

The Sabbath Recorder

Is the Sabbath a drag on you? Commit your life to Him and observe it out of love for Him. Do you desire to live a committed life but find it is difficult? Examine your Sabbath attitudes and habits. Perhaps there is some way you can experience a closer companionship with the Lord.

ARTICLE TWO by Fred Ayars

There are times when almost every Christian or non-Christian wishes he had the necessary characteristics to lead him toward harmonious relations with God, family, and neighbor. If somehow we could get such personal characteristics, one might rightly say, "I'm so happy I feel as though I'm riding on the high places of the earth." Interestingly enough the Bible in Isaiah 58: 13, 14 makes such a promise to those who keep the Sabbath day holy (commonly called Saturday). I would like to share with you some of the blessings I receive from God as I enter into a typical Sabbath day.

My work is in electronics. Just as anyone does, I invariably become so involved in the problems at work that all too often they are still with me Friday night, when the Sabbath commences, and sometimes on into the next day. These problems, mixed in with distorted attitudes toward the world and those around me, follow me as we drive the fifty miles from Philadelphia to Marlboro, N. J. We enter the little red church and find our place with the other worshipers. Presently, the service starts and then, rather suddenly, something starts to happen to me, for a warm soothing feeling comes over me, and encompasses me. I actually feel a glow. Immediately the world and its problems seem eons away. The glowing feeling slowly fades away and leaves me in a somewhat charged state. This feeling I've recognized as the Holy Spirit and at times has been felt in such force as to bring tears to my eyes.

The service continues and invariably I learn of new ideas or attitudes to apply at home or at work. Not too seldom the pastor seems to deliver sermons directly to me for some fault I know he's unaware

of. The Sabbath sermon ends. In the interlude before Sabbath School genuine greetings and warmth are prevalent.

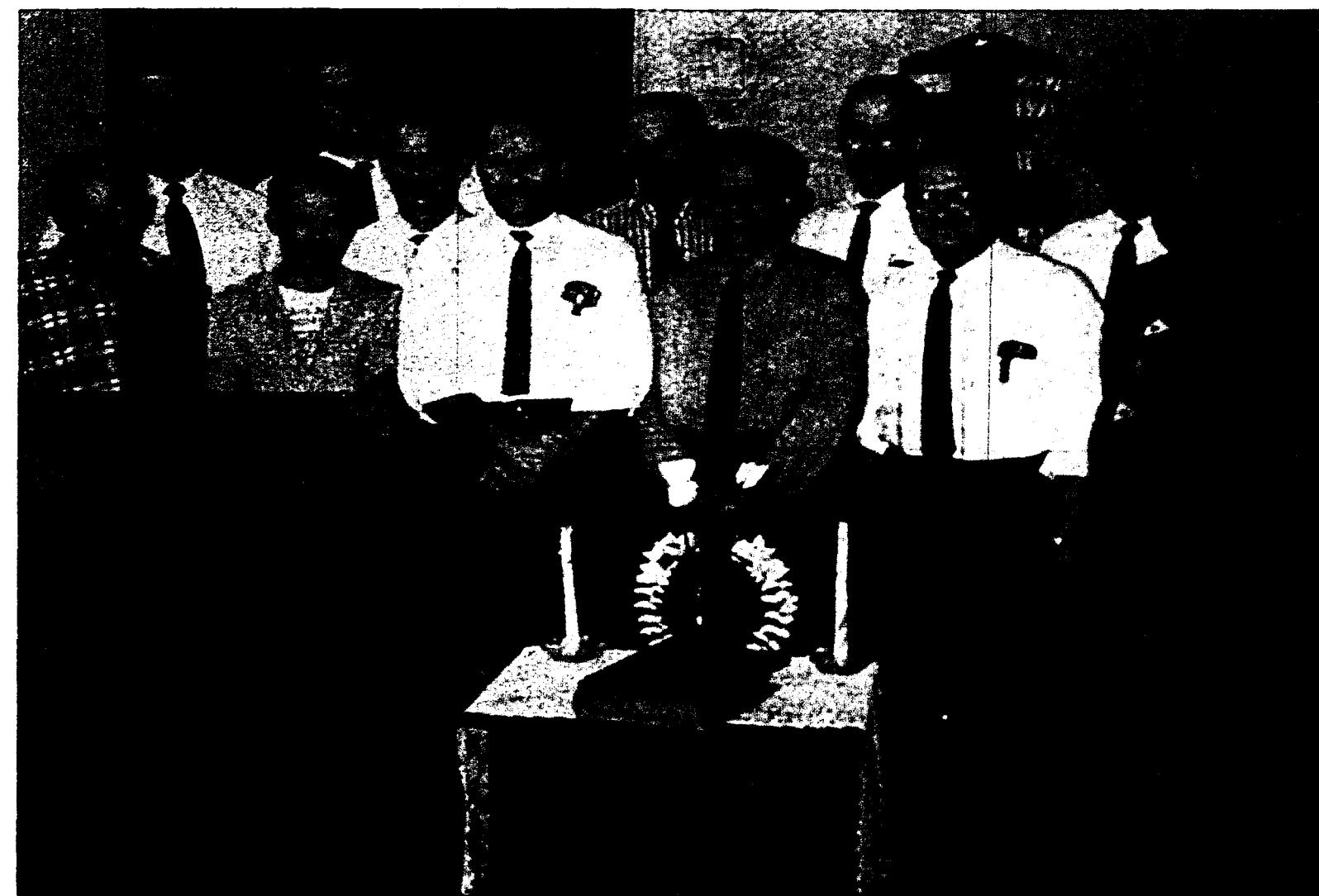
Soon we are deep in the day's topic. It is my pleasure to be the teacher for the senior young people's group. My capabilities as teacher are such that it would be utter folly to try and teach alone, therefore I earnestly seek divine guidance during the preparation and the delivery. What a joy it is to start stumbling into a lesson delivery and suddenly feel possessed, after which student attention becomes keen and effectiveness is shown by an occasional tear or by earnest discussion.

Indeed what a joy to be literally possessed by the Holy Spirit. Sabbath activities continue into the afternoon, a sick friend may be visited, Christian Endeavor is conducted. Again what joy there is in visiting the sick or in entering into discussion with young people.

The sun sinks slowly in the west and another Sabbath day is over. As we travel back to Philadelphia after the Sabbath, I might summarize the Sabbath's blessings. First, a time of cleansing, when any wrong attitudes or cares of the world vanish away. Second, I'm highly honored and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Third, I'm taught and criticized by the sermon the Lord has laid on the lips of the pastor. Fourth, I've enjoyed the fellowship of other Christians. Indeed, I feel as though I'd been to a feast. Now I feel prepared to enter the next week's work and, along with home devotions and Bible studies, I should be spiritually fit until next Sabbath. There have been times when I have not been able to go to church and spend the Sabbath as I would like. During such times I've noted myself to be decidedly less resistant to all types of sin.

As an electronics engineer I continually deal with unseen but nevertheless real forces. The experiences related are just as real as the unseen electron that makes possible the marvels of this age.

My friend, what do you get out of the Sabbath or whom do you meet that day? Why not go to church as Jesus did on the seventh-day Sabbath? (See Luke 4: 16.) There is power for Christian living, why not have it? It can be found through the proper use of the Sabbath day, and the Lord is found earnestly awaiting any who but ask for help.



MISSIONARY PASTORS' INSTITUTE AT NEW ORLEANS

To hold an institute primarily for pastors who receive part of their support from the Missionary Board is a new venture for Seventh Day Baptists. Because more of the missionary churches are in the South it was decided to have the week-long training and planning meeting at the little Metairie, La., church near New Orleans. The above picture shows the ministers and friends present on the first day, Feb. 5, 1962. From left to right they are: Clifford Beebe (Palatka, Fla.), Ralph Hays (pastor at Metairie), Paul Beebe (Palatka), Jack Hays (brother of Ralph), Marion Van Horn (shepherding pastor of Southwest), Melvin Nida (School of Theology), Leslie Welch (Berea, W. Va.), S. Kenneth Davis (Daytona Beach, Fla.), Paul Osborn (Little Rock, Ark.), Everett Harris (missionary secretary), Leroy Bass (Paint Rock, Ala.), Earl DeLand (local deacon).

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Futile Flight

An Associated Press writer on January 29 described the failure of Ranger 3, the rocket that started out too fast and missed the moon by 22,862 miles. His words were, "Ranger 3 . . . is doomed to spend the rest of eternity in futile flight — an accidental satellite of the sun."

Scientists seeking answers to the mysteries of the universe were greatly disappointed; the government of a free nation, anxious to improve its world prestige, could say little; and the general public, dreaming of a man on the moon, felt the let-down. How do the Christians, the faithful pastors and teachers feel about it?

For one thing, they may be thankful for the terminology used by the writer, which so closely parallels the warning messages of the Word of God. For nearly 2,000 years of Christian history and even farther back to the time of the prophets there has sounded forth the warning, "Prepare to meet thy God." Failure to prepare means a failure to make that rendezvous with destiny — meeting God in heaven. The New Testament tells us that sin is missing the mark and that its consequences are infinitely more eternal than the untrue flight of one arrow from a quiver on a day of archery practice. Sin which is unrepented of and unforgiven causes man to be "doomed to spend the rest of eternity in futile flight." The press reporter has taken the words of the preacher almost verbatim.

We may well ponder the lessons of the rocket that missed the moon and even failed to send back clear pictures of the side we have never seen. At a time when some preachers are saying less about eternity and more about human solutions to mundane problems, scientists and news reporters are using words that make us conscious of the reality of eternity. The miscalculations of drive and aim in launching a celestial rocket are not nearly so important as the moral miscalculations of man that doom them to a futile flight into eternity.

There is a brighter side. The scientists and technicians will profit by their mistakes and will resolve to do better next time. The Christian can make better moral judgments than in the past. Taking his stand on the Word of God he can assure

himself and those who have not heeded the message of salvation that it is possible to spend the remainder of temporal and all of eternal life in the presence of His Savior. When the soul takes its flight, that flight need not be a futile flight in ceaseless orbit of heaven. It can be to the "mansions" prepared for us in the Father's house.

Interesting Articles in Reader's Digest

To say that certain articles in Reader's Digest are interesting might be regarded as damning the others with faint praise or attempting to paint the lily, for this magazine is the most widely read periodical in the world. Everybody who reads is interested in Reader's Digest articles. Still, our experiences make some subjects more interesting than others.

Sabbath Recorder readers are interested in Nyasaland, a little country of Africa that seldom makes the headlines and gets only a paragraph or two in missionary books on Africa. The February Reader's Digest has a 6-page article entitled "The Boy Who 'Walked' to America." That boy walked from northern Nyasaland, and the story of his experiences in getting a college education is not only heartwarming; it will also focus attention on a poor country where Seventh Day Baptist missionary work is making a significant contribution to the evangelization, education, and healing of the people.

A second article in the current issue of the Digest is a condensation of a Redbook article by Ardis Whitman, mother of a minister and daughter of one. Some of what she writes on "What Not to Tell a Child About God" runs counter to much popular opinion. She lists five or six "don'ts." One of them is, "Don't tell your child that it doesn't matter what he believes, so long as he believes in something." It is true enough, in a sense, that there are many roads to God, the author declares, but we can't get to God without choosing one. Parents are derelict of their duty if they do not help their children to get some religion now, when they need it, rather than to expect them to wait until they are grown up to decide. How

can a young man or young woman have an adequate basis for deciding whether or not to go to church if he has never gone, asks the writer.

Children want security, and a satisfying, positive faith nurtured by parents is a natural part of that security. We must not be afraid to let children in on the mystery and sadness of death. Give them a God who will be big enough to satisfy them when they grow up. And, we might add, if parents have not put forth the effort to have a solid faith in the power of God through Christ they had better do so in order to be able to help their children, as well as to enrich their own lives.

Missionary Problems to Pray About

Our primary missionary concern is for the fields where our denomination has workers or those that represent opportunities waiting to be grasped. We must constantly remind ourselves, however, to pray intelligently for missionary problems which confront Protestantism as a whole. Will there be less problems or more on this wide scale as a result of the actions taken by the World Council delegates at New Delhi? Opinions will differ.

Two of the major accomplishments of the Third Assembly were the admission of some of the largest Eastern Orthodox Churches and the assimilation of the International Missionary Council. At first thought it would seem that the cause of missions would be greatly strengthened by this merger. Some careful analysts are pointing out that the advantages may be considerably nullified by the other action. Churchmen from behind the Iron Curtain (mostly Orthodox) now make up one-third of the membership of the World Council. What effect will that have on missions? Eastern Orthodoxy has long opposed any missionary activity in areas considered by them to be Orthodox. A Protestant denomination in Greece felt that it could not fellowship at Evanston, Ill., in the Second Assembly with the delegates representing the Orthodox Church which was persecuting them. The hand of the Orthodox in Council affairs is now greatly strengthened and it can logically

be expected that the WCC will have to be less missionary minded than before. Already the fears in this regard have been given substance by the declarations of the Russian Orthodox delegates condemning missionary activity and the Council's New Delhi recommendation to curb "proselytism."

On the other hand, it should be remembered that only some 31% of American missionaries serving abroad are affiliated with the World Council of Churches. Christians can pray that the major portion of foreign mission work will go forward and that any toning down of missionary pronouncements by the ecumenical body will be matched by a toning up of the efforts put forth by the missionaries now serving and yet to be called.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Hazards of the Ministry

The new pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Charles Bowles, a prominent Southern minister, suffered a non-critical heart attack on his way to church January 7. He was to have preached his first sermon in the church that morning. Many a pastor has felt a little faint-hearted as he contemplated mounting the pulpit before a new congregation. The faithful minister has his heart in his work. He is sometimes a little uncertain as to whether or not many of his congregation have their hearts in their part of the kingdom task.

Progress Is Slow

The Supreme Court and the responsible leaders of southern as well as northern states agree that desegregation of public schools must come. Progress is being made, but in relation to the goal, right is triumphing slowly. Thirty more school districts in southern states desegregated this year. Tennessee, Kentucky, Delaware, Florida, and North Carolina now have some integration, but South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi still have no integrated public schools.

It is hard to believe that equality of opportunity for children of all races can long be denied in a few states when it is considered right in all others.

Evaluating Church History

One of the best manuals of church history, the two-volume work of Albert Newman, published by Judson Press in its twenty-third printing in 1949, has a chapter on "The Relation of Christianity to the Roman Empire from the Time of the Apostles till the Adoption of Christianity as the Religion of the Empire." This much condensed material contains some general observations about this period of persecutions.

The author speaks of the well-publicized fact that persecution tended to spread rather than to suppress the truth. He remarks that the new faith which had begun without any cultural prestige drew to itself by the close of the period the culture of the age and had gained the homage of kings. He then makes some observations that appear to uphold what Seventh Day Baptist writers have long contended — that unscriptural and pagan customs crept into the church as its cultural status increased. We quote from page 148.

"We shall see that this accession of culture had its disadvantages as well as its advantages; for along with culture came philosophical error and imitations of pagan ceremonial observances.

"We shall see that as soon as Christianity came to be forwarded by any other than legitimate means, as soon as increase of power and respectability was set up as an object of endeavor, a door was thrown open for the entrance of all sorts of abuses.

"In general, we may characterize the present period as the period of the gradual growth and the gradual corruption of Christianity until it became strong enough on the one hand to make its adoption by the empire a matter of policy, and corrupt enough on the other to rejoice in such adoption."

Newman does not here mention the rise of Sunday observance, but this period ending about the time of Constantine's Sunday edict is the time when it began to supplant the Sabbath of the previous Apostolic Age.

Los Angeles Church Plans Evangelistic Outreach

At the planning retreat of the church held in September at Pacific Pines Camp, a group of four young people volunteered as an evangelistic quartet for Gospel work.



This quartet, composed of Marie Gregory, soprano; Steve Saunders, tenor; Donna Bowman, alto; and Glen Warner, bass, has been meeting on Monday nights with Pastor and Mrs. Saunders, preparing themselves through practice and study of methods of evangelism and Bible meditation to assist in the program of outreach of our church. We hope to use this group extensively during a series of evangelistic services tentatively planned for this spring. These young people are also reaching out into the community, having presented the full program for the December meeting of the Highland Park Ministerial Association, and will sing for the World Day of Prayer, and other services in the community.

The regular ministry of our church includes several Bible study and prayer groups, meeting in different parts of the city. One group meets on Wednesday nights in West Covina, three on Friday evening, one at the church, one in Fullerton, and one — the Youth Fellowship — at the parsonage. Thus, a united prayer effort is backing the program of the church, and we trust it will bring forth fruit for the Kingdom of Christ.

Four workshops on Witnessing and Evangelism were held on Sabbath afternoons during the month of January. Filmstrips on witnessing were shown at the beginning of each session, laying the

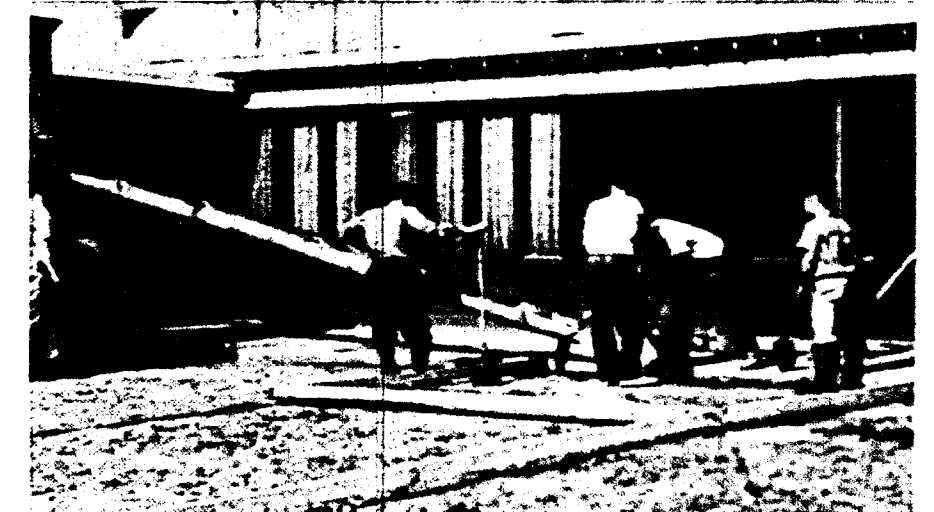
groundwork for small group discussions. Questions were presented to each group from which to choose for their discussions, and reports showed findings pertinent to the subject to the whole body. The last session was devoted to review and each group presented specific suggestions as to how we might be able to increase the effectiveness of our witness.

Our student pastor, Glen Warner, is in charge of the young people, and for the past several weeks has been presenting some very challenging classes in "How to Use My Bible to the Fullest."

Los Angeles Builds!

Throughout the years the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church has shown a steady growth. In 1951 a new building was erected, which has served well since that time. In recent years, however, an increase in the number of young married people and their children has been especially noticeable, and the need for enlarged facilities has been increasingly apparent.

The Builders (young adult) Sabbath School class assumed the initiative during



Top: pouring the sub floor of the new building. Bottom: heating pipes ready for covering layer of concrete.

the summer of 1961, and a fund-raising campaign was started for the purpose of adding a new building to the church plant. This fund has been overwhelmingly supported by the church members and many friends.

Consequently, the land which formerly constituted the patio of the church was cleared in November, and in December the new building was started.

Included in the new two-story facility is a kitchen and serving area on the ground floor, with six rooms on the second floor available for classes, committees, etc.

On January 14, a special service of consecration for the building project was held in the sanctuary at the close of the morning worship service. Glen Warner, student pastor, gave a brief message of dedication, and Pastor Saunders led the congregation in a prayer of consecration. Members of the church family are watching with interest the progress of building, and awaiting eagerly the completion of it, and the increased witness and service that it will contribute to the ministry of the Kingdom of our Lord.

God's House Guest Editorial

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees discussion relative to the merits of closing the doorways into the sanctuary was held. Pros and cons were voiced, and it soon became evident that just closing doors would not eliminate the problem of distracting noises and activities before the opening of the church service.

After all, what is needed is not sound-proof rooms, but an attitude of worship that will allow the churchgoer to present himself before God in a humble and listening mood. In order to accomplish this, we need to undergo a rather vigorous course of self-education, and realize first of all that our church is actually God's house. We must recognize the fact that God's presence is in this place in a special way. We have set aside this sanctuary for worship. We have installed symbols that lead the mind to look above. We have invested in a melodious organ to assist in creating the mood. We have

used the arts of color and form as well as music to enrich our thinking and open our hearts to God. Now we must attune ourselves to these surroundings.

Reverence, in action and thought, must be practiced and taught if we are to benefit from this wonderful church that we have built here to help us seek God and His will for us. We meet here weekly, and sometimes oftener to ask Him to renew our spirit and help us live more effectively. In order to accomplish this, we must individually resolve to maintain the atmosphere that is required.

Keep these points in mind as we enter God's house to worship:

1. Take our places quickly and quietly and enter into the spirit of prayer.
2. Avoid causing confusion that may tend to distract others in their worship.
3. Save the conversation that is such a cherished part of our weekly gatherings until after the service.
4. Join in the singing, the responsive readings, and responses.
5. Listen to the message in song by choir and the instruction and inspiration as given by the pastor.

If we follow these simple guides of behavior, truly recognizing that when we are in church we are in God's house and in His presence in a peculiar way, there will be no need for doors to shut out distracting noises. We will join together in worship. — Pawcatuck Post, quarterly leaflet publication of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly, R. I., Charles W. Utter, editor.

Planning Committee

As this issue rides the trains and the airways to all the places where organized Seventh Day Baptist work is carried on the denominational Planning Committee is in session in the headquarters building. The secretaries of two boards and the president of Conference come to this meeting fresh from interdenominational or ministers meetings in the South. Planning the next steps in our Program for Advance as well as consideration of projects now under way will occupy the committee of six for two full days.

"If Thou Wilt Enter Into Life"

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn

"The law was never intended as a means of life." This is an error which nearly everyone who discusses the matter of "law and grace" makes. It is a direct denial of several passages of Scripture. Eternal life has always been resultant upon obedience to God's law. God told the very first man, "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2: 17). If he had obeyed he would not have forfeited eternal life, but would have retained it.

In describing "the righteousness which is of the law," Paul says that "the man which doeth those things shall live in them" (Rom. 10: 5). That was not just Paul's opinion. It was a quotation from the words of Jehovah God recorded in Leviticus: "The Lord spake unto Moses, saying . . . I am the Lord your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, which if a man do, he shall live in them" (Lev. 18: 1-5). The people in Nehemiah's time knew this, too (Neh. 9: 29). Ezekiel gives the Lord's message saying, "Thus saith the Lord God . . . I gave them my statutes and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do he shall even live in them" (Ezek. 20: 11, 21). To the Galatians Paul wrote, "The law is not of faith, but the man that doeth them shall live in them" (Gal. 3: 12).

Jesus' own words refute the error quoted in the opening sentence of this article. When one of the lawyers came to Him asking, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus asked, "What is written in the law?" After the inquirer quoted, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . . and thy neighbour," Jesus said, "This do and thou shalt live" (Luke 10: 25-28). On another occasion a young man came asking, "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Jesus answered, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," and quoted from the Decalogue (Matt. 19: 16ff.).

From these references we see that obedience to God's commandments would bring

eternal life. The law was intended as a means of life. But here is the predicament. Obedience must be perfect. To be saved by the law obedience must be complete in every point (James 2: 10; Gal. 3: 10). James quotes the Sixth and Seventh Commandments, leaving no doubt as to what law he means. To "offend in one point" is to be "guilty of all," for whoever violates any commandment has rebelled against the authority of Him who gave the law, and has sinned.

Jesus set the standard of law observance by His teaching and by His life. To be saved by the law one would have to observe it as Jesus did. One would have to be without offense, absolutely sinless from birth to death.

If a man could observe the law in that way, perfectly, he would "enter into life." He would not be a sinner, under condemnation, and hence would not need God's grace, nor the Savior provided by that grace. But one cannot keep the law that way, for the standard is too high! Especially when we realize that Jesus took the violation of the law behind the outward act and down into the thoughts and motives in the inner recesses of the heart, and when we look at His perfect life. We wonder if when Paul said, "By the law shall no flesh be justified" (Rom. 3: 20a), he did not mean "can." When a person realizes his inability to truly observe the law, he knows his sinfulness, and comes to the Savior by faith, the penalty is remitted, and Christ's righteousness is imputed to him.

No, the law could never make us righteous, for all attempts to keep it are futile. But "what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8: 1-4). The failure is not in the law, for it is perfect. The weakness is in the flesh. The "fulfillment" is the work of the Holy Spirit.

He fulfills in us the "very righteousness which the law demands." The law, for the believer, is written in the heart and mind (Heb. 8: 10; 10: 16). We are not saved because we have kept the law, but in order to keep it. Nor are the requirements of the law relaxed.

But don't forget, the law was given as a means of life. Eternal life could be "inherited" by observing it, if that observance were complete and perfect. Praise God for His provision of a way of salvation in our failure!

Russian Baptist Contact

One of the contacts resulting from the connection of Seventh Day Baptists with the Baptist World Alliance is a contact with the president of the Union of Evangelical Christians (Baptists), the Rev. Jakov Zhidkov of Moscow. This man and his English-speaking son attended the Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro in 1960, at which our denomination also had a representative. The Russian Baptist Church, unlike missionary churches throughout the world, came into existence by itself without any connection with other Baptist bodies.

Under date of December 25 the Rev. Mr. Zhidkov sent a mimeographed holiday greeting to other Baptist bodies, one of which came to our denominational headquarters at Plainfield and was answered recently by our executive secretary. The Russian Baptist leader directed his brief message "To all Christians of the World" and used the salutation, "Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ." The first paragraph was a warm greeting calling attention to the significance of the event at Bethlehem which draws so many people of the world together. We quote here the second paragraph:

"Side by side with the joy we feel in our hearts sorrow, fear, and anxiety as the dark clouds of the danger of war still hang over all of us. Let us remember this Christmastide that our Saviour bears the glorious name 'The Prince of Peace.' It means that peace on earth is dear to His God's Heart. And He wants this peace on earth will be dear to our Christian hearts. He says to His disciples, 'Blessed are the peacemakers'." — Editor.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Missionary Family Arrives in British Guiana

Word has been received of the safe arrival on Wednesday, January 24, of our missionary family, Rev. and Mrs. Leland Davis and three children, in Georgetown, British Guiana, S. A.

Scheduled to leave Idlewild Airport (New York) on Monday evening, January 22, their departure was delayed until the following evening, January 23, "due to cancellations and technical difficulties."

Pastor Davis writes: "We finally got off about 9 p.m. on a jet, first-class (no extra cost), and arrived direct in Port of Spain at 2 a.m. where we got a hotel at the airport . . . We got 3 hours rest, got up at 6 a.m. and boarded Flight 361, via BOAC and arrived in Georgetown in a downpour of rain at 8:30 a.m.

"After clearing our luggage through customs at no cost, we learned that a taxi was waiting for us, including a tarpaulin to cover our 11 pieces of luggage in trunk of taxi as it was too full to close. A courteous Hindu whose father is a priest took us directly to Woodbine Hotel where Pastor and Mrs. Tyrrell were waiting for us . . . Luckily no one was 'stood up' Tuesday night as a result of our delay."

Following lunch with the Tyrrells, a visit was made to the immigration office by Pastor Davis, Pastor Tyrrell and son, Jacob Tyrrell. "Upon return to the hotel, Pastor Trotman arrived. We all then conversed, . . . prayed and arose much strengthened in the bonds of unity and peace."

A later letter informs that they have located a house "unfurnished, on the second floor in the Kingston area. Although it is very modest looking, it was recently painted inside and new cupboards with table counter and drain space were installed. It has three bedrooms, a dining room, living room, entry or drawing room kitchen with bathroom."

Assistance in locating a house was graciously given by our native pastors as well as by others. Pastor Davis "rode all afternoon, sideways on the frame of a bike, with a friend from the immigration

office who offered his services, a very trustworthy and wonderful Guianese." The wife of the owner of the house where the Davises will live "has offered her services to help Mrs. Davis get settled." Their address is: 29 Fort St., Kingston, Georgetown, British Guiana.

Pastor Davis closes: "All of us are well. We ask your constant prayers."

What We Need Most in Little Rock

By Pastor Paul B. Osborn

(Prepared at the request of Secretary Everett T. Harris.)

There's a sign by the gate at the MoPac Railroad Shop in North Little Rock which reads:

EVERY ACCIDENT MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH MEN, METHODS, OR MATERIALS.

Stated differently we note that each success means that men, methods, and material are all right.

MATERIALS. In our work here we are using tracts, reply cards, folders which give the church location and the times of services, and newspaper ads which carry the same information. For an area of almost 250,000 population we can hardly evaluate the effectiveness of only 2,300 tracts distributed thus far. When no visible results came from the planned news-ad campaign except the plaudits of the ad salesmen who enjoyed having clear copy brought to them, the series was stopped and a committee has now been appointed to evaluate and redesign the ads. Should they be bigger and less frequent? Appeal to those who may now believe in the Sabbath? More educational? There are many more questions, but they all come close to the area of methods.

METHODS. Tract distribution is being done primarily in a house-to-house survey program. Where a resident is at home an

Correction. The item on page 13 of the January 15 issue regarding the new grade being offered at our Makapwa mission school should have stated that Standard VI is equivalent to Grade 8 rather than 11 and 12 — so says Dr. Victor Burdick.

attempt is made to speak with him; otherwise, tracts and folder with a reply card are left in the door. Should we try to go faster, just leaving tracts? The survey so far has brought a growing list of names which will demand intensive follow-up work. Here is a former Catholic, now attending a Southern Baptist church, who says he believes in the Sabbath. Another Presbyterian woman says the same. What will most effectively cause them to act on what they say? And what methods shall we use at the State Fair Booth next fall?

Radio work is primarily a matter of methods. There are six stations in Little Rock which should be tried to find how we can best reach the most people. Minimum cost for a trial would be \$400. For that amount fifty weekly 15-minute programs were broadcast on a Pennsylvania station several years ago with no known results either in souls saved or new contacts made for the Sabbath. The Tract Society Radio-TV chairman has offered \$100 and we have discussed a different method, a disc-jockey type of broadcast, if you please. But money will be the big factor in determining what may be done in this area. That seems to bring us back to the material again. Or does it?

MEN. Men give the money and the materials. Men also employ the methods discussed. Have you ever noticed that some people who have an excellent product and superior methods never seem to make a sale? Usually because they have not tried the product themselves and thus cannot convince, or else their personality is so offensive that you wouldn't believe what they said if they proved it. Let's face it. Do you like to buy Lifebuoy from a salesman who has "B.O.," or Pepsodent from a salesman with bad breath? Should we expect people to accept Christianity if we do not give evidence of Christlikeness? Methods and materials must be constantly reviewed and renewed, but in the final analysis it is men who do the selling.

In Little Rock Seventh Day Baptists have a job to do. What we want most are results. We must sell the Gospel. Our neighbors need it! We must sell consecration to Christ. Peace and happi-

ness depend on it! We must sell Sabbath observance. God blesses it! But to be the best salesmen, we must be sold ourselves — sold out to Christ, who will then use us in His work.

You see, it really isn't our job; it's HIS. Unless MEN, METHODS, and MATERIALS are turned over to His keeping and control no lasting results will be seen. So this is what we need most in Little Rock (*) — COMPLETE DEDICATION TO CHRIST.

(*Permission is granted to substitute the name of your own church in place of Little Rock.)

February Special Issue

A few hundred copies of the February special issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* (published last week) are available for sale. Most of our people order in advance — the only way these extra quantities can be published on a cost basis. A few, however, forget and a few want to see how good it is before placing a large order. While they last, those on hand may be purchased at the advance order rate of 10 for \$1.00, or 100 for \$8.50. The good planning and editing of Mrs. Fetherston calls for equally good efforts in distribution at the local church level. Incidentally, it is not too early to order the May issue, to be edited by Mrs. Gleason Curtis of Riverside, California.

Salem College News

Salem College sent four representatives to the Little White House Conference on Children and Youth, which was held January 26-27 in Charleston, W. Va. The college was represented by Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of the college, Professor Weaver Marr, residence director of the American Humanics Foundation on campus, and Wilbur Kendig and Gary Wilson, students.

The theme of the conference was "The Unemployed Out-of-School Youth." The Honorable Tom Clark, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, delivered the main address. Among other prominent personalities appearing on the program were Governor W. W. Barron, and United States Senator Jennings Randolph.

News of Ministers

The biggest news item at the moment is the missionary pastors' institute with a program which combined fellowship, problem discussion, and instruction for a considerable number of our ministers gathered together in the deep South in the outskirts of New Orleans in the Metairie church. This gathering will be reported elsewhere.

Dr. Melvin Nida as Conference president has been able to do considerable traveling again during the holidays and at the change of semesters. He has been in the Midwest, in New England, in New Orleans, and is scheduled to take part in the next Planning Committee session at the Seventh Day Baptist Building February 19-20. His little foreign car increases his range on a limited budget because of its economy of operation.

We understand that Kenneth Smith of the Denver church, who has previously done graduate work in Scotland, is now enrolled in a Denver seminary in a course leading to a doctorate.

Eugene Fatato has moved from Little Genesee, N. Y. to Battle Creek, Mich., and is getting settled in the renovated parsonage.

Clifford Hansen, upon his return from New Delhi, India, made a family trip to California during the holidays.

Wayne C. Maxson, student assistant pastor at Alfred, N. Y., was recently licensed by that church.

Mynor G. Soper of the Boulder, Colo., church, had an ear operation recently. He has resumed his theological training which was interrupted by his North Loup pastorate.

Among the licensed laymen whose recent activities are known at the *Recorder* office are Frank Kellogg of New Market, N. J., who is spending some time in California and Mark Sanford of Little Genesee, N. Y., who is listed as being active in the work of the Daytona Beach church this winter. Dr. Victor Burdick who occupied the Battle Creek parsonage between pastorates is now living at 190 West St. in that city.

New Delhi Echoes

By C. W. P. Hansen

World Council — IMC Merger

Most observers of the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches will, I believe, agree that one of the most important actions taken by the Assembly was taken at its first business session on Sunday afternoon, November 19, when delegates voted unanimously to merge the World Council with the International Missionary Council. The IMC had voted for the merger in a pre-assembly meeting. The details had been so well worked out and the publicity prior to the Assembly had been so effective that the voting itself seemed perfunctory. It was one of those things that everybody knew was going to happen. Nevertheless, this event is bound to have a significant influence on the future course of organized Christianity.

The International Missionary Council was a name adopted in 1921 for an organization which had been in existence since 1910. Membership in this organization consisted not of missionary societies, mission board or churches (as its name might suggest), but of councils of missionary societies (usually on a national level) and other organizations such as Bible Societies directly involved in the worldwide missionary work of Christians.

Thus the IMC had, since its beginning, been a major force in the ecumenical movement. As such, its relations with WCC had always been close. If these previous relationships could be considered as a courtship, then the merger itself, at New Delhi, was a wedding. What the offspring of this union will be for the Christian Church remains to be seen, but the merger brings together, with increased organizational strength, the two main concerns of the ecumenical movement: unity and mission. The interests of the IMC will henceforth be fostered by a division of world mission and evangelism in the WCC. In the future, the mission of the Church will doubtless be given more prominence in World Council meetings. On the other hand, the dominant forces of the World Council are bound to exercise

an increased influence not only on the evangelistic outreach of the Church as a whole but over the entire church life of those countries where the IMC formerly had strength. The merger greatly increases the points of contact between the WCC and the local churches of many countries. The extent to which this increased influence of the Council will benefit the cause of Christ around the world will depend upon the Council's stewardship of its growing power. This stewardship, in turn, will depend in large measure upon the active interest and participation of all member denominations.

One of the greatest possible dangers to the World Council is a lack of constant active participation by member churches. This fact is recognized by World Council leaders. In the subcommittee of the Policy and Reference Committee on which I served at New Delhi, this matter of active member-church participation was given careful attention and proposals were made for bringing about an increase of such interest and participation. Only as all member churches of the Council maintain an ongoing active interest and participation in the concern of the Council can the Council continue to fulfill its mission of assisting and repre-



C. W. P. Hansen, a Hindu monk, and an interested, unknown delegate compare cultures as West meets East. See story on page 7 of February 5 issue.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — The annual birthday social sponsored by the Ladies Aid was held on Sunday, Jan. 21. Tables were decorated to resemble decades, and the age group sat at the designated table. Birthday cakes were made and judged by those present, as were the tables. After dinner, furnished by the ladies, there was an auction sale of baked goods, with Pastor Richards acting as auctioneer.

Prayer meetings are held each Sabbath eve at the church or in private homes. The pastor is conducting a study of Revelation.

There is an average attendance of 15 Juniors each Sabbath afternoon. Much interest is being shown. A valentine social is being planned with Deacon and Mrs. Donald Payne as sponsors with the superintendent, Myra Barber.

The Youth Fellowship was host to the similar group of the West Concord Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, January 20. The visitors provided the devotional lesson after which there was a social time with lunch. Mrs. Donald Richards is sponsor of the group.

There are three choirs in our church, the senior, the intermediate, directed by Mrs. Helen Greene, and the junior directed by Mrs. Clare Greene. The intermediate choir is planning a box social, the proceeds to go toward robes for the choir. This is also a memorial to the late Lester Greene.

The weather has been very cold and there has been much snow. However, this does not keep the church people at home from the appointments Sabbath day and during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Langworthy are spending the winter in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Adams are in New Mexico where they are visiting during the winter.

Principal officers of the church elected at the annual business meeting, held January 7 are as follows: moderator, D. C. Lippincott; clerk, Mrs. Vivian Kloppstein; treasurer, Mrs. Seili Bond.

— Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The annual Father and Son Banquet was held November 11 with Roger Davis as toastmaster. A toast to the fathers was given by Louis Sholtz;

to the sons by Orville Williams. Special music was provided by Jerry Vierow, Mark Warner, and Peter Bauer, a guest.

The principal speaker of the evening was Dr. John Skawski, superintendent of the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill school system.

Bible studies in the Book of Jeremiah are being held in the Oneida area on Tuesday evenings and in the Verona Mills area on Thursday evenings. The Youth Fellowship meets at the church on Sabbath eve preceding the choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

The Association Camp Committee met at the church Sunday afternoon, November 5, to discuss plans for next year's camp. The committee is composed of Joyce Sholtz, Melinda Mallison, Nancy Brannon, Edward Ali, Diane Avery, Lowell Welch, and pastors Delmer Van Horn, Charles Swing, and Rex Burdick.

Following the fellowship dinner on November 18, a program was presented by the Stewardship Committee with Gerald Sholtz presiding. A talk on tithing was given by Joyce Sholtz and a paper on "The Technical Aspects of Tithing" by Prof. Burton Crandall was read by Kenneth Davis. A filmstrip "Living for Christ" was shown.

The annual business meeting of the church was held on Sunday, December 3, following a co-operative dinner. Officers for the coming year were elected and reports of committees and church organizations given. A budget of \$5,347 was presented by Gerald Sholtz, chairman of the Finance Committee. Maurice Warner, church treasurer, reported total receipts of \$5,210 and Alden Vierow, OWM treasurer, reported receipts of \$2,195.

Three carloads of carolers were out Thursday evening before Christmas in the Rome-Oneida area visiting homes of elderly and shut-ins. Several poinsettia plants used for decoration at the church on Sabbath were later sent to shut-ins. The Christmas program was held the evening after the Sabbath at the church. Songs and exercises by the classes of the Junior Department were followed by a puppet show and a film, both appropriate to the season. Gifts and light refreshments followed. White Christmas gifts were received during the Sabbath School hour.

The Advent folders brought \$130 to the church treasury which was added to the building fund for redecorating the church dining room. Work on this project was begun the fourth week of January.

Some of the future activities of our Ladies Society include the serving of dinners to four outside groups at Oneida Castle Hall. The membership has been divided into two groups for a contest called "Pennies From Heaven." One group is to lay aside a penny for each sunshiny day; the other group a penny for each cloudy day noticing conditions at 10 a.m. Plans for a bazaar in the spring were discussed at the December meeting.

— Correspondent.

NEW AUBURN, WIS. — Our church held its semi-annual business meeting on January 7. A pot-luck dinner preceded the meeting.

Rev. Kenneth Van Horn was unanimously called to serve another year as pastor. Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Douglas North; vice-president, Mrs. Loyal Pederson; clerk, Mrs. John Torgeson; trustee for 3 years, Rodney North; chorister, Pastor Van Horn; pianist, Mrs. Rodney North; communications chairman, Mrs. Arden Pederson; member at large to the Advisory Board, Mrs. Elmer Nelson. Other trustees previously elected are Loyal Pederson and Arden Pederson.

We have been having Lay Development workshops every other Sabbath afternoon with a fellowship dinner preceding. We have added a communications chairman to our list of officers and we are in the process of organizing an Advisory Board to the pastor. These two changes have come about through our Lay Development study.

At our Prayer Meetings we have just completed a study of the Book of Jeremiah. Several laymen of the group led the study at different times. We used study books, which were a great help. The life of Jeremiah should certainly be an inspiration to all of us.

Our young people are a vital part of our church. Our Senior Youth Fellowship is now meeting for a worship service and business meeting once a month and for a social once a month. The Junior Youth Fellowship meets every Sabbath

afternoon with Doris Van Horn. At present a junior choir is being organized by Arlouene Van Horn.

Our Women's Missionary Society officers this year are: Mrs. Elmer Nelson, president; Mrs. Rodney North, vice-president; Mrs. Ivar Pederson, treasurer; Mrs. Arden Pederson as secretary; and Mrs. John Torgeson as keyworker. Member to the Advisory Board is Mrs. Arden Pederson. We are studying about Latin America now. The books are "Land of Eldorado" and "The Quiet Crusaders."

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Moore and Linda of Harris, Minn., who are now members of our church come quite often to our church services.

We are looking forward to a rewarding and inspirational year in service to our Lord. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

— Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — The annual church business meeting was held on January 16. Reports showed great strides made during the past year. The pastor was encouraged to attend denominational conferences in which he is involved. A traveling expense was included in the record budget adopted for the pastor's travel in the interest of Seventh Day Baptists in Florida.

The Advisory Council is happy to accept the services of a "parish visitor," offered by Mrs. David Rogers, who will visit the sick and shut-ins, furnish transportation to and from church functions, etc.

At the January meeting of the Men's Fellowship the ladies were invited. A Mohammedan student from Africa at a local college spoke on the Moslem religion. An interesting discussion period followed.

Our church was represented at the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies January 23-25. The theme for the series was "A Firm Faith for a Changing World."

The January social was held at the parsonage with Pastor and Mrs. Davis as host and hostess. Fifty-one attended and enjoyed a pleasant evening together.

— Correspondent.

Marriages

Rice-Noyes.—Richard D. Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Rice of North Loup, and Miss Darla Noyes, daughter of Mrs. Marvin Ingraham of Cotesfield, Neb., were united in marriage January 14, 1962, in the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor David S. Clarke officiating.

Births

Greer.—A son, Robert Lewis, to Mike and Marjorie Greer of Claremont, Calif., on January 20, 1962. (Marjorie is the former Marjorie Lewis of Riverside, Calif.)

Obituaries

Camenga.—Claude W., son of the late John Dix and Mina Whitford Camenga, was born in Brookfield, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1876, and died Dec. 19, 1961, at Verona, N. Y.

He spent practically all of his life at Brookfield, coming to Verona only a few years ago to live with his daughter Elmina, and her husband, Stanley Warner.

He had been a lifelong member of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church where he had held many offices. For many years he had served as a deacon of his church. He was also prominent in civic activities.

On August 25, 1898, he was married to Florence Clarke who preceded him in death in 1950. The marriage was graced by five children, all of whom survive. They are: Carlos C., Syracuse, N. Y.; Harold F., Brookfield, N. Y.; Lawrence D., Mansfield, Pa.; Kenneth A., Beaver Dam, Wis.; and Mrs. Stanley (Elmina) Warner, Verona, N. Y. He is also survived by two sisters, 17 grandchildren, and 37 great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted from the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, December 22, by Pastor C. Rex Burdick, Verona. Interment was in Brookfield Rural Cemetery. — C. R. B.

Harris.—Mrs. Elsie (Richey) was born March 27, 1879, in Minnesota, and died January 21, 1962, in her home on the Salem Pike near Shiloh, N. J., where she had lived since 1908.

Her husband, Warren S. Harris, died in 1954. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Melvin Cobb, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. Benjamin Berry of Long Branch, N. J., two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harris was an active member of the Shiloh church as long as she was able to attend and served it as deaconess for many years.

Funeral services were conducted in the Shiloh church by her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, and interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. — C. H. B.

Hills.—Serena Cathryn Dodds, daughter of Joseph A. and Alma Hall Dodds, was born

Feb. 1, 1875, in the state of Iowa, and died Jan. 18, 1962, at Los Angeles, Calif.

In the year 1905 she was married to the Rev. George W. Hills at North Loup, Neb. In 1908, they went together to Salem, W. Va., to pastor the church there. In 1912 they began a long ministry in the city of Los Angeles, Calif., being for one year missionary pastor for the Pacific Coast Association. From 1913 to 1931 Mrs. Hills served with her husband in the pastoral duties of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by one brother, Emery Johnson, one granddaughter, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Francis D. Saunders, at the Utter-McKinley Funeral Home, assisted by the Rev. Henry Lewis and the Rev. Albert Spiller. Interment was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif. — F. D. S.

Saunders.—Grace Lewis, daughter of Elisha and Ellen Park Lewis, was born in North Stonington, Conn., May 9, 1879, and died at Stonington, Conn., Oct. 18, 1961.

She became a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton on Dec. 3, 1892.

A stepson, Clarence T. Saunders, survives. Funeral services were conducted from the Schilke Funeral Home, Westerly, R. I., by her pastor, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, R. I. — E. F. W.

Wells.—Florence Weber, daughter of Philip and Julia Erbig Weber, was born in Jersey City, N. J., February 7, 1902, and died at the Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R. I., December 12, 1961.

She became a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton April 3, 1948, and was a faithful worker in the Ladies Aid Society and leader of the junior choir until failing health made it necessary to limit her activities.

Her husband, Elliot Wells, preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Myra V. Wells, of Port Jefferson, L. I., N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Rhodes and Mrs. Alice Handy; and three brothers, William, Raymond, and Albert.

Funeral services were conducted from the Harvey Buckler Funeral Home, Westerly, R. I., by her pastor, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, Dec. 14, 1961. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I. — E. F. W.

West.—Floyd C., son of the late Horatio and Emily Joslyn West, was born in Verona, N. Y., August 6, 1887, and died at the Rose Hospital, Rome, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1962.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ambrose (June) Dangerfield, Rome, N. Y., four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He had been associated with the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Griffin and Aldridge Funeral Home, January 25, by Pastor C. Rex Burdick. Burial will be in the Verona Cemetery. — C. R. B.

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SABBATHKEEPING CHURCH IN KOREA

Here can be seen the congregation of a new Sabbathkeeping church photographed on a Sabbath morning in mid-January. On February 9 there were twenty more people baptized. They come from all walks and conditions of life; the prolific poor, drunkards, college and seminary students, and American servicemen stationed nearby. The church was organized by 62-year-old David G. Beattie (tall man, center rear) who still needs an interpreter. The leaders are using Seventh Day Baptist literature translated into Korean to extend their Sabbath witness. (See story on page 6.)