

The Sabbath Recorder

ning after the Sabbath rounded out a day of blessing.

Our church people are thankful for good weather and good crops this year. We are looking forward to earning money as a group at the September barbecue and to giving as the Lord has prospered us.

— From notes of the Correspondent.

Missionary Reporter

A new issue of the Missionary Reporter has recently been received by those on the regular mailing list which, we understand, includes most of the recognized leaders of the denomination. This issue covers the period from February to July, 1959. It is a 20-page document containing the minutes of two regular and two special meetings of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society. It also includes editorial material by the missionary secretary in regard to the fall church retreat and planning conference and other matters. It is possible that extra copies could be obtained by writing to the secretary, Everett T. Harris, Washington Trust Building, Westerly, R. I. — Editor.

Accessions

Boulder, Colo.

By Baptism:
Harriet Saunders
Jennie Lou Wells

North Loup, Neb.

By Baptism:
Mrs. Kenneth (Jerrolin Scott) Williams

Riverside, Calif.

By Baptism:
Robert Frazier
Jane (Mrs. Robert) Frazier
David Frye
Alberta (Mrs. David) Frye
Al Whitlock
Diana Boatman
Sally Hoxie

By Testimony:
Charlene (Mrs. H. Ed.) Rosa
Donald Mote
Dorothy (Mrs. Donald) Mote
John Wheelock (now deceased)
Julian Jensen
Mrs. Ara Gray

By Letter:
Jacqueline Wells
Mary (Mrs. Ray) Carneal
Adrian Goff
Paul Goff
Darrell Goff

TRACT SOCIETY MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held Sunday, September 20, at 2 p.m. in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J. Any who have attended General Conference or have contributed to the work of the society during the year are members and entitled to vote. The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held the same afternoon — a full afternoon of important business pertaining to Tract Society work.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 26, 1959

God Calls for Loyalty

Lesson Scripture:

Malachi 2: 17 through 3: 4, 16-18.

Marriages

Horwood - Bottoms. — Richard A. Horwood, son of Mrs. Edna Mae Horwood of Glendale, W. Va., and Shirley M. Bottoms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bottoms of Farnham, N.Y., were united in marriage in the Lutheran Church at Farnham, N.Y., by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, on August 30, 1959.

Magnusson - Lewis. — At Ashaway, R. I., in the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, August 22, 1959, Mary Elisabeth Lewis, daughter of Donald E. and Mary (Bond) Lewis, of Ashaway, and Eric Magnusson, Jr., son of Mrs. Francis Lathrop and the late Mr. Magnusson, of Westerly, R.I., were united in marriage. The Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiated.

Hart - Lederer. — Melvin Hart and Joan Lederer were united in marriage May 30, 1959, in the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church. The new home will be in Santa Rosa, Tex.

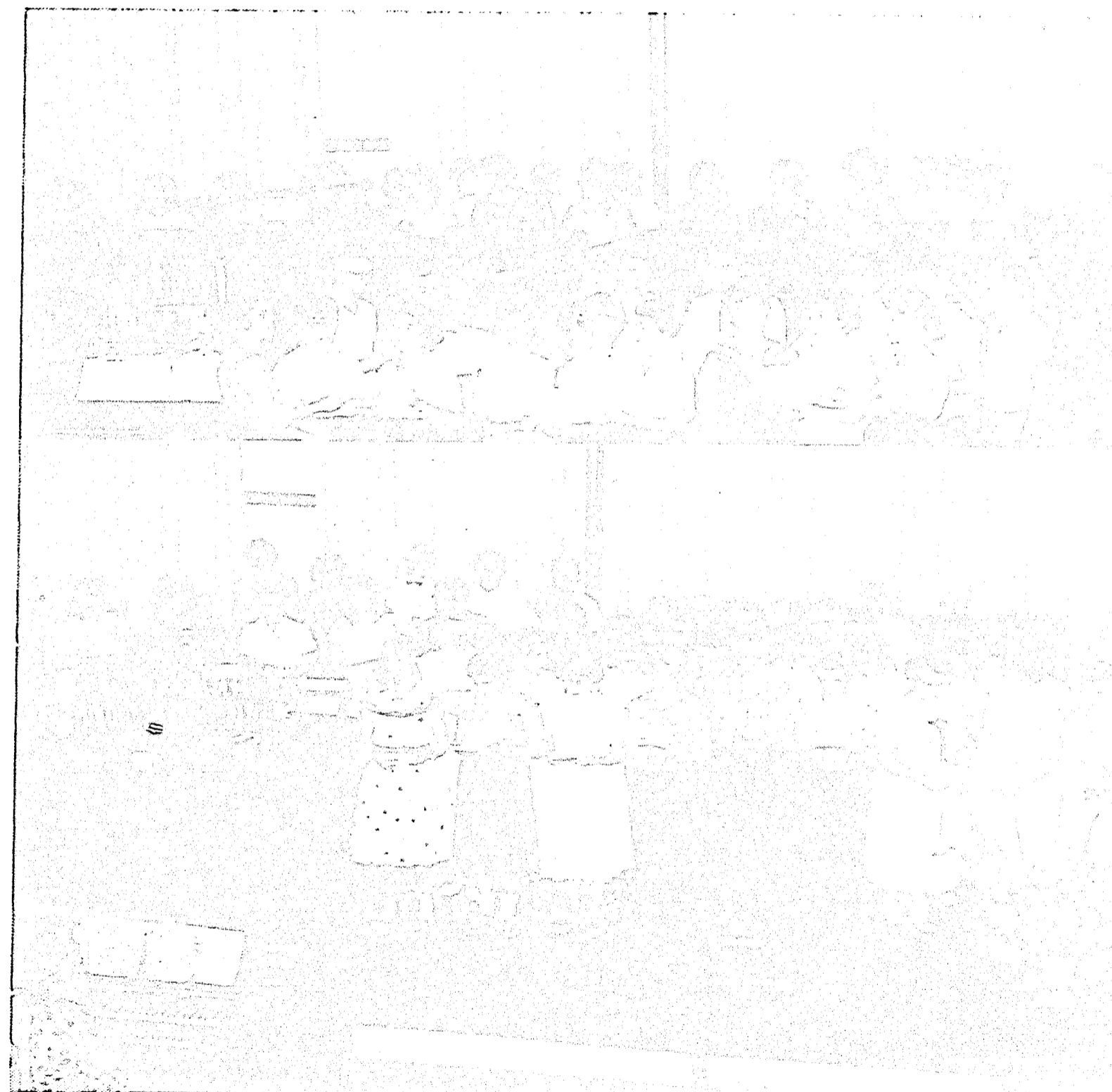
Obituaries

Charnley. — James G., son of George and Mary (Jordan) Charnley, was born in Rockville, R. I., March 4, 1881, and died at his home in Ashaway, R.I., July 22, 1959.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys (Barber) Charnley; four daughters; four sons; and two sisters: Mrs. Elsie Parkhurst of Rockville and Mrs. May Edwards of Alton, R. I., and a brother, George Edward of Hope Valley, R. I. He was a member of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Neal D. Mills, and burial was in the Rockville Cemetery.

—N.D.M.



Photos by Arthur Brayman.

YOUTH GROUPS AT CONFERENCE

Conference delegates were pleased with the opening part of the Thursday evening program when the young people took charge presenting numbers by a mixed ensemble (above) and a Junior High group (below).

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The Power of Public Opinion

Many instances of the power of public opinion could be called to mind by those somewhat familiar with state and national affairs, in other words, by those who read the papers.

Congress is perhaps more susceptible to indications of the thinking or pulse rate of the people than to any other force. Senators and Representatives soon learn to distinguish between the voice of pressure groups and the voice of the people. It is stated on good authority that the labor reform measure recently passed by Congress was a reasonably effective measure because of "the power of public opinion" — an irresistible demand from the grass roots for legislation to curb the evils exposed by the Senate Rackets Committee.

The Honorable Jennings Randolph, who was active in working out the final Senate-House compromise, implied this dependence on the voice of the people in a recent Washington interview. The same sensitivity was expressed by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey in a dinner address to 100 representatives of the National Council of Churches on September 9. He laid the responsibility for action where it belongs, in a slightly different connection as follows:

"I would like to remind you of what Edmund Burke once said, 'Evil triumphs when good men fail to act.' Evil doesn't necessarily triumph, but it will if good men fail to act. The duty of the churches, and the duty of those of us who are trying to be Christian laymen, and the duty of those who are responsible for Christian leadership in the churches is to arouse such a spirit in this country that good men will act — act in the spirit of confidence, of understanding, and of faith."

At the close of his address he again called on Christian people to do their part for the great cause of peace. He stated his belief that peace was within possibility of our foreign policy in general. "What it will take," he convincingly emphasized, "is not merely Presidential leadership, not merely congressional leadership, my dear friends, what it takes is really inspirational leadership at the grass roots level. People must yearn for peace. They must believe it a possibility. We must never become cynical about it."

We who are far removed from national and international politics and diplomacy are tempted to think that our voices do not count there, that they only count in local issues such as are faced by school boards, county or city governments. As a matter of fact, they do count in the larger areas. What, we might wonder, can we do or say that would influence the United Nations. Much. On high authority it can be said that the very existence and effectiveness of the UN depend on what the people think. That international body can go only as far as the people want it to go. If the populace does not have confidence in it as an instrument for peace it is powerless. The action which ought to be taken this year on the problems likely to come up will depend as much on the power of public opinion as upon the astute diplomacy of our trained men in the Department of State.

Even the President himself in his domestic and international program is understood to feel that he must take his programs to the people so that they will understand the problems and stand with him in their public discussions and in their private prayers.

To sum it up, each of us has a Christian responsibility not only in church and denominational affairs but also in affairs of state and of the world.

Man Revalued

"How much was he worth when he died?" is a familiar question. In the black days of Hitler there were stories circulated that the bodies of the Jews slaughtered were worth enough to warrant trying to recover the fats and other usable substances. The dictator had already confiscated all the real and personal property of his victims. Whatever the worth of the body, life was considered even more cheap.

Years ago some scientists estimated that all the chemicals in a human body would add up to about 98 cents in value. These are days of inflation. The buying power of the dollar is way down. An instructor of chemistry in Texas has made a new computation of the chemical worth of the human body. It has advanced, according to his calculations, only 19 cents when other values have more than doubled.

The value of a human soul in the sight of God is still termed infinite. When we come to an appreciation of the value of one lost soul we will not say that evangelistic and missionary budgets are too high. We will rather be ashamed that we have given so little and held back so much.

We quote the wisdom of the Bible, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Is it not all too true that we are afraid to put too much of our treasure into winning the lost for fear that our hearts would be carried along with the gifts? Most of us want to be rather close to Mr. Average Christian. To be over zealous brands us as queer, a brand of which the apostles were not ashamed.

There is yet a little time before our denominational budget year ends. We could make no better resolve at this eleventh hour than to renounce our average-man devotion, to accept the stigma of "queerness," and to make a real sacrifice of desired conveniences or imagined necessities in order to demonstrate to the Lord the value that we place on a redeemed soul.

Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish Broadcasting Aims

What are the aims and emphases in radio and television programs of the three major faiths? Some have analyzed the various programs presented to the American public and have come up with an answer that is probably correct. It may be disturbing or it may be pleasing, depending on the point of view.

Robert Lewis Shayon, himself a sometime participant on the NBC program, "Frontiers of Faith," produced by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the NCC, had something to say on the subject in the Saturday Review of June 27. He describes the Roman Catholics as relying "most importantly on church doctrine" in their various programs. The Jews, he finds, "probably have a higher secular mind-stopping quotient in their programming." The Protestants have a different approach, which he considers good. This is the way he puts it: "Modern Protestantism . . . with its accent on 'Christ in culture' would seem to be effectively tuned

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to the mood of the contemporary secular mind on Sunday."

We might exclaim, "Shades of Luther, Calvin, and the other Reformation leaders!" Protestantism had its origin in a revolt against the false doctrine of the Roman Church. Has it now come to such a pass that Protestants in their programs over the air do not, or feel that they cannot, emphasize doctrine? Is the listening world gaining the impression that only the Catholics can appeal to people by a doctrinal approach? The Protestant clergy and the better instructed laymen know full well that in the Roman Catholic presentation there is a clever mixture of Scriptural doctrine and church doctrine and that the voice of authority which people crave is narrowed down at the close of most broadcasts to the church and its traditions rather than the Word of God. But the question is, do the listeners in general know it? Where is the voice of "Thus saith the Lord" which in former years led great numbers to establish Protestant churches?

Fortunately, as your editor sees it, there are many radio and television programs sponsored by Protestants where Bible doctrine is strongly emphasized and highly appreciated. It is sometimes difficult to present basic Christian doctrine without a mixture of personal interpretation with which others find themselves in disagreement. It is also hard for some of our Christian brethren who take to the airwaves to avoid an unwarranted dependence on church tradition, as in the case of the Sabbath-Sunday question. We believe, however, that Bible doctrine can and ought to be faithfully presented. There is an authority far better than the traditions of the Roman Church; it is the Bible. It is the source of all our knowledge of Jesus the Savior of the world. It preserves for us the preaching and practice of Christ's chosen apostles. Through the years it has introduced men to the satisfaction that comes through trust in the Redeemer. Christianity stands separate from secularism or mere culture or the authoritarian claims of the Catholic Church. Let us make sure that our voice is as clear as the proverbial trumpet.

MEMORY TEXT

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7: 12.

CONCERNS FOR PEACE

Excerpts from a statement addressed to the President of the United States by the Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, on the occasion of a White House conference on September 9, participated in by 100 official delegates of 30 denominations.

We are deeply grateful to you, Mr. President, for your courtesy in meeting with us today. We know how crowded your schedule is at this critical juncture of history when the demands upon your time and strength are so great. We all thank God for the vigor and initiative you are demonstrating in your leadership of the nation, and the spirit of dedication in which you are devoting yourself so tirelessly to the peace and well-being of all mankind.

The national and international viewpoints within the National Council of Churches vary widely among 39,000,000 people represented in our constituency. However, cooperating churches have, over a period of approximately fifty years, developed representative views on basic issues in international affairs. Through the National Council of Churches they have set forth positions in support of the United Nations, atoms-for-peace, the reduction and regulation of armaments with inspection and control, mutual security, world economic development including mutual aid and reciprocal trade, human rights, improved immigration and refugee policies, a more peaceful image of our nation overseas, and the ministry of reconciliation emphasizing honorable negotiations and international exchanges. We would like you to know that during the year from now to next summer the members of our churches will be making a special study of the issues which face our nation and the

world, through a Nationwide Program of Education for Peace, so that they may act with increasing responsibility as Christian citizens. . . . This study and action program is being undertaken by our member denominations, state and local councils of churches, and local congregations.



Church leaders about to enter the White House on September 9 to inform the President of the nation-wide peace study by NCC constituents.

We are concerned that the problems outlined in these studies shall become matters of vital discussion and debate, in order that the American people may have a more thorough understanding of the life-and-death issues of our time. Thus, we are giving high priority to the Nationwide Program for Peace. We believe that to want peace is not enough! We must study the basic issues and take steps that will lead to peace.

This involves considerations even more basic than military preparation. In its pronouncements the National Council of Churches has recognized the comprehensive character of international relations — the military, political, cultural, economic, and ideological factors. It has stated its unalterable opposition to communism and all forms of tyranny. It has gone on record as believing that exchange between different peoples and nations adds to knowledge and helps to break down prejudice, misunderstanding, and conflict.

We know all too well that the tough political, economic, and military issues of our generation cannot be settled by words

alone, however friendly and well-intentioned. Facing such hard facts, the General Board of the National Council of Churches has said that as a nation we must seize every opportunity for honorable settlement of issues, and for things that make for peace.

We shall continue to pray, in connection with the series of visits which are occupying so much of your time, that as American citizens, loyal to our country and our God, we might demonstrate by our courtesy and self-discipline that we are not overwhelmed by alien and repulsive ideologies, and that any visitor sees our country as it truly is. The magnificent and fruitful communication and cooperation achieved, for example, by all the world's scientists in the International Geophysical Year can be an example to us all. The International Refugee Year to which the churches are giving particular support . . . gives similar promise. We have confidence that God's redemption is working in human hearts throughout the world. We dare to hope that there will be progress toward peace.

And, finally, we would have you know, Mr. President, that we are constantly praying for you and all those associated with you in government, that God may give you wisdom and a consciousness of His unfailing presence in all your work. Again we thank you for your leadership, and assure you of our continuing support in the efforts you are making for the peace and well-being of mankind.

Books for Maiden Hall School

The request of Supervisor Leon Lawton (Aug. 3 Recorder) for lists of books which might be of use in the very meager library of the new country school at Maiden Hall, Jamaica, has met with little response. It is suggested that people read that appeal again and do something about it if they think they have some acceptable books. A ten-cent air letter containing the list will be appreciated by Roger Cazzio, principal. His address is Guy's Hill Post Office, Jamaica, W. I.

Brisseys Return to Jamaica

Headmaster and Mrs. Grover Brissey returned by air to Kingston, Jamaica, immediately after attending General Conference at Salem. The first thing they had to do upon their arrival was to prepare to move to a new home. The cottage at 29 Charles Street is to be used for classroom space for Crandall High School.

Mr. Brissey has written that the address of their new home is 7 Goodwood Terrace, Halfway Tree P.O., Jamaica, W. I. They expected to move to the new location on September 15.

Another matter requiring immediate attention before the fall term of school begins is the blacktopping of the school-grounds at Crandall High School. A gift from the "Meal of Sharing" Fund of the Milton Church is making this possible.

Another pressing need is for repairs on the termite-riddled flooring of Crandall High classrooms. Most of this may be provided through budgeted funds for upkeep of the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Brissey have expressed their deep sorrow and shock at the sudden passing of Miss Charlotte Murdock, the trusted housekeeper and companion of all our mission workers. Her many friends, there and here, reflect their feelings.

Mauches Return to Canada

Soon after Central New York Association meetings at Adams Center in June (at which time the Rev. Rene Mauch's ordination as a Seventh Day Baptist minister was recognized), Mr. and Mrs. Mauch and daughter, Esther, began a tour of Seventh Day Baptist churches of this country. They have now returned to their home at St. Pie de Bagot, Quebec, Canada, after having traveled 7,740 miles and visited 32 churches, 2 young people's camps, Pre-Con Retreat, and the General Conference.

Before beginning an all-out effort to complete work on the mission boat, "The Messenger," Mr. Mauch, reviewing his journey to the churches, concluded his letter with these words, "This visitation tour which has lasted for three months has been

a great experience for the three of us. I have gained a good insight into the work of our churches throughout the United States. Our contact with the churches has started us on the way of many friendships with individual members and we shall cherish the memory of this journey and the happy hours spent in the homes of our fellow-believers in the years to come. God bless them for their hospitality. We feel that now we shall be better prepared to go to British Guiana as true representatives of the denomination."

Farewell Service

For Outgoing Missionaries

Plans are being made for a farewell service for outgoing missionaries to be held in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, October 24. Those specially invited are the many friends and loved ones of our missionaries-elect to Nyasaland, Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Barbara Bivins, and also of the Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch and daughter Esther, missionaries-elect to British Guiana.

As our special guest speaker for this occasion we have the assurance of the services of Dr. Luther A. Gotwald, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Gotwald will address the group on the subject, "The World Mission and the Church."

Church members and friends from the New England Seventh Day Baptist churches and also from the not-too-distant New Jersey and Eastern New York State churches are most cordially invited to attend this Sabbath afternoon service. It is expected that the service will begin at 2:30 o'clock (D.S.T.).

Board Meeting

There will be a called meeting of the directors of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education on Sunday, September 27, at 2:00 p.m. at the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y., for the purpose of electing officers of said board

Rex E. Zwiebel.

Popular Banquets at Conference

There was one evening at the General Conference when the large auditorium was empty, when all the tape recorders were stopped, and when even the cafeteria, which had struggled to feed the crowd of delegates, closed its doors for lack of patronage. Although no meetings were held at the college, the evening proved to be one of the most stimulating sessions and, somewhat unexpectedly, there was a large gathering of people at the church for a challenging meeting that was dismissed much later than usual.

On the third evening of Conference there were banquets in the social halls of the Baptist and Methodist Churches and a "Lay Development" workshop in the sanctuary of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The Mother-Daughter Banquet held in the Baptist Church was advertised as having a missionary emphasis. The speaker was Mrs. David Pearson, just returned from Nyasaland. It was, in a sense, a continuation of the missionary meeting of the afternoon when there was not sufficient time to hear the workers from that land. Quite a number who had come to Conference late found it impossible to get tickets for the banquets.

The Father-Son Banquet in the Methodist Church, a little way down the street, was also a sell-out though it had appeared earlier in the week that the men were not going to grasp the opportunity of borrowing sons so that nearly all men and boys could attend.

The men (and those who served them) appeared to be thrilled with the spirited and room-filling singing of hymns from the song-sheet. It was commented on the next day. The featured speaker for the men was to have been Senator Jennings Randolph from West Virginia who had hoped that he could rush to Salem from Washington by private plane. He called during the day to explain that he was so involved in the current labor bill that he could not leave the capital. At the banquet, prayer was offered for this Seventh Day Baptist lawmaker that he might be guided aright in the decisions of Congress which he must help to make. Por-

tions of his address had been released to the press ahead of time and were read effectively by Secretary Rex Zwiebel who had arranged the program. His message was entitled "The Obligation to Be a Man."

One of the statements made by Senator Randolph was, "Every boy born is evidence that God is not yet discouraged with man." He challenged the group to accept the task of helping prevent God's discouragement. Later he mentioned that the highest measure of our success as fathers is in the extent to which our sons outgrow us. "Sons," he remarked, "are today inches taller than their dads in physical height, and there is cause to believe and hope that these lads are being given greater, not lesser, opportunities for service and success."

Lay Development Workshop

As mentioned earlier in this article the banquet evening ended with a much larger meeting at the church than had been anticipated. Missionary Secretary Everett Harris was scheduled to conduct a workshop on the Lay Development Program which is being sponsored throughout the denomination by the Missionary - Evangelism Committee of the board.

The men and women from the two banquets assembled in large numbers to hear the presentation by Mr. Harris and to divide into three groups for discussion of several phases of the program. There were perhaps 140 people present.

Much more will be said in the churches and through the pages of this periodical about the Lay Development Program. As one would readily expect, it is a planned program fitted to our own denominational use which aims at enlisting, training, and using the laymen in a greater work for the Lord.

One third of the congregation discussed for twenty minutes the church retreat and planning conference, the most profitable method of launching the program through interested church leaders studying it for a full day. This retreat would probably be organized by a Lay Development Committee appointed by the church.

Another one third of those present took up the aspect of the program called "My

Personal Growth Covenant." They considered a suggested 8-point covenant and ways of making it meaningful to those who were willing to sign it. Conference President Wayne Crandall, who was in this group, commented on how this could be related to the spiritual inventory on which he has been working through the year.

The third group met in another room to discuss the Lay Development workshops, which are expected to be the most effective part of the program.

Some felt that the hour spent together on this particular evening was the high point of the whole General Conference.

Khrushchev Prayer Meetings

Almost every medium of communication and information was utilized in connection with the arrival in the United States of Mr. Khrushchev and his family on September 15. Not everyone was pleased with his coming but all wanted to know the details and most were determined to heed the President's appeal to receive him with dignity.

One important type of communication did not get publicity in the papers — communication with God. In many states and in several denominations there was a wide call for prayer vigils on September 15 and the days following. Ministers in Grand Rapids, Mich., cooperated in a noon mass prayer meeting in the Civic Auditorium September 15.

This prayer movement, growing steadily despite the lack of centralized sponsorship, grew out of a meeting of interested parties held by Admiral Ben Morrell, USN (Ret.), chairman of Americans for Constitutional Action. It has wide endorsement and takes on many aspects. The gist of the prayer call was that September 15 be observed as a day of prayer and that special services be conducted in churches everywhere, particularly in cities on Khrushchev's itinerary.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 3, 1959

"You Shall Be My Witnesses"

Lesson Scripture: Acts 1: 1-14.

Youth News

Verona Youth Wins Highest Honors

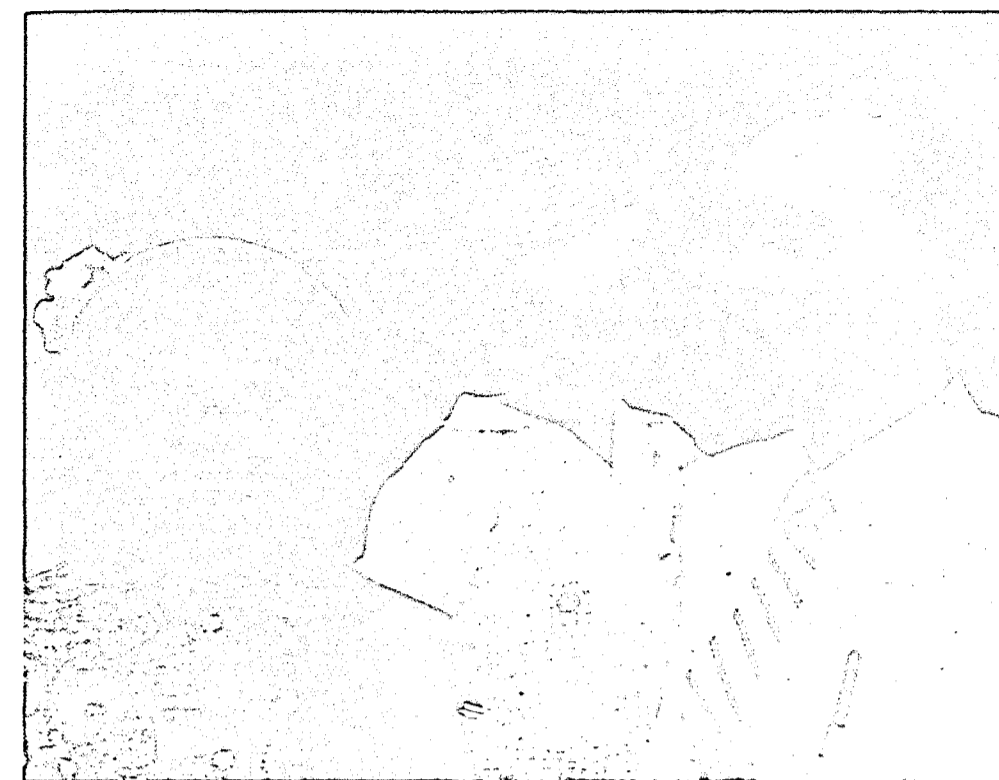
David Crandall, 17, son of Professor and Mrs. Burton B. Crandall of Fayetteville, N. Y., and a member of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, has won the highest scholastic honors achievable in the United States. In competition with 8,000 high schools and 45,548 selected students, he is one of the 25 winners of the \$500 scholarships. With a choice of any college or university in the country David has decided to enter Harvard this fall to pursue an engineering course. One of the scholarships awarded him at graduation was from Harvard and amounted to \$1,600.

This young man is active in his home church, although by generally accepted standards the family would be considered in the nonresident or lone Sabbathkeeper class. He attended General Conference at Salem, W. Va., and gave a thought-provoking talk on the attitudes of young people toward Sabbathkeeping standards on the program of the Board of Christian Education.

David, like other youths, probably prefers to be known by his own achievements (or shortcomings), but older people will be interested to know that he is a grandson of Dr. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis and Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Crandall of Alfred — people who have been prominent in the missionary and educational work of the denomination. Such honors as were won by David come through hard work more than through inheritance, it is to be assumed. In the providence of God and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit our young men may make noble contributions to the cause of Seventh Day Baptists in the years to come. — Editor.

New Jersey Meeting

The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held with the Shiloh, N. J., Church the second weekend of October with services beginning Sabbath eve and continuing through the following day.



First Pastorate, Paint Rock

One of the pictures caught at Salem, W. Va., at the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference was that of the young minister, Leroy Bass, and his family. Mr. Bass, who has been working toward his master's degree at Washington, D. C., has previously been introduced to Recorder readers through an article and in connection with his attendance at the Ministers Conference last spring.

For the Bass family Conference was only a brief stopover. They were packed and on their way to a parsonage and their first experience in pastoring a Seventh Day Baptist church. Mr. Bass was recently called to the Paint Rock, Ala., Church. Since the church was without pastoral leadership and he considered himself ready to begin such service, there was no waiting period.

The new pastor and the church will appreciate the loving prayers of intercession in their behalf by the people of the denomination. Prayers should also be lifted up for those churches that are still pastorless and for those qualified ministers who could serve acceptably somewhere.

Northern Association

The Semiannual Meeting of the Northern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches has been set for October 16, 17, and 18 at White Cloud, Mich.

RIAL Delegate Reports to Conference

By Edgar F. Wheeler
(Somewhat abridged)

Your delegate to the Committee on Religion In American Life attended one meeting in New York City, at which time he enjoyed cordial visits with other delegates. In addition he has regularly received communications advising of the actions of this group.

RIAL strives to create a greater interest in religion and worship in America, without reference to creed. Its efforts will be seen in bus and train posters, roadside posters, spots on television, and brief radio announcements: "Worship Together This Week."

The contribution of Seventh Day Baptists financially was highly commended as compared with much larger groups.

I must confess to being somewhat appalled by a generally worldly attitude among the candidates at the meeting I attended. Yet I am not prepared to totally condemn the organization and its work. Perhaps its degree of effectiveness in awakening people to their religious needs does indeed open great opportunities for Gospel witness among churches of evangelical tradition.

Note: The Rev. Mr. Wheeler's report was accepted by vote of Conference without comment. Later in the week he was re-elected for the coming year and was provided with a limited travel account under the expense allotted to the Ecumenical Relations Committee.

Day of Prayer — October 7

The three services, through their chaplains, have done well with the annual day of prayer voted by Congress and declared by the President. (Done well means done better than the civilian clergy perhaps.) Historic Thanksgiving Day is officially "A Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer," but the prayer part is often lost in football games, turkeys, and family reunions. Hence a separate day of prayer, earlier in the fall, has a place, and so the Congress and the President have decided. The Armed Forces have always responded to this call for prayer, and the chaplains will again do what they can this autumn when the proclamation is made.

— The Military Chaplain.

LET'S THINK IT OVER Night Driving

The National Safety Council says that the nighttime traffic accident problem is one of the most critical in the United States, because three times as many fatalities occur — per mile driven — at night as during daylight hours.

There are, doubtless, several reasons why normal drivers and sober pedestrians are involved in more accidents under night conditions. The Bible has another answer that must not be overlooked and which was never more true than now. Illustrating his message on right conduct in view of the suddenness of the return of the Lord, the Apostle Paul added, "They that be drunken are drunken in the night" (1 Thess. 5: 7). Perhaps the solution is in the words, ". . . but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thess. 5: 6).

More Liberty in Argentina

Protestant services may now be held in any premises in Argentina without special permission, as long as the Ministry of Religious Affairs is informed, according to a new government order which ends the requirement for obtaining permission for all church gatherings. Statistical information including the number of members, names of ministers, and addresses of churches and parish houses must also be sent to the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Where Are They Now?

Elsewhere in this issue mention is made of the farewell service for the four new missionaries who depart for their fields of service this fall, God willing. The Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch, as noted, are now back near Montreal working on their mission boat. Miss Sarah Becker left New York September 11 to visit members of her family in Kansas, Washington, and California before her departure for Africa. Miss Barbara Bivins, another medical missionary to Nyasaland, has been saddened by the death of her father. She has been working on her visa, and will be at home near Bridgeton, N. J., until time for the air flight to her field.

Ecumenical Committee Report (Recommendations omitted)

For a standing Conference committee as new as the Committee on Ecumenical Relations, established in 1954, it is important, we believe, not only for ourselves, but for the entire General Conference organization and constituency, to frequently review the purposes for which the committee was established, and to ever search for practical ways in which it can serve the denomination in the fulfillment of these purposes and such other purposes as may be assigned to it.

This the committee has done again this year and would report that the purposes of our committee, as we understand them, are these: (1) to coordinate and unify our representation to the various ecumenical bodies to which our denomination is represented; (2) to attempt to bring to our people the maximum benefits possible to us from our participation in these organizations; (3) to increase, in every way possible, the effectiveness of our representation to these organizations; and (4) to devise ways and means, including an over-all, long-range program, for more effectively giving our distinctive denominational witness, including our Sabbath message, to these ecumenical bodies and other groups.

For the fulfillment of purpose (1) above, our committee meets as frequently as possible throughout each General Conference session, to talk over the experiences of its members during the past year, and to plan for its work during the coming year.

For the fulfillment of purpose (2), we attempt, in every way open to us, to report and interpret the work of the ecumenical organizations to our people, that they may be informed about this important aspect of the life of the larger Christian community. Specifically, we have conducted several workshops in this field and would suggest that much more might be done in this way on the Associational level. In such endeavor, we stand ready to assist in every way possible.

For the fulfillment of purpose (3), increasing the effectiveness of our representation to ecumenical organizations, we would encourage our people to study the vital issues engaging the attention of these

organizations, and report their thinking and findings back to us toward the end that we may have a more complete, accurate, and comprehensive grasp of denominational thought. How to make the distinctive witness of our small denomination effective in the large ecumenical movements of our time, is a question not easily answered, but we believe it can be done, and those of us who have worked in these organizations are happy to report that we are graciously and warmly received — Seventh Day Baptists are respected in the larger Christian community. The members of your committee seek ever to enhance this respect by freely sharing our witness with all such as may be interested, while at the same time, sincerely and thoughtfully interesting ourselves in the larger concerns that bring us together with the delegates of other Christian bodies.

It is the strong conviction of the committee that Seventh Day Baptists ought to be represented in the most effective way possible at the World Baptist Alliance meetings to be held in Brazil this year.

Although we do not now see the support for such representation, we would urge the importance of these meetings upon the General Conference, and would earnestly hope that some way might open up for us in this matter.

The committee is gratified that the Commission and the Planning Committee have so well integrated the program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in a denominational program of advance. We feel that the objectives which this committee sought in bringing the Baptist Jubilee Advance to denominational attention have been accomplished in the program outlined by our Commission.

The committee is now engaged in a study of what might be done on the level of ecumenical relations toward Sabbath promotion and toward Sunday legislation problems.

Note: The new chairman of the committee is the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson (representative to American Bible Society). The Rev. C.W.P. Hansen is understood to have felt that he could not again take leadership of the committee.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

(As adopted by the General Conference)

(Continued from last week)

ORGANIZATION

- I. **The place of the Commission, Planning Committee, and the General Conference.** For the present the general planning and supervision of the program shall be by the Commission and the Planning Committee, checked by the General Conference at yearly intervals.
- II. **The place of the boards and agencies of the General Conference.** The boards and agencies of the Conference shall implement and promote the program by the use of all their available resources of money, materials, and personnel.
- III. **The place of the associations.** The associations shall stimulate local church participation by disseminating information and stirring discussion, using available program time and personnel.
- IV. **The place of the local church.** The strengthening and extension of local church work are fundamental in any program of advance. Therefore, the churches should devote themselves to informed, continuous, and enthusiastic Christian witness and service.
 - A. **The place of the pastor.** The pastor should be the adviser, inspirer, and teacher. His training should be used in administration and in all phases of this work — but only as the church and he plan and work together will the purposes of this program be accomplished. His faith and his vision of the possibilities should stir the congregation to greater effort, and both the pastor and the church will grow together in hope and faith.

B. The place of the laymen. The prayer and work of the laymen of each congregation are the keys to our success. Enthusiasm and devotion of informed laymen are the vital forces that will carry this program forward. It must be a program primarily sustained by the congregation.

The intensity of individual faith, the warmth of Christian love, the sacrifice of personal interests, the joy and kindness of Christian life, the knowledge of consecrated minds, the enthusiasm of inspired churchmen: these are the inward qualities we must find steadily growing in individual Seventh Day Baptists and in our congregations if planning and effort and hope and prayer and inspiration are to bear fruit among us.

2. The Commission recommends that recommendation number two of the Committee on Ministerial Support, that "its chairman be elected annually from the lay membership of the Commission," be rejected (1958 Year Book, page 25).

3. The Commission would recommend the adoption of recommendation number three of the Committee on Ministerial Support, "that the other regular members of the committee be elected annually from the same geographical area as the chairman so that the committee may have the benefit of meetings during the year" (1958 Year Book, page 25).

4. The Commission would recommend that in addition to the two representatives appointed from each association to the Conference Committee on Nominations the Conference president be empowered to appoint, at his discretion, not more than six members from delegates present and that he select the chairman of this committee as all other Conference committee chairmen are selected.

5. We would recommend that approval be given by the Conference to the idea of seeking out facilities available for rent to groups such as our Conference, that arrangements be made for the rotation of the meeting of the Conference in these locations from now on as long as it is agreeable to the Conference and as the facilities prove adequate and desirable, and that the implementation of this plan be left to the supervision of the Commission.

6. We recommend that at any time a church or association entertains the Conference it (the church or association) provide and suggest available housing for rent and that everyone coming be expected to pay for his own lodging except where specifically and individually invited as a guest in a local home.

7. We recommend that our representatives on the Joint Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance be the president of Conference and two members of the Conference Planning Committee, this year to be Rev. Leon M. Maltby and Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

8. We recommend that six copies of the Year Book be sent without charge to each Seventh Day Baptist church and fellowship for the use of its principal officers, including one copy for permanent file, and that additional copies for other church members be secured by churches or the individual members at \$1.00 per copy. The Year Book should still be offered to those outside of our communion at the price of \$1.50.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS — OUR WORLD MISSION

Board of Christian Education:

Administration	\$ 6,820.00
Youth work	400.00
Publications	3,350.00
Purchase of literature	150.00
Workshops	50.00
National Council (Division of Christian Education)	200.00
Publish "Guide for Church Membership"	500.00
Miscellaneous	155.00

Total\$ 11,625.00

General Conference:

Officers and Commission expense	\$ 2,500.00
Executive secretary (salary and Social Security)	3,835.50
Year Book	1,000.00
Printing of Conference programs and committee reports	200.00
Vocational Committee	100.00
Budget promotion	1,250.00
Secretarial expense of executive secretary	1,250.00
Office of Press Relations	100.00
Contingent Fund	349.50
Local Conference expense	350.00

Total\$ 10,985.00

Historical Society:

Salaries, Social Security, and clerical expense	\$ 3,125.00
Books and supplies	275.00
Utilities	190.00
Reports	75.00
Travel expense	150.00
Insurance and Conference exhibits	160.00
Seventh Day Baptist History	200.00

Total\$ 4,175.00

Ministerial Retirement\$ 17,000.00

Ministerial Training:

Committee expense	\$ 350.00
Scholarships	2,250.00
Recruitment	450.00
Licentiate training	150.00
School of Theology	22,316.00

Total\$ 25,516.00

Missionary Society:

China Field	\$ 300.00
Jamaica Field	14,045.00
British Guiana Field	4,740.00
Nyasaland Field	12,920.00
United States:	
Aid to churches	5,310.00
Home field expansion	5,850.00
National Council — Foreign Missions, Evangelism	735.00
Secretary's travel	750.00
Missionaries' travel in United States	200.00
Administration	11,070.00
Employee fringe benefits	3,926.00
Contingent Fund	500.00

Total\$ 60,346.00

Tract Society:

Sabbath Recorder	\$ 17,200.00
Special issues of Sabbath Recorder	2,400.00
Printing, distribution, and promotion	6,275.00
Helping Hand	3,400.00
Administration	5,546.00

Total\$ 34,821.00

Trustees of General Conference:

Denominational Building	\$ 2,360.00
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Women's Society:

Christian Education Department	\$ 890.00
Christian Social Relations Department	5.00
Historical Department	15.00
Leadership Education Department	250.00
Mailing Department	295.00
Missions Department	395.00
Public Relations Department	165.00
Board expenses	985.00
Total	\$ 3,000.00

World Fellowship and Service:

Baptist World Alliance	\$ 50.00
World Council of Churches	100.00
National Council of Churches	50.00
R.I.A.L.	50.00
Commission on Chaplains	50.00
Delegates' expense to meetings	200.00
Ecumenical Committee's expense	50.00
American Bible Society	500.00
Baptist Jubilee Advance	50.00
Total	\$ 1,100.00

Grand total\$170,928.00

AGENCY	Current Giving	Investment Income	Refunds, Sales and Service	Total
Board of Christian Ed. ...	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 11,625.00
General Conference	10,635.00	.....	350.00	10,985.00
Historical Society	3,000.00	230.00	945.00	4,175.00
Ministerial Retirement ..	6,500.00	9,000.00	1,500.00	17,000.00
Ministerial Training*	12,966.00	5,750.00	6,800.00	25,516.00
Missionary Society	48,846.00	11,500.00	.....	60,346.00
Tract Society	12,000.00	11,500.00	11,321.00	34,821.00
Trustees of Gen. Conf... ..	770.00	935.00	655.00	2,360.00
Women's Society	2,905.00	95.00	.....	3,000.00
World Fellowship and Service**	1,100.00	.....	.....	1,100.00
Totals	\$107,922.00	\$ 39,510.00	\$ 23,396.00	\$170,928.00

*Attention is called to the action of Conference in its decision to maintain an accredited School of Theology at Alfred (1954 Year Book, page 41).

**\$500 of this amount for American Bible Society.

The Ministerial Training Committee has presented to the Commission a budget of \$30,826.00 which it feels is necessary in this movement toward accreditation. The Commission has recommended only \$25,516.00 in the budget as presented to the Conference because if the full asking for this budget item were allowed, it would necessitate the cutting of percentage participation of other agencies. The Commission has been assured that the School of Theology can continue this year on the \$25,516.00 budget item presented above. However, very substantial increases in the Alfred University School of Theology budget must be made in the very near future. The Commission feels that unless some plan can be presented within the next year for some substantial help outside of the giving from our people, another plan of training our ministers must be given serious consideration.

We present this report in the same spirit of unity and fellowship with which we have worked through the year, still seeking the leading and the will of God. We pray that even brighter visions and inspirations may be granted us as a people as we consecrate and commit ourselves to the work before us. May all the glory be God's because the work is His. May His blessing be upon us because we work together with Him.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — Sabbath day, August 29, was Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn's last Sabbath with us before the family went to their new pastorate at New Auburn, Wis. On this last Sabbath, he shared with us the Bible study given by him at the Conference. We shall miss the fine sermons which Pastor Van Horn has given us.

Following the "Meal of Sharing" at noon, Conference reports were given by the pastor and his family and Bruce Greene who also attended Conference. Especially inspiring was Mrs. Van Horn's choice of activities which she brought back. It was alive with interest and depth.

On Sabbath evening, a farewell party was held in honor of the Van Horns. Friends they had made in the community also attended. After an appropriate reading by Mrs. Arthur Payne, a skit similar to "I've Got a Secret" was conducted.

Mrs. Walter Cocker presented the honored family with the gift of a clock which it was hoped would remind them of our constant friendship and interest in the time to come. A purse of money and other gifts were also presented.

Thus far none of the pastors called have been able to accept the call to our church. In the absence of a pastor, the deacons have charge of the services of the church.

We have had extended reports of Conference from Bob and Lorna Austin and girls, also from Philip Greene who returned at a later date. They gave us excellent resumes of the Conference messages and goals.

Dawne and Barry Clapper and small son, Kerry, are moving from Rochester, Minn., where Barry has finished Junior College, to Mankato, Minn., where he will continue his work at the State College. They have been regular church attendants while at Rochester. — Correspondent.

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — It has been a long time since any word has been heard from Plainfield in this column.

In May we had a baptismal service when four of our young people were baptized. It is expected that there will be another such service soon.

We released our pastor for two weeks to help with evangelistic meetings in Washington, D.C., in June. The meetings were considered successful.

There were ten of our young people who attended the South Jersey Camp this summer. The pastor was one of the instructors at this camp. Two of our young people attended Lewis Camp, and received a great blessing.

During the month of August (pastor's vacation), the church and Sabbath School services were combined. Each week one person had charge of church service, one taught the Sabbath School lesson, and one had charge of the children's service.

One of our members, Courtland V. Davis, has accepted the call to be headmaster of Crandall High School in Jamaica in the fall of 1960. The prayers and best wishes of the home church go with him and his wife as they make preparations to go to this new field of service.

On the first Sabbath this fall a group of Sabbathkeepers from New York, and among them some of our Jamaica friends who were visiting them, came out to worship with us. We also heard some fine reports of Conference that day by our delegates.

On Sabbath, September 12, we had the Pearsons from Nyasaland with us. The Rev. David Pearson preached and told us of a Sabbath day at our mission there, and his wife gave the children's story. In the evening, we had a covered-dish supper, and they again spoke to us and answered questions. They showed colored slides of the mission and our workers. It was a privilege to have Miss Barbara Bivins with us also. She spoke briefly of her hopes and aspirations as she and Miss Sarah Becker go to the mission field in Africa this fall.

We send our greetings to all our churches and wish them a successful year in the Lord's work.

—Correspondent.

Characteristic: We enjoy the Recorder very much as we find it most informative and inspirational. — Stratford, Central Wis.

OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, August 31, 1959

BUDGET RECEIPTS

	Treasurer's August 11 months	Boards' 11 months		Treasurer's August 11 months	Boards' 11 months
Balance, Aug. 1 ..\$	.07		Lost Creek	1,426.40	
Adams Center	56.42	1,044.62	Marlboro	447.69	99.00
Albion	40.70	693.30	Middle Island ...	15.00	
Alfred, 1st	128.39	4,157.99	Milton	910.77	100.00
Alfred, 2nd	390.78	1,976.80	Milton Junction ..	189.75	
Associations & Groups	2,020.50	2,738.87	New Auburn		191.73
Battle Creek	100.50	5,654.11	North Loup	212.82	985.47
Bay Area			Nortonville	243.40	40.00
Berlin	76.99	727.62	Old Stone Fort ..	55.00	10.00
Boulder	46.06	648.07	Paint Rock		150.00
Brookfield, 1st ..	115.50	718.25	Plainfield	274.05	3,145.06
Brookfield, 2nd ..	169.05	487.60	Pawcatuck	261.41	3,970.94
Buffalo		200.00	Richburg	43.50	1,122.75
Chicago	231.00	1,209.34	Ritchie	30.00	310.00
Daytona Beach ..	164.61	866.17	Riverside	30.00	3,035.60
Denver	161.20	814.72	Roanoke	29.60	232.60
DeRuyter	201.45	617.22	Rockville	37.47	359.71
Dodge Center	144.78	1,118.06	Salem		1,395.88
Edinburg		169.87	Salemville	51.35	187.07
Farina	28.35	246.65	Schenectady		218.68
Fouke	24.05	202.95	Shiloh	30.00	4,425.55
Hammond	46.50	46.50	Syracuse		5.00
Hebron, 1st	51.26	344.76	Texarkana	10.00	45.50
Hopkinton, 1st ..	149.25	1,727.53	Tract Society ...		3,000.00
Hopkinton, 2nd ..	14.00	88.25	Twin Cities	50.00	200.00
Independence	217.00	1,331.00	Verona	215.40	1,729.19
Individuals	399.87	3,207.37	Walworth	60.31	382.08
Irvington	40.00	840.00	Washington		434.00
Jackson Center ..		10.00	Wash., People's ..	30.00	70.00
Little Genesee ..		499.63	Waterford	120.00	1,128.97
Little Rock		35.00	White Cloud	141.80	724.50
Los Angeles	15.00	2,374.38	Yonah Mt.	4.00	4.00
L. A., Christ's ..	10.00	135.00			
				\$8,536.60	\$77,393.16
					\$4,736.94

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

	Budget (Designated & Undesig.)
Missionary Society	\$3,440.40
Board of Christian Education	848.08
Ministerial Training	1,077.68
Ministerial Retirement	613.16
Historical Society	185.46
Women's Society	147.34
General Conference	918.20
Tract Society	1,140.84
Trustees of General Conference	82.20
World Fellowship and Service	66.10
Southeastern Association	7.50
	\$8,526.96
Balance on hand August 31	9.64

NON-BUDGET GIFTS

August Receipts	\$275.00
August Disbursements:	
Missionary Society	\$ 275.00

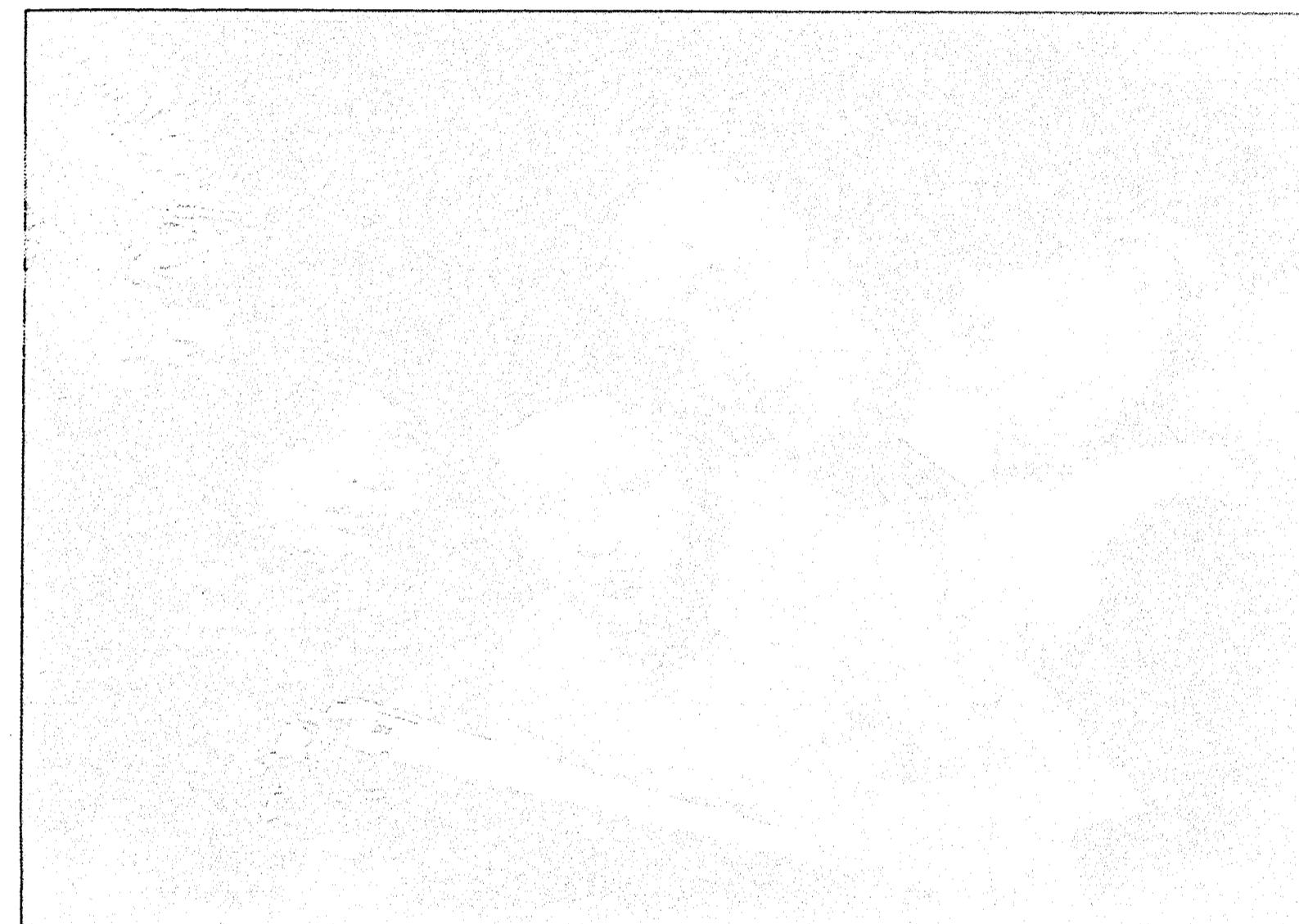
SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$99,735.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 11 mos.	\$77,393.16
Boards' budget receipts 11 mos.	4,736.94
	\$82,130.10
Remainder required in 1 month	\$17,604.90
Percentage of budget year elapsed	91.67%
Percentage of budget raised	82.35%

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Eldred H. Batson,
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They Love the Word of God

It matters not how worn the pages or how tattered its old leather edges, the Word brings its message of eternal truth and blessing. It is fresh every morning to those who know it best. To these boys, who perhaps have never heard it before, it reveals the love of God in Christ and sets before them a standard of conduct that is new. To read the Word is serious business. These boys find Law and Gospel which may result in a determination to follow the Lord and Savior. "How readest thou?"