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Births

Brooks.—A daughter, Rhonda Jo Ann, was born March 5, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brooks of Alton, Ill. Mrs. Brooks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McSparin.

Brown.—A daughter, Marsha Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Brown of Carrier Mills, Ill., was born February 11, 1961. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McSparin.

Hanna.—A daughter, Susan, was born February 19, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Hanna, 8627 Kempwood, Houston 24, Texas.

Harris.—A son, Thomas Leete, to James and Nancy (Leete) Harris of 74 Auburn St., Cranston, R. I., on April 8, 1961.

Stillman.—A son, Benjamin Shaw, to Joyce (McWilliam) and George Stillman of 1837 Marshall, Houston 6, Texas, on March 30, 1961.

Vulchev.—A son, Peter, to Mary (Fisher) and Ned Vulchev, Rt. 1, Box 175, Sanaway, Wash., on December 16, 1961.

Obituaries

Burdick.—Henry Frank, a resident of Connecticut until 1947 and who lived at Ormond Beach, Fla., died at his home March 27, 1961.

On February 10, 1936, he was married to Julia Wells, also of Connecticut, who preceded him in death at a nursing home in DeLand, Fla., January 15 of this year.

Graveside service were conducted by the Rev. O. B. Bond on April 1 at Woodland Cemetery, Port Orange, Fla., with Woodward-Lowther Undertakers of Ormond Beach in charge.

— Written by H. L. P. by request.

Hallenbeck.—Bertha Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel B. and Catherine Elizabeth Langworthy, was born in Alfred, N. Y., December 11, 1876, and died at Loudonville, N. Y., March 21, 1961.

She was baptized and united with the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 12, 1890.

She was married to Clarence H. Hallenbeck, August 5, 1908, by the Rev. Lester C. Randolph. Her husband died in 1936. She is survived by two sons and three daughters: Robert L. of Peekskill, N. Y.; Donald C. of Loudonville, N. Y.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles) Riley of Snyder, N. Y.; Rosemary (Mrs. Herbert) Mossein of Rochester, N. Y.; and Jean (Mrs. Robert) Coward of Schenectady, N. Y.; also a sister, Lucile (Mrs. E. F.) Hildebrand of Alfred, N. Y.; and fourteen grandchildren.

Mrs. Hallenbeck was educated in Alfred and taught nearby as well as in schools in Harriman and Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Memorial services were conducted by the Rev. Richard D. Hunter and the Rev. Fred Imhoff at the Babcock Funeral Home, Ravena, N. Y. Services were also held at the Alfred church, with the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, and her pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H. S. W.

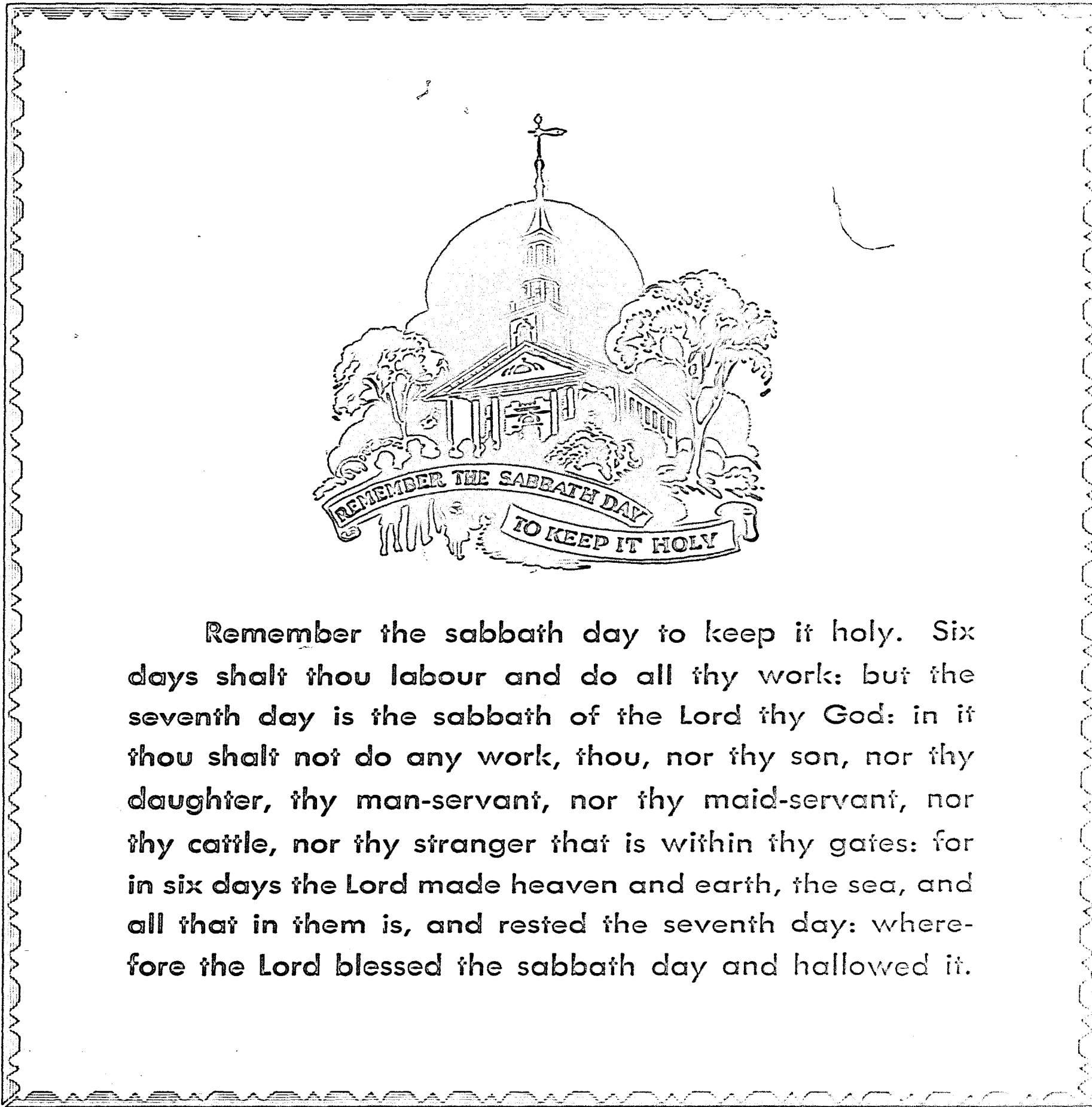
Kenyon.—Mae Catherine, the daughter of Christina and John B. Henry, was born March 8, 1867, at Walkerton, Indiana, and died October 14, 1960, at Los Angeles.

In 1878 she journeyed with three brothers and sisters to Nortonville, Kan. by covered wagon. She was married February 19, 1885, to Frank Clark Kenyon. To this union were born two sons, Ernest and Orla. They moved to De Ruyter, N. Y., in the spring of 1914 to farm. There they were active members of the Seventh Day Baptist church. After the death of Mr. Kenyon in 1932, she went to Detroit, Mich., to be with her son Ernest. In 1936 she came to make her home in Los Angeles where she became active in the Seventh Day Baptist church.

Survivors are: her brother Elsworth Henry; a sister, Clara Landrum; and a son Orla; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Utter-McKinley Wilshire Chapel in Los Angeles with her pastor, the Rev. Francis D. Saunders officiating. Place of interment was Nortonville, Kan.

— F. D. S.



Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

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Changing Seasons

There is something challenging about the change of seasons. We who live in the Temperate Zone feel that we are doubly blessed in not being limited to a rainy and a dry season. For us there are four changes, some of which are entered into with more pleasure than others. The calendar tells us exactly when spring begins and insists that the date is the same for North and South, East and West. Experience tells us something different.

The church year is also arbitrarily divided into periods and dates by historic events that are traced back to biblical or early church origins. Our individual experiences of the grace of God may or may not correspond to fixed dates of the church year. Many of us believe that it is a mistake to try to force conversion or Spirit-filling experiences into any set calendar. There is no time when we should not be intent on creating a climate that will foster such experiences.

The coming of spring is associated with a number of things. Your editor was meditating on that thought as he made his way to the office recently after an unusually warm spring rain. Spring has come when the cherry tree blooms in the back yard; when the frost-resisting yellow flowers and shrubs have passed their glory; when pansies turn their many-colored faces to the light; when the early-leaving trees venture to burst their buds and begin to clothe their long-bare limbs with pastel green or drop their tiny blooms to make way for the winged seeds that are crowding close behind. Spring has come when the fertilizer on the lawn turns it from tiny shoots in the midst of grayish brown sod to that dark green velvet that delights our eyes and cushions our feet after the first or second mowing.

Spring's first effect is often observed to be the yawning of motorists at every intersection at eight o'clock in the morning or the indefinable "fever" that slows up schoolwork of children and lengthens the outdoor evening activities of older youth. But the sudden bursting of a long delayed vernal season does more than that. It sends a new urge into our hearts to accomplish the physical work that

must be done at this time of year. In the Christ-oriented life spring reminds us that we must be about our Father's business. This is the time of meeting more people, distributing more tracts, and challenging the young people to give their hearts and hands to the Lord. If we allow the springtime to slip unprofitably by there will be no joyous bringing in of the sheaves at the end of the season.

New Creation Story

There is an old saying, "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine." This has sometimes been applied to the process of justice in Christian nations. Perhaps Christian leaders, discouraged with the slowness of the spread of the Gospel through the printed page, have also taken some consolation from this proverb. It would appear that it would have to be reversed to apply to the propaganda mills of the godless in the Soviet Republic for they grind with amazing speed and turn out coarse bran rather than fine flour.

Here is the case in point. On Friday, April 14, a book about Major Yuri A. Gagarin, the world's first orbiting astronaut, went on sale in Moscow. It was published on Wednesday, April 12, the day of his flight. The material about his life and the many philosophical notes included in the book bore evidence of having been prepared over a period of many days, but it was still a remarkable publishing feat. The mills (presses) of the godless ground fast.

This might not be worthy of comment in a Christian publication except for certain elements of propaganda included in the hastily prepared book. A portion of the Major Gagarin book compares his space flight to the story of the creation in the Bible. We are indebted to the New York Times for the following quotation from a chapter entitled "The Sixth Day":

Not long ago were finished the first days of creation when men who were able to challenge the gods made themselves a new solid creation, a small independent celestial body, the artificial sputnik of the earth.

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It was provided with plants and animals, primitive and complex, small and big, and at last came the greatest of all, crowning the day of the creation — the sixth day — and on the artificial body appeared a man.

This "challenging of the gods" and this use of the Bible to exalt the godless above God will probably not go down in history as among the greatest pieces of writing, but it probably deserves an "E" for effort. We must give the communists credit for trying to squeeze out of a great achievement every possible drop of propaganda juice. The Air Force major is credited with declaring that his entry into the Communist party last summer was "the biggest and brightest event of my life before this flight into space."

We may be sure that the challenge thrown out to God, the Maker of men, will not go unheeded. Mortals make the mistake of thinking that God must answer every blasphemy of foolish men at the time it is uttered or within their physical life span. Not so. We are not living in the days of the righteous Job whose book we have been studying; but a day of accounting will come and we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. So says the New Testament.

Pentecost Is Coming May 21, 1961

Is it not true that most of the people in our churches are not nearly as aware of Pentecost as they are of Easter? It is one of those things that is hard to explain in line with our claim that our church is more biblical than others and that we follow the practices of the New Testament Church faithfully. To be sure, we follow the example of Christ and the apostles in the matter of keeping the Fourth Commandment and are happy that we have been able to call the Christian Church back to a consideration of the Sabbath in some measure. But why have we made so much less of Pentecost in our church calendar than of Easter?

A pretty good argument for observing Pentecost as an annual celebration can be made from the New Testament. The whole second chapter of Acts describes the events of that first Christian Pentecost —

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And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. Acts 13: 42.

the birthday of the Church. It is evident that the Jewish feast took on Christian significance in the years that followed, for we find that the Apostle Paul returning from his third missionary journey was willing to sail right by Ephesus: "for he hastened, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost" (Acts 20: 16). On a previous occasion he had written to the largely gentile church at Corinth that he could not visit the Corinthian church at that time because there was a great opening for the Gospel at Ephesus and he wanted to "tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost" (1 Cor. 10: 8). These are the only usages of the word in the New Testament, but they are enough to indicate a continuing as well as a new importance to the day. The references are the same in the Revised Standard Version, which rightly omits the one use of "Easter" found in the King James Version (Acts 12: 4).

We may in good conscience say that although we have not been in the habit of observing Pentecost we have laid considerable emphasis on the second chapter of Acts in our preaching at various times during the year. Although we may thus excuse ourselves from following the practice of the Anglican and many other churches in the observance of the day, we cannot criticize them for so doing. Neither can we claim perfect biblical consistency in our tendency to emphasize the Resurrection of Christ at the Church-appointed time and not emphasize the birthday of the Church at the Bible-appointed time.

By faith, and with the help of praying friends, World Vision at this moment is caring for 14,075 children in 161 orphanages around the world — providing not only the necessities of life, but the "extras" of Christian love and Christian training. — Bob Pierce, Box O, Pasadena Calif.

Special Next Week

We are happy to announce again that all Sabbath Recorder subscribers will receive next week (dated May 15) at no extra charge another bonus issue in color, one and a half times as large as the regular issue. It will contain numerous articles of unusual and lasting interest. To make room for these the usual departments will be omitted, as well as news of the churches and statistics which would tend to date the issue and lessen its value for distribution among people outside our denominational fellowship.

The editorship of these special issues offered to the churches for \$8.50 per hundred three times a year is different each time. The Rev. Albert N. Rogers, dean of the School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y., solicited the articles for the forthcoming issue and took over most of the other editorial tasks except the promotion, which was handled by the regular editor.

The Tract Board has purchased a considerable number of the 1961 special issues in order to offer them for distribution, along with other tracts, to Association or church-sponsored booths at county or state fairs throughout the nation.

Individuals who desire extra copies of the May special issue will find the Recorder office ready to serve them on a first-come, first-served basis at 15 cents per copy or at the church rate as long as the limited supply lasts.

Mother of the Year

North Carolina named a "Mother of the Year" for 1961 from seventeen women nominated for the honor. The lady chosen is Mrs. Memory, the daughter of a Baptist minister. Widowed in 1949, she completed rearing her four sons and became a schoolteacher. For many of us the mother of all our years is now a "Memory." Sweet are the memories of the Christian influences cast about us by our self-sacrificing mothers. God has a right to expect noble womanhood to be produced in every generation and to be appreciated before becoming a memory.

Stewardship of Talent — A Reflection of Your Love

By Leland Bond

I am sure that each of us feels and thinks somewhat differently about stewardship; thus it would seem logical that we would also feel and think differently concerning the stewardship of talent.

Talent is something we each possess, regardless of our standing in life. Talent is often thought to belong to a few. However, I am sure that if you were to sit down with the church roll and think of the many things that each individual member could do, and do well, every member could be rated as talented in some area. In this respect, I feel this subject is timely in relation to our second year of Lay Development. Maybe your church has already developed a time and talent survey and put it to use. Our church did this as a part of a new program for our church and found it rewarding in many respects. We found a lot of jobs that needed to be done at our church and we found many persons who were willing to do them. A good way to grow is by having a job for everyone in the church to do according to his talents.

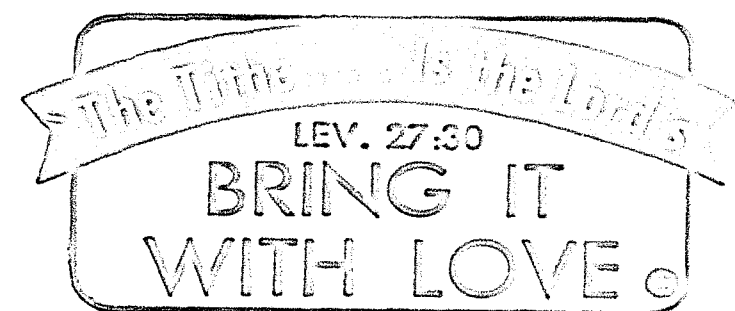
When I think of stewardship, my first thoughts are of giving. I believe that when you give of your personal talents in church work it reflects your love of God, of your church, and of your friends. I am sure that everyone has experienced the wonderful feeling that comes from giving something. When you give a Christmas gift to a loved one or sweetheart, a used pair of shoes to the needy, or even an ice-cream cone to a child, a real satisfaction is felt. No matter how small the gift may be, this warm feeling is present if you have given in the spirit of love. This same feeling can come when you give of your talents for the work of the Lord. This is a true reflection of your love.

We all know that there is more to stewardship than just giving something. I am sure that many of you have said or have heard someone say, "Lord, all I have and all I am is thine." I am also sure

that if this were a reality with all of us, God's work would go forward with such zeal and determination that this would be a different world in which to live. We all have trouble in living both phases of the above statement. We might be able to give all that we have, but we find it hard to live the part which says, "all I am is Thine." Many of us are willing to undertake a task if someone will help us. How grateful we should be that God has given us a Savior who offers to share with us the work of God. Love can accomplish more, and the satisfaction is greater when two parties are involved. We know that God loves us; therefore when we love Him our accomplishments can be unlimited and the satisfaction great.

God has made us so that we like to receive as well as give. "Stewardship of Talent — A Reflection of Your Love" could carry this meaning as expressed in the word "reflection." A reflection is that which is returned or thrown back. What do you see in the mirror? I am sure that if you have used your talents to the best of your ability, with the help that God can give, that you will love what you see; others will love what they see; and God will love what He sees. We always receive the most benefit from the things we do ourselves. The teacher who prepares well for Sabbath School class usually receives the greatest benefit. Think then what the stewardship of talent can do for you.

Love can accomplish great things. History is full of stories of the unexpected, because of someone's great love. Did you ever do the unexpected because you loved someone? If you really love God I believe that the unexpected, so far as you are concerned, can and will be accomplished when you use your talents.



Should our country prepare for chemical and biological warfare? Christian opinion is divided. The following excerpts from an address before the Associated Church Press present a viewpoint needing consideration.

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

By Major General Marshall Stubbs,
Chief Chemical Officer.

The complete awareness of the responsibility to select, clarify, and bring factual information to the church public is evident in the Associated Church Press. The responsibility to interpret the news in the light of moral and religious truth is also evident in your publications. It is true that at times you may say or write things which make me feel rather uncomfortable but I feel that you are performing your prophetic role and I would defend your right to offer constructive criticism.

The most profound change in chemical agents occurred just prior to World War 2. At that time, a German scientist, studying insecticides, discovered the anticholinesterase effect of certain chemical compounds. I would like to stop a minute to give you a brief definition of "anticholinesterase."

The body produces a chemical called acetylcholine. This compound, when it is released at the nerve ending, causes the muscle to contract. In order for the muscle to relax again, the acetylcholine must be neutralized. Cholinesterase is the body enzyme which neutralizes acetylcholine. The Germans had discovered a compound which reacts with and therefore cancels the enzyme activity of cholinesterase. . . . In short, an anticholinesterase produces uncontrolled muscular contraction. These anticholinesterase compounds are commonly referred to as nerve agents.

There is one more thing we should keep in mind. Scientific progress has no national boundaries. We know that any discovery we make, can be or perhaps already has been made by scientists in

other nations. We must assume that each new weapon or defense which we devise may already exist in the arsenal of another nation. We do know that other nations have produced the nerve agents.

Early detection and warning of the presence of nerve agents is very important in planning a defense against them. This requires the development of systems which automatically detect them and issue a warning. We are conducting a research program designed to produce instruments which are portable and will detect a number of agents. This early detection and analysis is important for airborne biological agents as well.

There are effective means of treating those who have been exposed to the nerve agents. The accepted method is the use of atropine, which is packed in syrettes designed for self-injection. Atropine stimulates muscular action but it must be given with artificial respiration to be effective. The problem here is to administer treatment in time. Since the nerve agents act within a matter of minutes, prompt treatment is essential.

The second class of chemical agents — the incapacitants — can be divided into two groups. One causes temporary physical disability such as discomfort, anesthesia, paralysis, or immobilization.

Another type — the psychochemicals — temporarily affect behavior. They can cause confusion, irrationality, or in other ways cause a change in a person's behavior pattern so that he will not make normal responses to calls upon his mind.

Chemical compounds are known which have immediate or delayed effects and remain effective for varying periods of time. A person under the influence of one of these agents would be temporarily deranged and his reactions would probably be completely opposite from normal. An aggressive, outgoing person might want to

run and hide even from his fellow soldiers. Courageous persons might become timid — timid people might become belligerent.

A great amount of public attention has been focused upon our work with these agents which may be due in part to the deep hope, which we all share, that if war should come it can be waged with minimum destruction and loss of life. We must know about them so that if they are used against us we will be able to do something about minimizing their effects.

Biological agents, like the nerve gases, have no properties detectable by the senses. The mask, when it is on and properly fitted, offers protection against the biological as well as the chemical weapons.

From among the organisms that cause the approximately 160 catalogued diseases of man, an aggressor could choose a variety of agents for use in warfare. Among these are plague, tularemia, or rabbit fever, anthrax, encephalitis, "Q" fever, dengue fever, typhoid and typhus. Their effects could range from mildly and temporarily incapacitating to profound illness with high mortality.

A single large enemy missile could disperse enough chemical agents to produce thirty per cent casualties among all unmasked personnel in the open over an area one mile in diameter. A one-mile circle in a metropolitan target would encompass many thousands of people.

There are a number of unique characteristics which set chemical and biological agents apart from the nuclear and high explosive weapons. First, they do not destroy material. Certainly, if an aggressor's objective is to seize the physical spoils of war, it would be to his advantage to use the chemical and biological munitions which leave physical facilities intact.

In our defense planning we must be particularly concerned with the large-scale spread of biological agents. Our investigations have suggested that extensive target areas measured in the thousands of square miles could be covered. There also is the possibility of the wholesale contamination of food supplies, hospitals, restaurants, public and domestic kitchens, and warehouses.

The government leaders and many private leaders of this country are becoming more aware of these facts concerning chemical and biological weapons. They have called for a United States capability to defend itself against them. Within our policy of preventing attack by maintaining a balanced deterrent against all possible forms of aggression, this means we must have the ability to use these weapons if an enemy chooses to use them against us.

The American Chemical Society and the American Medical Association have studied the effects of chemical and biological weapons at their general meetings. Both groups concluded that immediate steps to strengthen this country's defense against these weapons are needed.

Every leading member of our Armed Forces whom I have had the privilege of knowing has been motivated by the idea that what he does will result in a just and lasting peace.

To those of you who consider this an unusual observation I should like to offer the words of one of our most respected soldiers, General Douglas MacArthur. He said, "No one desires peace as much as the soldier, for he must pay the greatest penalty in war."

Ben Browne Accepts Seminary Leadership

Benjamin P. Browne has resigned as executive director of Christian publications for the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication.

He will become administrator and president-elect of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago. He begins a two-year term as seminary administrator September 1, after a year as acting administrator on a part-time basis.

Browne will continue to direct the Green Lake, Wis., Christian writing center and Christian Writers and Editors Conference there through 1962. He is current president of Associated Church Press.

Browne is known to many Seventh Day Baptists because of his writings and the writers' conferences. He was also the special lecturer at the Ministers Conference at Westerly a few years ago.

Review of April Meeting of Missionary Board

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 23, 1961, with nineteen members and five visitors present. Among the visitors were members of the Conference Planning Committee which had been meeting in Westerly on Thursday and Friday, just prior to the board meeting. The visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Bond, Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, Mrs. Milton Van Horn, and Mrs. Robert Fetherston were welcomed to the meeting by President George V. Crandall and were "extended the privileges of the meeting."

An outstanding item of interest was the extending of a call to the Rev. Leland Davis, pastor of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, to serve as our missionary in British Guiana, to begin his services at a mutually acceptable time and under the terms of service similar to those worked out with the Rev. Delmer Van Horn in 1956. As previously offered, the Missionary Board will assist in the cost of educational preparation for service on the mission field. It was noted that the Nortonville Fund, so called, will be available to supplement the amount in the 1961 Our World Mission budget for British Guiana.

The Home Field Committee report presented by Pastor Earl Cruzan, chairman, was adopted, carrying a recommendation to assist on the travel expense of missionary pastors to attend the Ministers Meeting at Plainfield, May 1-6, 1961.

It was noted that Mr. Kenneth Davis, a senior student at the Alfred University School of Theology, has accepted the call of the Daytona Beach Church to begin services in the fall. Details of arrangements for service are being worked out. "This is the first area of support under the Basic Policy Plan for Home Field Work recently adopted." Quoting further: "In regard to a request from Metairie Seventh Day Baptist Church in support of a pastor to succeed Chaplain Leonard Melton who enters the Military Chaplaincy

in May, we recommended that the board secretary refer them to the action of last General Conference in regard to ministers who come to our denomination from other groups as follows: 'That the Conference request that any local church shall consider such a candidate for a pastorate ineligible until he has completed an orientation program on Seventh Day Baptist polity and beliefs as arranged by the Committee on Ministerial Training.' Also to convey that in view with this action, we should defer the giving of aid until these steps had been taken in regard to Mr. Hayes who has shown an interest in providing leadership to their church. We would also encourage the church to call an Examination Council to consider recognition of Mr. Hayes' ordination."

The secretary reported on matters growing out of correspondence as follows: "It seems likely that no doctor will be found to take Dr. Victor Burdick's place at Makapwa Mission during his furlough. Dr. Burdick has written that he thinks he can make arrangements for a doctor from Malamulo (Adventist) Hospital, to make occasional supervisory visits to our medical center at Makapwa to meet government requirements."

It was voted that the board accept with sincere appreciation the offer of Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick to turn their car over to the Makapwa Mission for 100 pounds (approximately \$280). This will provide the mission station with a second car, which is needed.

It was voted that the secretary send a message of love from board members and guests at this meeting to the Rev. and Mrs. Harold R. Crandall who were unable to attend because of illness.

Mrs. Robert Fetherston offered the closing prayer.

The Value of the Sabbath

Dr. Elton Trueblood writes in "The Upper Room Disciplines" meditation for April 17, "The Sabbath, for example, is not precious but men are; and the real value of the Sabbath lies in what it does for people." This is another instance of the way many leaders of religious thought today think and speak of the Sabbath.

Dr. Trueblood might just as well have used as his example the honorable institution of marriage. He might have said, "Marriage is not precious but men and women are; and the real value of marriage lies in what it does for people." This is part truth and Dr. Trueblood would have been challenged if he had made such a statement about marriage. Some of us feel inclined to challenge his statement regarding the Sabbath.

We know that Jesus said, "The Sabbath is made for man and not man for the Sabbath." We also know that Jesus kept the seventh-day Sabbath sacred. We believe that He never intended to detract from the sanctity of the Sabbath in any way by His statement. Rather He was using the accepted sanctity of the Sabbath to bring home His point concerning the sacredness of people.

We submit that Dr. Trueblood's statement is incomplete and therefore, incorrect and misleading. The Sabbath of the Bible is precious and the keeping of it according to the commandment of God brings honor to God and enhances its real value to man.

Pacific Coast Meetings Held

By Geraldine Hargis

The annual Pacific Coast Association meeting was held April 14, 15, and 16 in Riverside. The theme of the Association was "Ever Old, Ever New — His Truth Endures." Guests from the Bay Area Fellowship; Phoenix, Arizona; and Westerly, R. I. attended, as well as those from the Los Angeles church.

Services began on Friday evening with a sermon, "His Truth Endures," brought to us by Pastor Francis D. Saunders of Los Angeles. Special music was beautifully rendered by a ladies' quartet.

After the Sabbath School hour, all classes assembled in the sanctuary for the morning worship service. We were privileged to have as the Sabbath morning speaker our Conference president, Mr. Loren Osborn. He spoke on the topic "Faith, Works, and the Layman." The theme of the message was to show the importance of the work of the layman in all phases of the church program. The

combined choirs from Riverside and Los Angeles sang two anthems, "Thy Word Is a Light" and "He Shall Sustain Thee," with Mrs. Lila Saunders directing.

The afternoon praise service was led by Miss Lois Wells after which Miss Geri Hargis led a short devotional period. The Conference president brought the afternoon message on "Conference at Work the Year Around." Mr. Osborn made us realize the importance of carrying out the program of Conference all the year in our individual churches. After this thought-provoking message there was an informal question and answer period.

In the evening the service was planned and presented by the high school class of the Riverside Sabbath School. They took us back in Bible history by using charts and slides portraying a chronological record of leading Bible characters.

After the evening service the young people assembled on the church lawn to be taken on an old fashioned hayride. Early Sunday morning they met again for their annual fellowship breakfast and devotions in a nearby park.

Mrs. Alice Hayward opened our Bible study workshop with a short devotional period. Then we separated into five groups for the study of the Epistle of James, chapters 1-5. The group leaders were Dr. Stanley Rasmussen, Dr. Lewis May, Mrs. Lila Saunders, Erwin Gillespie, and Albyn Mackintosh.

The business session ended the spring Association meeting and we were adjourned by our new president, Dr. Lewis May.

— Corresponding Secretary.

Youth News

Not many of our young people's societies have an opportunity for the same kind of interracial fellowship as is possible for the Riverside, Calif., SDBYF. On April 29 they were hosts to the group of Indian young people from Sherman Protestant Chapel in the church Social Hall. These Navajo Indians are brought from the rugged New Mexico reservation to the government school (Sherman Institute) in the outskirts of Riverside.

Martin Luther King
Lectures at Louisville Seminary
By the Editor

Progress is being made in national acceptance of the civil rights of minority racial groups when a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary invites the Rev. Martin Luther King, Negro integration leader from Atlanta, to deliver one of the Gay Lectures at Louisville. Dr. King appeared at the invitation of the faculty on April 20. A seminary professor said that their purpose was to present several types of controversial problems so the students going forth into major church responsibilities would be familiar with issues they would face.

King appeared twice before seminary students, first at a morning chapel worship service attended by 1,400. A newspaper reporter estimated it to be the largest turnout since Evangelist Billy Graham was at the seminary.

Later in the day he was scheduled to take part with a class in a question and answer period. The attendance was so large that the group had to be moved to the chapel. At the close of the questioning period, the students gave King what some said was an unprecedented standing applause.

The enthusiastic acceptance of Dr. King by seminary students was not appreciated by leaders of an organization called Baptist Laymen of Alabama — a group of unknown size which is not recognized by the Southern Baptist Convention. Its secretary, Dean Fleming, demanded the ouster of seminary president, Duke K. McCall, if "pro-integration" activities are allowed to continue.

Southern Baptist Convention President Ramsey Pollard of Memphis defended McCall: "I can say without question Dr. McCall is not going to be ousted because of their demand. He has the confidence, love and respect of our people. . . . While some may doubt the wisdom of having Dr. Martin Luther King speak at the seminary, there's no cause for any drastic action."

Since the Southern Baptist Convention is the leading Protestant Church in the

South and much of the opposition to equal civil rights has come from church people, it has been unfairly assumed that the Baptists throughout the South are opposed to orderly integration of public facilities. What seems to be the case is that diminishing numbers of fearful but exceedingly vocal white laymen are continuing to resist the Christian principles held by Baptist leaders in pulpits and seminaries.

Seventh Day Baptists throughout our national history can proudly claim that their leadership in most social reforms has been felt. They have been strong instigators of temperance reform, for instance. Let it never be said that any of us, regardless of our geographical proximity to the racial issue, have let our fears or prejudices keep us from being at the forefront of the struggle to apply Christian principles in this area of life. May we remind ourselves also that a Christian spirit must at all times be manifest in upholding the principles that we believe to be Christian.

Deadly Reckoning

Compilations by The Travelers Insurance Companies show that persons killed last year in highway accidents which were blamed on excessive speed totaled 10,970 as compared with 12,980 in 1959. As for injuries, the record was not so good. They increased nearly 100,000 with more than 1,000,000 blamed on speed during the year.

The company in its annual tally of highway casualties, says: "We have long contended that the total number of casualties rather than the number of deaths should be the criterion by which we should judge the seriousness of this situation."

"It must be remembered," says the report, "that the apparent leveling off of the number of deaths has come about, not because of motorists but in spite of them. More than 80 per cent of personal injury accidents still involve driving violations and the fact that deaths have not risen sharply in recent years is due largely to better and more prompt medical care rather than care on the part of the drivers."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rox E. Zwickel

Special Edition of the Helping Hand

The Helping Hand for the third quarter, 1961 (July, August, September) is an issue which we believe to be of special interest to Seventh Day Baptists. It is a combination of the International Uniform Lessons for every Sabbath plus a biography each week of an outstanding pioneer Seventh Day Baptist.

The editing of the lessons was done by Mrs. H. C. (Abbie) Van Horn, and the biographies written by several persons under the supervision of Dean Albert N. Rogers, president of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

Because of the unusual contents of this Helping Hand, a limited number of them will be produced with a cover of colored, heavy paper, and they will be sold by the Historical Society, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. The price is fifty cents per copy. Quantity prices may be obtained by writing to Miss Evalois St. John at the above address.

It is expected that standing orders will carry the regular soft cover.

Every Seventh Day Baptist who is interested in the historical figures of our noble denomination will want a copy with the stiff cover. Sabbath Schools are urged to order those with the special cover for the teachers of the young people and adult Sabbath School classes.

Family Summer Camping

Interest in camping as a family summertime venture has been growing steadily during the past decade. Never before have so many families packed up the tent, the fishing rods, and the baby, and gone off together for a vacation of camping in the woods. The movement has grown so rapidly that the American Camping Association has developed standards to guide any who might want to organize such family enterprises: Family Camp Standards, American Camping Association, Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Ind., 10 cents.

Some of our churches have seen in

organized family camping an opportunity to enrich family life and strengthen church membership. They urge their families to use their own camping facilities. They may come as a single family, a small group of families, or as many families as the camp will support. A conference type of program may be conducted in which a specific body of subject matter is taught in graded classes or presented in a lecture followed by discussion. Worship, Bible study, handicrafts, and recreational and social activities have completed the program.

If your church or association would like to develop this type of camping, you may obtain help from the Manual of Camps and Conferences, the Seabury Press, Greenwich, Connecticut, \$2.25.

Some of the factors that they list to consider in planning for family camps are:

1. How many days the camp will operate.
2. What are the costs?
3. How many families are expected to come.
4. The total number of individuals to be accommodated.
5. What age limits are to be placed on children.
6. Should families without children be admitted?
7. How the families will be housed.
8. How much of the program will be left to the families to plan.
9. How much of the time will be given to children's activities?
10. What specialists are needed.
11. Worship.
12. What resources, materials, books, visual aids will be needed; staff and administration; buildings and other facilities.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 20, 1961

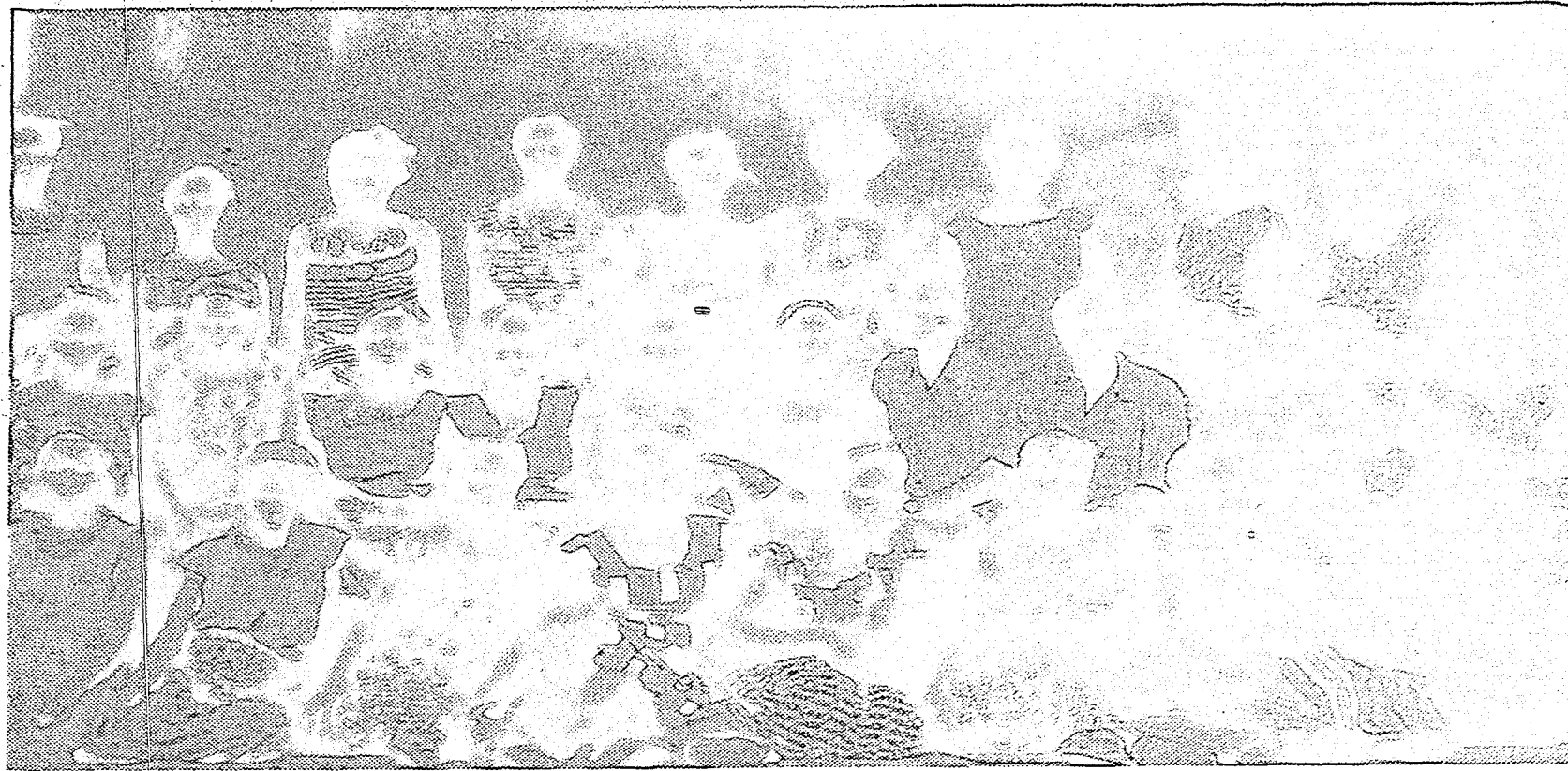
The Importance of Diligence

Lesson Scripture: Prov. 6: 6-9; 22: 29; 24: 30-34; Eccl. 3: 22.

for May 27, 1961

Self-Discipline — Why?

Lesson Scripture: Prov. 7: 1-5; 14: 30; 16: 32; 17: 27; 20: 1; 23: 19-21.



The leaders of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in the Ahoada District of Eastern Nigeria report encouraging progress in their extension work. For months they had spoken of a baptismal service to be held in March. It is now reported that fifteen people were baptized on March 12 "in a waterside four miles from Ede Town."

It is stated that a new station has been opened in a nearby town. Letters speak of the people from seven stations gathering at the central church where there were discussions about improving the work in Nigeria. Representatives of the women's organization (Dorcas Society) pictured here also had a meeting at the same time. With them are Pastor E. Osa, general secretary, and his assistant, G. E. Dapper. (See Recorder of January 16 for larger picture of these two men.)

An interesting story is told in a recent letter. Joseph Ezi, a 24-year-old boy, son of a juju priest, who had himself been studying to become a juju priest, sent a telegram asking for baptism. He had studied the tract "Pro and Con" and is reputed to have used it "to convert his parents and seven others to observe the seventh day of our Lord Jesus."

The only official help given to the people in this part of Nigeria is literature from the Tract Society and letters

of encouragement from those who have been carrying on the correspondence. Manifestly they have material needs, such as a bicycle and a secondhand typewriter. A major problem is mentioned in nearly every letter — how to get their work recognized by the government under the Seventh Day Baptist name.

Church-State Resolution of Associated Church Press

WHEREAS at the present time the question of government aid to private and parochial schools is being widely debated and WHEREAS the constitutional principle of the separation of church and state which has traditionally precluded the expenditure of public funds is, we believe, one conducive to the health of both church and state, **BE IT RESOLVED** that members of the Associated Church Press re-examine the entire field of church-state relationships and be prepared to interpret those issues particularly in regard to all special concessions to religious institutions such as direct grant, long-term low interest loans, tax exemptions, and lower postal rates. All this to the end that a clear and definite separation between church and state may be made effective. — One of the resolutions for the guidance of editors adopted by A. C. P. April 14, 1961.

Prayers for Special Days

A Prayer for Sabbath Rally Day May 20, 1961

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, gratitude wells up in our hearts for all Thy blessings. We thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself and Thy will in Thy Word, which has been the lamp to our feet and the light to our path through all generations.

Thou who holdest all time in Thy hand and reservest some for Thyself hast infinite understanding of our human frailties. Thou didst know how busy man would think himself to be and how prone to neglect to give a just portion of time to meditation and worship. We thank Thee for setting apart the Sabbath day for our joy and for Thine honor.

We are faced, O Lord, with increasing godlessness creeping over the face of Thy world. We know not to what extent Thou dost hold us responsible for the swallowing up of nations by those who defy Thy laws and honor not Thy Son, but we ask Thy forgiveness and plead for strength to live by every precept of Thy moral law.

We realize anew, heavenly Father, that our religious life cannot survive the loss of sacred time. We know that Thou understandest how many pressures modern society exerts to draw us away from the full blessings of Thy day. Give us strength, Lord, to conform our pleasures and all our values to Thy revealed will.

Lord, as we seek to extend the message of Thy salvation in the face of a spreading materialism, nationalism, and self-interest help us to see that we who have the knowledge of Thy holy day have a message for the Christian world that will help all believers to combat these creeping evils.

Help us, Lord, to follow the instructions of Thy Word in relation to human governments. May we give honor where honor is due. In our land of freedom guide our leaders in interpreting the Constitution and laws in such a way as to constantly guarantee the right to worship

A Prayer for Armed Forces Day May 20, 1961

Almighty and eternal God, we humbly bow in Thy divine presence to lift our hearts in humble gratitude for the bountiful blessings Thou hast so generously bestowed upon us. As we count our blessings, may we not forget the grave responsibility which Thou hast placed upon us: to employ the effective power of the Armed Forces to bring peace in freedom to all mankind.

Help us, O God, to employ our strength and all our material resources to defend the human dignity of every citizen in every land, but may we ever be mindful that human progress and the elimination of fears and intangible anxieties can be achieved only as we, as individuals, make our personal contributions in the realm of moral and spiritual values.

While we conceive and construct the mighty weapons of war to discourage the enemies of freedom, may we walk in the paths of righteousness so that Thy wisdom may be our wisdom and Thy purpose our purpose.

As we search for more effective methods to increase our knowledge, to improve our way of life, and to protect our national and international interests, may we not forget that man's basic, fundamental, and eternal need is God.

As we push back the horizons of knowledge, may we place our hand in the hand of God and seek first His kingdom and His righteousness so that our advances into the storehouse of God's ancient and boundless truths may not overwhelm us but, instead, dispel the darkness that lies within us and bring the warming rays of God's healing power to the souls of all men everywhere. — The Armed Forces Chaplains Board.

Thee according to the dictates of conscience. Grant that, out of love for Christ, we find joy in observing the Sabbath, our reminder that all time is Thine. — A member of the Sabbath Promotion Committee.

Women's Board News Notes

There is still a need! Can you help? We have requests for Bible School workers that we will not be able to fill unless you (brother, sister, aunt, uncle, or perhaps grandma) can give a few weeks to this work. The task and the blessings are many. If you can fit some work of this kind into your summer schedule, please contact Mrs. Herbert Bennett, 65 Hamilton Drive, Battle Creek, Mich.

The month of May is now open for reservations for the filmstrip, "Radiant Treasure." If you would like to use this filmstrip as a part of a devotional program in a women's group, church family night, or other group meeting, send your request as soon as possible. The filmstrip lends itself to a discussion after the showing. Order early enough to give opportunity for previewing and for arranging a helpful and stimulating program around it. Send your request to Mrs. Walter Wilkin-son, 174 West St., Battle Creek, Mich.

The new booklist is now completed. Copies will be found in the new packets and copies for individual use will soon be sent out. No change was made in the number of points required so we will be looking for a long list of honor readers. Happy and profitable reading to each of you!

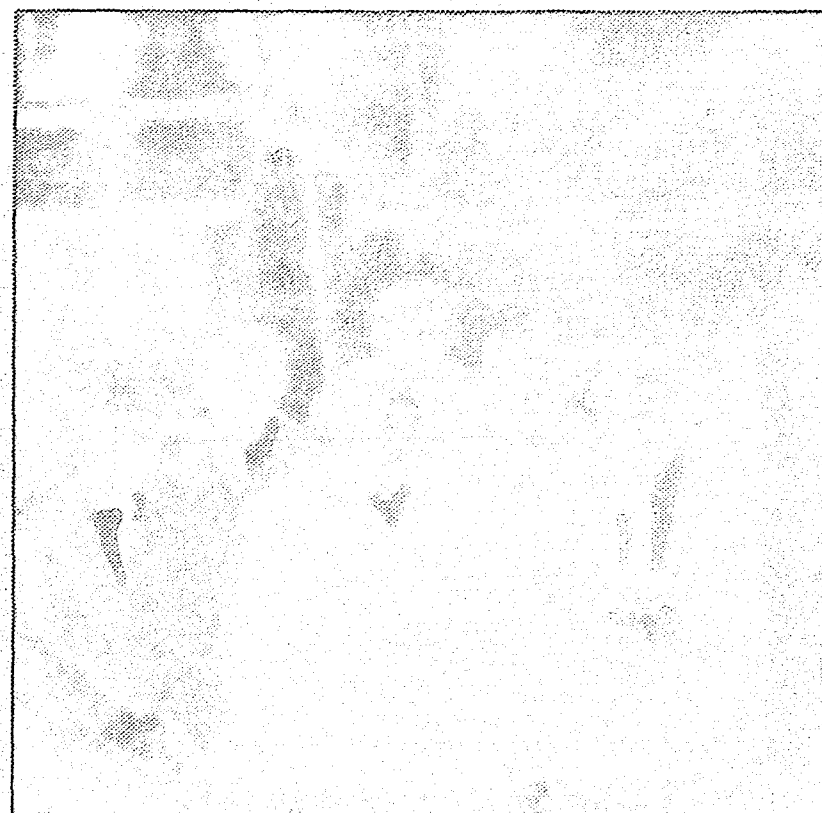
CONFERENCE — The Women's Society will present a program before the entire Conference on Wednesday morning, August 16. A short devotional period will be followed by a dramatic presentation. A dinner and the annual meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Monday evening, April 17, the Women's Board welcomed Mrs. Milton Van Horn of Milton, Wis., representative of the women of the Wisconsin area who are to take over the work of the Women's Board after Conference. Early the next

morning Mrs. Van Horn and Mrs. Arabeth DeLand, president, left Battle Creek for Westerly, R. I., to attend the Planning Committee meetings, April 20-21.

The new Program Packets for 1961-62 have been mailed to all societies. We are sorry it was not possible to fill all your requests if you were one of the groups who ordered 15-50 copies. We wish more could be made available. The packet is intended mainly for use by the program chairman and one or two others in planning your year's work. If you need extra copies of any items, or another complete packet, let us know. We will be glad to fill your requests wherever possible. All packet materials not sent out before August will be placed on the board's display table at Conference where you may be able to find items of interest to you. If you have a question about the packets write to Mrs. George Parrish, 205 Dogwood Trail, Battle Creek, Mich.

Denominational Planning Committee



See last issue for story of action of the Planning Committee at Westerly, R. I., April 20 and 21. Pictured here from left to right, Harley D. Bond, executive secretary-elect; Everett T. Harris, missionary secretary; Mrs. Milton Van Horn, Women's Board president nominee; Leon M. Maltby, tract secretary; Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston, executive secretary; Rex Zwiebel, Christian Education secretary; Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, Women's Board president.

Youth Speaks

Christian Youth's Responsibility to the Church

By Darrel L. Cox*

The church helps to make up God's family. Young people are a part of God's family even before they become members of the church, and as members of the family even the younger ones would have certain responsibilities, even as they have in their homes. But certainly, responsibilities take on a more specific nature once a young person desires to become an official member of the church. It is concerning those within this latter group of whose responsibilities I wish to speak.

When we become members of an organization we take upon ourselves the responsibilities of the organization. This is no less true when we join the church.

Some of our responsibilities to the church include taking a share of committee work by expressing our ideas and opinions before the committee and attending as much as possible all of the services of the church. One service would be the worship service by which we could serve the Lord and lead other young people and adults closer to Him. A second service would be in youth meetings by which a young person could bring others and himself closer to God through the study of the Bible and fellowship together. A third service would be the church business meetings at which he could vote on things that concern the church and everyone in it. A fourth service would be the choir, although we may not know it, young people are of a big service to the choir, for not only are we receiving training in singing; we are praising the Lord through songs.

It is important that we share in all these services, for not only will we be helping in the program of the church, but we will also be gaining valuable

* Darrel Cox (15) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erlo Cox of North Loup, Neb. This talk was one of four given on Youth Sabbath at the morning worship hour and sent in by the local Recorder correspondent.

training for further service when we may have to assume a bulk of the leadership responsibility either here in this church or some other one. An important responsibility to the church is to conduct ourselves in a Christian fashion at all times. We owe this to the other members of the church, for as members of the same church we are representatives of the group wherever we go.

Realizing that we live in a time of uncertainty as to the future, it is our responsibility to give ourselves every opportunity to study and learn of the faith of the Christian Church. We don't know for sure but there might come a time when worship, as we know it now, would be forbidden. If this should happen we would want to know a religion that is true and by which we could still live.

We would also want to prepare to carry out the Great Commission, which states that we as followers of Christ are to make disciples of all men or to promote faith in Jesus Christ to one and all.

Texas Baptists Praise President

The Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, a fifteen-member group has unanimously passed a resolution commending President John F. Kennedy for opposing Federal aid to sectarian education. The resolution mentioned his "clear and forthright stand." It was passed two days after a \$5.75 billion Federal aid to education bill was recommended to Congress by President Kennedy. The proposed bill excluded aid to sectarian education completely.

"We view this action as a reaffirmation of his (Kennedy's) campaign statement that Federal aid to sectarian education would be unconstitutional," the resolution said.

The group also urged constant vigilance in resisting every effort to violate the constitutional provision which preserves separation of church and state.

Newspapers have reported that American archbishops and cardinals published a strong statement taking issue with President Kennedy's interpretation of the Constitution.

Something for Nothing — Almost

The story of the "Loaves and Fishes" has a modern twist at Meals for Millions Foundation in Los Angeles. From this nonprofit organization, more than 63 million "3¢ meals" of high-protein Multi-Purpose Food have been sent into 127 countries. Eighty per cent of these life-giving meals have been distributed by church-related agencies.

Popularly known as "MPF," this food was developed at the California Institute of Technology from soybean meal, fortified with minerals and vitamins. Each meal (2 oz.) provides proteins, minerals, and vitamins comparable to those in a quarter pound of beef, a baked potato, a dish of peas and a glass of milk. MPF is used in famine and disaster areas from Alaska to Ceylon — eaten either alone as porridge, or more frequently combined with native dishes such as tortilla batter in Mexico, uppuma and curries in India, Pin Cha Duk in Korea, or Slap-it-again bread among the Navajos. Dr. Albert Schweitzer of Lambarene and the late Dr. Tom Dooley in Laos have both testified to its efficacy.

Meals for Millions also encourages food-deficit areas to produce their own MPF from domestic resources heretofore unused for human food. India, Brazil, Japan, and Mexico are now producing their own MPF with the help of Meals for Millions. This people-to-people program has been made possible by the support of the American public and particularly of American churches. — Meals for Millions Foundation, 215 W. 7th St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Ashaway Church History

Members of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church at Ashaway, R. I., are anxious for more people to know the story of their church which celebrated its 250th anniversary in 1958. It is now the oldest active Seventh Day Baptist church in America. A beautifully printed booklet of considerable size depicting the history of the church has been prepared and is still available at fifty cents a copy. Interested people are urged to write to the treasurer, Mrs. Walter A. Saretzki, 52 High St., Westerly, R. I.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTONVILLE, KANS. — The second year of lay development began Sabbath morning January 14th as the pastor brought a message on "Qualifications for Lay Leadership" as given in Paul's letter to Titus.

Workshops were held January 14, 21, and 28 following a noon meal in the basement. On January 14 three workshops were held. Lloyd August met with the men, Edna Wheeler led the women's shop, and Juanita Wheeler talked to the young people. Sabbath, January 21, Winston Wheeler led a workshop on Church Finance. Marie Lippincott led the last workshop on Christian Education.

Early in January some new storm windows and doors were put on the parsonage. The barbecue chairman reports that the two calves purchased for this fall's barbecue already weigh about 600 lbs. each.

An OWM program was held Sabbath afternoon, February 25. We learned of some of our pioneer pastors, early beginnings of our churches here and abroad, information on active churches and those which were extinct. We learned that in 1910 we had 191 churches in the U. S. A. and 39 foreign. — Correspondent.

Obituaries

Greene.—Lester LaMont, son of Mack Greene, and the late Anna Chaffee, was born in Pine City, Minn., on March 17, 1904, and died March 2, 1961, at an Owatonna hospital after a few months' illness.

On March 17, 1925 he married Miss Helen Adelaide Mathews in Rochester, Minn. He became a member of the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church when a young man. As he grew older the Lord came to mean more to him and upon request he was baptized a second time. There are different memorials in the church which testify of his handiwork.

Surviving are his wife Helen; a daughter, Mrs. Arden (Sheila) Crane of Dodge Center; his father and stepmother, of Dodge Center; two brothers, Clare and Wallace, both of Dodge Center; five grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Richards, and the Rev. Kenneth Van Horn. Interment will be in the Dodge Center Cemetery.

