

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				

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
Total	\$8,932.62

SUMMARY

1962-63 OWM Budget	\$116,768.00
Receipts for 7 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$51,344.98
Boards	5,515.99
Total	56,860.97
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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If You Would Measure High

By Walter E. Isenhour

If you would measure to the height
That God would have you reach,
You'll have to do the thing that's right
In what you say and teach.
You must be honest in your soul
With God and all mankind,
And looking only for the goal
That godly people find.
You must possess a worthy aim
And prove yourself a man,
Although you may not rise to fame
By what you do or plan;
But if you'll live, by God's good grace,
Within His will sublime,
You'll shine along your earthly race
And wisely use your time.

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Drama in the Sky

Drama was written in the sky over the Pacific, so to speak, in March. The story went around the world by radio and was a gripping news item in all the papers, but part of the drama, written on the ground, did not make many of the papers. The religious journals did not get it either.

The eighty-five servicemen, women, and children aboard a California-bound military plane forced to fly nearly 1,000 miles back to Hawaii when two engines failed March 19 are not likely to forget the experience. All luggage had to be jettisoned. Even so the plane barely managed to land safely.

The part that has not been widely told comes to light in the Red Cross Newsletter of May and deserves the attention of people who are interested in ministering to those in need. What does happen to eighty-five passengers who have thrown out even their hand luggage and have retained nothing? (They did hang on to their Bibles or Bible portions, we heard.)

Hawaii Chapter volunteer canteen workers met the passengers with food and coffee. ARC field directors from Hickam Field and Schofield Barracks issued financial grants to the passengers totaling about \$2,000 for the purchase of necessary clothing and personal items. Upon arrival at Travis Air Force Base in San Francisco the next day, the group again found Red Cross staff and volunteers on the job to give further assistance.

This is but one of the stories of the help rendered by the Red Cross. It seems that the ARC is always there — almost anywhere in the world serving particularly well our servicemen and their dependents. This is not the only charitable organization that merits loyal support, but it is one that has not received as much publicity as others in the columns of this and other religious journals. As an area of service some choose the high calling of missionaries; others connect with some department of Church World Service; some find the Peace Corps appealing; others might well consider a volunteer Red Cross work. The Bible calls on all Christians to feed the hungry with "the sincere milk of the Word" and also to increase the flow of "the milk of human kindness."

Counting Our Blessings

Freedom of worship is one of the blessings enjoyed in this country, a blessing so taken for granted that it is not fully appreciated. Protestant Christians in some other countries recognize its value because it is denied them. In order to be specific let us consider the blessing of a suitable building in which to worship "without let or hindrance," to express it in Elizabethan English.

In Spain a non-Catholic "sect" is not allowed to design a meetinghouse to look like a church. Neither are Protestants permitted to put a sign over the door of a meetinghouse to identify the building with any such words as, "This is a church." It is the law — a law dictated by the dominant church that wants no serious rivals. There are evidences that some of these restrictions are now being seen by citizens of Spain as damaging to the country's economy and international good standing. They can see that the money of non-Catholic tourists is just as good as any other money and that tourism is discouraged by the religious monopoly that is enforced by law.

How can we in this country teach our children to count among their blessings an adequate and worshipful church building? There may be many ways, none of which is perfectly easy. The teaching must be in the home as well as at the church — more in the home than in the church. The pastor certainly should not have to constantly remind the younger members of the congregation that they are in a church. He should, however, uphold and strengthen the efforts of parents to instill proper reverence of the time and place of worship.

What can be done to make the church a well-recognized place of worship? Aside from our attitude when we are within the sanctuary, as we are wont to call it, there are some more or less external things that can be done. Ours is a church with a colonial New England heritage. We have not entirely lost our nostalgia for the white-steepled edifice that houses a Seventh Day Baptist congregation in so many places. Other types of church architecture are, of course, wor-

shipful and acceptable. A church does well to keep its building within the general pattern of its environment and also within its means. Care must be taken, however, to make a church look like a church rather than a club house or some other type of building. Perhaps a well instructed, stable congregation can argue that they can find the building and conduct their services in a place that has little resemblance to the many types of edifices that are clearly identified as churches. But the strangers in town, or the unchurched, should be kept in mind when we design and locate our churches.

Coming back to our illustration of restrictions imposed on Protestant worship in such countries as Spain and Colombia, we wonder if we are really counting our blessings. Most of us are not concerned with building new churches or the problem of making the building show that it is primarily a house of worship. Against the background of the closing of churches in Catholic and in communist countries our feeble efforts to proclaim our faith and to fill our beautiful churches should make us uncomfortable. Do we really count our blessings when we make so little effort to share them?

Tribute to Whom Tribute Is Due

Memorial Day comes again, a national holiday with military overtones. The population of our country calls itself to attention, so to speak, and declares moments of silence to give tribute to those to whom tribute is due. If we are truthful we must admit that it is with considerable difficulty that we stop our wheels of machinery, our pursuit of financial gain or personal pleasure, or busy rounds of daily activity, high or low, to center our thoughts for a brief period of time on the noble achievements of those who have left us such a great national, church, or family heritage. We know that we owe a debt of gratitude, and we feel better to acknowledge it unitedly on this special day.

When we apply the words of Romans 13: 7, "tribute to whom tribute is due," to Memorial Day, we are taking them somewhat out of context, for the mention

of tribute here and in the words of Jesus (Matt. 22: 17-19) has reference to the living rather than the dead. It refers primarily to the payment of tribute money to a government that had to be obeyed but could hardly be respected by a Christian. The words, however, are deeply religious for they project us from the realm of national allegiance to the honoring of God and all the servants of God who do His bidding. Fortunate indeed are we in this land, in comparison with the early Christians, for we live under a Constitution based on Christian principles. We can be patriotic with little compromise and can honor our departed heroes with a measure of justifiable pride.

On Memorial Day let us continue to place fresh flags, lay wreaths, dedicate monuments, and honor with well-chosen words those who are worthy of honor. All this is good, but to be true to the Word of God and to our Christian heritage we must put the major emphasis where Jesus put it: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

"Prayer is Hard Work"

So says Wernher von Braun, the noted German space rocket scientist. As a boy he unsuccessfully tried to build and launch rockets. Before each attempted launching he uttered a last-ditch prayer, "Please let this one go."

At 18 von Braun discovered that mathematics is the basis of space rockets — and he hated math. Wanting to succeed, he disciplined himself to years of unromantic work on math. After his success in this bright new field he says this:

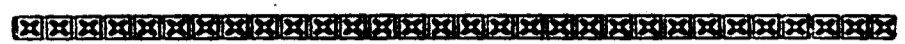
I think prayer is often the hardest kind of work, if in work you include the ideas of discipline, regularity, effort, sacrifice. To be effective, religion has to be backed up by discipline and effort.

In this age of space flight and nuclear fission, to use power wisely calls for a moral and ethical climate that — quite frankly — I do not think we now possess. We can achieve it only through many hours of the deep concentration we call prayer. It will take effort. Prayer can be the hardest kind of work — but it is certainly the most important work we now can do.



MEMORY TEXT

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.
Jeremiah 17: 7.



The 1963 General Conference

(No. 9 on local arrangements)

It is planned to mail out descriptive material about the Conference and the Pre-Con retreats to all Seventh Day Baptists in early June. This will include a registration blank. All who expect to attend should mail this blank promptly to Elno Davis, 1645 Miller St., Denver 15, Colo.

As mentioned in item No. 6, camping trailers that will sleep five can be rented in Fort Collins for \$40 per week. Because of uncertainty about the available supply, requests for reservations should be made to Elno Davis early.

Colorado State University has assigned us a different dormitory from the one originally contemplated. This one is slightly nearer to the meeting rooms, with a larger and nicer lounge for informal evening get-togethers. The University will supply coffee and doughnuts for these gatherings at cost, if we can estimate during the day how many we will need.

We expect, as far as possible, to reserve the ground floor of the dormitory for the elderly and handicapped, who would find it difficult to climb the steps. Be sure to indicate any such requirements when sending in your advance registration blank.

On Sunday afternoon preceding Conference, the Local Arrangements Committee expects to provide transportation between the bus depot in Fort Collins and the dormitory. Details about how you can get to Fort Collins will be given later. — H. Herbert Howe.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 8, 1963

God's Care for His People

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 105: 7-11, 37-45.

Creator Spirit

Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches

"And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor . . ." (Luke 4: 17-18).

"Jesus said, When he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all the truth . . . He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you" (John 16: 13-14).

So the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ begins and ends with the Holy Spirit, the presence by which He continually lived. He begins with an announcement of great news: Today the Old Testament prophecy is fulfilled, and the curtain goes up on the Kingdom of God. He ends with a promise, the assurance of new triumphs of the Spirit: His disciples are not to grieve at His physical departure, for the coming of the Spirit will mean that the knowledge and love of God grows deeper among men year after year and age after age. At Pentecost we remember the first fulfillment of that promise — and we taste "the power of the age to come."

Here is a text for our churches today. Do we begin and end with the Holy Spirit? Christians everywhere are united on this point. To be a Christian is to have received the Spirit; to be the Church is, since the first Pentecost, to be full of the Holy Ghost. It can truly be said that the members of Christ have never ceased "to preach the gospel to the poor . . . to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives . . . to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." But it cannot be said complacently. What vast opportunities for Christian witness and service still lie before us, untapped not simply from lack of helpers or resources, but fundamentally because we will not "walk by the Spirit" or exercise the gift we have all of us received!

Do we likewise end with the Holy Spirit? That means an openness, a looking forward. There is much hopeful talk at present of Christian unity, and what was once the pursuit of the few has become

the search of all. But unity in the Holy Spirit will undoubtedly demand sacrifices, as we venture into new paths chosen, not by us but by Him. It is the temptation of our churches (and one to which we often succumb) to become nostalgic — for the first century A.D., or the 12th, or the 16th — or even for the first fifty years of the Ecumenical Movement! St. Paul warns us to leave the things that are behind, and to press on to the goal of our calling. He does so, perhaps, knowing that even Christians can lose their nerve. But not to press on is serious, since it is the very negation of faith in the Holy Spirit, who always goes before us, eager to show us afresh the things of Christ.

Today we often tremble for the very foundations of Christian doctrine and Christian behavior, we tremble for our churches and their place in many different communities. At least we do not need to tremble for the Spirit of God, who never fails or grows old. This Pentecost we call upon you, as we call upon ourselves, not to tremble but to trust in Him whom we have together received and through whom we offer worship: Love in action, fount of truth, the Lord and Giver of life.

Christianity Today

Dr. Frank E. Gaebel, noted educator and Christian scholar, has been appointed co-editor of the biweekly Protestant journal *Christianity Today*.

Dr. Gaebel has written 10 books, has been chairman of the Council for Religion in Independent Schools and past-president of the American Tract Society.

In announcing Gaebel's appointment to the newly created post, the *Christianity Today* Board of Directors also disclosed that Dr. Carl F. H. Henry will begin a nine-month sabbatical leave next October 15. Dr. Henry will devote his sabbatical leave to a world tour in which he will be interviewing Christian leaders and assessing the Christian posture on the world scene.

Christianity Today has a current circulation of over 200,000, more than any other periodical directed to the Protestant ministers.

**Missionary Tribute Banner
Added to Historical Collection**

Text of a tribute banner presented to Dr. Ella Swinney at her departure from Shanghai, China, and, on her death, given to the secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, the Rev. E. B. Saunders. After his death it was presented to the Women's Board by his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Saunders Coon. In August, 1962, Miss Mabel West gave it to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, Plainfield, N. J. (The banner is of white silk, edged in royal blue and fringed at the bottom; lettering in India ink.)

"In the winter of 1883 Dr. Swinney came from America to Shanghai. At her residence, Zia Kyan, beyond West Gate she received the sick and gave them medicine. Everywhere her fame was known and those who came to be healed of their diseases were very many. Then Mr. Davis zealously sought subscriptions and west of the residence built a dispensary called the Benevolent Dispensary.

"Those who came to the dispensary were as great in number as before. But this dispensary was too small and if the disease was serious, patients could not remain to be treated, therefore the school building in the rear was converted into a hospital.

"Dr. Swinney was not afraid of weariness but with all her heart treated the sick, and whenever she had leisure she went into the city, Kong Myan, Tse So Tsen Poo, and other places to see the sick, or when called to see the sick in their own homes, whether rain or wind, day or night, she did not refuse or if it were far or near when called she quickly went. Dr. Swinney also loved the people. Always when seeing the sick she was eager for the spread of our Lord's Gospel, not only seeking to heal bodily diseases but also desired to heal their spiritual diseases. Christians and heathen alike received her favor truly not a little.

"Because of all this Dr. Swinney became weak in body. Last winter a new physician, Dr. Palmberg, came to Shanghai to assist her in the hospital. We were

exceedingly happy and said, 'Dr. Swinney from this time can have help and save her strength' but Dr. Swinney was as diligent as ever. This spring she went to Hongken and Loo-Ka-Wan and opened dispensaries. Because of too great weariness she grew exceedingly ill. Now although somewhat better Dr. Boone wishes her to return to America and has asked Miss Burdick to accompany her. We who have received her ministrations and have been lately benefited not a little are unwilling that they should leave us and go but we cannot detain them. With one heart we pray the Heavenly Father to protect Dr. Swinney and Miss Burdick and give them peace on the way. We desire that Dr. Swinney may reach her home, her disease be healed and later return to Shanghai that we may as formerly receive benefit."

(Then follows the names of fifty-one church members and friends of the Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

**Items of Interest
From Jamaica Reports**

Your missionary (Leon Lawton), has continued to teach one class a week at the Jamaica Theological Seminary and has been asked to teach a course in New Testament Survey during the coming year. He has served on the Council of Reference for the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Committee and as a member of the Billy Graham Jamaica Crusade Committee as well as the Kingston Keswick Committee.

With the possibility of obtaining surplus food through the Inter-Church Aid Committee of the Jamaica Christian Council (as provided through Church World Service, USA) investigation was made and churches of the Kingston Circuit were helped to enter this program. Information and counsel was given to workers and leaders in other churches so that they too could enter into this service project. To the best of knowledge the following churches are active (or taking steps to enter) in this project: Kingston, Whitfield, Mountain View, Luna, Albion Mountain, Bowensville and Bath.

Your missionary has continued to help churches get papers in order that they might have registered titles for their property. Much more time needs to be spent on this, however, in order to facilitate the early conclusion desired.

I would also report that an adding machine, for use by Conference officers, has been purchased, being the gift from the Shiloh, N. J., and Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Pastor Lawton reports, "The treasurer of Conference has been bonded by the directors. Reports from Conference officers and workers show an ongoing work with increase in membership in the churches and Sabbath Schools and open doors for witness and work being entered."

A cast is ready to present the play on the "John James Story" upon invitation of local churches or groups of churches.

The Board of Christian Education has made plans and program for a Leadership Training Seminary to be held at Charles Street Church and Crandall High School August 13-22 under the theme: "Servants for Christ — Living, Learning, Leading!" This program is for local church officers, Sabbath School officers and teachers, Conference workers and young people. Pastor Lawton comments, "This program has been planned by a committee with Byron Lewis as chairman and done wholly by Jamaicans."

**Portions of An Open Letter
To the World Council of Churches**

By A. Voobus, Former Assoc. Prof.,
University of Tartu, Estonia, Prof.
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

The decision to admit the so-called Soviet clergymen (The Russian Orthodox Church) into the WCC comes to me as a shock. Everything that seems to me holy in the Christian faith prompts me to plead with you to reconsider the issue. . . .

This decision haunts me also as a human being. To create an illusion that there are churches in the Soviet Union that can exist and act as Christian churches and can be represented outside, thereby overlooking the sad realities that are

crying to heaven — realities which the Christians should expose — is callousness. But to accept as representatives men who really cannot speak for the sufferers at all but only for their oppressors and persecutors, men who continuously attack the governments of free countries and praise the sincere love of peace of the Soviets, is to ridicule those in agony. This is a grave insult. I know this is strongly felt by the people in Estonia; and on behalf of these people who cannot speak for themselves, I must say this. This cannot be different elsewhere.

UNDEFINABLE LOVE

By Isaac N. Cramer

True love is something quite hard to define,
For it is simple, and yet so divine:
Love is the spirit that really makes men,
Without them knowing just how, why or when;
For those who were vile, uncouth and profane,
Love has exalted and given a name
Among the great men down here on the earth,
When through the Spirit of love they had birth.

Love is the reason we all want to live
So we to others our talents may give;
For only a word, or a pleasant smile,
May help someone else make his life worth while;
And pleasure will come right back unto us
By doing our bit without a great fuss:
Love gives some reason, some object and goal,
For making of clay a real living soul.

So no matter how we may define love,
It's something that comes from heaven above
To teach us the way of life here below,
Just so our Maker some day we may know;
For that will be life, which we should not miss,
To live with our King in heavenly bliss,
And then we will know the full reason why
Our Savior came here for sinners to die.

Such infinite love, no man can define;
For it is the light that ever will shine
To brighten this earth till sin disappears,
Together with death and all of our fears;
Till men are no more the victims of fate,
Because of their greed, their envy and hate;
And men may forget their sins of the past,
But love is one thing that always will last.

The Church's Mission to Criminals

By K. Frank Crandall

Giving proper help to the individual who has had the misfortune of being on the wrong side of the law is a problem which has long confronted society. It is generally recognized that the average inmate of our institutions has had a poor environment characterized by broken homes, the wrong associates, inadequate education, and little, if any, religious training. Any one, or a combination of these features, is usually the reason or reasons for the actions behind the crimes that have produced the overcrowding of our institutions.

Illinois penal institutions do not require the inmate to attend the church services which are made available. Upon entering, inmates are interviewed and are urged to attend the services. From then on it is up to the individual as to whether or not he avails himself of this opportunity.

In the institution where the writer is employed there are about one thousand men incarcerated. Here about fifteen per cent attend church services. At the Catholic services there are about fifty for each service. The Protestant groups will average about one hundred. This is a better average than most institutions have. Some men appear to have received spiritual help while incarcerated. As to how deeply and permanently they are helped is a matter of speculation, but it is certainly worth pursuing.

The writer is certainly not capable of advising the proper method to use, but he is of the opinion that an eight-point program spearheaded by ministers might be one solution. The following eight steps could be taken and should prove particularly effective if the inmate is well known to the minister:

1. Send religious literature.
2. Write a newsy letter at frequent intervals.
3. Attempt to gain inmate's confidence and build up his morale.
4. Ascertain if he has a trade.
5. Check his background as to working ability and former associates.

6. Find him employment, in his field if possible.
7. Pick him up on the day of his release — this is most important!
8. See that he has a place to sleep and sufficient food until he has received his first pay.

The great humanitarian, Will Rogers once said, "You never know what you may buy when you give a hungry brother a dime."

Historical Society Action Affects Other Agencies

By Harley D. Bond

At the annual meeting of the Historical Society, held at Plainfield, N. J., on May 19, action was taken which will affect the distribution of funds to other agencies. Due to the fact that funds from the estate of the late Mrs. Ella Burdick have been made available earlier than was anticipated, the society will not require the full amount allowable under current distribution of the OWM budget. The society voted to accept only a token allocation, \$1.00 per month, for the five months remaining in the Conference year and to ask the treasurer of the OWM to allocate the balance of the funds which would accrue to the society on a pro rata basis, to other agencies participating in the OWM budget. Since our budget is currently running approximately 10% in arrears this will be of material assistance to the other agencies. (This action does not reduce the total amount of the Conference budget, and there remains the need to increase our giving during the remaining months of the Conference year.)

In co-operation with the Council on Ministerial Education plans are materializing for making space available to accommodate the theological library soon to be transferred from Alfred.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the present officers for another year, and the re-election of C. Harmon Dickinson as a member of the board of trustees for a term of five years. (See 1962 Yearbook, p. 297, for a complete list of these officers.)

Seventh Day Baptists Sing unto the Lord

Record of Sacred Songs
A Unique Collection by
Seventh Day Baptist Singers

Is it a high type of pleasure; is it denominational or family loyalty; is it a desire to serve other church people or to spread the Gospel by radio? It could be for these reasons and many more that every family would want to purchase (at a very low price) the forthcoming long-play album entitled "Seventh Day Baptists Sing unto the Lord." This record can be used for home devotions, gifts, radio programs, prizes, and church programs, for its quality is really good and all the artists are our own.

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Missionary Tribute Banner Added to Historical Collection

Text of a tribute banner presented to Dr. Ella Swinney at her departure from Shanghai, China, and, on her death, given to the secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, the Rev. E. B. Saunders. After his death it was presented to the Women's Board by his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Saunders Coon. In August, 1962, Miss Mabel West gave it to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, Plainfield, N. J. (The banner is of white silk, edged in royal blue and fringed at the bottom; lettering in India ink.)

"In the winter of 1883 Dr. Swinney came from America to Shanghai. At her residence, Zia Kyan, beyond West Gate she received the sick and gave them medicine. Everywhere her fame was known and those who came to be healed of their diseases were very many. Then Mr. Davis zealously sought subscriptions and west of the residence built a dispensary called the Benevolent Dispensary.

"Those who came to the dispensary were as great in number as before. But this dispensary was too small and if the disease was serious, patients could not remain to be treated, therefore the school building in the rear was converted into a hospital.

"Dr. Swinney was not afraid of weariness but with all her heart treated the sick, and whenever she had leisure she went into the city, Kong Myan, Tse So Tsen Poo, and other places to see the sick, or when called to see the sick in their own homes, whether rain or wind, day or night, she did not refuse or if it were far or near when called she quickly went. Dr. Swinney also loved the people. Always when seeing the sick she was eager for the spread of our Lord's Gospel, not only seeking to heal bodily diseases but also desired to heal their spiritual diseases. Christians and heathen alike received her favor truly not a little.

"Because of all this Dr. Swinney became weak in body. Last winter a new physician, Dr. Palmborg, came to Shanghai to assist her in the hospital. We were

exceedingly happy and said, 'Dr. Swinney from this time can have help and save her strength' but Dr. Swinney was as diligent as ever. This spring she went to Hongken and Loo-Ka-Wan and opened dispensaries. Because of too great weariness she grew exceedingly ill. Now although somewhat better Dr. Boone wishes her to return to America and has asked Miss Burdick to accompany her. We who have received her ministrations and have been lately benefited not a little are unwilling that they should leave us and go but we cannot detain them. With one heart we pray the Heavenly Father to protect Dr. Swinney and Miss Burdick and give them peace on the way. We desire that Dr. Swinney may reach her home, her disease be healed and later return to Shanghai that we may as formerly receive benefit."

(Then follows the names of fifty-one church members and friends of the Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

Items of Interest From Jamaica Reports

Your missionary (Leon Lawton), has continued to teach one class a week at the Jamaica Theological Seminary and has been asked to teach a course in New Testament Survey during the coming year. He has served on the Council of Reference for the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Committee and as a member of the Billy Graham Jamaica Crusade Committee as well as the Kingston Keswick Committee.

With the possibility of obtaining surplus food through the Inter-Church Aid Committee of the Jamaica Christian Council (as provided through Church World Service, USA) investigation was made and churches of the Kingston Circuit were helped to enter this program. Information and counsel was given to workers and leaders in other churches so that they too could enter into this service project. To the best of knowledge the following churches are active (or taking steps to enter) in this project: Kingston, Whitfield, Mountain View, Luna, Albion Mountain, Bowensville and Bath.

Your missionary has continued to help churches get papers in order that they might have registered titles for their property. Much more time needs to be spent on this, however, in order to facilitate the early conclusion desired.

I would also report that an adding machine, for use by Conference officers, has been purchased, being the gift from the Shiloh, N. J., and Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Pastor Lawton reports, "The treasurer of Conference has been bonded by the directors. Reports from Conference officers and workers show an ongoing work with increase in membership in the churches and Sabbath Schools and open doors for witness and work being entered."

A cast is ready to present the play on the "John James Story" upon invitation of local churches or groups of churches.

The Board of Christian Education has made plans and program for a Leadership Training Seminary to be held at Charles Street Church and Crandall High School August 13-22 under the theme: "Servants for Christ — Living, Learning, Leading!" This program is for local church officers, Sabbath School officers and teachers, Conference workers and young people. Pastor Lawton comments, "This program has been planned by a committee with Byron Lewis as chairman and done wholly by Jamaicans."

Portions of An Open Letter To the World Council of Churches

By A. Voobus, Former Assoc. Prof.,
University of Tartu, Estonia, Prof.
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

The decision to admit the so-called Soviet clergymen (The Russian Orthodox Church) into the WCC comes to me as a shock. Everything that seems to me holy in the Christian faith prompts me to plead with you to reconsider the issue. . . .

This decision haunts me also as a human being. To create an illusion that there are churches in the Soviet Union that can exist and act as Christian churches and can be represented outside, thereby overlooking the sad realities that are

crying to heaven — realities which the Christians should expose — is callousness. But to accept as representatives men who really cannot speak for the sufferers at all but only for their oppressors and persecutors, men who continuously attack the governments of free countries and praise the sincere love of peace of the Soviets, is to ridicule those in agony. This is a grave insult. I know this is strongly felt by the people in Estonia; and on behalf of these people who cannot speak for themselves, I must say this. This cannot be different elsewhere.

UNDEFINABLE LOVE

By Isaac N. Cramer

True love is something quite hard to define,
For it is simple, and yet so divine:
Love is the spirit that really makes men,
Without them knowing just how, why or when;
For those who were vile, uncouth and profane,
Love has exalted and given a name
Among the great men down here on the earth,
When through the Spirit of love they had birth.

Love is the reason we all want to live
So we to others our talents may give;
For only a word, or a pleasant smile,
May help someone else make his life worth while;
And pleasure will come right back unto us
By doing our bit without a great fuss:
Love gives some reason, some object and goal,
For making of clay a real living soul.

So no matter how we may define love,
It's something that comes from heaven above
To teach us the way of life here below,
Just so our Maker some day we may know;
For that will be life, which we should not miss,
To live with our King in heavenly bliss,
And then we will know the full reason why
Our Savior came here for sinners to die.

Such infinite love, no man can define;
For it is the light that ever will shine
To brighten this earth till sin disappears,
Together with death and all of our fears;
Till men are no more the victims of fate,
Because of their greed, their envy and hate;
And men may forget their sins of the past,
But love is one thing that always will last.

The Church's Mission to Criminals

By K. Frank Crandall

Giving proper help to the individual who has had the misfortune of being on the wrong side of the law is a problem which has long confronted society. It is generally recognized that the average inmate of our institutions has had a poor environment characterized by broken homes, the wrong associates, inadequate education, and little, if any, religious training. Any one, or a combination of these features, is usually the reason or reasons for the actions behind the crimes that have produced the overcrowding of our institutions.

Illinois penal institutions do not require the inmate to attend the church services which are made available. Upon entering, inmates are interviewed and are urged to attend the services. From then on it is up to the individual as to whether or not he avails himself of this opportunity.

In the institution where the writer is employed there are about one thousand men incarcerated. Here about fifteen per cent attend church services. At the Catholic services there are about fifty for each service. The Protestant groups will average about one hundred. This is a better average than most institutions have. Some men appear to have received spiritual help while incarcerated. As to how deeply and permanently they are helped is a matter of speculation, but it is certainly worth pursuing.

The writer is certainly not capable of advising the proper method to use, but he is of the opinion that an eight-point program spearheaded by ministers might be one solution. The following eight steps could be taken and should prove particularly effective if the inmate is well known to the minister:

1. Send religious literature.
2. Write a newsy letter at frequent intervals.
3. Attempt to gain inmate's confidence and build up his morale.
4. Ascertain if he has a trade.
5. Check his background as to working ability and former associates.

6. Find him employment, in his field if possible.
7. Pick him up on the day of his release — this is most important!
8. See that he has a place to sleep and sufficient food until he has received his first pay.

The great humanitarian, Will Rogers once said, "You never know what you may buy when you give a hungry brother a dime."

Historical Society Action Affects Other Agencies

By Harley D. Bond

At the annual meeting of the Historical Society, held at Plainfield, N. J., on May 19, action was taken which will affect the distribution of funds to other agencies. Due to the fact that funds from the estate of the late Mrs. Ella Burdick have been made available earlier than was anticipated, the society will not require the full amount allowable under current distribution of the OWM budget. The society voted to accept only a token allocation, \$1.00 per month, for the five months remaining in the Conference year and to ask the treasurer of the OWM to allocate the balance of the funds which would accrue to the society on a pro rata basis, to other agencies participating in the OWM budget. Since our budget is currently running approximately 10% in arrears this will be of material assistance to the other agencies. (This action does not reduce the total amount of the Conference budget, and there remains the need to increase our giving during the remaining months of the Conference year.)

In co-operation with the Council on Ministerial Education plans are materializing for making space available to accommodate the theological library soon to be transferred from Alfred.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the present officers for another year, and the re-election of C. Harmon Dickinson as a member of the board of trustees for a term of five years. (See 1962 Yearbook, p. 297, for a complete list of these officers.)

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Book Reviews

By Loyal F. Hurley

The Spirit Bade Me Go by David J. DuPlessis (3742 Linwood Ave., Oakland 2, Calif).

This is the most stirring and challenging record of the growth of the Pentecostal Movement in the world that this reviewer has found. It costs \$1.00.

Some fifty years ago the modern pentecostal movement began in America following the Welsh Revival under Evan Roberts. It was a noisy and fantastic movement at first, ridiculed and ostracized by the historic churches. Nevertheless it has gained 10 million adherents in fifty years, becoming more restrained on the part of many of its members. It has been so successful that the former president of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, has labeled it "The Third Force" (Protestantism, Catholicism, and the third force). Not only so, but hundreds of Lutherans, Baptists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, and members of other denominations have been filled with the Spirit and share the pentecostal experience.

The author has had a remarkable experience in sharing his faith with leaders of the great historical denominations, with many theological seminaries, and with the leaders of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. You will be thrilled with this account.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit by J. E. Stiles (P. O. Box 3147, Burbank, Calif., \$1.50).

Here is one of the most helpful books on this subject one could find if he desires the truth of the matter without a scholarly study of the Greek background. It is well worth the price.

After a few chapters of general teaching Mr. Stiles studies "Evidences Expected," "Fears that Hinder," "Reasons why the Gift is not Dependent on Personal Holiness," "The Tragedies that Result from such a Demand for Personal Holiness." He has chapters on "Receiving the Spirit" besides one on "Questions and Answers," plus many testimonials. This book should help any sincere Christian to receive the Holy Spirit by faith.

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- Reserve for me (no.) sacred albums
- Enclosed find \$..... for (no.) albums
- Pick up point (see above)
- Mail to (address)
- My address (if different)
- Signature

(Cut out this order blank and mail at once to the Plainfield address given above.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Youth Work Committee

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Work Committee of the SDB Board of Christian Education was held at the Alfred University School of Theology on May 1. Eleven members were present.

Chairman Herbert Saunders read a letter from Linda Bingham, Youth Field Worker, giving suggestions she has for improving unity among members of the national SDBYF. The first of these is a resource notebook to be kept by each local youth fellowship. In the notebook can be kept ideas for projects, worship programs, and social activities which would be compiled by Miss Bingham and sent to the local fellowships. Ideas would be gleaned from many sources but chiefly from the programs of our own societies. The committee voted to encourage Miss Bingham to go ahead with the project. Along with the above project a point system whereby each local group would earn points by participating in church activities and camps and by contributing to the resource notebook was discussed as presented by the youth field worker. She was asked to go ahead and develop this.

Miss Bingham's work becomes more valuable as she labors with our youth, and we urge that all groups continue their financial support. Has your group sent in a sufficient amount to keep the "Chevy" rolling?

A special meeting of the Youth Work Committee will be called soon to analyze and evaluate the reports of the youth field worker. The ones who receive them are thrilled with the work that is being done, and we are anxious that the whole committee be able to testify to the worth whileness of this, the newest of our projects.

A tentative itinerary for the youth field worker was set up for 1963-64.

Reports from the directors of the Pre-Con Retreats were reviewed and accepted as reported elsewhere in this column.

The total membership for the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship is 300 compared to 157 last year at this time.

New membership cards have just been received and the Misses Nina Skaggs and Roberta Clarke volunteered to type and mail them to the members.

The Salem SDBYF has been chosen to act as a Nominating Committee for National officers. A letter will be sent to that group asking for a report soon.

The possibility of selling ball-point pens by SDBYF groups was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

The Camper Exchange Program was set up for 1963, and Sec. Zwiebel was asked to send out the information to interested parties. The following schedule contains some corrections over the letter sent:

Sam Cruzan, White Cloud, Michigan, of Camp Holston to Lewis Camp, July 21-28. (This is a privately arranged exchange.)

Carol Sue Polan, Blandville, W. Va., of Camp Joy to Milton's Camp Wakonda, June 16-23.

Charlotte Sutton of Camp MILES to ? ? ? (To be arranged.)

Jean Schaible of Jersey Oaks to Camp MILES, June 24-30.

Camper from Camp Wakonda to Camp Harley of Western Assn., July 14-21.

Gary Williams of Central New York Assn. to ? ? ? (Original might be changed.)

David Sanford of Camp Harley to Camp Harmony of the Central Assn., June 30 - July 7.

Some suggestions have come in from camp directors since the schedule was sent out, hence, the question marks. The schedule will be completed by the directors and exchange campers.

Youth Pre-Con. Retreat

Here is the latest news on staff and program for the annual Youth Pre-Con Retreat which will be held this year at Youth United Camp near Glen Haven, Colo., August 7-11. Director J. Paul Green reports that he has secured the services of Lois Wells as music director. The worship leader will be Helen Green. Esther Stanton will be business manager and will also serve as nurse and girls' counselor. The exact contribution to be made by the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs has

not been agreed upon as we write this, contrary to our last report. Mr. Skaggs will be on the staff, however.

Remember, the fee is \$18.00 which includes insurance, and all youth from those finishing the ninth grade of public school through age 20 are urged to make plans now to attend. Those 18 through 20 years of age may choose between attending Youth Pre-Con and the Young Adult Pre-Con.

Young Adult Pre-Con

The Young Adult Pre-Con staff is now complete with the addition of the Rev. Francis Saunders, pastor of our Los Angeles church, as the recreation and campfire leader. A native of Boulder, Colo., and oftentimes camper at Rocky Mountain Camp, Mr. Saunders knows the country and is well qualified to officiate during the physical part of the program.

The Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education feels that we should have no less than 15 retreaters at Young Adult Pre-Con to make it worth while. Pre-registration blanks will be sent to all churches, and whether or not we get enough registered will determine if the retreat will be carried through. We look for several of the younger retreaters from last year's Conference who asked that the upper age limit be lowered. It helps us with the development of our plans if those who now plan to attend will send a note to that effect to the Young Adult Pre-Con Director, Rex E. Zwiebel, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y. Campers for both Pre-Cons will need to bring adequate bedding and sweaters for cool nights.

Says Scholars Don't Scoff

Dr. Francis Steele, one of the world's top authorities on Babylonian cuneiform writing, and discoverer of the Lipit-Ischtart law code which dates back to 1860 B.C., gave a noonday lecture at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Steele said that 50 years ago it was popular for scholars to scoff at the Bible; but now the world is better informed, it is an indication of ignorance to do so.

Our First Radio Program

The story as told by Pastor Fred Kirtland of how the Hammond and Metairie churches co-operated in tape-recording their first radio program to be aired in the New Orleans area.

The day had been well spent. The radio program was sure to be a success for the Lord's work. It had been a strenuous day for everyone. The folks from Hammond had come to Metairie (some 60 miles) to help with the congregational singing. There were Patsy and Bobby, Juanita, and dear old Mrs. Crandall, well past eighty years, joining right in with a joyful noise unto the Lord. Butch Hibbard had given up a day of studies; and to a college student a day is a lot of time.

As my eyes circled the sanctuary of the Metairie church I saw my wife seated in the rear with our four small children (and expecting another). But there is no complaint, only the desire to serve Jesus. As I studied each face I could see deep beyond the eyes a faith and determination difficult to find in the twentieth century. I could see a willingness to serve God.

There was Ralph Hays, pastor of the Metairie flock, a little nervous as he walked around. Ralph had been working for over a year making preparations for this day. Here was a man with a message and a humble desire for that message to get to the many people in Louisiana and possibly some outlying towns in Mississippi. To Ralph Hays this was to be more than just a radio program. It was a dream come to reality. Jack Hays stood off to one side. Jack had done all he could toward this day. A few months previous, he had gone to an electric blanket factory, bought old blankets, had them repaired, then sold them for a dollar apiece to help raise money for the program.

At the organ was Judy, who kept saying the organ was terribly out of tune, but willing to do her part.

Austa Coalwell hit the first note of the theme song, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," on the piano. Gerald, her husband, flipped the switch of his tape recorder. Ralph turned on his recorder. THIS WAS IT. The congregation began

to sing. As I stood there waiting to come in with the first announcement, I looked over toward the window. "Mama" Coalwell had on her usual sweet smile. Somehow that smile of being content in the Lord showed more peace this day than usual. In every voice could be heard the silent prayer, "Lord, I'm doing my best." And they were.

As I looked in all these faces, I thought to myself, these are the ones that dare to be different. These are the ones that just a little over a year ago I had been ridiculing. Now I saw things differently. Here today I saw faith. Here today was courage. Though small in number they were giants in the eyes of God.

After the recording, everyone went into the fellowship hall for dinner. What a dinner we had! The spirit of the broadcast recording remained with us. In the midst of this type of Christian fellowship one could feel the presence of God so strongly that it seemed as though you could literally reach out and touch Jesus Himself.

"These," I said to myself, "are the ones that dare to be different."

Dare I to be different? Yes, I, too, dare to be different, for the glory of God.

CREATION AND THE SABBATH

By H. Herbert Howe

In the Sabbath Recorder for March 18, Leroy Bass ("The Implied Philosophy of the Biblical Sabbath") bases the seventh-day Sabbath upon the belief that the world was created in six literal 24-hour days. That point of view ought not to go unchallenged. Centuries or millennia ago, such a belief was quite tenable, but modern knowledge has altered the situation. It seems to me that such arguments tend to weaken the Seventh Day Baptist church, especially if young people come to think that it is a commonly held belief.

Arguments for Sabbath observance unrelated to a literal 6-day creation may be found, among other places, in the *Helping Hand*, Volume LXXVIII, No. 1, pp. 23-24; the *Sabbath Recorder*, July 23, 1962, page 11 (Ernest Bee); and the *Sabbath Recorder*, Aug. 27, 1962, page 11 (Wayne Maxson).

Youth News

Barbara Cruzan Wins Awards at Alfred University

Miss Barbara Jean Cruzan, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Cruzan of Westerly, R. I., received triple honors at the Second Annual Honors Convocation held by Alfred University to recognize outstanding scholastic achievement. She is a senior in the School of Nursing, which combines liberal arts and professional nursing studies in a four-year program.

Miss Cruzan received the Tau Delta Phi Scholarship Medal awarded annually by the social fraternity to the student who has earned the highest cumulative scholarship index during three and one-half years of study.

She also received the Alpha Lambda Delta certificate of recognition awarded students who have maintained an average of B-plus or better for seven semesters, and was the recipient of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council Book Award given to the member with the highest grade average for seven semesters.

Miss Cruzan is a member of Alpha Kappa Omicron sorority, the Student Nurses' Organization, and the University Chorus.

President M. Ellis Drake presided at the special convocation and awarded student honors.

Christian Endeavor Winners

Winners of the Albert H. Diebold Awards in Christian Endeavor's 1963 Citizenship Awards Program were announced April 25 by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Winners were selected in three categories — patriotism, social reform, and community service. Top position in the patriotism category goes to the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia.

The \$100 second-place award in the social reform division goes to the Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of Second Reformed Church, Rochester, N. Y.

In the community service category the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of Wurdack Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, receives \$100 for taking second-place honors.

Nine societies, three in each category, were runners-up in the finals. They will each receive an award of \$25.

Winners were selected on the basis of a completed citizenship activity, in the period from September 1, 1962, through February 4, 1963. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, the goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implements the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and Christian witness to the community. Areas of concern suggested in this folder are: home relationships, civic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, race relationships, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature, and observance of the Lord's Day. (The news release does not mention any winners in the last category.)

The winning societies will be honored July 4 in Washington at the evening session of the International Christian Endeavor Convention. Speaker will be the Honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas.

Evangelistic Crusade Advances In Japan and Other Countries

Response to April revivals of the Asia New Life Movement in Japan, where the idea originated, and in other countries of Asia is described as "tremendous," "overwhelming," and "unbelievable." The crusade was continued into May.

It is, undoubtedly, one of the most ambitious undertakings in recent church history. More than a hundred pastors, educational men, and musicians came from the USA, notably Texas, to help in the crusade. Others came from Nigeria, Liberia, and India. But the project's general oversight was in the hands of a Japanese Baptist minister, Shuichi Matsu-mura, chairman of the evangelism department of the Japan Baptist Convention.

Preliminary reports showed a total of 10,888 decisions for Christ during the crusade's first three weeks in Japan. Two

thousand miles to the south, Philippine Baptists reported "almost 6,000 decisions." And on Okinawa, 1,108 decisions were counted.

The term "decisions" was used for any manifestation of response to the Gospel message. It includes professions of faith, rededications, and pledges to become "seekers." — BWA News Service.

Freedoms Foundation Cites Sermon

"We need now, more than ever, to understand that the Communists intend to take our country in action, not ashes; therefore, it is their idea to take it from within. Militant communism has gone farther in forty years than Christianity in two thousand years! . . . We must choose to live under God or condemn ourselves to live under tyranny." — Rev. Wilburn Matthews, Greenwood, Miss.

NEWS OF MINISTERS

Clifford A. Beebe, formerly of Palatka, Fla., has been the acting pastor of the Edinburg, Texas, church this past winter, where he continues until the middle of June. He states that he probably will return to the Edinburg church next fall.

Melvin G. Nida, chairman of Commission and member of the faculty of the School of Theology at Alfred, has accepted a position on the faculty of Salem College and will begin teaching there in the fall.

Theodore J. Hibbard, listed in the 1962 Yearbook as being employed as a social worker and residing at Danville, Calif., is now recognized as co-pastor with Oscar C. Burdick of the new Bay Area church.

The newspapers that come to the Recorder office occasionally carry items about Seventh Day Baptist ministers. A recent issue of the Dodge Center (Minn.) Record displays a picture of Pastor Donald E. Richards with a story about his being elected president of the Dodge County Association for Mental Health. Two of the other officers are also Seventh Day Baptists. The association promotes fund raising for research and renders service in hospitals.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RICHBURG, N. Y. — Our severe winter did not interfere with our church activities, each organization meeting monthly.

The Ladies Aid meets the third Tuesday for a tureen dinner and business meeting, with the men invited. Our finances go for Women's Board, missionary work, and our own church expenses.

The Young Adult Class meets once a month at one of the homes for a spiritual and recreational meeting. Lunch is served.

A church fellowship dinner is now scheduled for the last Sabbath of each month. At the afternoon meeting in January, Dean A. N. Rogers gave a "Historical Review of our Denomination"; in February Dr. Melvin G. Nida discussed the "Theological Education for Seventh Day Baptist Ministers"; in March Secretary Rex Zwiebel spoke on "Christian Education."

Our church entertained the Laymen's and Laywomen's Fellowship of the Association February 10. Mark Sanford of Little Genesee showed pictures taken on his travels west and south. Our projects for the year are to raise funds for Camp Harley.

David Taylor, being called into military service, was given a farewell party at the church March 24.

Our pastor attended the ministers conference at Adams Center, N. Y. He is very active on several committees of the Western Association. Every Sabbath his messages are very inspiring and helpful. He presented the morning devotional program, "The Open Door," over WLSV, Wellsville, N. Y., on March 22.

Several of our members attended the ordination services at Alfred Station for two deacons and two deaconesses. Also several attended a meeting at Little Genesee when George Parrish, president of General Conference, was the speaker.

— Correspondent.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — Our church was host to the semiannual meeting April 26-28 at which the attendance was good. Lorna Greene, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Wallace Greene is the new leader of the Junior Choir, taking the place of

Mrs. Claire Greene who has resigned. All three choirs assisted in the semiannual meetings.

While our pastor was in Adams Center, N. Y. in April attending the ministerial conference, the service on Sabbath day was cared for by lay members. The message of the morning was brought by Mary Thorngate, with D. C. Lippincott as worship leader.

Miss Linda Bingham will spend several days in this community to help guide youth and parents in a better understanding of our relationships and work to be done. She will make her home in the Mary Thorngate house and members will donate food.

The Junior C. E. is making a special study of the Sabbath. The young folks have used pictures of churches in the denomination. The group held a party recently.

Bible study and prayer meeting are being held in the homes of members. The Book of Romans is being studied.

The date for Bible school has been fixed as June 9-13. The committee has been busy making plans for this school.

New rostrum railings have recently been placed, the basement has been painted and new curtains put at the windows. This was done by the Ladies Aid, the Christian Fellowship and other members of the church. On the afternoon of May 5, children helped to clean the churchyard.

There has been some sickness in the congregation and the weather has not been too good, but the church and auxiliary societies' attendance has been good.

Lt. Col. Wm. R. Austin will have finished his service in south Viet Nam the last of May and will return home. He has been in that field for the past two years. Members of his family are valuable help in the church here. His new field will be Rapid City.

Lorna Greene graduates from the Dodge Center High School the last of May. — Correspondent.

It is difficult to talk about eternal life when people do not know what to do with their weekends.

Accessions

Milton, Wis.

By Baptism:
Susan Babcock
Catherine Branch
Kenneth Johnson
Susan Fitz Randolph
Samuel Skaggs

Marriages

Dutcher-Severance.—Miss Katherine Severance, daughter of Deacon Cecil Severance, and Bernard Dutcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dutcher of Greeley, were married Sunday afternoon, May 5, 1963, by the bride's pastor, Rev. David Clarke, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Loup.

Births

Frost.—A daughter, Cynthia Irene, to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Frost of Monterey, Calif., on April 15, 1963.

Hulett.—Tamara Lee, daughter of Douglas and Mavis Hulett of Delavan, Wis., was born April 19, 1963.

Scull.—A son, Barry Scott, to Howard and Elsa (Nimitzek) Scull of Shiloh, N. J., on March 3, 1963.

Obituaries

Hunting.—Henry Coon, son of John P. and Lucetta Coon Hunting, was born on October 30, 1876, in Nortonville, Kan., and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Burdick near Andover, N. Y., April 17, 1963.

He came to Alfred, N. Y., from near Cairo, Ill., when eleven years of age.

He was baptized on May 4, 1888, and united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, of which he has been a lifelong and faithful member, being the eldest in membership.

On September 25, 1900, Mr. Hunting was married to Miss Bessie G. Stukeley at Alfred. To this union was born one daughter, Beatrice Ena, in 1906, who died in 1921. Mrs. Hunting died on August 25, 1947.

On September 1, he went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Burdick and family, niece and nephew by marriage.

Following Mr. Hunting's retirement from regular employment, he was the conscientious caretaker of the church building and grounds and the Parish House grounds for a number of years.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Axel Olson, Stannards, N. Y., and eight nephews

and four nieces in different parts of the country.

Funeral services were held at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, April 20, 1963, with his pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H. S. W.

Randolph.—Stephen Fitz, son of Elmo and Madeline Watts Fitz Randolph, was born Feb. 17, 1954, in Edgerton, Wis., and died April 15, 1963, in Wisconsin Southern Colony, Union Grove, Wis. Stephen had been a patient in Southern Colony for the entire nine years of his life.

Funeral services were conducted April 18 by the Rev. Don Hobbs with interment in the Milton Cemetery. — E. F. R.

Stillman.—Phalla Catherine Allen, daughter of George Franklin and Olive Burdick Allen, was born at Alfred Center, N. Y., Feb. 5, 1878, and died at the Brown Nursing Home, Hornell, N. Y., April 25, 1963, where she had been a patient for almost two years.

She was baptized May 30, 1890, and united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, of which she has been a lifelong and faithful member. She was active in the Ladies' Aid Society and served as its president for two years.

For a number of years Miss Allen set type by hand for the *Sabbath Recorder* when it was published at Alfred, N. Y. When the printing of the journal was transferred to Plainfield, N. J., she began working for the *Alfred Sun*, where she became the paper's first linotype operator.

On Feb. 3, 1926, she was married to Frank E. Stillman of Alfred, who died in 1930.

Mrs. Stillman is survived by six nephews and six nieces in various parts of the country.

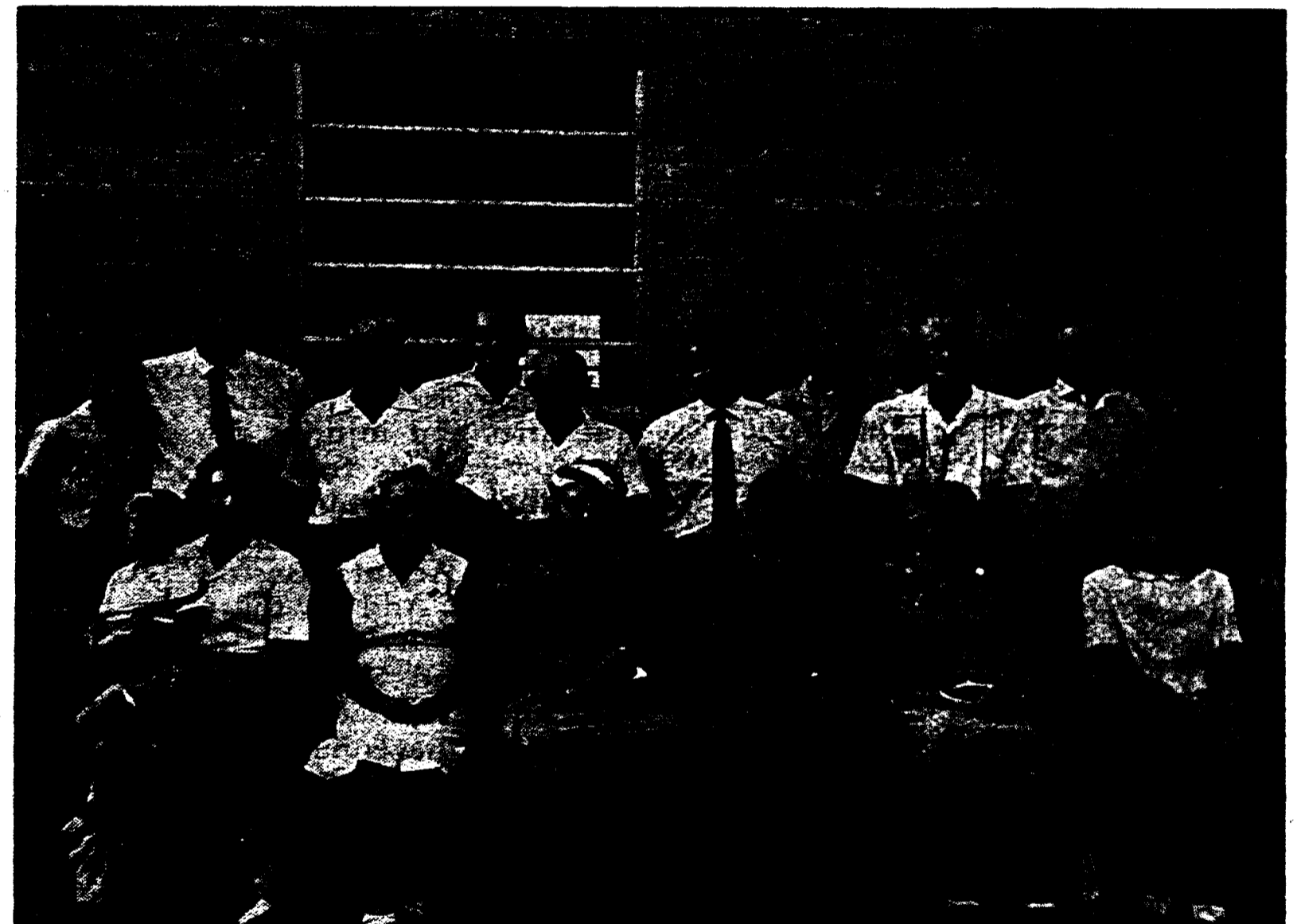
Funeral services were held at the Crandall and Crandall Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, April 27, 1963, with her pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

— H. S. W.

Sutton.—William Earl, son of Deacon Corliss and Orma Jett Sutton, was born at Berea, W. Va., Feb. 26, 1912, and died in a Cumberland, Maryland hospital March 27, 1963.

Mr. Sutton, a World War 2 veteran, resided at Keyser, W. Va., and held membership in the Mount Zion E. U. B. Church. He is survived by his parents; his wife Kathryn (Steedman); 2 sons, David and William of Keyser; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Brown of Berea, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. Virgie Wyer of Keyser and Mrs. Lenora Brissey of Berea, W. Va.; two brothers, C. B. of Parkersburg, W. Va., and F. Orlan of Trenton, Ga. Funeral services were conducted from the Mount Zion Church with the Revs. Norman Slayman and D. D. Shuman officiating. Interment was at Mount Zion Cemetery. — L. A. W. from the *Ritchie Gazette*.

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**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GROUP
Organized at Tampa, Fla.**

The Tampa area people (permanent and winter residents) who voted to hold regular meetings through the summer are pictured here with the pastor of the Daytona Beach church at their first meeting, May 18, (See story and picture inside.)

Seated, left to right: Alan Porter, Hannah Scull Porter, Mrs. Archie Wing, Mrs. Ellen Peck, Mrs. Evelyn Marsden, Mrs. Leila Livingston, Laurel Marsden. Standing: Charles Porter, Thomas C. Porter, Archie Wing, Warren N. Eckert, Robert E. Peck, Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, Charles A. Eckert, William Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Davis.