

The Sabbath Recorder

cent increase, includes baptized infants as members. In addition, it includes "all families of defense forces both at home and abroad, and diplomatic and other services abroad." All Jewish congregations totalled 5,367,000 in 1960.

This year for the first time, member communions of the National Council of Churches passed the 40 million mark.

Previously publicized figures on the per capita total giving of the churches were based on reports from less than 50 of the 259 religious bodies in the U. S. — churches affiliated with the NCC.

Million-Pound Blanket Drive

Church World Service is launching a nation-wide post-Christmas drive for a million pounds of blankets to meet urgent appeals from refugees and disaster victims in 25 countries overseas.

Denominations are asking their leaders in the various states to head the drive on a state-wide basis. State councils of churches will co-ordinate the appeal with the assistance of local councils and ministers' associations.

"A Blanket and a Quarter" is the campaign slogan. The coins will pay for processing blankets for shipment abroad at one of the six Church World Service centers.

These centers are located at 3855 Elm Street, Denver, Colo.; 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, Calif.; 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.; 637 West 125th Street, New York 27, N. Y.; Nappanee, Ind., and New Windsor, Md.

Efficiency Mergers

In his presidential address to the 77th annual conference of the Evangelical Free Church in America, Dr. Arnold T. Olson declared, "The cry for ecumenicity is heard across the land. Even Rome seeks, with certain limitations, an ecumenical conference. Few dare to speak against it lest they be considered out of step with the times.

"Yet the tragedy of the ecumenical movement is that it comes at a time when the church senses its inadequacy. It is a movement caused by panic rather than by power. It is being done in the name of administrative efficiency rather than the unifying power of a return to the Bible."

— CNS.

New Chaplain at Fort Bragg

Chaplain Leonard Melton, lately pastor of a Baptist church in Florida and formerly student pastor of the Metairie, La., Seventh Day Baptist Church, wants it to be known that he would be glad to see servicemen stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., or any of our people who are traveling through this area. He is assigned to the 969 Engineer Battalion (Const). He went to this, his first duty station, January 4.

Business Meeting Suggestion

Most of our churches have quarterly or annual business meetings scheduled for early January. An item of business that is not always on the agenda is consideration of the quantity of February special-issue Sabbath Recorders to be ordered. The editor this time is Doris Fetherston of Battle Creek. The managing editor urges each church to order generously at \$8.50 per hundred and to make plans for wide distribution as we begin a year of special emphasis on reaching the unreached. Many churches have standing orders, and some individuals have already sent in money for the February 12 issue.

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Salemville, Pa.

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By Statement:

(Associate) Mrs. Adlene Ebersole

PICTURE LESSON CARDS

Jesus and the Ten Commandments

This is the theme for the International Lessons for the first quarter 1962. It is important that primary children have Sabbathkeeping helps for these lessons.

The Bible Witness Press has for 20 years been publishing Picture Lesson Cards prepared by Seventh Day Baptist writers. We have an extra supply for the first quarter and can fill orders while they last at ten cents per set of 13 cards.

The Bible Witness Press
R. 1, Box 204, Palatka, Fla.



A Glimpse of Seventh Day Baptist Work in British Guiana

Rev. and Mrs. Leland Davis and their three children (see cover of Sept. 11, 1961 issue) scheduled to fly to South America January 22 will be the first white missionaries of our faith to take up residence on that field since the two-and-a-half-year term of the Rev. Royal R. Thorngate 34 years ago. Among the churches to be helped by this new missionary venture are those pictured above: Queenstown, upper left; Parika, upper right; and Uitvlugt, with Deacon and Mrs. Lytle of that church. (See story inside.)

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The Disease of Sin Remains Still Unconquered

The conquest of disease is a type of warfare that ought to get more attention than it does both by Christians and by the news media of a war-jittery world. One by one, many of the dreaded, well-known diseases have been all but conquered by long years of costly research. We cannot claim at the present day that all such researchers are Christians by profession and practice, but there is no denying that the eradication of disease has been motivated by Christian principles more than anything else. This is perhaps more noticeable now in mission countries than in our own.

A professor at Baylor University (Baptist), Dr. Ivan Kochan, has been successful in his research on a test-tube cure for tuberculosis. He said that without a doubt the Tuberculostatic Factor, his name for a combination of proteins and peptides, can kill the tuberculosis bacilli and rid the world of the dread disease. This does not mean that it will be immediately available, for further testing will be required to determine how much will be needed to kill the bacteria once they are engulfed in a "protective cell" in the human body.

This young doctor of Ukrainian birth found that 90 per cent of the people have this Tuberculostatic Factor which prevents them from having the disease. Peptides can be taken from those within this 90 per cent and injected into the bloodstream of those who are susceptible. It is estimated that another year and a half will be required before his discovery can be used in TB sanatoriums.

Will the misery and death caused by TB be alleviated soon by this new discovery in the realm of medical science? We can hope so. Perhaps we shall live to see our loved ones spared from this disease, even as we have seen them spared from crippling polio. But even if all physical diseases that bring untimely death could be conquered, happiness would be increased only relatively.

There is mounting evidence that sickness of soul is a world-sweeping epidemic. It does not yield to scientific research. If it did, the 2000-year-old remedy would be refused by the stubborn will of men who have not yet learned the full import of spiritual death. Christians must con-

stantly study new ways of bringing their fellow men to a knowledge of the redeeming love of Christ. Scientific knowledge can be recorded in books and drawn upon by succeeding generations. Salvation, though clearly outlined in the Book of books, must be experienced personally; it cannot be begotten. Thus our task is ever before us. The life span may be lengthened, but such a lengthening must be viewed by the Christian himself as an increased opportunity to convincingly tell the Good News to those who must eventually face death — "and after that the judgment."

Doctoring the Doctrine?

In mid-December some 200 denominational leaders connected with the Division of Home Missions of the NCC met in annual assembly at Atlantic City to discuss "new practical, theoretical, and theological approaches to the Protestant ministry to Americans about to enter the 21st century." It is agreed that Protestants have been short on long-range planning. It is not necessary, however, to agree with everything that is expressed at an assembly by those trying to project the present into the future.

One such person was Dr. Robert W. Spike who made the following statement: "Because the ponderous doctrines of Atonement and Regeneration are hopelessly tied to an outmoded philosophy in which the modern mind is completely at sea, the crucial issue is whether the Good News of the Gospel can be communicated in a new language and symbol without corrupting it into a pseudo-gospel." Perhaps we should not stand in judgement of such a statement without its full context. Dr. Spike went on to advocate a five-year rather than the present three-year course in theological seminaries. Possibly those extra two years would be needed to equip men to communicate the good news minus atonement and regeneration without presenting what he calls a pseudo-gospel. A real danger can be sensed here.

A technique called "brainstorming" has been used in discussions of religious work in the last few years. It involves

MEMORY TEXT

The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12: 29, 30.

encouragement of members of the group by the chairman to present new ideas, no matter how impractical or "far out" they may seem, with the hope that something new and workable may be culled from the mass of ideas presented. It appears that there was some of this in part of what Dr. Spike presented to the group. Some would question his analysis of the modern mind in relation to the Biblical emphasis on atonement for sin and the necessity of the new birth (regeneration). If the people who occupy the pews of our churches and those who tune in sermons on the radio can no longer recognize the fact of sin or appreciate the divinely appointed remedy for it by the atonement of Christ on the cross it would seem that we are already well into the era of pseudo-gospel. But this is not true. The full Gospel is being preached and is being well understood, considering that God's redemptive plan must ever be something of a mystery to the human mind.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be regenerated. That ruler of the Jews could not comprehend it, partly because the redemptive act of Christ was still in the future and the promised Spirit had not yet come to guide into all truth (John 16: 13). There is evidence that Nicodemus later understood enough of the mystery of the new birth to become a Christian. Countless millions have been able to look back to a time when unbelief changed to belief and natural birth was superseded with spiritual regeneration.

Let us not call the foundation tenets of Christian faith ponderous doctrines. The world is crying for something solid. The weighty doctrines of atonement and regeneration are satisfying because they are true. They are derived from the

words of Christ and from the New Testament as a whole.

The problem of communicating the Gospel is with us now and will be at the turn of the next century — if the Lord tarries. We must devote our best energies to this problem in our local churches and in our interdenominational gatherings. The world has succeeded in learning Christian word symbols and uses them freely in newspapers and magazines. It is our joyous task to point out their fuller meaning for individuals and society. We will not make Christian progress by retreating from Christian terminology.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Another Trojan Horse?

Will the admission of the Russian Orthodox Church into the World Council of Churches prove to be another Trojan horse pulled within the city walls? The Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, president of the 2,000,000-member National Association of Evangelicals has made such a prediction. The Vatican Radio seems to support this view in its perceptive statement that the Kremlin is using Russian church membership in the world religious body for purely political purposes. The Vatican laid bare the Red plans for the Orthodox Church in the world when it stated that the Russian church will use the WCC as a forum to spread its lies and propaganda to the West.

"All Protestants should heed this warning from The Vatican," the evangelical leader declared, "and realize that the Soviets are using the last remnants of religion which they permit to exist to achieve their own goals."

Time will tell whether or not Mr. Zimmerman's Trojan horse prediction is true. It will hinge largely on how much real freedom the church in Russia has. Opinions on that subject differ widely. Then, too, no one can guarantee how long the measure of freedom now permitted will last. If it later becomes clearly evident that the official representatives of the Russian church are subservient to the political aims of the Kremlin, will the World Council lose its effectiveness as a Christian force? We shall see.

A Christian Calendar

The Department of Worship and the Arts of the National Council of Churches has sent out to editors a four-page calendar of days and seasons observed in various Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches related to the NCC. It is a listing and description of the present practices among the churches. Some of the seasons, feasts, and special days observed by the Eastern Orthodox and some other churches seem strange to the average Protestant. Possibly equally strange to others is the very first item that states that some members of the NCC are exceptions to the rule that all Sundays of the year are observed. The exception probably applies to just one denomination, Seventh Day Baptist. Under Category I, "Days almost universally observed" are Christmas, Easter and all Sundays "except that some members of the National Council of Churches observe Saturday as the chief day of corporate worship."

Category II lists twelve ecclesiastical days and seasons "widely but not universally observed," like Advent, Lent, and Holy Week.

Category III is entitled "Commemorations of persons and events in Biblical and church history." It is here that dates assigned to apostles and others seem foreign to the non-liturgical churches. A fourth category lists 30 "other days and seasons in the life and work of the church observed by some sections of the church." Nearly all of these special days are quite familiar. Most of them are in our own denominational or local church calendars.

Christ First, Church Later

"Evangelism in the Biblical sense is always ecumenical; it is never sectarian," says Dr. Hans Morgull, executive secretary of the WCC's Department of Evangelism after working in Hamburg.

"To identify evangelism with 'church membership promotion' can lead to grave misunderstanding of the Gospel itself and of the Church's primary witnessing vocation," he remarked. "Christians do often give the impression that they are interested in the man in the street only insofar as he may become a man in the pew."

Report of Commission Meeting Salem, W. Va. — Dec. 26-30, 1961

Following a period since Conference of individual activity and study along the lines as assigned by the chairman of Commission, the midyear sessions of Commission opened at the Salem church, Salem, W. Va., Tuesday evening, Dec. 26. With the desire to draw near to God our meeting opened daily with a devotional period ending with prayer around the circle.



Melvin G. Nida, Harley D. Bond, George E. Parrish, Loren G. Osborn
Kenneth E. Smith, and Alberta D. Batson

We were sorry that commitments previous to his election to the Commission prevented the presence of Dr. Wayne Rood. Facilities provided us by the church and the thoughtfulness of the church members were deeply appreciated by every member of the Commission.

Conference President Melvin Nida reported on developments of the Conference Program. His efforts were commended and he was instructed to proceed with his plans for the 1962 session.

Commission heard a tape-recorded report from our delegate to the World Council of Churches sessions at New Delhi. We express our satisfaction that Mr. Hansen presented a forthright analysis regarding the basis of membership in the Council. It was voted that we commend the Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen for his statement and we urge its publication in the Sabbath Recorder.

Suggested church goals for Our World Mission for the current budget year were set up. The basis of these goals is the average giving for the years 1960-1961, revised slightly in consideration of church membership. The goals follow:

Church	Average 1960-61	Church members	Goals based on members	Goal based on 60-61 Av. 117.5%	Suggested Goals 1962
Adams Center	\$ 772.63	95	\$ 1,817.35	\$ 907.84	\$ 910.00
Albion	758.08	118	2,257.34	890.74	890.00
Alfred, First	5,709.04	415	7,938.95	6,708.12	6,700.00
Alfred, Second	2,362.20	240	4,591.20	2,775.59	2,780.00
Associations & Groups	5,848.33			6,871.79	6,800.00
Battle Creek	7,576.79	290	5,547.70	8,902.73	8,200.00
Bay Area	67.25	10	191.30	79.02	100.00
Berlin	892.72	65	1,243.45	1,048.95	1,100.00
Boulder	632.03	123	2,352.99	742.64	780.00
Brookfield, First	641.65	40	765.20	753.94	815.00
Brookfield, Second	307.70	66	1,262.58	361.55	400.00
Buckeye Fellowship	25.00	?	?	58.75	60.00
Buffalo	237.50	30	573.90	279.06	300.00
Carraway	3.87	?	?	4.11	15.00
Chicago	1,719.50	32	612.16	2,020.41	2,000.00
Daytona Beach	1,312.47	50	956.50	1,542.15	1,650.00
Denver	449.65	128	2,448.64	528.34	1,000.00

Church	Average 1960-61	Church members	Goals based on members	Goal based on 60-61 Av. 117.5%	Suggested Goals 1962
DeRuyter	701.06	62	1,186.06	823.75	825.00
Dodge Center	963.35	126	2,410.38	1,131.94	1,140.00
Edinburg	106.12	24	459.12	124.69	125.00
Farina	268.65	55	1,052.15	315.66	340.00
Fouke	180.59	58	1,109.54	212.19	250.00
Hammond	99.41	31	593.03	116.81	150.00
Hebron, First	395.34	74	1,415.62	464.52	470.00
Hopkinton, First	2,094.76	183	3,500.79	2,461.34	2,465.00
Hopkinton, Second	125.07	39	746.07	146.96	175.00
Houston	118.15	9	172.17	138.83	140.00
Independence	1,308.42	78	1,492.14	1,537.39	1,540.00
Individuals	4,662.85			5,478.97	5,000.00
Irvington	1,530.00	21	401.73	1,997.75	1,950.00
Jackson Center	157.50	29	554.77	185.06	220.00
Little Genesee	814.50	63	1,205.19	957.04	960.00
Little Rock	126.09	17	325.21	148.14	200.00
Los Angeles	2,106.34	136	2,601.68	2,474.95	2,500.00
Los Angeles, Christ's	160.00	15	286.95	188.00	180.00
Lost Creek	1,910.41	127	2,429.51	2,244.65	2,250.00
Marlboro	4,223.30	137	2,620.81	4,962.38	4,500.00
Memorial Fund	1,407.45			1,653.75	1,600.00
Metairie	4.43	42	803.46	10.40	100.00
Middle Island	225.25	31	593.03	264.67	275.00
Milton	7,491.52	430	8,225.90	8,802.54	8,800.00
Milton Junction	1,716.32	91	1,740.83	2,016.68	2,015.00
New Auburn	322.95	73	1,396.49	379.47	400.00
North Loup	1,256.71	219	4,189.47	1,476.63	1,500.00
Nortonville	1,789.54	145	2,773.85	2,102.71	2,100.00
Ohio Valley	37.12	10	191.30	43.62	50.00
Old Stone Fort	149.50	48	918.24	175.66	200.00
Paint Rock	313.39	33	631.29	368.23	450.00
Pawcatuck	4,987.69	228	4,361.64	5,860.54	5,875.00
Plainfield	4,880.48	108	2,066.04	5,734.56	5,500.00
Richburg	1,122.45	52	994.76	1,318.88	1,320.00
Ritchie	429.43	61	1,166.93	504.58	510.00
Riverside	3,571.26	256	4,897.28	4,196.23	4,300.00
Roanoke	129.73	28	535.64	152.43	250.00
Rockville	391.17	61	1,166.93	459.62	500.00
Salem	1,518.84	261	4,992.93	1,784.64	2,500.00
Salemville	289.45	65	1,243.45	340.10	350.00
Schenectady	210.50	18	344.34	247.34	250.00
School of Theology	200.00				
Shiloh	5,296.51	315	6,025.95	6,223.40	6,225.00
Texarkana	63.86	23	439.99	75.04	100.00
Tract Society	1,817.75			2,135.86	1,500.00
Twin Cities	155.29				
Verona	1,900.75	105	2,008.65	2,233.38	2,235.00
Walker	5.00				
Walworth	518.38	15	286.95	609.10	610.00
Washington	378.65	30	573.90	444.91	575.00
Washington People's	99.83	12	229.56	117.30	120.00
Waterford	1,129.43	28	535.64	1,327.08	1,300.00
White Cloud	790.66	79	1,511.27	929.03	950.00
Yonah Mountain	16.87	11	210.43	19.82	35.00
TOTALS	\$ 95,986.57	5,864	\$112,178.32	\$112,399.95	\$112,375.00
Less Twin Cities, School of Theology	355.29				
	\$ 95,631.28				

Much deliberation was given to promotion of Our World Mission budget. It was decided to use direct mail contact with the membership as a means of budget promotion twice during the current year.

The first of these will be a "30 Pieces of Silver" project to coincide with the Lenten season, wherein each member will be urged to contribute 30 pieces of silver as a special gift of love over and beyond

what he would normally give. Later a "Little Church" project will be developed through the Sabbath Schools. In further consideration on budget promotion it was voted that each church be asked to see that the weekly bulletin contain a statement of the church's previous week's OWM receipts and a statement of the weekly needs to reach the church goal. Thought was given to stewardship emphasis and the Commission will contact the Stewardship Promotion Committee and work with them in carrying on a continuing program stressing the need for tithing and complete commitment.

Telephone and mail communications with the Ministerial Training Committee (meeting in Alfred) provided opportunity to consider new developments regarding our School of Theology. Commission devoted a great deal of time to these matters and our review of the Ministerial Training Committee report has led to rethinking of basic purpose and policy. More complete review of these concerns will be appearing in the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Progress toward the development of a statement to be presented to General Conference regarding church-state relations was noted and study in this area continues.

Growing out of a resolution presented to General Conference, 1961, for ethical additions to the Statement of Belief, it is recommended that "Workshops on Doctrine," patterned after the study conducted by the Los Angeles church, be conducted in other churches. We have requested the Los Angeles church to prepare material for such workshops.

It was voted that we recommend that an ecumenical executive group be established, and that the name of the group be "The Council on Ecumenical Affairs"; that this Council be composed of three persons from the same geographical area; and that at present the Council be located at Plainfield.

We recommend that the Council be made up of (1) the executive secretary of the General Conference, (2) the chairman of the present Ecumenical Relations Committee (for two years), and (3) a third member (for one year). The Commission shall appoint a new member each year to serve for a two-year term with

the executive secretary as a continuing member.

The present Ecumenical Relations Committee shall be discontinued as a formal committee. It is assumed that the representatives to the various ecumenical interests shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Ecumenical Council as requested.

Representatives to the various ecumenical gatherings shall submit written reports to the Council. The annual report on ecumenical relations shall be made to the General Conference by the Council after approval by Commission.

The executive secretary shall act as liaison between Commission and the Council regarding problems of policy.

The Council shall be charged with the responsibility of promotion and publicity regarding ecumenical activities.

The Council shall propose a tentative budget on World Fellowship and Service to Commission at the midyear meeting.

The Council shall nominate representatives to ecumenical bodies and make interim appointments as the need arises.

The Council shall elect its own officers each year.

It was proposed that our denomination send greetings to the various Baptist communions whenever they are in session in national meetings. It was voted that the executive secretary be requested to obtain the dates of all Baptist Conferences; and that the President of Conference send greetings to all such Baptist Conferences.

It was voted that \$10 be contributed to the Joint Committee on Faith and Order.

It was voted that Seventh Day Baptists participate in the publication of "The Baptist Advance" and that we budget \$200 for this purpose.

The proposals toward implementing Year III and the brochure for Year IV of the Program for Advance were reviewed as presented by the Planning Committee. These were approved, the committee was commended for its work, and requested to continue with its plans as presented.

The resignation of the treasurer of General Conference, K. Spencer Howard, effective May 31, 1962, was regretfully

President's Message

IF

Ever sit down and dream about what you would do if . . .? Conference President has been doing this lately!

If we Seventh Day Baptists participated in the work of our denomination to the median amount of \$112 per member per year for all purposes instead of the \$50 we now give, what marvelous things we could do!

First of all, if we were raising double the amount we now give, we would have twice as much to budget for the local church. Think of what this could mean! Our church buildings would no longer need to look shabby or run-down. We could provide the extra room so urgently needed for many of our church schools. Our pastors could receive a much more adequate wage and many more of them could be freed from the financial burdens which now loom large when they think of repaying their educational debts, of

accepted, and steps were taken toward the appointment of his successor.

Among other matters considered by Commission, these are of particular importance to our denominational work; the sites and schedule of meetings of General Conference; the report of the Interim Committee on Christian Social Action; manufacture and ordering of roadside signs; Conference business procedures; revision of the executive secretary's duties.

It was voted to approve a tentative budget for 1962-63 totalling \$187,659, of which \$89,687 is required from undesignated giving and \$23,703 from designated giving. This represented a considerable reduction in the askings of the major boards, but was necessary in view of current budget trends and in conformity with recent action of General Conference.

An attempt was made to take a critical look at our denominational structure and organization. Several possible avenues of improvement were explored and consideration was given to the relative merits of making revisions in some area.

Respectfully submitted,
The Commission.

educating their children, or of planning for retirement.

What a wonderful thing it would be if we doubled our giving!

Commission would not have to report from its mid-winter meeting: "It was voted to approve a tentative budget for 1962-63 totalling \$187,659; of which \$89,687 is required from undesignated giving and \$23,703 from designated giving. This represents a considerable reduction in the askings of the major boards, but was necessary in view of current budget trends and in conformity with recent action of General Conference."

If we were raising a budget of double the present amount now being received from current giving, we would have much more to budget for worth-while causes in which Seventh Day Baptists participate as a denomination. How nice it would be not to be financially embarrassed when we as a denomination are asked to participate in ecumenical endeavors. How nice for Seventh Day Baptist representatives to hold their heads up high and be able to say, "Yes, we can help in that work for we have the men and the means to do so." How nice it would be to be able to commission devoted and talented Seventh Day Baptist minds to do work of study and research and to be able to free them from financial worries while they work for us. How nice it would be, if

If we were only topping our current budget, much less time would have to be spent on budget preparation and more time could be spent on plans for more efficient denominational work. Our boards and agencies would not need to be hampered by the ever-present, "But where's the money coming from?"

If we were even raising our current budget, there would be no need for "crash" appeals or the need to emotionalize the work of any of our boards. If we kept up with our plans, our total work could be kept in proper perspective and work of less emotional appeal, but just as worthy, would not need to suffer.

Conference President even has his private "ifs." How nice it would be if Conference President didn't have to chafe as he sees a \$500 travel budget dwindle to nothing. How nice it would be if

he were financially able to visit as many churches as it were physically possible for him to visit. Already he has had to say, "It might be possible to come and visit your church if funds were available." Conference President has been able to travel for about six cents per mile (travel, housing, and meals), but already he has traveled over 5,000 miles with 3,500 miles planned in the next two months, and projected hopes for 10,000 church-visitation miles more before the Conference year passes. Will he be able to make these projected trips? Not unless churches contribute to expenses.

It's nice to dream, but then —

"If you can dream — and not make dreams your master;

If you can think — and not make thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat the two imposters just the same . . .

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run —

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And — which is more — you'll be a Man, my son!"

Don't forget to dream,
Melvin G. Nida.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Helping Hand

A subscriber for the **Helping Hand** recently sent in his payment for the year of 1962. His comment was: "I think so much of this publication I would not attempt to teach a Bible class without its help. I recommend it to all Bible students to use in conjunction with current International Bible School Lessons." We are grateful for this expression, especially since it comes from a Christian who is not a Seventh Day Baptist.

Additional copies of the **Helping Hand** for the first quarter of 1962 have been printed in anticipation that many of our people would like extra copies of this special study of the Ten Commandments. Editor Don Sanford has put special effort into this quarter's lessons, and we believe they are valuable as such, but beyond this, the edition ought to be added to every

Seventh Day Baptist's library of resource material. If you are interested in purchasing one or more copies you may secure them from the Recorder Press, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., at 50 cents a copy.

Substitute Teachers

One of the failings of many otherwise excellent Sabbath School teachers is to be absent from the class on a Sabbath morning and not provide a substitute to do the teaching. Pupils who are not forced to attend classes quickly lose interest and use the absence as an excuse for dropping out of the class.

The best method is to have an assistant or co-teacher elected at the same time as the teacher, who will take the regular teacher's place; but always when the teacher must be absent he should notify the substitute as far in advance as possible so that adequate preparation can be made. This is important.

Youth Work Committee

The new chairman of the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, has begun his new duties in that capacity. All correspondence regarding denominational youth work may be sent to him, addressed Alfred Station, New York.

Bible Guides

A new source of help in reading the Bible called **Bible Guides** is in the process of publication by Abingdon Press. Eight books in a series of 22 are now available at \$1.00 each.

They are written in clear, non-technical English. They explain the purpose of the Bible, how its various parts came to be written, and their meaning for today. Each volume serves as a guide to the main theme of a book of the Bible (or group of books) rather than a commentary on the text. Each book has a colorful laminated paper cover.

Written by outstanding Bible scholars, **Bible Guides** are excellent reference sources for teachers, students, ministers, and laymen.

Further information may be had from Abingdon Press, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

New Missionaries to British Guiana Face Herculean Tasks with Strong Faith

The Gospel work of Seventh Day Baptists in British Guiana, S. A., is by no means new, but it will certainly enter a new phase with the arrival of our new missionary, the Rev. Leland Davis, and his family this month. Perhaps this is a good time to remind ourselves of the past as we look at pictures of the present and pledge ourselves to undergird the future with our prayers and financial support.



A Georgetown group

Georgetown, where the work began with a church of 35 members in the fall of 1913, will be the home of our missionary family. That original church, which encouraged the formation of other churches, became extinct several years ago through the lack of strong leadership. The nucleus of a new church is represented by the Georgetown group pictured here and its formation into a new church presents one of the first challenges to the Davis family as they seek to provide the encouragement of white leadership that has been needed on the field for so long.

It is hard to realize the trials, difficulties, and successes of the British Guiana work without looking over the Sabbath Records and Yearbooks that tell the story bit by bit through the years. Much of this is gathered together in a booklet

"Our World Mission in British Guiana" prepared and distributed by the Women's Board in 1956. It was many years after the formation of the Georgetown church before the Missionary Board reported anything about Jamaica, which work is now several times stronger than that on the northern coast of South America. We sometimes forget that the first contacts with the West Indies seem to have come through British Guiana. We could face the question of whether or not equal success might have crowned our efforts in British Guiana if we had consistently provided the type of leadership we are now sending to that country. Who knows? At any rate, we hope and pray that these missionaries can maintain their health and have a fruitful ministry.

Let us step back to February 1913, when the Rev. T. L. M. Spencer, a native of Barbados Island residing in Georgetown, wrote to the American Sabbath Tract Society to get the address of the Missionary Board and to offer his services to build up a Seventh Day Baptist work. These were his words: "I have a small congregation of Sabbathkeepers and would like to be identified with Seventh Day Baptists. . . . This is a large field, and ripe for the Sabbath truth." This young Negro minister came to Plainfield that summer. He made a good impression at the church, was introduced at Conference, returned to Georgetown, formed a church, and was put in the employ of the Missionary Board as of January 1914. Thus the work began. It had its ups and downs, but grew to a membership of 74 in 1924. That was the year that a church building was moved onto the property and dedicated.

In 1927 the Missionary Board proposed to send the Rev. Royal R. Thorngate and family to Georgetown and to support both Mr. Spencer and Mr. Thorngate on the field in 1928. Soon after the arrival of the Thorngates it became apparent that it would be unwise to continue to support Mr. Spencer as a leader. Although the Georgetown church suffered a temporary schism the work as a whole showed great advance during the two



Bonaventura church group, pastored by Rev. Alexander Trotman

and a half malaria-infested years the missionary was able to stay on the field. At the 1928 Conference it was reported that there were companies of Seventh Day Baptists in four other places. Before Mr. Thorngate was forced by ill health to give up the work, there is mention of a new native worker coming into prominence, William Berry, father of Ben Berry, who later was educated in this country and served as a leader on the field. Other local leaders were raised up, some of whom are still laboring faithfully in older and newer churches pictured with this article.

Quotations from the 1930, '31, and '32 Yearbooks indicate the concern of the Missionary Board thirty years ago, a concern that has been implemented in various ways short of resident supervision until the present.

The secretary wrote in 1930:

The work in British Guiana is on a solid basis, but there is great need that another man be sent to the colony to assist and advise the native workers. Seventeen years we have labored to get the work where it is, and it should not be left to languish now, as it surely will if neglected.

The next year he wrote:

Though the work in British Guiana was in a promising way when Brother Thorngate came home, there are several indications that it has been disintegrating since he left and that it will not succeed without a missionary from the homeland to advise and encourage.

The 1932 Yearbook sums it up in these words:

The most of the time for nearly two decades, the Missionary Board has supported one or more workers in British Guiana, South America, and has invested many thousands of dollars endeavoring to build up the interests in that colony. When Rev. Royal R. Thorngate, two years ago, was forced on account of his health to resign as general missionary in British Guiana, it was difficult to find someone to take his place. After a time some argued that on account of the growing deficit no foreign workers should be sent to that field, and last year no appropriation was made for that purpose. The board, however, continued to aid William A. Berry, pastor of our church at Wakenaam, and another worker in Huis't Dieren till January 1, 1932, or six months of the present Conference year.

Though without any financial aid from the board, the churches in Georgetown, Wakenaam, Huis't Dieren, and Bonaventura are trying to maintain themselves, fighting against great odds and succeeding better than is sometimes the case under adverse circumstances.

The continuing attempts to encourage native pastors and to send Missionary Board representatives to the field have undoubtedly helped. Three different board secretaries have visited the field: E. B. Saunders in February 1914, W. L. Burdick in February 1924, and E. T. Harris on a nine-week visit to the American Tropics in early 1955. Effective annual visits by Wardner Randolph were made from Jamaica when he was supervising the missionary work there. Dr. Ben Crandall also surveyed the field on one occasion.



Congregation and new building at Dartmouth



Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Tyrrell, pastor of Dartmouth church and three other churches

More recent efforts to secure funds and personnel to maintain a resident missionary in British Guiana have encountered some unexpected setbacks. The plan to send the Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn failed to materialize. Later it appeared that prayers had been answered in the offer of the Rene Mauch family to serve under the board with the boat "The Messenger." Although Mr. Mauch later asked to be relieved from the appointment he did make a trip to British Guiana last winter at his own expense. He visited widely, took pictures, and apparently brought much encouragement to the faithful brethren. His observations have helped orient the Davis family as they have been preparing themselves for this particular field. Mr. Mauch expresses hope that within a year he may return to British Guiana to assist Mr. Davis on a self-supporting basis. Most of the pictures that accompany this article were provided by Mr. Mauch and have been used by the Leland Davises in their recent visits to eastern churches.

What will be the next chapters in the story of Seventh Day Baptist work in British Guiana? They can be exciting. New crises are possible due to the uncertain political situation and all the unforeseen problems that face any lone missionary family in a foreign land. We have faith to believe that the opportunities and the rewards will far outweigh the possible discouragements. This field has been sounding forth a Macedonian call for thirty years — a call which is now being answered. The co-operation

of local church leaders in forwarding the work can be expected to be enthusiastic because their prayers are finally being answered. We must remember that our own responsibility does not end when we have responded to special appeals to provide sufficient funds to establish a missionary in Georgetown. Many of us have been thrilled to give something extra for this newest belated forward step. We admire the devotion of those who go, but what about our own devotion? Will it wither and die, or will we continue to be faithful in our support even if our workers cannot give us glowing reports each month? We have a part in writing the next chapters in the story of Gospel and Sabbath work in a country that is poor, needy, and somewhat inaccessible.

— Editor.

Dr. Felix Morley sharing the spotlight with President Kennedy told the 66th Congress of American Industry: "You cannot guarantee freedom of speech unless people show self-restraint in their public utterances. And . . . the more a man is inclined to govern himself. . . the less need there will be to police his actions by legislation. . ."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 27, 1962

Reverence for God's Name

Lesson Scripture: Ex. 20: 7; Matt. 5: 33-37; Matt. 6: 5-9.

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MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Some Highlights of 1961 at Makapwa

(Taken from a letter to "friends" by Mrs. David Pearson.)

It was a pleasure to have our Conference sessions in our large new church this year, instead of having to build a grass enclosure and temporary platform, as in previous years. It also proved to be more than a pleasure — a very practical thing — as it rained almost every day of the conference, even though it was the dry season. There were good services following the theme, "True Riches," chosen by the president, Pastor Readson Mwango. We do trust that our people may come to realize the infinitely greater value of the true riches of the Kingdom of God as above the riches of this world, for which so many here are longing. The highlight of Conference was the ordination of our two young ministers on Sabbath afternoon.

Following Conference there were two weeks of "Pastoral Refresher" classes, with subjects being taught in: "Differences between Seventh Day Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists," "Worship Service Planning" (including sermon preparation), "Visual Aids," "History of Missions" (general and S. D. B.), "Family Life," and "Hygiene." Most of the missionaries shared in the teaching.

We continue only in the strength of the Lord and we ever need your prayerful support for the work that is going on, for ourselves, and especially for the African church that it might grow to adulthood and stand firm in these changing times.

Beginning Standard VI at Makapwa

It is understood that Miss Joan Clement, supervisor of schools at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, has made plans to begin the teaching of Standard VI (somewhat comparable to Grades 11 and 12 in America) beginning early in January 1962.

Specially designated gifts already received and pledged are making it possible to provide an additional teacher to the faculty at Makapwa to do this.

Crandall High Scholarships

Headmaster Courtland V. Davis reports that good use has been made during 1961 of the 25 scholarships provided through Our World Mission giving for worthy students at Crandall High School in Kingston, Jamaica.

He is somewhat concerned about the decision to cut back the number of scholarships to 20 during 1962. And he has expressed the hope that the number will be restored to 25 in 1963. This requested number has been included in the tentative budget for 1963.

Mr. Davis has written concerning this matter, "As for the tentative budget for next year putting back the Crandall High appropriation for scholarships to \$1,250, this seems to be just right." He adds that they will try to make out during 1962 with the reduced number.

It will be recalled that scholarships are presently being provided to Seventh Day Baptist students at the rate of \$50 for each school year. Two special scholarships have been used for non-Seventh Day Baptists, "two pupils in senior form this term, pupils who have each put in four years at Crandall and yet whose economic situations are such that they would have been unable to finish their work and be graduated had they not had access to these special scholarships."

Headmaster Davis continues, "It is true that these people (the two students mentioned above) are not Seventh Day Baptists, but as a result of this extra help they are now alumni of Crandall instead of drop-outs. They will, I am confident, be friends and helpers of the school in years ahead. We were much pleased at the number of non-Seventh Day Baptist graduates of other years who were present at our graduation exercises on December 7."

Seventh Day Baptists of this country are happy to have even a small part in helping to meet the educational needs of the people of Jamaica, doing it as a witness of our love for Christ.

One cannot get the blessing of the Sabbath by desecrating it, by using it for one's self.

Prayer Suggestions for Africa

Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood, professor emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., has written in "Upper Room-Disciplines," a devotional manual for church leaders and published by Tidings, the following prayer suggestions:

"Pray for the peace of God to come into your heart and life, into your church and community, into your country with its clashing 'cries of race and clan,' and into the wide world.

"Pray for Africa and for all newborn nations not yet ready to use their new freedom in promoting the welfare of the underprivileged and helpless.

"To these holy ends, pray for individual missionaries overseas, that every one of them may become God's ambassador of peace, to the glory of Christ, the Prince of Peace."

Let us unite our prayers with others who read the Upper Room, remembering particularly our mission family at the Makapwa Station in Nyasaland.

... and by him every one that believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses" (Acts 13: 39, RSV).

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Central Committee of World Council

With the recent admission of large Orthodox bodies into the World Council of Churches it was normal procedure to redistribute the membership of the 100-member Central Committee, the governing body of the Council.

The new committee has 15 lay persons in its membership, five of them women. The remaining 85 are clergymen. They include 39 bishops, archbishops, and metropolitans of Anglican, Orthodox, and Protestant churches. The denominational spread of the members is: Orthodox 17, Lutheran 16, Reformed 15, Anglican 12, Methodist 11, United churches 10, Baptist 5, Congregationalist 4, Syrian Orthodox 2; and one each from the Coptic Church, Ethiopian Church, Disciples, Old Catholics, Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Philippine Independent Church, Moravians, and Salvation Army.

Iron Curtain Churches Could Dominate World Council of Churches, Editor Warns

Churchmen from behind the Iron Curtain who now make up one-third of the total membership of the World Council of Churches could possibly constitute a majority on the council if other churches in communist-dominated countries seek membership at the next assembly. This warning has been sounded by Dr. G. Aiken Taylor in an editorial in the independent Presbyterian Journal.

He said that this possible control had been conceded by some ecumenical leaders, including Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, and had been confirmed by observers who have just returned from the WCC meeting in New Delhi.

The editorial pointed out that the Russian Orthodox Church issued no statement on membership, but the WCC press service gave its membership at "between 25 and 50 million." If the higher figure is correct, Dr. Taylor said, "then the Russians are claiming over one-fourth of the population of Russia proper at a time when Moscow claims that nobody is religious any more — and this figure does not include other churches such as the Georgian Orthodox and Baptist."

The claims of Orthodox churches from other Iron-Curtain countries were also overstated, he said. "Upon acceptance, the Romanian Orthodox Church, with a perfectly straight face, reported a membership of 13 million which is almost the total population of the country, less the Jews and other non-Romanian peoples. Likewise, the Bulgarian Church reported a membership of six million." — CNS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Writing With Great Joy

Christians everywhere may well rejoice with those who handle the mail for the Far East Broadcasting Co., whose aim is "Christianity to the World by Radio." Its stations are in the Orient but they are powerful enough to be beamed to every country in the world. The letters from listeners pouring into all the stations have been totaling from 6,000 to 8,000 monthly. Most of them are said to come from Asia and Latin America, FEBC's target areas.

If in America only one-tenth of one percent of the listeners write to their radio stations the percentage must be much less where the literacy ratio is low. But 8,000 letters per month thanking the producers for the Gospel broadcasts is a big figure. The messages are clear enough and pointed enough so that many write to this effect, "I am writing you with great joy that has come by my giving myself to God."

Radio has become so commonplace with us that we have almost forgotten its soul-winning possibilities. In vast world areas Gospel radio still has the freshness of a printed tract or Scripture portion in the native language. It has the advantage of an appeal to countless thousands who have had no opportunity to learn to read. But radio also has its limitations. It cannot adequately lead the new believers in organizing churches and solving individual problems of Bible interpretation and application. It makes the missionary's task somewhat easier but it intensifies the call for more and more trained leadership.

Radio Gospel Wins Wife Who Killed Mate for Beliefs

A Venezuelan woman who said she killed her husband because he was converted to a Protestant faith and would not renounce his decision, said in her prison cell recently that she, too, had now become a Protestant believer.

Leobardo Estrado, weekly speaker on the Southern Baptist radio program "La Hora Bautista" told this story:

He was in Venezuela on a revival tour and had preached five times on one particular Sunday.

Estrado was asked to go to the local prison for just one more service. His inclination was to refuse, he said, but over the protests of his tired body, he went to the prison.

He preached briefly to a group of female criminals. Afterwards, one woman stood and asked to be heard.

"All of you know why I am here," she said. "I killed my husband. Most of you know why — because he was converted from the Catholic faith and

would not renounce the Protestant Evangelicals. I killed him for this."

"But last week," she said, "I was listening to the radio and heard this man preach on 'La Hora Bautista.' I understood what my husband had found, and now I have accepted the Living Christ as my Savior. I know I'll see my husband again and that I have his forgiveness."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PAINT ROCK, ALA. — The women of our church decided that it would be most fitting to conduct our own Daily Vacation Bible School last summer without asking a denominational board for helpers, much as we had appreciated the fine work the young people had done in the past.

Mrs. Edward Lawrence and Mrs. Bonner Allen were chosen as co-directors, but, after much planning Mrs. Lawrence found it necessary to go to New Jersey before the opening date, July 10.

Mrs. Allen with Mrs. R. L. Butler, Jr., Mrs. A. T. Bottoms, Mrs. F. O. Sutton, and Robert Sutton as faculty members began a happy, harmonious week of work, study, handicraft, and play with some forty-five boys and girls, using "Living for Jesus Daily" as a theme. This theme was carried out in the Sabbath School worship service, July 15, in such a way that we, too, shared in their experience.

Our school was indeed a spiritual blessing to both teachers and pupils. Since only half of the material in the course was covered, all are looking forward to next summer and another wonderful week of "Living for Jesus Daily."

May this be the theme of our lives all year. — Mrs. A. T. Bottoms.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Special Christmas services were held on December 23. The combined junior and senior choirs sang a special anthem. Native poinsettias and hibiscus decorated the church for the services. A pageant was presented during the Sabbath School period. Many helpful hands donated time for lighting effects, costumes, etc., to make the pageant a real experience in our lives.

White Gifts of canned foods were brought and taken to Mother Hunt's Colored Orphanage in the city from the Sabbath School. A special White Gift

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offering of \$25.63 was also taken and sent to the treasurer of O. W. M.

Church socials are held once a month through the winter months. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gavitt and Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard have been our hosts and hostesses for our first two.

Church Aid installed officers for the coming year at their December meeting. Mrs. O. B. Bond will again ably serve as president.

The winter season has brought an unusually large number of visitors to our church. Some members were fortunate in having their families from great distances with them for Christmas.

Pastor Davis has recently completed two trips — to southern Florida and the St. Petersburg-Tampa area, contacting lone Sabbathkeepers residing the year 'round or visiting during the winter only. It is too early to evaluate it but many contacts were made.

A Consecration Service was held at the church on New Year's Day. Our Church Service Recruitment Cards were returned for reconsideration and rededication of our "Gifts" as a means of starting the New Year right. A social hour followed.

The first of a series of Lay Development meetings will commence on January 6 and be held the first and third Sabbath afternoons in January and February.

— Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Several from our congregation are away for the winter. States to which they have gone include Arizona, California, Florida, and Texas. Several others spent the holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruyle of Gibbon, Neb., who recently accepted the Sabbath and joined our church, have purchased a small farm near North Loup and will soon be moving here to be closer to the church.

The Union Thanksgiving Service this year was held in our church with special music by our junior choir conducted by Darrel Cox and a combined Methodist and Seventh Day Baptist senior choir. The message was given by the Rev. Mr. Ganzel of the Scotia-North Loup Methodist churches. The offering was sent to Nebraska Children's Home Society.

The John James Story as prepared by the Rev. Albert Rogers was presented at

the morning service Nov. 26, the 300th anniversary of the James' martyrdom, with 150 in attendance.

The turkey supper and auction sale of this year's Lord's Acre project brought a total of about \$800. At the business meeting it was voted to use this fund for church repairs.

A new microphone has been installed on the church pulpit, and also new amplifiers placed on the church tower.

"The Sheep of His Pasture" was the title of the pageant presented by the Sabbath School December 22, under the direction of George Clement. The original narration and music were prepared by Pastor and Mrs. Mynor Soper. The various scenes, equipment, lighting, and music made a very impressive and enjoyable prelude to the Christmas season.

Our giving this year to Our World Mission was about \$1,093.

In spite of some illness, and many being away, the church dinner on New Year's Day was enjoyed by a goodly number.

Births

Babcock.—A daughter, Lanie, to Joseph and Carol Babcock of Nashville, Tenn., on Sept. 5, 1961.

Timmerman.—A daughter, Brenda Rae, to Merl and Betty (Williams) Timmerman on Dec. 3, 1961, at Ord, Neb.

Obituaries

Johanson.—Bessie Thomas, wife of Dr. Benjamin F. Johanson and daughter of Randolph and Sylvia (Coon) Thomas, was born Feb. 11, 1883, at Albion, Wis., and died Dec. 23, 1961, at Battle Creek, Mich.

She and Dr. Johanson were married June 22, 1906, at Milton, Wis. They came to Battle Creek in 1909 from Chicago, following his graduation from dental school.

As a young girl she was baptized by Eld. E. A. Witter and joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, later joining the Milton and Battle Creek churches. Before her marriage she taught school for three years. She helped organize the Ladies Aid at Battle Creek 50 years ago, was church clerk 17 years, and a member of the choir for many years. She had been in failing health for several years but was seriously ill only two weeks.

A daughter, Marilyn, died in childhood in 1932. Mrs. Johanson is survived by her husband; a son, Dr. Ellis C. Johanson; a daughter, Mrs. Leo (Ila) Heinz of San Antonio, Texas, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Herbert L. Polan and burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery. — H. L. P.



"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."