

OUR WORLD MISSION
OWM Budget Receipts for March, 1963

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	March	6 Mos.			March	6 Mos.	
Adams Center	215.25	\$ 552.90		Marlboro	321.68	1,556.46	
Albion	45.35	295.10		Memorial Fund		225.37	
Alfred, 1st	245.40	1,852.27	\$ 40.00	Middle Island	22.00	157.00	
Alfred, 2nd		1,164.29		Milton	1,096.41	5,234.90	90.00
Algiers		13.00		Milton Junction	303.25	1,025.00	
Associations and				New Auburn	14.50	86.93	30.00
Groups		73.12	367.17	North Loup	225.18	540.60	8.00
Battle Creek	594.25	3,243.63		Nortonville		567.15	50.00
Bay Area		149.20		Old Stone Fort	21.00	114.00	
Berlin	89.68	819.80	69.00	Paint Rock		159.15	13.75
Boulder	46.70	240.25	25.00	Pawcatuck	560.42	2,736.77	45.94
Brookfield, 1st	31.00	123.00		Plainfield	294.60	1,727.14	265.00
Brookfield, 2nd	132.50	132.50		Richburg	292.00	642.25	
Buffalo		200.00	45.00	Ritchie	35.00	141.00	
Chicago	152.50	493.00	200.00	Riverside	246.87	1,035.54	
Daytona Beach	200.00	605.48	25.00	Roanoke	15.00	15.00	
Denver	59.10	518.07		Rockville	32.63	273.15	
DeRuyter	70.00	433.00		Salem	200.00	1,250.00	
Dodge Center	206.90	597.08	60.00	Salemville	40.00	67.00	6.00
Farina	22.50	46.25		Schenectady	21.00	82.58	10.00
Hamburg,				Shiloh	569.00	3,277.61	15.00
Germany			99.00	Texarkana		60.00	
Hammond		15.00		Verona	75.00	842.96	
Hebron, 1st	64.00	289.51		Walworth	85.00	387.50	25.00
Hopkinton, 1st	423.40	1,222.50		Washington		93.86	
Hopkinton, 2nd		36.00	500.00	Washington			
Houston Fellow. ...		36.85		People's	20.00	60.00	
Independence	63.75	589.51		Waterford	146.55	723.42	
Individuals	15.00	552.00	2,254.52	White Cloud	61.93	397.58	
Irvington	1,000.00	1,400.00	300.00	Women's Society ..		50.00	
Kansas City	33.00	180.00		Yonah Mt.		11.00	
Little Genesee	149.10	571.05	56.83				
Little Rock	31.50	115.56	34.37	Totals	\$9,058.24	\$42,669.57	\$4,649.58
Los Angeles	250.00	1,560.00	15.00	Non-Budget			
Los Angeles				Receipts	89.70		
Christ's	15.00	110.00		Total to disburse	\$9,147.94		
Lost Creek	203.34	898.73					

MARCH DISBURSEMENTS

General Conference	\$1,133.33
Board of Christian Education	587.56
Historical Society	290.58
Ministerial Retirement	1,064.10
Ministerial Training (1)	814.00
Ministerial Training (2)	345.93
Missionary Society	3,555.03
Tract Society	976.97
Trustees of General Conference	53.54
Women's Society	158.11
World Fellowship & Service	79.09
Church World Service	89.70
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	\$9,147.94

SUMMARY

1962-63 OWM Budget	\$116,768.00
Receipts for 6 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$42,669.57
Boards	4,649.58
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	47,319.15
Remainder due in 6 months	\$ 69,448.85
Needed per month	\$ 11,574.81
Percentage of year elapsed	50.00%
Percentage of budget raised	40.53%
	Doris H. Fetherston,
	Treasurer.
	476 N. Washington Ave.,
	Battle Creek, Mich.

The Sabbath Recorder



Missionary Pastors on Southwest Field

The ministers pictured above attended the biennial Seventh Day Baptist ministers conference at Adams Center, N. Y., April 17-22. Never before have so many pastors from the Southwest been brought together (with the help of the Missionary Board) for such a conference. Three of these men have come rather recently from other denominations to give sacrificially of their time to the cause of this denomination. One of the group is not yet ordained. The pastors, left to right: Paul B. Osborn, Little Rock, Ark.; Clifford A. Beebe, Edinburg, Tex.; Leroy C. Bass, Paint Rock, Ala.; Ralph Hays, Metairie, La.; Paul V. Beebe, Fouke, Ark.; C. Fred Kirtland, Hammond, La.; Marion C. Van Horn, Texarkana, Ark. For picture of larger group see inside.

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Recorder Subscriptions

The American Sabbath Tract Society has "held the line" for many years on the subscription price and has been taking to itself more and more of the publication costs during a time of mounting expenses for materials and labor. Sometimes the reader fails to realize that with the depreciation of the dollar he has been paying progressively less and less of real earnings for a magazine that has not increased its price. Another way of saying it is that the real price in terms of take-home wages is at least \$1.00 less than it was ten years ago. This could not go on indefinitely. The fact is that printing costs for your Recorder average about 1½ times as much per week as they did just a few years ago.

General Conference last year recommended that the Tract Board increase the price from \$3 to \$4 per year. This, as noted above, is a moderate increase and does not cover the decreased value of the dollar or the increased purchasing power of wages. Even so the board has delayed putting the price change into effect as long as possible. It will become effective June 1. The periodical is still a bargain and is priced much lower than comparable magazines. Many have expressed the feeling that we could not afford to be without the Recorder even if it cost twice as much.

To be an effective organ, as it has been all through its long history, it must continue to be widely read. That means a constant increase of new subscribers and prompt renewals of all who are now on the list. Denominational loyalty involves being well informed. Loyal Seventh Day Baptists realize this and will act accordingly. Needless to say, all renewals and gift subscriptions mailed in prior to June 1 (even for 2 or 3 years) will be honored at the current rate of \$3. It is a good way to save several dollars, and people are taking advantage of it.

When people prefer blindness they will be given blind leaders. Both together fall into the ditch. God give us men who will not dodge the cross of Christ, but will meet organized evil with brave hearts and a solid front in the name of Him who died to redeem us.—Editorial in *Watchman Examiner*.

Large Ministers Conference Convenes at Adams Center

The biennial conference of Seventh Day Baptist ministers which began Wednesday, April 17 at the Adams Center, N. Y. church was unusual in several ways. It attracted more than the usual number of ordained and lay ministers; it was held for the first time in this northern village; and it was scheduled to continue longer than usual — from Wednesday to Monday. Most of the ministers were already in this northern community on Tuesday evening and attended a special meeting of the local church called for the purpose of hearing a message by the Conference president, George Parrish.

When the meeting was called to order for the first session of the conference Wednesday morning there were 41 present, with a few more coming in later for a total of nearly 50. The average attendance at previous conferences has been in the lower thirties. Perhaps one of the reasons for a full attendance was the financial help given by the Missionary Board in the travel expenses of those partially supported by the board. However, men came

long distances at their own or at local church expense because they felt that the extended time given to considering the theme of the meeting would be of great value to them in their ministry.

Where did the brethren come from? Nearly all of the ministers of the Atlantic coast from New England to Florida were present. The same was true of the whole eastern half of the country. The South-west was also well represented. From the mid-continent there were none from further west than North Loup, Neb. One made the trip from Edinburg, Texas.

What classifications could be made of those in attendance? Thirty or more were ordained ministers holding pastoral positions. A few were men as yet unordained or accredited by General Conference but serving as pastors. Several licensed ministers not having pastorates were in the group. A number had not completed the normal educational qualifications and had come to gain help in discharging their present or their future responsibilities of pastoral leadership. One student from the



Standing: Harold R. Crandall, Carlos L. McSparin, Clifford W. P. Hansen, Herbert L. Polan, Grover S. Brissey, Clifford A. Beebe, Delmer E. Van Horn, Neal D. Mills, Loyal F. Hurley, Charles H. Bond, J. Paul Green, Paul L. Maxson, Don A. Sanford, Charles D. Swing, John F. Randolph, Herbert E. Saunders, C. Harmon Dickinson, Paul B. Osborn, C. Fred Kirtland, Owen Lee, Carlton Wilson, David S. Clarke, Everett T. Harris, Albert N. Rogers, Lester G. Osborn, Rex E. Zwiebel, Nina L. Traver, Addison A. Appel.

Lower level: Ralph Hays, Marion C. Van Horn, Leslie A. Welch, C. Rex Burdick, Ernest K. Bee, Duane L. Davis, Leroy C. Bass, Paul V. Beebe, S. Kenneth Davis, Donald E. Richards, Edgar F. Wheeler, Melvin G. Nida, Carl R. Maxson, George E. Parrish, Earl Cruzan, Victor W. Skaggs, Paul S. Burdick.

School of Theology (also in a pastorate) was present. Four ministers on the retired list, who are still active in denominational affairs, came for the fellowship and stimulation they might receive. More than one of these was prominent in the planning or carrying out of the program of the six-day conference. Then, too, ministers and laymen in positions of denominational responsibility came to impart and to receive information and enlightenment. Six or eight men were present for the first time. One was a man of another denomination recently convinced of the Sabbath. With such a grouping of participants it could be assumed that much value would come from the deliberations.

In the hour before the formal opening of the conference it was interesting to observe how many matters of private and local church concern were discussed. It was as if the brethren who had neglected to write as many letters as they should were determined to get these things taken care of in person before the conference began. For example, all the board secretaries were either seeking out individuals or being sought out by individuals. With many of these necessary things partially taken care of and greetings exchanged the men were ready to assemble in formal session for devotions, messages, and discussion of the various phases of "The Nature of the Seventh Day Baptist Ministry."

On the first day the papers and messages were all given by Seventh Day Baptists, well qualified for the parts assigned to them. On the following days Dr. Winthrop S. Hudson, president of the Historical Society of the American Baptist Convention, was the resource leader invited to provide a basis for the discussion of the theme.

Prominent in the ministers conference were well-prepared Bible studies, the first of which was the main item of the program on the first morning. Presented by Rev. Rex Burdick, it was a concise study of the message of the Book of Jonah cast against a background of the possible ways of taking the story of this prophet. By coincidence the second Bible study, presented by the Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen

MEMORY TEXT

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Isaiah 61: 11.

on the following day was also on the Book of Jonah. Perhaps more can be said in a later issue about these and the subsequent Bible studies given by the Rev. Paul Maxson and the Rev. Loyal F. Hurley. The historical perspective, necessary to any proper study of the nature of the ministry in a denomination more than 300 years old, was brought to the leaders of our churches in a paper "Early Years in America" prepared by Miss Evalois St. John.

Following this paper came the first of the studies on "Functions of the Ministry," the priestly function. Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson traced this aspect of the ministry through the Bible commenting at one point that although the New Testament never speaks of the minister as a priest, yet there are some priestly functions that are Bible-based. A summary of this presentation may be printed at a later time. Since we believe in the priesthood of all believers it follows that laymen should be interested in what is involved in this concept.

Missionary Prayer Cards

Many have found it helpful to have before them on book-marker style cards the pictures of the missionary families serving in Jamaica and British Guiana. These prayer cards remind us daily of those who serve in our place at considerable sacrifice. The cards were prepared and sent out from the publishing house at Plainfield at private expense. Credit was not quite properly given. It should go to missionary secretary Everett Harris, Fred Ayars, and the Shiloh church (rather than Marlboro). It is anticipated that similar cards will be prepared next year. Send suggestions to the missionary secretary.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

The 1963 General Conference

(No. 8 on local arrangements)

The 1963 General Conference will be held in Fort Collins, Colorado, sponsored by the Boulder and Denver churches. We hope that many of those who attend Conference will visit Boulder and Denver. This article will mention some points of interest in Boulder.

Boulder is some 45 miles from Fort Collins, and is a city of some 38,000 people. It was founded in 1859, right at the foot of the Rockies, as a supply town for gold miners. Many people find Boulder very attractive; it is rather commonplace to hear of someone who visited it, went home and resigned a job or sold a business, and moved to Boulder without knowing definitely how he would make a living. Boulder and Denver are connected by a toll road, with a toll of 25 cents.

Boulder's largest industry is the growing University of Colorado, which now has about 12,000 students. The University buildings are built in a uniform style, called Italian Renaissance, with false-front exteriors of red sandstone.

There are regular guided tours through the National Bureau of Standards in south Boulder, which is a branch laboratory of that Bureau, which has its headquarters in Washington. Several miles south of Boulder is the Rocky Flats plant of the Atomic Energy Commission, all of whose work is secret. In east Boulder is the Ball Brothers research plant, which built the first Solar Orbiting Observatory, a satellite sent up over a year ago. In north Boulder is the Esquire-Coronet headquarters, which handles subscriptions for those magazines and others. To the west are the mountains, pierced by numerous roads up the canyons. To the north-west is the Lee Hill Camp, where the Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat will be held.

Boulder owns land in considerably greater amount than the area of the city itself! There is a large area of city-owned mountain land from which the city gets its water supply, which includes a glacier, but from which the public is

usually excluded. The Boulder Mountain Parks, southwest of the city, include three mountains. Green Mountain is fronted by the Flatirons, a characteristic formation of several nearly vertical walls of red sandstone, which do, indeed, resemble up-turned flatirons. The Third Flatiron, hardest to climb and which has claimed several lives, is usually identified by the large letters "CU," which are repainted from time to time in dead of night, since the painting is illegal!

There is a graveled road to the top of Flagstaff Mountain (elevation 7,000 feet, or some 1,700 feet above the city), from which you can get a good view of the city and surrounding area. If you do not want to go that high, there is a turn-out a short distance up, which also gives a good view. At both places, there are picnic tables. During the summer, the Jaycees sponsor weekly chuckwagon dinners and programs at the top.

Boulder, like Fort Collins, does not permit the sale of liquor within its borders (except for 3.2% beer). This is not as significant as it might be in some states, since it is sold just outside the city, including some "outside" places completely surrounded by the city. The last local-option election in Boulder was last February 26, when the vote was 4617 to 4488. Your correspondent organized the city-wide house-to-house get-out-the-vote campaign, in which at least a dozen from the Boulder church worked.

— H. Herbert Howe.

"Christian Responsibility in Public Affairs" will be the theme of a special seminar for pastors and laymen to be held here June 11-14 under sponsorship of the National Association of Evangelicals, 1405 G Street, N.W. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, the association's Secretary of Public Affairs, said that two congressmen, one a Republican and the other a Democrat, will speak on "Values Which Christians Should Support in Federal Legislation." A session of the seminar will be held in the State Department and another in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

— CNB.

Conference President Addresses Ministers

On the first evening of the ministers conference, April 17, George E. Parrish spoke to the nearly 50 ministers present in an open meeting attended by some of the people of the local church. He stated that he could not and would not preach to these preachers; he would just talk to them about what he had observed in visiting over half of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in the United States and the conclusions he had been able to draw about the causes and cure of our failure to grow as we should. He did not believe, he said, that there was evidence that our decrease in numbers in the last 60 years had been matched with an increase in spirituality.

What seems to be lacking in the leadership of our churches? One thing lacking is love, the president thinks. Some of our ministers are critical of others whenever there is opportunity and at times do not wait for an opportunity. The laymen expect to find among our ministers a displaying of the characteristics of love. Disagreement, even violent disagreement, can exist with love. It shows people are thinking. "You can disagree violently and still love and respect each other," Mr. Parrish agreed, but added, "Do you?" If there were more Christian love and concern displayed throughout our denomination, life would be less frustrating and more meaningful for all of us, he noted.

The president asked his hearers to ponder the thought that our lack of growth is due to lack of concern, real concern. We say we care, but do we care enough to take positive action? We need to be more concerned about our denomination.

Where do we start in showing our concern? The denomination needs good leadership. It appears that our present concept of denominational structure and leadership, which is very democratic, is not producing the desired results, except in some notable exceptions. If it is not feasible to change our structure for greater efficiency of outreach we should at least study and profit by the way things are

being done in the churches where real progress is occurring.

Mr. Parrish emphasized, as he has on other occasions, that we as a denomination need a professional ministry. By this he meant that the church must support the ministry adequately enough so that the pastor could give full time to the Lord's work. It is a vicious circle. The small church can't support the pastor so he has to get other work, and therefore the church remains small because he cannot devote enough time to church work. Somehow this sort of circle must be broken. Both pastors and people must catch a new vision, for "where there is no vision the people perish."

Mr. Parrish presented the following ideas for consideration:

"We need a vision of what can be done in a local church, both pastor and people need this vision, and if they would see it together perhaps the circle could be broken. If it cannot be solved on the local level, then perhaps we need a setup whereby the denomination could take over the situation and place a full-time man in the given parish in question. This might lead to a program wherein our ministry was paid in total from the denomination instead of by the local church; a program that I have found to be particularly repulsive to the majority of you to whom I have mentioned it. I'm not advocating this idea, just mentioning it. I realize it is contrary to Baptist polity. But we do need something different from what we have, or at least we need to use what we have in a different way. And speaking of Baptist polity, I am not completely sure in my own mind that this, in its entirety, is the best polity for us at this time. In principle it is first rate, and the best church polity in existence, but in practice, is it really doing the job for us?"

In closing, the Conference president spoke personally as follows:

"I would urge you, as I have been urging every one of our churches I have been privileged to speak to, to apply our Conference theme to your own living. I would urge every minister to continually ask this question, "Lord, what wilt Thou

have me to do?" and diligently seek God's guidance for the answer. Perhaps this simple practice on your part, on my part, and the part of every Seventh Day Baptist, will help greatly to lead us forward and nearer to the will of God."

Missionary Work In Pioneer Country

By Rev. E. H. Socwell

Part II

Sunset in Bitter Root Valley

I spent many days on foot in Bitter Root Valley calling at homes — humble homes, homes of poverty, homes of sickness, homes of sorrow from which loved ones had recently been taken. In some of these humble homes I was made to rejoice, and in some my tears were mingled with the tears of those I met. I made many new acquaintances of people in all kinds of moral, social, and religious conditions, and in each home I tried to suit my visit to the needs of the people. All day long I wandered here and there in the valley.

When the day of toil was over, weary, I took my chair and sat in the open in front of my mountain home to be rested and inspired by another enchanting "sunset" in the beautiful valley and to see the tall peaks and continuous green range of mountains that form the western boundary of the valley. See just yonder in the southwest that grand old mountain, how it towers high, and still higher above all its fellows. See how beautiful its wrinkled brow shows up as we gaze in wonder at it. That is "Snow Mountain," the highest mountain in the "Bitter Root" range, and its snowy summit is far above timber line in the region of perpetual snow and ice. Here in the valley are fruit and flowers and warm sunshine, but now where we are all looking, winter reigns supreme and the snow never melts. Just to our left, here in Deacon Tabor's dooryard, is an irrigation ditch, and the clear, sparkling water that flows so swiftly through its narrow confines comes from yonder snow-capped peak.

But during the time that we have been gazing in rapture upon these beautiful

mountains, and learning the names of some of them, the sun is slowly sinking behind those tall peaks and twilight is gathering about us here in the valley. But still we can see the sunlight lingering among the pines and spruces on the mountain heights and gilding the lofty peaks as they lift their majestic heads far above us and catch the last rays of a departing day. We have seen the sun set twice since we took our seats, but now the gloom deepens around us, the last lingering ray of the sunlight upon the mountains has departed, and night spreads her sable mantle over mountain and valley and stream. The rippling waters of the swift Bitter Root River murmur their evening music, the pale moon rises grandly on the eastern mountains to keep its silent vigil on us while we sleep. Such is night in the Bitter Root Valley as I saw it and enjoyed it during the many weeks I spent amid its enchanting scenery. But "'Tis the hour of sweet repose."

(To be continued)

Ministerial Training Center Dean Appointment Announced



The ministers conference, before closing its session at Adams Center, went on record as being in hearty approval of the appointment of the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs as dean of the Study Center for Ministerial Education.

A resolution approving Dean Skaggs' appointment was unanimously adopted by the ministers in a business session. Announcement of the appointment had been made by the Rev. Earl Cruzan, chairman of the Council on Ministerial Education. Pastor Skaggs will continue to serve the Alfred Station church for the present, taking up his new duties on a part-time basis only during the first year.

Dean Albert N. Rogers of the Alfred University School of Theology proposed the resolution and asked for the prayers of the ministers for the newly created office and its incumbent.

Our New Christian Education Building

By Rev. Paul L. Maxson

The Berlin, N. Y., church now has a building in which to hold Sabbath School classes and many other activities of the church. We feel that we are very fortunate.

Since the state was building a new road, the approach to the old Route 22 was right in front of the parsonage. A house that stood across the road was 22' 6" by 30' 6". The state bought the house and was going to burn it. When I heard that the house was to be burned, I went to see the contractor and asked if the house might be saved and moved around behind the church for Sabbath School rooms. The contractor told me he would donate the house to the church if they would have it out of the way by a certain date. Needless to say, there was much debate and discussion on the part of the trustees. Many problems caused the trustees to decide against moving the house.

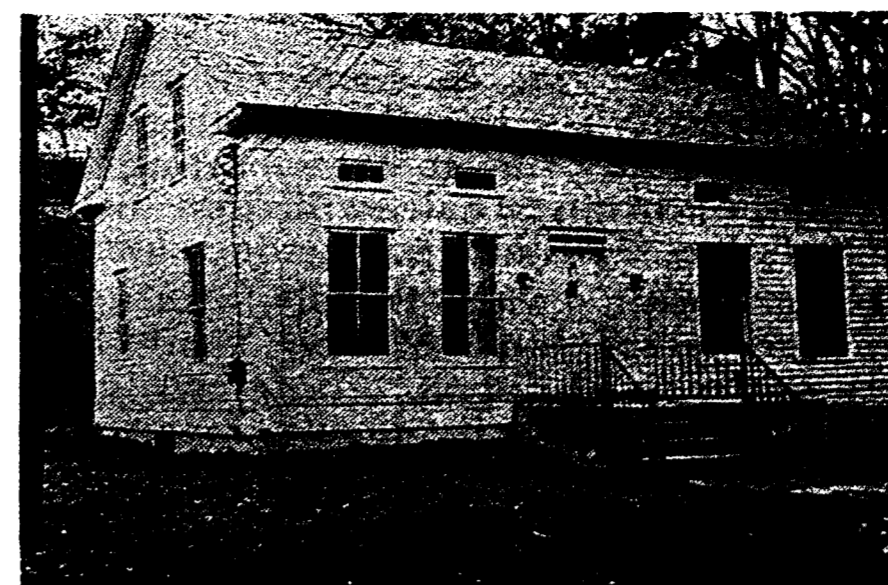
I could not bear to think of the house being burned when we needed space so desperately for our youth and children. The trustees offered to give me the one-fourth acre of land that belonged to the church just north of the parsonage. Ruby (my wife), and I went to work with two or three men in the community, and jacked the house up and put carrying timbers under the sills. We expected to just skid it across the road onto the lot. When we had moved the house out on the approach ready to drag it across the road, we discovered that the telephone lines and electric lines would have to be raised. This caused a problem because the electric couldn't be turned off for more than an hour at a time because of the town pumps, which pump water for the entire town. The men of the church were busy with the spring work. Those not working on the farm were busy in their offices, teaching school, or working on construction. It was impossible to hire anyone, except after work or on Sundays. I had worked with one of the bulldozer

operators, helping him move a house he bought from the state onto his own property. He told me he would use his bulldozer and move the house if I would get it jacked up and ready to be moved.

So about 7 a.m. one Sunday morning, after finding out that neither the telephone company nor the electric company would work on the weekend, and especially Sunday, Jack Sweeney and Glenn Harrington operated two bulldozers, dragging, and skidding the house a half mile down the new road and back on the old road, taking it across a bridge that was so narrow that the railings had to be removed to let the house through. They shoved the house onto the lot about 4 p.m. after breaking a timber in turning and much other difficulty. The onlookers were sure that we would not have anything but "a pile of kindlin'" by the time we got it across the road. But thanks to old-timers who knew how to build sturdy houses, it survived. The house cost \$5 and a bountiful dinner for the machine operators, and a lot of hard work to get it on the lot where it now stands.

Ruby and I now had the job of digging down three feet to get under the timbers that buried themselves in the soft soil on the lot. Then came the hard and slow process of jacking up the house. Inch by inch we worked until we had a 6 ft. clearance for the cellar, which eventually will be a play room for the young people. My wife and I carried rocks up out of the brook to make the foundation before we could even find boys to hire to help us.

We built up the foundation about three feet with rock and cement mixed by hand. Seeing that we would not get it enclosed before winter set in, we got cement blocks to finish the top part. After getting the foundation under the house, and running out of money, we suggested to the trustees that now the house was on the foundation and we would give it to them if they would take it and finish it for Sabbath School rooms. They accepted. One person donated the money for the foundation; another donated the wire and all the fixtures to completely rewire the house, with plugs a plenty. Two of our men were responsible for the actual wiring.



The house is more than a hundred years old with plank walls. This is the reason why it stood the moving so well.

We have a beautiful new hot water heating system, thanks to Nicholas Fatato of Schenectady, who installed it at cost. He also installed a complete bathroom and shower, and a kitchen sink for us.

We completely insulated the house before we put the new sheetrock up. It now has all new walls and ceilings. All the rooms are painted pastel colors with white ceilings and white woodwork. There are three classrooms upstairs, and three downstairs.

The Youth Fellowship uses the large north room which has a fireplace for their meetings. That room also has the sink, with built-in cupboards above and below. They are finished in natural color. We have been using that room for our fellowship suppers, but we must admit it is quite crowded. We hope to finish off the basement with a concrete floor soon so that we can use that space for our monthly suppers.

In the YF room we also have a piano which was donated by Mrs. Mosely, a member of the Baptist church. We use this room for the opening exercises of Sabbath School for the four younger classes. The large room on the south end has a table and chairs for Sabbath School classes and also a couch that can be unfolded into a full-size bed.

There are three closets upstairs in which materials may be stored for Sabbath School and Sunday School. (Our Baptist friends also use our facilities, since their church burned last July in the explosion which took the lives and property of so many.)

There are a few thirty-foot hand-hewn timbers that are left exposed. The floors have the old fashioned boards, some of which are 16 to 18 inches wide. We sanded them and put a penetrating seal and wax on them. The retaining wall and steps with wrought-iron railings were put in late, just before winter set in.

A look at the future includes the digging and leveling of the basement and pouring a concrete floor; some more fill drawn in so that the yard may be landscaped this spring; and the putting up of curtains or drapes. Then, of course, there is always the little finishing up of things around.

We have not had our dedication service yet, even though we have used it since last November. The Baptists have been using it also, as well as our church facilities, since last September. It may be two or three years before they get into their new church.

We have had one other thought in our minds, too, as we worked on this house. When our ministers or secretaries travel in this area, we would have a place where they might stay overnight if they wanted to. The house has hot and cold running water, a complete bath, and a kitchen area with dishes. Still lacking is a hot plate or some method of cooking. We also hope to be able to put roll-away beds in the house when we entertain Association or Yearly Meetings.

Seminary President Speaks

"What we need in the church," said Dr. David Hubbard, president-elect of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, in a recent address, "is not necessarily more institutionalism, bigger or flashier programs, but more of a concern on every level of life for touching people — one at a time — and ministering to their spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs." The 33-year-old Dr. Hubbard, who is chairman of the Division of Biblical Studies and Philosophy at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif., spoke at Bethel College and Seminary during Founders' Week. He will become president of Fuller Seminary in September.

— CNB.

Little Rock Church Report of Progress

(Taken from a letter from the Communications Committee of the Little Rock church.)

At the business meeting of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath night, March 30, the treasurer gave a report which indicated the faithfulness of church members in sharing in the work. He reported first-quarter receipts exceeding expenditures. This fulfilled our adopted budget and kept us "solvent" as the treasurer says. We praise God for this sign that work planned will go ahead.

Tract report showed 1,819 pieces distributed through the downtown racks, 1,151 mailed from church, 165 used from church rack, and 2,230 (725 packets) used in the visitation-survey work (total, 5,365). Beautiful spring weather put us ahead of schedule in tract distribution. We have sent an order to the American Sabbath Tract Society for 24,000 tracts to use in the packets. That will make 8,000 packets which we hope to distribute by 1964. A special offering for the Tract Society will be taken on Resurrection Sabbath and sent through Our World Mission.

Physical improvements at the church have seen both ends of the building improved. Money was given to buy and hang doors for the pastor's study and the nursery in the rear of the auditorium. A little more money bought paneling, and now the back wall matches the front. The fellowship room has been finished, complete with trim and paint, and curtains to divide it into three Sabbath School rooms. We postponed the March Fellowship Supper until the 23rd so we could celebrate the completion of that job. Now we must get to work outside. How wonderful it is to be able to make God's house look beautiful.

The most important work done this quarter has been our study of the work of the church and its deacons. After spending several Sabbath eves on the subject we were prepared for the action taken at the quarterly business meeting. It was voted to call two of our men to

ordination as deacons. Sabbath night, April 27, was set as a special meeting for this action. All active members will receive ballots prior to that meeting and we hope that you all will join us in prayer that God will guide the selection.

Our pastor, with Pastors Paul and Clifford Beebe, and Marion Van Horn will attend Ministers Conference this month. We will have our Fellowship Supper the night before they leave Little Rock. The month of May will be Sabbath rally month here with extra Bible studies and joint meetings with other Sabbathkeepers. June, of course, is Association and Camp MILES.

We trust that God is blessing you as much as He is blessing us.

British Guiana Mission News

Under date of April 3, 1963, our missionary on the British Guiana mission field, the Rev. Leland Davis, writes: "You will be pleased to know that the Estey electric organ arrived on March 26. We are thrilled with the quality of the music which it produces. We praise the Lord for providing the mission with this lovely instrument.

"A second prayer request has also been answered. With money sent . . . I have been able to procure a twenty-four-inch steel file cabinet with four drawers. This will speed the efficiency of our office work. It is possible that I may be able to purchase a card file with the remainder of the money in this fund.

"When I went to Uitvlugt on the last Sabbath in March, I was elated to see that the temporary church structure had been enlarged to over double its previous size. This will enable the congregation to entertain the churches for the 'Consecration Week' of prayer services, April 11-17.

"I was also elated to see Deacon Lyttle once again leading the Sabbath worship service. He is slowly gaining his strength back. A small branch library has been established now at Uitvlugt with Sister Stacia as librarian. To keep the Uitvlugt and the Kitty libraries both going will mean that we continually need more books."

Four additional pews were completed during the past quarter, "making a total of ten." From previously received information we understand that this number of pews will seat a congregation of 60 to 70 people. An additional awning has been erected at the front of the chapel to cut out the hot sun and blowing rain.

Pastor Davis mentions that he has heard from the Rev. Rene Mauch who is still working at the Nassau Daily Tribune in Nassau, Bahama Islands. Within the past few months Mr. Mauch has completed installation of a new larger engine in the mission boat. Mr. Mauch plans to remain in the Bahamas at least until after the hurricane season in the fall.

Pastor Davis continues to find much use for the Volkswagen mission car which he purchased soon after arrival at Georgetown in February, 1962. Gifts directed through Our World Mission or sent directly to the Missionary Board will be used to help repay Pastor Davis for the cost of this mission car. The 1963 operating budget of the Missionary Board carries an appropriation of \$1,000 for this purpose.

Sabbath Rally Day May 18, 1963

One of the most important dates on a Seventh Day Baptist calendar is Sabbath Rally Day which for many, many years has been the third Sabbath of May. This year it falls on May 18. To neglect the denomination-wide observance of such a day is to miss out on the feeling of doing something unitedly that can do much to build up loyalty and encourage witnessing. Pastors and church leaders who are acquainted with denominational procedure in this matter have come to expect in recent years much helpful material from the Sabbath Promotion Committee of the Tract Society. Such material will be forthcoming again this year in time for use. Some will also be available to pastorless churches and lone-Sabbathkeepers. The theme for this year is as old as revealed religion, coming directly from the Sabbath Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy."

Why a Sermon?

By Linda Van Horn

One of four talks about the church given on Youth Day in the Adams Center, N. Y., church.

A sermon is an oral address to people on religious truth contained in Scripture and is presented with a view of persuasion. The aim is the salvation of men. Salvation is not simply deliverance, but growth. God chose men as prophets in the Old Testament as special, occasional voices to break the crust of religion and reach its spirit. Jesus, along with His own preaching the message that would bring salvation to men, taught men to preach. Paul described his work as declaring, teaching and testifying. Peter speaks of himself as "commanded to preach to the people." Wherever in the New Testament the call to the ministry is spoken of, preaching is the point made emphatic.

The Christian church began in preaching. The Gospel was preached before written. Christianity has created the pulpit by which the Gospel is spread. The message is about God in Christ. As you can see, down through the years, the vital thing in a sermon is the spiritual message.

We need not fear that preaching will pass away. Its function is perpetual in the work of the church. It will be affected by the conditions of the age and must change its form to meet such conditions. There may be periods of decline in the power of the pulpit, but its mission and necessity are unmistakable and unchangeable.

As stated before, the aim of a sermon is the salvation of men, not just deliverance, but also growth. This enriches a life, it does not waste the time of man's life.

Romans 10: 10 says: "For a man believes with his heart and so is justified and he confesses with his lips and so is saved." I like to think of a sermon as being compared to the long, courageous breaking of a new trail up a mountain, along which afterwards a man may guide his friends to where they may look up with him, together, to the alpine summits of the glory of God.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5: 16).

The spring season reminds us of God's love. We have recently observed the season which reminds us of the love which saved us by taking our place on the cross. The light of God's love, which Christ brought to the hearts of men, is to be shared. It is not a thing to be hidden. When our own hearts glow with the radiance of Christ's life, our lives should show the splendor of God's righteous and gracious purposes.

Our blessed Lord urges us to let men see the light He gives. He does not tell us to show our goodness or to tell what we can do. Jesus tells us to show men the light He has given us. Men are to see in us the meaning of forgiveness, mercy, hospitality, love, contentment, trust, hope, joy, thanksgiving, and praise.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, keep our hearts aglow with the brightness of Thy light. Amen.

Women's Part in OWM Support

Many of our Society members have lived through a major depression — many have not. Those of us who have, do not have any trouble remembering how it felt to go for days without money enough to buy a gallon of milk for the children, or how we couldn't take advantage of a bargain in soap because if we spent our money for more soap than we needed for the week, we'd have nothing to buy a loaf of bread with. You just have to have a steady income to maintain an efficient home, to expect the family to grow normally and to wage a battle for cleanliness, health and morality.

The work of the church is the same.

"To grow we have to reach those outside,

To stay alive we have to reach those inside."

(Heard at the Planning Committee meeting.)

How can we do either without a steady, dependable income to maintain an efficient denominational plan, or wage war for cleanliness, spiritual health, and morality?

It is not easy to think of a new way to present the subject of stewardship when referring to the giving of money. Probably it is not even necessary to remind intelligent Christian women that it takes money to promote the program of the church. What then is the reason that OWM is so far behind?

In the April Beacon one of our "teeners" says: "When we love someone, we like to talk about that person. When we refuse to talk about Jesus, there's something funny going on."

Can this be applied to giving to the cause of Christ as well? — Caroline R. Gray, president of the Women's Board.

Effect of Love

By Isaac N. Cramer

Here in this world we little know
The hearts our lives may set aglow
With love that is so very real
Its warmth may change this life's appeal.
And drive away all dread and fear
With hope that fills the heart with cheer;
Because each life love comes within
Will gain the victory of over sin.

It's not enough to sing and pray,
And go to church on Sabbath Day,
And pay your tithes and offerings, too,
Unless true love abides in you:
For love of truth we surely need,
If truth to others we would feed;
And how can one be saved from sin,
Without the love of truth within?

How can one be without a flaw,
While transgressing a perfect law?
Or how can one just set aside
The law for which our Savior died?
Let us surrender to His will,
So perfect love our hearts may fill,
For love will save us all from sin
And let the Savior dwell within.

**Deacons Ordained
at Alfred Station**

By Victor W. Skaggs

On Sabbath afternoon, April 13, four candidates were ordained to the diaconate of the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred. Representatives of the churches of the Western Association joined with the Alfred Station congregation in this happy event.

The worship service, conducted by Pastor Skaggs, was followed by statements by the four candidates: Mrs. Robert Bond, Mrs. Donald Pierce, Mr. Lloyd Pierce, Mr. Robert Bond. Charges to the candidates were given by Mrs. Agnes Bond and Deacon Edward Crandall of the Alfred church. Pastor Hurley Warren brought the charge to the church.

During the prayer of consecration by Dean Albert N. Rogers of the Alfred School of Theology Deaconess Edna Lewis and Deacons Donald Pierce, Robert Ormsby, and Fred Pierce acted as sponsors to the new members of the diaconate and performed the laying on of hands. Other deacons and deaconesses present came forward to extend the hand of fellowship immediately after an official welcome had been given by Deaconess Nina Davis of the local church. Following the benediction the congregation came forward in a body to share in the fellowship with a handshake.

Special music was provided by a trio consisting of Mrs. Ronald Ellis, Mrs. Reid Mattison, and Miss Amanda Stevens.

The church feels itself to be blest indeed as it has found servants of character, devotion and faith and has set them apart for the service of the diaconate.

(The statements of some of the candidates will be printed as space allows.)

During the past 100 years our population has increased 22-fold, but our bureaucracy has increased 500-fold. With our bureaucracy increasing more than 20 times as fast as our population, how long will it be until we are all working for government? — Christian Economics.

**The Next Twenty Years
of Lit-Lit Work**

This article on the Division of Foreign Missions Committee on Literacy and Christian Literature was written by Rev. Floyd Shacklock, a secretary who is on special assignment during 1963 to explore new literature programs overseas that may be possible through closer co-operation of mission groups in Europe and North America. (A reprint from Lit-Lit Newsletter, issue of February, 1963.)

Lit-Lit has come a long way in twenty years. It began when the enthusiasm of Dr. F. C. Laubach for world literacy was combined with the concern of mission boards for Christian literature. That experimental first effort has now expanded into solid achievements in many countries and into every stage of written communication.

The next twenty years will be even more challenging and exciting than the past. The continuing population explosion means increasing millions of illiterates. Lit-Lit will grow, trying to keep pace with the hunger for books of ambitious new nations and autonomous new churches.

An engineer friend recently told how great new buildings and bridges are planned. They are projected on the basis of past needs which show what are possible or probable needs in the future. A look at Lit-Lit's past and present projects, "Around the World in Twenty Ways," gives the clues to what we may predict for the future.

Judging from Lit-Lit's pioneering spirit, we will see many new developments. Literacy centers, writing centers and literature centers will continue to be the spearhead of advance in many countries. Plans are underway for several of these new centers, as soon as personnel and funds can be found.

There will be new series of books. I hope for a great increase in literature for children and youth, since fifty percent of the population in many countries is under twenty-one years of age. The millions of high school and college students are neglected by Christian literature.

Existing Christian magazines will be revamped to keep pace with a changing

world. New Christian magazines must be launched, since magazines are increasingly popular with readers.

The programs of literacy carried on by churches in many countries will encourage other areas to press for the goal of "a literate church serving a literate community."

Great emphasis will be put on leadership training. Some of this will be done in centers overseas. I also expect scores of writers' workshops to be held each year, to focus attention on the quality and relevance of writing for Christian literature.

There will be consultations and study groups on better methods of book-selling and magazine circulation. There will be special seminars for editors and literature secretaries of churches and Christian councils.

I look forward to carefully planned co-ordination of Christian radio programs and Christian literature. This will involve studies of who listens to the radio and who reads books. It is most important that we know the audience we are writing and publishing for.

We are planning studies in the effectiveness of Christian literature. What lasting impressions do our books and magazines make on the readers? What do we expect from a given piece of literature? Does it accomplish our purpose?

At Lit-Lit's annual meeting of February 11, 1960, an Advance Program was approved. This included a great variety of new pilot projects in many countries. It called for greatly increased special funds to make this possible. That seemed a daring dream. Now the generous action voted by the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions gives us confidence that our faith will become reality, if all of Lit-Lit's friends join hands and hearts for great advance in the next twenty years.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 11, 1963

God's Laws for Family Living

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 78: 5-8; Psalm 128.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Ghanaian Student Applies at Baptist College in Georgia

A young Ghana ministerial student, won to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries, has applied for admission to Mercer University, Georgia Baptists' senior four-year college here.

If admitted, he will be the first person of his race to enroll in a Georgia Baptist school. A special committee from the Mercer trustees is working with the convention committee on the matter.

The Ghana youth, 22 years old, was led to Jesus by Harris Mobley of Savannah, Ga., a 1955 graduate of Mercer now on furlough from missionary service in Ghana. The Ghanaian is a graduate of an English-speaking school with exceptionally high grades. He wants to study for the ministry.

The Christian Index, Georgia Baptist Convention weekly newspaper published in Atlanta, announced the application in a news story-editorial calling for his admittance "without any quibbling."

John J. Hurt, editor of the Index, said, "If this young Ghana student qualifies for admission, as every indication promises he will, Mercer University must admit him without any quibbling. We either admit him or we should have the courage to call home all of our missionaries and go out of the business. We either admit him or we are in greater need of missionary preaching than Ghana." — BP.

What People Are Reading

The Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Mich., has just announced its publishing record for the year 1962. A total of 100 new books and booklets came from its presses, with the immensely popular *Amplified Old Testament* leading the list with 150,000 already in print. Other leading publications include Eugenia Price's thought-provoking book, *A Woman's Choice*, with 50,000 copies in print less than six months after publication.

Other 1962 new titles which are making a great contribution to the religious textbook lists include Dr. J. Barton Payne's

Theology of the Older Testament, Dr. J. Oliver Buswell's *Systematic Theology* (Part I — Theism and Biblical Anthropology), Dr. Merrill F. Unger's *Archaeology and the New Testament*, and Dr. Herbert Lockyer's *All the Promises of the Bible*.

In all, more than one million hard-bound books and another half million square back books were issued by Zondervan during 1962. One and one-half million "saddle stitched" booklets were released as well.

Japanese Discuss Family Problems

Some 90 persons, including pastors and church leaders, married couples and single persons, attended the "Second Seminar on Marriage and Family Life" held in Karuizawa by the National Christian Council of Japan. Co-operating in the seminar were members of the Southern Baptist, Northern Baptist, Anglican, Korean Church in Japan, and United Church of Christ churches. Besides dealing with marriage problems which are familiar in all parts of the world, the conference studied problems stemming from traditional Japanese attitudes toward family life or from the rapidly changing nature of Japanese society. At the present time, the majority of marriages are "arranged marriages," and a fourth of the households are "extended families," encompassing several generations. The words used for husband, *shujin*, meaning also "master," and wife, *tsuma*, meaning "woman inside the house," show a lack of recognition of women as individuals.

Palestine Tours

Israel Tourist News reports a 13 per cent increase of tourists during 1962, a total of 183,366 compared with 160,000 during 1961. The prospects for 1963 indicate a further increase. There are already some 441 group tours scheduled, 16 of which are cruises. A large percentage of the visitors have an interest in the state of Israel as a homeland for the Jews, but many Christians are fulfilling a life-long desire to visit the scenes of the life of Christ in the land where Christianity was born.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — On Sabbath morning, April 13, an Easter cantata, "Victory Divine," was presented by our choir of fourteen voices under the direction of Dr. Howard Savage. Four members of the Youth Fellowship are in the choir, and two of them also sang at the community Easter sunrise service at Washington Rock.

Ronald and Marlene Maltby are the newly elected sponsors of the Youth Fellowship, of which Mervin Dickinson is president. The group collected seven and a half tons of waste paper, which yielded \$98 for their camp and Pre-Con fund. They meet every other Sabbath afternoon, while the Junior C. E. meets on alternate Sabbaths.

At our 125th annual meeting April 7 Pastor Dickinson was re-elected for two years. We appreciate the consecrated work of Pastor and Mrs. Dickinson over the past six years. Miss Lucy Whitford and Ronald Maltby were elected trustees, and Everett Harris, Jr., moderator. Miss Evalois St. John and L. H. North were re-elected as clerk and treasurer. The five service committees were enlarged to include eight or nine members each.

Our average attendance had increased, and total giving to the church budget and OWM was the largest in the last five years — \$11,264 in addition to the \$1,346 given to the carpet fund. The Women's Society raised \$740 of the latter amount. The committee has selected green carpet for the sanctuary, and the Pro-Con Group volunteered to remove the pews and the old carpet. The Fellowship Committee reported serving dinners and refreshments nine times during the year. Mrs. Wilbur Duryea was chairman of the annual meeting dinner, the proceeds of which were for the Youth Fellowship. The young people served the dinner.

At the Sabbath School annual meeting March 31, Mrs. L. H. North was elected superintendent, and William Armstrong was given a vote of thanks for his service during the past three years.

On March 23 our older members were honored at a Golden Anniversary service. Ten of our fifty-year members were present, including Mrs. Asa F. Randolph,

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who has been a faithful member for over 75 years. The Worship Committee furnished corsages. Honorable mention was given to those who had been members of ours and other Seventh Day Baptist churches for fifty years.

The Discipleship Committee conducted a Stewardship Workshop on March 16, following a covered-dish dinner. Three talks on stewardship were followed by discussion groups on tithing and a Youth Fellowship meeting. As an outcome of the workshop, pledge cards were sent to members asking them to try tithing for the next 13 weeks, if they were not already tithers.

Rev. Ronald Smith of the N. J. Council on Alcohol Problems preached on February 23 and assisted with the Evangelism Workshop, which followed a fellowship dinner. He showed a film, "To Your Health," and then talked with the young people, while the adults met to discuss alcohol and drug addiction. Over \$100 was given by our members for the work of the Council among high school students. — Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — A Sabbath School picnic was held at Tomoka State Park on Sunday, March 17. It was ideal picnic weather and there was a good turnout for the pot luck dinner at noon and the recreation that followed.

We released our pastor for evangelistic meetings in Marlboro the third week in March. It was with a great deal of admiration that we wished him well in this endeavor since the flu and its reactions had sapped a good deal of his physical strength just prior to the scheduled meetings. Our good and beloved friend, the Rev. Rhodes Thompson, filled in for Pastor Davis when he was incapacitated or away.

Several from our church attended the Alfred Alumni Luncheon, Daytona Chapter, at Kay's Restaurant on March 28. Pastor Davis was elected president of the local chapter for the coming year.

The Men's Fellowship observed Ladies Night for their March meeting. A hymn sing was enjoyed, followed by a wiener roast, prepared and served by the men.

Pastor Davis traveled extensively around Florida the second week in April, contacting lone Sabbathkeepers, winter visitors, and interested people. The prospects are

very bright at present for a new Fellowship in the Tampa area. Many have expressed interest in our pastor conducting services there, if practicable.

Resurrection Sabbath services were well attended and Pastor Davis' message title was "The Resurrection Gospel," based on 1 Peter 1: 3. Pastor Davis also participated at one of the three Good Friday services in the city. For the Easter sunrise service held at the Band Shell on the beach, our church furnished four ushers, and many from our church attended.

Our SDBYF served another successful spaghetti supper recently, adding a considerable amount to the Camp Joy fund.

Special offerings for OWM and the "One Great Hour of Sharing" have been received and forwarded to the proper channels. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

By Testimony:
Mrs. Margaret Clibourn

By Letter:
Mrs. Rosa Stephan

Marriages

Boehler-Vorak.—James Harold Boehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Boehler of Edinburg, Texas, and Miss Sharon Yvonne Vorak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Vorak of Puyallup, Wash., were united in marriage March 12, 1963, at the Baptist church at Puyallup. They will live at San Antonio, Texas, where both are in service with the U. S. Army.

Kuck-West.—At the Seventh Day Baptist church, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, March 23, 1963, George A. Kuck, Stratford, Conn., son of George E. and Anna LaPlaca Kuck, and Sarah Jane West, Alfred, N. Y., daughter of Richard and Jane Crandall West, were united in marriage, with the bride's pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating.

Births

Stillman.—A son, Daniel James, was born to George and Joyce (McWilliams) Stillman of Houston, Texas, on March 18, 1963.

Stillman.—A daughter, Miriam, to Jim and Carol Stillman of Riverside, Calif., on April 5, 1963.



REV. VICTOR W. SKAGGS

Newly appointed dean
of the
Center for Ministerial Education

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11-13.