

The Sabbath Recorder

NEW AUBURN, Wis. — Probably the biggest news of the half year just passed was the resignation of our efficient pastor, announced Sabbath, April 25. Mr. Sanford leaves for White Cloud, Mich., the first week in August.

Soon after the announcement we had a business meeting to call a pastor. We sent a call to the Rev. Kenneth Van Horn of Dodge Center. Sabbath day, June 13, it was announced he had accepted the call and would be here by September 1.

Our lovely new church was planned by Dr. Wayne R. Rood but the building of it was managed (engineered) by Pastor Sanford. We like to think of it as a monument to both of them.

We held Vacation Bible School in co-operation with the Evangelical United Brethren Church in June with 62 in regular attendance, 31 were our children. Pastor Sanford conducted; Mrs. Ivar Pederson taught, assisted by Mrs. K. C. North at the piano, and the Misses Jane Pederson and Nancy North, all from our church. The cost was \$54.85 and since the collection taken at the program was not adequate, each Sabbath School paid \$6 to clear the slate. The two churches work well together in both religious and social work, as for instances joint services for the World Day of Prayer, Feb. 13, and Lenten services.

Two new classes have been organized in our Sabbath School. Jenny Pederson's Junior choir of 15 ranging from 6 to 15 years of age quite often sings during the morning worship hour.

Many visitors both official and laymen come to see and visit our new church, including the Rev. Victor Skaggs, vice-president of General Conference, Wallace Green, co-ordinator of the work of North Central Association, Rene Mauch whom the Missionary Board plans to send to British Guiana.

The pastor attended the Seventh Day Baptist ministers conference at Alfred; the Christian Writers' and Editors' conference at Green Lake, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Board; the North Central Association at Dodge Center, together with 24 others from our church. He took part in the ordination of Sylvester Moore and wife, as deacon and deaconess of the Twin City Church. The

ceremony took place in their home at Harris, Minn. Nine from here attended.

Our Ladies' Aid is active and alert. They are already planning increased activities during the coming year as the church will have increased expenses. It plans a public supper and a food sale on alternate months. The Fall Ingathering Festival, one of these, has raised \$639 for various purposes during its fiscal year.

An electric organ has been donated to the church by the Pederson families. We anticipate with pleasure its usefulness and are grateful to the Pedersons.

Financially we are gaining. July 1 we paid the interest on our larger debt and \$200 on the principal of the smaller debt, to the Missionary Board. We ask an interest in your prayers that we may also gain spiritually. — Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For August 15, 1959

God's Steadfast Love

Lesson Scripture:

Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-40.

For August 22, 1959

Pleading for Forgiveness

Lesson Scripture: Daniel 9: 4-10, 17-19.

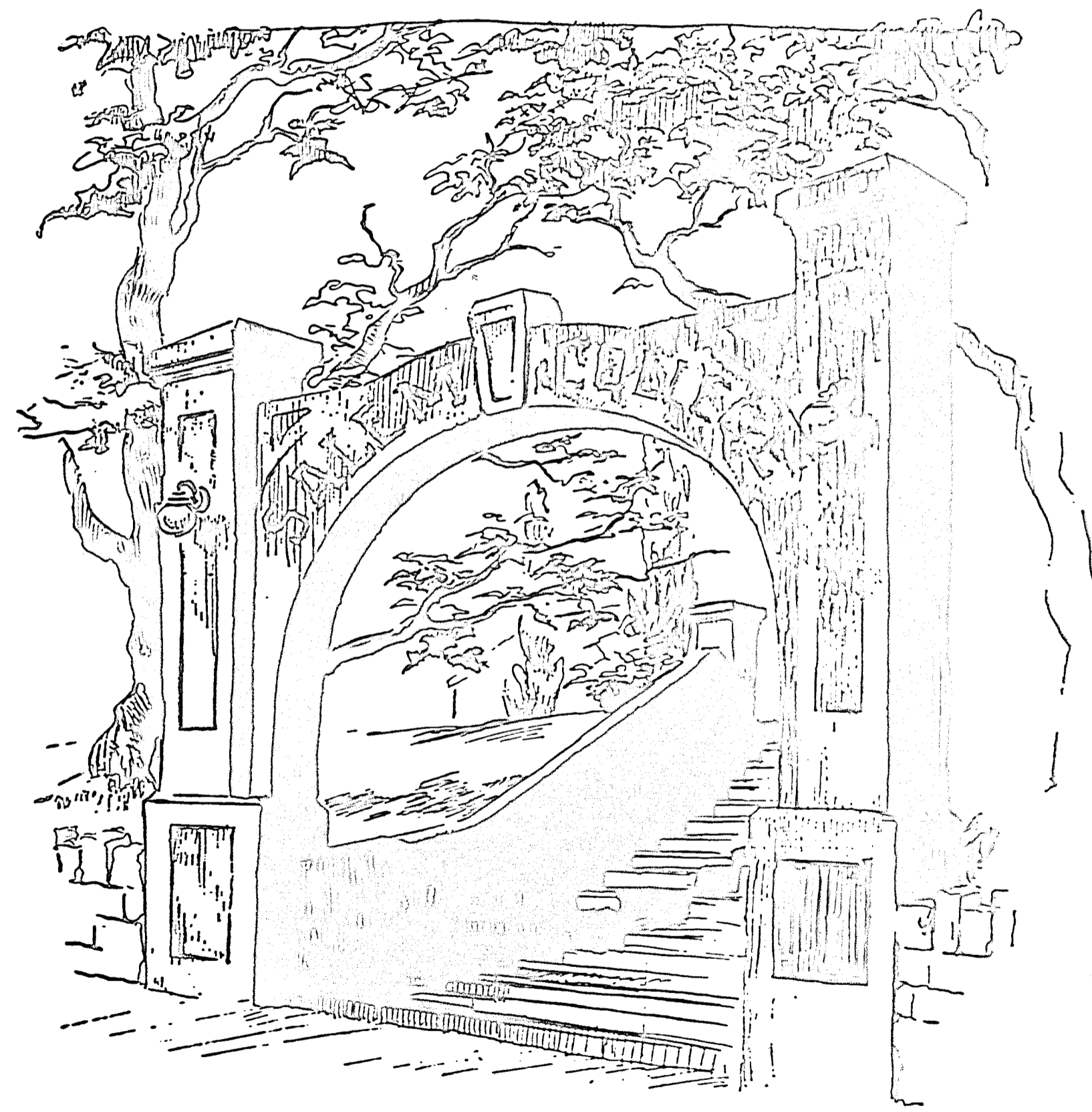
Obituaries

Ebersole — Lucy F. Kagarise, a daughter of Jerome S. and Belle (Frederick) Kagarise, was born at Salemville (New Enterprise, Pa.), April 9, 1880, and died there May 16, 1959.

She early joined the English Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salemville, and held her membership there until her death. Her quiet life was characterized by her devotion to the Lord and her interest in the Scriptures.

She married Isaiah F. Ebersole, on March 24, 1898. Mr. Ebersole died August 14, 1929. Surviving are nine children: Hazen, Jacob, Fred, and Mrs. Melda Clapper of New Enterprise, Mrs. Ruth Over of Woodbury, Roscoe K. of Saxton, Warden of Loysburg, Mrs. Lena Snyder of Irwin, all in Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Freda Furry of Sarasota, Fla. There are 24 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren. At her death, she was survived by three brothers and two sisters, Alvy, Lawrence, and Raymond Kagarise, and Mrs. Susie Dimond and Mrs. Nettie Boyd of New Enterprise.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Gerald Hess at the Brick Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salemville, and burial was in the Salemville Cemetery.



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Taking A Cue From the Baptist Convention

Our denominational leaders often observe with care the successes and failures of other similar denominations and suggest action in accordance with what they observe. This is true not only in evangelism and outreach but also in ecumenical representation. We feel akin to the Baptists and have a connection with the Baptist World Alliance. Quite a number of our people are consistent readers of the Crusader, the American Baptist News-magazine. It has been suggested by some in recent years that we should have a news magazine patterned after it to some extent.

An editorial in the summer issue comments on the recent American Baptist Convention at Des Moines, calling attention to a few problem areas which we as a people may be glad to avoid by anticipating them ahead of time.

The question of the recognition of Red China which was advocated by the Fifth World Order Study Conference (of the NCC) last November came before the Baptist Convention by way of the "Armstrong Resolution" on the last day. The Convention voted by close but light vote (245-234) to support our government's policy and to repudiate the statement of the Cleveland Conference.

The editor of Crusader notes:

Strangely enough, when our delegation voted on approximately this same question at the Fifth World Order Study Conference at Cleveland last November, every voting American Baptist supported the report which called for steps "toward the inclusion of the People's Republic of China in the UN and for its recognition by our government." This suggests that the delegates sent on this mission for American Baptists were not truly representative of the thinking of our total constituency. We had better assure well-rounded representation on future ventures or risk repeated repudiation of delegate stands.

Your editor would take a little more moderate stand without denying the validity of the stand taken by the Baptist news magazine. He would voice the opinion that both in doctrinal and policy statements delegates are sometimes unwittingly swept along toward concurrence in statements, the far-reaching effects of which they have not sufficiently pondered. Furthermore, the vote at the Baptist Convention may indicate that delegates later change their minds when editors and

others call attention to the mistakes of carefully guided but misguided conferences such as the World Order Study Conference now appears to have been. In connection with recognition of Red China, readers who missed it at the time might like to turn back to our editorial on this subject in the Sabbath Recorder of December 8, 1958.

Men in Uniform

The newspapers seem to be continually mentioning the size of our national defense budget. Questions are being raised in Congress about the size of our Standing Army, our Reserve, and the National Guard. Most of us are far enough removed from the military so that our thoughts in regard to it are more of money than of men. Perhaps we should remind ourselves more frequently of the spiritual needs of our young men in uniform.

It has been your editor's privilege for two weeks to be thrust again into the world of men — young men away from home perhaps for the first time — undergoing basic training for military service. Fort Dix is accounted one of the best training bases for recruits in the USA. To be the chaplain of more than 2,000 of these men for two weeks forces one to remember the needs and problems of all such men everywhere. Perhaps we who are in positions of church leadership throughout the land should do more to prepare our sons and the sons of the church for their years of military service. Though it is peacetime and the soldier has little popular glamor, he still needs our prayers and all the spiritual help we can give him.

The Chaplains Corps is dedicated to serving men (and their dependents). July 29 was the 184th anniversary of the chaplaincy. It was celebrated at Fort Dix by gathering together all the chaplains and their assistants serving the 20,000 men on the post. Nearly all the generals and other high-ranking officers of two adjoining bases paid honor to the long history of service by chaplains to men in uniform.

The chaplains have their place and most of them fill it well, but in many cases

what they can do is too little and comes too late. They distribute Bibles, Testaments, and Christian literature in large quantities. They conduct weekend and midweek services and Character Guidance lectures. Through office hours and contacts in training areas they counsel the boys who indicate a desire to be helped. Far more men could be guided by the chaplain if they were prepared for such a ministry by a satisfactory contact with the church at home. Problems are many and varied as young men try to adjust to a different kind of discipline and life than that to which they have been accustomed at home. Many are frightened, a few are homesick, and many are hungry for the Word of God. They need our prayers.

The organizations which supply the Scriptures for distribution also need the support of concerned Christians in order that they may continue this ministry.

Fine Buildings, Poor Preachers

Recently in New York City, 160 delegates to a 3-day conference on stewardship, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, concluded that small denominations put the larger ones to shame with their "sacrificial urgency" in giving. The Rev. Albert T. Rasmussen of the Pacific School of Religion scored the larger and wealthier communions "which find it comparatively easy to raise money for fine buildings but hard to pay their ministers."

Where do we stand as a denomination? We are small enough to be in the group that is characterized by this "sacrificial urgency" and among those showing a marked increase in tithing. But we wonder whether that is actually the case. Is it not true that we find it easier to get large contributions for church buildings than for church builders — ministers and missionaries? Are we a people of small faith and big ideas? Are we, like Israel of old, longing for the splendor of a king when the counsel of a humble judge is what we need? Do we have the urgency of message that calls forth sacrificial giving and the same kind of serving? Through what sort of glasses do we look into the mirror?

Lord's Day Resolution

The 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention held in Philadelphia July 6-11 is reported to have brought blessing and strength of faith to thousands of young people, among whom were a number of Seventh Day Baptist young people. Besides evangelism and inspiration the convention produced a rather long list of wide-ranging resolutions, one of which was concerned with better observance of the "Lord's Day."

Our comment would be that the young people and their leaders did as well with this resolution as could be expected. They did not advocate legislative support for Sunday observance but called upon their members to avoid making purchases on Sunday and to turn their business to those companies that refused to open on Sundays. This type of boycott cannot be seriously criticized (unless the business in question conscientiously observes the Sabbath).

A resolution normally is introduced by some sort of "whereas clause" to establish the reason for the statement. It is at this point that we feel sorry for any who attempt to write resolutions about Sunday observance. The preamble must of necessity be weak if it attempts to find Biblical grounds for a strict observance of the "Lord's Day."

Christian Endeavor has a long and noble history of adherence to the Bible as the rule of faith and practice. But in this one respect the Bible does not give any explicit basis for their practice. It does not teach the transference of the Sabbath principle or the Sabbath law from the seventh to the first day of the week because of the resurrection of Christ. In the following resolution the second sentence weakly assumes that a church decision (centuries after Christ) to honor the day of Christ's resurrection can be substituted for the God-given "pattern of worship in the Ten Commandments." The full resolution follows:

We recognize that the tensions in today's living demand that mankind set aside time for spiritual guidance and development. God gave Moses a pattern of worship in the Ten Commandments which now is emphasized in commemorating the resurrection of our Lord. One day of rest in seven is a physical and spiritual

necessity for man's needs. Because of the increasing abuse and misuse of the Lord's Day, we call upon all Christian forces to keep this day for individual and family spiritual enrichment.

We urge Christians to support businesses that close on the Lord's Day, to abstain from purchasing on this day, and to encourage other business establishments to close in observance of the Lord's Day.

To help make Sunday a holy day rather than a holiday, we urge the churches to develop a definite Christian program and to make fuller use of their facilities for the spiritual growth of family life and worship.

Looking Back 67 Years

General Conference 1892

What was Conference like 67 years ago? For one thing some of the boards had much more space on the program. The Tract Board was responsible for a whole day, morning, afternoon, and evening. It was a time when there was a great man connected with the work of the board, Dr. A. H. Lewis, noted writer on the history of the Sabbath and an untiring exponent of its observance.

Back in 1892 at the General Conference Dr. Lewis preached a sermon as part of the Tract Board Program. In that sermon some very important words were spoken to which the world would do well to give heed today. They were picked up by the librarian of the Historical Society, Miss Evalois St. John, in some research reading on another subject. Dr. Lewis maintained that Sabbath observance is a question of "obedience to God's Word."

Note his words:

"The whole question of Sabbath observance is a question of obedience to God's Word, and this again involves the question of the rightful authority of that Word. So the question of Sabbath (or Sunday) legislation is not a question as between sects, or about days, but a question as to whether men in free America have the right to worship God according to their own consciences enlightened by the Word of God, or whether the State shall control them in such matters, setting up standards of conscience for them."

— Sabbath Recorder, Sept. 8, 1892.

Executive Secretary

Dear Fellow Seventh Day Baptists:

When this reaches you General Conference will be in session. The larger number of our members will not be at Salem but will be carrying on in the home churches. However, everyone who is willing to spend some time in prayer for the guidance of those who at Conference are undertaking to make plans for future work, will be in reality having a part in the Conference.

Our lack of numerical growth denominationally has been of some concern to us for several years. Numerical growth is, it seems to me, an indication of the effectiveness of the Gospel message in the personal lives of individual members.

As I write this, all church statistical reports have not yet been received. One of our larger churches after correcting and revising its roll reports more than 60 less members than last year. One church which reported a membership of 46 last year will not be reporting this year because it has disbanded. Many, but not all, of its members have joined nearby churches. One church of 61 members is reporting a net gain of 15 members for the year. If most of our churches were to yearly do as well percentage-wise it would more than offset the larger decreases that sometimes occur.

There is quite general agreement that our year-to-year loss in membership is a deplorable thing. It is not as easy to find agreement as to the reasons for it. In the case of a serious physical malady the doctor, if at all possible, gives something for immediate relief, but unless he finds the real cause for the trouble and ministers to that his patient fails to recover.

We have 60 churches holding worship services each Sabbath morning. In most of them are pastors who are dedicated men who preach well-prepared sermons. Each week children, youth, and adults attend our Sabbath Schools and under the guidance of self-giving teachers study lessons from our Christian guidebook, the Bible. In most of our churches youth groups have weekly meetings and during the summer months our own children and

youth — and in many cases considerable numbers from other than our church families — attend Bible Schools and camps. Is it possible that most, or at least many, who "attend" these various gatherings come away from them without having had the soul-refreshing experience of true fellowship? Do they come away still strangers to their fellow members, their denomination, and to the sacrificial efforts of the missionaries whom they help support?

What about the first Christian church of A.D. 34? Could we be so bold as to speak of it as the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Jerusalem? It was different from any other organization of its day by the plain fact that its members loved one another. Jesus Christ was a living presence and His Holy Spirit was a real power in their lives, and so wonderful was their fellowship that outsiders were eager to become a part of it. A strange thing about Christian love is that in order to continue to have it one must give of it to others. This is one of the reasons, unexplainable to be sure, but very real, that makes the experience of Christian fellowship such a soul-satisfying experience.

A Christian fellowship does not consist of people, young or old, sitting in church seats, participating in planned worship services, and giving some money with little thought as to where it goes.

True fellowship is achieved only when love is present. Such a fellowship began on the day of Pentecost and turned the Roman Empire upside down. The same love of Christ and the same power of the Holy Spirit for creating the same kind of a fellowship are available to us today. Only as we, individually, accept this love and power and let it permeate all our "meetings together" will we find real solutions to our problems and will our growth be assured. Then we may expect it to be said of Seventh Day Baptists of A.D. 1960, "Behold, how they love one another!" — Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston, 476 N. Washington St., Battle Creek, Mich.



Conference Address

By President Wayne N. Crandall

The Sabbath was made for man—
By their fruits ye shall know them.

Scripture: Mark 2: 23-27; Matt. 7: 15-20

In our Conference theme, "The Sabbath was made for man," Christ certainly strongly implies man's need for a sabbath. In Luke 13: 10 we read, "And he (Christ) was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath." If Christ found it necessary to attend the synagogue on the Sabbath, why should we question our need for regular church attendance? Christians do need a sabbath — God's Sabbath. Man needs a meaningful, regularly recurring time set aside when he renews his contacts with God. This must not be a hit-and-miss, passive experience if we are to grow into Christlike beings.

At the Ministers Conference at Alfred, Rabbi Jerome Malino made some comments about the Sabbath I would like to repeat for emphasis. He said:

"With regard to Sabbath observance itself, I would like to say man cannot live in the rarefied atmosphere of a spiritual abstraction. Any idea which is meaningful has to be translated into some three-dimensional form in which it can be communicated to others. The artist may have a glorious vision in his eye, but until he translates that vision into marble or stone, until he puts it on canvas, the vision dies 'a-borning' with him.

"So, it is necessary for us to translate every idea, every concept, every abstraction into communicable form. . . .

"I remember some time ago I saw a cartoon in which a man was saying to his wife, 'I love you, I love you, I love you — now that will hold you till Wed-

Conference President Wayne N. Crandall agreed to an early release of his Conference address in order that many of our readers unable to be at Salem to hear it could read it while Conference was in session.

nesday.' Of course it did not hold her till Wednesday because human beings can't live in the rarefied atmosphere of an abstraction. Love is a noble concept and ideal, a beautiful emotion, but it has to be translated into reality. In the cartoon of which I was speaking it must be translated into kisses, embraces, and flowers and candy, and polite manners, and solicitude. We know these things.

"This is as true of the Sabbath as it is of anything else. We cannot say we want to be elevated by the Sabbath unless we proceed to the doing of those things which will enable us to elevate the Sabbath."

Rabbi Malino adds that the proper use of the Sabbath will cause us to be "re-created in spirit." I pray that every Seventh Day Baptist may accept this challenge and remove his Sabbath experience from a "rarefied abstraction" to one with "three-dimensional meaning." This is especially important for our young people and for our people who find themselves outside of the normal contacts with one of our churches. How effectively are we at present communicating a love of and reverence for the Sabbath to the children in our home and to the neighbor next door?

In the workshop later this week, "Meeting the Special Needs of Sabbathkeepers," we hope to discover ways of effectively communicating Sabbath truths to those who are being most sorely tested and tried. In this approach may we not make the same mistake of the Jews at the time of Christ and merely set down rules and regulations relative to Sabbathkeeping. May we place our emphasis on sharing the Sabbath and doing good on the Sabbath.

Should our emphasis stop with our

Sabbath truth we would fall far short of our goal as Christians. When each of us has really dedicated his life to our crucified Lord, most of our problems connected with the details of Sabbathkeeping will be solved. If we were intent on spreading the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Sabbath would be a time for rest and spiritual generation for the week ahead.

Christ's message was constantly one requiring service — healing, sharing, giving, forgiving, encouraging. Christ's actions gave "three-dimensional form" to His ministry.

When Cardinal Cushing was made a cardinal he said:

My one great hurdle or problem here is to continue to move around anywhere, anytime, among people as a cardinal. People will have to get used to the fact that a cardinal goes to jails, to all kinds of places where prelates aren't supposed to enter. This is a problem because it isn't a haphazard thing, it's part of my daily life. I want to do this, and must do it, for the simple reason that in today's welfare state we must keep in personal contact with all types — especially with the poor, the wayward, the abandoned — lest they be lost. This is a job not only of the Catholic Church but of all religions and denominations. We are losing these people because we have not readjusted to present-day life.

Cardinal Cushing is really laying it on the line. All Christians, including Seventh Day Baptists, must bear fruit. We must adjust to modern times. We can no longer buy our friends and security with dollars and cents. In Christ we have the answer. Pastor Carlton Wilson and the good folks at Paint Rock, Alabama, certainly are demonstrating this in their work with the "people on the mountain."

It was one of the most inspiring experiences of my life to see these folks from the mountain come down on Sabbath night at the Southwestern Association meeting to see the pictures of David and Bettie Pearson and hear about their work in Nyasaland. These people have a thirst in their eyes for something better. They thirst for Christ. In every community there are many persons with this same thirst. May we assume our responsibility in satisfying this thirst!

Where do we stand as a denomination? I feel that we have a very effective administrative set-up. Through Commission,

the Planning Committee, and our Executive Secretary tying them together in the Coordinating Council we have a cooperation and continuity unknown to Seventh Day Baptists until recent years. Our ministers, though in short supply, are doing a tremendous job. Our missionaries are carrying the Word of God to many foreign lands with real success. Where then is our weakness? A returning missionary has placed his finger on it. He said, "I have been disappointed in the lack of religious passion of our people at home."

At this General Conference and during the coming months and years, may God direct us in developing ways of setting our laymen on fire with a passion to serve. In every possible avenue of approach to "recreated spirits" may we dedicate "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor," that God may be glorified.

Don't Miss It!

The next issue of the Sabbath Recorder will begin to tell the story of the Planning Committee, Commission, and General Conference. Be sure not to miss any of the pictures, the messages, and the decisions of our delegates in the forthcoming issues. It would be like missing your connection by train or plane to Conference. This is the time to make sure that your own subscription is paid up and that others who have not been getting the Recorder are reminded by you of its value. It is our only weekly periodical, covering every phase of our denominational activity. It contains the messages needed by our people and the messages of our people to the world. Total costs of the Recorder are high; subscription prices are low; the value great.

AUGUST RECORDERS

Two issues of the Sabbath Recorder will be omitted in August, the issues that would have been dated August 10 and 24. Librarians and others who carefully file our periodical should note these dates.

MEMORY TEXT

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

Mother-Daughter Banquet August 19, at Salem



Banquets are great occasions, especially when they have a significant purpose. A nationwide mother-daughter banquet at General Conference has such a purpose.

Who could better illustrate the significance of this mother and daughter relationship in our denomination than a mother who has been the mainstay of a struggling, progressing church for many years and her daughter who has been serving on a faraway mission field for nearly five years? We refer to Mrs. Robert Butler of Paint Rock, Ala., and her daughter, Bettie Pearson, who holds in her arms a child born in Nyasaland. Mrs. Pearson is the main speaker at the Wednesday evening banquet. Mothers may well be challenged and daughters may well catch a vision on such an occasion.

Pre-Conference Thoughts

By P. B. Hurley, a past president

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is at hand. Some will go and enjoy themselves meeting friends. I am glad to count among my friends the past presidents — men who spent a year turning away efforts to promote some project, a beautiful organ recital, advance the cause of temperance, etc., all this while trying to develop a really spiritual, evangelistic program.

One of those past presidents did not put on his program because of travel restrictions, and he felt it was folly to work a second year for results obtainable as he could see them. His theme was "Christ At the Center." Our membership at the time was over six thousand. Many good themes and splendid efforts have been used until this last year's theme, "One in Christ, Forward in Growth." Under this we again raised the budget but did not go forward in growth. Our total now is in the five thousands. I have been chided for calling attention to these figures. I am sad that they have not improved. Let's continue to raise the budget but let's do it before Conference so our sessions can be really forward-looking.

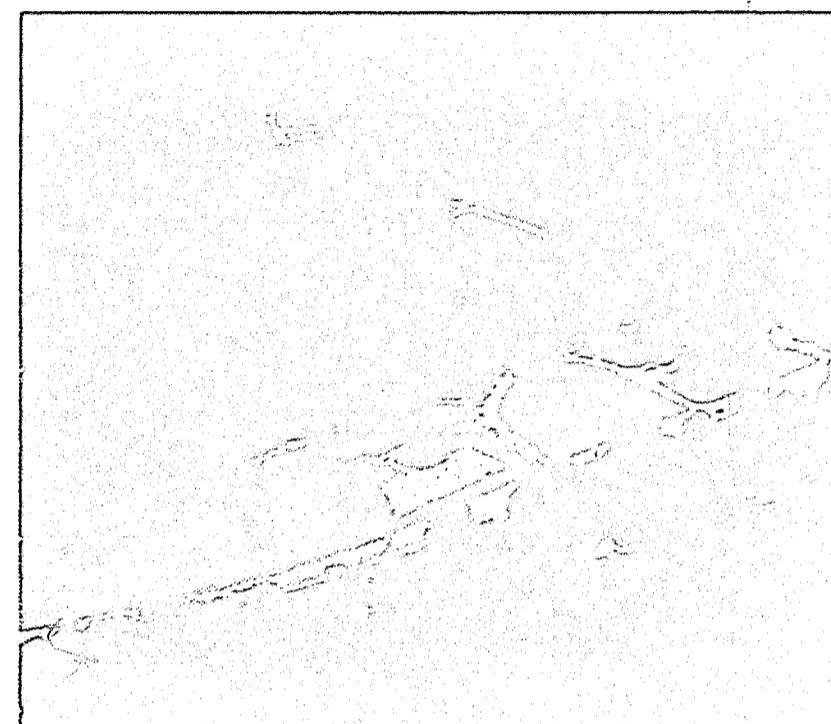
We are not growing. Do we wish to look for the reason and step out toward success or are we afraid to examine ourselves?

A clergyman once said to me, "I hope this church will stay together as long as I want a place to preach." It did. He has gone. The church is not yet too healthy, no converts recently. Probably the clergy need higher, more aggressive standards and ambitions.

Now shall a layman make some confessions? In business I planned to close early Friday. Often I had just gotten the door closed when some of "our people" came pleading for gas for a pleasure trip for tomorrow. Once inside it was, "Please clean the plugs, check the lights and — oh! yes, the spare needs repair." Recently one family returning from an extended trip after sundown Friday halted at a market for supplies. We tried to keep out of sight but no, here were more of our

Young Adults Gather In West Virginia Hills

Much publicity has been given to the first Young Adult Retreat ever scheduled by Seventh Day Baptists for the days immediately preceding General Conference. More will be said by way of report, with perhaps some snapshots of activities and discussion groups.



The accompanying picture of Camp Caesar, the site of the 4-day retreat, was secured by K. Duane Hurley from the Conservation Commission of West Virginia. It appears that even with an aerial photo it is difficult to capture the beauty of a camp among the wooded and close-crowding West Virginia hills. This camp, which has frequently been used by Seventh Day Baptist young people, will now have hallowed memories for the young adults who had the privilege of enjoying rich experiences in a well-appointed and well-directed camp.

folks shopping though the place had been available to them all week.

Bible-time characters were often punished for such acts. Again they were gloriously blessed when they returned repentantly to God's way. Shouldn't we really take the Bible for our guide?

May we yet grow in numbers as we grow in grace. "Seek ye first . . . and these things shall be added."

Cablegram From Makapwa Mission

A cablegram from Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, arrived just before the Missionary Board meeting on July 26. It stated, "Continuing everything. Needs nurses."

The meaning of this cablegram was clear. Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick and Miss Joan Clement had decided to continue teaching Standards IV and V and continue the boarding department of the school at the mission center.

It will be recalled that Dr. Burdick had previously stated that it would be necessary to discontinue these activities so as to ease the burden of work on those at the mission station. (See Sabbath Recorder issue of July 6, 1959.)

In a letter which has come since the Missionary Board meeting Dr. Burdick confirms the above interpretation with these words, "As we came to the end of the year and the hurt from troubles earlier in the school year were mended and several of our boarding students joined our Bible Class and were baptized recently, we couldn't seem to accept our earlier decision to close this channel of witnessing."

Dr. Burdick closes this paragraph with the earnest plea, "We want to express our sincere hope and prayer that all will work out so that the nurses (Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Barbara Bivins) can come as soon as possible."

The Missionary Board had expressed a call to service to Miss Sarah Becker in April, 1958. She has been attending Columbia University to further prepare as a medical missionary teacher and nurse.

At the July 26 board meeting the following action was taken as regards Miss Barbara Bivins: "Voted that the Missionary Board engage Miss Barbara Bivins as of October 1, 1959, to serve as a medical missionary in Nyasaland at a monthly salary of \$100.00 and that the corresponding secretary be authorized to negotiate with Miss Bivins making the necessary arrangements for her services." (Miss Bivins had indicated her willingness to serve.)

An amount for salary and travel expense to the field for these two nurses has been approved for inclusion in the tenta-

tive budget of the Missionary Board to be considered by General Conference. It is hoped that help in the form of added personnel may soon be on the way to our hard-pressed workers in Nyasaland.

Missionary Board Actions Reviewed

Items of special interest growing out of the July 26 meeting of the Missionary Board are as follows:

1. Courtland V. Davis of Metuchen, N. J., was called to succeed Headmaster Grover Brissey at Crandall High School in Jamaica, W. I., some time next year. It was reported that the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey will be attending Conference in August at Salem.

2. A Lay Development Program (adapted from the Baptist Jubilee Advance) was approved for promotion among our churches. This was a recommendation of the board's Missionary-Evangelistic Committee which committee had made an extensive study of the program. It was voted that the board request the president of General Conference to provide opportunity during Conference for a presentation of this adaptation of the Lay Development Program. (President Wayne Crandall has arranged for a workshop session to be held on Wednesday evening of Conference, at which time pastors and lay readers are urged to be present.)

3. Upon the recommendation of the American Tropics Committee it was agreed that a commissioning and farewell service be arranged for the Rev. Rene Mauch and family, to be held in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church "on or about the last Sabbath of October, 1959."

4. A call was extended to Miss Barbara Bivins to serve as a medical missionary in Nyasaland. This matter is written up more fully in this issue of the Recorder.

5. Appreciation was expressed to the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, pastor of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, for conducting a ten-day preaching-visitation evangelism program in the two Seventh Day Baptist churches in Washington, D.C., June 19-28, 1959. Pastor Dickinson told of representing the Missionary Board at a memorial service held for the late Rev. Luther W. Crichlow and Elder Louis Sheafe.

Miss Barbara Bivins Offers Services

(The following letter was received from Miss Barbara Bivins of Marlboro, N. J., and was read to the Missionary Board on July 26 just preceding the vote of the board to extend a call to Miss Bivins to serve as a medical missionary in Nyasaland, beginning as of October 1, 1959.)

I am Barbara Bivins, a registered nurse. I would like to offer my services as a missionary serving under the direction of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, working in the field where the need is greatest. My Bachelor of Arts Degree was granted to me last June by Providence Barrington Bible College where I studied Bible and Missions. In view of the fact that educationally minded missionaries are needed, I am planning to enter Glassboro State Teachers College June 22 for the summer course offered by them. In this way I hope to supplement the few educational courses which I took at Providence. I believe that I would be ready to go this fall or winter, if this meets with your approval.

The Lord has given me a burden for missions since I was a small child. I put this letter in your hands, praying and trusting that His divine will shall be done in the matter.

Yours in Christ,
Barbara S. Bivins.

Visits to Churches Continuing

A recent letter from Brother Rene Mauch written at North Loup, Nebraska, reports on the progress of their extended visit to Seventh Day Baptist churches. He writes as follows:

We have now reached North Loup on our westward trek. Again we have made the most pleasant contacts in our churches along the way. We worshiped with our people in Battle Creek on June 27 and were privileged to meet the children who had taken part in the Vacation Bible School. They kindly took their offering in favor of the work in British Guiana. The following Sunday saw us in White Cloud, where we met in the church that evening. We then went on to Milton, Milton Junction, and Albion. Besides the planned meetings we had the pleasure of helping to some extent in the Junior Camp activities at Camp Wakonda for two days. It was refreshing to associate with our boys and girls in their work and play periods.

The little Metropolitan (car) then brought us safely to New Auburn, where we met in the church for an informal evening meeting on July 9th. The house of worship was particularly interesting, as its building history had more than one point in common with our own Messenger's (mission boat) realization.

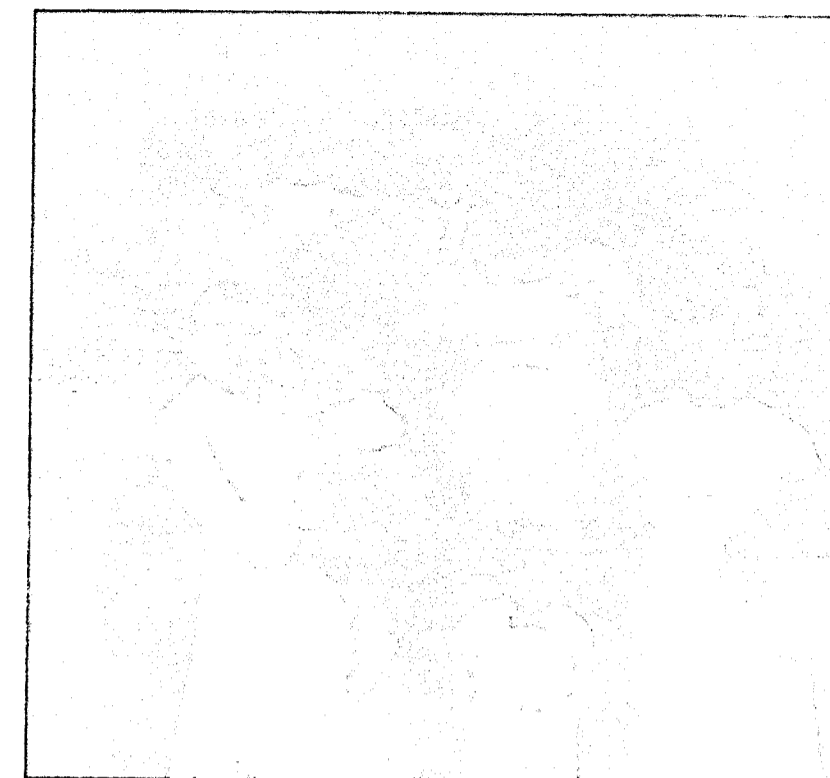
A further drive of some 160 miles brought us to Dodge Center where we spoke on Sabbath, July 11, to an attentive assembly. In the afternoon, I had the honor of delivering the ordination sermon at the service setting apart Deacon and Mrs. Moore for a special work in the Twin Cities Church.

Thus from one place to the other we have the most different and most interesting and thrilling experiences. We hope and pray that as we carry on our program of visitation, we may be in some humble way a blessing to those whom we shall meet in the days and weeks to come. Our past contacts so far have been a source of blessing to the three of us.

Jamaicans Visit Plainfield

One of the problems of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in Jamaica is the loss of some of their most enterprising members to England and America — people who find an opportunity to better their economic situation in these lands of greater opportunity. Many of those who have gone to London have taken their places in the life of the old Mill Yard Church, greatly strengthening it. Some of those who have come to our country occasionally visit churches within driving distance. They make substantial citizens of this country — the Jamaica churches continue to grow.

The largest delegation yet to visit the Plainfield Church and our headquarters building was a group of seven adults and three children who came from New York City for Sabbath services on July 25. They represent three families, most of whom are permanent residents. The older lady on the left, Mrs. Mulvaney, is a Kingston, Jamaica, resident visiting her unmarried daughter, the tall girl in the center. Another daughter in Jamaica is the organist of the Kingston Church. The three-generation group on the left side is the L. W. Holness family including his wife, son



Desmond, and daughter-in-law (holding children). Desmond has served in the U. S. Army. To the right is the Henry Grant family. His father is one of the pastors in Jamaica and president of the Conference this year.

These people worship with and work in a Manhattan church known as Victory Tabernacle, a very well-established Sabbathkeeping church whose pastor came from Jamaica a generation ago. This church is the leading church of the Seventh-Day Christian Conference. The Rev. Benjamin Berry, formerly of British Guiana, pastors the Chicago church which is a member of this conference.

The group pictured here brought a blessing to the Plainfield Church by their presence and enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship at the home of the Tract Board secretary. They were guided through the historical rooms of the denominational building by the librarian and also looked over the publishing house.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 29, 1959

A New Spirit Renews People

Lesson Scripture:

Joel 1: 15-20; 2: 12-13, 21-23, 28-29.

for September 5, 1959

The Peril of Pride

Lesson Scripture: Obadiah 1-4, 10-15.

1884 — 75 YEARS — 1959
Of Organized Women's Work

Originally organized at Conference in Lost Creek, W. Va., September, 1884, and subsequently located at:

Alfred, N. Y.1884-1886
Milton, Wis.1886-1929
Salem, W. Va.1929-1951
Battle Creek, Mich.1951-

Miss Mary F. Bailey, daughter of the Rev. James and Tacy Hubbard Bailey, was the ruling spirit of the new movement in women's work. Her natural ability and force of character made her a natural leader of women. She was secretary of the Women's Executive Board, as it was then called, for six years, and editor of the newly-established Women's Page in the Sabbath Recorder for four years.

From her pen in 1886:

"Societies have expressed willingness to help and be helped by the strength that may be in union of effort. A greater consecration to the Master's cause is our greatest need, since this spirit will both improve the heart and reveal the greatest capacities of the pocketbook. There are 14 societies, four of which were organized this past year. We pray that He in whom all blessings lie will in the coming year increase good to us and through us."

1886 Mrs. O. U. Whitford: "I feel that the organization of the Women's Executive Board is a movement in the right direction, and that another year will find a much larger number responding to the call for united action."

1890 Miss Mary Bailey: "Mrs. W. R. Potter and your secretary, Mary F. Bailey, attended the Council of Churches in Chicago, October, 1890. These points we would bring to you in reference to this council:

The work as we deemed it best to present it received full endorsement of the council.

We the women have only an auxiliaryship and could not present questions, which, though important to us, belong to other bodies officially holding the floor. Basic principles embodied in our report should be endorsed by you,

the people; it will then rest upon us all to do that which will enable the organization to grow with the years and be ready for the call to effective service for Christ.

Our women of the little Seventh Day Baptist denomination were received into this council with all courtesy, kindness, cordiality, and brotherly goodwill possible for brothers to extend to sisters."

1901 Mrs. Albert Whitford: "My nine years as Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Board has shown me that our women are a noble army of toilers, ready and responsive to calls for labor. No grander effort need be made than when they joined hands to give our China mission its teacher for the Boys' School. Again they worked with zeal and loyalty when the effort was made to clear our Missionary Society of its heavy debt and as ever they responded to the call of Africa's needy children. When new demands arise, they are ever ready to give hands to the lifting of the burden."

1903 Nettie M. West: "What is more helpful for the future? Is it the number of younger women who are taking up the work and assuming its duties and responsibilities? We need to redouble our efforts along all lines of work and to put into it such enthusiasm and energy that no defeat or disappointment can daunt us. Then will our work be a pleasure to us, and God will bless all we undertake in His name."

1919 Metta Babcock: "We believe that discouragement is an obstacle to be feared and shunned. As representatives of the Christian religion we must with stronger faith and a deeper consecration, each in her own place, do our part toward bringing the Kingdom of God into the world and we must all work together to overcome any spiritual inertia by which we may be threatened. Having then done our very best, we may take for ourselves the comfort of the counsel of the Apostle Paul to the Colossians, 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; to the which ye are called in one body and be ye thankful.'"

Taken from Women's Board in Action, the history of women's work by Mrs. Herbert Lippincott, Battle Creek, Michigan.

SOME SABBATH EXPERIENCES

By Gladys Sutton Randolph

In response to a second appeal in the Sabbath Recorder for readers to share their Sabbath experiences, I humbly submit these very unprofessionally written personal impressions. I can only hope that they may serve to inspire someone to a better appreciation of our unusual privilege as Sabbathkeeping Christians. We can enjoy a day of rest and worship that is not burdened with unnecessary Pharisaical restrictions or with traditional changes in the day of worship, made by the so-called established church. There is little wonder that many keep no day holy. Our Sabbath is the same day that was set up for us for our own good by an all-wise Creator, and observed in a practical manner by our Savior. Jesus went about doing good on the Sabbath and made it a happy day. He was not one so encumbered by "do-nots" that it became a burden to keep track of the many restrictions. Rather, Christ made it a day of worship of God and fellowship with His brother man.

Focal Point of the Week

The Sabbath should be the focal point in our week. Mankind needs some special goal in life all the time to provide incentive and a sense of well-being, which is achieved by working toward something. We must work toward SOMETHING all the time. We cannot stand still. We must, by our very nature, go ahead or slip backward. We might as well be animals unless we have something higher to look to than a mere physical existence. So once in seven days man needs to cease his struggle for that mere existence and rest his weary body and mind. By spending time in corporate or personal worship weary humans can be recharged from a never-ending power supply that is high above our comprehension. That restoration is ours for the taking. It is a gift from God, and we should receive it happily and be willing to share its benefits and opportunities by making it a delight unto the Lord.

Sabbath Delight

Recently I read a book on what the Jews believe. I was surprised to learn that even the strict Orthodox Jews have "Sabbath delights." After the formal worship service there is a social time, when friends and families wish each other a "happy Sabbath." Light refreshments are served before families leave for their homes, where they will delight in being together the rest of the Sabbath hours.

It has been my experience in recent years to be a part of church groups where a "meal of sharing" or "fellowship dinner" followed a Sabbath service. To me they have been a "Sabbath delight." First of all, it is much easier for a housewife and mother to prepare one or two dishes to share with a group than it is to plan and serve the family a complete dinner at home. Then there is the joy of wholesome friendships made or renewed at a table where others are gathered with their families. Ideas as well as food are often shared, and I feel greatly enriched by gaining new insights. These occasions have increasingly become a "Sabbath delight" to me. I welcome their occurrence.

The Delight of Music

Back a few years ago, when I was active in teaching pipe organ for Milton College, I was given the opportunity to present organ students in informal recitals at the regular "forum hour" on Sabbath afternoon in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church about once a year. These students came largely from commuting distance and were from churches other than Seventh Day Baptist. Some of them served as organists in their own churches. For the most part these little recitals were well received, and people seemed to enjoy sitting in a beautifully appointed sanctuary late on Sabbath afternoon and relaxing to a variety of good music played by young people, who were interested in gaining experience so that they could better serve their own churches. To me, this was a "Sabbath delight" — to be able to bring these people together.

Then there have been circumstances where I have worshiped in God's great out-of-doors cathedral. I am sure that there is no one who is reading this that likes

nically furnished, beautiful houses of worship more than I do. But I can also worship watching a sunset as it quietly paints the sky, or in the stillness and freshness of stately trees, listening to bird songs or the sighing of the unseen winds.

It has been the rare privilege of my children to have attended Seventh Day Baptist camps in several locations in different states. Whenever possible I have seized the opportunity of attending the Sabbath day camp services, which usually include at least one outdoor service. To me that is a "Sabbath delight." I feel close to God with His natural beauties all around me. I only wish that everyone could benefit.

Mountaintop Sabbaths

Our immediate family has been on vacation tours in the West, where mileages are great and Seventh Day Baptist churches widely scattered. We would manage our trips so that at least one Sabbath was spent with others of our belief in a house of worship, but to effectively visit our great national parks and forests the Sabbath would find us hundreds of miles from people of like faith. However, it was never too difficult to buy our food and supplies on Friday and to keep the Sabbath hours fairly quiet.

One bright Sabbath morning found us on top of a glorious mountain peak. The grandeur of the plains below caused me to wonder why man could ever be petty or ungrateful, when such a plentiful land was his to enjoy.

Another Sabbath found us deep in the woods surrounding the Grand Canyon. As we beheld that vast chasm I knew that God was eternal. His ever-present patience in waiting for us to acknowledge Him as the creator and keeper of our souls was very evident in the ageless, infinite expanses of this natural wonder. The very rocks cry out that He is Lord of the universe. We are His, also.

It has been my experience that the Sabbath is the kind of a day that we make it, wherever we are. If we let the burdens and worries of the week stay with us on the Sabbath, we make the Sabbath not only a burden to ourselves but to those around us. If we completely enter into a

day of rest and worship, then we are recharged to tackle another week of worldly cares. At the end of the week we have another Sabbath as the high point in our week. It is the culmination of a week's work. The day to look forward to — a day of delight — delight in the Lord.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

The Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches has for some months been fostering a study of the Biblical basis for the proper relation between the Christian church and the Jew. From time to time reports may be expected on the progress of this study. Some of those most anxious to study this question are understood to feel that it will necessarily result in new incentive to bring the Gospel to the Jew in an effective way.

In the meanwhile, efforts to win the Jews for Christ are being pushed with vigor by various well-recognized organizations. Among these is the American Association for Jewish Evangelism which holds its annual conference on Prophecy and the Jews at Winona Lake, Ind., August 30-September 7. Those who have attended such conferences in the past have been stimulated by the messages, Bible studies, and testimonies of converted Jews and those who have long worked with them.

Russian Orthodox Favorably Impressed with WCC

A month-long visit from two representatives of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church to the Geneva headquarters of the World Council of Churches ended with an expression of hope for closer relationships between the Russian church and the world body.

The visitors, Archpriest Vitaly M. Borovoy of Villna and Victor S. Alexeev, lay secretary in the Moscow Patriarchate's foreign relations office, said that they had been "favorably impressed with everything" at the World Council headquarters.

The Moscow Patriarchate at its meeting in August expected to make the decision as to what observers from the Russian church will attend the Central Committee of the

World Council on the Island of Rhodes, Greece, Aug. 19-27.

(The Moscow Patriarchate in previous years has declined membership in the World Council of Churches.)

The Central Committee of the World Council in its Rhodes meeting will deal with "The Significance of the Eastern and Western Traditions within Christendom." It is expected that this meeting will have the largest attendance of Orthodox churches in its history.

A return visit to Moscow is planned for a World Council delegation headed by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary. It will probably take place in December. This will be the first official visit by a World Council of Churches' delegation to Moscow. A number of national church delegations have exchanged visits with Russian church delegations, including a group from the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. — WCC.

Rocky Mt. Camp Experiences

Impressions of Camp? They were good. The schedule was well planned, beginning with "Morning Circle" before breakfast. The meals were good. I liked the "Alone Hour." We were never all alone, for God was always with us, and perhaps a chipmunk or two. The classes were good. Recreation was enjoyable with a softball game or a lively game of horseshoes. At Vespers we could usually watch a pretty sunset. Campfire was good with games and songs. Even bedtime was good. In fact camp was very good. I hope I can go back next year. — Brice Severance (son of Deacon and Mrs. Cecil Severance of North Loup, Neb.)

Rocky Mountain Camp was very beautiful, inspirational, and something which makes us feel very close to our Maker.

I enjoyed the classes studying the Beatitudes and the "Great Paradoxes of the Bible," because they helped me to understand the Bible better.

The most impressive service was the "Fagot Service," for many of us felt the need for Christ in our lives. — Martha Babcock (daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock of North Loup, Neb.).

Editor's note: These impressions were written by young folks about to enter high school.

Financial Assistance For Theological Students

The denomination undertakes to aid those preparing for its ministry in the School of Theology at Alfred by tuition grants from Our World Mission. Checks will be sent twice during the academic year upon the approval of the application by the Committee on Ministerial Training.

Grants-in-aid averaging \$150 are made to young men preparing for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry from Our World Mission and from Memorial Fund trusts. The request is regarded as a promissory note which will be discharged when the student has served the denomination in an employed capacity for five years.

Application blanks may be secured from any member of the Committee on Ministerial Training or by writing to Courtland V. Davis, Secretary, Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

Application must be made each year for aid desired and should be submitted by September 1 at the latest to get approval for the fall semester.

Let's Think It Over

"What will stop the arms race? Not fear of some weapon as yet unknown, but man's knowledge of what will happen to him if the nuclear weapons now in existence are used. Negotiations on disarmament will only be successful when the people of the world demand their success out of a deep understanding of the need for disarmament," so wrote Helen Gahagan Douglas.

Can we be sure, as she is, that understanding of what a nuclear war would mean for all is the strongest deterrent — the most powerful that can be built?

Couldn't Analyze the Power

Those who sought to give a natural explanation for the power that was present in the meetings (of Billy Graham) were completely baffled. A psychiatrist sat through five meetings in his attempt to analyze it. Then God analyzed him. He too joined the thousands who had begun to live by taking Christ as their Lord and Saviour. — Robert O. Ferm.

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

BUDGET RECEIPTS

	Treasurer's		Boards'			Treasurer's		Boards'	
	July	10 months	July	10 months		July	10 months	July	10 months
Balance, July 1 ..\$.06				Lost Creek	720.23	1,426.40		
Adams Center	205.25	988.20			Marlboro	658.65	2,917.87	99.00	
Albion	229.61	652.60			Middle Island	19.25	173.00		
Alfred, 1st	957.21	4,029.60	5.00		Milton	740.71	5,465.22	100.00	
Alfred, 2nd		1,586.02	39.00		Milton Junction	373.59	1,547.34		
Associations & Groups	91.88	718.37	572.04		New Auburn	72.73	191.73		
Battle Creek	1,294.27	5,553.61	64.39		North Loup	242.85	772.65		
Bay Area			50.00		Nortonville	294.51	1,515.81	40.00	
Berlin	69.47	650.63	156.00		Old Stone Fort		100.00	10.00	
Boulder	108.00	602.01	25.00		Paint Rock		150.00		
Brookfield, 1st ..	152.00	602.75	55.00		Pawcatuck	438.37	3,709.53	164.28	
Brookfield, 2nd ..		318.55			Plainfield	445.37	2,871.01	460.00	
Buffalo	50.00	200.00			Richburg	296.00	1,079.25		
Chicago	217.00	978.34	420.00		Ritchie	90.00	280.00		
Daytona Beach ..	112.81	701.56	66.34		Riverside		3,005.60		
Denver	164.01	653.52	50.00		Roanoke	77.00	203.00		
DeRuyter		415.77	14.00		Rockville	23.19	322.24		
Dodge Center	79.32	973.28	700.00		Salem	64.88	1,395.88		
Edinburg	64.87	169.87			Salemville	54.52	135.72	17.00	
Farina	50.25	218.30			Schenectady	80.68	218.68		
Fouke	27.00	178.90			Shiloh	1,004.58	4,395.55	35.00	
Hebron, 1st	127.83	293.50			Syracuse	5.00	5.00		
Hopkinton, 1st ..	152.28	1,578.28			Texarkana	12.50	35.50		
Hopkinton, 2nd ..	28.25	74.25			Tract Society		3,000.00	226.50	
Independence	305.00	1,114.00			Twin Cities		150.00		
Individuals	95.50	2,807.50	384.06		Verona	270.55	1,513.79		
Irvington		800.00			Walworth	56.27	321.77		
Jackson Center ..		10.00			Washington	72.00	434.00		
Little Genesee ..	197.37	499.63	15.00		Wash., People's	8.00	40.00		
Little Rock	35.00	35.00			Waterford	192.11	1,008.97		
Los Angeles	154.38	2,359.38	25.00		White Cloud	126.41	582.70		
L. A., Christ's ..		125.00							
						\$11,408.57	\$68,856.63	\$3,792.61	

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

	Budget (Designated & Undesig.)
Missionary Society	\$ 4,619.57
Board of Christian Education	1,069.66
Ministerial Training	1,505.76
Ministerial Retirement	980.41
Historical Society	233.32
Women's Society	257.38
General Conference	1,145.40
Tract Society	1,444.75
Trustees of General Conference	101.40
World Fellowship and Service	50.85
	\$11,408.50
Balance on hand, July 3107

NON-BUDGET GIFTS

July Receipts	\$107.20
July Disbursements:	
Missionary Society	\$107.20

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$99,735.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 10 mos.	\$68,856.63
Boards' budget receipts 10 mos.	3,792.61
	\$72,649.24
Remainder required in 2 mos.	\$27,085.76
Percentage of budget year elapsed	83.33%
Percentage of budget raised	72.84%

Eldred H. Batson,
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The Sabbath Recorder



GENERAL CONFERENCE HOST CHURCH

The Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church where the Coordinating Council met on August 16 and where one evening workshop was held.