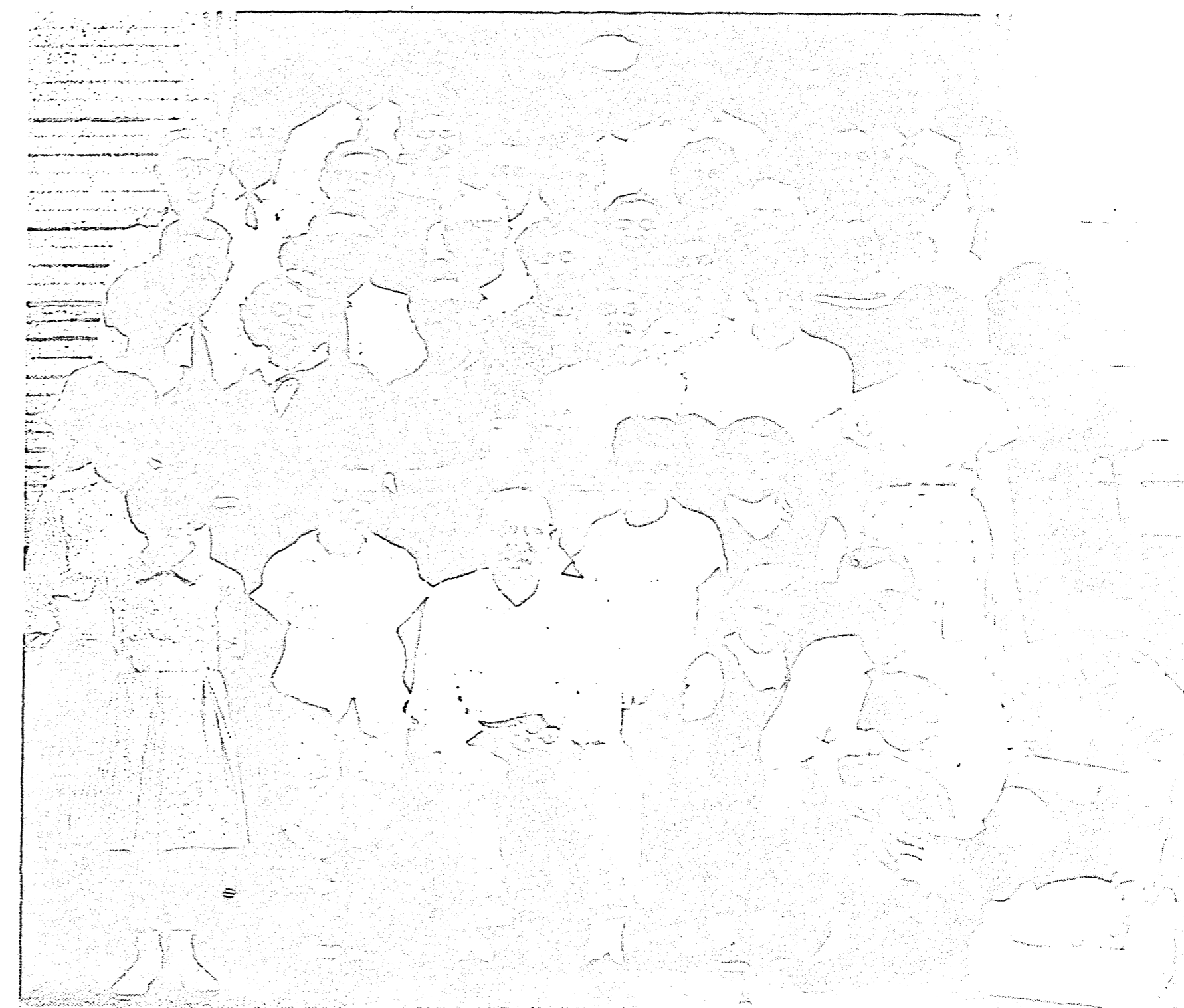


The Sabbath Recorder

Another New Seventh Day Baptist Church



See Little Rock Stories Inside

bion were Pastor and Mrs. Skaggs and Nina, Mrs. Lenora Saunders and Kay, Mrs. Doris Saunders, Mrs. Ruth Baum, and Miss Barbara Kenyon. Nina and Barbara attended Pre-Con Retreat as well as Conference. Good reports were given by delegates.

Pastor Skaggs planned to attend the sessions of the Mid-Continent Association at Boulder, Colo., on October 3. Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, denominational executive secretary, and husband were in Albion September 26.

— Correspondent.

Vocational Interests

By O. B. Bond

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Holly Hill, Florida

Having had no notice of the appointment of a vocational representative in any church of the denomination nor having received any inquiries concerning jobs or business openings in any Seventh Day Baptist communities, I would like to take this opportunity to invite any Seventh Day Baptists, who have reached retirement years, to consider the Daytona Beach area of the Sunshine State.

If interested, I will be happy to put anyone in touch with the owner of the following described property:

Located in the quiet community of Lake Helen and less than 25 miles from the Daytona Beach Church; 1 lot 155 ft. by 165 ft.; two-bedroom cottage; 18 bearing orange and grapefruit trees; home furnished; price \$7,250.

[This, as Dr. Bond suggests, is not exactly vocational material and the Sabbath Recorder cannot, for obvious reasons, enter into real estate development programs outside the auspices of the Vocational Committee. May this item serve as a challenge to churches and individuals to furnish Dr. Bond with the kind of information that will be most helpful to people in their more productive years as well as those who are retired.]

The Bureau of Census reports that in urban areas, where two thirds of our population live, barely half of all Protestants are found. But in these areas are 96 percent of Jewish people and 79 percent of the Roman Catholic population. The Methodist Church reports that three fourths of its churches are in rural areas, which is probably true of other denominations. It poses some questions.

Accessions

First Hopkinton

By Baptism:
Kay Francis
Louis Savy
Annita Wheeler
Robert Wheeler

Battle Creek, Mich.

By Baptism:
Alton Bennett
Beverly Norton
Marlene Moulton
Charles Moulton
Alida Klemm

Marriages

Camenga - Tilton. — David L. Camenga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Camenga, Beaver Dam, Wis., and Mary Ruth Tilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd F. Tilton, Belgrade, Maine, were united in marriage on Sunday, June 14, 1959, at Old South Church in Belgrade, Maine, with the Rev. William McGinnis, chaplain at the University of Maine, officiating.

V. W. S.

Births

Arnold. — A son, Danial Elwood, to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Arnold of Battle Creek, Mich., Sept., 23, 1959.

Simpson. — A daughter, Victoria Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Simpson of Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 24, 1959.

Stonestreet. — A daughter, Jan Karlen, to Denzil and Elaine (Lawton) Stonestreet of Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 22, 1959.

Obituaries

Babcock. — Esther Davis, was born at Welton, Iowa, Feb. 17, 1872, and died at Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 5, 1959.

She was only a baby when her parents went to North Loup, Neb., with other pioneer families. Her childhood and early youth were spent there. She was married to Arthur H. Babcock in Chicago, July 3, 1893. They returned to North Loup where she lived until his death in 1943. At that time she went to California to live with her daughter Ruth Sporeleder. She was always busy in the activities of the church and the community of North Loup. She taught music in the North Loup schools for many years and directed the Seventh Day Baptist Church choir. In California she became an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Burbank.

She is survived by two sons, Albert, of Long Beach, and Ted, of Santa Ana, and her daughter Ruth, of Sacramento, all in California; and by seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

— Ruth Sporeleder.

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Own World Mission Back Cover

We Can Do Better

No one likes the "I-told-you-so" attitude of pessimists either in family or church. It is a little different when a few people express confidence that our people can be roused to support a larger budget and then find that hope justified at the close of a fiscal year. In the present case we cannot recall just who among our leaders maintained clear to the end of the budget year that there was hope of raising the full OWM budget of \$99,735. It looked as if we were too far behind to catch up.

We did not quite raise the full amount but we came close enough so that all those at Conference a year ago who expressed by their votes the confidence that we could do better than the year before can now feel happy that they so voted. The figures on the back page are even better than announced briefly a week ago. The treasurer adds in the designated receipts that came to the various boards and tells us that we were short only 2.43%.

Those who have a love and concern for the spiritual growth of all our churches may find themselves better able to give thanks for evidences of growth in the grace of giving and more informed as they offer prayers of intercession for others if they will spend some time comparing the back page of this issue with similar church figures in the November 3, 1958, Recorder. You will probably find as we did that at least 32 churches gave more than last year, half of them less than \$100 more — but more. Only one church seems to have increased its denominational giving by as much as \$1,000. Several seem to be more than \$500 higher.

The surprise in the figures on our back page is in the September giving, where a total of over \$14,000 shows up. Probably several thousand dollars in this total was not from individual donors during the month. Some treasurers sent in accumulated funds, and there was a quarterly gift of \$1,000 from the Publishing House through the Tract Board. Nevertheless people did respond loyally the last month because they did not want our workers to go unpaid and our Program for Advance to be curtailed at its very start.

We come back to our original statement, "We can do better." Those who have felt that we as a people reached the peak of

our probable receipts for appealing denominational work several years ago must revise their opinions. We are not yet giving as the Lord has prospered us. We have another budget before us and, with faith, we can reach it.

WHERE ARE THE LEADERS?

Much is said and much written about ministerial training. The same is true of ministerial support. There are standing committees in our denomination for these two closely related aspects of the problem of providing adequate leadership for our churches. Money is allocated in our budget so that these committees can function efficiently. They deliberate; they report; they promote; they challenge. It sometimes appears that we as a people give them only half an ear or only glance at their reports. Most of us would agree that there is still not enough publicity and not enough recruiting. Constantly we are faced with the question, where are the needed leaders?

One of the concerns of the Planning Committee as it met in the Seventh Day Baptist Building recently was this very question. Our executive secretary laid before the other members of the committee her own conviction that we must engage in more earnest prayer about this matter. She was referring to those present, the representatives of the boards who should see clearly this constant need for new leaders to replace those who retire or to develop the new openings as they appear. Churches are praying for pastors; we must pray with them — pray earnestly.

Perhaps the program of specialized training of college graduates in theological seminaries gets more of our attention because it imposes a pretty large financial problem for a denomination of our size. We need all the ministers we can get with the B.D. degree or the Th.M. But our situation is a little like that of our nation in the field of nuclear science — it takes more time than we have to produce top ministers and top scientists in sufficient numbers.

We will never have enough pastors, evangelists, and theological professors

when we reach (if we ever do) the same number as the current openings. Always we must have more than that number because we cannot achieve perfectly efficient distribution under that system of church polity which we believe to be best. Congregations must call; candidates must accept. The gaps between are doubtless wider than they ought to be. Neither churches nor pastors are perfect and one of the most apparent imperfections is in judgment. Another is in the realm of patience or love. It sometimes seems that the amount of special training a man has had is not in very direct proportion to a long and acceptable ministry in a given church. In this and other areas of adjustment there is this great need for prayer within the churches and in the boards, agencies, and committees responsible for coordinating our world mission.

This brings us back to the previous question of development of leaders. The Lay Development Program, as it is called, is one phase of our Program for Advance. It is the part being especially emphasized this year. There are many, many areas of service for which laymen are suited or can qualify themselves if they have a will to do so and receive sufficient encouragement.

Let us not forget the lessons of our earlier history that laymen can and should rise to the highest positions of leadership in the local churches. They should become preachers and pastors even if all the desired formal education is out of reach at the time they feel called to such service. One of our strongest churches at the present time was served during its first 100 years by pastors reared in the congregation. That may not be best in every case. Times change; hearts do not except, of course, through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Where are the leaders? Not in some far-off place but right at home in more cases than we realize. It is a matter of developing the abilities of those who are filled with the Holy Spirit. And then it is a matter of leaders being patient with slow-moving people and vice versa.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Symbolic Help to China

A few months ago Elsa Kruise, editor of the *Religious News Weekly*, reported the arrival in New York of six tired, bewildered, orphaned Chinese children from the streets of Hong Kong. They had been brought here to find a better home than the streets of that terribly congested city. Their coming was a symbol of the stepped-up program of Church World Service. We call it a symbol because six is a number remotely related to six hundred million, the estimated population of China.

What we can do to help the orphans of China and all the other nations of the world may hardly qualify as a "drop in the bucket," but those familiar with the sweetness of maple syrup know that it comes always from drops in a bucket. Our efforts may be added to countless other drops of sweetness.

At the present moment the hearts of Christians try to respond as there is opportunity to the need of almost a million made homeless in Japan by the recent typhoon.

100 Years in Japan

Protestant missionary work in Japan marks its one hundredth anniversary this year. Christian activity in those islands has greatly increased since World War II. A huge rally of church-school children will be held at Hibiya Park, Tokyo, on November 1. Although the percentage of Christians is still very low, Protestantism has profoundly changed those who have accepted Christ, as many who have been there have observed. Christ puts a new song in the hearts of the Japanese the same as in people of other nations. Some of us regret that we as a people have had so little part in bringing the Gospel to these folks who need it so much and appreciate it so greatly when they do receive it.

The current catastrophe in the wake of Typhoon Vera has given Christians in America and Europe an opportunity to offer the "milk of human kindness" as well as the tons of surplus dried milk which Church World Service has called for. An air mail report from Geneva lists

the Christian Medical Association along with CWS as rendering prompt assistance. May our hearts be large enough and our minds clear enough to help in the places where it will do the most good.

The Rights of a Child

It is announced that the Fourteenth General Assembly of the United Nations (now in session) plans to consider a draft "Declaration of the Rights of a Child." What an interesting subject for consideration by such a great body. There are theological implications in such a subject, but it is not likely that the 700 UN delegates and alternates representing most of the nations of the world will take up this matter as it relates to the nature of man as set forth in Biblical studies. In our country it is doubtful if the children should be told of any more rights than they already assert.

The CCIA (Commission of the Churches on International Affairs), an agency of the World Council of Churches, has addressed a memorandum personally to all of the delegates and alternates expressing its views on 35 agenda items, including this one about the rights of a child. It is concerned that the proposed declaration should contain "adequate provisions in regard to the education of the child, including religious teaching."

Those who live in an area where they can hear the complete broadcast of General Assembly proceedings daily, might like to listen for the debate on this declaration. One New York station has such a broadcast, which is very informative.

1959 Year Books

A letter has gone out to all churches from the publishing house of the American Sabbath Tract Society requesting advance orders for the 1959 Year Book which is now in the process of publication. The deadline for advance orders (on which the number of copies printed will be based) is October 30, which means that these valuable informational books (about 260 pages) are expected to go to press about that time.

President's Message

The Church Is Our Responsibility

Seventh Day Baptist Churches are organized on the basis of true democracy. We believe in the equality of all; we have no authoritarian body that hands down decisions to the congregations. We believe in the priesthood of believers; we have no authoritarian creed that places a demand for acceptance upon us. We are a free people bound together by a common faith, accepting one another as brethren under God and joint receivers of His blessing under our Lord Christ. We worship together. We work together. We study together. Together we are responsible for the work and worship and faith of the church. We have no one to whom we may turn and say: "The work of the church is your responsibility." We have no one to whom we may turn and say: "It is your responsibility to prepare a stated creed which we may accept as truth."

We are the church! Because we are the church our responsibilities are great. In the place of an authoritarian creed we must put a living faith created by active, truth-seeking, trustful, dedicated minds. In the place of an authoritarian body governing our planning, decisions, and labor we must put a brotherly cooperative effort created by a true humility before God.

The Lay Development Program, adopted by General Conference as a part of the Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance and recommended to the churches under the sponsorship of the Missionary Board, offers us all a chance to review our personal and group responsibilities under Jesus Christ. It offers us the opportunity to evaluate our personal and group response to those responsibilities. It offers us the opportunity to rededicate our minds and our strength to Christ and His Church and suggests practical means by which we may grow in grace and power. I heartily recommend the participation of all.

Remember! We are the church! The responsibility is ours. The Lay Development Program offers us the opportunity to increase our effectiveness as we plan and study and labor "for Jesus' sake."

MEMORY TEXT

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1: 16.

Captured Public Schools

(More on the Church-State Issue)

"Church-captured public schools are not a joke; they are a fact and a threat to our religious freedom," said a spokesman for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State on August 3. Glenn L. Archer, the organization's executive director, took exception to a story widely printed in the Roman Catholic press which branded a POAU movie about captive schools as "ridiculous" and denied that such institutions really existed.

"I am not surprised at the denial on the subject of captive schools which has been issued by the National Catholic Welfare Conference," Archer declared. "I realize how embarrassing this disclosure must be to them. For years Catholic Welfare denied that there was any persecution of Protestants in Colombia. They may be denying it even yet. But painful facts cannot be concealed by brazen denials.

"If the Catholic Welfare Conference will send its agents to Franklin, Dearborn, Dubois, Spencer, Martin, and Knox Counties in Indiana it will find 115 nuns teaching in 30 so-called public schools with salaries paid from public funds. If they will go to Auglaize, Mercer, Putnam, Brown, Noble, and Shelby Counties in Ohio they will find 78 nuns teaching their religion to pupils in 22 of the same kind of quasi-public schools.

"Schools like these — public in name but parochial in purpose and operation — patently violate the religious rights of children who are not of the Roman Catholic faith and are an affront to our tradition of church-state separation."

Premiere showings of the controversial film "Captured" were attended by 5,000 invited officials and leaders. A representative of the National Catholic Welfare

Conference who attended by invitation wrote: "POAU is hoping to convince Protestants . . . that these 'captive schools,' and the ridiculous situations portrayed in the film, really do exist."

Archer, himself a lawyer and former dean of a law school, replied by saying: "We based the film on files of numerous captive school cases which have come to trial. On the basis of just such facts as are depicted here, the courts broke up captive school chains in Missouri, New Mexico, Colorado, and Kentucky."

Los Angeles Church Missionary Consecrating Service

The last issue of the Recorder told some of the story of a local church (Marlboro, N. J.) consecrating one of its members for missionary service in Nyasaland. Services of a somewhat similar nature were held at Los Angeles on October 17 for another missionary nurse, Sarah Becker, going to the same mission station.



Miss Becker is a member of the Los Angeles Church. This is the second time in her life that she has gone out from that church with responsibility for hospital organization and nurses' training in a foreign land. Her work in China just before the Communists took over is well known to many of our readers.

Complete information on the home church consecration service on the evening after the Sabbath is not yet available. We hasten to publish what little is known because both nurses are expected to be in Europe before another issue goes to press (See travel plans on Missions Page). The service was part of the fall meeting of the Pacific Coast Association and was planned by Lila Saunders, the pastor's wife. Included in the program was music by the combined choirs of the Los Angeles and Riverside Churches. Miss Becker is almost as well known in Riverside as in her own church. She has been very active through the years of her California residence in the forward-looking plans of the Association. The previous weekend was spent at Riverside where "open house" was held in her honor in the social rooms of the church the evening after the Sabbath. The program included a brief service as well as personal well-wishing.

As noted by the secretary of the Missionary Board the prayers of many friends will follow the two nurses as they speed on their way to new fields of service. Their pictures ought to be constantly before us as reminders of the work they are enabled to do for which most of us are not qualified.

It is hoped that next week's issue will be able to carry a picture of these candidates with the Rev. Rene Mauch family. They, too, will be starting almost immediately in the 24-foot boat for service in British Guiana. The story of that boat was recently published in a Montreal paper of 350,000 circulation (in French).

The Lord expects us to pray. Our missionaries depend on our earnest prayers in their behalf.

Requirements for Baptism in China

Information reaching Hong Kong from Shanghai speaks of the control over baptisms that is now being exercised by the Religious Affairs Bureau. Infants may be baptized without question, but when an adult wishes to be baptized he must first undergo an examination and satisfy the authorities as to his political background and his political appearance.

SPECIAL SABBATH

In Little Rock

By Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston

October 3, 1959, will long be remembered by all Seventh Day Baptists who were gathered in Little Rock, Ark., for worship and fellowship, and for the official organizational meeting of a church, as a Sabbath day filled from sunset to sunset with truly spiritual and enriching experiences.

On Sabbath eve some coming from a distance met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seager for Christian fellowship and a time for recalling informally some of the steps of progress made by the Little Rock Fellowship as it looked toward the organization of a church. Dr. Paul Ewing, now deceased, was the first president and gave very fine initial leadership to the fellowship. A church building has been purchased and the group has been meeting there regularly.

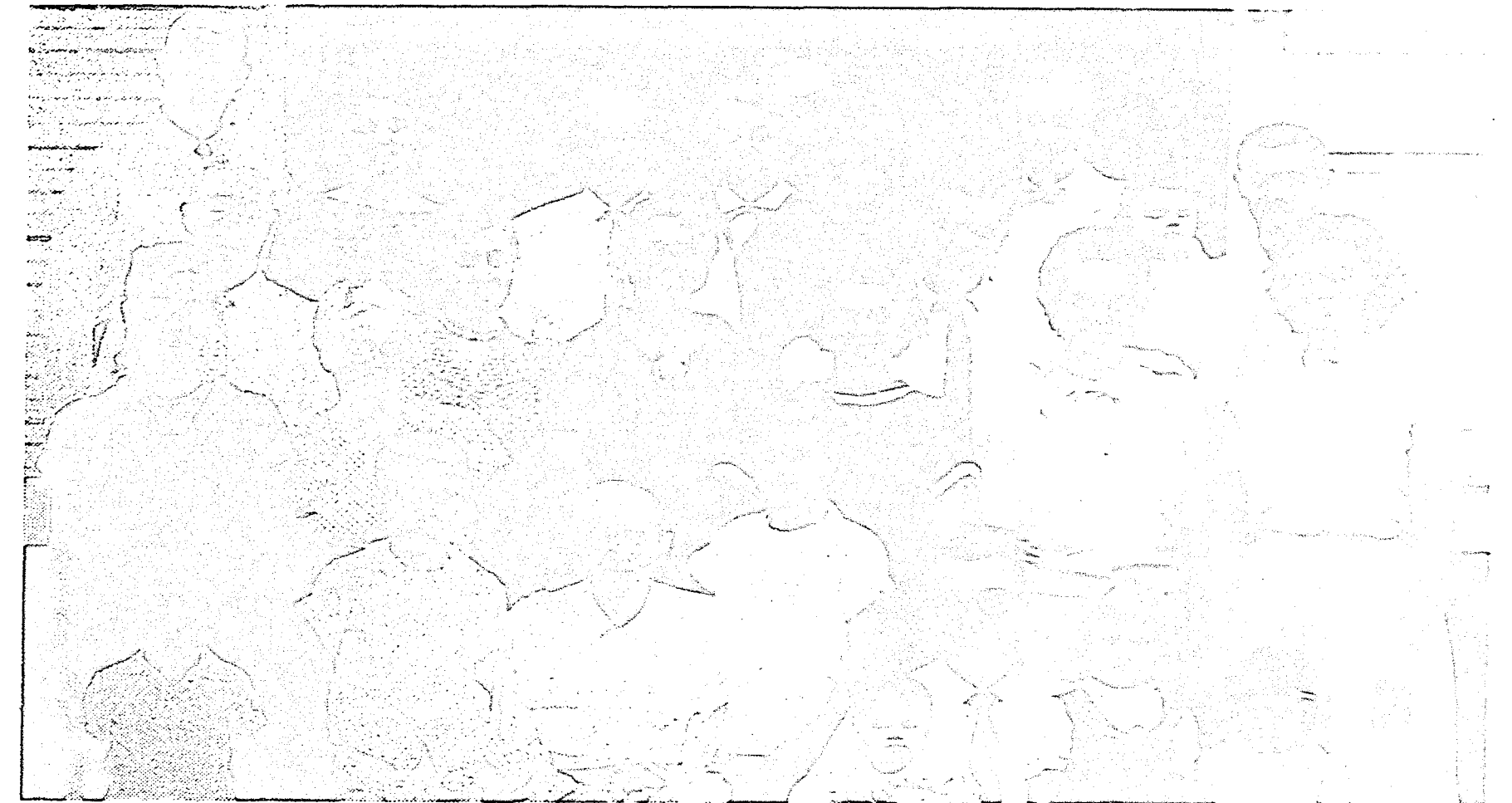
The Rev. Marion Van Horn, shepherd-

ing pastor on the Southwest Field, presided at the Sabbath morning worship service. Mrs. Herbert Soper sang a solo and the Rev. Everett T. Harris, secretary of the Missionary Board, brought the morning message.

The very beautiful pulpit in the church was formerly in the church at Gentry, Ark., and had been set aside to be given when it could be used by a Seventh Day Baptist church in Little Rock. It was made many years ago by a member of the Gentry Church.

Communion was a part of the morning service. Dr. Harris and the Rev. Theodore Hibbard of Walker, La., blessed the elements, and they were served by Deacon Kay Bee and Pastor Van Horn. Deacon Darwin Maxson who became one of the charter members of the new church was an honorary deacon. A part of the communion service used was a gift to the new church and was used for many years by the Gentry Church.

Representatives from other churches and



Little Rock, Ark., Members in Front of Their Church Building.

The shepherding pastor, Marion C. Van Horn, and his wife (center rear) stand with the charter members and their children. The new church will have four generations of the Darwin Maxson (front center) family. The group includes Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seager (middle left) and several medical students.

The cover picture includes denominational representatives and visitors as well as charter members.

from denominational agencies present came from Gentry, Fouke, and Texarkana, Ark., Hammond, La., Houston Texas, Reform, Ala., Westerly, R. I., and Battle Creek, Mich.

The day itself was beautiful, and a noon meal prepared by the ladies of the Little Rock group was served in a lovely spot in one of the city's parks. This time of fellowship was a rich experience for all present.

At 2 p.m. the group reconvened at the church where just preceding the calling of the council for church organization three couples brought their young children to be dedicated to God.

The organizational meeting is reported in detail on the Missionary Page of this issue of the Recorder. The new church membership is made up of those bringing their letters from other Seventh Day Baptist churches, some who have been baptized before but have now decided to keep the Sabbath, and some asking for baptism and making a confession of faith. A large percent of the members are young adults with children. Long, careful, and prayerful planning preceded the meeting for organization. Many thoughtful and enthusiastic plans are laid for future work of the new church. Several more persons are being invited and encouraged to come and be a part of the new church. Action was taken at the meeting to request official membership as a church in the Southwestern Association and the General Conference. The Holy Spirit has been at work among these Sabbathkeepers in Little Rock and the spirit of the meetings on the day of the organization of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church will long be remembered as a mountaintop experience for those attending.

SPECIAL ISSUE COMING

The next special issue (24 pages with color on many of them) should reach all our regular subscribers in two weeks, replacing the November 9 issue. These enlarged Sabbath Recorders are a bonus gift to regular subscribers. Extra copies available at 15c each. Encourage your friends to subscribe to the Recorder — only \$3 per year.

Sabbath or Sunday

A Roman Catholic source publishes:

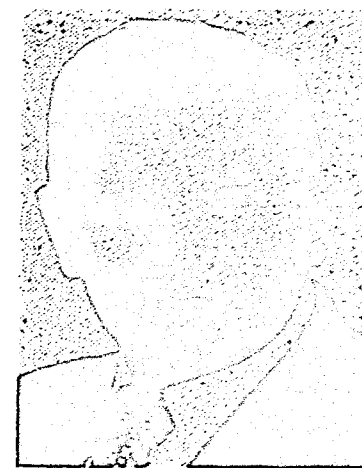
"The Protestant world at its birth found the Christian Sabbath too strongly entrenched to run counter to its existence; it was therefore placed under the necessity of acquiescing in the arrangement, thus implying the Church's right to change the day, for over three hundred years. The Christian Sabbath is therefore to this day, the acknowledged offspring of the Catholic Church as spouse of the Holy Ghost, without a word of remonstrance from the Protestant world."

Commenting on this the Rev. Kenneth E. Smith, editor of the Advance, writes:

"The pretense that the Bible somehow implies a change from Sabbath to Sunday is indeed a mockery. Many objective scholars from all denominations have said so. Thus there are two consistent positions in this matter: Either we accept the authority of the Church to change a teaching of Scripture and acknowledge that Church as our final authority, or we accept the authority of the Bible and the Sabbath of both the New and Old Testaments and of the Apostolic Church. There seems to be no other alternative open to us."

Another point of view quite commonly heard is picked up from a seventh-day publication The Eternal Gospel Herald of Warrimoo, Australia, which quotes a Plymouth Brethren broadcast on the other side of the little continent. Mr. Smith's comment would apply to this also. Quoting the broadcast message:

"Christ has abrogated all the law, including the Ten Commandments, and taken over the principles of nine of those commandments. . . . The Lord's day is not merely a change from the Sabbath or seventh day, but an entirely new day belonging to a new order. It is a remembrance of the new creation with Christ Himself resurrected as its Head, superseding the Sabbath which was related to the old creation. . . . Christians never observed the Sabbath but rather condemned it (Gal. 4: 5, 10-11; Col. 2: 16). The Sabbath was never given to the Gentiles. . . ."



The Redemptive Purpose of God

I am not come to judge the world but to save the world.

— John 12: 47.

A General Conference Sermon

By C. Rex Burdick, Verona, N. Y.

If there is anything at all that we are able to perceive in this text which is assigned to me, it is the redemptive purposes of God for an estranged world.

That judgment is both present and implied in the text cannot be doubted or discounted. Jesus' purpose to save the world implies judgment. If the world needs to be saved, it needs to be saved from something. It needs to be saved from a condition of lostness. It needs to be saved from a separation from God. In many other places, the Bible describes the lostness or judgment from which the world needs to be saved. Also the very presence of Jesus in the world is a judgment upon sin in the world, for goodness is always a judgment upon evil. And of ourselves we sense by our own consciences that we are judges.

Some few months ago I was asked to sit with a group of Methodist clergymen. When I arrived at the appointed place the other men were out to lunch. The first man to return from lunch arrived with something of a disheveled appearance. His shirt was quite wrinkled and somewhat soiled, his other clothing out of press and in poor taste, but worst of all, his shoes appeared to have many months of hard wear with never so much as a single shoeshine. The condition of the shoes brought their own judgment. I noticed them and then forgot. But the next man came with well-shined shoes and sat beside him. Now there was no intent on the part of the second to bring judgment upon the first, but the very presence of the well-shined shoes brought judgment upon the others — they stood self-condemned.

But, as real as judgment is, as universal as its application, as much as judgment is implied in the Bible, it is never represented as the purpose of Jesus' coming. In

fact, precisely the opposite is true, for the Bible always assigns a redemptive purpose to the coming of the Son of God.

Why Jesus Came

It may be worth our while to review a few of Jesus' own words relative to the purpose of His coming. On various occasions He said such things as these:

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19: 10 and parallels).

"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10: 10).

"I am not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matt. 5: 17).

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3: 17).

And here is our own text assigned for the evening, "I have not come to judge the world but to save the world" (John 12: 47).

When I note again the real and objective purpose of Jesus' coming, I feel constrained to invite you to consider and reconsider your relationship to God through Jesus Christ. If there are those present here in whom Jesus has never been able to accomplish His redemptive purposes, we beg of you with all of the earnest persuasion we can summon, allow Him to have His way with you now. Allow Him to have His way with you during this Conference. Allow Him to have His way with you right away. For the rest, let us consider and reconsider again and again Jesus' avowed purpose in coming. Let us forever review and relive what He has done for us and let us thank Him for it.

If we may believe the book reviewers, a recent book, written to ridicule evangelical Christianity, is as trite as it is loathsome, for it repeats an old hackneyed jibe. The author has the Christian ask of his companion in conversation the unfortunate question, "Have you found God?" Whereupon the companion replies, "Found God? I didn't know He was lost." Of course God isn't lost! But man is. Man is desperately lost. And the purpose of God is to save him. Please consider His purpose for your life.

What Jesus Did to Show His Purpose

It may also be worth our while to note the three prevailing elements or qualities in Jesus' ministry so that we observe how His action followed His stated purpose in coming. These three prevailing elements in Jesus' ministry are:

1. Godly instruction concerning the Kingdom of God and man's part in it.
2. Works of mercy as revealed in His miracles of healing and concern otherwise for those who had needs of any kind.
3. Redemptive suffering throughout all His ministry, and especially in His death for the world.

The life of Jesus was as positive in its every aspect as was Jesus' avowed purpose in coming into the world, "I have not come to judge the world but to save the world."

Our Conference theme emphasizes fruits of the Christian life: "By their fruits ye shall know them." I'm sure that President Crandall sees in this text something for positive Christian living — something for positive Christian service — something to help us as Christians to develop the kind of fruits by which people shall know that we are men and women and young people who belong to God. And rightly so. If there is something peculiar to, something unique about Jesus and His purpose for the world, then there must be something peculiar to, something unique about the lives and purposes of those men and women and young people in whom Jesus resides today. The

purposes of Christ become the purposes of God's people in the world. And the life of Jesus Christ is lived again by His people in the world.

If Jesus' purpose is to save, then there must be some saving features in the life of the Christian. As love and mercy were the prevailing qualities in the life of Jesus, so love and mercy must dominate the life of every Christian.

(To be Continued)

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Farewell Party for Nurses at Idlewild

It is always a sad and sometimes a rather frustrating experience for a group of devoted friends to meet in a crowded and noisy airport to bid farewell to outgoing missionaries. It is more satisfying to say our farewells in the quietness of our homes and churches.

Because of the lateness of the scheduled hour of departure, it may be even more difficult than usual for the party that will meet at Idlewild Airport in New York on Wednesday evening, October 28, to bid farewell to Miss Barbara Bivins and Miss Sarah Becker as they leave for London on Pan American Airlines Flight No. 550. Their clipper plane is scheduled to leave New York at 11:00 P.M. and arrive at London, England, at 1:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 29.

Pastor James McGeachy has offered to meet the nurses at the airport terminal at Victoria, London. He has written, "I am arranging for a meeting of the Mill Yard Church for Thursday night, October 29, when missionaries can speak to us of their experience and plans."

Pastor McGeachy has very graciously offered to allow the nurses to go on to Holland for Sabbath day, October 31, to meet with the Seventh Day Baptist brethren of that country. But Pastor McGeachy adds, "I should like to stake a claim that the next missionary visitors to London arrange to be with Mill Yard on the Sabbath." We surely do agree and express our keen sense of gratitude and appreciation to Pastor McGeachy.

It is expected that the nurses will spend

an intervening week visiting in Holland and Germany, will spend Sabbath day, November 7, meeting with the German Seventh Day Baptist brethren in one of their churches, and then will proceed to the mission field flying from Hamburg, Germany (Elder H. Bruhn's home city), on Monday, November 9.

Flying by way of Rome and Nairobi, Kenya, in a Boac plane, the scheduled hour and day of arrival at Blantyre, Nyasaland, is 3:05 P.M. on Tuesday, November 10. Many of us will be following them with our prayers all the way.

Little Rock Church Organized

It was a memorable experience to attend the organization meeting of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, October 3, 1959. The meeting was held in the house of worship owned and used regularly for Sabbath worship by the Little Rock Fellowship, located at 801 North Polk Street.

A council, called for the purpose, considered and approved the request of the Little Rock Fellowship to form a church at this time. Representatives were present from the churches of Southwestern Association. The executive secretary of General Conference and the secretary of the Missionary Board also attended. The latter had also been present when the fellowship was first organized on March 7, 1953. Pastor Marion Van Horn was requested to preside at the council meeting.

The very presence of God was felt as each one who wished to join the church went forward and signed the covenant of the church, after having presented a church letter or having witnessed verbally to his faith. A constitution and by-laws for the new church were then formally adopted, a statement of beliefs approved, and election of officers conducted.

It was decided to request the next General Conference for membership in the Conference and the next session of Southwestern Association for membership in the Association. Mrs. Robert Fetherston gave a charge to the church and Secretary E. T. Harris offered a consecrating prayer.

During the Sabbath morning service Mr. Harris had brought the message and he and Pastor Theodore Hibbard presided at the commemoration of the Lord's Supper. Pastor Marion Van Horn presided at the Sabbath morning service.

That which climaxed the day for many present was the unexpected request of two young boys, great-grandsons of Darwin Maxson, for baptism and church membership, coming just at the close of the afternoon service. They were permitted to sign the covenant as charter members, conditioned upon carrying out their expressed purpose to follow Christ in baptism. These two young boys had been sitting quietly beside their mother and great-grandfather throughout the services of the day and then just at the end of the day they made up their minds and came forward. It was a happy day for all. We came away praising God for His goodness and asking His rich blessing to be poured out upon this newest of Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

Pearsons at Gordon Divinity School

Rev. and Mrs. David C. Pearson, missionaries on furlough from our Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland, Africa, are at present taking courses of study at Gordon Divinity School, Beverly Farms, Mass. Following the completion of the semester's work in January, 1960, they plan now to visit briefly Mrs. Pearson's parents at Paint Rock, Ala., and then begin an extended tour of Seventh Day Baptist churches in the United States.

Pastor Pearson has written that the courses now being taken are as follows: "Church and Missions; Specialized Reading in Missions (Nyasaland, etc.); Homiletics (sermon preparation and delivery); Hermeneutics (interpretation of the Bible); Pastoral Counseling; Practical Field Work."

Mrs. Pearson is taking two courses, Church and Missions and Specialized Reading in Missions.

The only person who has the right to run the other fellow down is the elevator man.

Another Youth Camp Launched

South Jersey starts work on new camp site



Top: Part of 15 volunteer workers on the third consecutive Sunday clearing out brush and briars. The perspiring scythe-wielder is the pastor.

Middle: Harold Fogg points out probable location of main lodge in cleared area near lake.

Bottom: Woodsman with axe reaches shore of lake in clearing operation. Oak, dogwood, and holly provide shade and beauty.

The story of another really adequate youth camp on a site recently purchased by the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church begins to unfold as Shiloh people and pastor clear the lake front.

Maskell's Mill Pond with its state-maintained dam is located seven and a half miles from Shiloh (a little less from Marlboro) on the Harmersville Road. The camp property of 12.4 acres (part woods, part cultivated land) has a lake frontage of about 425 feet. It is just off Hamersville Road on Pattycake Lane.

The accompanying pictures taken by the editor (whose axe also rang through the forest in the development of Pacific Pines Camp in California) show a small measure of the preparatory work already done. The dense growth cleared away will allow freedom of movement and better visualization of the physical possibilities. Enthusiasm grows as young and old work together to provide an added facility for youth training, evangelistic outreach, and purposeful social activity for New Jersey Seventh Day Baptists.

It was at the regular church business meeting of the Shiloh Church on September 13 that the chairman of the committee to secure a permanent camp site made his final report after nearly five years of searching and was discharged with a rising vote of thanks. The church has agreed to pay the owner \$1,500 down and \$1,000 a year for three years for this large tract of land with its wonderful camp possibilities.

A Camp Planning and Building Committee of nine members was immediately selected from the floor by the church. The pastor was asked to call them together. They were to select their own chairman.

On the following night this committee met and selected Thurman Davis as chairman. Other members are: Miss Carol Harris, Miss Eileen Piampiano, Percy Fogg, Harold Fogg, Jr., Frank Harris, Howard Scull, Sr., Frank McAllister, and Melvin

Dickinson. Eileen was selected by the CTT Class to represent the youth.

The church bulletin of October 17 tells the next chapter in the story of the new camp as follows:

The special church meeting held October 11 to hear the report of the Camp Planning and Building Committee voted to build a main lodge 30' by 60' of cement blocks, and two barracks 20' by 40' of galvanized iron. It is estimated that these buildings (materials plus other essentials) will cost \$8,000. This is a do-it-yourself project. Our camp dream is coming true but we must all give — time — talents — money — prayer.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

WOMEN'S BOARD NEWS NOTES

The October meeting of the Women's Board was opened with a devotional service by Mrs. Herbert Bennett on the subject of Prayer. She read the words of assurance from 1 John 5: 14 and 15: "And this is the confidence we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us; and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we asked of him." When the weight of responsibility is heavy upon us and we sometimes become discouraged, we have the consciousness that prayer is mighty and if we continue to pray the answer may be more than we dreamed of asking.

As new committees have just been appointed considerable time was given at this meeting to a "Job Analysis" for each officer and committee, so that each member would have a clear idea of what she will be working toward in this new year.

We are concerned, also, with the responsibility of all Seventh Day Baptist women to do everything we can to help in the denominational Program for Advance.

At this writing the president of the board, Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, is attending the sessions of the Planning Committee being held in Plainfield, N. J., and while in the East she will attend (Oct. 14) the initial meeting of the Committee of 75 of

United Church Women, called to lay plans for special observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the World Day of Prayer in 1961. Mrs. L. H. North will accompany Mrs. DeLand to New York City for this meeting and will act as the representative of our women at future meetings of the committee

Copies of the two posters which were prepared by the Publicity Committee of the Women's Board and put on display at Conference have now been sent to each Association for circulation among our churches. They are a means of visual aid in depicting the work of our women. They were made to review our many accomplishments in the past 75 years of service, and to inspire each woman to join her local women's society; also, to encourage contributions to "Our World Mission" and to help each woman to be an active member of our Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society.

It is our hope that these two posters, "Your Society Is Looking for You" and "Your Women's Board Is Serving You," will be kept in constant use through the cooperation of the Associational representatives and the keyworkers, and that everyone will have an opportunity to study them during the year. They are arranged for easy mailing from one church to another.

In the report of the Conference Committee on Women's Work which was adopted by Conference was this recommendation: "That the Women's Board promote the selection of an emblem to denote Seventh Day Baptists, for use on church signs and other forms of publicity."

We are now looking for an emblem design signifying Seventh Day Baptists, a design that may be adopted by our people and used on our materials to convey instantly the significance of "Seventh Day Baptist." Will you send your ideas and sketches so that they may be considered or incorporated with other ideas? Please send them before January 1, 1960, to Mrs. Donald Casler, Rt. 4, Box 895, Battle Creek, Mich.

Planning Committee Meets

By Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, Chairman

The General Conference Planning Committee met in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, N. J., Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14.

Work of all boards was reviewed. As completed projects and those now under way were discussed mistakes were recognized in some instances and prayerful consideration was given to better ways of doing present work. Future plans were outlined as a part of the Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance. Specific responsibilities for various phases of the program were accepted and detailed plans for carrying forward the program were discussed.

The Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, who attended a meeting of the Joint Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, gave a detailed report of that meeting. Seventh Day Baptists will not only have the opportunity of contributing ideas to that program but will also have access to materials and suggestions to help in the working out of our own Program for Advance.

Tentative travel schedules of committee members were announced and readjusted to avoid any overlapping.

Suggestions were offered and considered for keeping before all Seventh Day Baptists this coming year the need for increased giving in order to meet the obligation of the higher OWM budget.

Mrs. LeRoy DeLand brought devotional thoughts and led the group in prayer at the beginning of the first session. At each session the guidance of the Holy Spirit was sought. It is certain that the prayers of many over the denomination contributed in a real way to the sense of the Divine Presence in the meetings.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 7, 1959

We Must Obey God

Lesson Scripture: Acts 5: 27-42.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mixed Marriages

"The proportion of interfaith marriages seems to be increasing in spite of the fact that Roman Catholics, Protestants, and Jews discourage them because of the difficulties of maintaining a continuing religious fellowship in a mixed marriage," so said the Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, Tenn., director, Department of the Christian Family, Methodist Board of Education. He was announcing a new film, "One Love — Conflicting Faiths," designed to help young people and parents concerned with mixed marriages.

More Sermons from Science

A new Sermons from Science film on sense perception, entitled, "Windows of the Soul," is now in production at Moody Institute of Science. Expected to be available for release this fall, the new film, produced by Dr. Irwin A. Moon, shows how a person keeps in touch with the world about him through his eyes, ears, and nose.

Featured demonstrations in this new film will show how the energy of silent sound can make objects float in mid-air or even cause an ordinary corkscrew to drill a spiral hole through solid glass.

France does not have legislation recognizing Conscientious Objectors. Many of them have been in prison from five to ten years.

A Ministry to Former Priests

Christ's Mission uses films, correspondence, literature, speakers, as well as its rehabilitation center and monthly magazine, *Christian Heritage*, to bring Christ to those engulfed in the Romanistic system and to encourage Protestant Christians to continue their protest and protect our religious liberties.

The growth of the mission and its ministry has been rapid during the past seven years and it has been necessary to make some division of responsibilities.

The mission announces with real joy the addition of the Reverend Stuart P. Garver to its staff as co-director with Dr. Walter M. Montano. The mission is located at Sea Cliff, N. Y. Its magazine was formerly called the *Converted Catholic*.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PAINT ROCK, ALA. — The past three months have been full of activity, joy, and blessings in our work of the Kingdom. We do not mention sacrifices, even though to some many experiences might be counted so, but service to our precious Lord is privilege and blessing regardless. As Paul once said, "I am willing to spend and be spent for the people," that the Gospel of salvation may be preached to the unsaved about us.

The Southwestern Association was entertained by our church July 23 through 26. It was a great blessing. Elder A. T. Bottoms was president of the Association. The business sessions were conducted as unto the Lord and the messages by various ministers were all deeply inspiring. There was a strong spiritual emphasis throughout every session. It was a blessing to have Prof. Wayne Crandall, our General Conference president from Canisteo, N.Y., as delegate, representing the Eastern and Southeastern Associations. We rejoiced also to have our Southwestern Association Shepherding Pastor, Brother Marion Van Horn, with all his family, from Fouke, Ark.; the Gerald Coalwell family from New Orleans; the C. A. Beebe family from Haysville, N. C., also others from various places. Last, but certainly not least, our beloved missionaries from Nyasaland, Africa, David and Bettie Pearson, and little daughter Deborah, added much to the interest and inspiration of the meetings. They had charge of one evening program, at which time items of handcraft of natives of Africa were displayed in a classroom and they gave a discourse in the Chinyanja language, David speaking and Bettie interpreting, after which an offering of about \$75 was given for them. They have used it (we learn at this date) to purchase a power saw, a much-needed item, to be taken over in October by the two new missionaries, Misses Sarah Becker and Barbara Bivens.

Our interim pastor, Brother Carlton W. Wilson, left us on July 27, returning to his home and the Gideon work in Philadelphia. Through his work and messages, in the church services and the radio broad-

casts, God had fed us richly, and we felt reluctant to see him go, but he assured us that God is still with us and would continue to lead. We praise the Lord that it has proved to be true.

Evangelistic services were conducted by Brother David Pearson from August 1 through 8. A revival is usually considered successful only if it brings in new converts, and it is naturally disappointing when this result is not seen. However, we could not well have missed the spiritual uplift and strengthening of the membership, and seed was sown that will surely bring forth in due season. After the close of these services we had a blessed baptismal service when five candidates followed the Lord through this holy ordinance. These were the five who gave their hearts to the Lord, as reported in Newsletter No. 1 under Brother Wilson's ministry: Charlotte Sutton, Annalie, Donna Sue, and Billy Butler, and Shirley Atchley.

Our pulpit was filled by Brother David Pearson and Brother A. T. Bottoms — children's stories by Mrs. David Pearson and Mrs. A. T. Bottoms — supplying very ably till the arrival of our new minister Brother Leroy C. Bass, of Washington, D. C., with his family on August 27. We are humbly thankful for them. With his consecration, energy, and enthusiasm we expect a fine work and fellowship with them. His messages have been soul-stirring.

On Sabbath, September 19, just previous to the morning message, James E. Sutton gave a fine report of his enjoyable experience at Conference. Lunch was served at the church after which the congregation repaired to the riverside for baptismal service. Mrs. Bonard Allen, of Owens Cross Roads, gloriously obeyed her Lord in that beautiful symbol of His death, burial, and resurrection, and was united with our church.

— Paint Rock Newsletter.

DALLAS, TEXAS — May I renew The Sabbath Recorder. I find it interesting and educational. May the Lord bless you all.

