

The Sabbath Recorder

Sharing used in this project; that a new constitution for our church was drafted; that the Ways and Means Committee has served several ham dinners; that the church has been rewired and outlets added in the kitchen; that the new door and steps with an entrance light in the east end of the church were completed in time for Association; and that the pipe organ was cleaned and repaired.

The special offering taken for the OWM Budget was \$150.

— Correspondent.

Marriages

Flock - Christensen. — Dean Flock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Flock, and Phyllis Christensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Christensen, all of Ord, Neb., were married at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Loup, Neb., June 14, 1959, with the pastor of the bride, Mynor G. Soper, officiating.

Lane - Crow. — Marion Lane and Mrs. Merle Crow were married July 14, 1959, at Ord, Neb., by County Judge Elsworth Ball.

Preisser - Potts. — Karl Preisser of Chicago, Ill., and Jonelle V. Potts, daughter of Mrs. Anna Estes of Aurora, Ill., were married on Aug. 2, 1959, at the Stonefort, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. Addison Appel officiating.

Births

Burdick. — A daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, to Rev. and Mrs. Oscar C. Burdick, 7641 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito, Calif., on July 8, 1959.

Clement. — A son, Rex William, to Donald and Phyllis (Babcock) Clement, of Ord, Neb., July 6, 1959.

Granger. — A daughter, Jerrolin Kay, to Harry and Jeannette (Williams) Granger, of Petersburg, Neb., July 25, 1959.

Obituaries

Clement. — Harriett, daughter of Frank B. and Cecelia (Williams) Robbins, was born Nov. 24, 1867, at Wells, Minn., and died June 13, 1959, at a rest home in Scotia, Neb.

The family moved to Nebraska where she was married to Dr. J. B. Hoshaw. To them was born one daughter, Celia (Mrs. A. D. Moulton), of Battle Creek, Mich. After the doctor's death Mrs. Hoshaw taught school for some time.

On March 25, 1896, she was married to Carl Clement. To them were born three sons: Neil, who preceded her in death, Frank, of Huntington, W. Va., and Paul, of Batavia, Ill. Following Mr. Clement's death on Oct. 28, 1923, Mrs. Clement returned to North Loup. She was a

member of the local Seventh Day Baptist church.

Surviving are her daughter, two sons, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one brother, LaMonte, of Delevan, Wis.

Services were conducted by her pastor, Mynor G. Soper, at the church, and burial was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup. M. G. S.

Comstock. — Jessie Watts, daughter of Henry Arthur and Eva Adele (Green) Watts, was born Nov. 13, 1884, at North Loup, Neb., and died July 8, 1959, at St. Charles, Ill.

On June 11, 1904, she was married at North Loup to Ralph J. Comstock of Comstock, Neb. To them were born two sons: Leon, of Batavia, Ill., and Ivan, of St. Charles, Ill.

In 1929 the family moved from Nebraska to Illinois. The home has been at St. Charles for many years. Mrs. Comstock was a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Besides her husband and sons she is survived by two grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Madge Fuller, of North Loup, and Mrs. Eva Hann, of Long Beach, Calif.; and one brother, Martin, of Gardena, Calif.

In the absence of Pastor Mynor G. Soper, farewell services were conducted Sabbath morning, July 11, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Loup, Neb., by the Rev. Clarence Buehler of the Methodist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup. M.G.S.

Kagarise. — Alvy Frederick, son of Jerome and Belle (Frederick) Kagarise, was born on March 5, 1879, at Salemville, Pa., and died July 4, 1959, in New Enterprise, Pa.

He was married in 1900 to Ella Berkheimer who preceded him in death. Surviving are three children: Jack and Mrs. Mary Leber, both of New Enterprise, and Russell, of Harrisburg; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lawrence and Raymond; two sisters, Mrs. Susie Diamond and Mrs. Nettie Boyd, all of New Enterprise.

He was a member of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at the Byers Funeral Home, Woodbury, by the Rev. Edgar Detwiler. Burial was in Salemville Cemetery. Mrs. Albert Blough.

Thomas. — Blanche Crandall, daughter of James R. and Elmina Sherman Crandall, was born in Alfred, N. Y., November 24, 1880, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., June 13, 1959.

She joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Alfred in 1893, thus having held one of the longest memberships in the history of the local church.

She was married to William H. Thomas on January 1, 1902. To this union were born two children: Miss Helen W. and Roger S., both of Alfred, and both of whom survive. There also survive two granddaughters, Susan and Sally Thomas, of Alfred. Mr. Thomas died in 1941.

Memorial services were held on Monday afternoon, June 15, at the Alfred Church with her pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

— H.S.W.

MISSIONARY GROUP AT GENERAL CONFERENCE



"Send them forth with morn's first beaming;
Send them in the noontide's glare
When the sun's last rays are gleaming,
Bid them gather ev'ry-where."

"And when they had fasted and prayed,
and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

Pictured here are six people under appointment to go to the foreign field within the next Conference year, three on furlough from Nyasaaland and Jamaica, and seven who have served in Jamaica, New Zealand, or China. Grover Brissey, also on brief furlough, was not available.

Seated, Miss Mabel West; front row left to right: Miss Sarah Becker, Mrs. Emmett Bottoms, Mrs. David Pearson, Neal D. Mills, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. O. B. Bond; back row: Courtland V. Davis, Mrs. Davis, Miss Barbara Bivins, Mrs. Rene Mauch, Rene Mauch, David Pearson, Mrs. Grover Brissey, Mrs. G. D. Hargis, O. B. Bond.

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LABOR DAY 1959

The dignity of labor, whether unskilled or skilled, whether manual or professional, probably still needs to be accented at least once a year. In our country the time has long since passed when any considerable segment of the population looks down upon another segment because they are "common laborers." Factory workers and farm hands are hardly to be distinguished in social standing from those who were previously called "white collar" men.

In underprivileged countries the situation is different. One of the problems of missionaries in Africa and in islands like Jamaica is to convince the people of the dignity of work. Most of them aspire to an education that will enable them to direct agriculture, for instance, rather than to engage in it. The young people would not, as our young people do, wash cars on the street to earn money to go to Conference. Perhaps the greatest value of Labor Day pronouncements and celebrations is no longer to elevate the position of labor in this country but to show to the world that honest labor bears no reproach. Ours must be a missionary country testifying that in a "Christian" nation class distinctions tend to vanish and that we work together for the good of all.

Perfection has not yet been achieved in labor relations in this country. Congress has been struggling to enact legislation that would protect the general public against the legal but unscrupulous practices of certain labor unions or labor union leaders. Christians pray for the correction of these abuses, not for the elevation of one group of citizens at the expense of another group.

Good and Faithful Servants

Pastors and other church leaders go to Conference and receive inspiration and blessing. They also take part as representatives of the local church in the business that affects all the churches. Sometimes we forget the "good and faithful servants" who are unable to cross half a continent to attend the denominational meetings. Our attention is naturally focused during this time on the big things being discussed and acted upon by our appointed officers and leaders.

Some of the church bulletins covering the Sabbaths involved in travel and Conference serve to remind us that the work of the local church goes on regardless of how many leaders are away. The responsibility of Sabbath eve and other services has to be taken by consecrated laymen who may or may not have to do it at other times.

We would do well to express our sincere appreciation to those who stay at home and keep the services of the church going for members and guests. It is a splendid work. If there were not such people it would be questionable whether other leaders should be encouraged to attend General Conferences that involve considerable travel and weeks of absence from their appointed tasks. Hats off to those who assume responsibility at home!

The Church and Vocations

Our people assembled in annual gatherings have for many years shown a keen interest in trying to set up some workable program by which we could help each other in vocational matters. It has been felt that we ought to explore every means by which Sabbathkeepers could be given encouragement to work for other Sabbathkeepers who were in a position to offer employment and to locate (with suitable position opportunities) in communities where they could have church privileges and could be of service in a local Seventh Day Baptist church.

Solutions to these problems have seemed hard to find, and vocational committees trying to operate on a nationwide basis have sometimes become discouraged. The headquarters of the standing committee has been changed from time to time. For several years it has been in West Virginia. The chairman and the other capable members have done considerable thinking on the problem and have brought forth several new ideas, which at present are only beginning to be tried out. They are far-reaching, and it is to be hoped that the efforts will bind our rather scattered people together, making possible better economic conditions and a more substantial support of local and denominational work.

One of the plans on which the Voca-

tional Committee is pinning much hope is the appointment of Dr. O. B. Bond, retired educator and missionary, as a vocational agent. Conference, through its Vocational Interests Committee, adopted a number of recommendations which will appear in the Year Book. Some of them are aimed at greater publicity of job opportunities through the Sabbath Recorder. It is therefore expected that in these pages there will be fairly frequent notices designed to help young people and older people to locate near Seventh Day Baptist churches.

The Vocational Committee had recommended the organization of a federal credit union for Seventh Day Baptists, which has had a small amount of publicity. After being considered rather carefully by the Committee on Vocational Interests it was discussed on the floor of Conference. The recommendation to direct the Vocational Committee "to organize and establish a federal credit union for Seventh Day Baptists" was rejected after the discussion on the floor. There was a feeling on the part of some that the vote was not a complete rejection of the idea or a repudiation of the committee's study on the matter, but rather an expression of the feeling that our people were not ready to plunge into something that might create more problems than it solved. Later the following motion, presented by C. Rex Burdick, was passed with few dissenting votes:

"That this General Conference express to the Vocational Committee a sense of interest in the plan for a Seventh Day Baptist credit union and willingness to restudy the matter during this year as definite materials are made available to churches relative to (1) a plan for organization, (2) administrative policies, personnel, and costs, (3) estimated minimum assets upon which a credit union may operate, and (4) an estimate of resources available for such a credit union" (from tape recording).

The Ten Commandments would do more to improve lagging morals in high schools than courses in sex education.

— Dr. L. Nelson Bell, executive editor,
Christianity Today.

LOOKING BACK
LOOKING FORWARD

Executive Secretary's talk on Sabbath
Afternoon of Conference, 1959

It would seem that it is given to me to say a few words before we welcome a new Conference president and turn our thoughts to a new theme. Our president this year has given us many challenging thoughts concerning the Sabbath through the pages of the Sabbath Recorder and in his messages in various churches. We have been further challenged here at Conference by the Bible studies and evening messages. No thinking person among us can fail to have profited in some way. Surely we must all feel a renewed and strengthened conviction about the worth and blessedness of our Sabbath and a new desire to continue to find new and better ways of sharing this blessing with others.

Through the reports of our various boards and agencies brought before us this past week we should be able to evaluate, to some extent at least, what our "fruits" have been as a denomination this last year. I believe I see a moving forward in a number of places. There have been some disappointments, and at this point we are not assured of the raising of the total amount of our pledged budget. I would repeat what Rev. Earl Cruzan said just before our adoption of the Our World Mission budget for the new year. He said that when each of us casts his vote for a higher figure we are actually assuming the responsibility for doing all in our power to see that the amount is raised. May God grant us the will to assume this responsibility — each of us here not only doing our best in a financial way but doing our best to lay it on the hearts of others to do likewise. I so much like the thought expressed last night by Missionary David Pearson that we should give not until it hurts but until it makes us feel good.

Yesterday, by vote, we agreed to undertake to carry forward a Program for Advance. If the six stated purposes of the program are undertaken seriously by each of us with a heart filled with the Spirit of Christ, certainly we could not

possibly be kept from moving ahead as a people.

We are asked to make three specific emphases in our churches this coming year.

1. Each church is asked to make use of the Lay Development Program which is being promoted by the Missionary Board. A workshop here at Conference was able to very briefly introduce this program to pastors and church leaders. Materials are available for further study and use. Publicity and additional helps will be rather regularly going to each church. It certainly will be possible for every church, if this material is carefully used, to take very definite forward steps in improving organization and the development of leadership among its laymen. Probably no two churches among us are at the same specific level of accomplishment in this area but everyone should be able to move forward in this field this year.

2. As a foundation on which to build stronger convictions, each church is asked, some time during the year, to have every age group in the Sabbath School study our Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs. Our Board of Christian Education will be sending specific suggestions to each church and will hope to have materials available for such study. It is planned to have one quarter of lessons in the Helping Hand either given over entirely to this study or to have the lessons already scheduled so written as to be related to and to stress our basic beliefs. Who can say just how to measure what such a study consistently entered into will do for us? We do believe it will deepen the spiritual faith of all of us.

3. Much study and thought has been given by our outgoing Conference president to the formulating of a personal spiritual inventory. This will be presented through the churches to every individual Seventh Day Baptist some time during this coming year. There is still final preparation and printing to be done on it. For everyone who will use it, many of us are convinced it will mean definite growth in the Christian virtues and a deepening and closer relationship with our Savior and Lord.

These then are our three specific aims for this year: Use of the Lay Development

Program, study of our basic beliefs, and use of the spiritual inventory. Does this mean advance? I believe it does. Of course the regular work of our boards and agencies will be going forward but I believe it will be going forward with renewed vigor and with a greater undergirding of prayer and interest and financial support because of our efforts and accomplishments in the fields of the three specifics mentioned above.

I am sure that those responsible for the administering of the Program for Advance will do all in their power, with God's help, to arouse interest, supply adequate information and aids and tools for the carrying forward of the program in our churches. Actually it will not succeed unless individuals — you and I — are willing to participate wholeheartedly. Have you caught the vision? Can you share it with another so that there will be two?

We certainly have been challenged here this past week to give thought as to just how far Christ, even though we profess to accept Him and His way of life, reaches into our lives and makes us changed people.

Are you a GIVING Christian? This is really the easiest. Writing a check makes us feel virtuous and involves really little personal participation. Are you a DOING Christian? This is harder. It means giving up time and expending effort sometimes on tedious and unrewarding tasks. Are you a BEING Christian? Now this is really the hardest. For even when the transforming power of Christ and His Spirit is allowed by us to work within us it is not always easy to be actually changed into a kind and loving person, not merely in relation to a project or an organization, but in relation to every one around us.

May God grant that daily we each will become more nearly BEING Christians and may He look with favor on us and bless us as we continue to increase in the bearing of Christian fruits.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 19, 1959

Peace Comes from God

Lesson Scripture:

Zechariah 7: 8-12; 8: 4-8, 12-13.

MEMORY TEXT

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. Exodus 25: 1, 2.

No Hasty Adoption
Of World Mission Budget

Just before the Conference delegates were ready to take action on the proposed 1959-60 Our World Mission budget, as amended, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, chairman of the Commission, requested permission to make the following statement:

Although the Commission has reviewed and presented to you a budget of nearly \$108,000, the Commission is not infallible. The Commission is presenting to you that which has come out of the budgets presented to them — that which it seems as if we should try to raise. We could do a great deal more work than is indicated here. Just because this budget has been presented to you, do not vote for it, because if you vote to adopt this budget of approximately \$108,000, it seems to me that is indicative that tomorrow we will expect to receive a General Conference offering far surpassing anything that we have received in the past, with the same determination that you are going home and make up the balance of the \$26,000 that is now lacking in our present budget. If you can't in conscience do that, you can't in conscience approve a budget that is an increase of 7 or 8% over this year's budget. (Note: As reported previously the total Conference-Sabbath offering was about \$1,000 larger than last year.)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held at the Alfred University School of Theology on Sunday, September 13, 1959, at 2 p.m. All members of Seventh Day Baptist churches who attended the General Conference at Salem, W. Va., 1959, are eligible to attend and participate in the business session. Officers will be elected, and the board's annual report will be considered.

Roving Reporter

Samples Reactions at Conference

The editor, by means of a portable transistor tape recorder, attempted to get the reactions of a few of the delegates and visitors who were available for comment between sessions.



Austin children look at tape recorder.

Some of the visitors who had never before attended a Seventh Day Baptist Conference were interesting to meet and, for the most part, were keenly interested in those portions which they were able to attend.

There were more people than usual from the South and Southwest, probably reflecting the more consistent pastoral leadership that some sections of the country have enjoyed in recent years. A new generation of young people each year reaches the age where Conference is appreciated. Then, too, there are young men and young ladies who visit the denominational gathering because they want to know more about the church that means so much to those who have come to mean much to them.

Only three of the Negro race attended Conference: Socrates Thompson, a fraternal delegate sent by the Jamaica Conference, Allwyn Crichlow, a nephew of the late Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, and Mrs.

Lillian Crichlow. The latter, representing the Washington People's Church, has often attended Conference. Questioned about the Missionary Board program Wednesday afternoon she responded:

"I thought that was excellent. Inspiring too!" When asked to give an opinion about the possibility of an eventual union of our White and Colored churches in Washington she was not so definite and expressed the view that problems in both churches would necessitate "making haste slowly."

Major William R. Austin, recently stationed in Alaska, now at Ft. Belvoir, Va., brought his wife and four children to Salem and was able to return himself toward the end of the week. He told of their three-week drive three months ago over the Alcan Highway, through Banff and Jasper National Parks in Canada to his wife's home in Dodge Center, Minn.

Major Austin:

"I came back over Thursday night and was able to attend the sessions Friday and of course Sabbath day. The highlight that I have liked so far was Rev. David Pearson's sermon last night, which I enjoyed very thoroughly. It was very uplifting to hear such a fine sermon.

"Mrs. Austin (nee Lorna Payne), have you been here all through Conference?"

"We were here from the very beginning and we have enjoyed it so much. It's the first time I have been through full sessions of Conference since 1939 so I am learning lots of names and people's faces again."

"What would you say was perhaps to you the highlight of Conference so far?"

"Oh, I have enjoyed meeting the missionaries, the Mauches and the Pearsons, Barbara Bivins and Sarah Becker, who are soon going to be missionaries out in Nyasaland. Also I have been very pleased to see how business has been expedited. It seems that we have done a lot of work in a short time this session. It has been a pleasure, too, to watch how the tape recordings have been made of the various business sessions and the sermons and I have fond hopes that sometime we may secure the tapes of these excellent sermons we have received so that those who have not been as fortunate as we can hear our pastors as they preached to us from the

Conference floor." (Extra copies of the Sabbath morning sermon were later made for this purpose.)

Luan Sutton of Alfred Station, N. Y.

"Luan, what kind of experience have you had here?"

"Oh, a wonderful experience! I got tired out and awfully hot. Still it has been wonderful."

"Have you been stimulated? Do you think that the Conference has really meant something to you?"

"I think so. One thing I think has been wonderful is the attendance of the young people at all the meetings and especially at the noon-time discussions."

"How many people do you think have been at those discussions?"

"I think an average of 50."

Judith Wellman of the Buffalo Fellowship:

"Judith, did you get to Pre-Con?"

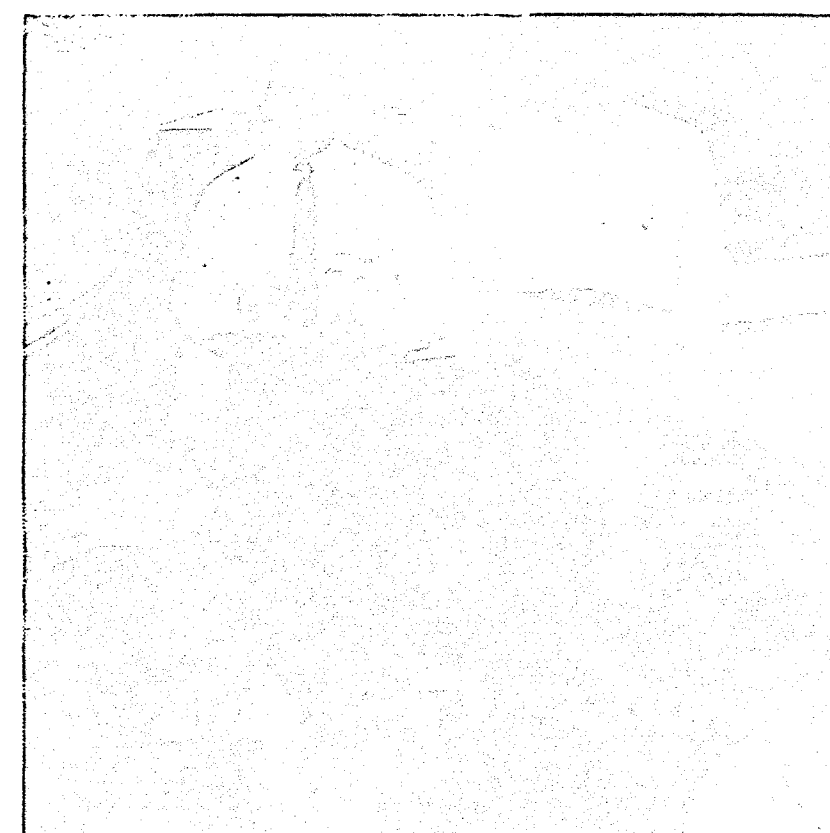
"Yes, I had a real good time. Only I had a better time at Conference, I think."

"Why?"

"Well, I don't know. This Conference has been sort of planned especially for young people, I think. I like this Conference better than last year, too. I am getting a lot more out of this. Maybe because the time is ripe."

"That probably makes some difference. It really has been an inspiration to you?"

"I think so, yes."



Pearl Hibbard, introducing friend:

"This is Private John Burt Nagle from Angelo, La., but is stationed near Baltimore."

"I notice you are about the only man around here in uniform. What is that patch on your shoulder?"

"It is a guided missile patch."

"Are you actually a Seventh Day Baptist, or just interested in a Seventh Day Baptist?"

"I will be a Seventh Day Baptist."

"Well, that is fine. Have you set a date for that?"

"No. I haven't."

"You are already a professing Christian?"

"I belong to the Evangelical Church in New Orleans."

Jim Sutton of Paint Rock, Ala.

"Jim, what do you think has been of the most help to you?"

"Well, it is hard to say. There are so many different things, I would say the fellowship one with another and the messages which the ministers bring from day to day." (Jim is no longer in school, he says, but works in Chattanooga, Tenn. His mother had to leave before the end of the Conference because her school was starting.)

Sharon Austin.

"Sharon, what did you do in Junior Conference?"

"Well, we learned about God and how He works. We played and we have gone to a lot of the factories . . ."

Mrs. Gerald Coalwell of the Metairie and Hammond Churches.

"Austa, have you been here all through Conference?"

"Yes, I've enjoyed every minute of it, even the times I have played hooky from business meetings. . . . I have been to most of the business meetings but did slip out a few times."

Dr. LeRoy DeLand, Bellevue, Michigan.

"Dr. DeLand, would you have any word to say about how the business of Conference has been going?"

"Well, I think everything went along

pretty well after they got well started. The last day was pretty good. I have been on Commission for three years now. This is my last year and actually I am rather glad to be through."

"Well that's an interesting note. Do you feel that it has been a profitable experience for you?"

"Certainly. There's an awful lot of work connected with Commission, and I wish those who take over the best."

VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE WORK

Because of the wide interest in vocational assistance, the chairman of the Vocational Committee, Clarence Rogers, was allowed 15 minutes on the program of Conference. Part of his remarks on that occasion are reproduced here as an introduction to the first statement by Dr. O. B. Bond which has since been received by the Sabbath Recorder for publication.

We have appointed O. B. Bond of the Daytona Beach Church as a special representative for not only the Vocational Committee but for the whole denomination to act in the nature of a clearinghouse for vocational needs, vocational opportunities. . . . I am very happy that Dr. Bond has agreed to take this and I am sure we are going to see some real developments along that line in the coming months.

Vocational Interests

By O. B. Bond

125 Gardenia Drive, Holly Hill, Florida.

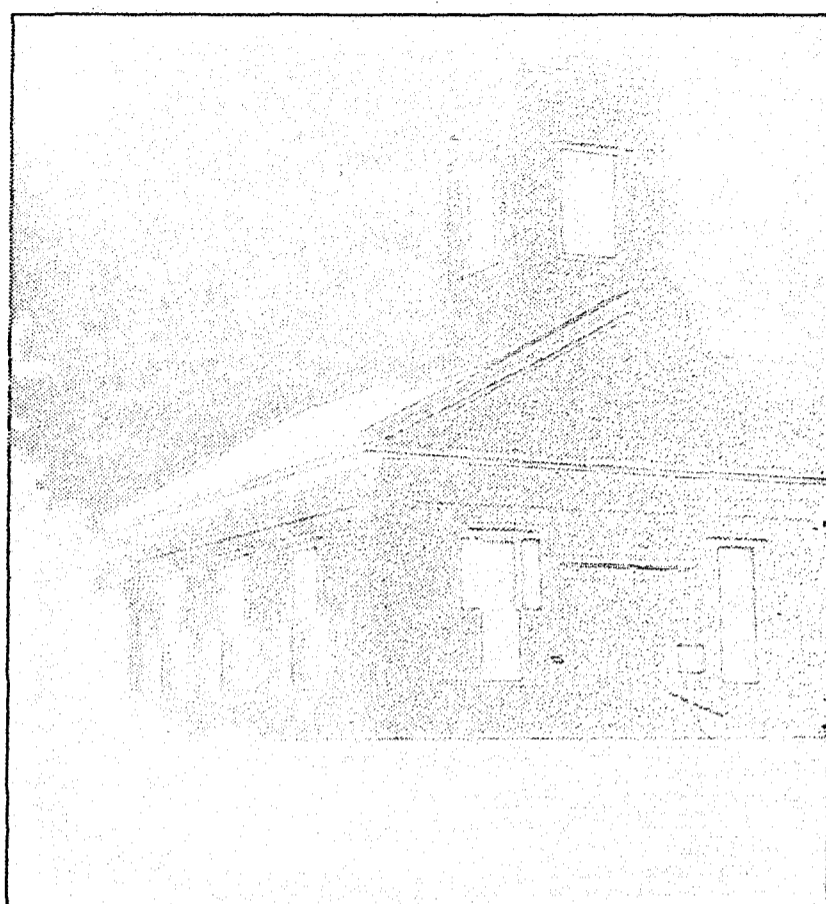
I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the confidence placed in me by the Conference Vocational Committee and wish to make clear to the church communities of our denomination that the success of this venture depends upon the active interest of the Vocational Committee of every church in our denomination.

Permit me to urge that every church appoint a committee, if it has not already done so, to take applications of those desiring employment, those seeking to employ, and any job or business openings in the community.

A person should be named in each church community to communicate with me. The name and address of such person should appear in the new Year Book.

NEW ENGLAND CHURCH FEATURED IN CITY PAPER

The Waterford, Conn., Seventh Day Baptist Church has a past that interests the editors of the New London Day. That



daily published pictures of the present building and accepted an article on the history of this church written by the pastor, Paul S. Burdick. The article appeared also in the Sabbath Recorder of August 31. If any of our readers missed it they would do well to go back and read it. It tells some of the history of Seventh Day Baptists in New England and mentions how the Adventists in the middle of the last century began to keep the Sabbath through contact with a Seventh Day Baptist woman in New Hampshire.

The Waterford congregation, like some others in rural New England, is not as large as it once was but under the able leadership of its present pastor it is growing again and is consistently increasing its support of Our World Mission.

The anniversary services were well attended, according to reports. The Rev. Everett T. Harris preached the anniversary sermon on Sabbath morning. Another feature was a very well-prepared historical paper by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, dean of the Alfred University School of Theology and president of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

MISSIONS — Soc. Everett T. Harris

A Mission Helper Deceased

Word concerning the death of Miss Charlotte Murdock on August 11, 1959, in Kingston, Jamaica, came as a great shock to many who were attending General Conference at Salem, W. Va. The word was brought to us by the Rev. and Mrs. Grover S. Brissey who had been in telephone conversation with the Rev. Leon Lawton at Kingston, with details received later in a letter from Pastor Lawton.

Most readers of this article will know that Miss Murdock has served as housekeeper, cook, and companion of our mission workers in Kingston for many years. Those among us who have received her loving services and will particularly mourn her passing are present missionary workers in Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Brissey and Mr. and Mrs. Lawton; returned missionary workers, the Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills, Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond, Miss Jacqueline Wells, Mrs. Wardner T. Fitz-Randolph, and Mrs. Gerald D. Hargis.

Miss Murdock's death will also be a keenly felt loss to the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church where she was a faithful member, singing regularly in the choir, and giving generously of her many other talents to the service of our Lord.

Spiritual Emphasis In Medical Work

Excerpts from quarterly report of
Joan Clement and Beth Severe Burdick

Both of us take part in some of the following forms of evangelism among the sick and maternity patients:

1. Staff worship daily before starting rounds and dispensing.
2. Sabbath afternoon worship at the Annex for the sick.
3. Daily worship in the Maternity Ward at 8:00 a.m.
4. Special individual witness and personal work with those who are or have been in critical condition as well as with the families of these individuals.

Because of the shift that came with the leaving of the Pearsons, Beth assumed heavier responsibilities with the day school

and Joan assumed some extra responsibility at the dispensary.

The nurses added that some of the other activities have been: mimeographing quarterlies; conducting a Sabbath worship; acting as organist for Sabbath worship; teaching Sabbath School classes; preparation of two sets of slides to send to Holland for their annual Conference; helping prepare Nyasaland Conference program; teaching in Ministerial Training classes; and a trip to Mlanje area for two days.

Miss Joan Clement Reports

Miss Joan Clement has reported jointly concerning her own and Mrs. Beth Severe Burdick's services during the past quarter. She writes, "It seems that things (activities) are pretty much the same as during the other quarters of the school year for when you are teaching your day is pretty well cut out for you.

"Extra burdens have been taken on since the Pearsons left but we all seem to be thriving under the load. There is sufficient fatigue at the end of each day but the Lord has never been better to us.

"It does not seem possible that it has been almost a year since we sailed from New York. Yet the work, joy, peace, satisfaction, and downright pleasure we have, have all made the time pass very quickly. We are very much looking forward to the coming of Barbara Bivins and Sarah Becker and just hope that they, too, will find the thrill and happiness that we have found.

"We were glad to read of David, Bettie, and Debbie Pearson's safe arrival and know that they are having a most wonderful time. We remember you in our prayers and share every bit of news that comes from there."

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, for the purpose of electing officers and for transaction of such other business as may be necessary or expedient, will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., Sunday, September 20, 1959, at 2:00 p.m.

George V. Crandall, President,
Elston H. Van Horn, Secretary.

Women's Pageant at General Conference



Battle Creek group; other group photos available through the Sabbath Recorder.

On Tuesday afternoon a most interesting pageant was presented by six of our women's societies, entitled, "The Panorama of the Years." Mrs. Eldred Batson acted as narrator, while a group of people from each of the six churches presented the drama. In Part I the women of the Lost Creek, W. Va., Church, in beautiful old costumes, showed our women "Called to Service" — how our Women's Board was formed. The first scenes, written by Miss Evalois St. John of Plainfield, N. J., took us back to the last day of Conference in 1884 in Lost Creek, when Seventh Day Baptist women were given a special place and a mission to fulfill. After the formation of a Women's Executive Board, officers were appointed. It was decided that their duties would be to raise funds for various denominational enterprises. They were to have authority to make rules and by-laws.

A Typical Meeting

In Part II — A Typical Meeting of Early Years — was shown the organization of a Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, written by Mrs. Eva Millar and presented by the women of the Battle Creek, Mich., Church. The scenes took place in the home of one of the ladies. Officers were elected and a constitution adopted for the Plainville Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Aid Society. Their goals were to include the supplying

of material needs of the church and parsonage, trying to bring cheer to the sick and help to the needy, providing social activities, raising money to help our missionaries, keeping informed on denominational activities and beliefs, and assisting with denomination-wide projects. These women were also in costume. Three young women, Geri Hargis, Carol Harris, and Ann Bond, sang the "Women's Rally Song" by Mrs. Millar while nearly 30 representatives of our women's societies held their banners in front for all to see. These made an impressive sight and showed much initiative.

Early Mission Work

Part III showed Early Mission Work in China. This scene was written by Mrs. Roger Burdick and Mrs. J. Paul Green of Milton, Wis., and was presented by women of the Milton Church. This depicted a board meeting held at the A. E. Whitford home on August 3, 1925, and concerned our missionary work in China. Those attending included Mrs. Allen B. West, Mrs. James L. Skaggs, Mrs. Edwin Shaw, Mrs. George E. Crosley, and Mrs. A. E. Whitford.

After hearing about the great work of Miss Susie Burdick and Miss Anna West in China it was voted to add \$200 to their salaries and to aid the Missionary Board in helping to build Girls' and Boys' Schools

on the Shanghai Mission grounds. Seeing Miss Mabel West with her shining personality added a great deal to this scene.

In Jamaica

Part IV — Our Work in Jamaica. Miss Jacqueline Wells of Riverside, Calif., wrote this scene in which the Philip Lewises portrayed a family picnic. They had recently been on a supposed trip to Jamaica. Each member of the family told of the many interesting aspects of the island. They brought us glimpses of our missionary church and schoolwork there, carried on so faithfully by our Jamaica missionaries. Their account made us all want to visit the island.

In Nyasaland

Part V — A Day at Makapwa. This scene was written and sponsored by the Women's Society of the Los Angeles, Calif., Church. It took place in the home of the Pearsons after they had left for the United States. Dr. Victor Burdick and his bride Beth discussed how to handle some problems that had arisen.

Home Missions

Part IV — Home Missions Today. This scene, written by Mrs. Harmon Dickinson and Mrs. Leon Maltby, presented a group of the Plainfield Church women packing boxes of clothing for shipment to school children in Alabama. This group was visited by children attending a Bible School conducted by a teacher sent by the Women's Board. A group of campers and their leader, also sponsored by the board, came in to see the church.

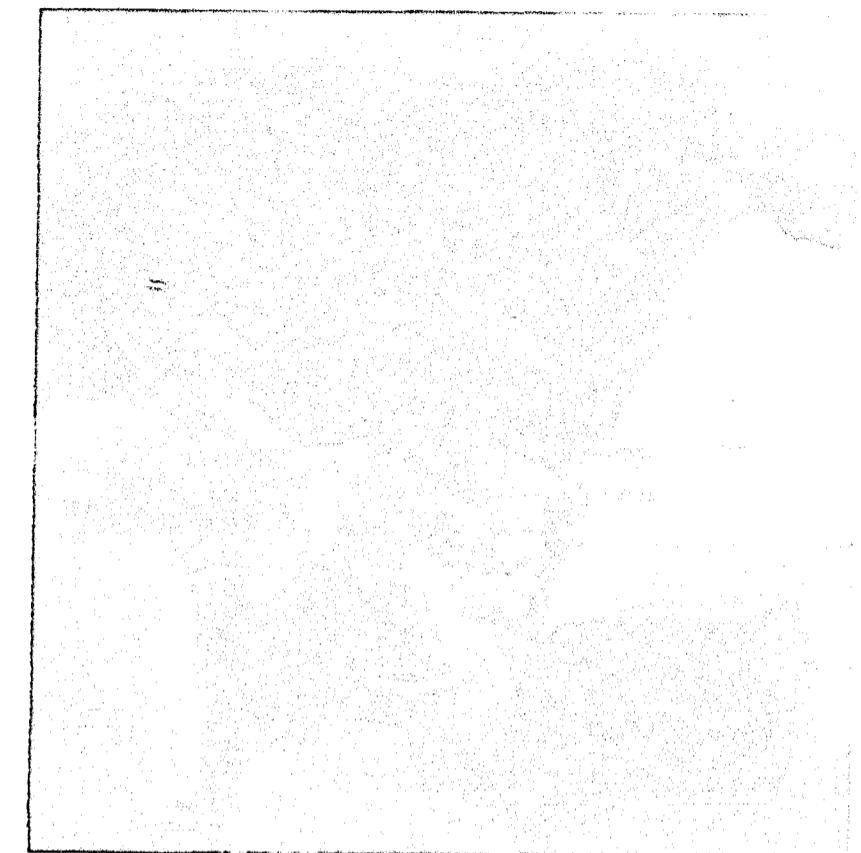
Thus we saw the growth and outreach of our first 75 years. We feel that God has blessed our efforts and will continue to do so. With faith and hope we leave the future in His hands.

Mrs. Leah Crofoot,
Alfred, New York.

In the last eight years the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church has invested \$6,000,000 in the "This Is The Life" television program. The producers of the program are Family Films, a ten-year-old company which has produced television programs for Methodists and Southern Baptists as well.

Meeting the Problems
Of Sabbathkeeping
As a Young Married Couple

By Leland Bond



Mr. and Mrs. Leland Bond spot a friend.

The following article was counted by many as the most effective talk given on the Board of Christian Education program at General Conference, Wednesday, August 19. Mr. Bond, a well-educated and successful salesman, began with an interest-getting take-off on West Virginia "hillbilly" speech.

Many of you all realize, I am sure, that my family and I have only recently returned to West Virginia, after nearly four years in the Midwest. It sure is good to be home again. Us here in West Virginia have a kind of speech here in these hills that many of you all have already recognized. Youse-guys from other parts of the country may think us West Virginians have expressions different than yours, but I had to go to Indiana to really realize it.

It all happened one fall when the school where my daughters were learnin invited me to school to see them learn their lessons. My daughters' class was being taught something about "homonyms." The teacher said that meant that the words sounded alike, but was spelt different.

It was sure good to see how smart them there kids was. One boy raised his hand

and said, "made and maid." Another boy said, "Fir, like a tree, and fur like what coats are made of." Then my daughter raised her hand and said, "Teacher, ain't there another kind of fir?" The teacher asked her what that might be, and she said, "You know, like, 'what fer?'" Now wasn't that real smart, cause my daughter knowed three words that sounded alike but were spelt different.

Let us get quickly to the problem of the afternoon, and that is "Meeting the problems of Sabbathkeeping as a young married couple." May I say now that God has been good to me, in relation to this problem, so far in my life. I do hope that you will not be too critical as I shall draw heavily from personal experiences in order that I may make some of the points a little clearer that I shall bring to you. God has been good to me, because He gave me a Christian home from childhood, and later, a devoted, loving, Christian wife. Possibly she is the one that should be making this presentation, for it was she who overcame the biggest problem initially, by not only accepting me as her husband, but also accepting the Sabbath. I am sure that there are others here today who know what a problem this can be. There will also be other young people here today who will be meeting this problem soon.

Without question, God must be our guide all the way, if we are to really solve the problems of Sabbathkeeping. I have found that this problem, or these problems, are bigger that I can solve myself, or that my wife and I can solve together. We need God always.

We have gone a long way toward solving our problem of Sabbathkeeping, if in the selection of a lifetime mate we find that one who is willing to work alongside of us in accomplishing our desire. For in this matter "a house divided cannot stand."

Successful Sabbathkeeping involves the following qualities, I believe, in order to be effective.

A Real Desire

Do we really want to keep the Sabbath? If we want to keep it sufficiently, I think we will succeed. I am thankful for the

experiences that I have gained as a sales representative for the company by whom I have been employed for the past four years. I believe that I have learned several lessons that have a direct application to the problem involved. Before I can ever expect to sell a product to my customer I must create within him a desire for that which I have to sell. When he wants it sufficiently, then it is a matter of asking him to buy what I have to sell. Here, too, I think that as Seventh Day Baptists we must be salesmen enough to sell others the idea that the Sabbath really means something to us and that we are willing to sacrifice in order to keep it.

Do we want to keep the Sabbath with enough zeal to let others know we keep it? How many of us accept a job without first letting the employer know that we expect to keep the Sabbath? Or do we wait until the problem arises and then half-heartedly ask to be excused, and then feel that maybe we should go ahead and work, just this Sabbath? When we have made our compromise, we are expected to continue working on the Sabbath. I say again that God has been good to me in this respect, but I think that He has helped me because I have had a sincere desire to keep His day, no matter what.

My first experience came when I went to West Virginia University. Classes were scheduled on Sabbath, but at the outset, I told my advisor that I would not be able to attend class on that day. When he knew why I wanted to be excused, he made arrangements so that I didn't have to go to those classes on Sabbath. Then came my first teaching job, which also required that I work on the Sabbath. Before I accepted the job, or was accepted, it was understood by the superintendent, that I would not work this day, but he was assured that the required work would be done on Sunday or some other time. After I was employed I set out to do the best job possible in order to prove that I could do the same job without working on the Sabbath. Next came my employment by Lederle Laboratories. Here, too, it was understood, before employment, that I would not work on the Sabbath and to this day, it has not been required of me.

Devotion to the Sabbath

The second step to successful Sabbathkeeping, I feel, is a need for devotion to the day. We are living in an era in this United States that is frightening. This appears to be a time when moderation and compromise seem to be the thing. An example that comes to mind is in relation to drinking. On a recent trip which my wife and I took to Nassau, as a sales reward, this was brought home to us more than ever. Some 60 couples were in our party. We could find only one other couple, Mormons from Utah, who did not partake of the spirits, although we heard more than one say, "We don't drink at home" or "We just drink to be sociable." Moderation is their motto. Is moderation in Sabbathkeeping the thing that is causing some of our problems? Maybe we need to think in terms of true devotion to the Sabbath. I think that it pays.

May I cite another example? Some two years ago a sales meeting was scheduled in my district for the Sabbath day. Immediately I called my manager and told him that I would not be able to attend, and he said, "I knew you wouldn't be able to attend. Would it be all right if I would come up and see you sometime before the meeting to let you know what the meeting is about?" He traveled over 200 miles to give me this special favor. Does devotion pay?

Determination

The third step in effective Sabbathkeeping involves, I believe, determination. The years that our family spent in Indiana were trying ones in many ways, but years that have done us much good. It isn't easy to be lone Sabbathkeepers. We attended many different churches during this period, including the Adventist church, but without much personal satisfaction. All this time something was working in my mind which said, "I'm going to do my job so well that some day I'll be able to ask my company for a transfer, that I might be nearer to one of our churches.

God was good to me and must have been guiding me all the way, because I was successful in my territory. Then one

day last February the phone rang and my superior, at the other end of the line, said, "Would you like to go back to Clarksburg, W. Va.?"

It was hard to believe what he was saying. He asked if we owned our home and I said, "No."

"Well, under those conditions," he told me, "I think that we can transfer you, but if you owned your home, no."

Why we had not purchased a home I don't know unless God was guiding us, for many times we had talked about buying and had looked at several places. Truly, I believe this to be an act of God. Too many times He is helping us, and we fail to recognize it. A determination to keep the Sabbath, I believe, pays off.

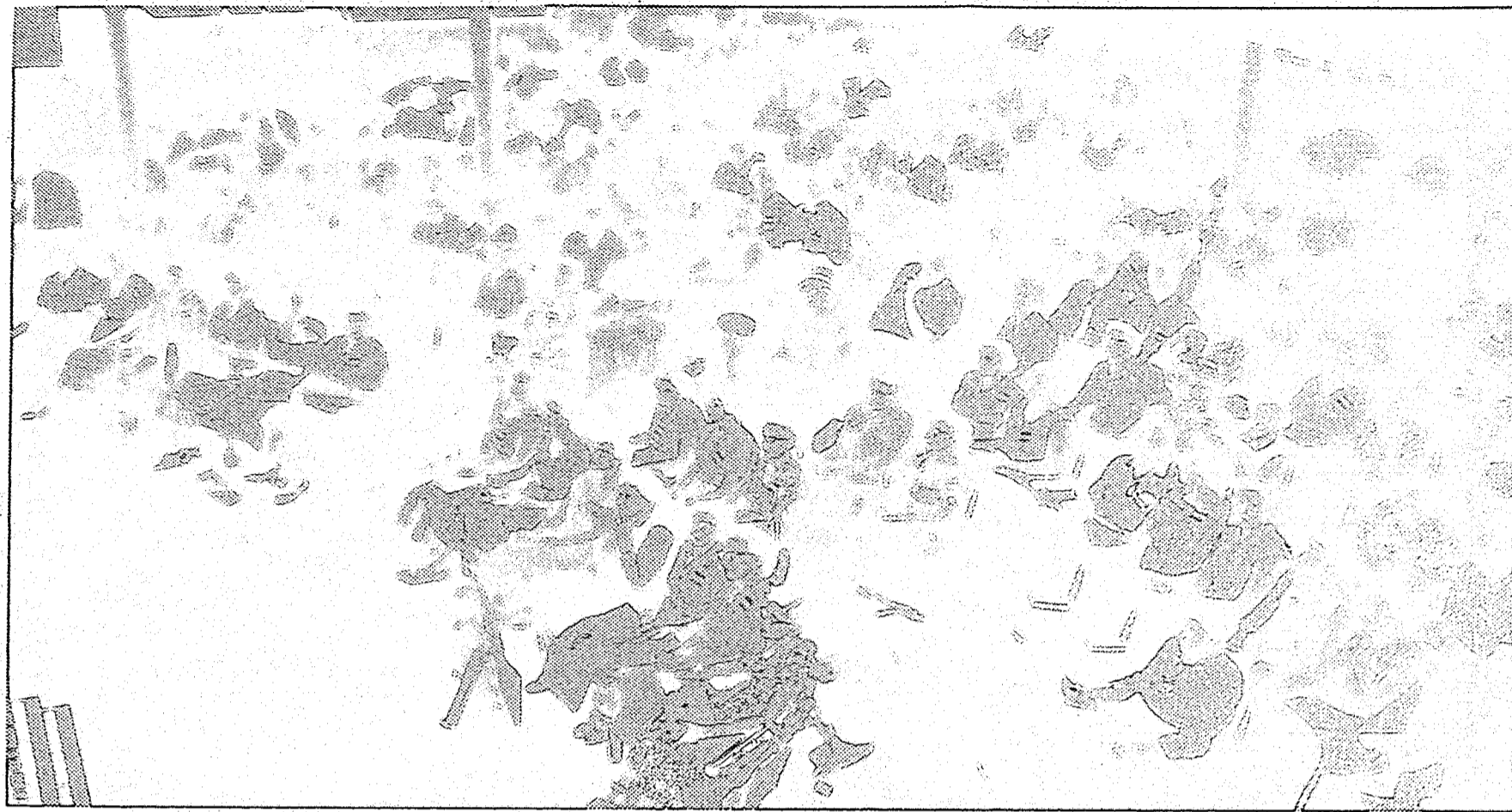
Young married couples, I challenge you to make the Sabbath mean something to you and your children!

I realize that I have talked more about the problem of Sabbathkeeping than of the problems of Sabbathkeeping, but I sincerely believe that with God's help we can really stand solid in the faith, if we have the desire, devotion, and determination to keep God's Sabbath. It is then that other problems of Sabbathkeeping as young married couples will be met and solved.

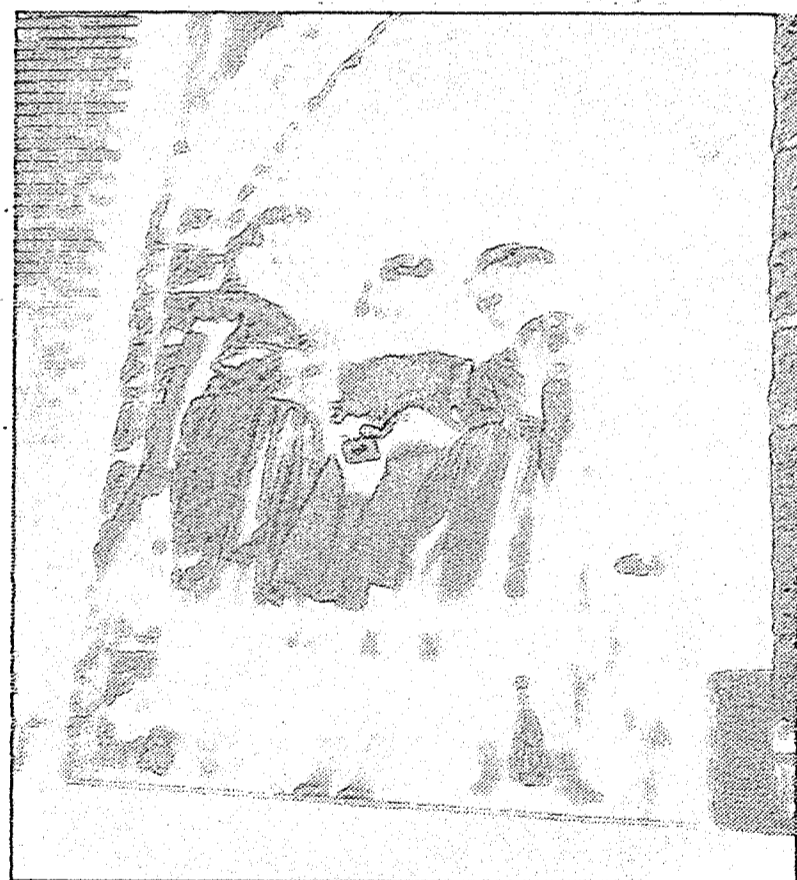
The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., in annual general assembly, has condemned legislative "devices" which interfere with racial desegregation in the United States as being "as ungodly as they are unconstitutional." It warned that such "devices can tomorrow be directed against any legitimate cause, even religious liberty." — W. W. Reid.

TRACT SOCIETY MEETING

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



Part of the Wednesday afternoon audience, Women's Board program.

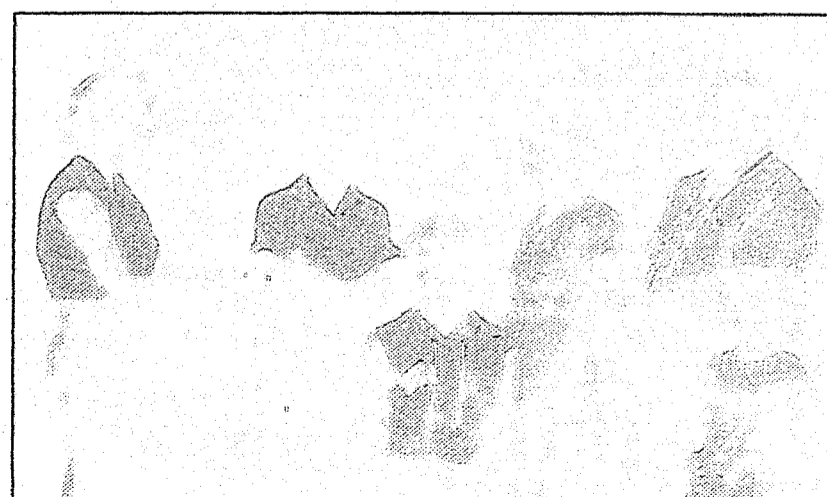


Three bright little girls on the college steps — not yet ready for college but enjoying Junior Conference. Elizabeth Nida, Leisanna Dickinson, Sylvia Nida.

Right: Shepherding Pastor Marion Van Horn and his wife chat with friends.



Campus conferences and relaxation.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch and daughter Esther were with us for one midweek evening meeting. There was not a very large turnout, partly due to the uncertainty of their arrival and partly to the busy season for the farmers. However, those who did attend the meeting were favorably impressed with the sincerity of Mr. and Mrs. Mauch and the very interesting message they brought. A social hour followed, with Mr. Mauch answering many questions.

Unfortunately Pastor Soper, several of the young people, and two helpers, Mrs. Cecil Severance and Mrs. Erlo Cox, were at the Rocky Mountain Camp that week.

We shall have a renewed interest in the British Guiana field, as many years ago a former North Louper, the Rev. Royal Thorngate, was employed there. We wish for Mr. Mauch and his charming wife and daughter God's richest blessings in their chosen work.

We are very much enjoying the appearance of our newly repaired and redecorated church and the new lighting system that was installed.

The choir has recessed for the summer with special numbers taking the place of the anthem each Sabbath morning.

Our two eldest members celebrated their birthdays this month: Mrs. Carrie Green, who now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Thorngate, in Denver, was 96 years of age; and Mrs. Jessie T. Babcock, who is with her daughter, Katharine, in Omaha, was 94. We wish them happiness in their twilight years.

Pastor Soper was unable to preach Sabbath morning, July 25, due to a back condition. The pulpit was occupied by a lay member, Elery King, who brought a very inspiring message, using as his topic, "What have you done for Christ?" (Matt. 25: 34-46.)

— Correspondent.

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS. — At a recent special meeting of the church, the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith and Practice were revised. The changes, which were recommended after careful consideration by the Board of Deacons

and further discussion by the church as a whole, were largely in the nature of rewording and rephrasing to make them more easily understood by today's reader. They had not been revised since adopted in 1875.

We have elected Mrs. Lester Hurley to serve as church secretary to replace Mrs. George Stillman who now resides in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Hurley's address is 1029 Cornelia Street, Janesville, Wis.

We again joined with Albion for Vacation Bible School in June. About a dozen of our children attended the school and two teachers and two helpers came from our congregation. We were very grateful to the adults who furnished transportation each day so that our members could attend.

Through the efforts of the Conference delegates and Campers Fund Committee, we were able to send six campers to Camp Wakonda, the North Central Association Camp, and pay the fees of two of our young people for Pre-Con Retreat. Funds were raised by candy sales and a box social.

Our Sabbath School area for the primary department is more cheerful since the basement has been redecorated and new fluorescent lights have been installed. The Ladies' Aid Society has purchased a six-burner and a four-burner gas stove for the kitchen. These improvements were largely the result of changes made necessary by the installation of our new gas furnace, which was completed in January.

We were very happy to have the opportunity to meet the Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch and to hear of their experiences. Our thoughts and prayers will go with them in their new work.

— Correspondent.

BERLIN, N. Y. — This spring and summer have been very busy, especially for Pastor Paul Maxson and his family. With the help of some members of the church he has painted the church interior and the outside of the parsonage. We are all very pleased with the results, and grateful for his untiring efforts — not only at painting and paint scraping — but for the other work he has done with equal vigor.

Pastor Maxson went to Southeastern Association at Middle Island, W. Va., the

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weekend of June 27 and stayed on for a much-deserved vacation with his family through the following Sabbath, July 4.

At the spring meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society it was voted to pay for the paint used in redecorating the church interior. Also at this meeting Mrs. Delmar Ellis was elected secretary and treasurer in the place of resigning Miss A. Mildred Greene.

Vacation Bible School was held June 29 through July 10, in cooperation with the First Baptist and Methodist Churches, with an average attendance of 89 children. Miss Ruth Ellis taught the nursery class and Pastor Maxson helped wherever needed.

Again, both Pastor Maxson and Miss Ellis were on hand to help out at Lewis Camp near Ashaway, R. I.; the pastor acting as dean of the Junior camp and as staff member for Senior camp, and Miss Ellis working as counsellor of the girls.

In the absence of the pastor, we have been pleased to have the Rev. Oscar Arnold, Baptist minister of Lebanon Springs, N. Y., filling the pulpit.

When summer fades into fall this year it will find one more of our young people headed for the "ivy-covered halls." Joining the ranks with our other five young people, all of whom started college last year, is Laura Ann Cushman, who will attend the Alfred University School of Nursing. She has been an active member, coming faithfully to church services and choir rehearsals twice a week over the mountain from Pittsfield, Mass., some 30 miles distant.

We salute our young people, the future leaders of our churches, and pray that they will strictly adhere to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. — Correspondent.

Births

Baker. — A son, Wyatt L., to Willie and Irene Baker of Riverside, Calif., on June 18, 1959.

Curtis. — A son, David Todd, to Lloyd and Donna Curtis of Whittier, Calif., on July 25, 1959.

Curtis. — A son, Jeffrey Glen, to Glen and Joan Curtis of Riverside, Calif., on Aug. 19, 1959.

Green. — A daughter, Lois Elaine, to Leland and Dortha (Bond) Green of Stratford, Wis., on April 17, 1959.

Obituaries

Grosscup. — Bessie Davis, wife of Leon C. Grosscup and daughter of Harry C. (deceased) and Alice S. Davis, was born at Shiloh, N. J., March 23, 1902, and died Aug. 3, 1959, of brain tumor in a Camden, N. J., hospital where she had been a patient for 11 days.

She spent most of her life at Shiloh until her marriage on March 11, 1945. Since then her home had been at Hancocks Bridge, N. J.

A member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, she was a graduate of Trenton State Normal School and Milton College, and had served as a librarian in Trenton State Library. She was a musician and had written many poems.

Surviving are her husband and a daughter Jean, aged 13, of Hancocks Bridge; also her mother and two brothers, David S. and Percy C. Davis, all of Bridgeton, R.D. 3, N. J.

Private funeral services were held at the Newkirk Funeral Home in Salem, N. J., conducted by the Rev. Albert Theis, pastor of Canton Baptist Church, with interment in Canton Baptist Cemetery.

— Mrs. David S. Davis.

Keown. — Bernard W., son of Clyde and Erma (Babcock) Keown, was born Sept. 23, 1928, at North Loup, Neb., and died July 8, 1959, at Sargent, Neb.

On December 24, 1948, he married Bonnie Babcock. To this union were born three sons: Bernard, Terry, and Thomas; and one daughter, Coleen. The family home had recently been in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Farewell services were held Sabbath afternoon, July 11, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church at North Loup. In the absence of Pastor Mynor G. Soper, the Rev. Clarence Buehler of the Methodist Church conducted the service.

Survivors include his wife and four children, his father and mother, of Scotia, Neb., two brothers and one sister, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Burial was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup. M. G. S.

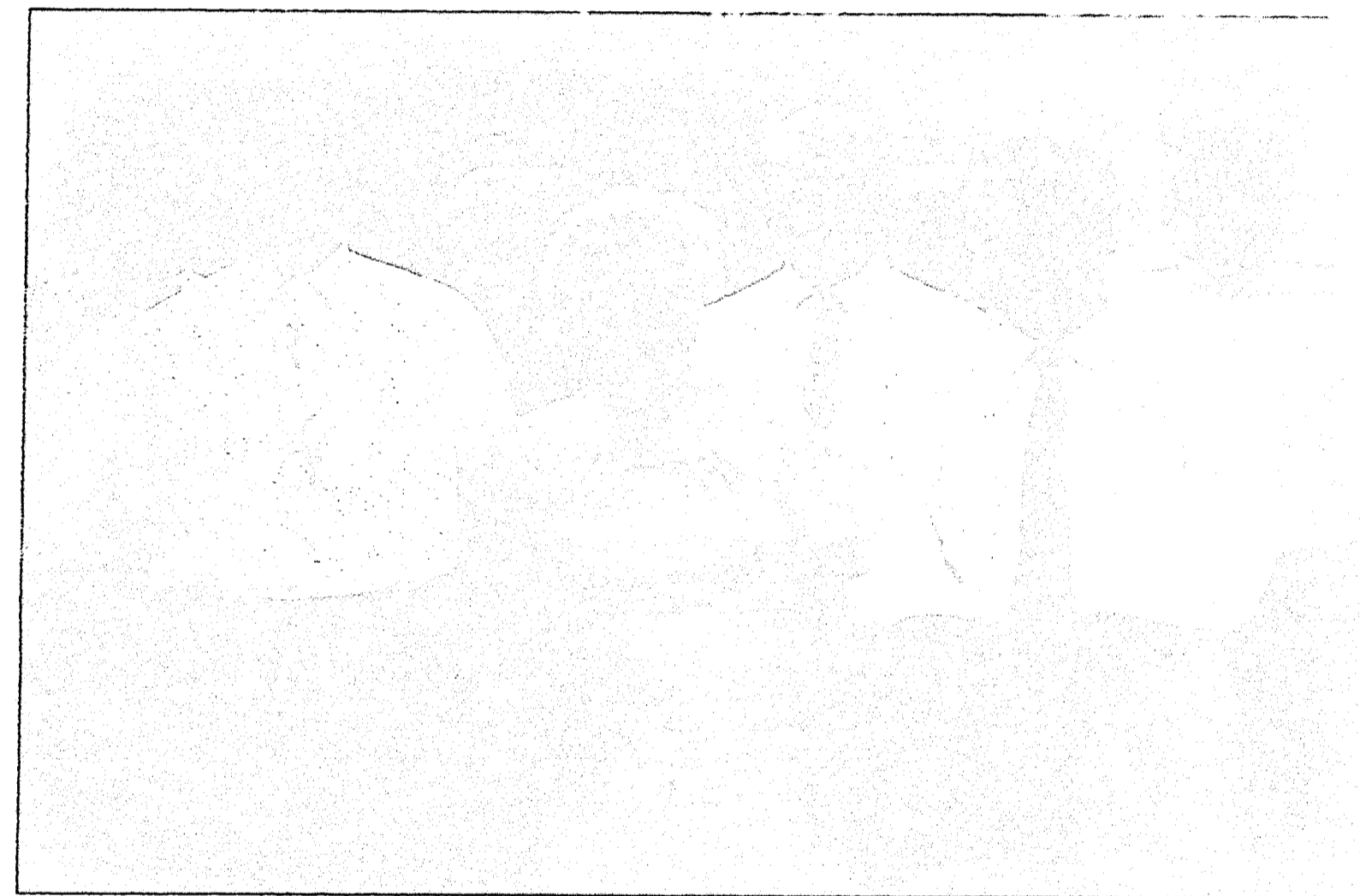
Snyder. — Thomas L., son of Jerry and Martha (Ford) Snyder, was born on July 13, 1894, in Hopewell Township and died July 4, 1959, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

He was married to Caroline (Lowe) Kline on Sept. 11, 1922. Surviving are his wife; one stepson, Samuel G. Kline, of Hopewell, Pa.; four sisters, Mrs. Susie Welsh and Mrs. Leta Diehl, both of Hopewell, Mrs. Ruth Shaffer, of Martinsburg, and Mrs. Ciddie Swindell, of Six Mile Run.

He was a member of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at the Cypher Christian Church by the Rev. Coy Foor. Burial was in Cypher Cemetery. — Mrs. Albert Blough.

Each of us wants his life to be as full and as rich as possible. Find the strength for your life through regular worship.



SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST COMMISSION

The above group of men, elected at the recent annual Conference at Salem, W. Va., from various sections of the United States, met for organization on August 23 and will hold two other week-long meetings during the year to consider such matters of policy and procedure as may need their attention. The two new members are from Colorado and Rhode Island. From left to right: Loren G. Osborn, Rhode Island, Victor W. Skaggs, Wisconsin, Wayne N. Crandall, New York, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston (executive secretary), Marion C. Van Horn, Arkansas, Kenneth E. Smith, Colorado, Philip H. Lewis, California. Mr. Crandall, the retiring president, was chosen by the group as chairman for the ensuing year.