

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

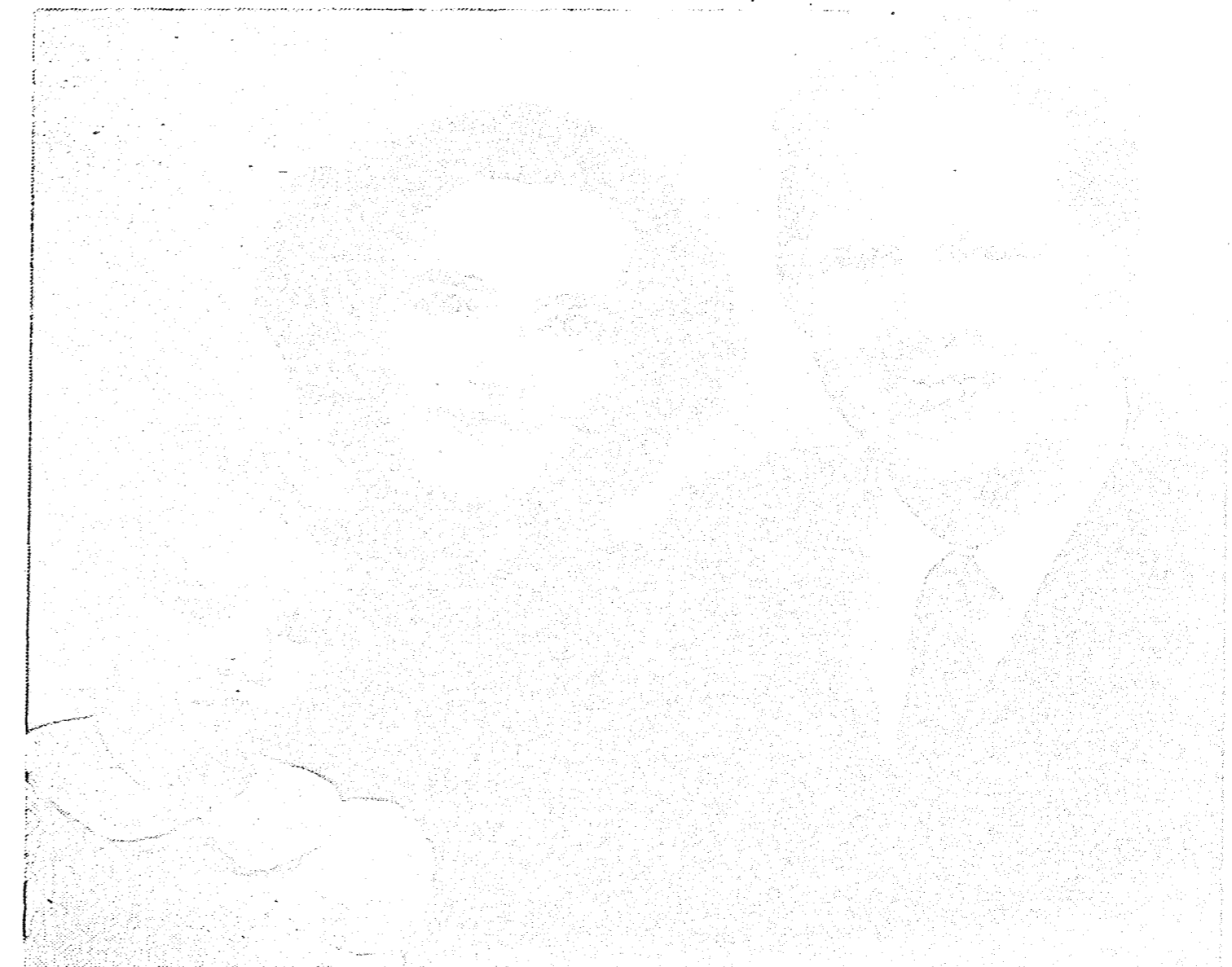
Archard. — Rachel Richmond, daughter of Charles and Frances Chipman Richmond, was born January 2, 1897, at Yonkers, N.Y. and died July 9, 1960, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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).

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Redesigning Man

In the current issue of Automotive Safety the president of the Automobile Manufacturers Association urges a positive approach for greater highway safety. He pointed out that modern cars in their design have almost reached the goal. Here are some of his words:

"Our present-day cars have the brakes, the engine response, the steering, the visibility, the balance, the lighting system, and the special equipment that make them the safest automobiles ever built. All of our highways do not match the engineering excellence of our cars, but we know a lot more than we used to about how to design safe highways; and we now have a highway building program on something like the scale we need.

"When it comes to the individual driver himself, however, we still have a long way to go. We can't redesign him. But we can help him. And we can best help him with positive programs."

The readers of the Sabbath Recorder, like all others, need to think about the narrow subject of highway safety for we all use the highways and are concerned with the wanton waste of life and limb that exceeds all military casualties. Our readers, however, have a broader concern, one that takes in eternity as well as time, one that seeks a remedy for all sin rather than just highway homicide. Thus it seems appropriate to dwell for a moment on the above-quoted sentence, "We can't redesign him."

Here is an admission that man is a product of design and that a change in the design is possible only at the hand of the original Designer, God. This in itself is a refreshing admission from men of practical science in a day when many theoretical scientists seem to be leading us down the dead-end street of obliteration of the distinct origin of man.

The automobile man speaks of a positive approach to the one undeveloped area of highway safety. "We can't redesign man but we can help him," he says. What a noble endeavor! Unfortunately, Mr. Colbert, the automobile man, concludes his article at the low level of helping the driver to know his own automobile well enough "to see that it is in safe condition so that he gets, and gives, maximum safety protection when he drives it." Vastly

more than this can be done. The driver can be redesigned in many respects by the Master Designer with whom he can be put in closer contact by those who themselves have been recreated through faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. The various types of sin that have made him an unsafe driver in the past can be dropped from his life.

Yes, there is a positive approach to the safety problem, one in which we can help. Christianity, properly applied to day-by-day living will no doubt include a better knowledge of the condition of the family car, but it will include much more than that. We can require by law and by education that brakes are properly maintained. By example and word we can maintain those more important internal brakes and can do much to change attitudes within others, and within ourselves. Are we concerned? Man can show his fellow men that sin no more has dominion over him — that he has, indeed, been redesigned.

Actions of Conference

A full report of the actions taken at General Conference must await the publication of the minutes in the 1960 Year Book. Some have already been reported in the Sabbath Recorder, and the full report of Commission running in current issues gives many of the major decisions on various matters (including Our World Mission budget). There are, however, several matters of vital interest that can be gleaned from recommendations of Conference committees. Some of these are here presented with editorial comment.

Great satisfaction should be felt by all (and was expressed at Conference) that it is now possible to again raise the monthly payments to retired ministers. This takes the form of a second 10 percent increase of the base rate. Made possible by an accumulation in the fund and better earnings, it was recommended by the standing committee on Ministerial Retirement and heartily endorsed by the Committee on Reference and Counsel.

One of the greatest concerns of Commission is to carefully scrutinize the tentative budgets of all boards and agencies.

MEMORY TEXT

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

— Proverbs 4: 23.

The real headache and heartache is usually connected with paring down the requests for vitally needed extension of the work, to present to our people a total OWM budget that is not beyond the giving potential of the members of our churches. That same problem confronted Commission at their midyear and pre-Conference meetings this year. After Commission has done its best in long hours of deliberation and attempting to evaluate the various programs and needs the Committee on Reference and Counsel does not usually suggest any major changes. That was true again this year. Conference as a whole seldom does, and did not this year add to or subtract from the proposed budget materially. Although printed elsewhere attention is here called to the grand total of Our World Mission for 1960-61 — the year beginning October 1. It is \$186,725. This compares with \$170,928 for the year ending this month. Of this amount \$111,295 is to come from current giving, designated and undesignated. The comparable figure for the current year was \$108,022. It will be seen that we hope to do work amounting to \$15,500 more than last year while asking only \$3,000 more from the people.

The bold step of Commission this year — a step which was presented with considerable enthusiasm by that body was the inclusion of \$1,800 in a special fund for the Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance. This, it is understood, will help to finance special and perhaps unforeseen needs that develop in connection with the utilization of personnel and materials in the "Pilot Project" of evangelism, for example. More will be told about this later.

Speaking of extra money available for use in certain areas of work, there was question within the Board of Christian Education as to the proper use of a fairly large bequest, which the donor said should be expended within 30 years. A member of that board brought the matter to the Co-ordinating Council. It came before

Conference by way of the Committee to Consider the Report of the Board of Christian Education, which committee urged "Conference approval of any plan the Board of Christian Education might propose for using the receipts from the Albert S. Maxson Fund this year." It would appear that much of the general work (especially Sabbath School work) of the board would come within the terms of the bequest.

The Dayuma Story

or

Life Under the Auca Spears

This most unusual missionary book tells the story of the Auca Indian girl who escaped the spears of the world's most murderous tribe and later, after conversion, returned to convert many of the remaining Ecuadorian Indians who a few years ago killed the first five missionaries seeking to reach them with the Gospel.

The book, related by Ethel Emily Wallis is based on tape-recorded and other material gathered by Rachel Saint, sister of one of the martyred missionaries who has been devoting her life to putting the Bible story into the unwritten Auca language. The Dayuma Story unfolds the mystery of who killed the missionaries and why. It shows how it was possible for Dayuma and Rachel Saint to go back into the jungle, live with the tribe, and finally to convince them not to spear any more—after they accepted the Gospel.

Telling the story of David and Saul, Dayuma used these words: "Moipa (a murderous Auca) pursued us. Like that Saul pursued David." She continued, "If you love God, you don't do that; you don't try to kill your enemy." Continuing the story of the sparing of Saul's life by David the following interpretation is given of the conversation between David and his friends.

"David, you foolish man, why don't you kill him?"

"No, believing in God I will not kill him. I will not spear." David tiptoed, carefully stepping over the men sleeping with Saul, and refused to avenge himself.

When Saul awoke and realized that David could have killed him he said in amazement, "He didn't spear me."

The Bible, called in the Auca language "God's Carving," eventually won the hearts of many, but there is still a portion of the tribe living at a distance that has not been reached and for whom there is as yet no way of entrance, such as Dayuma proved to be.

It is interesting to note that the Gospel came into the heart of this Indian girl while she was living for several months with Rachel Saint at the headquarters of the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Sulphur Springs, Ark., a little village about 20 miles from where the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference was held this summer. Another interesting thing is the unprecedented use of tape recorders and phonograph records in the native language.

Anyone who has been moved by *Through Gates of Splendor* or challenged by *Two Thousand Tongues to Go* cannot afford to miss this breathtaking story of heathen horror and Christian triumph. Nothing like it in conversation and documentation has ever been written.

Peace Education

Report of the Committee on

The ministers of the denomination have been circularized twice with material concerning peace. Requests for workshop material have been answered and your committee has counseled with persons requesting information concerning conscientious objection to war.

Looking through the resolutions made at General Conference in past years, one notices the regularity with which we resolve to pray for peace and ask our government or others to work for peace. It is time that we resolve to not only pray for peace but work for peace ourselves. This program starts in our own backyard. Therefore we urge each Seventh Day Baptist individual in this year of the Lay Development Program to write out his beliefs in terms of personal action.

— Albyn Mackintosh, Chairman.

President's Message

"From the Mountaintop"

As Conference closed and we all started the journey toward home, it was as though we came down from a mountaintop experience to once again join in the ordinary affairs of the world . . . making a living, going to school, keeping house.

At Siloam Springs this year, under the guidance of President Victor Skaggs, we were led through a week of outstanding worship services, made even more beautiful by the thorough planning that went into their preparation. This was nowhere more evident than in the music that created an atmosphere of reverence — from organ prelude, solo and quartet to full choir. Business sessions and committee meetings also were well organized and operated smoothly. Yes, General Conference 1960 was a mountaintop experience in every way.

The practicality of such high experiences, however, is often questionable. We have a strong tendency to want to keep our heads in the clouds and not get our feet back on the ground. We want to continue in the high places where we worship and meditate, praise and fellowship so happily together. But now that Conference is a memory, it is time to get to the work at hand. It is the hour to put all the inspiration derived from the recent sessions into appropriate action. It is the opportunity to make practical use of the blessings we have received.

And it is time to stress the theme for 1961 — a theme which we should keep before us during the coming year: "I must be about my Father's business."

That simple and well-known phrase spoken by Jesus, has an inescapable impact on each of us when applied personally.

I must be doing these things — no one else can do them for me. There is compulsion in the "must," there are methods to be used in the "be about," and there is much comfort and awe in the understanding of the relationship with "my Father." But to be complete, we must join in the work of the Kingdom and take care of the "business."

Loren G. Osborn.

A Youth Story Briefly Told

Not all of the young people who attended the Pre-Con Retreat and Conference came from established fellowships or churches. Not all came to strengthen Christian faith that had been publicly declared by baptism at some previous time. Some came as visitors with an interest that had been awakened through Bible study and contact with helpful leaders.

Marilyn Mahon of Bristolville, Ohio, had been studying her Bible under the direction (by correspondence) of S. Kenneth Davis, assistant pastor at Alfred. He and his wife made it possible for her to attend the Pre-Con Retreat, at the end of which she indicated that she had accepted Christ as her Savior. A week later she stood before the whole Conference to say:

"Along with accepting Christ as my Savior I think I can count this as one of the greatest privileges I have had — to be able to attend this Conference and Pre-Con. I can't express the joy and the thrill I have had being with Sabbathkeeping people. I know that I have learned a lot about the Sabbath and the keeping of the Sabbath and I rededicate my life to Christ not only that I may go back to witness for Him, but also that I may go back and show others the true Sabbath and the way to keep it."

Brief Words Spoken at Conference

Wayne Crandall

How does one feel who has been president of Conference and has served on Commission for a number of years? Wayne N. Crandall of Canisteo, N.Y., (1959 Conference president) was chairman of Commission this year. Now he drops out of this heavy responsibility. At the close of the Sabbath eve service he expressed himself thus

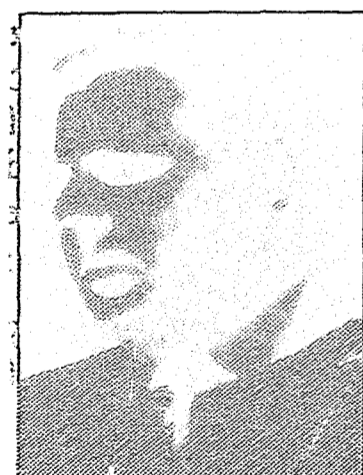


in public:

"It is with extreme gratitude that I thank you people for electing me to Commission for without this experience I have had in recent years I never would have thoroughly, completely appreciated the power of prayer, the love and understanding of Seventh Day Baptists. These have been indeed the richest years of my life"

Eugene Fatato

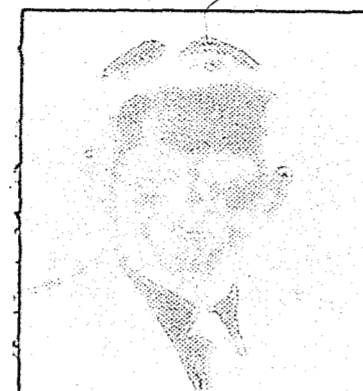
Not many of the ministers present at the Sabbath eve service spoke. They wanted to give the young people and other laymen full opportunity. Eugene Fatato, newly ordained, and the only new minister accredited this year, had something special to say:



"Very often I have heard it said there is no future in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. As you all know I was accredited this past week, and the week before I worked with our young people. Sometimes we had to prompt them to attend some of the services. I am happy to say tonight that we didn't prompt them to testify and, with the kind of young people whom we have, I am proud to be a part of this denomination—and I know it will never die."

Dr. Melvin Nida

The newly elected first vice-president of General Conference (who is expected to be elected president for the 1961-62 Conference year) was probably not thinking of his new office when he came to the microphone at the testimony meeting to voice his feelings, but his words expressed thoughts common to many:



"I am grateful for our fellowship together. I am grateful for the many experiences of this Conference fellowship, experiences that will always go with me. It will be difficult to go home for many reasons. I know I shall go home a different man."

Rev. Mary Craig Johnson

A new voice was heard this year in the covenant meeting. The minister of a small Seventh Day Baptist church (not yet recognized) in the Algiers section of New Orleans, she frequently expressed privately her thankfulness that leaders of the Metairie church had encouraged her to attend Conference. In public she testified:



"I thank the Lord for His many blessings upon me and His health and healing and for directing me here through my long hours of prayer. I am asking you to pray for me as I travel on back to Algiers. Ask the Lord to bless and touch the hearts of men and women and boys and girls that we may have a Sabbath the Lord wants us to have in that part of His world. Pray for me as I travel on. The Lord is my light and my salvation. He is the strength of my life."

Men and Missions Sabbath

It is urged that the third Sabbath of October (October 17) be observed in all Seventh Day Baptist churches as Men and Missions Sabbath.

Such observance, appropriate to the current emphasis on Lay Development, may center around the theme of Missions, with the men of the church being asked to bring the Sabbath morning message.

A Father and Son banquet may be held during the weekend. A lay speaker on the theme of Seventh Day Baptist Missions would be most appropriate. This can be a time of rich fellowship as well as a challenging and inspiring evening for the young and older men of the church.

Begin to plan at once for the annual "Men and Missions" observance on the third weekend of October.

Pearsons' Departure Plans

Plane reservations have now been made for the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and Deborah to depart for a second term of missionary service in Nyasaland, Africa, leaving Idlewild Airport (New York) on Tuesday, September 20, at 4 p.m.

It is expected that they will travel by BOAC Airways, Flight No. 558, scheduled to arrive at London, England, at 9 o'clock the next morning (September 21).

If anyone is planning to go to Idlewild to join the farewell party for these loved ones, please note that the meeting place is the BOAC Airways Terminal Building (not Pan-American) and that the hour is 4 p.m. (rather than 6:30 p.m. as announced at Conference).

It is expected that the Pearsons will visit our Seventh Day Baptist brethren of England, Holland, and Germany over two Sabbaths (September 24 and October 1) and during the intervening days. It is expected that they will resume their flight to Nyasaland from Hamburg, Germany, on Monday, October 3, arriving at Blantyre on Tuesday, October 4, at the scheduled hour of 3:05 p.m.

The Pearsons have been visiting with

their parents since Conference (Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Butler, Sr., of Woodville, Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearson, Sr., of Amsterdam, N. Y.). Their plans included a visit to the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath day, September 10, and the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church on September 17. They expect to be in the Plainfield area around September 13-16 as they pack their goods in preparation for shipment. Two boxes of household goods have already been shipped.

A special meeting of the Missionary Board is being called to meet with the Pearsons on Sunday afternoon, September 18. The Ladies Aid Society of the Ashaway church is sponsoring a farewell party for the Pearsons on Monday evening, September 19.

It is with a deep sense of the heavy responsibility involved that we send out this beloved family into troubled Africa. Once again we ask for heart-searching prayer that God will guide us aright as we go forward humbly under the leading of His Holy Spirit.

Encouraging Word from British Guiana

From Pastor Joseph Tyrrell has come word that the British Guiana Seventh Day Baptist churches met for counsel and planning together on July 31, 1960. He writes, "The Council was conducted by Pastor A. B. Trotman as president with the true spirit of love, peace, and harmony."

Pastor Tyrrell then expressed appreciation for the assistance received toward completion of the house of worship at Dartmouth and for repairing the roof of the Peter's Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church at Parika. (\$100 was sent toward each project.)

The letter concludes, "I trust that all who had the pleasure to sit in General Conference (at Siloam Springs, Arkansas) enjoyed sweet Christian fellowship and that everything said and done was to the honor and glory of God."

What Is Truth?

By the Rev. Theodore J. Hibbard

We, as Seventh Day Baptists have always stressed truth. We believe that each individual should search truth for himself. In fact, as children of God we have the responsibility to know what is the truth. Yet we continually ask, "What is truth?"

When Pilate asked that same question of Jesus, the record shows that Jesus did not answer him. We do not know exactly why He did not give Pilate a direct reply but we are certain that Jesus knew the answer. We would like to know what definition of truth Jesus would give. We recall that He once said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Would He have us to understand that there is no truth outside of Himself or did He mean something else?

We know that truth is eternal for the Bible says, "The truth of the Lord endures forever." Because truth is eternal we often are confused by thinking of God and truth as being one and the same. We say that two and two make four. That is a truth but surely it is not God. It is not that truth is God, but rather truth is from God and we follow truth to its source, the Father of truth.

Since our reasoning has taken us this far, let us dare to take the step where even angels have feared to tread and attempt to formulate a definition of truth.

Truth is the result of the order brought about by the application of God's laws and forces.

As we look at this definition, we find that truth is the result of something not the cause.

Order is the key to the universe. God by His infinite wisdom created the universe by a definite plan. The physical laws and forces bring about a definite order which man can understand. From the structure of the atom to the orbits of planets and the movements of the farthest stars God has made perfect order so that the science of mathematics can derive truth. For example, the mathematician can predict years ahead of time the exact place and time of a solar eclipse. Because there is order in the universe we find truth as a result of this order.

The application of the laws and forces created by God brings about this order. Man learns to apply God's laws to his experiments and thereby discovers a new truth.

When Jesus said that He was truth He meant that He, as a man and a Savior, was the result of God's laws and forces. God's law demanded obedience; disobedience meant death. The force of God's love made a way of forgiveness and redemption. Christ then was the result. In other words, the result of God's love is truth personified in Jesus Christ.

Sabbath Promotion at New York State Fair

The following notice was sent to all New York State Seventh Day Baptist churches by LaVerne W. Davis, Missions chairman of Central New York Association.

New York State Fair Booth — Sept. 2-10

The New York State Fair booth has been set up and will be in full swing until evening of September 10.

The booth is 10 x 10, decorated in blue and gold, and has a large emblem sign, similar to the emblem on the back cover of our tracts. Our booth is located in the Industrial Exposition Building, just to the left of the main gate. Our exhibit is toward the northwest end of the building, almost directly opposite the "Villa Restaurant."

Thirty-one thousand tracts, as well as many special Sabbath Recorder issues, are on hand to present the Gospel message and Sabbath truths to the thousands who attend the fair. The booth is being manned by pastors and laymen from all over New York State who are giving their time to make the project a success.

This is an urgent request for all to pray for God's blessing in this undertaking. Pray that those who are searching for salvation and Sabbath truths will be led to the booth. Pray that the seed sown will fall on fertile soil. Great things are wrought through prayer!

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 24, 1960

What Is Real Religion?

Lesson Scripture: Micah 6: 1-8.

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

(Continued from last week)

Recommendations

1. We note with satisfaction the organization of two new Seventh Day Baptist churches. After examining their credentials we recommend that the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Metairie, Louisiana, be welcomed into membership of the General Conference.

2. Inasmuch as Eugene Fatato was ordained to the Gospel ministry and has otherwise met the requirements as established by the General Conference we recommend that he be duly accredited as a Seventh Day Baptist minister.

3. 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." The 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 Baptists 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.

4. We recommend that the Conference authorize the Commission to prepare a suitable Certificate of Ordination to be presented to each pastor by the ordaining council.

5. In 1959 General Conference directed the Commission to arrange for Conference to meet in various geographic areas, therefore:

We recommend the following sequence:*

1. The area of Eastern, Central and Western Associations (including New England, New York and New Jersey).
2. The Wisconsin — Minnesota — Illinois area.
3. The Rocky Mountain area.
4. The Southeastern Association area.
5. The Pacific Coast area.
6. The Nebraska — Kansas — Arkansas area.

*The Committee on Reference and Counsel recommended that the following be substituted for Commission's Recommendation No. 5:

"We would recommend the following sequence:

- a. Eastern Association area
- b. Wisconsin — Minnesota — Illinois area
- c. Rocky Mountain area
- d. Southeastern Association area
- e. Central New York and Western Association area
- f. Pacific Coast area
- g. Michigan — Ohio area
- h. Nebraska — Kansas — Arkansas area

"We further recommend that the adoption of the above sequence should not be interpreted to exclude invitations from churches or other areas who may have specific reason for inviting Conference to meet with them. Such invitations should be given four to five years prior to the desired meeting date." (This recommendation was adopted by Conference.)

The following invitations have come to the Commission for the entertainment of Conference:

1. Eastern Association at Amherst, Massachusetts, for 1961.
2. North Central Association at Mission Farms Camp, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for 1961 or 1962.
3. Rocky Mountain area for 1962 or later.

This proposed arrangement is tentative and other invitations will be welcomed. A survey will be made at this Conference as to the most desirable locations. The results of the survey will be examined by the Commission and a recommendation will be presented later in this Conference for three years. If there is sufficient objection to any specific site we will arrange to meet at another site in that same general area as soon as possible. Churches and Associations are urged to provide more information regarding desirable locations so that area rotation may be assured.

6. We recognize that political and economic factors in Africa have made it imperative for our Missionary Board to take unusual measures to maintain our Nyasaland work.

A. In view of this, we recommend that the board's recent adoption of the policy to accept government aid for medical and educational phases of our mission work be approved by Conference.

B. Because of the concern of many of our people we further recommend that this policy be limited to activity in Nyasaland, at least until a comprehensive study of the related problem of our traditional concept of church-state relations can be made by General Conference.

C. We recommend that Conference authorize the Commission to appoint a special committee to develop an interpretation of our position regarding the separation of church and state, with due consideration to Constitutional safeguards, historic precedent, and contemporary thinking.

Note: Recommendations 7 & 8 are later additions to the report of the Commission.

Whereas, those present at this General Conference indicated by a two-thirds majority that they would prefer to hold Conference sessions in Amherst, Mass., and

Whereas, we have not met in the New England area in thirteen years, and since much of our historic background is to be found there,

7. We recommend that the General Conference meet on the campus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1961.

8. We further recommend that the Conference meet at Mission Farms near Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1962 and in the Rocky Mountain area in 1963, assuming that a suitable place can be secured there.

9. The Commission heartily commends the boards and agencies of the denomination for the excellent co-operation they have given in the preparation of Our World Mission budget.

We recommend the adoption of a total budget of \$186,725.00 for 1960-61:

Board of Christian Education:

Administration	\$ 7,200.00
Publications	8,525.00
Youth Work	1,400.00
Purchase of Literature	150.00
Workshops	50.00
Scholarships	500.00
Division of Christian Education (NCC)	210.00

Total\$ 18,035.00

General Conference:

Executive Secretary:

Salary	\$ 4,500.00
Rent Allowance	350.00
Social Security	150.00
Office Equipment	550.00
Office & Travel Expense	1,700.00

Sub Total\$ 7,250.00

Officers and Commission	\$ 2,500.00
Year Book:	
Printing Costs	1,000.00
Editor's Honorarium	100.00
Conference Printing (programs, reports)	200.00
Vocational Committee	100.00
Budget Promotion	1,250.00
Office of Public Relations	500.00
Local Conference Expense	100.00
Contingent Fund	400.00

Total\$ 13,400.00

World Fellowship and Service:

Baptist Jubilee Advance	\$ 100.00
Baptist World Alliance	50.00
World Council of Churches	100.00
National Council of Churches	50.00
R.I.A.L.	50.00
Delegates Expense to Meetings	500.00
Ecumenical Committee Expense	50.00
American Bible Society**	500.00

Total\$ 1,400.00

Historical Society:

Administration	\$ 3,325.00
Utilities	190.00
Books and Supplies	175.00
Reports	125.00
Conference Exhibit and Program	150.00
S.D.B. History, Vol. 3	200.00

Total\$ 4,165.00

Ministerial Retirement

Ministerial Training:

Committee Expense	\$ 450.00
Tuition	900.00
Scholarship	750.00
Recruitment & Licentiate Training	200.00
School of Theology	27,500.00

Total\$ 29,800.00

Missionary Society:

China Field	\$ 300.00
Jamaica Field	15,495.00
British Guiana Field	4,740.00
Nyasaland Field	13,700.00
Home Field	13,150.00
Administration	11,070.00
Employee Fringe Benefits	4,032.00
Secretary Travel	750.00
National Council (Div. of Foreign Missions and Department of Evangelism)	902.00
Missionaries Travel in United States	200.00

Total\$ 64,339.00

Tract Society:

Sabbath Recorder	\$17,950.00
Special Issues, Sabbath Recorder	2,400.00
Printing, Distribution, Promotion	5,325.00
Administration	5,796.00

Total\$ 31,471.00

Trustees of General Conference

Women's Society:

Christian Education Department	\$ 895.00
Leadership Education Department	235.00

**Designated Giving

Missions Department	470.00
Public Relations Department	570.00
Administration	795.00
Total	\$ 2,965.00
Special Fund — S.D.B. Program for Advance*	\$ 1,800.00

*To be held by General Conference Treasurer to be drawn on as this project develops.

AGENCY	Current Giving, Designated and		Refunds, Sales and Services	Total
	Undesignated (1)	Investment Income		
Board of Christian Ed.	\$ 8,665.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 6,020.00	\$ 18,035.00
General Conference	13,050.00		350.00	13,400.00
Historical Society	3,500.00	240.00	425.00	4,165.00
Ministerial Retirement	6,500.00	9,500.00	1,000.00*	17,000.00
Ministerial Training	12,950.00	6,350.00	10,500.00	29,800.00
Missionary Society	49,539.00	12,800.00	2,000.00*	64,339.00
Tract Society	10,371.00	11,500.00	9,600.00**	31,471.00
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	650.00	1,035.00	665.00	2,350.00
Women's Society	2,870.00	95.00		2,965.00
World Fellowship and Service	1,400.00†			1,400.00
Special Fund — S.D.B. Program for Advance††	1,800.00			1,800.00
Totals	\$111,295.00	\$44,870.00	\$30,560.00	\$186,725.00
(1) Undesignated Requirements	\$86,415.00			
Designated Contributors	24,880.00			

* To be taken from surplus.

** \$4,500.00 budgeted deficit.

† \$500.00 designated American Bible Society.

†† To be held by General Conference Treasurer until drawn on. Any balance at the end of year to be distributed percentagewise to boards & agencies.

FRIENDSHIP

By Mark Wiley

Behold the benign face of Friendship!
More beautiful than the lilies
white or the roses red,
Beautiful beyond compare.
She is as an angel spirit sent from God
To minister as a friend to a friend.
Majestic sweetness sits upon her brow.
Her face is gentle, kind and true
And her eyes light as the
eyes of a friend
Seeking one upon whom to
bestow her riches.
She is a wise and gentle counselor;
An ever-present help in the
time of trouble,
An ever-present joy
in the times of weal,
Sharing another's troubles,
Sharing another's joys.
Friendship knits souls together

In bonds of fellow sympathy
And the joy of a common fellowship
In weal or in woe.
Happy are those who are of a
gentle and lowly spirit,
For only those can see
her gracious face
And hope to possess her.
She hates the proud and the haughty
And cannot be bought or sold;
For her price is beyond
the wealth of the world.
She cometh to those of
like nature to herself;
For the essence of her nature
is in one word,
And that word is Love.
She is the gift of her Maker,
even God,
Who is Love all-excelling.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rox E. Zwiebel at least in part, our ideas so that the lessons would not conflict with our beliefs.

Junior Conference
Thirty-five children were present at most of the activities of Junior Conference which was held simultaneously with the day sessions of General Conference. The Junior Conference was under the direction of Miss Barbara Cruzan, student at Alfred University. She was assisted by Mrs. Leon Maltby of Plainfield, N. J., Mrs. Denison Barber of the Berlin church, Mrs. Grover Brissey of the Washington church, and Mrs. David Pearson, Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland.

The theme was "We would see Jesus." Mrs. Maltby led in the worship service at the beginning of each morning, and Mrs. Barber led the singing. The older youngsters helped with the handicraft. The missionary ladies told of youngsters living in Africa and Jamaica.

The main item of recreation was swimming in the university pool under the supervision of Pre-Con youth. Those who did not want to swim played in the gymnasium. A field trip was taken to the Pet Milk plant near Siloam Springs.

Some of the time was spent practicing for participation in the morning anthem for Sabbath. The rendering was done in conjunction with the Conference choir.

We thank God for the willingness of Miss Cruzan and her staff to direct the junior activity. Theirs was a difficult job well done.

Miss Mildred Magnuson

Most Seventh Day Baptists will not recognize the name of Miss Magnuson, but for those of us who have worked in the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, her name brings memories of private conferences with her on our Junior Quarterly and the Helping Hand, as well as the committee meetings when setting up the uniform series of weekly lessons. Miss Magnuson knew much about curriculum for Christian education and was anxious to help anyone who came to her for help. She was constantly urging us as Seventh Day Baptists to participate in new ideas upon which her committees were working. She wanted,

at least in part, our ideas so that the lessons would not conflict with our beliefs. A picture of her and the 1950-51 Committee on the Uniform Series which has particular significance for Seventh Day Baptists is printed on page 43 of the September, 1960, issue of the International Journal of Christian Education. There is an unusually fine picture of Dr. Erlo E. Sutton who was working with that committee that year; indeed he had worked with it for many years.

Miss Magnuson died July 11. We have lost a fine friend.

Questionnaire

A questionnaire has gone out from the office of the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education to the retreaters and staff of this year's Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat. The questionnaire asks for reactions to this year's program and for suggestions for next year. Anyone who has ideas which will help us with this new program is urged to send them to our office. It is felt generally that the retreat is very worthwhile, and we want to offer our best leaders dealing with the most vital subjects for this age group.

Young Adult Retreaters, please return the questionnaire soon with your answers.

Bible Lotto

To introduce this new Bible game to Christians all over the United States, the Pengad Companies, Inc., at the Pengad Building, Bayonne, New Jersey, will send a complimentary game to editors of Christian publications or pastors who request a game on official stationery.

Bible Lotto enables children to be thrilled by the exciting wonders of the Creation and the early days of man. It consists of 120 challenging questions and answers dealing with the great heroes of the Bible, important Bible incidents, and many of the wonderful and exotic sites upon which Bible history was implanted.

This game enables teacher and pupils to participate jointly in the fun of discovering the answers, and it also stimulates discussion.

New Names in Old Church

By Myrtle W. Cushman

The Berlin N. Y., church has welcomed into fellowship two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nusom of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., which is some 60 miles away.

Both Bob and Madeline Nusom are blind, he from birth and she from a small child. Their constant companions are Sam, a friendly young Weimaraner, and 12-year-old Dancer, a placid German Shepherd. Both dogs lay quietly at their owner's feet during the service and are the center of attention afterward, especially with the children, who lavish much affection upon them.

Bob has employment with the International Business Machine Company and his wife keeps house and does her own cooking. Madeline's sister who is a semi-invalid, makes her home with them.

Bob has been interested in Bible study for many years, and has diligently searched his Braille Bible for the truth. Thus it was that the conviction grew on him that the seventh day was the Sabbath.



Madeline, on the other hand, had for some years been a member of another Sabbathkeeping church, but had experienced some dissatisfaction.

A little more than two years ago the Nusoms were given some Seventh Day Baptist tracts. After reading them they eagerly wrote to Plainfield for more information and asked for the name of the nearest church, and were introduced to a Berlin member of Poughkeepsie who has subsequently had studies with them.

The whole church at Berlin enjoyed having the Nusoms come to church although they cannot come every week, and as they are leaving, Bob's cheery, "See you soon," is always an inspiration to those of us who have our sight, but who, at times, lack the "in"-sight which these two Christians have.

CWS Appeal

Church World Service is again appealing to women of the churches to "get to the bottom of the barrel . . . search the attic . . . and clean out the clothing closets" this fall, to help provide some of the 10,000,000 pounds of wearing apparel needed overseas this coming winter. CWS notes the areas of greatest need and the clothing most wanted. Requests from overseas for men's heavy and light clothing include 570,000 pounds for Greece; 50,000 pounds for Italy, 100,000 pounds for Poland, 50,000 pounds for Japan, 120,000 pounds for Korea. Children's clothing is always in demand. Women's clothing continues in demand in most countries. From many areas there are calls for infants' wear, for blankets, for bags of shoes (men's, women's especially), and bales of cut garments.

"During 1959 there were about twenty major emergencies; clothing was shipped to many of these areas, emptying the warehouses in order to meet the need."

Church women are asked to send clothing to the CWS clothing centers at one of these addresses: New Windsor, Maryland; Nappanee, Indiana; 919 Emerald Ave., Modesto, Calif.; 4165 Duncan Ave., St. Louis 10, Missouri; 110 East 29th St., New York 16, N. Y.

— W. W. Reid.

Maxson Family Reunion At Siloam Springs, Ark.

A journey to Siloam Springs, Ark., for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference seemed like a venture into unknown regions for many. It is true that there was a Conference held at Fayetteville, not many miles distant in 1955. But since then a whole new student generation has grown up. But to the Russel J. Maxson family who came from North Dakota to Western Arkansas in 1899 this was old country. Indeed, the children of that family, blessed with long life, are getting older and do not think in terms of student generations.

The Maxsons were the originators of the now disbanded Gentry Seventh Day Baptist Church which is but a few miles from the site of the 1960 Conference. It was normal for this family to gather its members together at the park in Siloam Springs on the Sunday before Conference began, for two of them now live near Gentry. Of the 26 members of the family at the reunion those pictured here are the honored generation.

The eldest of the family and perhaps the best known because he has lived in a number of Seventh Day Baptist communities is Darwin, quite hale and hearty



Maxson family left to right, back row: Darwin E., Edwin, Ethel Arlie, and George. Front: Myrtle Ricketts, Edith Main, Susie Patterson, and Ora Lowell.

at 89. Two of his sons, Paul and Carl, are in the ministry. Both were at Conference but were not able to arrive early enough for the reunion. One member of the older generation died last winter and one, Nathan, of North Loup, Neb., was unable to attend. The nine living children of Russell J. boast an aggregate of 700 years. The presence of several of them throughout the 1960 Conference added dignity to a gathering which had a high percentage of young people and a considerable number of young adults in places of leadership.

Board Meetings

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.

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.

The Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, for the purpose of electing officers and for the transacting of such other business as may be necessary or expedient, will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R.I., Sunday, September 18, 1960, at 2:00 p.m.

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

The Sabbath Recorder

Accessions

Berea, W. Va.
 By Baptism: Rodger Whitehair
 Linda Whitehair
 By Profession of Faith:
 Mrs. Ralph (Vergie) Reaser
 New Milton, W. Va.
 By Baptism:
 John Sutton
 Roanoke, W. Va.
 By Testimony: Beatrice Hardman (Mrs. Clell)
 (This accession was incorrectly credited to
 Lost Creek in the Sept. 5 issue. Sorry!)

Marriages

Greer-Lewis. — Michael Dion Greer, son of
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Greer of Salem,
 W. Va., and Marjorie Sue Lewis, daughter
 of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis of River-
 side, Calif., were united in marriage in the
 Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church the
 evening of August 28, 1960. The bride's
 pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, offi-
 ciated.

Births

Davis. — A daughter, Sandra Lynn, to Gerald
 and Ruth Ann (Dickinson) Davis of Shiloh,
 N. J., on July 21, 1960.
 Harris. — A daughter, Lori Lynn, to John and
 Lucy (Gray) Harris of Shiloh, N. J., on
 May 25, 1960.
 Loofboro. — A daughter, Jayne Lynne, to Mr.
 and Mrs. John Deane Loofboro of Lost
 Creek, W. Va., on August 22, 1960.

Obituaries

Ayars. — Florence Green, daughter of Benja-
 min Franklin and Martha Hargreaves
 Green, was born June 8, 1863, at Little
 Genesee, N.Y., and died August 22, 1960,
 at Miami, Fla.

She and her late husband, Dr. Emerson W.
 Ayars, started housekeeping in the fall of 1891
 at Shiloh, N. J., where he was principal of Shi-
 loh Academy. Later she went with her husband
 to Richburg, N.Y., where he established his
 medical practice and she was organist of the
 church. From 1904 until World War I when
 her husband was called into the Medical Corps
 they lived at Alfred, N.Y. Following the war
 they lived in Coconut Grove, Fla., where the
 doctor died in 1946. She maintained her mem-
 bership in the Alfred church.

Mrs. Ayars is survived by two sons, Erling
 E. and Lister S., both of Miami. Her one daugh-
 ter died in 1946. Burial was in the family plot
 in Miami, Fla. —E. E. Ayars.

Parks. — Mrs. Flora Blanch Sutton was born
 in Lewis County, W. Va., April 26, 1870,
 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bonnett
 and died April 27, 1960, at the home of her
 daughter, Mrs. Robert (Ollie) Travis of
 Blandville, W. Va.

Her first marriage was to Willie E. Sutton,
 who died in 1922. She later married Homer C.
 Parks, who preceded her in death in 1952.

She has been a member and maintained an
 active interest in the Middle Island S.D.B.
 church for many years, although unable to at-
 tend services in recent years.

Surviving besides the above-mentioned daugh-
 ter are three sons: Ernest R. Sutton of Amster-
 dam, Ohio, E. C. Sutton of Astor, Fla., and H. J.
 Sutton of Kansas City, Mo.; two half-brothers:
 W. T. Bonnett of Smithville, W. Va., and Guy
 Bonnett of Troy, W. Va.; six half-sisters: Mrs.
 Stella Cooper of McWorter, W. Va., Mrs.
 Bessie Fair of Troy, W. Va., Mrs. Nora Koon
 of Virginia, Mrs. Georgia Koon, Mrs. Ella
 Matthews, and Mrs. Winnie Dunn, all of West-
 on, W. Va.; seven grandchildren, and 20 great-
 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted in the
 Middle Island church of New Milton by her
 pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Richards. Interment
 was in the Sugar Camp Cemetery.

D. E. R.

Sutton. — Miss Grace, daughter of the late
 Francis Marion and Amanda Cansada Stal-
 maker Sutton, was born August 19, 1888,
 at Berea, W. Va., and died July 20, 1960,
 in Huntington, W. Va.

Most of her life was lived in her home com-
 munity where she loved and was loved by those
 who knew her. She was particularly fond of
 simple beauty and music.

She is survived by four brothers: the Rev.
 Erlo E. of Boulder, Colo.; Corlis of Berea,
 Sherl of Wintersville, Ohio, and Hollie of Buck-
 hannon, W. Va. One sister and two brothers
 have preceded her in death.

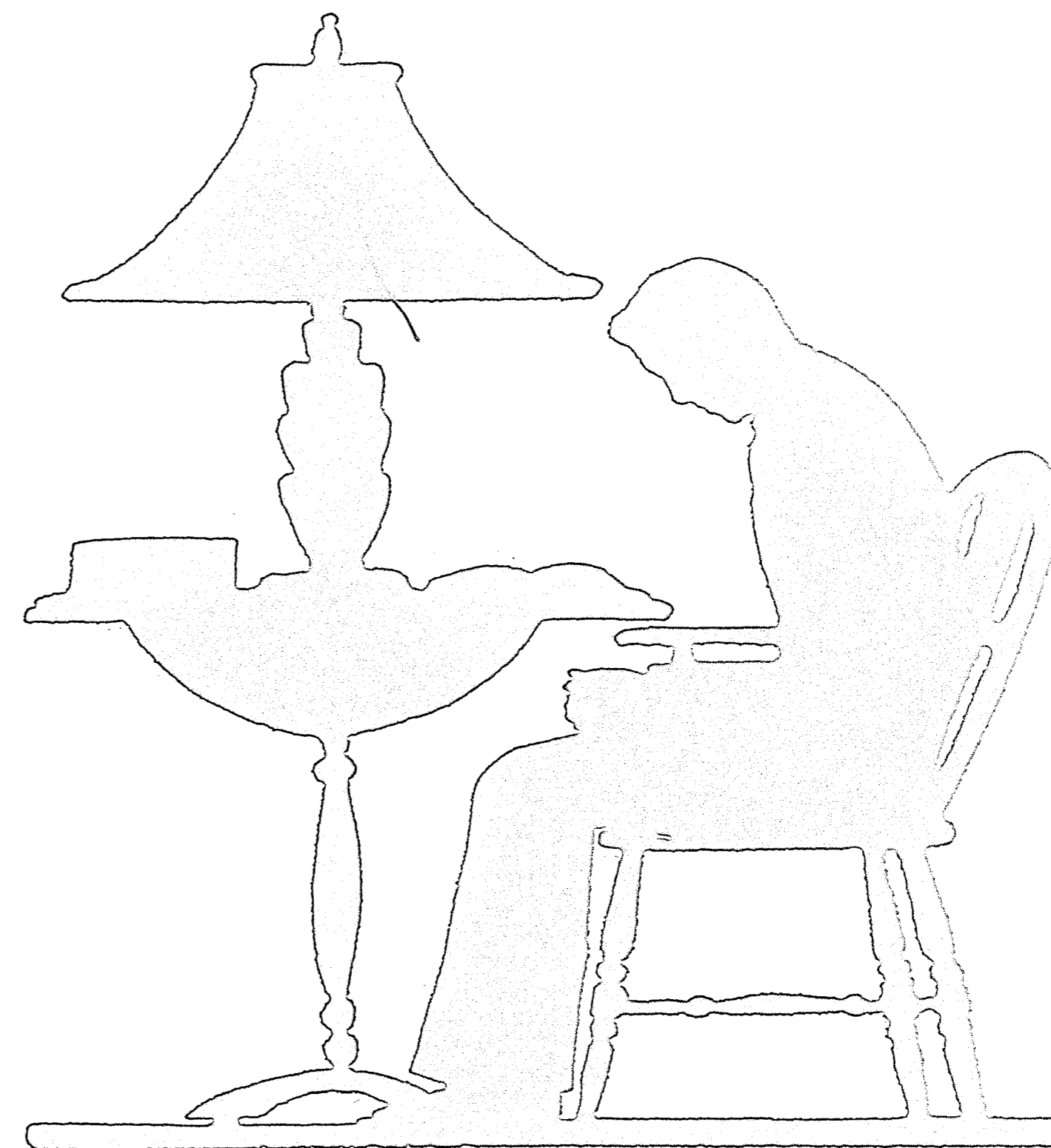
Funeral services were conducted in the Ritchie
 S. D. B. church by Pastor Donald E. Richards
 and interment was in the church cemetery.

D. E. R.

Woodstock. — Robert E., son of George R.
 and Mary Coon Greene, was born at Mil-
 ton, Wis., April 1, 1920, and died suddenly
 August 14, 1960 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Robert came from a long line of Seventh Day
 Baptist ministers among whom are such names
 as Clayton, George Burdick and the Shaws. He
 took the name Woodstock from his stepfather.
 In early years he had the benefit of training in
 the Seventh Day Baptist church but his business
 took him away from his parents' church and he
 became a faithful member of another denomina-
 tion during the past 14 years.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet Pahnke
 Woodstock; his father, George Greene; two
 sons, Craig (14) and Ross (9); a sister, and four
 brothers, an aunt, Amy Greene Millard, and
 an uncle, Fay B. Coon. Burial was in Chicago
 Heights. —Mrs. Fay B. Coon.



A MOMENT OF PRAYER