked to speak. The following words are from Mr. Randolph:

"A slight bit of clarification of the actual recommendation may be of help. We have tried to establish for you our very real and very deep sense of need for extension and growth in these United States of America. What we have done specifically in this recommendation is to propose the development of, or the preparation of plans through our Commission in detail and complete, including the budgetary needs and the personnel needs. We have called for the development and presentation of plans for an organization, a mechanism, if you will, by which we believe this urgent and imperative need can be attacked and met successfully by this denomination. . . .

"It is the sincere belief of this committee that has worked this week that we have the seed of a big idea for Seventh Day Baptists, an idea that can be the springboard, if you will, for a breakthrough in the matter of our philosophy, in the matter of our attitude, in the matter of our hopes. We believe that this idea germinated at Covina, Calif., on this day may well create a breakthrough for Seventh Day Baptists so that for the next 58 years (and the next 200 years) the statistics will change and the spirit will change and the denomination will extend and grow at home and abroad.

"Some one has said 'Make no small plans. They have no power to move the human spirit.' I believe this is the spirit in which the Missionary Interests Committee presents this recommendation for your consideration today. We propose that it is a big idea. That it encompasses great planning, great stewardship, great practice of our evangelistic program throughout the denomination. I am sure I speak in behalf of the committee in urging you to air your questions, to express your views. I think we will feel that we have failed in a very large measure if you are not excited enough and stimulated enough in this consideration to give us a genuine airing of your thoughts, your questions, your doubts, your hopes, your inspiration in this recommendation."

Conference delegates responded to the above invitation without any spirit of controversy. Those who spoke to the question (mostly ministers) were Victor W. Skaggs, Everett T. Harris, C. Harmon Dickinson, Theodore Hibbard, Alvin Huntington, Earl Cruzan, Elmo Randolph, Winfield Fitz Randolph, Albert N. Rogers, Alton L. Wheeler, John Conrod, J. Paul Green, Delmer Van Horn, and Ethela Bauersfield, besides some who spoke twice. We reproduce here the substance of the remarks of Victor Skaggs:

"I believe that in the years that I have been working with denominational things, and in the pastorate as well, I have felt the need that has been expressed here as strongly as any. I feel a great urgency for this very thing and I am fully in accord with and give my wholehearted support to the purpose of this recommendation, but I am sorry for its form. I seem to recall (and perhaps I shouldn't pour on cold water, but he asked for our doubts too) — I seem to recall speeches very similar to these that we have received enthusiastically in each of several Conferences during the past 10 years naming solutions to our problems. And I believe caution should be exercised before a definite mandate be given to the Commission to bring such a recommendation back to Conference. I think such a recommendation should be, from my own viewpoint, so worded that Commission has a greater leeway — position to study and bring its recommendations regarding the group or the agency either existing or new which should do this work. I feel that in this instance we need deeper study.

"We need great prayer and devotion to our work. I think all of you recognize . . . that my position has been for a long time that organization will not help us until we get a deeper spiritual outlook and a deeper consecration to our task. And it is my own feeling, as I have said before Conference several times, that organization must not precede that deeper consecration but we must move in the other direction. It would appear to me that I must oppose this recommendation in its present form but I would be glad to recommend it and support it were it

worded with more leeway to Commission for study."

Secretary Everett Harris in a four- or five-minute talk said that he, too, was in favor of a "break-through." He challenged, however, some of the statements of Dr. Keith Davis on the relation between home and foreign mission work, maintaining that foreign mission work pays its way in church growth at home. He stressed, as he has on other occasions, that what we need on the home field is more local outreach. His closing words:

"Now in regard to this home field break-through, the break-through needs to be an individual and local church willingness to get out there and work and every mother church have a sister church, an outpost of work. But if, in the wisdom of Conference, you decide a department of extension and growth can do a better job than that, if it can stimulate your imagination and your hearty support in a way that we haven't done, then God bless the effort."

The remarks by C. Harmon Dickinson, slightly abridged, were as follows:

"I am heartily in favor of any effort among our people for extension and growth. I want to remind the Conference that we have an excellent document, A Manual of Extension and Growth, which has been distributed by Commission or the Planning Committee. I didn't bring a copy with me but, if my memory serves me correctly, on page 16 there is a significant statement. It says that the burden for extension and growth boils down to the local church level. I believe that we are in the habit of passing the responsibility on to someone else. We say the Missionary Board isn't doing it; let someone else pick it up, but the responsibility is with each one of us pastors, with each layman here, and with each local church represented. If we do not take the responsibility, if we do not enter into a spirit of prayer and into a spirit of sacrifice and into a spirit of consecration for church growth, we cannot go forward in growth.

"Another point that I feel is significant, is that we are thinking in terms of Our World Mission. We think of our budget as presenting the work of Seventh Day

Baptists at home and throughout the world. I am heartily in favor of that designation. Also I believe it is time for us to think of the world fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists. We speak about the number of Seventh Day Baptists in the continental United States but if we think of all the Seventh Day Baptists throughout the world, we will find that the total number comes very close to the peak of our membership. The world picture is what we should keep in mind, and not to excuse ourselves on the home field, because we should do more. But the mission fields and their growth are a challenge to us. Let us all work together and let us consecrate ourselves to this matter of going forward and winning souls for Jesus Christ. It is up to you. It is up to me. It is up to each one of our churches."

At one point in the discussion President Earl Cruzan called the vice-president to the platform so that he could speak on certain aspects of the question of setting up a Department of Extension and Growth. Note his remarks, which seemed to carry weight:

"I think we have before us something that is vital in the thinking of very many people. It is not something that is entirely new. Perhaps the thing presented to us is new in one aspect. But I have not sat on a Commission yet which has not considered this very need and considered it again and again and tried to consider details in ways in which it could be put into effect. I think we could see a much greater result in the home mission field had we given our Missionary Society money and said, 'Here, take this money and develop the home field.' We have not done that. We have not felt we were in a position to do it. We may not yet be in a position to do it. I think that we might well give this to Commission if that is your desire.

"I think that the suggestion of Victor Skaggs might be much better. . . . If given to Commission I know that we will tackle this thing with all the consecration and insight that is given to us. I think that you are asking too much if you ask for complete and detailed plans by another Conference. . . . In less than two weeks

of work together it is an impossibility to do this sort of thing.

"I can envision when this is presented to you the things it might well do. If we present a complete detailed plan for a department such as this, with personnel and budgetary items, you will find it taking your key pastors out of your key churches. It would be leaving five or six churches pastorless and taking out support and no one to come in to fill these pulpits. We need an area of recruitment. We have got to begin on the ground floor.

"We must not forget this thing but we must face it in all its aspects. If you want to put it in the hands of Commission I think it is fine and good. I think it should also be in the hands of the Planning Committee, as our boards wrestle with these various problems, and I think we should come up with something further on it at another Conference. I do not think it is possible to come up with any complete and detailed plans considering budget or personnel needs and have it well thought-out in the course of a year's time."

Winfield Fitz Randolph later tried to interpret to the Conference the enthusiasm of the committee in the following paragraph:

"I don't know of any way to bring to you the feeling of urgency that we felt or the enthusiasm that these committee members had for doing something, not just sitting still and waiting for the denomination to die off gradually. They felt an urgency. They see a great revival of Christianity in the United States. Other churches growing continually, getting more churches, getting larger groups, and our denomination dropping off 54 this year, a larger number last year, the year before. It is a continuous process and has been for years with us. We want to change that trend. We envisioned the young people going out and knocking on doors and finding out whether these people are attending church anywhere, what their beliefs are, if they would like to fellowship with our group. Are we as a denomination going to sit idly by and not do anything? Now, sometime within this next year, some sort of a plan can be brought before us. If you could go home and give to your churches the

enthusiasm that was in our committee, something will be done."

For the action as it was passed turn back to the beginning of this tape-recorded report. Those who were not at Conference might well consider how they would have voted.

Ecumenical Work Camp Accident

Twenty-two members of the Volklingen (Saar, Germany) ecumenical work camp, injured in a bus crash on August 15, were still hospitalized on August 25, but reported to be off the critical list. The accident took the lives of four persons — two campers, the bus driver's four-year-old son, and the cook at the camp.

The accident took place near Mettlach, Germany, when a new bus, carrying twenty-nine campers on a day's excursion, went out of control on a steep hill and rolled 180 feet to the road below.

The camp was one of forty being held in twenty-five countries this summer, sponsored by the World Council of Churches' Youth Department. The campers were to help build a home for boys, most of them emigrants from Poland, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia.

The injured campers include ten from Germany, six from the United States, three from Holland, one from Norway, two from Switzerland, three from the United Kingdom, one from Sweden, and one from Portugal.

Several Seventh Day Baptist young people in previous years have participated in similar work camps.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — In the absence of Pastor Rex Burdick on June 14 (Eastern Association) the Sabbath morning message was given by R. B. Douglas of the Gideon Society, who told of their work of placing Bibles and Testaments in hotels, motels, and other places. The children's message was given by Mrs. Jean Vierow.

Children's Day was observed on June 21. Following that program Pastor Burdick conducted a consecration service for the teachers of the Daily Vacation Bible School. During the Sabbath School hour a White Ribbon Recruit service was

conducted enrolling five little folks in the Child Welfare Department of the W.C.T.U.

Ladies' Aid

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held June 26, with Mrs. Orville Hyde. Mrs. Craig Sholtz was re-elected president. It was voted to divide our special missionary project money (30 pieces of silver) between the maternity ward of the Nyasaland Hospital and Maiden Hall School in Jamaica.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Sholtz, also re-elected, showed that \$1,238 had been received during the year with a balance on hand of \$96. Some of the things accomplished this year were: purchase of new runners for the church, a gas stove for the parsonage, redecorating at the parsonage, contributions made to OWM, Women's Board, pastor's salary, church indebtedness, and an Oneida telephone maintained in the parsonage. A rummage sale, three banquets, three public Sunday dinners, and several food sales were held. Vanilla, Air Fresh, and note paper were sold.

Mrs. Floyd Sholtz was asked to represent us at Conference and bring us reports of the women's work.

Camp

From July 9 to 16 Camp Harmony of the Central Association convened at Mill-site Lake, N. Y. The theme was "Living and Growing in Christ." Pastor Burdick with twelve of our young people attended. Also from Verona were: Miss Joyce Sholtz, director; Robert Sholtz, lifeguard; Mrs. Miriam Bennett, nurse; and Barbara Crandall, counselor. On that Sabbath our service at church was in charge of the "Worth While" Class. Several parents and friends of the campers attended service at the camp on Sabbath afternoon.

On Sabbath night, July 19, a variety shower for Marilyn Osborn and Olin Davis was sponsored by the Helpers Class. Best wishes to the daughter of a former pastor — the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Osborn — and the OWM treasurer for a happy future. — Correspondent.

WATERFORD, CONN. — On July 5 the quarterly business meeting of the

Waterford Church was held, and looking back over the second quarter, these are the highlights. April 9 to 12, Pastor Burdick conducted devotional services over radio station WNLC, New London. On April 24 the Ladies' Aid Society held their first food sale of the year.

May 11, Pastor Burdick conducted a service at the Mystic Seaport Church, which originally was a Seventh Day Baptist church. The choir sang an anthem. On May 18 seventeen church members and friends arrived early in the morning and gave the church its spring house cleaning. With so many willing and able helpers the work was accomplished in a short time.

In June, at our monthly hymn sing, we had as guests the choir from the Shiloh Baptist Church in New London. June 13-15 several of our members attended the meetings of the Eastern Association at Rockville, R. I. A baptismal service for Sandra Altieri was conducted at the shore, June 21. On June 23 Daily Vacation Bible School opened for a two weeks' duration, with closing exercises on Friday night, July 4.

Pastor Burdick made a tour of the Southwest home mission field in July and in his absence Chaplain Roderick Smith of the Coast Guard Academy at New London and the Rev. R. T. Wessel of the Huntington Street Baptist Church conducted our services. — Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — In April, we appreciated having our missionaries, Beth Severe and Joan Clement, at our Church Aid carry-in luncheon, and seeing their pictures and hearing about their labor of love in the mission field.

Children's Day was observed on June 14 during the Sabbath School hour.

There was a business meeting of the church on July 5 when a call was given to, and accepted by Rev. Wardner Fitz-Randolph to serve our church as pastor. It was also voted to omit services of the church during the month of August.

On Sabbath morning, July 19, one candidate was baptized and united with the church.

We are having very good congregations this summer. — Correspondent.

The Sabbath Recorder

Accessions

Daytona Beach, Fla.
 By Baptism:
 Esliel O. Jeffrey
 Battle Creek, Mich.
 By Baptism:
 Mrs. Richard Farrell
 Texarkana, Ark.
 By Baptism:
 Charles Edward Wagner
 Karen Wagner

Marriages

Doty-Smith. — At the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath afternoon, June 28, 1958, Keith L. Doty, Almond, N. Y., son of Raymond and Hazel Mosher Doty, and Sally M. Smith, Alfred Station, N. Y., daughter of Charles C. and Ollene Kenyon Smith, were united in marriage, the bride's pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating.

Jeffrey-Hoffman. — Esliel O. Jeffrey of Deland, Fla., and Leona Hoffman of Shiloh, N. J., were united in marriage on July 30, 1958, by Pastor Wardner FitzRandolph at the parsonage of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Church.

Davis-Osborn. — Marilyn L. Osborn, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn of Schenectady, N. Y., became the bride of Olin C. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Davis of Verona, N. Y., on Sunday, July 27, 1958. The service, which was held in the Verona Church, was solemnized by the bride's father and her brother, Paul, pastor of the Marlboro Church.

Whitford-Fazio. — Charles Whitford of Milton Junction, Wis., and Jean Fazio, Janesville, Wis., were married on July 6, 1958, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with their pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiating.

McCormick-DeVard. — William McCormick and Lynn DeVard, both of Chicago, Ill., exchanged marriage vows on Sabbath afternoon, July 12, 1958, in a ceremony conducted in the Graham-Taylor Chapel of Chicago Theological Seminary. The Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph was the officiating minister.

Howard-Miars. — Kay Spencer Howard, Milton, Wis., and Adeline Lee Miars, Jackson Center, Ohio, were joined in matrimony in a ceremony conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath night, July 26, 1958. The double ring ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph.

Obituaries

Wear. — Bessie, daughter of Henry S. and Celestia A. Deland, was born January 26, 1890, and died July 15, 1958, at her home in Nortonville, Kan.

Besides her husband, Lewis Wear, she leaves three children: Raphael and Archie and Mrs. Ethel Tomlinson; five sisters: Mrs. Rose Stephan, Mrs. Laura Reedy, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Grace Maxson, Mrs. Dorothy Graham; and three brothers: Harry, Carl, and Harold Deland.

Memorial services were held in the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Lippincott officiating. Interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery. — R. L.

Burdick. — Elnor L., son of Edmund and Elizabeth Hadley Burdick, was born in the Town of Alfred, Allegany County, N. Y., December 30, 1871, and passed away at the Harris Nursing Home, Hornell, N. Y., July 22, 1958.

He joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred about 1886 and always remained a faithful member. He was a farmer most of his life, having always resided in the Town of Alfred.

On September 21, 1895, he was united in marriage with Mary D. Holmes of Amity (Belmont), N. Y. To this union were born two sons: Elnor E., of Alfred, and Arthur E., of Alfred Station, N. Y.

In 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Burdick celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Besides his two sons, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mabel Collins, of Belfast, N. Y., six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted at the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, July 25, 1958, by his pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — A. E. B.

Fassbender. — Ernestine, daughter of Frederick and Ernestine Sauter, was born May 1, 1873, and died suddenly July 14, 1958.

She is survived by two sons, Ernest and Frederick, and three grandchildren: Robert, Carol, and Susan.

Mrs. Fassbender joined the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1936 and remained a faithful and active member until her death.

Memorial services were held in the Terrell Funeral Home, Irvington, N. J., with her pastor, the Rev. John Schmid, and the Rev. Roger Burton of the Irvington Congregational Church officiating. Interment was in the Fairmount Mausoleum, Newark, N. J. — J. G. S.

Jewett. — Frank Leslie, son of Charles L. and Carrie Taylor Jewett, was born at Rodman, N. Y., July 26, 1899, and died at the Oneida City Hospital, July 14, 1958.

He was an associate member of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church where he worshiped regularly.

He was married to the former Ermine Williams at Boonville in 1921 and to the union was born one son, Granton L. Besides his wife and son of Oneida, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. H. Carl Norman, of Mannsville, N. Y.; an uncle, D. H. Jewett, of Sandy Creek, N. Y.; three nephews and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick, from the Campbell-Dean Funeral Home in Oneida, and interment was in the New Union Cemetery at Verona Mills. — C. R. B.



SYMBOLIC PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Teaching our children to give to missions is one of the sacred obligations of teachers in our Sabbath Schools and Vacation Bible Schools. Children who are themselves learning to love the Savior are anxious to find ways of expressing that love and respond, often better than their parents, to suggestions of making a sacrifice for the children of other lands. In the above picture taken during the Sabbath afternoon program of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, two children, under the supervision of David Alborn (at the microphone), present to returning Missionaries Beth Severe and Joan Clement a unique arrangement of pieces of money given at the Los Angeles Vacation Bible School for the Nyasaland Mission — a very effective and symbolic presentation.