

# The Sabbath Recorder

## OUR WORLD MISSION Receipts for July, 1962

Budget Receipts				Treasurer's				Boards'			
	July	10 Mos.	10 Mos.	July	10 Mos.	10 Mos.	July	10 Mos.	10 Mos.		
Adams Center .....		\$ 645.90		Lost Creek .....	50.00	1,071.75					
Albion .....	55.50	624.06	50.00	Marlboro .....	324.50	2,865.04	55.00				
Alfred 1st .....	657.93	5,312.66	186.50	Memorial Fund .....	135.86	1,012.47	36.11				
Alfred 2nd .....		1,595.26		Metairie .....		36.47					
Associations and				Middle Island .....	25.60	239.60					
Groups .....	61.82	844.31	1,684.60	Milton .....	801.08	7,831.19	277.00				
Battle Creek .....	735.60	4,932.78	95.00	Milton Junction .....	154.60	1,454.15	40.00				
Bay Area Fellow. ....		454.16	15.80	Missionary Society .....			749.70				
Berlin .....	141.49	1,179.99	79.46	New Auburn .....		450.94					
Boulder .....	26.45	603.91	35.00	North Loup .....	311.11	858.87					
Brookfield 1st .....	48.00	530.78		Nortonville .....	40.00	1,456.30	75.00				
Brookfield 2nd .....	28.25	186.75		Nyasaland Govt. ....			1,680.00				
Buckeye Fellow. ....		25.00		Old Stone Fort .....	29.72	149.72					
Buffalo Fellow. ....		272.00		Paint Rock .....	54.53	284.53					
Chicago .....	116.50	784.50	405.00	Pawcatuck .....	400.00	4,821.87	853.48				
Board of C. Ed. ....			285.00	Plainfield .....	198.50	3,928.82					
Daytona Beach .....	230.29	1,287.57	98.24	Putnam Co. ....		22.00					
Denver .....	175.04	1,121.43	50.00	Richburg .....	96.95	870.65					
DeRuyter .....	316.00	516.00		Ritchie .....	20.00	293.00	83.33				
Dodge Center .....	135.82	712.52	100.00	Riverside .....		2,822.01					
Edinburg .....		6.30		Roanoke .....		137.00					
Farina .....		365.40		Rockville .....	68.09	430.20					
Fouke .....	5.50	162.20	55.00	Salem .....	100.00	1,429.11	10.00				
Hammond .....		60.00		Salemville .....	31.78	261.68	12.00				
Hebron 1st .....	39.17	353.28		Schenectady .....	16.00	116.00	500.00				
Hopkinton 1st .....	155.63	2,052.13	173.00	Shiloh .....	939.76	5,382.52	280.00				
Hopkinton 2nd .....	17.45	117.45		Texarkana .....		135.60					
Houston .....	44.15	64.83		Tract Society .....			346.00				
Independence .....	64.30	1,145.18		Verona .....	116.91	1,674.81					
Individuals .....	10.00	601.10	697.78	Walworth .....	89.40	632.40	60.00				
Irvington .....		1,141.44		Washington .....	3.19	385.19					
Jackson Center .....	200.00	300.00	250.00	Washington, .....							
Kansas City .....	67.00	193.00		People's .....	10.00	94.50					
Little Genesee .....	93.41	784.71	39.00	Waterford .....	128.20	1,130.47					
Little Rock .....	16.66	154.82	204.05	White Cloud .....	97.15	564.62	50.00				
Los Angeles .....	250.00	2,502.10	15.00	Yonah Mountain .....		26.00					
Los Angeles				Totals	\$7,934.89	\$74,623.00	\$9,626.05				
Christ's .....		120.00									

### JULY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 651.69
General Conference .....	1,007.16
Historical Society .....	223.81
Ministerial Retirement .....	696.33
Ministerial Training .....	1,116.61
Missionary Society .....	3,202.00
Tract Society .....	813.47
Trustees of General Conference .....	46.08
Women's Society .....	111.91
World Fellowship & Service .....	65.83
	<b>\$7,934.89</b>

### SUMMARY

Current annual budget .....	\$112,193.00
Receipts for 10 months .....	84,249.05
Balance required in 2 months .....	\$ 27,943.95
	G. E. Parrish,
	Treasurer.
205 Dogwood Trail,	
Battle Creek, Mich.	
Editor's Note:	
Percentage of year elapsed .....	83%
Percentage of budget raised .....	74%
Amount needed per month .....	\$ 13,971.97



### FROM THE PRAYER TOWER AT CONFERENCE

Looking out from the prayer tower high above the chapel the editor seems to have been caught with a serious expression on his face. Missionary nurse Barbara Bivins can barely see over the parapet, but she sees afar beyond Medicine Lake, which perhaps reminds her of her noble profession, to Lake Nyasaland in the African land where her tender heart continues to yearn for the spiritually needy.

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## Save the Young Men

Do the statistics on accidents have any relationship to Christianity? Undoubtedly.

Let us look at some of those statistics. In the providence of God more males than females are born in the United States each year. In spite of this there are 1½ million more women than men in the country. One of the principal reasons is the difference in the fatal accident rate, especially among the young. In the 15-24 age group accidents of all types take the lives of nearly five males for every female. More than eight out of ten persons killed in motor vehicles are males. Almost seven out of eight persons killed in non-motor vehicle accidents are males.

One might add that there is also greater longevity among adult females than males; there are more old widows than old widowers. The age gap has widened from three to six years. There are several contributing reasons, says the National Safety Council.

It is not the providence of God that causes the high rate of death in young men below the age of 24. It is in many cases their inclination to take chances. This has a definite relation to Christian faith. To be sure, some young men who are earnest Christians will take undue chances and lose their lives. In general, however, the Christian youth honors his own life, and certainly the lives of his companions. He has purpose and goal. He pursues higher education with an aim to service. He disciplines himself and avoids the major cause of motor accidents, alcohol.

The church has usually taken seriously the need to foster a vital Christian experience in the lives of youth, for obvious reasons. The statistics of the National Safety Council should give to church leaders an added sense of urgency in reaching boys in their teens. Think of the lives as well as the souls that could be saved for the Lord. There is a tremendous waste of life due, in part, to our failure to effectively confront our boys with the saving power of Christ.

What of the girls? They are shown to be less accident-prone. This may be partly explained by the fact (for which we do not have statistics) that more girls than boys are converted as they enter

that dangerous age. Furthermore, a greater effort toward saving young men will result in saving young women. The two go hand-in-hand in more ways than one. Let's save the young men.

## Living on Borrowed Time

It is nothing new to hear it said that the world (as well as certain miraculously spared individuals) is living on borrowed time. Perhaps the meaning is a little different when applied to the world. We understand it to mean that opposing nations have the capability of almost instantly destroying each other and all civilization in the process. This being so, the time to agree not to do it appears very short, very important, borrowed time. Many are greatly disturbed at the slowness of international agreements and feel that the sands of world time are fast running out.

The Committee for World Development and World Disarmament, which has been publishing a monthly bulletin for about seven years, made this statement in its May issue: "The world lives on borrowed time. The nuclear Goliaths are racing toward that fatal day when a nuclear exchange is inevitable." The writer feared that in the nuclear alerts that are called, a world-destroying war would be started. "Certainly," he said, "someday, somehow, in the tensed-up world in which we live, a real mistake will be made, and all of us will pay for it."

The article pointed out that nine of the ten months mentioned by President Kennedy in his United Nations address last September have passed by without coming to the agreement needed to keep this generation from turning (in his words) "this planet into a flaming funeral pyre." The President had said, "The events and decisions of the next ten months may well decide the fate of man for the next 10,000 years."

The positions taken above, both by the committee and the President, are somewhat overstated. The sands of time do not necessarily run out according to the political or prophetic date-setting of

man. Time is in the hands of God who has not clearly revealed to man the beginning or the fast-moving sequence of events related to the return of our Lord and the end of earthly history as it now exists. Ours is declared to be a time of watchfulness and preparation on a personal basis for that unknown but imminent day and hour. When our President speaks of decisions within ten months that will affect 10,000 years it is an exaggerated statement and one that hardly fits with the prophetic Scriptures. To assume that there yet remain that many years either of the scourge of war or the blessing of peace is unwarranted by the signs of the times.

Time may be running out for the nations of the world. The time for evangelizing the world gives every appearance of being short. The Christian, faced with this, is called upon to redeem the time.

## In Coming Issues

Just as this issue contains part of the story of Conference in words and pictures so will the next few forthcoming issues. There may not be room immediately for any of the longer messages but some of them will appear in serial form in due time.

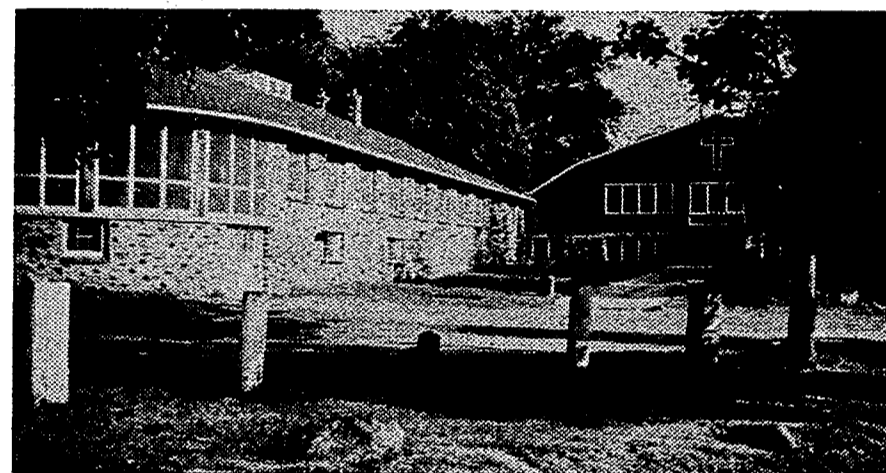
The report of Commission in its adopted form will be printed first in the Sabbath Recorder and later in the Yearbook. Some of the more newsworthy reports of committees will also find space. In this connection it should be noted that one of the recommendations of Commission was that the price of the Yearbook be increased to \$2.00 and that no free copies shall be sent to churches.

Due to the fact that the back page of both the August issues was taken up with financial statements we had to hold back obituaries and other vital statistics. Some will have to wait until next week.

Make sure that you do not miss the Sabbath Recorder in the weeks to come. How does your subscription stand? Do you have some friends to whom you might well send a 2-year, 1-year or 6-months' subscription.

## The Tabernacle at Mission Farms

A previous article told a little about the stone and brick chapel at Mission Farms with its six-story prayer tower overlooking the expanse of grounds on one side and the shimmering lake at the foot of the slope. That building became meaningful as the place of daily Bible studies, board programs, business, junior conference and executive offices. But another building called the tabernacle took on stronger significance for sacred music, worship programs, evening and Sabbath day services.



Neither words nor pictures can adequately convey the size of the building. The photo reproduced here shows the entrance to the back of the 1000-seat auditorium. Built on sloping ground, the upper end pictured is not nearly as tall as the platform end nearer the lake. Internally, the building is quite bare and rustic although banners well above the eye level give a sense of ceiling and hide some of the sturdy structural supports that enable the wide roof to withstand the heavy snowfalls of Minnesota winters. The builders took advantage of the natural contour of the land to afford the congregation a good view of the platform. An asphalt floor was laid on the center sloping ground. The pews, as in the chapel, are handmade in rustic style using peeled native wood for the framework and backs.

From the center of the long auditorium one looks up above the platform to a group of ten stained glass windows that occupy a considerable portion of the wall and add to the atmosphere of worship that is so easy to catch when there is a large choir on the platform and an at-

tentive audience. Centered above this group of windows is another opening in the wall in the shape of a cross. This five or six-foot cross of ruby glass carried a strong Christian message to those who see the centrality of the cross of Christ in all true worship. It also produced some strange lighting effects at different times of day.

When the first evening service of Conference began in the tabernacle, the Pre-Con choir was on the platform singing spirituals and other songs to the glory of Christ. The low hanging western sun sent its brilliance through the colored glass giving it strong illumination and casting its ruby-red glow up to the rafters of the building. Much the same effect could be noticed nearly every evening when the 500 people gathered for vespers.

Sabbath day came. The cross-shaped window filtered the sunlight at a much different angle during the morning worship. When the choir stood up to sing, the bright glow from the cross came down over the shoulder of the singer at the extreme right of the 50-voice group, a lady from the San Francisco area. It struck the white pages of her open hymn-book and reflected back to her face giving it a rich glow during the singing of the hymn.

The sunlit cross was like an hourglass or a sundial marking the time of day — time of which the audience was quite unconscious as the Word of God was being expounded by the pastor from Riverside, Calif. The next time the choir stood, the illumination from the cross fell on another member, the third from the end. Again, when we were assembled for the afternoon meeting, the angle had changed so that the ruby glow descended on those at the opposite end of the platform.

Is there special significance in the way filtered light strikes the individual worshippers in an audience gathered from the four corners of the nation? Perhaps. It is certainly true that the light of spiritual truth does not set hearts aglow equally. Some of us are not quite ready for the light to break forth upon us. Many read their Bibles with a cloud of tradition dimming their eyes when

they come to the Sabbath passages for instance. Others miss equally important teachings and promises. God grant that we who read these words may diligently study the Word and accept the Spirit's illumination.

### Conference Campus Glimpses

Mission Farms offered several kinds of housing to suit various preferences. There were a few deluxe rooms with maid service but, for the most part, new experiences were in store for those who slept last



year in university dormitories. Pictured above is the group of buildings where many of the young people were housed. Reminding one of pioneer days with a missionary motive these buildings are known as Fort Christian. It is reported that a few of the young people in the fort were reluctant to observe all the rules.



Above one sees a group of Dodge Center ladies full of fun as they wait for the luncheon line to move: Mrs. Clapper, Mrs. Lippincott, Mary Thorngate, Millicent Payne Greene, and Dorothea Payne Brewer. Mrs. Lippincott had two teenagers at Pre-Con and a baby at Conference.



Family groups and others could well imagine that they were on the old frontier when they selected "wigwams" as their place of abode. Cots around the walls would accommodate a family of four.



One of the photographers for the Sabbath Recorder caught two bright-haired sisters from Little Genesee, N. Y., Jeanne and Margaret Cartwright sitting in the afternoon sun on the bluff above the lake.



A group of Dodge Center delegates, Churchward brothers on the extreme right and left, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Payne in the center.



### MEMORY TEXT

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. Joel 2: 28.



### First Evening Message at Mission Farms

There is something different about evening services at our General Conference sessions, and the tradition was well upheld this year. A half-hour vesper service by the young people on the first evening set the mood for the unified worship service that began at eight and closed at nine. Each evening there was a fully prepared order of worship with audience participation in addition to the printed program.

The speaker chosen for the first inspirational message was the Rev. Elmo Randolph, pastor of the Milton, Wis., church. The theme of the day had been "Draw Near to God in Loving One Another." Mr. Randolph was asked to speak on the old but ever needed subject, "Love One Another."

Considerable emphasis was given during Conference to the fact that this was the 150th session although the Conference itself is older than that. A huge birthday cake of wire mesh "frosted" with tufted paper napkins and topped with a two-foot Seventh Day Baptist torch with simulated orange flame was displayed in front of the tabernacle pulpit much of the time. It was a pleasant reminder. The first speaker started his message with the perspective of one hundred and fifty years of such gatherings. After so many years can we find something new in the theme "Draw Near to God," he asked.

There is a challenge in drawing near to God. It is not such an easy thing to really love one another, but that is the only road by which we can draw nigh. The thought of a road to God implies the need of a road map. Such a map we have in the Bible. What does it show us? First of all, the direction of travel. We do not read far in the Old Testa-

ment before we come to the command to love the Lord with all your heart. Mr. Randolph recalled seeing these words from Deuteronomy above the doors of hotels operated by Orthodox Jews in Palestine.

"The Bible," said the speaker, "gives us more than direction of travel; it gives us a divine guide." Jesus as that guide introduces a great new idea into religion — the idea of extending love to those who hate you, spitefully use you, and persecute you. He recalled talking with Dr. Slessor, a Jew, who is a professor at the Hebrew University in Palestine. The professor pointed out that although much of what Jesus said was already contained in the Old Testament this new concept of love is not; it is distinctive. Furthermore, people for nearly 2,000 years have failed to understand this new commandment. We who are assembled at our Conference must examine the possibilities and the responsibilities of this commandment.

One of the responsibilities of the commandment to love one another is to recognize its long-neglected inclusiveness. We have tended to be exclusive in our practice of it. It would seem that there has been too much of:

"Lord bless me and my wife,  
My son John and his wife,  
Us four and no more."

The Great Commission, Mr. Randolph reminded his hearers, defines the inclusiveness of love. We are to take it to all nations.

The world is dark but there are examples to show us that there are numerous bright spots where love is shining. It was the speaker's opinion that Martin Luther King has been showing the way of love where many have sought to stir up hate. Protestants in New York City are beginning to see that love must include those who are mired the deepest in the slime of despair. We can find many opportunities in an organized way to show our love for one another. He said he had no blueprint of ways to share the Sabbath truth, but was sure that such sharing was part of the commandment. He suggested that there could be some exciting possibilities involved in taking our Sabbaths for a specified period of time to practice loving one another —

the people of the world who need love. Jesus tells us, he noted, that if we are to save ourselves we must lose ourselves.

The conclusion of that first evening message pointed out the personal demands of Christian love. The great Augustine of early Christian history stated, "One loving heart sets another on fire." We must extend Christian love if we are to be true to the name we bear. Dedicating ourselves to this we can know, "love never fails."

### New Officers Elected On Closing Day of Conference

The report of the Nominating Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference comes to the floor on the last day of the annual assembly and is awaited with keen interest by the delegates. Some of the detailed nominations in the long list are already known by boards and agencies but the principal officers other than the new president and a few others are a secret closely guarded by the widely representative committee. Nominations as presented are seldom questioned or added to, although this is permissible under our democratic procedure.

Much of the wording of the article that follows is taken from the press release of the public relations director, Mrs. Leila Maxson — a release that reached weekly newspapers in time for publication in papers dated Thursday, August 23. The release begins by featuring the new president of General Conference, who was advanced, according to present procedure from first vice-president. More newsworthy to many of our readers is the choice of first vice-president, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick, of Verona, N. Y. (The presidency alternates between a layman and a minister). By way of further information, the new president has promised his inaugural address for publication.

George E. Parrish, Battle Creek, Michigan, layman, was elected president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at its 150th annual session.

Mr. Parrish, owner and manager of that Precast Concrete Products Co. in Battle Creek, is a native of that city and attended schools there. He is a member

of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Exchange Club of Greater Battle Creek. A deacon of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist church, he has served that church as treasurer for 15 years and is at present the moderator and the Sabbath School superintendent.

Mr. Parrish is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Commission, and is completing a term as Our World Mission treasurer. He has also served as chairman of the Stewardship Promotion Committee and the Ministerial Support Committee.

He is married to the former Madelene Lewis of Battle Creek and they have two children, Robert and Judy.

The new president has chosen for his theme for the coming year, "What Wouldst Thou Have Me to Do?" taken from Acts 9: 6. He succeeds the Rev. Melvin G. Nida, associate professor at the Alfred School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

New members of the Commission elected for three year terms are: Herbert Crouch, head of the Department of Speech at Milton College, Milton, Wis., and the Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Verona, N. Y.

Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, Battle Creek, Mich., was elected treasurer of Our World Mission. Mrs. Fetherston has served the denomination as Executive Secretary and as president of the Women's Board.

Other new officers of the Conference are: Charles H. North, businessman of Plainfield, N. J., second vice-president; George S. Stillman, Houston, Texas, third vice-president; Ernest F. Bond, Jane Lew, W. Va., recording secretary; Mrs. S. Kenneth Davis, Holly Hill, Fla., assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Jr., Plainfield, N. J., treasurer of the General Conference; and Harley D. Bond, Plainfield, N. J., corresponding secretary. Mr. Bond is also the Executive Secretary of the denomination.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 15, 1962

A Mind to Work

Lesson Scripture: Nehemiah 4: 1-3, 7-11, 19-23; 13: 17-21.

## Conference Draws People from Everywhere



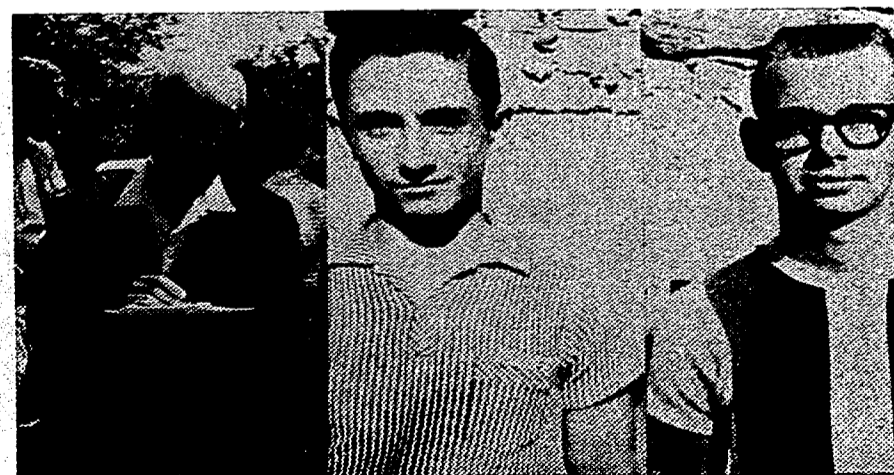
Roger Davis of Verona, N. Y., visits with Mrs. Fred Ayars of Philadelphia. Mother and grandparents are proud of one of the youngest babies present. David Camenga and his wife (who also brought a baby to Conference) have something interesting to tell to the Shiloh, N. J., pastor, Charles Bond, his uncle.



Left: Unidentified people intent on getting into the dining room. Above: Part of the Raymond Kenyon family of Florida. In the background: President Nida's family sleeper used on their trip.



The Edgar Wheeler family from Ashaway, R. I.



Young fellows from distant places are carefree but the executive secretary has work to do even as he waits in the dinner line.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

## Missionary Doctor Returns to Nyasaland

By Dr. Victor H. Burdick

Our departure from Idlewild Airport, Thursday, July 5, was cheered by the presence and farewells of several friends and relatives — the Rev. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearson, LeRoy and Emma Burdick, and Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis (who had just arrived by plane from Jamaica for a short holiday).

Our night's rest on the plane was little more than four hours as dawn came to us over the cloud-blanketed Atlantic about 3:00 a.m. (New York time). Only a few times did the cloud cover open enough for us to see a bit of the Atlantic itself or England as we passed over, until we descended to land at Amsterdam airport.

We arrived at 2:30 p.m. Friday an hour and a half late, but were graciously met by Justin Camenga and his landlady, a Seventh Day Baptist member, in a rented Volkswagen. After rest and refreshing at this lady's house, we enjoyed dinner at a Chinese restaurant with Justin and his fiancée, Trudi Bosch. From these two we learned much about Holland, Justin's experiences abroad, and their plans for the future.

The Holland General Conference opened that evening at 8 at the church in Haarlem, with greetings and introductions, Bible study, prayers, an address by Otto Kohler (Germany), and much singing. Victor Jr. slept during this time in the front room of the church. We found it a bit hard to stay awake ourselves after so long a day.

Our hosts in Haarlem were the Siegnettes, a Catholic family living right next door to the church and friends of the Nieuwstradts, a Seventh Day Baptist family down the street from the church. The Siegnettes kindly opened their home to us in a fine example of traditional Dutch hospitality, simply because, "We served the same Lord." He knew English very well, she enjoyed the chance to practice hers, and we learned a bit of Dutch. Victor Jr. enjoyed playing with

their three small children, and was soon jabbering away in what he thought was their language.

For the most part, however, we understood nothing of the content of the Conference meetings, but easily joined in the spirit of fellowship and communion with these folks. There is a grand and wonderful unity in the partaking of bread and wine together, as we did Sabbath morning, drinking from a single cup. With a little phonetic instruction from Justin, and practice, we were able to sing the familiar hymns from the Dutch hymnal. Between meetings, meals or coffee and cakes were served in the same room, by the ladies.

Sabbath afternoon, I showed slides and told of our work at Makapwa, at the same time expressing our thanks to this Conference for their considerable support of mission projects. Bro. G. Zijlstra, businessman, and treasurer of their Conference, translated for me, and later we two had a long chat concerning the problems and future plans of Makapwa. Incidentally, he has given us considerable help in our bookkeeping problems at Makapwa.

The Sabbath night service was conducted by the young people, with choral and instrumental numbers, a dramatization of the story of Ruth, and a talk by Trudi Bosch.

We were able to see quite a bit of Holland as we traveled about in Amsterdam, Haarlem, and other places. One cannot help but be impressed by their unique system of dikes, canals, varied water levels, fresh-water harbors below sea level, locks, elevated over-land canals for seagoing ships, and the few remaining, picturesque windmills that used to help maintain these curious reversals of nature's usual ways, before electric power took over. The industrious Dutch people go on with their plans for reclaiming more of the land now under the sea, and for harnessing the tides of the sea for electric power.

Sunday afternoon everyone went on a bus tour around the North Holland peninsula, visiting the harbor of Altdam, where a few still wear the traditional Holland dress. This concluded the Conference.

We relaxed Monday and Tuesday, walking about Haarlem, with Mrs. Siegnette, we viewed the life-like paintings of Frans Hals (17th century portrait painter), gathered for a centennial exhibition, on loan from individuals and art centers all over the world. Tuesday evening Justin and I, and a Mr. and Mrs. Colladge had dinner with the Zijlstras in Rotterdam.

(Continued next week)

### Children's Conference at Makapwa Mission

At the time of the sessions of the Nyasaland Seventh Day Baptist General Conference a children's conference was conducted at Makapwa Mission under the supervision of Miss Joan Clement.

She writes, "Two of the students of Standard 8 took most of the responsibility of these children's meetings. They were Kesten Mjanji and Friday Alufia." At Miss Clement's suggestion these two have written a detailed report of the children's meetings.

Miss Clement writes, "We aimed for a daily programme of music, Bible study, outdoor recreation and creative handwork, related to the lesson of the day."

From the detailed report we learn that the children's conference was held for three days and then on Sabbath day the children "learned the Sabbath School lesson."

The attendance ranged from 84 to 135. The meetings were held in the school building, with sessions starting at 10 a.m. and ending at noon. On Friday they journeyed to Malamulo Mission.

Regarding the children's conference Miss Clement comments, "I don't know who enjoyed it more, the children or the adults."

### Missionary Reporters Available

The attention of all Seventh Day Baptist pastors and church leaders is called to the fact that copies of the **Missionary Reporter**, a quarterly publication of the Missionary Society, is available in whatever quantity you feel is needed.

The purpose of this publication is primarily to acquaint Seventh Day Baptist church and denominational leaders with the minutes and financial reports of the Missionary Board. A few articles of current happenings and forward-looking plans are usually included in each quarterly.

This publication is pointed toward church leaders rather than general distribution to all church members. Nevertheless, it has been stated on several occasions that as many copies will be sent to the pastors or church clerks as are requested. If general distribution is felt to be needed and helpful we will try to supply enough copies to make this possible.

A cover letter, with self-addressed return card, was sent to all church leaders about three years ago in an effort to bring up-to-date the number to be packaged and sent to each church. We received replies from about one-half the number of Seventh Day Baptist churches contacted. In cases where no replies were received, we continued our current mailing plan.

If the laymen want their churches to receive more copies, please express your wishes to your pastor and have the Missionary Board informed as to the number needed. We will appreciate this help and will do our part to supply them.

### Annual Meeting

The 120th Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, will be held on the third Sunday of September (Sept. 16, 1962) at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., at 2:00 p.m., to act upon any report that may be presented, to elect officers and members of the Board of Managers and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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

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### Office of Public Relations

A report to the 1962 General Conference at Mission Farms, Minneapolis, Minn.

by Leila Maxson

"What you are speaks so loud, I cannot hear what you say."

This is a quote worthy of consideration in the field of public relations. Do our actions as a church, as a church people, speak loudly to the world? Do we make our voice heard among the din of every day living? How do we look to the world?

It is with this in mind, that we have developed this office of public relations, that we may ever mindfully present the picture to the world that is worthy of our position as true worshipers of God and practicers of His commandments and of His love.

Whenever possible it is our duty to to make the best possible case for the denomination. But whenever an issue arises between the community and the denomination, and it cannot be resolved, it is our Christian duty to stand firm for the basic principles of the church without compromise. We must never "sell the church short." Sometimes we are forced to oppose the world. It is then, while standing true to our convictions, that we need a special instrument through which to make clear our true position. Communications therefore are essential not only for the peaceful sunny days, but also for the days of trial and testing.

This office was pleased at the response of the papers in the Massachusetts area last year and in the amount of news that they used. We are continuing to keep these papers on our mailing list. This mailing list, including papers from most of the areas around which our churches are located, has grown to 135.

This year, in advance of Conference, we sent five news releases to each of these papers, as well as about 25 radio and television stations in this area. We have had reports that at least some of this material was used.

This year, at the vote of Conference last year, advertising was placed in area newspapers under the supervision of the Rev. Paul Osborn. The estimated total for this enterprise is \$250. We wish to

express our appreciation to the American Sabbath Tract Society for underwriting this project.

We would like to suggest several courses of action for the coming year:

(1) that each church put the office of public relations on its mailing list. This has been done by about one-half of the churches to date.

(2) that each board send a copy of their minutes and any other pertinent material to the office of public relations. We are most appreciative of the successful efforts of the Board of Christian Education in accomplishing this goal.

(3) that the Tract Society consider setting up a permanent public relations committee.

(4) that the Tract Society work with this office and that of the conference president in planning a contracted series of ads to be placed in at least one area paper three months in advance of the meetings of General Conference. We feel this would be a most effective way of using communications.

We feel privileged in using our one talent in the serving of Christ and His Kingdom and in the service of Seventh Day Baptists. May this office continue to grow and expand in this service.

Note: The above suggestions were taken up by the Conference Committee on Publishing Interests which made appropriate recommendations which will in turn be seriously considered by the boards. Not all of the suggestions were endorsed in full by the Conference delegates.

### TRACT SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held Sunday afternoon, September 16, in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, New Jersey. A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tract Society is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. that day. The corporate meeting will be called to order at the conclusion of the board meeting.

All who are interested in the promotion of the Bible Sabbath and the distribution of Seventh Day Baptist literature are urged to attend the Tract Society's annual meeting.

— Ethel Dickinson, Secretary.

## A Minister Serves

One of the most appreciated ministers at General Conference was one who appeared on the program very seldom. He led the worship service the first evening and had perhaps one other minor role on the platform. He was more likely to be seen in something other than his pulpit clothes, for he had volunteered for numerous other duties. Humble, efficient and versatile the Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn of the New Auburn, Wis., church deserves recognition for service beyond the call of duty.



Among those who made the local arrangements for the smooth operation of Conference, Mr. Van Horn had his set of carpenter tools handy to build display racks for the boards in the spacious display room. He procured the lumber and built whatever was desired. If any equipment available at Mission Farms was needed, he was the one to see. Physical accommodations were part of his sphere of activity. Nothing seemed to be too much work for this preacher.

There was need for a night watchman to patrol the grounds to see that no undesirable visitors came. Electric lantern in hand, Kenneth Van Horn walked the paths and escorted any who needed his assistance going to and from the nightly prayer vigil. How he was able to work both day and night throughout the week was a puzzle to many. Perhaps, like Abraham, "he endured as seeing him who is invisible." At any rate, he was a noble example of service, and Conference delegates were thankful for all the little things that he did.

Others, of course, served well. Some, like Mrs. Don Gray at the registration desk, showed amazing endurance. They were mentioned in the courtesy resolutions so enthusiastically adopted by appreciative delegates. Dedication in the little things is indicative of faithfulness in the greater things. — Editor.

## Reading Room Opened In Pittsfield, Mass.

The vision of a Sabbath Reading Room in downtown Pittsfield, Mass., has now become a reality. Mrs. Paul Cushman, with the loyal support of her husband, family and friends has rented a building, furnished it, and opened it to the public about August 20, according to a recent letter. The letterhead speaks of it as "Sabbatarian Reading Room, Box 400, Pittsfield, Mass." Plans for the first witness of this kind in the state have been under consideration for several months. Pittsfield is within driving distance of the Berlin, N. Y., church in which the Cushmans are very active members. The American Sabbath Tract Society is giving moral support to the new venture and is providing some of the materials displayed in the reading room. A more complete story with pictures will be published soon.

A mimeographed sheet for local distribution explains the Sabbatarian Reading Room in the following way.

**Purpose:** To promote the Sabbath truth without neglecting to give vital information on other fundamental Christian beliefs, including the Plan of Salvation, the New Birth, and Baptism.

**Objectives:** To give out free literature; to give free counseling; to provide for the room, Bibles, books and other reading materials from various Sabbathkeeping organizations; to have a Bible fund for supplying Bibles to those who are not able to afford them; and to promote and encourage Bible study.

**Financing:** By voluntary contributions. A donation box (jar) will be placed in the reading room and at churches. Those wishing to make regular monthly contributions may make pledges to the secretary-treasurer, Myrtle W. Cushman, and she will give receipts to those wishing them. Donations of books and magazines will be much appreciated.

**Ideal:** To reach as many people as possible, making the most of time, material, and money spent.

**Location:** Central part of Pittsfield, Mass. Office is at 170 Fenn Street, and the mailing address: Box 400, Pittsfield, Mass.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

## Draw Near to God In Appreciating the Past

by Carolyn Gray

(This paper about the work of the Women's Board was prepared and read on the second day of Conference by Mrs. Don Gray of Milton, Wis. Mrs. Gray was later elected to the presidency of the board, replacing Mrs. Charles A. Whitford, who felt that she could not continue in office.)

Since you have in your possession the statistical report of the Women's Board, and on Thursday will be presented a challenge from the Women's Board, I assume that the purpose of this report is to acquaint you with some of the feelings, the thinking, and the attitudes of the Women's Board during this past year by telling some of the things behind the factual report.

How does one describe the feeling of the nearness of God through a year of stumbling, studying, and stepping out when you are not sure which direction is the right direction?

How can you tell others of the feeling of uncertainty that comes from suddenly finding yourself faced with a task that is much bigger and more complicated than you had any reason to believe it would be, yet you know it must be done and that you are responsible for seeing that it is done?

How can you express the uncertainties that arise inside of you when you are aware that women all over the United States are looking to you for help and inspiration and co-ordination, when you never felt more hopeless, less inspired, and un-co-ordinated?

This is when you begin to appreciate the nearness of God! You realize that He is as close to you as the Christian woman who sits next to you in the meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board. He is in every one of you women who came back to the meetings time and time again when actually none of us was sure what we were doing. You become aware as you listened quietly to Him speaking through these ladies that He is in YOU, helping you to clear your own thinking and giving a sense of direction.

I am certain that many times this year the members of the Women's Board have felt this sense of insecurity and the lack of a working knowledge of how to handle given situations, yet most of the problems have leveled off and become entirely workable before it was too late. This can be attributed to the willingness of the women to be led and shown the way, and each one's willingness to work. We have made some mistakes and left some things undone this last year while we were getting our feet on the ground, so to speak. Most of these mistakes are on the debit side of the ledger and we hope that these can be avoided next year.

I want to tell you about one mistake that I feel, though small, shines out on the credit side of the ledger. A request came for our remittance to the United Church Women. The question arose: "How much?" No one knew, so, as we have done many times, we searched the records and found in the treasurer's book an entry stating: "To United Church Women — \$30." There was our lead and we voted \$30 to the United Church Women and the treasurer promptly sent it out. Letters began coming from United Church Women headquarters thanking us profusely for the money and stating that many things could be accomplished if every member denomination would double their assessment. Also we were told that we were the first of the member denominations to get its assessment in. Can you see what that mistake of \$15 could do for Seventh Day Baptists among the women of the Christian world? In this case Seventh Day Baptists were not at or near the end of the line — we were first! It is a simple, maybe inconsequential thing in the face of all the major situations confronting us, but might it not be a first step toward more positive thinking and acting? We know we can't be near the lead in many things — not yet anyway — but we can begin to hunt for little ways in which we can be among the first.

This past year we have undertaken within the board a study of the United Church Women movement, its aims and purposes. The stated purpose of the Women's Board is to encourage the

women of the denomination in the interests of Christian culture, to foster individual responsibility and united action in matters of Christian citizenship, to enlist and direct united efforts of the women in projects of Christian service, and to help stimulate interest in the various enterprises of the denomination. Therefore, we decided we had better make a thorough study of the work being done by the United Church Women in these fields before we could encourage the women in our denomination to become allied with the movement to any great extent or apply any part of it to our work on a denominational level. There is no doubt that the fields being entered by the United Church Women are wide open and present an opportunity for women of smaller denominations to work with other Christian women to accomplish big things in the lines of Christian culture, Christian citizenship, service to others, and in the spreading of the Christian gospel. But is this for Seventh Day Baptists? I am sure the study conducted within the Women's Board was a timely thing, for we must decide whether as a member denomination of the United Church Women, we want to become an active, working member or a member in name only. This is a decision that we must make at once and your ideas and suggestions will be gratefully received.

(To be continued)

#### Relief Work Nonsectarian

The Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Ohio, announces it will send ten tons of meat and seven tons of bedding to war-troubled Laos. The material will be distributed by the Laos Mission of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

#### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held at the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y., Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, September 16. Any and all Seventh Day Baptists who were in attendance at General Conference this year are eligible to attend and vote in this meeting.

#### Conference News Items

Among the ministers attending the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference was one whose name is not well known outside the Central New York Association, the Rev. Herbert Levoy, who serves the Brookfield and Leonardsville, N. Y., churches. Although not a member of our denomination, this well educated minister has taken an active part in the affairs of the Central New York Association. At Mission Farms he became better acquainted with leaders from all over the country and was active in the informal discussions that are a part of General Conference. The *Brookfield Courier* of August 23 announced that at the Sabbath morning worship at Leonardsville on August 25 the Rev. Herbert Levoy's topic would be "Echoes from the Mission Farms Conference."

Not many local residents of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area attended sessions of the General Conference although there was advance advertising in the city papers and very good coverage of the meeting due to the work of Mrs. Roland Maxson, director of public relations. A church editor and his family spent considerable time on the grounds Sabbath afternoon gathering information and looking at displays. He represented a number of papers covering a large suburban area. Visitors on Sabbath eve included a Seventh-day Adventist pastor of a nearby church. The conference grounds are located at considerable distance from the city, and people would have to have some special interest to bring them to denominational meetings such as ours. Certainly, however, many readers of the large dailies had an opportunity to hear about the messages and the activities of a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Four girls of Seventh Day Baptist parentage were employed as waitresses throughout the summer at the Mission Farms dining room. They came from Boulder, Milton Junction, Phoenix, and Dodge Center. Two of them were head waitresses. All were free to attend many of the meetings of Conference.

#### Near Tragedy

Nearly every year someone has an accident on the way to General Conference or on the way home. The law of averages would seem to indicate the probability of it. This year near tragedy came to the family of Irwin Fitz Randolph. He had come early to direct the music of the youth retreat and the Conference appearances of that group as a choir. His family was to arrive later in the week by car.

On Friday morning it was announced that the newly repaired brakes of the family car had overheated and set the vehicle on fire en route to Minneapolis from the West. The occupants of the car barely had time to get free and were not able to save any of their luggage. Mr. Randolph flew to their aid, and delegates were given an opportunity to contribute to the need.

#### Retired Ministers

There was a noticeable lack of retired ministers at Conference this year in spite of the fact that prices were low enough to encourage low-income ministers. The Rev. and Mrs. John Fitz Randolph of Milton, Wis., were present and quietly celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary during the week (August 17). Apparently quite hale and hearty, they entered into the activities of the week.

The Rev. Harold R. Crandall, retired, of Rockville, R. I., was unexpectedly able to attend as a representative of the Missionary Board. He made the trip by air with others from the same area. A paper prepared by Karl G. Stillman, treasurer, was read by Mr. Crandall during one of the Missionary Board half-hours.

Delegates missed the Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, who did not make it this time. The Rev. James L. Skaggs also stayed at home this year, as did the Rev. Erlo Sutton.

#### 17 Grandchildren

It was reported in the *Conference Crier*, the young people's news sheet, that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Payne, of Dodge Center, Minn., had seventeen grandchildren attending the sessions at Mission Farms. It is doubtful if anyone can top this.

## Marriages

**Pierce-Ogden.**—At the Gothic Chapel, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath evening, July 14, 1962, Ira Stephen Pierce, Alfred Station, N. Y., son of Ira L. and Elizabeth Mae Billinger Pierce, and Mary Alise Ogden, Alfred, N. Y., daughter of E. Gordon and Helen E. Acker Ogden, were united in marriage, the bride's pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating.

**Saunders-Crandall.**—Herbert Saunders, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Francis D. Saunders of Los Angeles, Calif., and Miss Barbara Crandall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Crandall of Fayetteville, N. Y., were united in marriage on June 24, 1962, at Verona, N. Y. The double ring ceremony was performed by the father of the groom.

## Accessions

Dodge Center, Minn.

By Baptism:  
Bette Bond  
Loretta Langworthy  
Karna Conrad  
Douglas Payne  
By Testimony:  
Mrs. Hattie I. Lehman

Old Stone Fort, Ill.

By Baptism:  
Tommie Lewis  
Danny Lewis

White Cloud, Mich.

By Testimony:  
Mrs. Robert Osborne

## Obituaries

**Burdick.**—Elrene Crandall, daughter of Sherman G. and Lenora Wood Crandall, was born at Independence, N. Y., November 13, 1884, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., July 30, 1962. (A more extended obituary in a later issue.)

**Davis.**—Gertrude Wells, daughter of Alfred and Sarah Carson Wells, and former wife of the late William C. Davis, was born in 1878, and died in a Madison, Wis., hospital June 25, 1962.

Mrs. Davis united with the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church Jan. 16, 1904, where she and her husband were active while residing in the city. She continued as a non-resident member during her later years.

Surviving are a daughter, June (Mrs. Robert O. McLean), and four grandchildren of Madison, Wis., and a brother, Gerald Wells of Riverside, Calif.

Farewell services were held at the Fraitiche Funeral Home with the Revs. Alfred Swan and Gale Wolf of the First Congregational Church



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of Madison officiating. Burial was at Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison. —Mrs. A. E. Webster.

**Davis.**—Mrs. Anna B., daughter of the late John and Phoebe Anna (Jones) Bowden, was born in Linwood, N. J., April 2, 1885, and died at her home in Shiloh July 15, 1962.

She was the wife of Benjamin C. Davis, a local farmer. Surviving in addition to her husband are: one son, Mervin of Shiloh; two daughters, Esther (Mrs. Charles) Swing of DeRuyter, N. Y., and Ethel, (Mrs. C. Harmon) Dickinson of Plainfield; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, having joined in her teens.

Funeral services were held in the Carll Funeral Home, Bridgeton, on Wednesday afternoon, July 18, with her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in the cemetery at Shiloh. — C.H.B.

**Ellis.**—Louise, daughter of Samuel and Maria Wells Ellis, was born at Alfred, N. Y., August 9, 1870, and died at the Brown Nursing Home, Hornell, N. Y., July 20, 1962, where she had been a patient for the past two years.

She was baptized on January 26, 1889, and united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, of which she has been a lifelong and faithful member.

Miss Ellis prepared for grade school teaching and taught in the Alfred District schools, in the Rochester school system, and in Gilbertsville, all in New York. Upon retirement she returned to Alfred to live.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Charles Ellis, Stephentown, N. Y., and Mrs. Oscar Ellis, Bound Brook, N. J.; a nephew, Delmar B. Ellis, Stephentown; three nieces, Mrs. Helen Sullivan, Stephentown; Mrs. J. Scott MacLennan, Bound Brook, N. J.; and Mrs. Achille Piccolo, Ashaway, R. I.; a grand-niece, Miss Connie Coon, also of Ashaway; and two own cousins, Dr. J. Nelson Norwood and Roland Norwood, both of Alfred, N. Y.

Funeral and committal services were held at the Crandall and Crandall Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., Sunday afternoon, July 22, 1962, with her pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H.S.W.

**Green.**—Caroline Isabelle, adopted daughter of Richard and Isabelle Clarke, was born in Whiteside County, Ill., July 20, 1863, and died in Wheatridge, Colo., April 9, 1962.

At the age of four her foster mother died and she was reared by her foster sister, Mrs. H. C. Van Horn, then living at Welton, Iowa. During a brief residence of the family at Humbolt, Neb., Caroline was baptized in 1872 and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that place.

She was married in 1881 to Lester Ellsworth Green. To this union six children were born, of whom Elsie (Mrs. G. H.) Thorngate of Denver, Colo., and Edward of North Loup

survive. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, and 46 great-great grandchildren. Most of her married life was spent in North Loup where she has held her church membership since 1904. She lived with her daughter from 1954 to 1960 when she went to a nursing home.

Farewell services were conducted at Wheatridge, Colo., by Pastor Kenneth Smith and at North Loup by Pastor David Clarke. Burial was at Hillside Cemetery, North Loup. —D.S.C.

**Johnson.**—Ava Belle Clement, daughter of Nathaniel George and Mary Hurley Clement, homestead pioneers, was born in Mira Valley, Neb., Jan. 1, 1883, and died May 24, 1962, at Ord, Neb.

On Aug. 28, 1906, she was married to William Glen Johnson. To them were born five children: Mrs. Ralph P. (Mary) Winch, Williamstown, Mass.; Warren Glen, who died in infancy; Mrs. Theron (Margaret) Ochs, Milton Junction, Wis.; Roger H. of Parsons, Kan.; and Edwin L. of Kansas City, Mo.

Preceded in death by a brother, Guy, and a sister, Clara Holmes, she is survived by a brother, Hugh of North Loup.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup, in which she was consistently active till the time of her sudden illness and death. Her entire life was devoted to church, family, and community. She inspired love of good music and good living in the hearts of countless youth over the sixty years of her public school and piano teaching.

Memorial services were conducted on May 26 by the Rev. David Clarke, with one of her former pastors, the Rev. Herbert Polan, assisting. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery in North Loup. — D.D.S.

**Stonementz.**—Bessie, daughter of Charles and Elsie Ball Sherwood, was born April 14, 1883, at East Hebron, Pa., and died at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, N. Y., July 22, 1962.

She had been a lifelong member of the Second Hebron (Hebron Center) Seventh Day Baptist Church and had served as a trustee of the church.

She was a faithful reader of the Bible, being able to quote a large number of passages. She had started to read the Bible through a third time. Although prevented from attending church services in later years, she enjoyed worshipping by radio.

She was married to Timothy Clair of Hebron, Pa., who died May 7, 1937. In March, 1939, she was married to Frank Stonementz of Oswayo, Pa., where they have lived in recent years. Her earlier life was spent at Independence and Wellsville, N. Y.

She is survived by her husband; by a brother, Frank Sherwood, Olean, N. Y.; a half-sister, Mrs. Pearl Hurd, Wellsville; several nieces and nephews, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the J. W. Embser Sons Funeral Home, Wellsville, with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, officiating. Burial was in the Hallsport, N. Y., Cemetery. —H.S.W.



George E. Parrish,  
new president of  
General Conference.

Next session at  
Colorado State University,  
Fort Collins, Colo.



Dr. Melvin Nida,  
retiring president,  
and his wife.

He now becomes  
Chairman of Commission  
for one year.