

OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of the Treasurer, July 31, 1960

BUDGET RECEIPTS

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	July	10 Mos.			10 Mos.	July	
Balance, July 1	2.40			Lost Creek	8.50	1,343.29	
Adams Center		640.50	20.00	Marlboro.....	381.00	3,180.14	182.75
Albion	53.13	667.29		Memorial Fund.....	113.50	1,571.18	23.54
Alfred, 1st	413.50	4,351.74	4.00	Middle Island.....	15.00	146.00	
Alfred, 2nd		1,429.50		Milton.....	577.17	5,674.12	90.00
Associations and				Milton Junction.....	98.85	1,201.36	
Groups	43.10	524.67	3,544.66	New Auburn.....	49.15	187.90	35.61
Battle Creek	610.92	6,370.88	136.20	North Loup.....	242.00	758.05	
Bay Area			50.00	Nortonville.....	177.93	1,364.47	40.00
Berlin	57.77	622.57	259.00	Ohio Valley.....	20.25	20.25	
Boulder	51.70	609.55	35.00	Old Stone Fort.....	25.00	125.00	
Brookfield, 1st	156.50	619.50	64.45	Paint Rock.....		187.00	
Brookfield, 2nd	22.75	290.60		Pawcatuck.....	374.35	4,072.45	152.14
Buffalo	50.00	200.00		Plainfield.....	654.37	3,988.28	479.10
Chicago	122.00	1,223.00	500.00	Richburg.....	153.50	899.39	
Daytona Beach	651.25	1,506.25	81.30	Ritchie.....	11.50	316.98	81.34
Denver		353.59	50.00	Riverside.....	372.40	2,476.63	
DeRuyter		560.65	15.75	Roanoke.....	10.00	142.00	
Dodge Center	188.01	815.04		Rockville.....		344.08	
Edinburg		146.50		Salem.....	662.50	1,140.50	
Farina		198.52		Salemville.....		171.83	40.00
Fouke	28.63	181.70		Schenectady.....		148.00	21.00
Hammond	13.25	59.22	10.00	Shiloh.....	531.85	4,078.90	290.00
Hebron, 1st	27.24	304.40		Texarkana		30.00	
Hopkinton, 1st	178.00	1,737.90	5.75	Tract Society.....		2,100.00	229.50
Hopkinton, 2nd		54.00		Twin Cities		310.58	
Houston	21.25	110.75	25.00	Verona	242.35	1,417.60	
Independence	83.00	1,014.00	75.00	Walker			10.00
Individuals	70.70	3,575.20	2,477.68	Walworth.....	30.00	379.56	35.00
Irvington		730.00	350.00	Washington.....	60.00	277.45	
Jackson Center		15.00		Washington,			
Little Genesee	96.14	620.32	15.00	People's.....	17.65	82.65	
Little Rock		48.50	5.00	Waterford.....	88.34	946.81	10.00
Los Angeles		1,960.00	30.00	White Cloud.....		680.61	
Los Angeles,				Yonah Mountain	5.00	15.00	
Christ's		140.00					
					\$7,863.40	\$71,459.40	\$9,473.77

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

Non-Budget Gifts

	Budget		July Receipts	July Disbursements:
	Designated &	Undesignated		
Missionary Society	\$3,265.18		\$20.00	\$20.00
Board of Christian Education	753.84			
Ministerial Training	1,092.78			
Ministerial Retirement	476.15			
Historical Society	160.54			
Women's Society	162.64			
General Conference	858.54			
Tract Society	981.22			
Trustees of General Conference	62.82			
World Fellowship and Service	48.86			
	\$7,862.57			
Balance, July 3183			

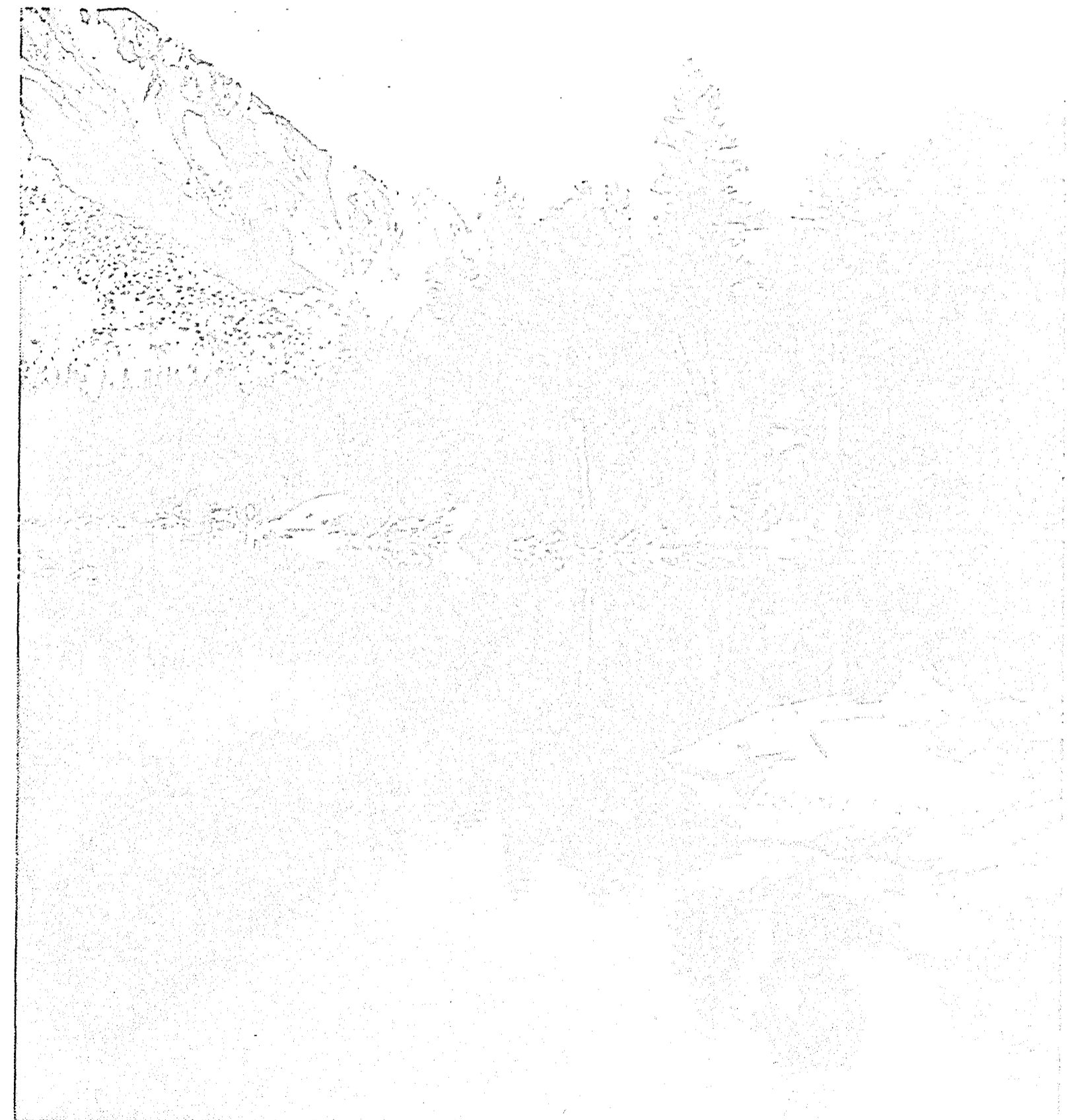
SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$108,022.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 10 months	71,459.40
Boards' budget receipts 10 months	9,473.77
	\$80,933.17
Remainder required in 2 months	27,088.83
Percentage of budget year elapsed ..	83.33%
Percentage of budget raised	74.92%

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Labor Day 1960

Most of us view Labor Day either as just another long weekend holiday marking the generally accepted end of the summer resort season or the time after which school soon begins. A real interest in labor, its problems and achievements seems to be something that has to be whipped up by organizations that started back in the days when labor really had serious problems and when the dignity of work was not so well recognized. Perhaps that is as it should be; it indicates a certain degree of maturity in our country that is lacking in many less favored lands. If Labor Day can now be relegated to the place of history it shows progress.

This is a time to call to mind that physical and other forms of work are not to be looked down upon. It is true that in the beginning, after sin entered the world, a curse was placed on Adam and his descendants in relation to earning a living — a curse that has been largely removed with the acceptance of the second Adam, Christ. Work was in the plan of God before the fall of man. We believe that Adam could have tilled the soil with joy, had he not sinned. Even in a society that is only partly Christian, where it seems that every effort is bent to avoid work, labor is, in many respects, a blessing in disguise. Happiness without a certain amount of productive work is quite illusory. Freedom from work for long periods of time all too frequently brings boredom and deterioration of character.

A pronouncement on the relation between organized labor and capital is difficult to make with fairness to both sides. It would seem, however, that in our country there is not much more to fight for except power. The moral issue of the honest rights of labor has largely faded out in the legal achievements of the past. There are moral issues now of another kind, and labor as well as management stands before the bar of justice. Selfishness is the basic sin, and it is as evident in the powerful leaders of labor as in the opulent leaders of industry. Fortunately there are in both camps men of real Christian character as well as men of base motives. We will pray for more good leaders and for a rank and file in both industry and labor that is

Christian enough to demonstrate honesty and fair play and to demand something more than self-seeking at the top levels of their own organizations. When that prayer is answered Labor Day will take on a kinship to Thanksgiving Day.

Commission's Report

Much of the business of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference centers around the recommendations of Commission. By business we refer not only to finances but also to various matters pertaining to program and growth. The story of the meetings of Commission as well as the recommendations growing out of those meetings is felt to be valuable for a general understanding of the 1960 Conference held recently on the John Brown University campus at Siloam Springs, Ark. The first installment of the story and the recommendations appear in this issue.

Faith Offerings and Pledge Offerings

Dr. Oswald J. Smith in an article that appeared first in *Moody Monthly* describes how he learned to give to missions at his first missionary conference some 25 years ago. He was then receiving \$25 a week as a pastor and thought he had nothing to give. The Lord almost audibly seemed to tell him to write down that he would pray for the ability to give \$50 during the year. From that beginning he claims that the Lord has annually led him to double or greatly increase his faith-promise offering.

He claims it is far different from the pledge system and results in much greater blessing. It requires prayer every month. The pledge, he says, is between you and a church or missionary society — something that the deacons may remind you of from time to time. Not so the faith-promise offering which is between you and God. It is likely to be much larger than a pledge. If you are unable to pay, you take the matter to God. The blessing comes, however, from the many experiences in which the way is opened up for you to give what you trusted God to be able to give.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1960

Characterizing the 1960 Conference

The theme of Conference, "For Jesus' Sake," was often referred to and was the framework for all the major addresses and sermons. But looking back upon the sessions so recently ended one feels impelled to speak of a watchword which characterized the action part of the six-day gathering. The word is "Advance." Two afternoon programs were given over almost completely to explaining our present position in the current Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance and the launching of other phases of that advance. On another page part of that story (as reported by the young people in the daily Conference Crier) is shared with our readers.

A large turn-over chart in several colors, beautifully prepared by the professional skill of O. A. Davis of Phoenix, Ariz., for Pastor Alton Wheeler's presentation, will later be available for use in the churches.

A second turn-over chart used by Pastor Kenneth Smith to illustrate what we are expecting to do next in the "Program for Advance" will also be available for use as scheduling permits. The next year's promotional material, not only for the continuation of the Lay Development program was at hand (see p.8 of Aug. 29 issue) but also the newly printed folder outlining other phases of the Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance. Many of those in attendance at the 1960 Conference felt that for the first time they were grasping the tremendous significance of the possibilities lying before our people if we make the most of these plans that are shaping up so well.

The first year of "Lay Development," though not coming up to all expectations, was definitely encouraging, as was mentioned frequently in committees and on the floor of Conference.

Another definitely encouraging report that probably reflects the new interest in the study of our beliefs is that of the corresponding secretary of Conference. For several years her statistical report of United States church membership has shown a drop in spite of the good gains made in a number of churches. This year

the picture is different. Although not all the churches got their reports in by the end of June as requested, it appears from her report that there has been a substantial net gain in membership. The report indicated that 20 of the 53 churches reporting showed an increase. Some of those having decreases perhaps also had many baptisms, as well as many funerals.

Mrs. Fetherston notes that the 53 churches already reporting indicate that they have given a total of \$176,621 for local expenses and \$73,168 for benevolences including Our World Mission.

Through the Missionary Board reports from four foreign countries had been received and others were expected soon. The secretary noted that the church in Hamburg, Germany, listed a membership of 255. The British Guiana Conference reports six churches with a total membership of 126. On that field the Missionary Board report shows that there is a young man desiring to prepare for the ministry. The two major mission fields (with many churches in each) were not yet reported, but the evangelistic work is known to be going well in both.

The future, though not without leadership problems, seems to be bright. Advance is not just a hopeful word; there is reason to believe that on many fronts it is the word for today.

Studying Our Statement of Belief

Several articles have appeared in this journal in recent months having some bearing on Article VII of the Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists, which is now entitled "Eternal Life." A proposed change of title and wording prepared by one of our ministers was read at last year's Conference so that it could be considered at the 1960 Conference. It was referred to Commission for study during the year and was taken up at the midyear meeting. As reported in the Recorder of January 11, Commission recognized "the interest and concern of our people in their statement," and went on to urge careful study of the Sabbath School lessons of the

spring quarter from the Helping Hand. That body seemed to brush off rather lightly at that time the proposed change in Article VII with these words:

"We concur with the attitude expressed ten years ago that:

... since there is no evidence of a wide spread desire for any generally understood alteration . . . committee urges that each Seventh Day Baptist dedicate himself to the implementation of the central truths set forth in the present statement until such time as a more general need for revision becomes evident." (See page 42, 1950 Year Book.)

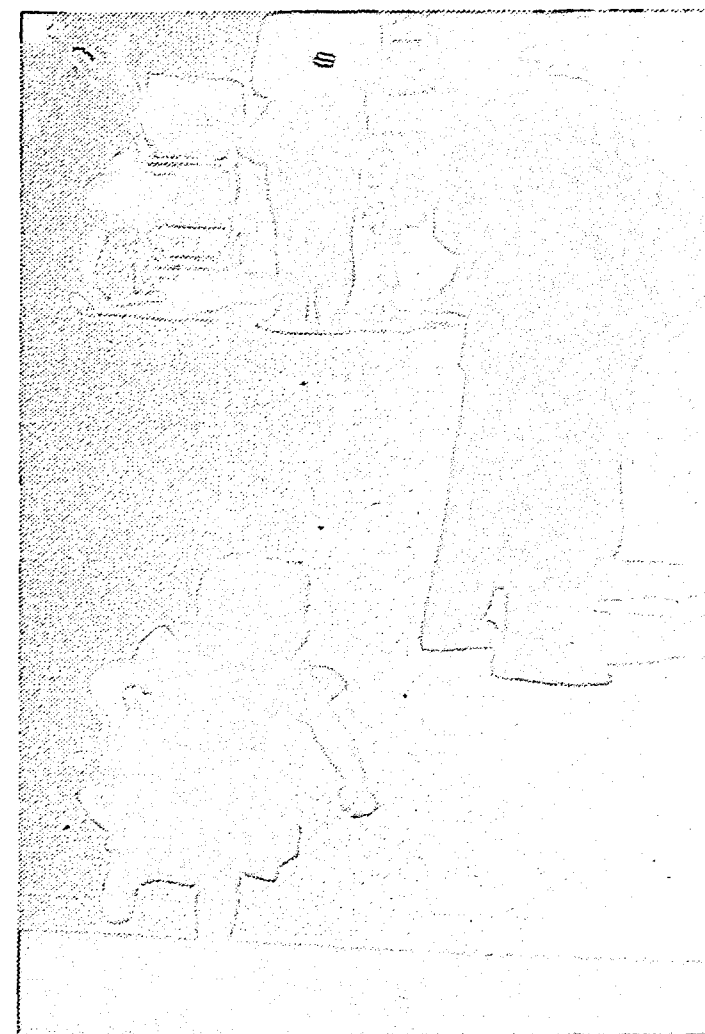
It is evident that some people took seriously the request to study and, after studying, wanted to influence the views of others in regard to what they believed would be a clearer statement of our position in regard to the future life (Article VII). It appears that Commission took note of this renewed interest and the somewhat different wording and arrangement of ideas advocated by various writers. Your editor would call attention to the portion of Commission's report dealing with that subject as it finally came before Conference. It is, in his opinion, a much better position than that quoted above. It shows that the same group of men re-studying a matter can change their position and can make a better statement of their views on a subject. Conference without debate accepted the following recommendation of Commission:

"Last year the following resolution was presented to Conference for action this year:

Article VII of the Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Belief shall be revised to read:

VII. **The Future Life.** We believe that Jesus rose from the dead and lives immortally with the Father, and that he will come in heavenly glory; and that because he lives, immortal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, will be the gift of God to the redeemed.

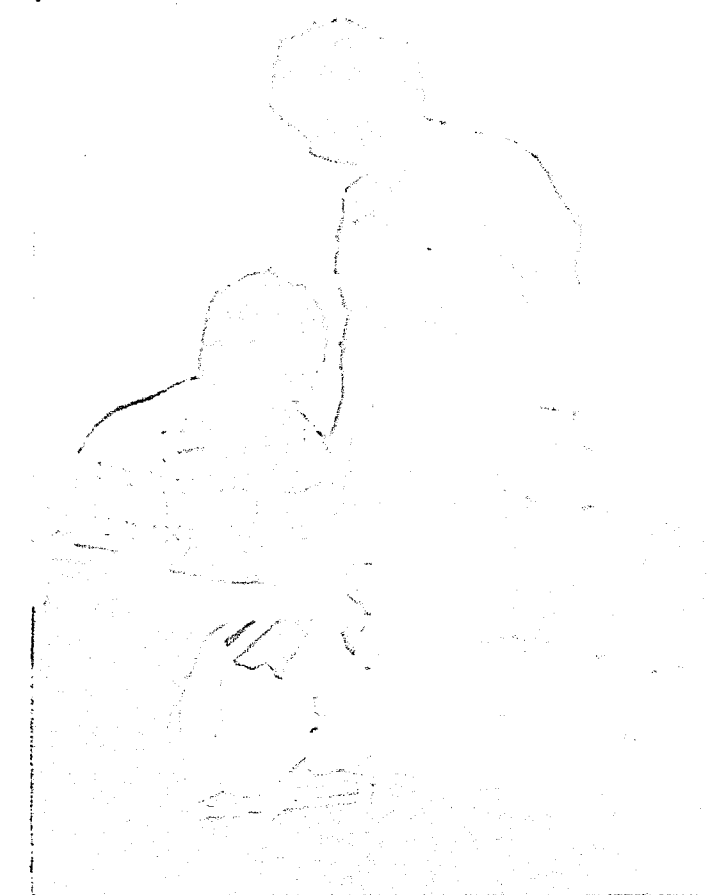
"Commission has noted that there is an increasing interest in our Statement of Belief. This interest has been stimulated by the two-year study in which we are now engaged. The above resolution has been a definite incentive to deeper study. The Statement of Belief is meant to be a reflection of the views of Seventh Day Bap-



The Younger Set Attracts Attention at Conference

It is said in the Word that a little child shall lead them. The little girl who is climbing the steps of the church would seem to be almost too small to lead the way up those giant steps at the entrance of the house of worship. Perhaps she has little concept of the meaning of worship—not as much as the young men behind her. But if she continues through the years to climb the church steps on Sabbath morning with the same determination as seems evident here, she will be a joy to her parents—and perhaps a missionary. Who knows? If anyone is wondering about her identity, she is the daughter of the new president of General Conference.

While the majority of the adults at an annual gathering of Seventh Day Baptists are giving their major attention to the business of Conference there are some who find some of their attention attracted to the next generation and to their responsibility in bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It was but a few summers ago that Joyce McWilliam of Milton Junction, Wis., was free to travel far and wide and to conduct Vacation Bible Schools under Women's Board sponsorship. Now she and her husband George Stillman are prominent members of the new Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship at Houston, Texas. At Conference they were evidently thinking of the future with real joy as they spent part of their time with the baby—the hope of the future.

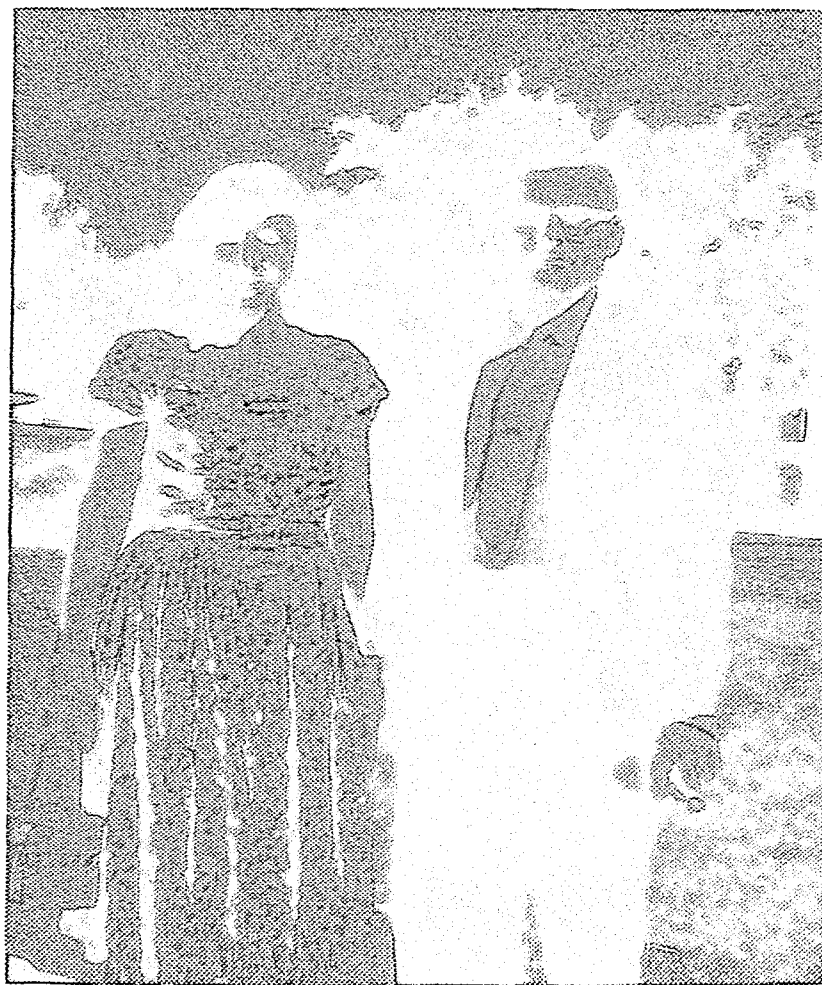


tists in general, and since this continuing study seems certain to create interest in further revisions, we recommend that action on this matter be postponed until our general study is completed."

More of Commission's report will appear in the Sabbath Recorder so that our readers may have it before it becomes available to those who get complete minutes in the Year Book.

Conference President

The new president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference elected at the closing session of the business meetings of the August 15-20 gathering at Siloam Springs, Ark., is Loren G. Osborn, who is employed as the retail advertising director of the Westerly Sun, Westerly, R. I.



Introducing Mr. Osborn to those readers who have not met him, it seems appropriate to picture his wife also, who will stand with him in the new responsibilities of the year just ahead. Mrs. Osborn is the former Helen Meek of Salem, W. Va. They have three children.

Mr. Osborn will have many duties in connection with his office. There will be numerous occasions on which he will be called upon to speak for Seventh Day Baptists in interchurch relationships. Upon him will fall the responsibility of planning the program for the next General Conference, which will be held on the campus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Mass., the exact time yet to be announced.

The president's theme for next year is, "I must be about my Father's Business."

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

New Headmaster Arrives in Jamaica, W. I.

Superintendent Leon R. Lawton of the Jamaica Mission has written: "The Courtland Davises' arrived a week ago yesterday (August 4) at Port Antonio. The ship was a few hours late so it was 5:30 before they were through customs and loaded ready for the trip of about 62 miles back to Kingston. They had their first 'taste' of Jamaican roads coming across the mountains from the north coast. They seem to be getting settled quite well. Mr. Davis has purchased a car and has his Jamaican driver's license, etc. He is getting used to driving on the 'left' side of the road. It is wonderful to have them here and the fellowship is already grand. We had a good welcome service for them last Sunday evening. The Women's Board held their meeting in the afternoon so that at least 12 churches were represented by their members at the service."

Appreciation of Brisseys

(Expressed Sabbath afternoon at Conference by Secretary E. T. Harris)

I am happy to speak for the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society in expressing before this assemblage of the General Conference, our deep and lasting appreciation to the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey for their services during the past five years as headmaster and teacher at Crandall High School, Jamaica.

Five years ago when the necessity was laid upon the Missionary Board to find successors to the Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Bond, we turned to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brissey of Laurel, Md. At that time, the Brisseys were engaged in teaching and principal work in schools of the state of Maryland. They had about 30 years of successful teaching experience behind them. We felt very fortunate to secure their services for our mission school and rightly so, as time has proven.

It was something of a blow to the Washington, D. C., church when they went to the mission field. Mr. Brissey had served

as superintendent of the Sabbath School, as church trustee, and as a deacon of the church. Since then the Washington church called him to ordination, which ordination increased his ability to serve acceptably in Jamaica, giving valuable assistance in the work of the churches there.

Mrs. Brissey, a successful teacher and active worker in the Washington church was greatly missed not only by the church, but by their family. Sadness has come to them during the five years. They have accepted the loss of a loved one and have gone on, undeterred, to complete their term of service. They left a beautiful home which they had worked hard and diligently to have as their own. I do not want to embarrass them, but would add that they are the quiet, steady workers of the church which are like the pillars that hold up the temple of God.

When I visited their home five years ago to "put the question" to them I was impressed by their humble faith and willingness to let God lead.

They had no reason to give up their present positions of employment and comforts of home except that the urgency of the call of God through the board came upon them and they could not say "no."

And so I say again, "Brother and Sister Brissey, you deserve and are herewith tendered our heartfelt appreciation for service well done — and may it be granted to you some day to hear our Savior say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

Letter from Doctor Victor Burdick

(The first paragraph of the following letter from Dr. Victor Burdick was read before General Conference during discussion of acceptance of government aid to mission schools.)

"By some strange circumstances which we don't understand, the Education Department has upgraded our school at Makapwa to a Senior Primary school, which officially allows us to have a Standard VI here. This is something we've been striving hard to obtain, and trying to build up our school system in accordance with government preferences so that they might

sometime allow us a Standard VI. Now, it's fallen into our laps, as it were. As one of our reasons for asking for a reconsideration of the non-acceptance of grants policy was that we felt we were being discriminated against because we did not have grants, thus impeding our progress toward the goal of having official approval for Standard VI, this reason is no longer valid. This might alter the consideration of this matter at Conference. There is, however, still to be considered the question of how we might pay sufficient salary to a teacher qualified to teach Standard VI."

Serving the Northern Churches

"We've just returned from two weeks' visit to our churches in Central and Northern Provinces. Again, as last year, I've been deeply impressed with the great need of those people for more adequate help from us. Talking it over with Beth (Mrs. Burdick) we have agreed that we should go up there to stay for a three-month period, October to December, initiating what we hope might be a plan for rotational coverage of that area, preferably year-round. Barbara and Joan share our enthusiasm and would be willing to take the second, or third, three-month period. As for the medical work in my absence, it would suffer some setback, I suppose, but this seems a lesser consideration than the needs of our people there. We're not so far from the Cholo and Malamulo hospitals but what the work can manage without a doctor for that period. As it seems quite unlikely that the new missionary dwelling will be ready for occupancy by the time of Pearsons' return, our going would ease the housing problems sure to arise."

We long to have everything relating to the Bible and theology systematized, forgetting occasionally that an insipid God cannot be completely systematized by a finite man. Some mystery must remain. Our desire for perfect clarity and complete harmony may lead us to accept a system or a philosophy so simple and easily understood that it cannot be true. "Wisdom always depends on the second look," says Richard S. Emrich.

Another View of Pre-Con Youth

The Sabbath which falls within the Pre-Conference Retreat for youth is a day of rest and worship and also a day of trying to record on film some of the associations and aspirations of the young folks. The



director suggested a special picture following the afternoon church service in the "Cathedral." He had observed that there were 100 steps from the level of the swimming pool to the level of the upper campus where the buildings were located and where the classes were held. These steps were more noticeable when climbing than when going down for a swim. Furthermore the number of steps was almost the same as the total number of campers and staff.

There is some significance, as one looks back in memory to the experiences of this camp period, in picturing the whole camp climbing together this long flight of steps from a lower to a higher level. The scene preserved in the accompanying snapshot was caught on numerous cameras both in black and white and in color. We are glad to share it with all our readers.

It has been said often before that the young people are the future of the church. The saying has become commonplace. This year both the leaders of the youth and the older delegates to General Conference

seemed impressed not only with the truth of the statement but also with the prospect of its fulfillment. Seldom before has the percentage of young people in the Conference been so high. The willingness to study, to work, and to grow in the Christian life was often commented on by the leaders. The picture shown on this page is more than a pose for the photographer. It symbolizes the large segment of the youth of our churches anxious to climb daily to new heights of Christian experience and also to prepare for a life work that is pleasing to the Lord.

Chaplain's Work Recognized

A Seventh Day Baptist pastor who, in addition to his pastoral duties, is a chaplain in the United States Army Reserve Force was called to a two weeks' period of active duty for training this summer for the first time. The minister is the Rev. Robert P. Lippincott, pastor of the Nortonville, Kan., church. He was the only chaplain available for summer duty, we understand, in the regiment of the 89th Division to which he is currently assigned. The recognition of the service he rendered comes from high authority. The letter to the executive secretary of our General Conference follows:

Dear Mrs. Fetherston:

Chaplain (1st Lt) Robert P. Lippincott . . . served his two weeks' summer training at Fort Carson, Colorado, 7-21 August 1960. As an Army Chaplain he participated with credit in every phase of his active duty.

Repeatedly we are reminded of the need of leadership to accomplish the Lord's work in our military establishment. I am gratified at the support given by the Seventh Day Baptist Church in providing clergy to serve in the United States Army chaplaincy.

The Fifth U.S. Army Commander, Lieutenant General W. H. Arnold, as well as the Chief of Chaplains, Major General Frank A. Tobey, also extend their appreciation for this chaplain's services.

Sincerely,

James T. Wilson,
Chaplain (Colonel) USA,
Fifth U.S. Army Chaplain.

Forty-Second Annual Report of the Commission To the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

The 1959-60 Commission has prayerfully sought to allow the Holy Spirit to be active in our planning that our work may be in accord with the will of God.

The Commission was organized at the post-Conference meeting held on August 23, 1959, at Salem, W. Va. Wayne N. Crandall was elected chairman. Loren Osborn and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs were appointed as the auditing committee. Mr. Osborn was appointed to countersign the checks of the treasurers of Our World Mission and the General Conference. Victor Skaggs, Conference president, was authorized to prepare the program for the 1960 Conference sessions. Boards and agencies were asked to continue in promoting the Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance.

The midwinter meeting of the Commission was held at Battle Creek, Mich., December 27 to 31, 1959. The members of Commission are appreciative of the hospitality shown and the facilities made available by the Battle Creek people. The Commission spent much time in considering desirable qualifications and possible candidates for the position of executive secretary. The job analysis for this office was reviewed and revised. At the invitation of the Southwestern Association the Commission met at John Brown University for its pre-Conference session, August 8-12, 1960, and this report represents a summary of our work during this week.

At the request of the Commission the president of Conference has secured legal counsel in regard to the conduct of business and the recording of minutes. We have reviewed his report and have requested that these procedures be followed.

The Auditing Committee examined the records of the treasurer of General Conference and found the balance to be correct.

The list of accredited ministers has been revised and is available for examination by anyone who so desires. The Conference president for 1960-61 will issue cards to those listed.

The blanks for reporting statistical information from the churches were sent out early in July. We are concerned that the church clerks have been slow to report. We would emphasize the importance of accurate, current statistics from every church.

We commend Editor Don Sanford for his lessons on Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs in the Helping Hand. The response has been enthusiastic and we regard this as a very significant contribution toward a better understanding of our faith and practice.

The Commission recognizes upon his retirement that L. Harrison North has given 36 years of Christian service to Seventh Day Baptists as manager of the Publishing House. We note in this labor of love an example of what the service of dedicated laymen can mean for our denomination.

The Commission calls attention to the outstanding service of Mrs. Rolland A. Maxson of the Office of Public Relations (formerly known as the Office of Press Relations). This work can become more effective as all officers, boards, and agencies provide adequate, timely information to her office. The increased allocation in the budget is an indication of the value we see in this phase of our program.

We are pleased with the continuing program of recruitment for the ministry which the Ministerial Training Committee has undertaken. This emphasis should be continued in all possible areas of promotion in view of our critical need for new leadership.

The Commission announces the appointment of J. Leland Skaggs for a second five-year term as a member of the Ministerial Training Committee. Wayne N. Crandall has been appointed to the unexpired term (3 years) of Courtland V. Davis, whose resignation has been accepted with regret.

In accordance with the direction of the 1959 Conference we have appointed our representatives on the Joint Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance as follows: Rev. Leon M. Maltby, Rev. Everett T. Harris, and Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

A need for an official Seventh Day Baptist emblem which could be incorporated into uniform road signs has been expressed. We request that the Women's Board increase their solicitation of suggestions for such an emblem and that several designs be presented from which one may be selected by next year's Conference.

The procedure of sending six copies of the Year Book without charge to each church and fellowship will be continued. The Commission encourages churches to purchase additional copies for the use of their members.

Commission urges the churches when considering a call to a pastor to secure suggestions and statistical material from the office of the executive secretary. We believe that this information will be helpful in establishing a more satisfactory pastor-church relationship.

Since some board treasurers experience difficulty in completing their annual statements and audits in time for Conference, we suggest that treasurers of our boards and agencies close their books May 31.

The Commission received an announcement, through our missionary secretary from Pastor McGeachy of London, England, that a special commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the martyrdom of John James will be observed in England in 1961. We noted his proposal that representatives be sent from our Conference, and we express the hope that a number of persons may be able to attend this memorial session.

Our executive secretary, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, presented her report which was discussed and accepted. We can hardly grasp the scope of the task that we entrusted to her, yet in its performance, she has gained our deep respect. With dedication, poise, and ability she has discharged her duties and has contributed a creative approach to the projected work of the denomination for a period of four years. Her straightforward manner and her sympathetic understanding and tact have combined to bridge the differences that sometimes separate us. Her ever-growing knowledge of the denomination, its history, its organization, and current problems is of inestimable help to the Commission and the boards. It is with deep regret that we contemplate her resignation. On behalf of the Conference, we hereby express our appreciation for her work and our gratitude to God for the gift of these years of service to us by this dedicated servant of His.

The Commission is happy to announce that its prayerful deliberations regarding the selection of a new executive secretary have been blessed of God. Beginning June 1, 1961, the Executive Secretary of the General Conference will be Mr. Harley D. Bond, presently of Salem, W. Va.

The Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance is a five-year program initiated at General Conference in 1959. It unites us with other Baptists in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Every Seventh Day Baptist should have clearly in mind the emphasis for each year.

The five years are:

- 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

We hereby reaffirm that the renewal of the church can come only by the grace of God, and we should expect and prepare for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Because we know that the renewal of the church is a required preliminary to evangelism, this year's Program for Advance is specifically planned to give each local church aid in a search for renewal of its spiritual life.

The Seventh Day Baptist Program For Advance — Year II

Specific areas of the Advance Program have been delegated to boards and agencies by the Planning Committee and Commission. During the coming year the emphasis places much of the responsibility on the Board of Christian Education. This board will provide materials and promote the extension of the study of our beliefs and encourage depth Bible study in homes and churches. There will be an investigation of the nature of the church in a Bible study entitled: "To the Churches With Love." Small study or service groups where close Christian fellowship can be achieved will be featured. We will be seeking an answer to the question: "What is the significance of being a Seventh Day Baptist in our time?"

Our second year of Lay Development will be promoted by the Missionary Board. We urge each of our churches to hold a retreat and planning confer-

ence this fall to outline the work of the church. This will include the scheduling of such elements of the Advance as visitation, workshops, and recruitment of leadership and service. The Spiritual Inventory will be of even greater value this year as we are able to make comparison with our personal analysis made last year.

The chart of activities and specific goals has been developed along the lines indicated above. Specific projects to implement the broad goals of the program are detailed there. Major activities continuing from last year are lay development, study of Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs, a geographical survey of our assets, the Spiritual Inventory. New activities this year will include small groups for study and service, a study of the nature of the church, developments toward a youth field worker, the securing of a full time "City Pastor Evangelist," and the selection of a Director of Evangelism.

This year the Commission is proposing a Pilot Project in city evangelism for the training of leadership and experimentation in techniques. While the emphasis on reaching the unchurched is scheduled for 1961-62, we believe that the results of this Pilot Project should prepare us for a more effective work next year.

(Continued next week)

Conference Presentation of Program for Advance

(As reported in the Conference Crier)

With the help of a turn-over chart the Rev. Alton Wheeler on the second afternoon gave a presentation of last year's Program for Advance. He impressed upon us that this was not an annual report but a perennial report. The purpose of the program is to get a glimpse of the vision.

Secretary Everett T. Harris gave a summary of the goals and purposes of the program that were set up last summer at Salem, W. Va. The plan was for greater participation of the laymen. The three main points of emphasis are: (1) church planning program; (2) deepening the spiritual growth of every member; (3) Lay Development workshops.

Fifty-four percent of our churches replied to a questionnaire concerning the Program for Advance. Approximately forty percent of our churches replied that they have actively participated during this first year.

Leland Bond of the Lost Creek, W. Va., church told of the Planning Retreat there in the fall. They were very much impressed with the number that attended. The whole Program for Advance seemed to work very well in that church.

Some of the results of the program in the Los Angeles church were given by the pastor, Francis Saunders. They have

formed a Pastors' Prayer Band. The interest in their Young Adult program increased. They have plans for the future in having a Planning Retreat in October and then another in the spring. At their second meeting they can evaluate that which had been decided to do.

The evaluation of the previous year's work can be done at a church planning meeting. Then plans can be made for the new year. All meetings and special occasions can be blocked out on a calendar for the entire year. Special calendars for this purpose are available. Each month's activities can be planned at this time.

"Good administration is the key to success." There are seven steps to help fulfill this statement: (1) planning; (2) organizing; (3) executing; (4) supervising; (5) co-ordinating; (6) publicizing; (7) evaluating.

Representatives from a few of our churches gave short summaries of the workshops in their churches:

Martin Oates, Ashaway R. I.; Brandon Crandall, Verona, N. Y.; Mrs. Albert Rogers, Alfred, N. Y.; Mrs. Owen Davis, Battle Creek, Mich.; Bert Sheppard, Shiloh, N. J.; Winfield Randolph, Daytona Beach, Fla.

To conclude Mr. Wheeler's presentation a mens' quartet sang "Onward and Upward." Jared Van Horn, LeRoy Burdick, Dave Crandall, and Herbert Saunders were the harmonizers.

MEMORY TEXT

And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. Exodus 14: 15.

Office of Press Relations
Makes First Report to Conference
Mrs. Rolland A. Maxson

This office began as an official part of Conference at the 1958 session in Covina, California, though the worker (Mrs. Maxson) had done some writing of news at previous Conferences.

The work has begun slowly and is developing slowly. At first only the events of the actual Conferences were a part of the program but gradually the office is growing to where eventually it is hoped that the office can be effective all year around.

Specifically, this past year, beginning with the 1959 Conference at Salem, seven news articles were sent out prior to Conference on Commission, the Planning Committee, Co-ordinating Council Pre-Con, Young Adults, Conference activities, and Salem College. We are not sure of the extent of the use of this material but, judging by clippings sent from throughout the country, quite a bit was used.

At Salem, through the co-operation of the president of the college, contact was made with area dailies and weeklies. Daily stories were mailed to them. In addition, daily phone tips were sent to the Associated Press of Charleston and to the bigger dailies around Salem, in Parkersburg, Clarksburg, and Pittsburgh.

Your agent was thrilled to be able to arrange for four television appearances of Conference personnel, as well as a news-reel of the opening of Conference.

Following Conference, summary stories and copies of the resolutions were sent out to the more than 100 weekly and daily newspapers that are in towns in or near the churches and fellowships of our denomination. Incidentally, every delegate's name was included in one or more of these news releases.

Since Conference, activity has slackened. Some work has been accomplished on the Southwest field, particularly when the Little Rock church was dedicated. Work has also been done on the 1959-60 meetings of Commission, Planning Committee, Women's Board and the Conference president. Assistance in news writing was given to the North Central Association and its churches, and the Tract Society.

In the month before this Conference in Siloam Springs, articles on Pre-Con, Young Adult Retreat, Conference, Commission, and the Planning Committee were sent to nearly 100 papers. This week the names of delegates and visitors and what their duties are at Conference will be sent to their home town papers as well as summary reports of the work and action of Conference.

The big work at Conference is the daily contact with the AP, the UPI, daily and weekly papers in the surrounding towns; radio and television news releases — and also attending the sessions to find just what the news is.

It is to be hoped that some advertising in large daily papers near here will be accomplished this year.

Your worker would like to ask that each church, fellowship, and Association place her name on their mailing list. If they desire aid in any news publicity during the year, please contact her. (Her address is P.O. Box 166, Milton, Wis.).

Future plans call for the hope that a concentrated campaign of paid announcements in newspapers, on radio and television before Conference in the area of the meeting place be begun next year. This would require co-operation of the host churches in determining the best possible use of the material.

My first Conference as a Seventh Day Baptist was in 1954 in Milton. With the help of God and the prayers of all of you, I know we can adapt the 1954 Conference theme "To Know Him and Make Him Known" to be "To Know Seventh Day Baptists and To Make Them Known."

Missionary Interests Committee
Home Field Section

Recognizing the great interest of Conference delegates in the total missionary program of the denomination it was decided this year to have two separate committees to discuss missionary matters, one concerned with home field missions and evangelism and one to review the work and plans of the Missionary Board for the various active foreign mission enterprises of our people. This seemed to be a wise plan because both the board and Commission had definite plans for greater home field work. Leland W. Bond of West Virginia was named chairman of the Home Field section of the Missionary Interests Committee, which had 13 other members.

This committee brought in a report recommending all the forward-looking plans that were referred to it and commending under eight headings the work of the board and individuals connected with the completed and the planned work. The recommendations brought to the floor of Conference for adoption follow.

We recommend:

1. The full support of all the churches of the denomination in the second year of the Lay Development Program.
2. The wholehearted support of the City Pastor-Evangelist Plan by all Seventh Day Baptists, and that the Home Field Committee of the Missionary Board be charged with the responsibility of promoting this plan to the fullest extent among our people.
3. The use of the suggested Pilot Project Plan, recognizing the need for new methods of evangelism and the need for continued use of time-proven methods, such as personal and mass evangelism.
4. The re-evaluation of the placement of a second shepherding pastor in the Southwest, location to be determined in the light of interest and potential.
5. That the churches, Associations, and boards be encouraged to continue their efforts toward a more effective program for reaching lone Sabbathkeepers.
6. The continuance of the Missionary Pastors' Institute.

7. The adoption of the Home Field section of the 118th Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Impressions of Pre-Con

By Judy Wellman

Pre-Con this year has been to me and to all of the 72 campers and 16 staff members a real inspiration.

Our study of Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs, led by the Rev. David Clarke, helped all of us to better understand the problems we as a people face and to realize that we do have an important part in God's plan for the world.

Gary Cox of Boulder, Colorado, led our choir during Pre-Con. To me, this was one of the real highlights of the day. The feeling one gets from singing together is like no other feeling in the world.

Five workshops were held simultaneously in the afternoon, followed by recreation in the pool and the gym.

The spirit of Pre-Con has been one of friendliness and close harmony among all those present. From morning until evening through our devotions, our lectures and discussion groups, our workshops, our meals, and our campfires, one could sense a feeling of loyalty among the campers, a feeling of pride in ourselves and our beliefs, and yet also a feeling of humbleness as we began to realize even more keenly the great debt we owe to our Father.

I know that all of us will return home feeling a great deal richer for having had this experience, and I think our director, Pastor Duane Davis, and the wonderful staff all deserve a hearty round of thanks from each one of us. — Conference Clerk.

Note: The loyalty mentioned above was evidenced on Wednesday evening of Conference as well as on other occasions. That evening the Pre-Con director led the worship service. The young people marched in as a body and occupied the front pews — to his surprise.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 17, 1960

False Leadership Brings Ruin

Lesson Scripture: Micah 5: 1-6a, 9-12.

Courtesies and Resolutions of the 1960 General Conference

Seventh Day Baptists in their annual Conference sessions are never unmindful of the courtesies due those who have had a part in the success of the gathering or those leaders who through circumstances beyond their control are unable to attend. To take care of these matters the president at the beginning of the session appoints a committee to recommend Conference communications and to draft such resolutions as may be expected to voice the sentiments and opinions of the assembled delegates. Frequently resolutions are added to or altered on the floor of Conference, sometimes after considerable debate. This year there was no debate, and only a few names were added to the courtesy communications.

The committee called for responses to be sent to those who had written to the Conference and recommended that the corresponding secretary send greetings to retired ministers and wives, and to former missionaries unable to be present. Conference later asked that telegraphed greetings be sent. By separate action a wire was sent to Mrs. Joseph Bullock of Berlin, N. Y., when it was learned that her husband (a very faithful tract distributor) had been suddenly stricken.

The committee resolved appreciation for the work of the people of the Southwestern Association and especially for the strenuous efforts of Pastor and Mrs. Marion Van Horn, for the gracious hospitality of John Brown University and the Chamber of Commerce; for the Conference officers, and for the executive secretary in particular. It should be noted that at two or three points in the Conference program there was special recognition of the outstanding work by Mrs. Fetherston in this position (which she will leave next June).

At this point the exact wording of the president-appointed Committee on Courtesies and Resolutions is employed. The resolutions here presented were adopted by the Conference item by item and without much discussion.

Conference Resolutions

Seventh Day Baptists are guided by the principle of the freedom of every individual to be led by the Holy Spirit in all matters of faith and practice. Within this principle each Seventh Day Baptist, searching the Scriptures, seeks God's truth for conviction and action in the vital social and moral issues at every level of human experience.

Throughout their history Seventh Day Baptists have been active in fostering human welfare and progress in accord with God's will through the teachings of Christ and His Church.

It is incumbent upon Seventh Day Baptists, individually and corporately, to maintain a constant, enlightened vigil in behalf of all mankind. The struggle against evil must be waged by each generation with renewed vigor and increased effectiveness.

Be it resolved that the General Conference reaffirm its historic stand on the currently vital issues of our time. Recognizing our responsibilities as Christian citizens, we endorse the following positions:

1. Upon the achievement of world peace rests the survival of our civilization.

The brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God is the only principle upon which a just and durable peace can be established. We call for commitment to Christ and dedication to His service as the hope of the world in all international relations.

2. The practice of vigilant, informed citizenship at every level of our governmental system is our Christian duty. It is our responsibility to uphold and defend individual liberty and to cooperate in the promotion and protection of the common good.

3. In the current world-wide race relations problem we hear Christ calling all men to the practice of brotherhood. We enunciate the principle of Christian love as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" in all human relationships.

4. In the conviction that "our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit," we pledge continuing personal discipline in healthful living. We renew our stand to contend against every habit or practice

destructive to mind, body, or spirit.

5. Believing that "the forces of evil are strong for a divided Church," we reaffirm our desire to work in common cause with all Christians in areas where essentials of faith are not compromised.

As we reaffirm our convictions and concerns for our fellow men, let us redouble our efforts toward the realization of Christ's Kingdom in our world.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Wisconsin - Minnesota Meeting

The Upper Wisconsin and Minnesota annual meeting will be held September 10-11 in Dodge Center, Minn. The theme for the meetings will be "I know whom I have believed" (2 Tim. 1: 12).

An Installation Service for Pastor Donald Richards will be conducted Sabbath afternoon. Pastor Richards is expected to arrive in Dodge Center Sept. 1. Don Gray, the North Central field coordinator, plans to be present.

Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held Sunday, September 18, 1960, at 2 p.m. at the School of Theology in Alfred, N. Y. All Seventh Day Baptists who were in attendance at the most recent General Conference are eligible to attend and participate in the election of directors of the board. All who qualify are urged to attend.

A special meeting of the board will follow the annual meeting.

TRACT SOCIETY MEETING

The annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held Sunday, September 18, at 2 p.m., in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J. Any who have attended General Conference or have contributed to the work of the society during the year are members and entitled to vote. The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held the same afternoon — a full afternoon of important business pertaining to Tract Society work.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DODGE CENTER, MINN.—Our church enjoyed and benefited from the Pearsons' visit with us in May. Getting acquainted with them personally was a pleasure but growing closer to them in a spiritual way was very rewarding. The children feel a special interest in little Debbie and were happy to present her with a suitable gift to show their affection.

Pastor and Mrs. Loyal Hurley spent some time with us in June. He held study and instruction meetings with nine young candidates for baptism and church membership. On Sabbath day, June 4, baptism was administered, with Pastor Kenneth Van Horn from the New Auburn, Wis., church assisting Pastor Hurley. Following this, a communion service was held at the church where the candidates were received into membership.

Continuing in the Lay Development program, workshops have been conducted on "Community Witness," led by Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lippincott, and "Communications," led by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Clapper. The "Music" workshop will be held in the near future with Mrs. Clare Greene and Mrs. Arden Crance as leaders.

We were pleased to be among the first churches to be visited by our North Central Association field co-ordinator, Donald Gray. Since we were at the time without a pastor, he filled the pulpit at the Sabbath morning service. Particularly estimable is Don's Christian spirit of service which is one to be coveted by those who desire to render acceptable service to our Lord.

Prayer meetings are held each Sabbath eve in the homes of the members. Cottage meetings are found to be profitable in that some can attend who otherwise could not. The informal atmosphere also leads to personal participation and expression. Services have been led by the deacons and other laymen. Lately we have been enjoying study of the Book of 1 Timothy under the able leadership of Mrs. Bette Rood.

A profitable Vacation Bible School was held in June with the Teachings of Jesus as its theme. Myra Barber, Mary Neils of

The Sabbath Recorder

Milton, Wis., and Mary Thorngate were teachers with the efficient and Christian help of Mrs. Ardith Greene as director. Lorna Greene, Barbara Greene, and Diane Lippincott assisted capably. Instead of the usual practice of holding a closing program Friday evening at the end of the session of two weeks, the program was presented at the time of the Sabbath morning worship hour, since we had no pastor.

We miss the Robert Austin family in our group. They supplied us with leadership and friendship that cannot be replaced.

A joint Sabbath School picnic with the New Auburn, Wis., Sabbath School was held at Red Wing, Minn., July 31 with a goodly number from both groups present.

On Aug. 4 the Ladies Aid of the church sponsored a unique and successful "tasting party" in the church parlors. Members presented their culinary arts which were tasted by the public. Recipes for favorite and likable dishes were then sold for a small fee. The proceeds from this project were given to aid a delegate to attend the General Conference.

A farewell party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bird in the church parlors Sabbath evening, Aug. 20. The Birds are moving to Edinburg, Texas, for their permanent home, but they will continue to renew friendships here from season to season. — Correspondent.

A SONG OF WORK

By Irene Hulett

Full many a song has there been sung
To faith and love and duty,
And many a cheerful roundelay
To bravery and beauty;
But few have chosen willingly
This truth to be impressing
That lowly, honest, patient work
Is life's most precious blessing.

Work's homespun, oft unseemly garb,
A heavenly guest disguises,
Who to the earnest soul and wise
Brings rare and sweet surprises.

If graciously we him entreat
Nor spurn his claims so pressing,
Contentment is the boon he gives
Which is, in truth, a blessing.

Let's Think It Over

A Thought on Segregation

What do you suppose the Savior of all thinks when people who profess to love Him applaud the patriots who rose up to protest "taxation without representation" but who condemn as anarchists the citizens who in our day sit down to protest "equal prices without equal privileges"?

— Adapted from "Segregation and the Ten Commandments," a sermon in the Pulpit, August, 1960.

Accessions

Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Testimony:

Beatrice Hardman (Mrs. Clell)

Dodge Center, Minn.

By Baptism:

Cheryl Austin
Sharon Austin
Barbara Bonser
Billy Bonser
Bobby Bonser
Barth Crane
Steven Greene
Lois Langworthy
Miriam Payne

By Letter:

Myra Thorngate Barber

Births

Burnett. — A daughter, Brenda Nadene, to Arthur and Ellen (Swinney) Burnett of Wichita Falls, Texas, on Aug. 21, 1960.

Obituaries

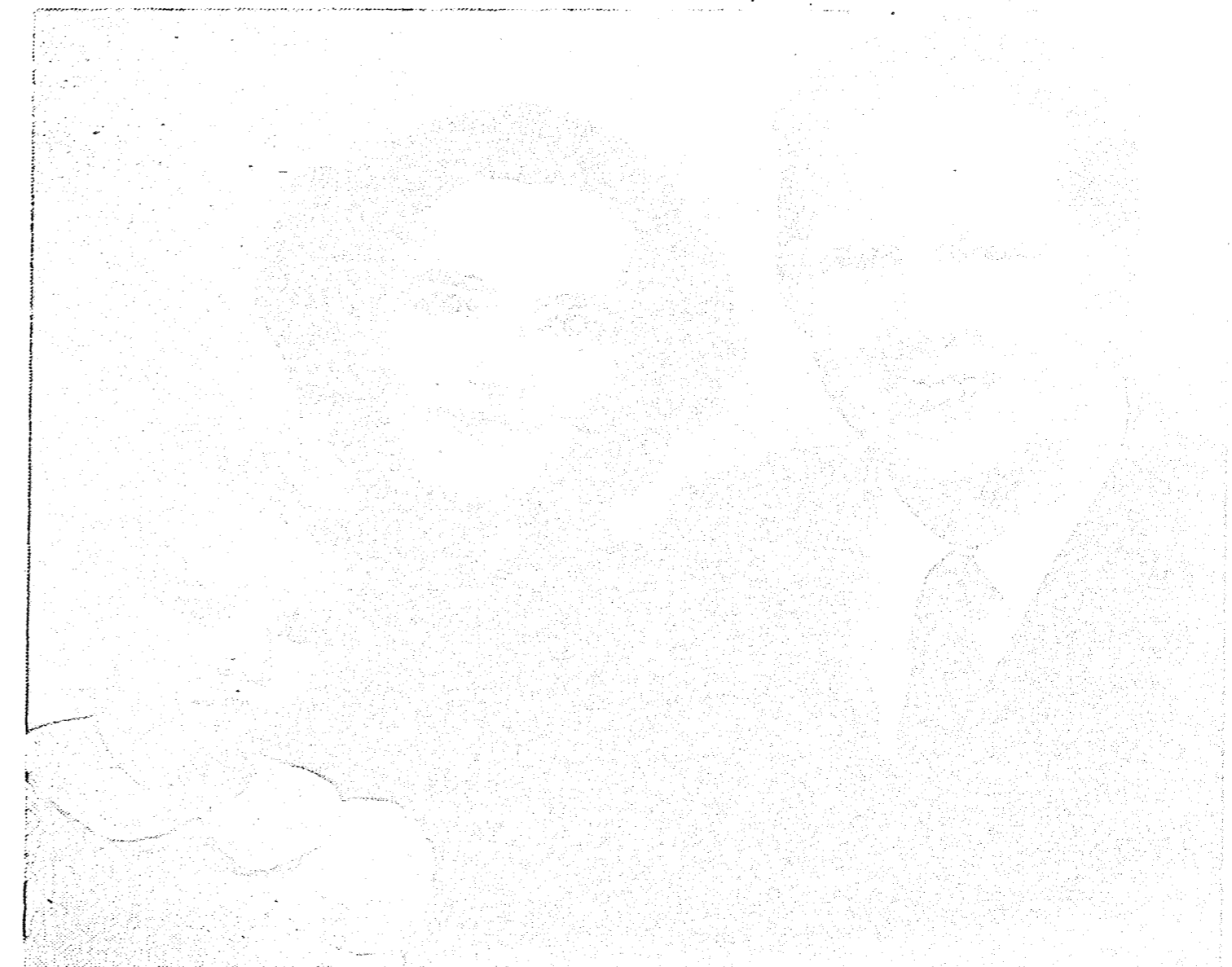
Archard. — Rachel Richmond, daughter of Charles and Frances Chipman Richmond, was born January 2, 1897, at Yonkers, N.Y. and died July 9, 1960, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She was married September 14, 1922, to Howell O. Archard who with a daughter, Alice (Mrs. William T. Mesmer) and a son, Dr. Howell O., Jr., survive.

She was baptized and joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York City in 1911. For many years she served ably as organist for this church. She attended Alfred University with the class of 1919. For several years she served on the board of the Graham Home for the Aged in Brooklyn.

Memorial services were held at Fairchild Funeral Home in Brooklyn with the Rev. John H. Sargent conducting. Burial was in Hope Cemetery, Hastings, N. Y.

— Ruth R. Williamson.



MISSIONARIES RETURNING TO NYASALAND

The Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson after a year of study and speaking engagements fly back to their growing mission station somewhat rested and much better equipped to serve their great parish. Among the things shipped, which will greatly enlarge their ministry, are 100 sets of 10 three-minute Bible lessons on records provided by the American Sabbath Tract Society (Chinyanja Finger-Fono project).