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Accessions

Berlin, N. Y.

By Baptism:
Paul Lewis Greene
Robert Cushman

By Testimony:
Kenneth Cushman

Births

Sutton. — A son, Eric Alan to Lyle and Betty (Pierce) Sutton of Route 1, Cohoes, N. Y., on November 3, 1960.

Williams — A daughter, Stephani Jo, to James and Donna (Gray) Williams of Shiloh, N. J., on October 23, 1960.

Obituaries

Hemphill — Cora Hurley, daughter of George and Susan Furrow Hurley, was born April 17, 1872, at Humboldt, Neb., and died October 25, 1960, at Sunset Home in Eugene, Ore.

She was the last of a family of nine children. Her childhood was spent at Humboldt and later she attended Milton College where she met W. J. Hemphill. They were married July 12, 1898. Their early life was spent in Chicago where he completed his medical education. In 1902 they moved to North Loup, Neb., where the Doctor practiced medicine until his death in 1949. In 1948 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mrs. Hemphill was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church and served in various phases of the church work. She was a member of the NoLo Study Club, served on the school board and the library board. About 2 years ago she went to Eugene, Ore., to be near her two sons who are doctors, Paul and George. Other survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Mitroff of Springfield, Vt., 8 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Mynor G. Soper, at North Loup, Neb., and burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

— M.G.S.

Hull. — Janie Bentley, daughter of Caleb and Emma Whitford Bentley, was born April 1, 1871, and died at her home in Berlin, N. Y., April 24, 1960.

She was baptized by the Rev. B. F. Rogers and was received into the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1885. Five years later on June 1 she was married to Elmer Hull, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Hull is survived by three children: Clayton, Jerry, and Mrs. Ruth Canfield; six grandchildren; and one brother, Arlie C. Bentley of Berlin.

Funeral services were held by her pastor, the Rev. Paul L. Maxson, and interment was in the local Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.

— P.L.M.

Kenyon — Harry G., was born in Hopkinton, R. I., October 10, 1879, and died in Hopkinton, November 7, 1960.

He spent his entire life in Hopkinton. His wife, Pearl W. Kenyon, died in 1958. His brother Irwin died early this year. He is survived by two brothers, John S. C. and Elwin A., and two sisters, Miss Essie and Mrs. Zoe Crosby.

The memorial service was held at the Avery Funeral Home in Hope Valley and was conducted by the Rev. Neal D. Mills. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Hope Valley.

— N. D. M.

Schaefer. — Ella Locke, wife of Charles Schaefer of Cherry Plain, N. Y., died on October 18, 1960, at Putnam Memorial Hospital, Bennington, Vt.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Raymond, of Berlin, N. Y., and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, the Rev. Paul L. Maxson, and interment was in the Center Berlin Cemetery.

— P.L.M.

Severance. — Clara Beth Williams, only daughter of Henry A. and Bestha Williams, was born on a farm in Mira Valley November 23, 1918, and died in the Ord Hospital August 18, 1960, after a prolonged illness.

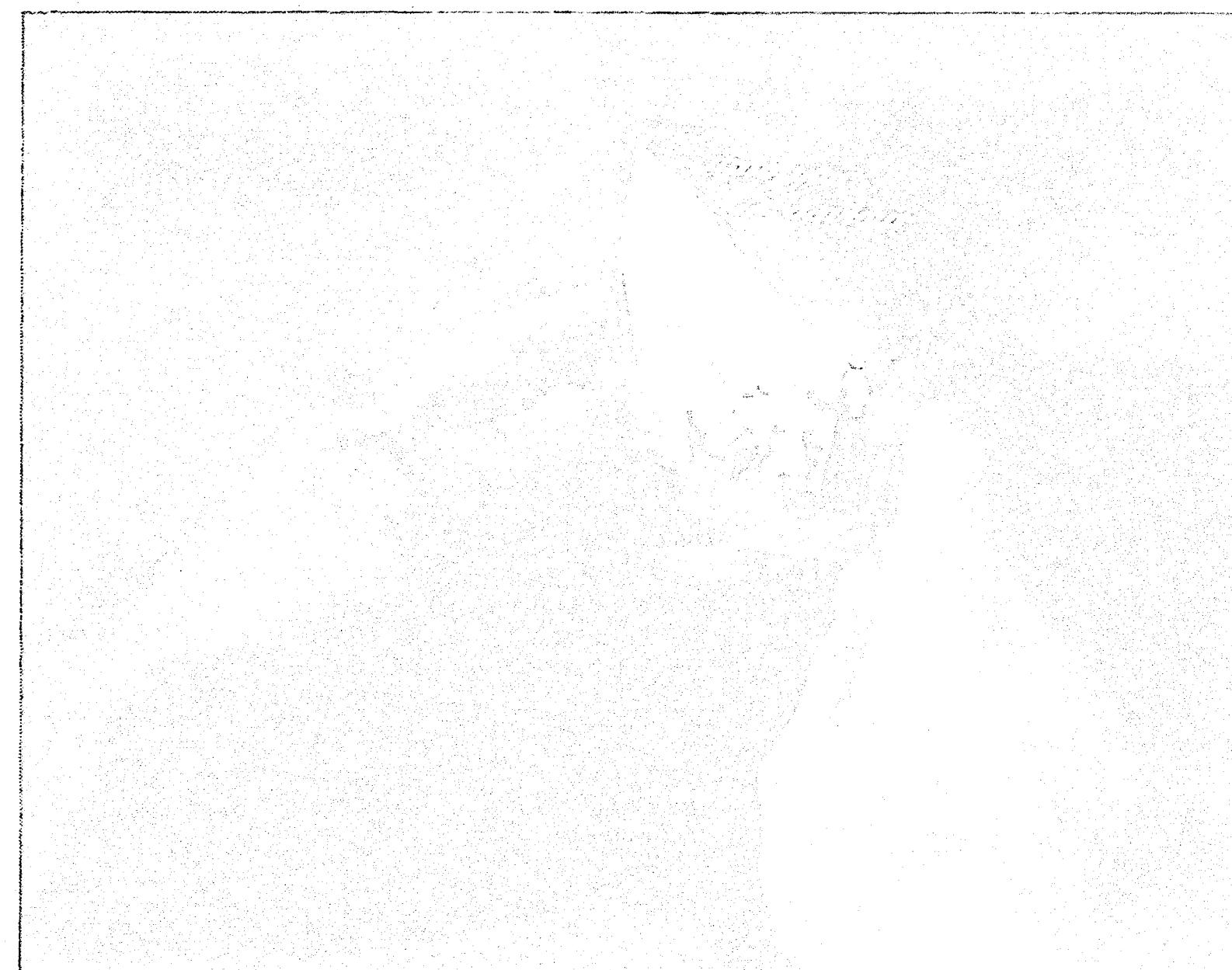
She grew up in the North Loup vicinity and was graduated from the North Loup High School in 1935. On November 14, 1936, she was united in marriage with Cecil F. Severance and during the remainder of her life they resided on farms in the North Loup area. To this union were born six children: two daughters, Katherine and Shirley; and four sons: Brice, Cletus, Keith, and Galen.

Surviving, besides her husband and children are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams; two brothers, Melvin of North Loup and LeRoss of Kearney, and many other relatives and friends.

Beth was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. She, with the entire family, faithfully attended the services. Her husband serves as a deacon.

Farewell services held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church were conducted by her pastor, Mynor G. Soper, assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. Francis Saunders of Los Angeles, Calif. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup.

— M.G.S.



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Land of the Bible

As we enter into the Advent season our thoughts turn to the land of the Bible, costumes of oriental wise men and poor shepherds. We try to catch again something of the way of life was lived in Judea in the days of Christ. Quite normally our thoughts range back over the whole history of Israel, the promised land, and the promised Messiah. There is no point in history from the third chapter of Genesis to the last recorded Scripture of the Old Testament when there was not a clear or a veiled-in-type prophecy of the coming of Christ. We are thankful that the types have been fulfilled, the ceremonial veils dropped off, and that we can look back with certainty to the blessings of the Gospel age.

Thinking of the land of the Bible our thoughts are captivated not only by past events but exciting new developments in the Eastern Mediterranean region. The nation of Israel has been reborn and is now ten years old. Names of places familiar to past generations only through the pages of the Bible are becoming well known to the world as ancient resources are rediscovered and developed with the aid of twentieth-century machines and scientific know-how.

An article in a recent issue of *The Israel Digest* tells the latest news about an 80-million-dollar expansion of Israel's chemical industry, the major activity of which is in the Dead Sea area. The land once spoken of as flowing with milk and honey, has for centuries been without fertility. The Dead Sea Works are expected to produce within five years enough commercial fertilizer so that the nation can export it to the amount of \$25 million annually. Back in the days of the patriarchs Israel's forebears went to Africa (Egypt) for food. The parents of our Lord traversed the desert roads to Africa to find safety for the young child. Today this one company (Dead Sea Works) is preparing to increase its salt producing capacity enough to export 15,000 tons of table salt annually to Africa.

Another old familiar name figures in the news, the Wilderness of Zin, into which the Israelites came on their way from Egypt to the promised land. On October 26, 1960, there was a cornerstone

laying ceremony for a bridge in the Wilderness of Zin, south of Sodom, which marked the beginning of a paved road from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea. The 114-mile road, when completed, will cut the travel time between those important bodies of water to less than four hours. Disobedient Israel of old was made to wander 40 years on that journey.

So the old names come to life again. There is one old name that ought to be rediscovered more rapidly than it is in this nation that is struggling for economic and national security; it is the name of Jesus. Its meaning as given by the announcing angel was, "He shall save his people from their sins." That significant name unfortunately does not have as much meaning today in the land where it was given as in other lands to which it was carried. Let us pray that it may soon become a precious name there as well as here.

Pastoral Calling

A Pennsylvania reader recently sent the editor a newspaper clipping by a United Press writer which purported to be the story of two ministers who served successively in the same church. The first might be called the old-fashioned long-winded type of preacher, a poor administrator, and one who had never studied the pros and cons of directive or non-directive psychological counseling.

This first pastor did a lot of calling. He called on his people to see why they had failed to come to church; he called even if they did come regularly; he called when they were sick and when they were well. The women never knew when he might drop in and embarrass them by finding the house not tidied-up or family Bible not dusted. Some of them claimed they didn't like to be bothered like that.

The strange thing was that the church kept growing under his ministry and he stayed for 30 years — until he was too old to carry on that sort of work. The classes were full, and so were the missionary baskets. He was not much concerned about his own salary, but the people gave liberally.

The new minister came. He was well trained in administration and counseling. He delivered carefully prepared short sermons; he reorganized the church school, introduced extensive youth activities. In fact, he seemed to do everything exactly right — the way he had been taught in an up-to-date school. He asked the congregation to notify him if there were any sick who needed a pastoral call, and, when notified, he called on them, briefly, of course.

The strange thing was that the church did not prosper. Members dropped out, pledges in the every-member canvass were down after the first year. About the third year attendance was down and the pastor was looking for another church. Somehow the church and pastor had lost touch with each other.

The moral of the story seems apparent: nothing can take the place of consistent pastoral calling. Certainly there is a place for directive and non-directive counseling — but this much publicized pastoral counseling is to a certain extent merely a substitute that may be resorted to when the pastor has such a big church that he cannot know his people well enough to really understand their problems and their daily thoughts. Some will take issue with such an over simplification, but who can deny that time devoted to frequent calling on those inside and outside the church bears rich fruit for the kingdom. Much of this can perhaps be done by consecrated, trained laymen, but it cannot take the place of the love of a pastor for his flock — a love that gets into his sermons because it has been growing through his every day contacts. The stories told above have much truth in them.

Thirty Pieces of Silver

What would be your feelings if someone should pour into your hands the thirty pieces of silver that were given to Judas Iscariot by the chief priests to betray his Lord? You would probably want to cast them down to the ground as Judas did in the temple, when the awfulness of what he had done began to dawn on him

the next day. We do not know whether or not those coins went back into general circulation. The record in the Bible loses sight of them after the priests determined that "the price of blood" could not lawfully go back into the treasury and might better be used to buy the potter's field for burying strangers. They too, seem to have had a little change of heart between the time they dipped into the treasury for the coins and the time that conscience-stricken Judas threw them down again at their feet.

No one would want to possess those thirty pieces of silver, but a coin collector would be most happy if he could have been in on the find that was made recently in a field on Mount Carmel. Some 5,000 Tyre shekels believed to be of the type used in the betrayal transaction have come to light after about 2,000 years. It is an unusual discovery in an area where other treasures are said to abound. Silver, even the silver which was the price of blood, does not carry a lasting curse; but the curse of the wrong use of silver and gold is carried to the grave unless there is true repentance and divine forgiveness. Christ on the cross forgave His tormentors and gave the promise of paradise to one of the dying thieves. Have we sought His forgiveness for every wrong or idle use of money?

Our World Mission Figures

The treasurer's report for October which appears on the back page came too late to appear in the November 28 issue, and thus too late to serve as an appeal during Stewardship Month. The new OWM treasurer, George E. Parrish, has promised to give to our readers each month a brief article to accompany the figures on the back page. Such an interpretive stewardship emphasis, from one who is better able than the editor to study the giving trends of churches should prove helpful.

A series of articles on stewardship from the Conference Stewardship Committee has been in preparation for some time and will appear with regularity in the months to come.

Leisure Promotes Drinking

The nation's tavernkeepers gathered in annual convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., were told on September 27 to expect a liquor boom. This was the prediction of Frederick J. Lind, vice-president of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. He based the expected boom on increased population and spending power, shorter work week, and an increase of leisure time. He added:

"We know that people with more leisure tend to adopt a more gracious social life. Our product fits naturally into the whole pattern of gracious living and should therefore continue to gain in acceptance."

Is this the price society has to pay for the higher living standards constantly sought for by organized labor? Could we have some figures sometime on the relation between these two things? Is there any possible legislative way of stopping labor benefits short of fostering an increase in the per capita consumption of intoxicants? A 40,000,000-gallon increase in liquor sales in the next five years may be a good business outlook for the nation's tavernkeepers but it is bad business for the nation and the families that will reap the grim harvest of the resulting increase in drunkards.

Legislative control of labor and liquor can be attempted, but we are inclined to think that Christians must act like Christians, talk like Christians, and put forth greater efforts both to save their fellowmen from sin and its consequences and to show them "a more excellent way" to use their leisure time. We must prove that real gracious living is not the result of more spending power but more of the power of Christ. We live graciously only when grace is an inward possession rather than a poorly-glued external veneer.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 17, 1960

The Greatest Servant

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1-3, 10-11

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A Parable of the Highways

By Fred A. Spencer, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.

A discussion presented to the Seventh Day Baptist young people at their General Conference banquet, August, 1960, Siloam Springs, Ark.

How familiar are the words, "And Jesus spoke a parable into them saying, 'I am the good shepherd'; again 'Behold a sower went forth to sow'; and again, 'The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a net that was cast into the sea.'"

Jesus spoke in terminology that was familiar to His followers, and at the same time His parables held deep messages. This evening I should like to speak a 20th Century parable to you. What could be more familiar to you than, "A Parable of the Highway."

This is not a new theme. Biblical terminology refers to "the broad way that leadeth to destruction." An American ballad tells us, "There's a Long, Long Trail." The popular song, "My Friend" tells us life is a road that's unending. We have all heard of "Middle of the Roaders."

Years ago I might have used the "Parable of the Crossroads." This would certainly be out of date today, for now we stand at more than the proverbial crossroads. We are in the midst of an expressway. No longer can we choose between a right and left fork. The road way has become much more complicated! We are now confronted by the overpass, underpass, bypass, and sometimes by the limited access way, not to mention the one way and dead end streets!

So, too, the choice is no longer for good or evil, right or wrong. Each day countless shades of grey, charcoal, and more sombre hues slip in between the black and white once so clearly taught!

The Challenge of New Highways

There are a 1000 and 1 opportunities to choose from, in the spectrum of our present day activities. To a great extent, vastly improved transportation and communication have made this so.

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But too often, our highways are so marred by chuck holes, frost cracks, and bumpy patches laid down where old drainage and power systems have been torn up, replaced, or modified to meet increasing demands.

So, too, our life's highway is often marred by numerous upheavals and at times, must be revamped and repaved to meet ever increasing demands. We must, continually "pave more lanes." THE TRAFFIC OF LIFE DEMANDS IT!

Magnificent avenues of growth and development are continuously opening before us. The population gains in our own country in the past 10 years are just short of appalling. Great increases in longevity swell the ranks of the aged. But even in this group of patriarchs, many are as undecided and restless on the questions of, IF they believe; WHAT they believe, and WHY they believe, as they were when they were youngsters!

Again, the increased birth rate during and since World War II has created, in the past 15 years, a phenomenal rise in the number and population ratio of young people.

The billions of dollars invested in hula hoops, stock cars, drag strips, go-cart tracks and minicycles are loud testimonials to their search for adventure, challenge and satisfaction in the attainment of some goal. These fads and fancies are also evidence of the boundless energy, ingenuity, resourcefulness, and restlessness of an ever-searching, seldom-finding mass of our present civilization. The potential power of youth is incalculable!

Youth Must Build Better Highways

We must constructively channel a greater portion of youth's power for the fruitful future of our country and our

church! For it is with you young people that we entrust our heritage and the successful propagation of our ideals and beliefs. It is with youth that we place the job of building better highways for the future.

Lest we believe that all we entrust to youth is the fruit of a job well done, let us review briefly the highway conditions today.

Abroad we face greater threats than ever. We are entangled in "traffic jams" in Japan, the Belgian Congo, Cuba and Red China. With Russia "the bridge is nearly washed out."

The highways of our own country are lined with the billboards of greed, violence, anti-semitism, race hatred, and intolerance for minorities.

STOP! LOOK! AND LISTEN! Surely our highways can be cleaner than this. We must help to clean up this littered way. We must help to direct traffic thoughtfully and prayerfully so that future accidents creating poverty, famine, fallout, and constant fear will be avoided in all parts of the earth.

How then, can we engineer the most effective interchange, the smoothest ribbon of transport, the maximum number of trouble-free miles over such rough terrain?

Using Our Fifth Freedom

We must intelligently use our fifth freedom! We have often heard of the basic four freedoms. Freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom of speech and press, and freedom of religious belief, but we hear little about the most vital fifth freedom, the basic of the other four, the freedom of choice. Without choice what have we to fear? What to want? Where there is no choice one must take what is meted out and that's that, regardless of fears or wants.

Without freedom of choice, of what benefit is freedom of speech, the press, and religion? Only with freedom of choice are we able to speak freely with tongue and pen what is in our hearts

and minds and to believe to the depths of our souls that which we see fit to believe.

We choose whether or not we will believe in God and in Christ. We choose our own way to listen to Him and communicate with Him. Some worship God through nature, alone; others through a priest; others through a rabbi. Some worship Him through various cults of mysticism, spiritualism, and even in unknown tongues. These are their choices, at least to a large extent, though many worship in a given way only because of family ties.

Are Seventh Day Baptists Really Better?

We, as Seventh Day Baptists, worship God in an atmosphere of greater freedom of choice and intellect than any other Christian church in the history of the world. We are fortunate in having no set dogma, no fixed creed, and no rigid catechism to follow. Yet, with this immense flexibility and freedom to expand, we remain one of the smallest of minority groups existent today!

We may rationalize this by saying, "What we lack in quantity we have in quality." But is this true, or do we just choose to believe it? Why do so many others not travel the same road that we do? Is our road one that others avoid because of fear of ridicule and scorn? I'm sure there are a few who ridicule and scorn us. Is our road avoided primarily because others fear financial setback in following it? I think not, in this age of 36- to 40-hour work week!

Obviously, there are many who do not travel with us because it is more convenient to follow more heavily-traveled roads, routes often more clearly marked. I have found in my short experience, that we are traveling an uncrowded road perhaps in great part because so many are unaware that our way exists. We should, but do we, take pride in being just a little different from our many Christian brothers? Does each of us feel that we share God's infinite love more intimately with Him because we are Sabbathkeepers? We should, but do we?

Perhaps we have wandered too far from the road. Perhaps we are not as familiar with our Book of Rules of the road as we should be. Is it possible that we are in a rut of indifference and platitudes because we know that we possess a bit more of the truth of God's Word than others are aware of? Do we take full advantage of our freedom of choice?

New Highways of Conduct and Belief

I challenge you, as the future builders of our way. Begin early to exercise your Freedom of Choice, for only with use and practice will it thrive and grow! Study God's Word! Delve into your history books! Examine the beliefs of others thoughtfully and prayerfully. Then build upon all these and more the highway of conduct and belief that you have chosen for yourself. But don't stop there. If you choose to, you can offer others an opportunity to travel with you!

Build strong, wide bridges, not the old-time one-lane kind; leave room for two-way traffic so that one can speedily progress, sharing the road with others. Lay firm roadbeds, and upon these foundations enmesh a grid of steel-like faith; implant a layer of smooth enduring love for all men and your highway will be well made, leading yourself and others to the height and majesty of Christ's way, because you chose His Way to build it.

It has been said, "Truth accomplishes nothing without enthusiasm. Let us, therefore, go from this place with a greater knowledge of His truth, with the unbounded enthusiasm and fervor of youth, exercising in the fullest measure our freedom of choice by helping others to expand their freedom of choice in the knowledge of His Way.

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MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Jamaica Mission News

Evangelistic Services

Two full weeks of evangelistic services were held at the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church, 27 Charles St., Kingston, Jamaica, November 6-20, with Pastor C. S. Lyons, field evangelist of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference in Jamaica bringing the message.

Not only were messages brought each night, but special Bible study classes and street meetings were held at other periods during these two weeks. A call was given for prayer for these meetings "each day at noon." Pastor Lawton led the Bible study classes.

Notice regarding the street meetings read: "6:00 P. M. — Mon. — Wed. — Fri. — Street Meetings — Gospel in Song, a brief message will be given and an invitation extended to the Evening Service. (Meet at the church at 5:30 to share in these glad 30 minutes.)"

God has been working in these meetings and at last report, several had accepted Christ as their Savior.

Spiritual Retreat

The fifth Annual Spiritual Retreat is scheduled to be held at Maiden Hall School, Jamaica, December 19-23, 1960. The theme chosen is "Reaching Forth for God" (Phil. 3:13,14).

Three full days of Christian fellowship and learning beginning at 5:30 A. M. each morning are planned, no planned schedule being set for December 23. A day of "fasting and prayer" will be observed on Wednesday, December 21.

The purpose of this retreat is to deepen the "Spiritual Life and Christian Living." Those attending these services are pastors, Bible workers, leaders, and deacons. On the opening night, a welcome service in charge of Pastor J. Hamilton will be held for Pastor Duane Davis. Pastor Davis and family plan to arrive in Jamaica on December 7 for a nine months' period of service replacing the Rev. Leon R. Lawton and family while they are in this country on furlough and pastoring the Lost Creek, W. Va., church.

A Sabbath in Jamaica

By Courtland V. Davis

Headmaster of Crandall High School

Many good Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica spend all day at the church on the Sabbath, not just on special occasions but every Sabbath. In addition to worship service and Sabbath School there are Bible study groups, youth meetings attended by all, and various other regular and special meetings winding up generally with a vesper service just as the setting of the sun marks the close of the Sabbath.

Late last Sabbath afternoon the Lawtons and the Davises in the faithful Volkswagen Kombi found the members of the recently organized group of Seventh Day Baptists of the Charles Town Area, meeting in the little thatched church building erected by their own hands. The floor was the native soil, hard packed by the going and coming of the feet of many a devout brother and sister. The pews were narrow benches made of four or five sapling poles laid parallel and fastened at either end to stout palm logs. But there was a little wooden platform at one end of the room that held a pulpit with red velvet cloth over it, a chair and a communion table.

The lay leader was speaking earnestly to his little group as we entered. His sermon shortly finished, Pastor Lawton was welcomed, invited to the platform and asked to administer the Lord's Supper. The elements had already been prepared by loving hands for the solemn occasion. Pastor Lawton assented, returned to the car for his jacket and appropriate materials and was soon ready for the service. Meantime, the congregation, including now the newly arrived Volkswagen passengers, sang an old familiar hymn, one learned at least fifty years ago by two of the singers in the hills of West Virginia, and then another with familiar words but with a tune that carried much of the sliding tones and stirring beat of what is known in these days as Calypso.

Then came the Lord's Supper conducted in quiet and reverent dignity by both pastor and people, with prayers of warmth

MEMORY TEXT

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2: 4.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Robert W. Spike in his 1960 book, *Safe in Bondage*, commends the efforts of the church earlier in this century to do something about slum conditions in our cities, but he calls to our attention the fact that the newer immigrant situation is quite different. His picturesque words call us to self-criticism:

"The first part of this century saw a concerted attempt to relieve the misery of the new slum dwellers — German, Irish, Italian, Polish immigrants who poured by the Lady with the Golden Lamp to face the ugliness of tenement life and Anglo-Saxon prejudice."

Many of the new slum dwellers are from the South and are Protestants, needing the ministry of sympathetic churches.

"The British Weekly" described a BBC TV program, *Meeting Point*, where three clerics gathered as clerics . . . and if you will forgive the word — 'discussed' — Christian Unity, such as it is . . . They were all awfully nice fellows, first names and all that, and the picture of congenital anemia they presented was the standard version of Christian courtesy, charity, and pointlessness as it is understood by the public on the evidence of their National Health bifocals."

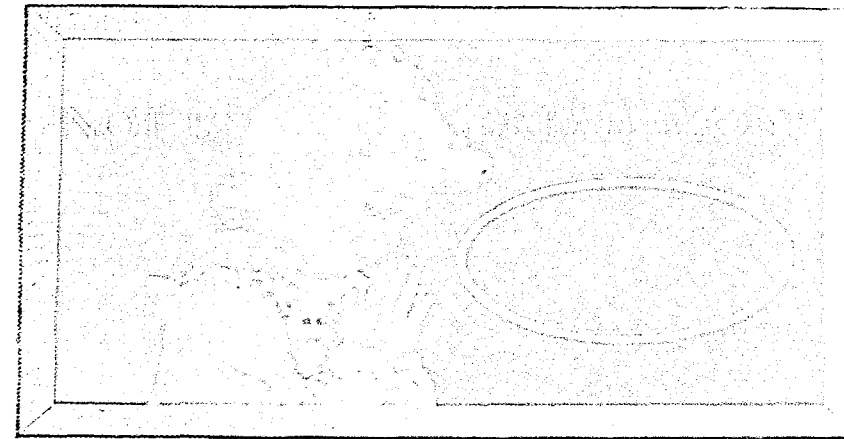
and sincerity by lay members of the local congregation. The rays of the late afternoon sun filtering through the bamboo side walls as the Sabbath came to a close, the peace and dignity of that fellowship of believers, the felt and spoken significance of that simple ceremony added a new dimension to the Sabbath for more than one of those who worshiped there.

"Not by Bread Alone"

Sermonette by

A New Jersey Minister

The little girl portrayed in this poster trustfully bows her head and clasps her hands in prayer. She has already understood the meaning if not all the words of the Yuletide season: "Man shall not live by bread alone."



How does she pray? "Bless Mommie . . . bless Daddy . . . bless brother and sister." It is a prayer for God's providential care for each one in the home. Moreover it is a prayer of faith and belief and for the blessings of each day. It is even a prayer for daily bread and all that it symbolizes.

Yet a child, she may not know that bread is a prized commodity in many parts of the world today; or that some people will not work and therefore will not eat; or that many more want to work and still cannot eat. She does not know the story about a ruling queen who had no sympathy for the predicament of the breadless, and said, "If they have no bread, let them eat cake."

However, this beautiful one — a child of God — is sensitive as a good queen should be to the needs of others, for she

"Not By Bread Alone" the nationally famous outdoor Christmas poster that is sponsored annually by the bakers of Sunbeam Bread will again help brighten December — the holiday month, advises Robert L. Schaus, Quality Bakers of America Cooperative, Inc., advertising manager.

"So great was the request for 'Not By Bread Alone' poster prints," reports Mr. Schaus, we prepared for distribution by member bakers a 19x11 'Not By Bread Alone' full-colored picture print, suitable for framing. These will be made available to church and school teachers for hanging on classroom walls."

prays, "Lord, you have given me my daily bread through my wonderful Daddy and Mommie. Help my family and me and all our families to share with the needy that bounty which you have bestowed upon us, ungrudgingly."

The little girl is surrounded and thrilled with the preparations for Christmas. Yet all of these wonderful things do not satisfy the desires of her life. There is a deeper need — the elevation of the heart in purpose and fulfillment. As she needs bread, she also needs spiritual food for the mind and soul because she cannot live by bread alone. This need is met in prayer.

In simple reverence she surrenders her existence to God's power and love.

Worldwide Bible Reading Thanksgiving to Christmas

(Suggested by American Bible Society)

Dec. 11 Mark 12: 1-31

Dec. 12 John 3: 1-21

Dec. 13 — John 11: 1-27

Dec. 14 John 20: 1-31

Dec. 15 Romans 5: 1-21

Dec. 16 Isaiah 61: 1-11

Dec. 17 Luke 7: 18-30;

Matthew 11: 25-30

Tract Board to Meet

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will assemble in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., for the regular quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 11, at 2 p.m.

This 30-member board, drawn largely from the New Jersey churches, has been very faithful in attendance. New members, new committee assignments, and a new president in the chair (Charles F. Harris) should make this meeting interesting and challenging. The prayers of all who are interested in the distribution of tracts, the Sabbath Recorder, and audio-visual aids are solicited by the officers of the Tract Board as it meets on December 11, and as it carries on its many types of work relating to promotion of Sabbath observance and vital godliness.

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS for Creative Teaching

Prepared by Miss Judith French,
Area Director, United Church of Christ.

DO

1. Have vivid experiences (first-hand where possible, otherwise vividly described with words and pictures) to precede recording processes such as drawing, telling, writing, dramatizing.
2. Let class participate in all steps of planning and work. Keep own aims and participation in the background.
3. Plan complete step, stage or process for a given period — avoid dangling ends.
4. Plan entire unit before beginning the first session.
5. Estimate costs of desired materials in advance, to allow time for substitutions where economy or other limitations require, and for ordering through the mail.
6. Make samples of any art or craft work to be done, to familiarize yourself with the processes involved and be prepared for problems the class may encounter. Practice music, choric reading, drama, etc. in advance.
7. Know the equipment available and how to use it (i.e. projector).
8. Have all necessary materials and tools ready, at hand where they can be distributed immediately as required.
9. Plan more than enough work for the allotted time; work may go faster than you anticipated.
10. Have either (a) enough material for each child or (b) a plan for sharing.
11. Arrange adequate work space or projects scaled to size of room and/or space.
12. Secure assistants as needed or limit variety of activities for a given period.
13. Explain reasons for the activity or solicit them from class.

14. Demonstrate step by step in complicated processes.
15. Include time for clean-up in craft projects.
16. Be adaptable to pupil suggestions, accidental changes in plans, space, equipment, class mood, current events, etc.
17. Use ample reference material but only authentic, accurate resources.
18. Have much supplementary material at hand — pictures, maps, books, etc.
19. Keep ultimate goals always in mind — philosophy and basic attitudes.
20. Plan all projects for specific teaching values, integral parts of and steps to the achievements of goals, with minimum of new or complex skills involved, and graded to the ability and potentialities of the age level of the class.
21. BE ENTHUSIASTIC!!

DON'T

1. Expect absolute quiet and orderliness. "Purposeful noise" is desirable!
2. Have "art for art's sake," "busy work," "something to entertain," a way to keep them occupied," or "out of mischief," or any other form of activity for its own sake. Activity must be a part of the whole lesson.
3. Limit activity to "art work." There are innumerable other modes of pupil response, often more suitable to pupil and/or subject and/or time, space, leader's skill and equipment available.
4. Fail to give adequate instructions, usually step by step.
5. Fail to give reason or purpose understood by pupils.
6. Expect perfection according to adult standards. Aim toward getting the pupil's best effort. Don't plan exhibits as goals for activity.
7. Plan less work than time could possibly allow. Anticipate more rather than less accomplished. (Nothing is so ruinous as extra time on one's hands.)
8. Expect work of equal merit from

- each child. Each works at different rate and with different skills.
9. Pass materials earlier than the time they will be used, or give out additional materials to the ones needed.
10. Interrupt a session to go hunting for supplies.
11. Expect to know all the answers! or try to cover your ignorance. Admit you don't know and plan to work out the problem with the pupil or class.
12. Attempt a project demanding skills the pupils do not have. Our job is to teach religion, not art, mechanical drawing, English, etc.
13. Introduce a process or project with which you are not familiar.

Accrediting a Leadership School

The accrediting agency for an interdenominational leadership school is your State Council of Churches. Because questions are frequently asked about this process, we would offer some guidance.

Plan early. Convene the planning committee at least six months in advance of the school.

1. Study the Leadership Education Handbook which any State Council can supply or order it from our denominational Christian Education headquarters.

2. Select dates, places of meeting, courses, faculty.

3. Write to your State Council for Form 1. (This is an application for accreditation).

4. Order leader's guides for courses selected from the State Council.

5. Order textbooks from co-operating denominational bookstore. (This will satisfy for accrediting a first series school.)

6. If you plan a second series course school, additional forms are required from each instructor.

7. When the accrediting agency has received and processed Form I, instructors' Forms III and III S will be provided for each instructor to fill out. Accred-

itation will not be granted until all III and III S forms are in the hands of the accrediting agency. Form III is required for each instructor who has not previously submitted it. Form III S is required from each instructor not already certified for the course he is to teach.

The dean is authorized to hold the school and to issue course cards for recognition when the school is accredited. Estimate the number of course cards needed and order them (free) from the State Council office.

8. When accreditation has been granted, Form IV will be sent to the dean in sufficient quantities for each class. This is the class roll.

9. When the school is over Form II (dean's report) and Form IV are submitted, along with Form III S, part 2 to the accrediting agency.

10. The share - the - cost - of - service - fee should accompany the closing reports. This fee is computed as follows: \$2 for each 2nd series course offered; \$1 for each 1st series course offered; 15 cents for each student enrolled in schools with less than 300 students.

11. Address all communications regarding accreditation and materials for leadership schools to your State Council of Churches. If you do not know that address, you may get it from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Church Co-operation in the United States

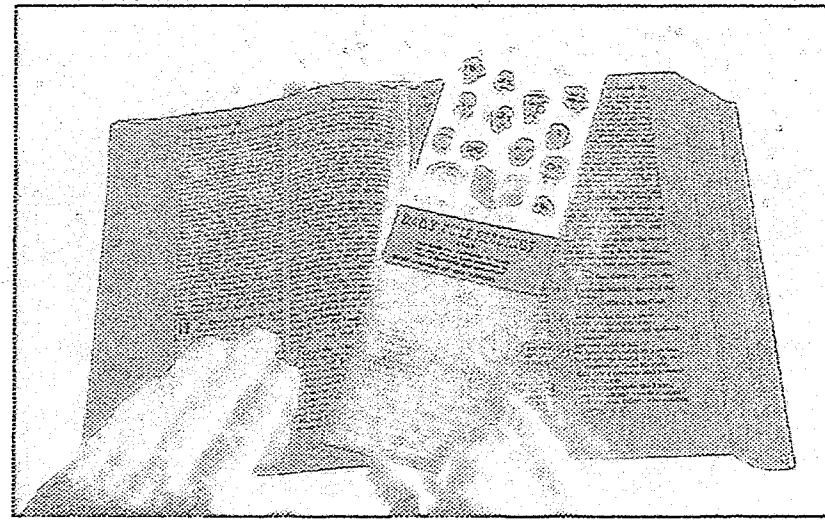
In 1870, in Westerly, Rhode Island, seven pastors from Seventh Day Baptist to Episcopalian . . . had their pictures taken together to prove "that the Church of Christ in Westerly is one," though meeting, for reasons historical and practical, in seven congregations. This is but one illustration of early gropings toward local church co-operation cited by Ross W. Sanderson in the book, Church Cooperation in the United States.

—Council Highlights,
Providence, R. I.

Out of the Heart
Into the Heart

A Story for Bible Sabbath, December 10,
from American Bible Society

Nearly two thousand years ago a Man walked the dusty roads of the Holy Land, summoned men to follow Him, and they did! He spoke words of such force and truth that men memorized them, spent their lives repeating them, and so convinced other men that they devoted their lives to passing on the message of love and forgiveness.



The moving force of His words inspired a man named Paul to travel throughout the Roman empire telling the story. Suffering from a chronic ailment, and having to earn his food and lodging, still he went to village after village with his message and nourished the interest he had aroused by letter, by return trip, by messenger.

A doctor named Luke heard his message. Wanting to know more about Jesus, he went to Jerusalem to talk to the people who had known Him personally. He collected all the written accounts of Jesus' life and sayings he could find. He jotted down all the words, told and re-told, memorized by those whose lives had been touched by Jesus. He lovingly weaved them all together into two books.

Not all men are capable of understanding the significance of the message and surrendering their whole lives to passing it on as Paul and Luke did, but men of extraordinary perception have been touched and challenged by it ever since.

The challenges in the Bible have motivated men who understood the power of

of this truth — doctors, scientists, ministers, humble men who have lived sacrificial lives. The words of the Bible permeate our lives. The titles of more than 200 novels and plays written in the U. S. in the past ten years have been taken from the Bible. A study of a *New York Times* editorial page revealed 466 Biblical verses, phrases, and references in 367 editorials in 262 days.

Since its founding in 1816, the American Bible Society itself has issued more than 500,000,000 copies of the Bible. In 1959 alone, it issued 1,114,647 Bibles; 1,846,267 Testaments; 14,690,003 Gospels and other Portions. Some part of the Bible had been published in 1,151 languages as of the end of December 1959.

But it is not alone to the translation and publication into new languages that the Bible Society has bent its efforts. Its constant purpose has been to have the man with the Book meet the man without the Book; to encourage its use by men everywhere that they may "carry a sense of religion into their speculations upon the present and the future condition of our afflicted race."

For the past sixty years, the churches of America have put aside a Sunday — universal Bible Sunday — to give special thought and attention to the Bible, the nucleus in the cell from which the church had grown. This has become the high point of the Worldwide Bible Reading program. It begins on Thanksgiving Day, a day of remembrance of God's blessings, and ends on Christmas, the celebration of the birth of the Savior. Worldwide Bible Reading, if kept, reminds people in the midst of their frenzied Christmas shopping that the holiday approaching is a religious holiday. It reveals again the wonder, the power, the faith of this wonderful Book. The Worldwide Bible Reading program is sponsored by a distinguished committee of laymen. The honorary chairman is the President of the United States who has said, in a letter to the Society, "You have written The Word upon the doorposts of the world."

The purpose of the Society still remains as it was stated in the concluding para-

graph of the address to the people of the United States in 1816,

"We shall satisfy our conviction of duty — we shall have the praise of high endeavours for the highest ends — we shall minister to the blessedness of thousands, and tens of thousands, of whom we may never see the faces, nor hear the names. We shall set forward a system of happiness which will go on with accelerated motion and augmented vigor, after we shall have finished our career; and confer upon our children, and our children's children, the delight of seeing the wilderness turned into a fruitful field, by the blessing of God upon that seed which their fathers sowed, and themselves watered. In fine, we shall do our part toward that expansion and intensity of light divine, which visit, in its progress, the palaces of the great, and the hamlets of the small, until the whole 'earth be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.'"

More Holiday Filmstrips

The Audio-Visual Aids Committee of the Tract Board has authorized the purchase of several more Christmas filmstrips to provide greater variety and larger numbers for the many churches that want to add beauty and dignity to their Sabbath School or church program. At the time of writing, quite a few nativity filmstrips are still on hand. Please note, however, that the filmstrip, "Glory in the Highest," recently advertised in these columns, is not obtainable with a disc recording. The secretary's office will fill late orders to the best of their ability according to the information given as to the audience to which the pictures are to be shown.

This is a free service. The only requests of the board are promptness of return, care in handling, and insurance (to protect the user in case of loss in the mail).

"The gospel is always a word of joy to those who have had a raw deal in life, or it is not the gospel."—Robert W. Spike

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

The Sabbath — Old but Always New By Mrs. Mark Sheppard*

The Sabbath — is it something new? No, it is as old as creation. God made the seventh day and hallowed it (Gen. 2:2,3), setting it apart for special purpose (Ex. 20:8-11). He calls it His Holy Day in Isaiah 58:13.

But why did God thus institute the seventh day and sanctify it? For a memorial to creation, a day of rest, a test of obedience, and, the chief purpose, a day of worship.

How can we as homemakers and families make the Sabbath a delight and the Word of God attractive? We do this when our lives show love, compassion, understanding, faith, and enthusiasm for the will of God. We do it, also, when we tell men that Christ came not to condemn the world but to die for it, save it, and make life abundant for all men. We adorn the Sabbath by making the love of Christ a living reality in our lives and in our relationship to others.

There are numerous ways to make our Sabbath a delight. God communicates with us through the beauties of nature. Our families can find Him in the wonders of the out-of-doors, especially in hiking and picnicking at our camp.

Making visits to those confined to their homes is another way of glorifying the Sabbath. We are fortunate here in having so many Christians around us, and Seventh Day Baptists at that, with whom we can fellowship. We must remember the words of Paul in Colossians 3: 16 and 17 where he says: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

*Arah Mae Sheppard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Davis of Shiloh, is a young mother living on a farm a few miles from the Shiloh church and not far from the new camp which she mentions in her article. She and her husband, son of Bert and Ella Sheppard, take their family and church responsibilities seriously.

singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." We must always keep in mind, also, what we read in James 2:26, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

When a personal visit is impossible because of distance, writing a letter is a good way of using the hours of the Sabbath to the glory of God, a way that most of us do not think of often. A few cents postage can carry a message which can be read, reread, and shared with others, when many dollars would be needed to carry it in person. Enclosing a tract or mailing a copy of the Sabbath Recorder adds a witness to our expression of love and friendship. Our nearest post office can become our farthest mission field.

We cannot expect to continue steadfast in our convictions and be stronger witnesses for God's Word and His Sabbath unless we keep our faith alive by looking to these three needs: prayer, from which we receive strength for our lives; Bible reading, the spring where our souls drink the refreshing water of life; and service, the cover from which we receive shelter and protection.

A seventh day of rest worked out upon the basis of man's physical needs and appointed by the authority of man could perhaps have a salutary effect on society, but the crowning glory of the Sabbath of the Bible is its holy character. It has been made sacred by divine appointment, by the place it has taken in the revelation of God through the centuries, and by the place it occupied in the ministry of Jesus.

The degree of faithfulness and devotion which we give in the hours of the Sabbath to the things of the Spirit is the measure of our love to God. This is the high level upon which Jesus placed all our commandment-keeping. It is on that plane that Sabbathkeeping becomes one of our greatest spiritual assets, a regular reminder of God's love for His children and

a constant and faithful expression of our love for Him. Our souls require a Sabbath. The holy seventh day of the Scripture answers that demand of our busy and needy lives.

Salem College News

It is reported that there are 29 Seventh Day Baptist students enrolled at Salem College this fall. In addition to the West Virginia churches represented, there are many others such as Shiloh and Plainfield, N. J.; Alfred Station, Little Genesee, Leonardsville, Richburg and Verona, N. Y.; Washington, D. C.; Rockville, R. I.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Paint Rock, Ala.; Fouke, Ark.; Denver, Colo.; Los Angeles, and Riverside, Calif.

A new book, *The Small College Meets the Challenge* is called to the attention of those interested in such a subject by the Rev. George L. Cutlip, director of Development at Salem College. Salem College, Mr. Cutlip notes, is mentioned in a number of places.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. — Last spring, a committee headed by Mrs. Fred Spencer made Arkansas publicity brochures. These brochures were sent to Seventh Day Baptist Churches, Fellowships, lone-Sabbathkeepers, Salem College and Milton College. Also, some of these brochures were distributed at General Conference last summer.

In May, our church donated two hymnals to Salem College in memory of Mrs. Ruth Soper of Paint Rock, Ala.

We were fortunate in having Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson of Nyasaland with us the latter part of July. At the Friday evening service of July 29 Mr. Pearson presented a very interesting talk on the people of Africa and their customs. Mrs. Pearson gave a talk with colored slides of our Makapwa Mission. Several articles, which were handmade by the African people, were on display. At the Sabbath morning service Mr. Pearson's sermon was "Christian Commission." After

the church services, there was a fellowship picnic.

A business meeting was held September 25. It was decided that our church hold a regular Friday night Bible Study with a fellowship supper preceding the third meeting of each month. Also, a committee was appointed to establish and maintain a Youth Department in our church. (At present the Youth Department consists of a nursery and a junior Sabbath School class.) The chairman of this committee is Mrs. L. D. Seagar. Following the business meeting there was a weiner roast.

On the third Sabbath of every month Pastor Marion Van Horn, shepherding pastor of the Southwest, is with us. On the other Sabbaths, the church members rotate in being in charge of the Sabbath worship service.

We want to send our gratitude and thanks to the following pastors, who visited our pulpit this year: Loyal Hurley; Ralph Soper of Arkadelphia, Ark.; Myrnor Soper of North Loup, Neb.; David Pearson of Nyasaland; Victor Skaggs of Milton Junction, Wis.; Hurley Warren of Alfred, N. Y.; and Paul Green of Alfred Station, N. Y. Also, we were most happy in having several Conference-bound Seventh Day Baptists visit our church during August. —Clerk

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — It has been some time since the church here has reported on its activities, but we have been busy.

On two extra hot days in August several of the more agile church members put a new roof on the parsonage. The outside trim, screens, and porches were also painted.

The September barbecue was a big success, where over 700 satisfied diners partook of perfectly pit-barbecued beef and other good food.

Our World Mission meetings are held each quarter, and attendance and co-operation have been splendid. Plans are being made to continue Lay Development. The Women's Society members are busy with food sales and other business to be reported later. —Correspondent

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The Lord's Acre turkey dinner was served in the church basement Thursday night, October 27. Decorations were in keeping with the autumn colors. In spite of illness of some, and many others who were out of town for the weekend, there was a good turnout. Long tables were filled at least twice and an estimated 275 meals served with visitors coming from the near-by towns. Many comments were heard from our visitors on the delicious food, the abundance, and also the good service. The meal was served family style and there was much food left over. Those in charge were Mr. and Mrs. George Maxson, chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Monk (who will be chairmen next year) and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Goodrich. Each year the chairmen step out and a new couple is appointed for the ensuing three-year period.

The Lord's Acre Auction Sale was planned for November 17.

World Community Day was at our church Friday afternoon, November 4, with the Evangelical United Brethren Churches of Fish Creek and Mira Valley, and the Methodist churches of Scotia and North Loup participating. The Rev. Mr. Miller of Mira Valley showed a filmstrip of conditions existing in the slum areas in Greece. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the Dr. Grace Society.

The Dr. Grace Missionary Society served coffee and pie in the Schudel Building on Election day. A rummage and baked goods sale was also held during the afternoon. Since the day was breezy and chilly the hot coffee was welcomed by large groups going to and from the polling booths.

A special prayer meeting was called for the Monday night preceding election. Due, in part, to other commitments and illnesses, not many attended, but the ones who did felt that such a prayer meeting was well worth the effort.

A rather large number (mostly older people) have gone or plan to go away for the winter, some going east and some west. So church attendance will be quite noticeably reduced. We wish them all safe journeys.

Pastor Soper gives us very inspiring and

OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of the Treasurer, October 30, 1960

BUDGET RECEIPTS

	Treasurer's October	Boards' October		Treasurer's October	Boards' October
Balance, Oct. 1	\$ 00.00		Marlboro	345.36	
Adams Center	219.05		Memorial Fund	84.98	
Albion	39.62	10.00	Middle Island	14.00	
Alfred, 2nd	129.66		Milton	704.01	30.00
Associations and Groups	45.45		Milton Junction	114.80	
Battle Creek	579.45	20.00	New Auburn	34.91	
Berlin	54.82		Nortonville	114.50	20.00
Boulder	36.70		Pawcatuck	362.50	
Brookfield, 1st	55.00		Plainfield	151.42	
Chicago	77.00		Richburg	113.00	
Daytona Beach	156.50		Riverside	339.00	
DeRuyter	39.00		Roanoke	15.00	
Dodge Center	106.40		Rockville	21.10	
Hammond	10.00		Salemville	37.33	
Hebron, 1st	27.24		Shiloh	595.00	
Hopkinton, 1st	162.10		Verona	96.50	
Hopkinton, 2nd	13.00		Walworth	30.00	
Houston	8.25		Washington Peoples	12.00	
Individuals	2,076.62	20.33	Waterford	96.35	
Irvington	400.00		White Cloud	44.16	
Little Genesee	52.60				
				\$7,614.38	\$100.33

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 584.51
General Conference	882.60
Historical Society	1,169.50
Ministerial Retirement	341.98
Ministerial Training	865.14
Missionary Society	2,586.62
Tract Society	721.71
Trustees of General Conference	46.76
Women's Society	134.37
World Fellowship	58.45
Special Fund — Program Adv.	122.74

American Bible Society	100.00
Total	\$7,614.38
Balance, October 31, 1960	00.00

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$111,295.00
Receipts 1 month	7,714.71
Balance needed 11 months	103,580.29
Percentage raised 1 month	6.93%
Percentage year elapsed	8.33%

George E. Parrish,
Treasurer.

Battle Creek, Mich.

thought-provoking sermons. We wish more people could hear them. He is carrying a heavy load and needs the assistance and prayers of all. He has just finished several months as supply pastor for some neighboring churches on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Soper is directing the choir at the Methodist Church in Ord.

The November church social was in charge of the Social Committee. A film-strip was shown. As has been our custom for the past 25 years or more the closing number was the first stanza of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

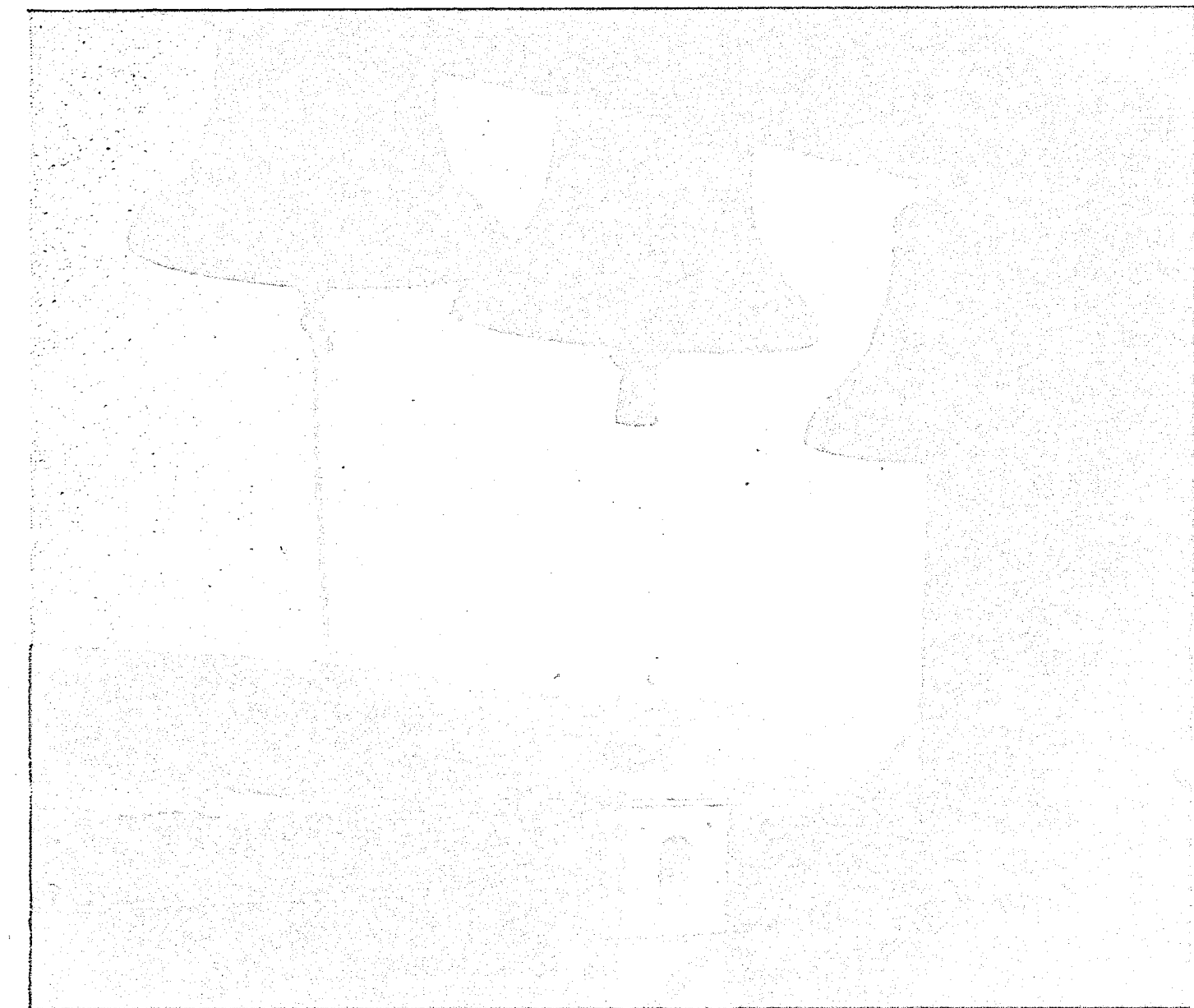
— Correspondent.

WATERFORD, CONN. — A preaching mission was held at the Waterford Church on Friday evening, Nov. 11, Sabbath morning, and Sunday evening.

The Rev. Everett T. Harris of Westerly, R. I., was the speaker. On Friday evening his topic was "Witnessing." On Sabbath morning his sermon theme was "For His Name's Sake" and dealt with the Fatherhood of God. On Sunday evening, he spoke particularly to young people on "Stewardship of Life." The attendance was good and the church was spiritually enriched by these messages.

— Correspondent

The Sabbath Recorder



BELLS OF BETHLEHEM

Joseph was required to make a pilgrimage to Bethlehem, the City of David, with Mary his espoused wife. Little did he realize that in centuries to come the bells would ring out over the ramparts of the city because of prophecies fulfilled at the end of that tax-registration journey. But tiny, little Bethlehem and its shepherds are known the world around, and countless pilgrims rejoice when they hear the bells in the Church of the Nativity.