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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.

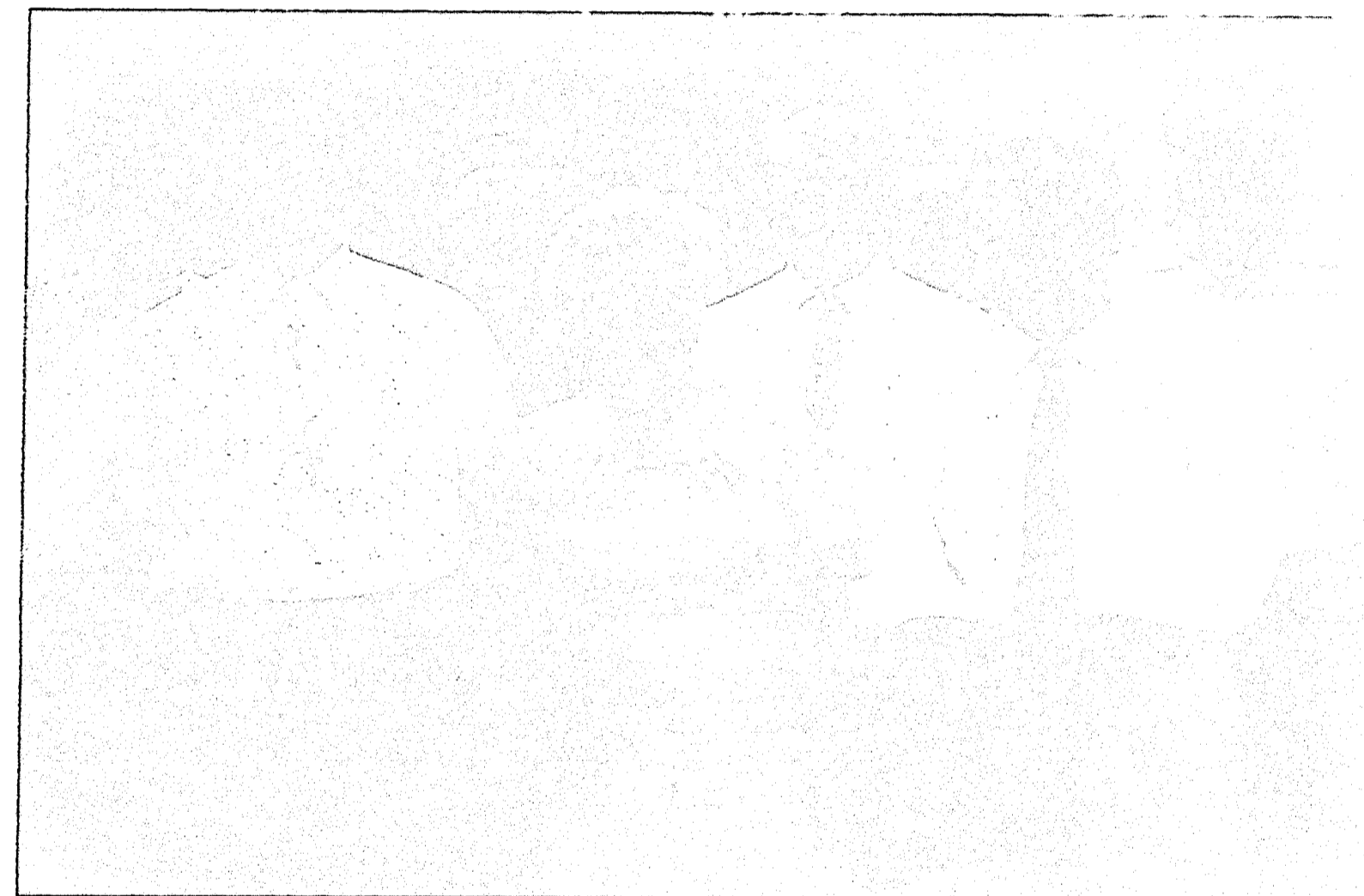
Snyder. — Thomas L., son of Jerry and Martha (Ford) Snyder, was born on July 13, 1894, in Hopewell Township and died July 4, 1959, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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.

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Hospitality Appreciated

The hundreds of delegates present at the General Conference at Salem deeply appreciated all that was done to make them welcome and comfortable. The Committee on Resolutions tried to be somewhat comprehensive in mentioning the institutions, committees, and individuals whose combined and separate work made the Conference week so pleasant to the guests who came to the little city in a great influx. The "courtesy" resolutions will become part of the permanent record in the 1959 Year Book.

The Sabbath Recorder also would like to voice in a measure the feeling of its many readers who enjoyed this generous hospitality of the community, the college, and the churches. It is interesting to note that the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church inserted a "card of thanks" in the Salem Herald thanking the community for opening their homes to Conference guests and for "the many acts of kindness which helped to make possible our recent Conference."

We would judge that local church members entertained free of charge as many guests as could possibly be accommodated. The Entertainment Committee did a very efficient and helpful job of locating and assigning low-cost housing to many more.

The college not only threw open its doors but all other facilities as well, and at considerable inconvenience. Summer school was in session but classes were moved to other buildings so that committees and groups could use all the classrooms. Offices of busy professors were graciously turned over (the editor had one of them). Three ministers who had been asked by the Conference president to be counselors were given separate offices. The publicity chairman had a large, well-equipped office from which to carry on her extensive work. And so it went. Nothing was left undone. The quiet library rooms became registration rooms and post office. The new spacious library annex was filled with display tables for several boards, colleges, and the American Bible Society.

Upon recommendation of the Commission (modified by the Committee on Reference and Counsel) the Conference adopted a new plan for rotating the meeting places of our annual gathering. (See the Commission's report as adopted.)

Henceforth the entertainment of the Conference will not fall regularly upon our three college towns and will not impose a heavy entertainment burden on the same church people so frequently. Furthermore, more people will be expected to pay for sleeping accommodations.

This will mean that articles like this will not be needed as much in future years and that reports of the Resolutions Committee can be more brief or can be devoted to weightier matters. Although the above-mentioned action was overwhelmingly passed, there were some who felt that it would tend to make our annual meeting one for "professional Conference-goers" rather than a popular gathering of large numbers of delegates and visitors. Be that as it may, hospitality at Salem this year was much appreciated. This appreciation includes those other churches of the South-eastern Association located near enough to be involved.

Problem Members of WCC

It continues to appear to your editor that any Eastern Orthodox bodies now members of the World Council of Churches, or being considered as possible members (including the Russian Orthodox), will be problem members for the simple reason that their practices and outlook are too far removed from Protestantism to be readily assimilated in an organization which is primarily Protestant.

A new case in point is the movement to merge the International Missionary Council with the WCC. When the WCC Central Committee met on the island of Rhodes in August, the Eastern Orthodox representatives told the Central Committee that they remain opposed to such a merger. Metropolitan James of Constantinople urged the WCC to "remain what it is — a council of churches." In the field of missionary work the Eastern Churches are often in disagreement with Protestantism. They strongly oppose the establishment or the continued operation of Evangelical churches in any country in which their church is dominant — an attitude very similar to the Roman Catholic.

A new president of the World Council of Churches is Archbishop Iakovos of the

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, the same man as Metropolitan James, mentioned above. There are six presidents representing various traditions and regions.

The Central Committee of WCC plans to make changes in the constitution which will make it easier to merge the International Missionary Council with the 173-church world organization.

Mixed Marriage Agreements

Either the Roman Catholic Church has, to use a common expression, overplayed its hand in the matter of mixed marriage agreements or the Protestant Church is experiencing a new awakening to this clever but out-dated method of enlarging one church at the expense of another. Protestant journals are taking up the question in an ever-increasing number of articles, it appears. Take for instance the letter to a son, "Thinking of Marrying a Catholic," by Lofton Hudson in the August 27 Western Recorder (Baptist), or "Mixed Marriage Agreements" by William E. Burke in September Home Missions (Baptist).

The first article reminds the son that if he marries a Catholic he will be expected to keep silent about his religion even in his own home — especially in his home. He will have to swear not to confess or defend his faith before his own children. He will have to pretend that the Protestant religion has no standing in the sight of God. He will have to pledge that his unborn children will never hear both sides of the Protestant-Catholic question in the home and will be given no encouragement to think for themselves in this matter.

The other article mentioned above is a well-documented statement quoting court proceedings in many states to show that mixed marriage agreements are void and unenforceable in courts of law.

This is only half the answer. It applies in cases where the Catholic parent dies and the non-Catholic survivor objects to rearing the child in a faith not his own. The courts will not give the child to the church on the basis of a personal, premarital contract because the court's consideration is

only the welfare of the child, not his religion. However, the moral problem of living up to an agreement made under church duress may still remain. The better solution would be to more faithfully instruct our sons and daughters in the basic tenets of our faith so that they would not be willing to barter away their Christian-freedom birthright for this proverbial "mess of pottage."

Heaven Is Christ Centered

The editor of Home Missions, Southern Baptist monthly, is John Caylor. In the September issue in his first article entitled "What Is Truth," he brings into sharp focus the fact that Jesus is central in the Christian religion, which has something more to offer to the world than the monotheism of Judaism or Islam. Jesus is the "Truth." That is the Christian's trust, especially in relation to the future life — heaven. We believe our readers will agree with Mr. Caylor and will be edified by the following paragraphs quoted from Home Missions:

What is heaven like? Jesus has answered that question by identifying its truth with His person. "I go to prepare a place for you," He said, as He promised that if He did go and prepare the place, He would come again and receive the disciples unto Himself. That makes heaven very personal. The reason for going to heaven is Jesus. The way to heaven is Jesus. The person whom the Christian expects to see in heaven is Jesus. He promised to return for His children, and to take them home with Him, "That where I am, there ye may be also," to put it in His words.

The physician was more than a medical doctor: he had a word for the soul. His patient said, "Doctor, I know I am going to die, and that I am going to heaven; but I am afraid. I wish I knew what heaven is like, do you?"

The doctor's reply was a demonstration: "Do you hear that scratching on the door? That is my dog. He does not know about a sick man in this room, about flowers on the dresser; all he knows is that I am on this side of that door. I do not know about the streets of gold, the gates of pearl, or the tree of life in heaven, but I do know that Jesus is there and I want to be with Him."

Jesus is the Truth in heaven.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

The Commission's report to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, a portion of which is printed in this issue, lays stress on certain phases of the Baptist Jubilee Advance which our people have voted to adopt and adapt.

It is understood that this Jubilee Advance originated with the Southern Baptists and was later joined by five or six other Baptist groups, our own included. Each denomination makes its own decisions as to how it is to be carried out and develops its own promotional literature. Much of what is to be used by our people was produced by the American Baptists.

The almost astronomical results hoped for by the Southern Baptists between now and 1964 cannot be matched by Seventh Day Baptists, but reference to them may serve to show our people what can be accomplished when laymen and ministers together catch a vision of saving souls and bringing people to baptism and full church membership. Their hope is to have 500,000 joining their churches this year. The goal for the intervening years is 3,650,000 persons won to Christ, with 1,000,000 baptisms in 1964, the climaxing year of the Jubilee Advance.

A number of our churches are showing significant gains but none are making gains like those recorded in the Book of Acts, and few, if any, are growing in the ratio expected in the Southern Baptist Church. It may also be noted that scattered Christians of our faith are not in very many instances taking their faith as seriously as did those persecuted Sabbathkeeping Christians of the early church who "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8: 4).

To recapture that zeal must be our aim and purpose if the truths that we profess to hold are to germinate and bear fruit. It appears that the Southern Baptists have in large measure developed such a zeal already. It is our belief that we have something more than believer's baptism to offer to new converts — the Sabbath of the Lord. We must conquer fearfulness, cast off false dignity and pride, and begin anew to reach out from wherever we are with our message of salvation and the Sabbath.

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

(As adopted by the General Conference)

In presenting its report for 1958-59, your Commission feels very humble before God. Divine guidance and judgment have been sought in all deliberations and in the formation of each of its recommendations. It has been through the year and now is the prayer of the Commission that every Seventh Day Baptist both here at Conference and at home may enter more wholeheartedly and effectively into God's Kingdom work.

May the Commission and each agency of General Conference and each individual Seventh Day Baptist be united by one hope and one faith and one purpose under God as every resource available is translated into the mature fruits of Christian witness.

For its work this year the Commission organized itself at a meeting, August 16, 1958, at Covina, Calif. Rev. Earl Cruzan was elected chairman. C. LeRoy DeLand and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs were appointed as an auditing committee. Wayne N. Crandall, Conference president, was authorized to prepare the program for the 1959 session of Conference. Mr. Skaggs was assigned the duty of countersigning checks for treasurers of the General Conference and Our World Mission. Each member was asked to study carefully the recommendations and mandates passed on to the Commission by Conference for its special consideration.

The Commission's midyear meetings were held December 27-31, 1958, in Battle Creek, Mich. Members of the Battle Creek Church welcomed the Commissioners into their homes and provided ample facilities for the sessions for which the Commission members were deeply grateful.

President Wayne N. Crandall presented his proposed program for the General Conference. After a detailed discussion he was commended and asked to continue his planning.

Item 18 of the report of the 1958 Conference Committee on Reference and Counsel, relative to the appointing of a committee by the Commission to study our statement of belief was given careful consideration. The consensus was that a restudy of our beliefs by our people is desirable before a committee is appointed. The Board of Christian Education was asked to implement and publicize this restudy through youth groups and camps and possibly a quarter's lessons in the Helping Hand.

The Missionary Evangelism Committee of the Missionary Board was asked to make a careful investigation of the materials of the Lay Development Program of the American Baptist Convention. This has been done, and an adaptation of this program is being presented at this Conference.

It was voted that the members of the old and the new Commissions meet for one day following Conference in Salem to organize next year's Commission and to project the work for the coming year.

Our boards and agencies co-operated with the Commission this year in an effort to improve our methods of budget preparation by presenting tentative 1959-60 budgets at the midyear meetings of the Commission. All agencies involved found this an advantageous procedure.

At the invitation of the Lost Creek, W. Va., Church the Commission met there for its pre-Conference session August 10-14, 1959. Members of the Commission very much appreciated the hospitality of the homes of the people and the other very adequate provisions made for the meetings.

At its midyear meeting the Commission discussed participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance and sought additional information. Further discussion at the pre-Conference meeting resulted in the adaptation of their

materials to our own use. An item of \$50 has been placed in our budget under World Fellowship and Service as a token of our participation in the over-all program.

The Commission would announce the appointment of Rev. C. Rex Burdick as a member of the Ministerial Training Committee for a five-year term.

The list of ministers to whom accreditation cards will be issued for this coming year has been reviewed and revised where necessary and is available to anyone present at the sessions of this Conference for inspection if so desired.

The blanks sent yearly to clerks for use in reporting statistical information from each church were studied and revised before being mailed out in June. The corresponding secretary's report included some interesting financial data taken from these reports, and there will appear in the Year Book some added information concerning each church.

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

The executive secretary has asked to be relieved of her duties within the next two years. The Commission highly commends the executive secretary for the consecrated way in which she has applied herself to the responsibilities of her position. It will be difficult to find another to take her place.

The Commission would commend the Ministerial Training Committee for its endeavors in recruitment for the Christian ministry. We note especially its work in association meetings, Ministers' Conference, church camps, association camps, and Pre-Con camps. The Commission would urge that we all act individually and/or collectively to aid the Ministerial Training Committee in its efforts towards recruitment for the ministry.

Your Commission commends the Ministerial Support Committee for the work it has done through the year in stimulating and urging the churches in the matter of raising pastors' salaries. It is noted that at least fifteen churches have raised their pastors' salaries. This is a wholesome trend and the committee and the churches are urged to continue in this effort.

The Commission would commend the Office of Press Relations as set up by Conference last year and recognize that it has been especially effective in the nationwide news coverage of our General Conference sessions. We encourage each officer, board, and agency of the General Conference to co-operate fully with this office in year-round news coverage.

The Commission discussed the problem of welcoming and integrating into our program those men from other denominations who have joined our fellowship and want to serve as pastors of our churches. It seems wise that some orderly plan for this be devised. There is also a recognized need for the setting up of criteria for the terminating of accreditation to ministers no longer actively interested in our denominational work. These two matters are being referred to the Ministerial Training Committee, accompanied by recommendations that came out of the thinking of the Commission.

The Commission approves continuation of the O.W.M. NEWS, the monthly newsheet prepared and distributed to all of the local churches. In order for this effort to be most effective the Commission would suggest that all churches be encouraged to make, preferably, a weekly mailing of bulletins to all members, resident and nonresident, not in attendance at Sabbath worship service or a mailing of a monthly letter to every member. Also we would suggest that a mailing list be kept up to date that could be available for the correction of the denominational mailing list maintained by the Women's Board.

The executive secretary presented her report. This was well received. She has given invaluable assistance to the Commission in the continuity

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Morning Devotions At Conference

Morning devotions, a fifteen-minute period of singing, Bible reading, meditation, and prayer, were conducted daily at General Conference by some of our better known ministers, Charles H. Bond, Leland Davis, Elmo F. Randolph, and Melvin Nida. There was one exception. On the third morning the leader was a layman, Dighton Burdick, a member of the Alfred, N. Y., Church. It is his meditation that we are featuring in this article, not because it was better than others but because it represents the thoughts of a college-educated layman approaching middle age who is now beginning active preparation for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry.

Dighton Burdick may be known to some as a brother-in-law of Dr. Hurley S. Warren, pastor of the Alfred Church. His decision to enter the ministry had its roots well back in his early years when he was challenged to consider the ministry by his Sabbath School teacher, Mrs. A. E. Main. This challenge came back to him a little over a year ago in an experience which he describes (in his analytical mind) as almost a vision. He was attending a Bible and prayer conference sponsored by "The Camp Farthest Out." There he received a sense of commitment and a feeling that if the Lord so led he might yet be able to be a minister. In this experience he remembered very clearly the words of Mrs. Main asking him (and the other boys) if he ought not to consider being a minister of Jesus Christ.

He has had several business ventures which have left him unsatisfied. During the past year he has taken a few part-time courses in the School of Theology. Recently he has accepted night maintenance work at the university so that he can devote nearly full time to theological studies. His wife and one daughter have teaching positions not far from Alfred.

Mr. Burdick has supplied the pulpit at our Independence, N. Y., Church, where the Conference president is a member. On the strength of this he was asked to appear on the program at Salem. The

text of the meditation thoughts presented on that occasion is printed below.

Delight in God's Will

Two verses of Scripture have been selected for this meditation. One is from the ancient writings of the Hebrews which constituted the Bible in Jesus' time, and one from the writings of the apostles containing the teachings and life of Jesus.

In Psalm 40, verses 7 and 8, we read: "Lo, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart."

The wisdom contained in the Psalms was centuries old when Jesus lived. Without doubt Jesus learned many of them at His mother's knee. They were also used in the Temple where, "according to his custom," Jesus was in the habit of spending the Sabbath days.

Can you not hear Him as a young man recite the lines, "I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart."

Is the law of the Lord within our hearts? Can we say in truth, "I delight to do thy will, O my God"?

This is an illustration of the fact that truth is eternal. All truth comes from God and like God is unchanging. Thus an affirmation of devotion to God, which Jesus exemplified, is just as relevant for us today, twenty centuries later.

What the mind accepts, the heart confirms. "Yea, thy law is within my heart." When the love of God enters our hearts, action follows — "I delight to do thy will." What finer way can be found to express our delight in doing His will than in keeping His gift to man — the Sabbath?

Bringing Forth Fruit with Patience

The second portion of Scripture chosen for our consideration is the conclusion of the parable of the sower. In this instance Jesus interpreted the parable for His disciples.

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."

As Christians I believe that we may

consider ourselves in the same class as the disciples to whom Jesus said, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God."

Let us as individual Christians, as churches, and as a denomination examine ourselves to see that we measure up to the requirements Jesus set for the Kingdom of God.

Youth Discussions at Conference

By Luan Sutton

The noontime discussion for the young people this year at Conference was very successful. It was led very well by the Rev. Kenneth Smith of Denver, Colo. The average attendance for the five days was approximately 50 young people.

On the first day Mr. Smith informed us of the organization of the General Conference. This was very helpful in understanding the reports of the Commission and committees. We were also told which programs would be of the most interest to us and were encouraged to attend at least these. This session helped us to understand why we have our General Conference and what was hoped to be accomplished at this one.

The next day the Rev. Earl Cruzan visited our discussion and told us about the plan for advance and how the young people in the churches could take part in this program. He also answered some of our questions on the Commission's report. We were very grateful to Mr. Cruzan for spending this time with us.

One day the Rev. Albert N. Rogers discussed the School of Theology matter with us. He explained the different plans that Commission suggested. Pastor Paul Green brought the group up to date on the progress of the Young People's Interests Committee of Conference.

This discussion time is very worth while. Those who attend do so voluntarily. I believe that the average attendance of this group shows how much the young people were interested in Conference this year.

Our leader, Mr. Smith, did a tremendous job and I believe all of us young people would like to give him our deepest "thanks and appreciation."

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

WOMEN AT CONFERENCE

Mother-Daughter Banquet

By Ruth Johanson

On the evening of August 19, approximately 250 Seventh Day Baptist mothers and daughters in attendance at the General Conference gathered at the First Baptist Church of Salem, W. Va., for an evening of fellowship and food.

The Rev. Marian Hargis of Los Angeles, California, asked the blessing, and the welcome was given by Mrs. Herbert Bennett, toastmistress, of Battle Creek, Michigan. Following announcements given by Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, president of the Women's Board, Mrs. George Parrish, also of Battle Creek, introduced the summer volunteer teachers: the Rev. Elizabeth Randolph and the Misses Pearl Hibbard, Nola Gray, Geri Hargis, and Mary Neils. Special music was then provided by Mrs. Charles Harris and daughters Carol, Nancy, and Jane, of Shiloh, N. J., singing "Only a Touch."

Greetings from the women of Jamaica were extended by Mrs. Grover Brissey, teacher in Crandall High School, Kingston. Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Barbara Bivins, who plan to join the Makapwa Mission staff in Nyasaland, spoke of future plans and the need for bringing Christianity to the women and children of Africa.

Mrs. William Millar of Battle Creek led us in the singing of the "Women's Rally Song," which is one of her many compositions.

Representing the British Guiana Field to which she will go in November, Mrs. Rene Mauch shared with us some of her family's background that we might know them better, and spoke of their desire to share the joys of the Christian life.

Following the inspirational singing of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand" by Mrs. Harris, Carol, and Nancy, Mrs. David Pearson brought greetings and expressions of love from the women of Nyasaland. She spoke on "Our Makapwa Mission Ministry" and shared with us a portion of the joys, needs, and problems of teaching, visiting, and traveling among the people outside the mission area. She mentioned also obtaining and publishing

More Conference Personalities



Two sisters who could well be called Dorcas (Acts 9: 36). They are Conza and Julia Meathrell, treasurer and clerk of the Ritchie Church at Berea, W. Va., women of great energy and abounding good works.

Mrs. Elmo Fitz Randolph, her husband, and their youngest child. This minister, pastor of the largest Seventh Day Baptist Church in the United States (Milton, Wis.), is active in denominational and college matters and has tentatively agreed to edit a future special issue of the Recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kenyon of DeLand, Fla. (formerly of Ashaway, R.I.). Mr. & Mrs. Kenyon and their children are active in the Daytona Beach Sabbath School.

literature such as Sabbath School quarterlies and tracts, and the medical work.

The evening of fellowship was brought to a close as we stood together, thinking of others around the world, and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Jamaica Women's Board Letter

27 Charles Street
Kingston, Jamaica
August 12, 1959

To the Women's Board of the
American S. D. B. Conference
Salem, West Virginia

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The women of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference are very happy to send you warm greetings on the occasion of your "Mother and Daughter" dinner. We hope that the event will provide the happy fellowship which you wish and that it will be long remembered for its rich blessings.

We have enclosed a few small snapshots of the women and girls in the Kingston Woman's League and we trust that these, as well as the samples of our work which Sister Brissey so kindly brought, will serve as a token of our fellowship with you at this time.

Our sincere thanks go to those groups and individuals who have so generously helped us with gifts from time to time. When the Maiden

Hall School is opened you will be able to see your gifts being used to help our boys and girls to learn crafts whereby they can earn their living while still honouring the Lord's Sabbath.

Sister Edna Harrison, who is now doing Bible work in the Maiden Hall area, has been re-elected president of our Women's Board, and we look forward to another year of happy, fruitful service for Christ Jesus.

May our wonderful Lord grant you much joy in your work for Him this year.

Sincerely yours,

Beryl Mamby

(for the Jamaica Woman's Board).

POSITION VACANCIES

The Publishing Interests Committee at Salem recommended that the Vocational Committee stress the need of Seventh Day Baptist printing establishments in Plainfield, Westerly, Alfred, etc., for skilled help and to keep these opportunities before the youth of our denomination.

The Publishing House at Plainfield from time to time has openings for qualified compositors, pressmen, etc. If interested write to The Recorder Press, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

— L. H. North.

Home Field Workers
Report to General Conference

As part of the Missionary Board Program at Conference on Wednesday afternoon, August 19, 1959, home field workers were introduced and asked to give brief reviews of their work for the past year and plans for the coming year. The following responded: Dr. Loyal F. Hurley, field evangelist; the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, shepherding pastor; the Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the Schenectady, N. Y., Church; the Rev. Donald E. Richards, pastor of the Middle Island and Berea, W. Va., Churches; the Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, pastor of the Washington, D. C., Church; the Rev. Don Sanford, pastor of the New Auburn, Wis., Church; the Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, missionary pastor to Twin Cities, Minn., Church. Miss Pearl Hibbard reported for her father, the Rev. T. J. Hibbard, who is pastor at Hammond and Walker, La. Two of the messages are printed in this issue.

Teamwork in Missions
At Home and Abroad

By Kenneth Van Horn

Teamwork indicates the presence of more than one at work. The one who answers the missionary call and at the same time feels that he is alone in the work has failed to recognize the fact that the true missionary has the greatest "Teammate" anyone could possibly have — none other than God's own Son, Christ Jesus, our Savior. He also has the greatest message and work that has ever been assigned to anyone.

Your missionary pastor to the Twin Cities Seventh Day Baptist Church would have to express his humble recognition that he is a member of the great missionary team of Seventh Day Baptists under God to carry the Gospel message to all creatures.

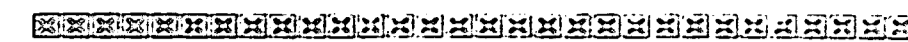
The Twin Cities metropolitan area encompasses a population of nearly one and one-half million souls and a geographical area of nearly the same size as Chicago exclusive of its Indiana suburbs. By as good a survey as I have been able to make



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Corresponding Secretary

by contacting the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and the St. Paul Council of Churches, the Minneapolis and St. Paul area is about the best "churched" metropolitan situation in the United States (outside of Dodge Center which has eight churches for 1200 people).

As a minister of the Gospel of Christ and the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in the Twin Cities, I have been received cordially and offered the friendship of the churches in general. The name of Seventh Day Baptists preceded me in the area, at least through the name of Pastor Edward Holston who was the mainstay of the Minnesota Council of Churches when he was pastor at Dodge Center. This fact was made known to me by the present executive secretary of the Minnesota Council, Dr. Haydn L. Stright, who has gone out of his way in many cases to draw Seventh Day Baptists into a greater position in that state's council of churches. Upon the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Minnesota Council, your missionary pastor represented three groups: the Dodge County Ministerial Association; the hundred-year-old Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church; and unofficially, the Seventh Day Baptist denomination,



Memory Text

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 1 Cor. 2: 12.



carrying their banner in the final parade event at the close of the celebration. It was a real thrill, humbly so.

For the present, until the expiration of the set period of trial for this effort in the Twin Cities, your missionary pastor expects to continue to spend at least two days each week handing out tracts and other literature by any and every means possible — personal and impersonal; to call on the known persons who have an interest in the group, either nominal or real. The pledge of the church will continue until the first of February, 1960. Interested persons, both members and otherwise, to the total of 10 or 12, have pledged support to the pastor to the extent of \$130 per month, plus paying the rent of the church facilities, plus \$10 per trip of the pastor on Sabbath days (the first and third of each month), plus meeting the expected quota for denominational support.

The Lord is in the heart of these persons, and the field is practically unlimited as to the work needed to be done. The greatest problem rests in the ability of the one who is now filling the spot of missionary pastor. He has had to feel his way along, trusting in the advice of your missionary secretary and the presence of Christ his Savior. But the work goes so slow, and the trial time, allotted, is so rapidly approaching its close! Let your prayers rise night and day that Christ may be held aloft in the hearts of the members of the Twin Cities Church and in the heart and life of your missionary pastor there.

Our Conference theme is so pointed, final, and also condemnatory, justly so — **The Sabbath was made for man — By their fruits ye shall know them.** The question in my mind, heart, and soul is, Will there be fruit borne of the labor in the Twin Cities Seventh Day Baptist Church? God alone knows the answer to that question.

Pre-Con for Youth
By J. Paul Green, Jr.

Camp Mahonegon seemed to be practically inaccessible to human beings, but when the 94 campers finally arrived, they found themselves in a beautiful river valley. It was extremely well suited for the 15th annual Pre-Con Retreat of Seventh Day Baptist youth. We really were drawn away from the "things of the world" and brought closer to the "things of God."

The Rev. Elmo F. Randolph ably directed a program that was jam-packed with "solid food." Classes and workshops were such that the campers seemed little bothered by the hard benches and hot, humid weather.

It was a real inspiration to listen to David and Bettie Pearson, our Nyasaland missionaries on furlough. Little Debbie also found her way into our hearts. The campers were challenged to better living in the Rev. Don Sanford's presentation of "The Book of James for Moderns." The Rev. Kenneth E. Smith did efficient double duty as he led worship and a discussion of "Religion in an Age of Science." The Rev. Duane L. Davis introduced the group to the National and World Councils of Churches.

Miss Helena Knox capped her summer field work for the Board of Christian Education's Youth Work Committee in leading the "Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship Workshop." Her "SDBYF Manual" will probably be used a great deal by the youth in our local churches.

The campers were especially harmonious when it came to singing. Small ensembles, and the entire group, sang under the leadership of Pastor J. Paul Green. Everyone enjoyed the spontaneous singing at the dinner table, campfires, and other opportune times.

The general tone of the camp was one of seeking to find the place that God has for each of us to fill. In line with this were the panel discussions on vocations where ten campers and staff members presented their views on service through their chosen vocations.

A highlight of Pre-Con was the visit of

Conference President Wayne Crandall, Commission Chairman Earl Cruzan, and Executive Secretary Doris Fetherston on Sabbath afternoon. They interpreted the work of the Conference soon to follow, and told how the young people could best participate.

Most of the youth became acquainted for the first time with Mrs. Axthle Guyer of our Salemville, Pa., Church. Carol was a valued friend and counselor.

Swimming for those who could pass the test, and a limited amount of various other recreation, rounded out the program.

Campfire activities ranged from get-acquainted games to the consecration service on the final evening.

All in all, Pre-Con was an experience that will long be cherished and remembered.

The Youth Work Committee is humbly grateful for all the consecrated effort put forth by every person who helped in planning, preparing, and the execution.

The International Journal of Religious Education

A special issue of the International Journal of Religious Education has been published for September, 1959. It deals especially with the question: "What is Christian Education?" with articles on "What Do We Teach?" "Whom Do We Teach?" "How Do We Teach?" and "Who Is Responsible?" It is: "A concise introduction for church officials, parents, church school teachers and officers, pastors, directors, Boards of Christian Education, and all others with responsibility for the educational program of the local church." You'll find the Rev. David S. Clarke's name on page 26. Fifty cents sent to the board office, Box 15, Alfred Station, N.Y., will bring you a copy.

Sabbath School Reports

The Sabbath School blanks which have been sent to all churches are due. If your church has not sent in the information desired, it would be appreciated if the Board of Christian Education could have the report at once.

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A Rural West Virginia Work "Report and Proposed Church Program 1959 - 60"

By Donald E. Richards

Both the Middle Island and Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Churches are small in number. Each church has a smaller group of active, consecrated lay members who carry the burden of the work of the church. Each church shares her Christian responsibilities with sister churches of different denominational faiths. Both communities are decreasing in population, requiring that the churches work together in Christian brotherhood for the advancement of His Kingdom.

The core of activity in the Middle Island Church centers in the weekly preaching service and Sabbath School and in pastoral calling. A plan of lay development and visitation and a possible preaching mission are envisioned during the coming year.

The core of activity in the Ritchie Church centers in weekly Sabbath School, Sabbath morning preaching, Wednesday prayer meeting, Bible study, and in pastoral calling. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society is to be reactivated this fall and a plan of lay development and visitation and a possible preaching mission are also envisioned for the year.

The pastor has been possessed with a growing concern for the needs of lone Sabbathkeepers and potential area work in geographical centers where several Seventh Day Baptist families now live. Tentative plans are being made for a more intensified effort to help such families or areas, which call for the following work as time and money become available:

1. Fridays of each week are being reserved for work in the Parkersburg area of the Ohio Valley; the evenings being reserved for possible group meetings.

2. The third Sunday of each month is being reserved for work in the Crites Mountain area near Sutton, W. Va., among a group who consider themselves Seventh Day Baptists, but whose spiritual needs are not now being met by anyone.

3. A circuit tour of Sabbathkeeping

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

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of its work, and as chairman of the Planning Committee has greatly assisted in planning and co-ordinating the work of the Our World Mission program.

The Commission expresses in a personal way its thanks to its chairman, Rev. Earl Cruzan, for his work during the past years. He has served the Conference for six years as a Commission member, serving in addition as Conference president in 1957-58, and as chairman of the Commission during the past year. His devotion has been an inspiration to all who have known and worked with him.

Members of the Commission were asked to be present at the Sabbath afternoon sessions of both the Pre-Con Camp and Young Adult Retreat. Members did attend these sessions and presented matters of denominational interest.

The Commission would hereby give notice that at the next session of the General Conference the following amendments (to the by-laws of the General Conference) will be proposed for adoption:

1. To change Article 10, Section 4, by deleting it entirely.

2. To change Article 10, Section 5, by designating it as Section 4 and to substitute for its present form the following: "Immediately after the publication of the Seventh Day Baptist Year Book, the recording secretary of the General Conference, after making the necessary corrections, shall attest six copies and send one each to the libraries of Alfred University, Milton College, and Salem College, and three copies to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. The recording secretary shall also cause to be published in the Sabbath Recorder, as soon as practicable, a list of any corrections in the Year Book."

There is a keen awareness on the part of the Commission of a lack of balance between money spent for foreign and home mission work. The normal increase of growing foreign mission fields requires the expenditure of the annual increase in giving which is available. Since we do not wish to undercut our foreign mission program, we are left in the dilemma of not being able to allocate money for even normal increase on the home field at a time when advance at home is imperative if we are to continue in the mission work which is even now before us.

It is also apparent that there is little difficulty in challenging dedicated workers to the needs of the foreign fields, but that a general apathy exists in regard to the challenge at home.

The General Conference of 1958 recommended as follows: "We request the Commission in co-operation with the Planning Committee to study the advisability of establishing a Department of Church Extension and Growth and that the Commission bring any recommendations to next year's Conference concerning such a department, including budgetary items as it considers them advisable." After long and prayerful consideration it is the opinion of the Commission and the Planning Committee that the establishment of such a department is not our primary need at the present time. However, we do concur with the Missionary Interests Committee of the Conference in recognizing the need for "an all-out effort now." The Commission and the Planning Committee have spent considerable time throughout the year and at the pre-Conference meeting (including the time of one meeting of the Planning Committee, a major portion of the midyear meeting of the Commission, and a night and day of joint session) in planning a Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance.

1. We recommend the adoption of the Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance as follows: The program as presented, looks forward for five years. It is a unified program which will demand the major efforts of our Board of Christian Education, Women's Board, American Sabbath Tract Society, Missionary Society (Home Field), and several Conference com-

mittees and agencies as well as the Commission of the General Conference, the Planning Committee, the associations, the local churches, and every individual Seventh Day Baptist.

We believe that it holds great possibilities, and that under God it can help us to grow in spirit, in numbers, and most important of all, it can help us to do effectively the work God has given us to do in sharing His truth and demonstrating His love. We remember with humility our complete dependence upon God. We pray for His guidance and His power. We look forward with confidence to achievement within His plan and to His glory.

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In the knowledge that without God we can do nothing:

- I. We purpose, under God, consistently to give ourselves to Bible study and prayer.
- II. We purpose, under God, consistently to grow in His likeness, so that the faith and love and strength and obedience we find in Jesus Christ may be found in us.
- III. We purpose, under God, consistently to present His truth and His power in human life in all our relations with others that they may know salvation through Christ.
- IV. We purpose, under God, to recover a creative appreciation of the Sabbath.
- V. We purpose, under God, to make our local church fellowships active expressions of the will of God.
- VI. We purpose, under God, to take aggressive steps by which we may move toward the establishment of new churches and fellowships to His glory.

To the foregoing purposes we pledge our effort, our faith, and our devotion, God helping us.

EMPHASES

Yearly emphases approximate those of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, of which we are an integral part by vote of the Conference:

- 1959-60 Mission to the Local Church.
- 1960-61 Mission to the Local Church.
- 1961-62 Mission to the Unchurched.
- 1962-63 Mission to the Social Frontiers.
- 1963-64 Mission to the World.

A chart of activities and specific goals for the Conference and all related agencies in terms of the Program for Advance has been prepared for the five-year period. Details of work have been scheduled for two years. Major activities and goals and projected plans include: a two-year Lay Development Program; a two-year study of Seventh Day Baptist beliefs; a geographical survey of our assets in churches, leadership, and numbers; a personal spiritual inventory; the establishment of new fellowships and churches; a full-time field evangelist; a home missions secretary; a youth field worker.

(To be continued next week)

Ten Commandments in School

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, a practicing physician for over 40 years and now executive editor of *Christianity Today*, says he is opposed to sex instruction in public schools and proposes instead that reading of the Ten Commandments be instituted into daily classroom procedure to counteract deteriorating moral standards.

"The present demand for 'sex education' for children is psychologically unsound," Bell says, "for it places in the child's mind an emphasis on sex that is unwholesome, and eventuates in more, not less, sex experimentation on the part of those so trained."

Bell is the father of four. His daughter Ruth is married to Evangelist Billy Graham.

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families located in the area of West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, possibly once a quarter.

These local church programs, community witness, and public relations, along with extension work, are to be coordinated through a monthly contact by mail. The Upper Room, the Pastor's Link, special issues of the Sabbath Recorder, and tracts will be used as materials.

The program outlined is not impossible to achieve. It does, however, call for consecration, prayer, a waiting upon the Lord to open doors, and a willingness to obey and pay the costs in human giving and sacrifice.

The Importance of the Chaplaincy

There are many reasons offered in sermons and editorials for the religious interest in America today: three wars in a generation, increasing longevity, a depression or material prosperity, the hydrogen bomb, Sputnik, etc. Beside being contradictory, none of these reasons seems convincing by itself, because they have existed in every age in one form or another.

The only new factor today is the more effective ministry to the armed services. This is unique, beginning in World War I, when the number of people under arms vastly increased, and when the authorities began to make serious provision for the military chaplaincy.

Military service has brought millions of men and women in touch with a clergyman who never knew one so closely in civilian life. Therefore, the chaplain may well be the chief cause for the present

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.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WATERFORD, CONN. — Our one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary was held on the weekend of August 29 and 30. On Sabbath morning we were privileged to have the Rev. Everett T. Harris, secretary of the Missionary Society, with us to bring a message from the Sermon on the Mount. "Going Beyond the Requirements." Greetings were read from two former pastors, Wendell Stephan and Carl Maxson.

On Sunday afternoon we were pleased to welcome friends from Middletown, Conn., from Rockville, Ashaway, and Westerly, R.I. The sermon, "Forward in That Which Is Good," was brought by the Rev. Earl Cruzan of the Pawcatuck Church, and a historical paper, "Waterford's 175 Years," was read by Dean Albert N. Rogers of the Alfred School of Theology. The Rev. Harold R. Crandall spoke of the cordial relationships that had obtained in the past between the New England churches, and the Rev. Eli F. Loofboro related experiences in connection with his pastorate here. All the above, with the exception of Mr. Crandall, had been pastors of this church. In fact it was remarked that, with its habit of calling younger ministers who wished to continue their studies in nearby seminaries, this church might have the largest number of living ex-pastors of any in the denomination. (Perhaps one would have to except some of the churches in the neighborhood of Alfred.)

Reports of Conference have been brought by the pastor and by others who attended. The response of the church and its auxiliaries to the appeal for the Our World Mission budget has been generous, and our giving will probably be in the neighborhood of what was given last year.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — The church felt especially blest to have the missionaries-elect to British Guiana, the Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch, come as far west as Kansas because our people have felt a burden for that country. The missionary brought the Sabbath morning message and after a fellowship lunch there was another meeting at which the little church mite boxes were dedicated. A social in the eve-

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 26, 1959

God Calls for Loyalty

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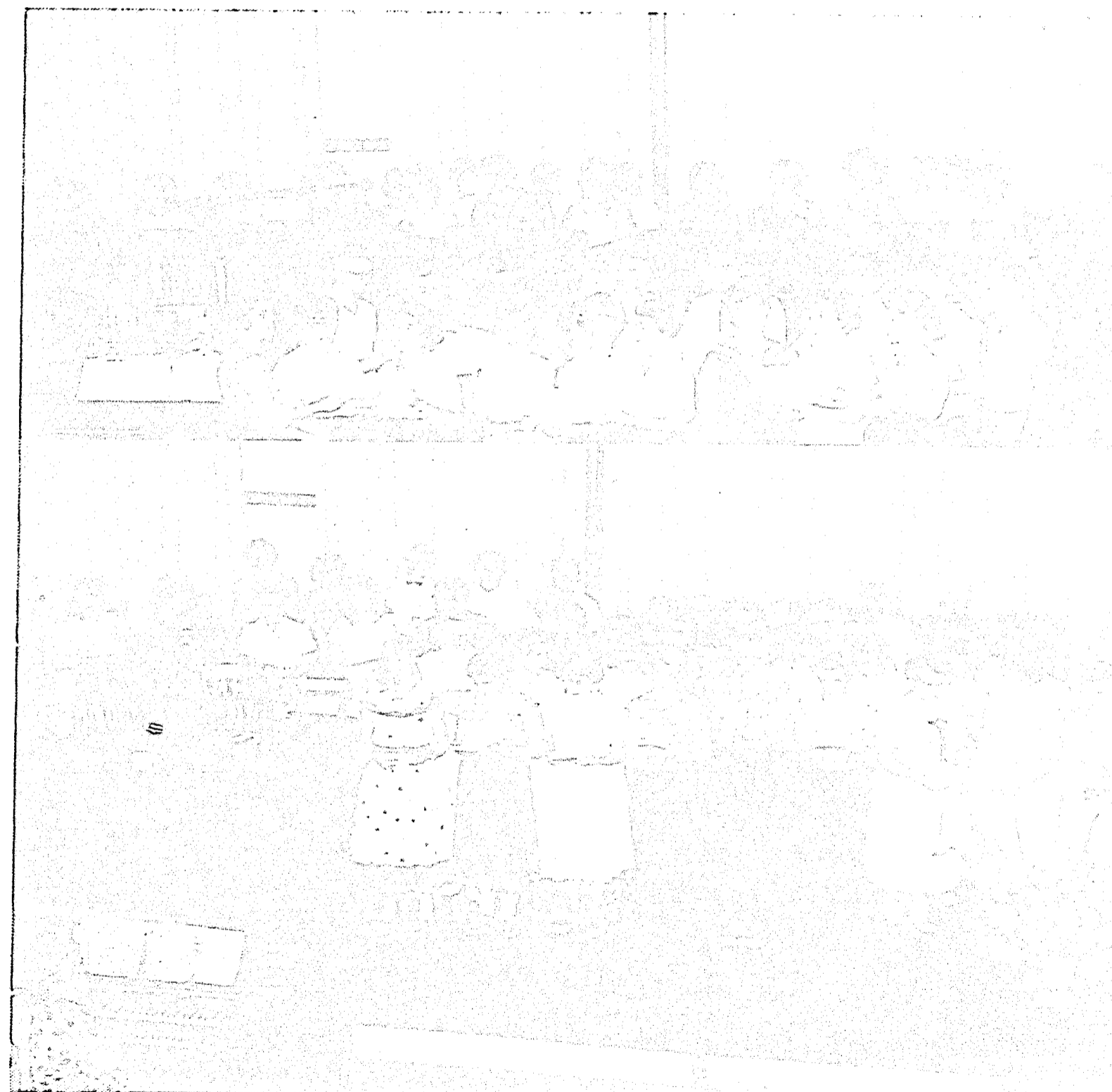
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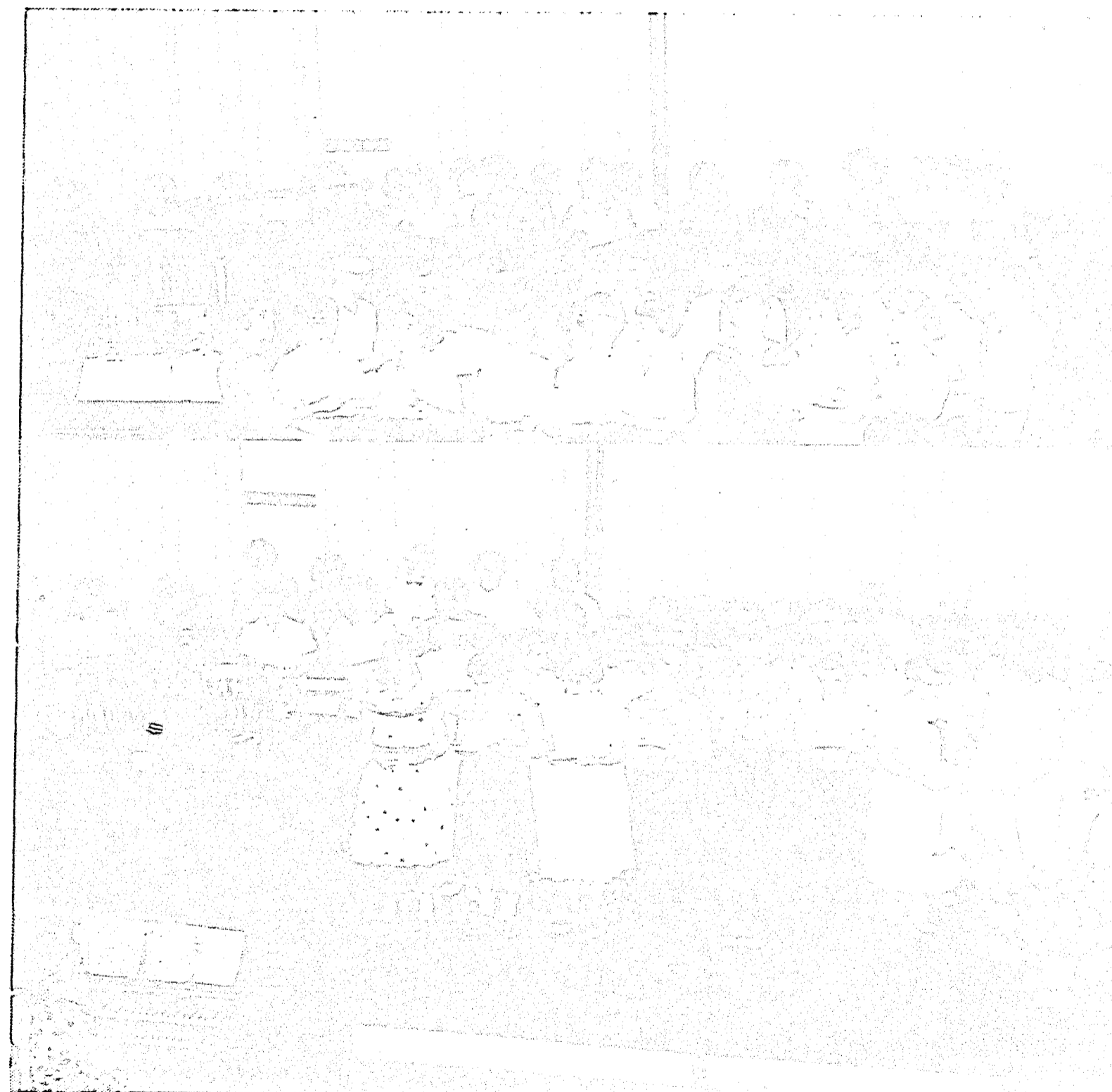
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