

# The Sabbath Recorder

How tangled the affairs of this world are! Never before, it seems, was it so full of suspicion and greed, of violence and crime. Peace parleys, summit conferences, pacifist propaganda, the United Nations and all other agencies fail to prevent war. "Wars and rumors of wars" encircle the globe. There is the continual threat of World War 3 — not idle talk, either. Civilization seems on the verge of destroying itself. Reformers are despondent and statesmen are despairing. A pall of hopelessness hangs over the earth.

Yet there is hope! The world needs to know that "this same Jesus" is coming again to set up a kingdom of righteousness on this earth, a kingdom of peace and joy. "The Lord Himself shall descend" — in His own majestic person. When He ascends His throne and takes up the reins of government, all of the problems of mankind will be solved: social injustice, racial prejudice, poverty, crime, and all the rest. Then "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Then we will not fear to go anywhere we please in the darkness, and will not need to lock our doors, nor put our valuables in vaults for safekeeping.

It is hard to understand the dread and terror some Christians seem to have when they contemplate the second coming, or why they have a distaste for it, and shrink from discussion of it. It is the holy hope of the world!

Oh yes, it will be a time of judgment — but not for believers! If you tremble at the thought of His return, could it be that you have not received Him as your crucified Savior and your risen Lord? It will be a time of terror for unbelievers, for those who have rejected Him, for those who have more or less politely bowed Him out of the picture, but to Christians it is a "blessed hope." In writ-

ing about the Lord's coming to receive His own unto Himself, Paul says, "Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

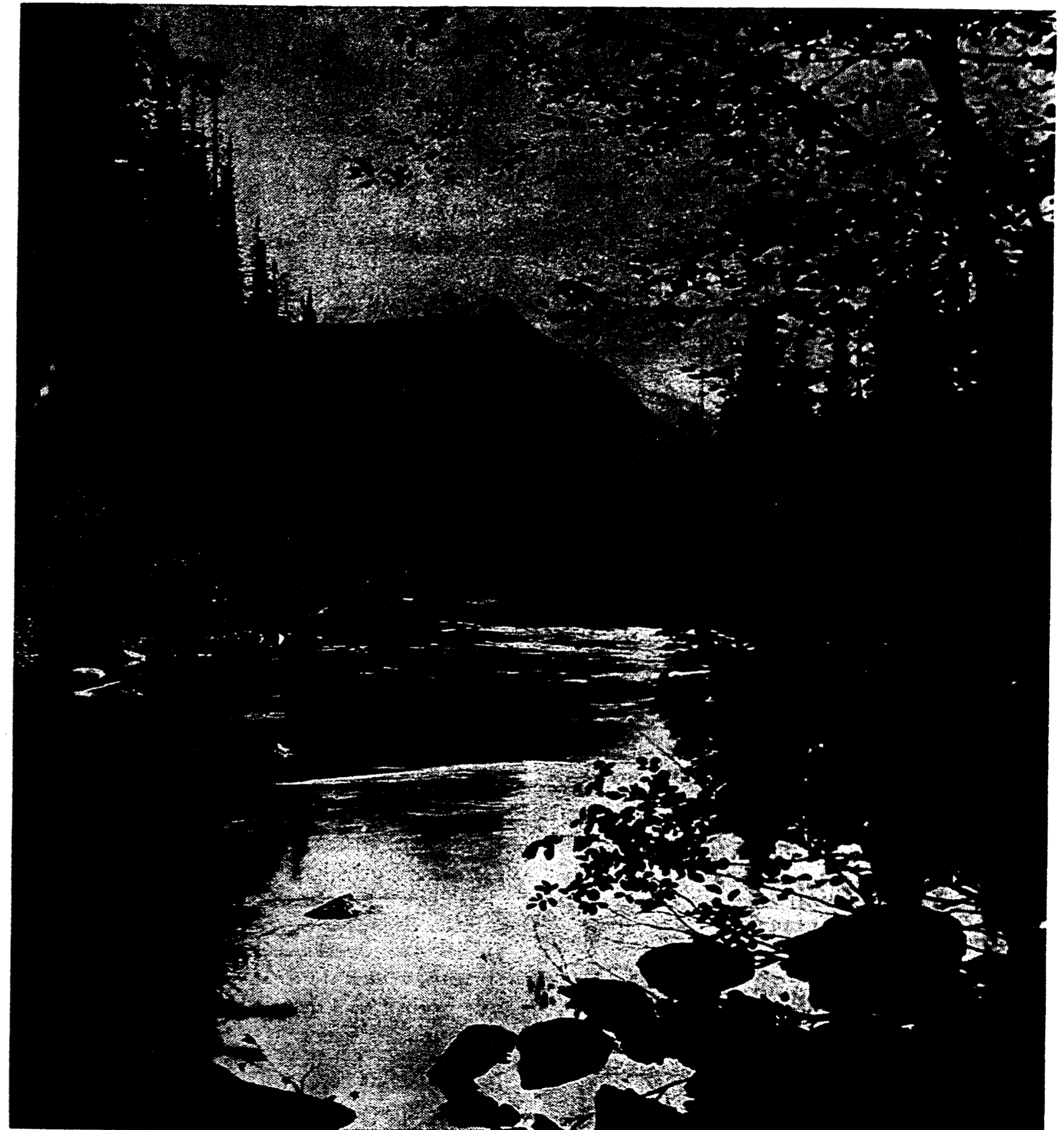
We are living in troublous times, and darker and more perilous times seem to loom ahead. But back of all this is the figure of the coming King, whose victory is as certain as the word of God. This hope steadies, encourages, comforts us.

Yes, Jesus is coming to earth again. The royal Son of God, who came the first time to die on Calvary to make atonement for our sins, who lives and dwells within the hearts of Christians as the dynamic for living, is one day coming to reign in glorious majesty. Handel caught the vision when he used Revelation 12: 15 in closing the "Messiah": "The kingdoms of this earth are become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords! Hallelujah!"

When Jesus was here on earth talking about His return, He said to His followers, "Watch therefore for ye know not the day nor the hour when your Lord will come." True watching is an attitude of mind and heart which would joyfully turn from any occupation to meet our beloved Savior, exclaiming, "This is the Lord; we have waited for him; we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Isa. 25: 9). There is a beautiful phrase in 2 Timothy 4: 8 which speaks of those "that love His appearing."

The outlook does, indeed, seem hopeless. But praise the Lord for the hope of His sure return —

**THAT BLESSED HOPE!**



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## Budget Observations

When the local church treasurer is able to report (as he is in some churches) that the gifts of the people are proving sufficient to meet the budgeted needs of the church, the congregation is encouraged. The same would be true of all our congregations if the treasurer of Our World Mission, Mrs. Fetherston, could report that the churches were sending in enough contributions to carry on the budgeted work of our General Conference, a budget that was carefully considered by boards, agencies, Commission and the delegates at Conference last year. Unfortunately this is not the case. Our feeling of encouragement is only partial. It appears that many of us have not done our best.

There is satisfaction in noting that the contributions to denominational needs for the months of March (see Recorder of April 22) and April (see back page of this issue) were higher than usual. It is particularly encouraging to observe that very few of the treasurers of the stronger churches failed to send in promptly the amount that had been designated for OWM. Perhaps this indicates a trend and an effort to keep up to date the charts that were prepared for each church by Mrs. Fetherston.

Another observation is that if our churches had started off the budget year with total monthly contributions equal to what has been reported the last two months, we would be almost on schedule and could feel very happy about meeting our missionary and other needs. Our churches gave for budget purposes \$9,058 in March and \$8,675 in April. One-twelfth of the total budget is only \$9,730. However, since we fell far behind in the earlier months, the treasurer's figures show that we now need almost \$12,000 per month through September to catch up and fulfill our obligations. Our work will be seriously curtailed if we do not increase our giving to somewhere near that amount. It can be done if those who are not giving the biblical proportion of income do so and if others make an added sacrifice.

## Problems Discussed by Associated Church Press

For many years (during the tenure of several editors) the Sabbath Recorder has been a member of the Associated Church Press. In the last few years this association has grown rapidly in prestige, in the number of periodicals holding membership, and the amount of service rendered to the periodicals. It now has 164 Protestant religious journals with an estimated readership of 171½ million. Some of the periodicals also hold membership in a similar service organization, the Evangelical Church Press, which claims a large readership.

The ACP convention this year, held in Nashville, Tenn., boldly discussed several issues that have not previously been included on the agenda. When 125 editors or associate editors listen to experts and discuss together in the second largest publishing center in the United States such subjects as Sunday legislation, desegregation, the relation between Catholics and Protestants, communicating the Gospel, the condition of Christians in the USSR, and the problems of editing, it can be expected that the results of such a meeting will be felt indirectly by a large proportion of the public which reads the magazines concerned.

The Associated Church Press scheduled a guest speaker on "Sunday Legislation." This can be taken as evidence that the subject has come to the front in our national life and needs to be handled constructively by those who have the responsibility of helping to mold Christian public opinion on the subject. The speaker was Lewis Hooker, an attorney from Richmond, Va., and chairman of the Religious Liberty Committee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He discussed frankly and with historical clarity the elements which have gone into our "Blue Law Dilemma," as he titled his address.

What is the dilemma? Most of us recognize it. Religious people in general want to see Sunday properly observed as a day of rest and worship but legislation to bring this about has to steer clear of a violation of the first amendment to the

## MEMORY TEXT

How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days. Exodus 16: 28b, 29a.

United States Constitution. Whereas Sunday laws have their background in the English laws to enforce worship, and all such laws prior to the Revolutionary War were clearly religious in nature, there has been an attempt in recent years to enact laws regulating Sunday sales that are not strictly religious in motivation. The speaker pointed out that often the Christian merchant has to choose between adhering to his religious convictions (Sundaykeeping) and economic survival. This is part of the dilemma.

Citing case after case of Sunday laws tested in the courts, Mr. Hooker led up to a discussion of the future of blue-law legislation, some form of which now exists in 49 states. It is not likely that the Supreme Court will find in many of the existing or proposed Sunday-closing laws a violation of the "establishment of religion" clause. Eight of the nine justices seem to be agreed on this. The thing that is still in question and may change with any change of personnel in the Supreme Court is whether or not a given law abridges the right of free exercise of religion. It was pointed out that the three justices who wrote dissenting opinions on this issue are young and the four who wrote the majority opinion are old. The question of free exercise of religion comes up when a conscientious Sabbath-keeping business man is compelled to remain closed on Sunday.

Expressing a personal viewpoint, the Virginia attorney felt that the solution to the Sunday-law dilemma lay in permitting exemptions. There seems to be a move in that direction. Twenty-one states have clauses permitting Sabbath observer exemptions. He wondered why the lawmakers could not be content to leave the matter of the day open and avoid the religious



issue of Sabbath or Sunday. To this most Sabbathkeepers could say a hearty "Amen," for exemption clauses are not very satisfactory from the standpoint of the principles involved.

It is indeed interesting to hear such a fair presentation of the blue-law dilemma to a representative group of editors of denominational and interdenominational publications. Dr. Hooker's closing remark, however, was made without knowledge that there were several publications of Sabbathkeeping denominations in the ACP. He said, "The hope of all is that Sunday will be observed as a day of rest and worship for all. Until that time some form of closing laws will be with us." It was called to his attention by one of the editors and by the president that Seventh Day Baptists had reason to register a dissenting opinion to part of that statement.

What the future holds for religious minorities in relation to Sunday legislation remains to be seen. There is reason to hope that fair-minded editors will use their mighty pens to see that in working for the good of all, the religious convictions of minorities are not overridden by the majority, and also that the church does not become a tool or pawn in the economic struggle between groups of merchants.

#### Sermons from Hebrews

The Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, and first vice-president of General Conference has announced in his church publication, "The Bell Ringer," that a series of twelve sermons from the book of Hebrews has just been completed. These have all been tape recorded and are available, the item says, to any who would like them, either to fill in where sermons were missed, or to share with those unable to attend.

Although the offer was not explicitly extended to the denomination as a whole it is possible that if there are several requests financial arrangements could be made to copy the tapes and give the sermons a wider circulation. — Ed.

#### An Invitation to Christian Giving

The story is told of a woman whose husband had just built a beautiful mansion in Bar Harbor, Maine, a fashionable resort city. She invited the cream of society, but no one came to her party. She was so hurt that she left that city, gave instructions that not a blade of grass was to be cut, not a single repair to be made on the house. It stood there for the next forty years, an eyesore to the community, and no one could persuade her to forget the hurt she had suffered. She had extended an invitation . . . and nothing more.

Our Lord used parables when He wanted His hearers to understand Him. He described the Kingdom of Heaven on one occasion with this parable. A king gave a wedding feast for his son. He sent out invitations. When the dinner was ready, he sent servants to bid the invited guests come. They made light of it and went off and did what seemed important to them. Some even seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king became angry and sent his troops to destroy their city. He then sent his servants out to invite as many as they could find and bring them to the dinner. When he came in to look at his guests, he found one without a wedding garment. "Friend," he said, "how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" The guest was speechless. At the king's order, he was bound and cast into outer darkness where men will weep and gnash their teeth. For many are called but few are chosen. The king had extended an invitation . . . and nothing more.

Yet there was something more, something that involves a loving gesture, a gesture of love for the person invited. But the woman in Bar Harbor didn't quite measure up to the snobbish social standards of Bar Harbor. Interest in the king didn't quite measure up to the selfish interests of the people in his kingdom.

Christian Giving is an invitation . . . and nothing more.

But a refusal to accept that invitation involves harshest treatment to which you

can subject another person, a rejection, in this case, a rejection of God the Father. It is a final and unremitting rejection. When you reject God's invitation in this program, you may very well be cutting yourself off from Him forever because refusal to love God, which is disbelief, may be terribly final for yourself and those you say you love. —Christian Giving Foundation, 200 E. Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis 19, Minn. (Used by permission.)

#### A Local Tract Committee Gives Inspiring Report

What can the Tract Committee of a local church accomplish in a given period of time? That depends somewhat on location and opportunities, but more on the opportunities that are discovered and the energy that committee members are willing to put forth in organizing and carrying out a program. The local committee of the Riverside, California, church has done some things that might well prove an inspiration to others. Church business meeting reports do not always make interesting reading to people in other churches. An exception to this rule comes in the case of a report found in "The Church Chimes," the mimeographed publication of the Riverside church for April, 1963. It reads as follows:

The Tract Committee chairman, Jack Jensen, reported that the tract racks have been kept stocked, the outside bulletin board has been changed twice a week with the aid of Ruth Lewis, and periodic distribution from door to door of homes in designated areas has been made by members of the SDBYF. They witnessed in this way to some 300 families on the Sabbath afternoon of April 27 sharing a letter from the pastor, the special issue of the Sabbath Recorder and certain tracts.

In order for such a program to be carried out effectively there has to be much planning in advance. Materials have to be ordered and on hand. It is to be noted that the two or three churches of the Pacific Coast Association have a large standing order for special issues of the Sabbath Recorder (1,000 copies).

— Tract Board secretary.

#### Impressions of the NCC

A Report to the Ecumenical Relations Committee by Delegate Mynor G. Soper

I had the opportunity of attending the spring meeting at Denver of the General Board of the National Council of Churches. It was my first occasion to have any direct relationship with the NCC, so my impressions are those of a first experience.

One of the first things which struck me as significant was the fact that the NCC is looked upon by most of the world as the voice of the churches of America. This is quite obvious by the news coverage the NCC gets. It becomes much more apparent as one sees the inner workings of the Council and the connections it has with government, business, and social organizations through its committees. Of course, it is not the official voice of all the churches, nor even of all the member churches, but the Council is an important voice in the affairs of our nation and perhaps the most listened-to voice of the Protestant churches. For this very reason, I feel it is important that we, as well as other evangelical denominations, maintain a working relationship in the Council.

Another impression was that our part is not an unimportant one. While it is very true that our numbers are so small that we cannot play a very large part in all the committees and leadership spots, yet by the very fact of our being a member, the Council has to face the reality of dealing with minority groups within her ranks as well as making pronouncements about what others should do in this regard in the world at large. We are, I found, respected for our position and there is genuine warmth of friendship toward our representatives.

Probably the most impressive thing about the entire Council is the work it accomplishes in certain areas where, by being a group of communions banded together, the work is larger and more easily done. For example, the program of Church World Service. I quote from a report entitled, "Major New Developments":

Immigration Services of Church World Service, during 1962, successfully completed 42 Cuban Refugee charter flights, with 2,349 per-

sons, into every section of the United States, and has tentatively scheduled an additional 35 "Flights in Freedom." The Cuban Refugee Resettlement Program has been the major threat during 1962, with 12,210 Cuban refugees registered at the CWS Miami Center and 8,344 resettled. This is 68% of our case load and it is interesting to note that with only 8% of the total registrations, CWS has resettled 16% of the total number of Cubans resettled.

Incidentally, by the time of the meetings, they had resettled a total of 9,200. This probably seems like a drop in the bucket to over-burdened Miami, but it is still a significant number and undoubtedly more than if our denominations were not banded together through the Council in this Church World Service.

The overseas departments of CWS have 52 offices in 35 countries. The evaluation of their work in these countries seemed to be a very candid one. The report took note of the changing needs in the countries they are serving. These people live in a society which expects their government and even the church to provide welfare for them. The report took cognizance of the fact that it was unwise for the CWS to let their service get so large and unwieldy that it was beyond their ability to control it. This can and has happened in the past because their resources are almost unlimited, partly due to the used government surplus available to them. . . . All in all, CWS work seems very significant and a step nearer accepting our responsibility of being our brother's keeper.

Regarding the meeting of the General Board, the working edge of the Council, one gets more than one impression. For one thing, it seems that some of the representatives see the Council as a super-church and think this is its important function. On the other hand most of the representatives seem to understand and accept the Council as a tool with which they can work effectively as an extension of their own denominations' programs. Their loyalty is undoubtedly to their own communions first.

Some would hold that the ecumenical aspects of the Council are the most important while others would consider the world service or some other aspect the most important. In other words, there is

diversity amid their ecumenical unity, which in my opinion is good.

There has been and still is a great deal of criticism of the NCC and accusations that it is communistic. This year the Council made a definite statement of their opposition to communism. Undoubtedly in any organization that large, you will have philosophies of a wide variety, but my observations (which certainly are not inclusive) were basically that those who are involved in the NCC are definitely interested in promoting the message and work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### Promoting the Sabbath at Little Rock, Ark.

The young church at Little Rock has a young pastor devoting full time to the church and the promotion of the Seventh Day Baptist faith (thanks to the support of the Missionary Board). His church is organized for work and is taking Gospel and Sabbath promotion work seriously. The church recently placed an order with the Tract Board for nearly 30,000 tracts (which requires reprinting of several titles). Little Rock now uses the largest number of special-issue **Sabbath Recorders** of any single church (1,000 or more).

Another unusual thing about the Little Rock church is its preaching emphasis during the month of May. The sermon titles listed in advance on the church bulletin are: "The Sabbath: Why?" "The Sabbath: When?" "The Sabbath: How?" and "The Sabbath and the Law of Love." In times past certain Seventh Day Baptist ministers have written one or more good-sized books on the Sabbath. The subject is big enough for a series of sermons. At least Pastor Paul B. Osborn of Little Rock thinks such a series will be helpful to his church and to the visitors who are expected.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 1, 1963

Light from God's Law

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 119: 33-40, 105-112.

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#### East Indian Sabbathkeeper Again Visits United States

Rev. K. K. Samson, minister of the Gospel from Poona, India, is again visiting Sabbathkeeping groups in the United States in the interest of the growing school and church work which he has been successful in establishing for the people of his area. He arrived in New York April 19, visited representatives of the Tract Board at Plainfield on May 2, and hopes to contact friends as far west as California during his six-month stay.

On his previous visit to this country in 1960, Mr. Sampson accepted the Sabbath through contacts with the leaders of an independent Brooklyn mission that has fraternal relations with Plainfield Seventh Day Baptists and has made considerable use of the literature published by the Tract Society. His work near Poona, India, was visited and favorably evaluated by the Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen in 1961. Mr. Samson published, at Tract Board expense in 1961, two of our tracts in the Marathi language — most of which have now been distributed.

In 1948 this dark-skinned Indian minister established his first native-language school, the Republic School of Dehu Road which now has about 200 pupils mostly below 14 years of age. In 1962 he was able to construct both a church building, seating 200-300 people and the first floor of Sharon School, an English middle school that now has about 100 pupils. In June he expects to add more teachers so that instruction may be given to pupils through Standard 8, which corresponds to about the first or second year of high school. He feels a great need for a Senior Cambridge School and a vocational school, since the property is located in an army cantonment area where jobs for qualified civilians abound.

The church building is fully utilized.

On Sabbath mornings from 10 to 12 the pupils and staff of the day school make up the bulk of Bible school and church audiences of 100-150, reports Mr. Samson. About fifty of these are school children between five and ten years of age. On the evening after the Sabbath the believers (some of whom are unable to attend in the morning) gather for an hour and a half praise and prayer service. Another service is held on Sunday morning. The Sabbath is emphasized in this service along with the other doctrines of the Bible.

The educational work of Mr. Samson is not under government control other than the adherence to a syllabus which is required of all schools. He is thus free to teach religious facts and tenets of belief. Reports from those who have visited Poona indicate that he is a man highly respected for what he has accomplished for his people. His church, as mentioned above, is independent. The building is called Gospel Tabernacle.

With the church and school buildings near enough to completion for full occupancy Mr. Samson expects now to devote more attention again to the publication and distribution of literature. One of the needs he mentions is a small, electrically operated printing press which could reduce the cost of publishing native-language tracts and would provide equipment for one area of vocational training. While in this country the Rev. K. K. Samson will receive mail at 352 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn 38, N. Y.

#### Seventh Day Baptist Building Volunteer Work Continues

The project of the men of the Western (N. Y.) Association in preparing the Seventh Day Baptist Building for its additional use as a ministerial training center continues. The Alfred church bulletin announced plans for two work bees, one for May 20, 21, 22, and another for June 24, 25, 26. The sponsoring organization contributes substantially to the travel expense of the drivers who carry workers to their volunteer tasks. In addition to re-decorating some of the rooms the men are making the necessary provision for moving the theological library from Alfred into the denominational building.



### Review of April Meeting of Missionary Board

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board was held Sunday afternoon, April 28, 1963, with 22 members and 2 visitors present. Conference Secretary Harley Bond and Ross Seager of Salem, W. Va., were welcomed to the meeting by President Harold R. Crandall.

The treasurer was authorized to transfer from the Income Equalization Fund to the Hospital Building Fund the sum of \$1,500 to permit the installation of an adequate water system at our Nyasaland mission station. The treasurer was also instructed to take from the Salary Equalization Fund the amount necessary to cover the expenses of Secretary E. T. Harris in order that he may make a supervisory visit to Nyasaland, the amount to be "not in excess of \$1,500." It is expected that he will leave from New York International Airport early in June and return in time to attend Conference at Ft. Collins in August.

Secretary Harris was voted "a power of attorney specifically to negotiate with the Nyasaland government as to the disposition of land at the Makapwa Mission now occupied by others than Makapwa Mission personnel."

It was voted that Loren Osborn be appointed to serve as chairman of a World Conference Consultation group, made up of representatives of Seventh Day Baptist conferences around the world (American Conference representatives to be the Conference Planning Committee members), and that he shall draw up a program for consideration of the consultation group, with the help of the Missionary Board secretary and the other members of the Conference Planning Committee. It is expected that this consultation group will meet just preceding Conference at Salem, W. Va., in 1964.

The recommendation of the Executive (Budget) Committee was approved whereby Miss Joan Clement's salary will be increased to \$150 a month, beginning July 1, 1963, and continuing throughout 1964

or until Miss Clement completes her training at the School of Anesthesia at Madison, Tenn. The board will also assist with Miss Clement's travel expenses as she visits churches en route from the West Coast to Madison, Tenn., in June.

The Women's Board having indicated willingness to carry on the promotional and collecting phase of the S & H Green Stamp project, to raise funds for a new mission car in Jamaica, the secretary indicated that he had written to the Women's Board expressing the appreciation of the Missionary Board for their help in this matter. As soon as it is known how many filled books will be needed and authorization is received from S & H Headquarters in New York, this information will be sent to Mrs. Roger Burdick of Milton so that the promotional and collecting work may officially begin.

The request of the Farina church for assistance in the paying of a pastor to the amount of \$50 per month was approved. This arrangement was made through the year 1963 with the understanding that continuance of assistance beyond that date be dependent upon the review of the Farina church situation and upon funds available to the Missionary Board. It is understood that Pastor Wayne Maxson has accepted the call of the Farina church and will conduct his first preaching service on Sabbath day, June 15.

### Jamaica Transportation Fund

At the April 1962 meeting of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference Board the matter of raising funds for and the administration of a Workers' Transportation Fund was approved and referred to the Planning Commission of the Jamaica Conference.

Definite action was taken by this body, which led to the setting up of plans for a Seventh Day Baptist Achievement Day to be held in August 1962, for the purpose of raising funds. Members of a subcommittee appointed to administer the fund are Pastor Leon R. Lawton, Bro. H. M. Howell, and Bro. C. Wiggan.

The first year has seen some goals reached, in that funds have been received

and loans made which have enabled two Conference workers to obtain transportation — Rev. J. A. Samuels and Rev. S. A. Thompson. In addition to money raised by gifts, and \$200 matching funds from the Missionary Board, a loan was granted from the Conference Sustentation Fund for the amount of £125 (approximately \$350).

The total amount received toward the Workers' Transportation Fund is reported as \$1,383.40 in U. S. currency. A major part of this amount is in use as a "revolving loan fund," providing the means of transportation to some of the Jamaica pastors as they travel around their circuit of churches. (See *Sabbath Recorder* issue of April 1, 1963, for information concerning the establishing of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Church Circuits). Pastor Lawton reports, "A second vehicle loan has been made from the fund and Rev. S. A. Thompson joins J. A. Samuels in having a vehicle to assist in their work."

### African Interests Committee Report

(The following report was presented at the April 28 meeting of the Missionary Board by Loren Osborn, chairman of the committee. The recommendations were approved and the committee report adopted.)

A recent report by Dr. Theodore Tucker on his visit to Makapwa Mission while in Africa points up the urgency of implementing a plan of action immediately that has long been considered desirable. Dr. Tucker emphasized two factors in the current situation in Africa today that require our close attention:

1. The emerging nationalism and accompanying independence and self-government of Nyasaland that will put mission programs in an altogether new position relative to the people they serve and the governments that regulate their activities.

2. The need for maintaining the closest contact, bolstering the prestige of our field workers, and demonstrating in very concrete ways the sincerity of our intentions to work, not only for the spread of the Gospel, but for the betterment of the living conditions of the native populace.

Because of these facts, it is recommended that Secretary Everett T. Harris

be sent to visit and inspect the Makapwa Mission, and to represent the Missionary Society and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in a trip of "understanding and good will" to Nyasaland.

It is further recommended that the length of the visit shall be for two months, and scheduled at such a time that a trip to the northern churches can be made during the dry season, and allowing the secretary to return in time for attendance at General Conference this year.

There is much to be gained by having an official representative visit Nyasaland, among the benefits being:

1. A demonstration of continuing interest and support of our work there.
2. Seeking a better understanding of the situation that exists as far as the interaction of missionary personnel, colonial government officials, native leaders and local population.
3. Developing specific plans for carrying out the projected expansion of service facilities —

- a. helping to determine the possibility of acquiring a clear title to property
- b. understanding the philosophy of property ownership of the natives
- c. working out long-range objectives that can be reached satisfactorily as far as native feelings and Board of Managers responsibility are concerned
- d. relating the medical, educational and evangelistic phases of our mission endeavor to the needs of the people and the aims of our Board.

Because so much information and understanding in these areas is lacking, it is recommended that no further action on the proposed medical building program be undertaken until the return of Secretary Harris with background information, except that the initial (water supply) step in the plan be put into effect.

The Roman Catholic Church in Spain plans to send 1,500 priests for work in Latin America before the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, in answer to an appeal from Pope John XXIII.

## Statement of Mrs. Donald Pierce

(Presented to Alfred Station church before being ordained a deaconess April 13, 1963.)

I would like to preface my statement by saying that it was difficult for me to agree to become a deaconess, as I sincerely believe that there are other women in our church who are better qualified by experience, religious knowledge, and personality. However, after long consideration, I came to the decision that were I to refuse, I would be somewhat of a hypocrite. For several years I have firmly believed and stated, rather loudly I am afraid, that when one becomes a member of a church, she not only accepts the rights and privileges of this membership, but also an obligation to assume responsibilities if it is physically possible. So you see, I could not try to teach this belief to our daughters and the members of my Sabbath School class and refuse to assume this responsibility.

I believe in one God, an ever-present and loving God, as He is revealed in the Bible and as He shows Himself in nature and in Christlike people.

I believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of all, is the basis of all Christian faith.

I believe that God's Spirit is ever with us if only we take time from our every day busyness to seek it.

I believe that the Bible is the "historical record of a growing religion." From the careful study of it we can gain a greater understanding of God and the life and work of Jesus. Time spent with our Bibles can make each of us a better Christian, loving God and each other with greater sincerity.

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(Presented to Alfred Station church before being ordained a deaconess April 13, 1963.)

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### Spring Meetings of Associations Eastern at Ashaway

The Eastern Association has changed its traditional time of meeting this year from the second weekend of June to May 31 — June 2 at Ashaway, R. I. (See issue of April 8 for more details of this 125th Anniversary meeting.)

### Central New York at Brookfield

The dates of the Central New York Association have been changed recently by the Executive Committee from the first weekend of June to the second (June 7, 8, 9) so as not to conflict with the Eastern Association. (The pastor of the church at Ashaway is scheduled to speak on Sabbath morning at Brookfield.) The theme of the meetings is "Peace Comes from God."

### Northern at Battle Creek

The Northern Association (Michigan and Ohio churches) has announced a spring meeting at Battle Creek on June 7 and 8. The theme chosen is "Arise and Go." Earl Babcock of White Cloud, Mich., is president and Mrs. Verne Babcock of White Cloud is secretary.

### Western at Little Genesee

The Western Association, which includes the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Western New York and nearby Pennsylvania, meets this year with the Little Genesee church June 14, 15, and 16. Mrs. A. N. Rogers of Alfred Station is moderator and Mrs. Donald Pierce of the same village is corresponding secretary. The guest speaker on Sabbath morning is the Rev. Leon M. Maltby of Plainfield, N. J., who has been asked to emphasize "Witnessing in Interdenominational Cooperation."

### Southwestern at Texarkana

Texarkana, Ark., is the location of the Southwestern Association meeting this year the third weekend of June. The first service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at 200 Pleasant St., Texarkana. The president, William P. FitzRandolph, announces that the subject of the meetings will be "Mission to Our Social Frontiers," with the text from Romans 12: 17.

### Southeastern at Lost Creek

The Southwestern Association meets at Lost Creek, W. Va., June 21, 22, 23 with the theme "Who Art Thou, Lord?" Speakers from a distance appearing on the program are the Rev. Paul Green from the Eastern Association, Albert Gilmore from the Central, Rev. S. Kenneth Davis from Daytona Beach, Fla., Conference President George E. Parrish, and Executive Secretary Harley Bond.

### North Central at Milton

Information at hand indicates that the North Central Association with D. Nelson Inglis as moderator, will be held at Milton, Wis., on the third Sabbath of June.

The theme for the meetings is "Christian Delinquency." The Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of Adams Center, N. Y., has been engaged as the guest speaker. He has indicated that he will speak on "Non-Christian Church Membership."

Of the other Associations it may be noted that the Pacific Coast has already held its spring meeting and that the Mid-Continent is omitting its annual meeting (Oct.) because General Conference meets within that Association in August.

### LET'S THINK IT OVER

#### How Will the Hungry Be Fed?

There are regions — some of them as large as all Europe — where the only available farm implement is a short-handled hoe, says a report from the United Nations. "Squatting on his heels, the farmer uses this one tool for digging, weeding, lifting and turning over the soil. To harvest his crop, he has only a sheath knife. The result: pitifully little crop yield for a crushing amount of labor." Two specialized agencies — the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the U. N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) have joined with Christian agricultural missionaries to combat the situation. UNESCO has extended its people-to-people aid program to FAO'S Freedom from Hunger Campaign, a five-year undertaking aimed at raising nutritional standards in an ill-fed world.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

### A Letter

Dear Readers of the Women's Page:

As some of you know, your editor is remaining in Florida until the first week in June when Laurel will finish the eighth grade at Bayshore Junior High School.

Shortly before my husband returned to Wisconsin in April, we were very pleased to have a call from the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis of the Daytona Beach church. He was inquiring about our interest in having Seventh Day Baptist services in this area and felt that Tampa would be a central location. When the Daytona Beach church learned that we were very interested they voted to sponsor us and send their pastor to meet with us twice a month. The first meeting will be at the University Christian Church, corner of 58th Street and 122nd Avenue in Tampa on Sabbath Rally Day, May 18.

Pastor Davis and I made one or two calls nearby. He had many more calls to make in other places and was soon on his way again. We appreciate the effort to see us, as it is about 185 miles from Daytona Beach.

I was surprised to find how many Seventh Day Baptists were in this area especially during the winter months. I hope that each one will work and pray for the success of this Tampa branch of the Daytona church.

In Christian love,  
(Mrs. L. W.) Evelyn Marsden.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### New School to Rehabilitate Converted Juvenile Delinquents

A new school which requires its students to be converted drug addicts, gang members, or probationers has just been opened at Rehrersburg, Pa., to give them a new start in life through religious and vocational training.

Heading up the work is the Rev. David Wilkerson, an Assemblies of God minister, who works with teen-age gangs in New York and Chicago where the prospective students were recruited. Others come on probation from prison or through referrals from judges and parole officers.

At the school which is known as the Teen Challenge Training Center, young men are able to get training in Bible, art, agriculture, carpentry, music, or wood-working. Upon completion of a year there they are encouraged to attend college or Bible school if they desire to do so. The new school is completely equipped with a chapel, classrooms, dormitory, dining facilities, printing shop, and recreational rooms, all in one new building.

The school, which is located on a 187-acre farm given for the project, has a student body of 20 and a staff of eight. Each student is required to spend some time working on the farm as a part of his training. The training program is under the direction of the Rev. Frank Reynolds, a minister who has degrees both in agriculture and education.

— CNS.

### Billy Graham Magazine Now in French and German

Decision Magazine, 2½-year-old monthly publication of The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will begin publication in French and German with the May edition.

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The new editions will be circulated in France and Germany by subscription and through newsstand sales. In addition, the new editions will be made available to French- and German-speaking people in all parts of the world.

The Soviet Union distributed about 100-million volumes of Khrushchev's writings in 1961: nearly double the number (55-million) of Bibles and scriptural portions which were circulated in the world that year. — Dateline.



### Teen-Agers Write Own Code

Dating, drinking, smoking, driving and most of the other things which cause friction between parents and their teen-age children are analyzed by the teens themselves in a newly published "Code For Teen-Agers." The work of a group of senior high school students in Tulsa, Okla., the Code resulted from a six-week course for parents of teens, sponsored last spring by the Tulsa Council of Churches.

"Because parents usually have some difficulty enforcing all the rules they set up for us, they have a tendency to think the teen-ager does not want to adhere to any rules," they say, adding: "Actually, nothing could be further from the truth." After describing their "mixed-up feelings," and the things which make them want to rebel, the group's summary to parents asked them to keep the Code handy "and perhaps use it to remind us sometimes when we need reminding."

Calling smoking "undesirable," the teens feel they should have more information on the harm it does, should pay for it out of their own funds, and should smoke only with parental consent.

On drinking, they state: "A person who refuses to drink liquor or beer or to ride in a car driven by one who has been drinking acts wisely — such actions are signs of maturity." On the subject of narcotics they feel that "so little is known about the subject that most of us would not recognize the problem or know how to handle it."

Double-dating and group entertainment are recommended ("more protection"), while "going steady" is frowned on in the Teen Code. It also calls for mutual agreement between parents and teens on the hours they should be expected home.

"Parents have an obligation to provide adequate education in matters of sex," they say, and warn each other of "the tragic consequences to which going steady often leads."

Copies of the Code are available from the Tulsa Council of Churches, 515 South Denver, and from the Catholic Information Center in Tulsa.

— Religious Newsweekly.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PAINT ROCK, ALA. — Our church is small in number and doubtless our contemporaries regard us as forsaken of the Lord. We know that we are insignificant as numbers go but we need not be so in spiritual qualities. The smaller in quantity that we are the more yielded and committed to God's power we should be. If we are "about our Father's business" as we should be, insignificance will soon change to significance. Oh! that we may lift up our Lord before men that we may have a part in His drawing others to Him! — Paint Rock Newsletter.

STONEFORT, ILL. — The Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship, with help from others in our fellowship prepared and served a "Chicken and Dumpling Dinner" on March 31 in the church basement for the benefit of sending the youth to camp. It was a very successful event.

Several from our church attended Sabbath day services on April 13 with our sister church in Farina, Ill., on the special occasion of their church's 97th Anniversary. Pastor Carlos McSparin was in charge of the worship service which was followed by a Communion service and a fellowship luncheon. It is always a pleasure and blessing to unite in both worship and fellowship with them.

Pastor McSparin was privileged to attend ministers conference in Adams Center, N. Y., April 17-22. He reported what a blessing it was to attend, meeting new and old friends, with wonderful services and fellowship.

On Sabbath Rally Day, May 18, we will observe our annual homecoming day, inviting the Farina church to fellowship with us. Several nonresident members usually attend on homecoming day.

— Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The Church Membership Class began its training March 16. The Community Lenten services were held on Wednesday evenings in the Church Center.

The morning of Easter Sabbath the Sabbath School presented an Easter service in the Parish House for everyone. This was followed by the regular Easter service in the church at eleven o'clock.

There were two Evangelical Society work meetings during March held at the home of Miss Bertha Annas, preparing for the Spring Sale. The Spring Sale of the Evangelical Society was called "Alfred's Shopping Center" held in the Parish House. It was successful.

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs of Alfred Station gave three evening sermons on Christian Responsibility at the church, April 10, 11, and 12.

At the morning service, April 20, Mr. George Parrish, the Conference president, was the speaker. A luncheon was served in the Parish House under the auspices of the Ladies Aid.

The Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship group was host to the Youth Group of the Union University Church for a "Fun Night" on April 6. The God and Country Award group met three times at the parsonage. — Correspondent.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — Our most important news for the past quarter is of course that Pastor Leroy Bass and family have accepted our call and will be with us around June 1. Rev. John Hodge, pastor of 3 neighboring churches, has filled our pulpit each week in addition to an already very busy schedule and will be greatly missed. We have enjoyed this Christian fellowship as he brought our weekly message, worked with five of our young people, leading them into baptism, and ministered to our sick and sorrowing.

This past quarter the Ladies Missionary Society held a "bakeless" bake sale as the women of the church gave monetary gifts instead of baking and buying at a regular food sale. Participation was gratifying, the sale was a success, and \$89.25 was taken in.

On March 23 a fellowship dinner was held in the church basement after Sabbath School. Following the dinner a program on Our World Mission was presented. Among its features was a letter from the British Guiana missionaries, a film of Korean orphanages, records of Korean children singing, and letters from the foster children of the Lloyd August and Charles Wheeler families.

The Lord's Supper was served at the

close of regular church services on April 6. Once again each one who partook was encouraged to take stock of his life and rededicate himself to the labor and love of a risen Savior.

Two carloads of young people and their sponsors from the Kansas City and Nortonville churches attended the annual Spring Retreat at North Loup. This is an activity stemming from the Mid-Continent Association and the group has appropriately been named "The Mid-Continent Associaters." The meeting was highlighted by the message from Makapwa Mission by Joan Clement, especially her banquet speech of "Why I Chose to Serve God."

On April 9 our ladies welcomed the ladies of the neighboring churches to a Silver Tea. An Easter program was made up of songs and readings with members of several visiting societies participating. The Nortonville Methodist, Christian, and Presbyterian; the Farmington Christian; and the Cummings Methodist Societies were represented.

Sam Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, and John Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Wheeler, and both students of Atchison County Community High School of Effingham, Kan., participated in a Community Easter Cantata of 75 voices. There were 17 churches taking part, including our church.

The quarterly business meeting was held on Sabbath evening, April 13. Lloyd August and Zella Babcock were appointed to serve on a committee to consider the reorganization of the Association setup as it now is. Edna Wheeler, deaconess, is the official delegate from our church to the Council of Ordination of Mynor G. Soper at Boulder, Colo., on May 18.

The church has received the centennial plates with a picture of our church on the front and a short history on the back.

A flurry of action has been going on at the parsonage in preparation for the arrival of our pastor and family. The men have gathered each Sunday to dig out and enlarge the old cellar, fill the old cistern, and pour a new cement floor. A new furnace is also being installed.

— Correspondent.

**OUR WORLD MISSION**  
**OWM Budget Receipts for April, 1963**

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'
	April	7 Mos.	7 Mos.	April	7 Mos.	7 Mos.
Adams Center .....		\$ 552.90	\$ 4.70	Metairie .....	18.00	18.00
Albion .....	\$ 105.35	400.45		Middle Island .....	27.00	184.00
Alfred, 1st .....	580.05	2,432.32	40.00	Milton .....	832.16	6,067.06
Alfred, 2nd .....	416.59	1,580.88		Milton Junction ..	174.70	1,199.70
Algiers .....		13.00		New Auburn .....	45.89	132.82
Associations and				North Loup .....	5.00	545.60
Groups .....		73.12	367.17	Nortonville .....	292.00	859.15
Battle Creek .....	675.00	3,918.63	120.00	Old Stone Fort .....	26.00	140.00
Bay Area .....		149.20		Paint Rock .....		159.15
Berlin .....		819.80	109.00	Pawcatuck .....	577.36	3,314.13
Boulder .....	67.10	307.35	85.00	Plainfield .....	358.04	2,085.18
Brookfield, 1st .....	45.00	168.00		Richburg .....	43.75	686.00
Brookfield, 2nd .....		132.50		Ritchie .....		141.00
Buffalo .....		200.00	45.00	Riverside .....	302.52	1,338.06
Chicago .....	52.50	545.50	280.00	Roanoke .....	71.60	86.60
Daytona Beach .....	121.50	726.98	25.00	Rockville .....	48.68	321.83
Denver .....	126.42	644.49		Salem .....		1,250.00
DeRuyter .....	59.00	492.00		Salemville .....		67.00
Dodge Center .....	133.31	730.39	60.00	Schenectady .....		82.58
Farina .....	50.50	96.75		Shiloh .....	854.00	4,131.61
Hamburg,				Texarkana .....		60.00
Germany .....			99.00	Trustees of		
Hammond .....	15.00	30.00		Gen. Conf. ....	126.60	126.60
Hebron, 1st .....	54.00	343.51		Verona .....	106.00	948.96
Hopkinton, 1st .....	297.25	1,519.75		Walworth .....	87.33	474.83
Hopkinton, 2nd .....	19.00	55.00	500.00	Washington .....	198.26	292.12
Houston Fellow. ...		36.85		Washington		
Independence .....	122.75	712.26	50.00	People's .....	10.00	70.00
Individuals .....	20.00	572.00	2,254.52	Waterford .....	136.17	859.59
Irvington .....	400.00	1,800.00	500.00	White Cloud .....		397.58
Kansas City .....	20.00	200.00		Women's Society ..		50.00
Little Genesee .....		571.05	56.83	Yonah Mt. ....	6.00	17.00
Little Rock .....	31.50	147.06	34.37			
Los Angeles .....	250.00	1,810.00	84.71	Totals	\$8,675.41	\$51,344.98
Los Angeles				Non-Budget		
Christ's .....		110.00		Receipts	257.21	
Lost Creek .....	64.45	963.18			\$8,932.62	
Marlboro .....	472.73	2,029.19				
Memorial Fund .....	129.35	354.72				

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By Walter E. Isenhour

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 Within His will sublime,  
 You'll shine along your earthly race  
 And wisely use your time.

**APRIL DISBURSEMENTS**

General Conference .....	\$1,133.33
Board of Christian Education .....	605.15
Historical Society .....	299.43
Ministerial Retirement .....	506.64
Ministerial Training (1) .....	1,093.13
Ministerial Training (2) .....	356.47
Missionary Society .....	3,456.80
Tract Society .....	1,029.22
Trustees of General Conference .....	55.17
Women's Society .....	211.55
World Fellowship & Service .....	80.67
Church World Service .....	55.06
Dr. Victor Burdick .....	50.00
	<b>\$8,932.62</b>

**SUMMARY**

1962-63 OWM Budget .....	\$116,768.00
Receipts for 7 months:	
OWM Treasurer .....	\$51,344.98
Boards .....	5,515.99
	<b>56,860.97</b>
Remainder due in 5 months .....	\$ 59,907.03
Needed per month .....	\$ 11,981.40
Percentage of year elapsed .....	58.35%
Percentage of budget raised .....	48.69%

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