

After lunch a workshop was held on the topic "Mission to the World." Our work in Nyasaland, British Guiana, and Jamaica was summarized by Miss Lucy Whitford, Mrs. L. H. North, and Mrs. C. H. Dickinson. Then the Rev. Leon Maltby took us on a trip to Korea and back, marking our air route with red ribbon on a world map. We visited ten countries which have open doors for Seventh Day Baptists — Germany, Israel, India, Burma, Korea, Philippines, South Africa, Nigeria, Brazil, and Mexico.

On February 8, in celebration of Youth Week, the Youth Fellowship presented a dialogue sermon, "What's Right with My Church?" Mervin Dickinson took the part of a dissenter and gave his objections to attending church, giving money, supporting missions, taking an active part in church work, being a Christian seven days a week, and so forth. The other members effectively answered his objections, one by one. The Youth Fellowship and the Junior C. E. meet on alternate Sabbath afternoons.

Our church participated in the community Brotherhood and World Day of Prayer services February 9 and 14.

We were all sorry to have Mr. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Jr. and daughter Jennifer, leave us January 27, but we were glad they were going to the Salem church. At the January 5 business meeting the following resolution was adopted: "The church notes with regret that the Everett T. Harris, Jr., family will be leaving Plainfield in the near future to take up a new career elsewhere. We would express our grateful appreciation for the creative and capable part Barbara and Everett have played in our church life during the past five short years and wish them Godspeed in their new work." — Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—The monthly church-aid dinner meeting for February was held on the 12th and was, in reality, a surprise Golden Anniversary Luncheon in honor of Orville and Alice Hyde, who are wintering here and are from Verona, N. Y. They were married in Verona, February 18, 1914. The luncheon was served in the social hall to about 45 guests. The couple was presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Win and Eva Randolph, and a large wedding cake was cut and served.

WATERFORD, CONN.—We of the Waterford church give thanks for God's leading during the past, and look forward to continued challenge in His call to "Feed my sheep."

Some events that deserve mention include a wedding in July, when Miss Emma Burdick and Paul Johnson exchanged vows. We have been greatly cheered by the faithfulness of this young couple to the church.

On the other hand, loss has been sustained as three loyal members have been called to join the Heavenly Church and be a part of its glorious ministry.

The pastor's resignation from the active ministry of the church was accepted in January, while for the time being, local ministers will be called upon for pulpit supplies.

In announcing his retirement, the pastor made this statement: "The eight years of service with the church have been happy ones, and full of plans and activities in which laymen of the church have participated most loyally. May God bless each one as we strive to work out plans that shall be acceptable to Him and will be a blessing to the church."

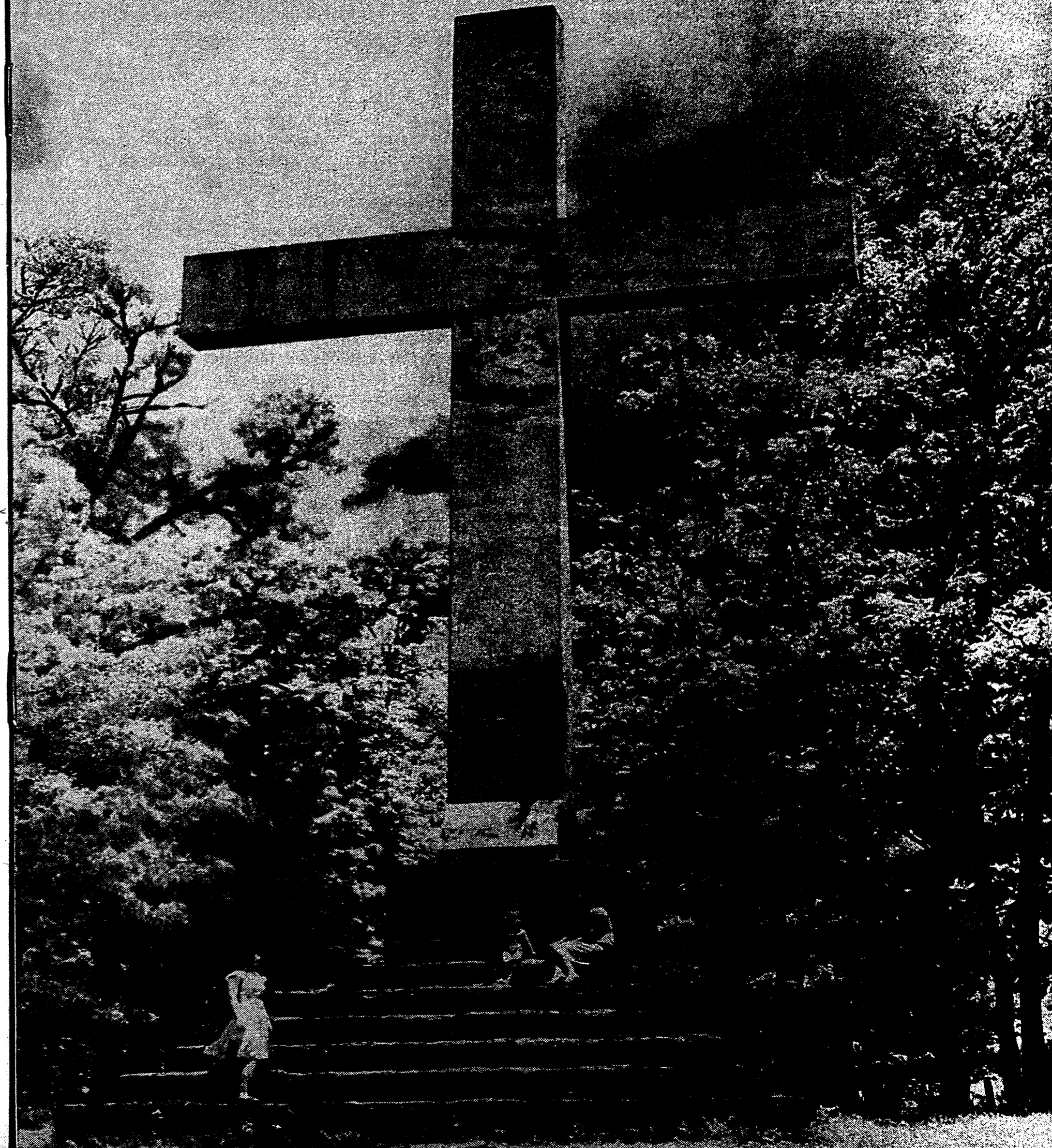
In co-operating with the fourth year of Baptist Jubilee Advance, we have had evangelistic meetings in the spring, as well as speakers on Friday night representing Alcoholics Anonymous, Family Service, and race relations.

We were host to the Yearly Meeting of the New England Churches in October. The matter of dinner entertainment was happily solved by the use of the dining room at the nearby grade school at a very nominal fee. We had as speaker our president of Conference, Rev. C. Rex. Burdick.

Studies in Romans and First and Second Corinthians have occupied us in our Friday night prayer meetings. The monthly hymn sings were given up in the summer because of the small attendance, but the Friendly Visitors have continued their monthly meetings with a study of the booklet *How to Win Souls* by Gene Edwards.

We are looking forward to having as our guest next summer the Rev. James McGeachy of the Mill Yard church in London, on his way to the Pre-Conference Consultation and Conference at Salem, West Virginia. — Correspondent.

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Evidence of Increasing Loyalty

The back page of this issue indicates two things, the promptness of church treasurers and the OWM treasurer, Gordon Sanford of Little Genesee, N. Y., and the increasing financial loyalty of the people in our churches. There is not time as this paper goes to press to attempt any analysis of what may have caused the up-swing of recorded giving to our denominational work in February. The figures must speak for themselves. Each one of us knows in his heart whether or not he had a proportionate share in contributing to the unusually high receipts during this normally low month.

To refresh our memory, December was a good month with a budget total of \$10,588 reported. January was not unduly far behind. There was cause for optimism when the figure was \$9,800 as compared with \$6,081 in January of 1963. But when February shows \$9,469 this year as against \$5,456 last year it seems to be evidence that people either have a new grasp of their responsibility for kingdom work or a greater ability to support it, or perhaps both. Those who have been advocating raising the budget in full in ten months instead of twelve can see some prospect of accomplishing it. Already we are beyond five twelfths of the budget, which is almost an unheard-of thing in February. We need the last two bonus months of giving to restore some of the work that was dropped when Conference cut the budget back last August due to low giving up to that time. The goal before us of over \$11,000 per month through July will not be easy to reach, but with a will to do it, it can be done.

A comparison with February of a year ago and the first five months of the two years shows that forty-six churches have given more than at this time a year ago. Some have done remarkably better. Of course the totals add up faster when larger churches like one near the head of the list give \$1,000 more than last year, but the smaller churches which have done notably better are just as deserving of credit — if credit is to be given.

Not much has been said about the effect of the giant income tax cut on church contributions. The public press is more interested in the general economy. Con-

scientious church members, however, will be quick to realize that an increase in their weekly take-home pay must make a corresponding increase in the church envelope. If business picks up as a result of pouring more money into the economy that too should be reflected in our general ability to support the Lord's work. Let us anticipate this by greater ventures of faith in supporting those denominational projects that have great meaning to us and have great need for more adequate support. We would show lack of faith if we waited to increase our giving until we could accurately figure just how much more money we might have to spend — or give.

Grateful to Almighty God

At a time when forces are at work to remove statements of dependence on God from public schools and public life it is interesting and encouraging to note that forty-nine of the fifty states have something in their constitutions which gratefully recognizes the being of God. It therefore follows that to forbid or proscribe reference to God as a personal Being would be a violation of the Constitution of the United States and of every state within the Union. It would be no simple matter to remove these references to God that distinguish this nation from those across the Atlantic and Pacific which attempt to make atheism official.

The following states in their constitutions use the expression "grateful to Almighty God" or its equivalent: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

In most cases the sentences mentioning gratitude go on to enumerate some of the blessings of God for which the state is officially grateful. The Arizona constitution mentions "our liberties," as do those of Florida and many others. California speaks

of freedom, and Michigan's preamble mentions the blessings of freedom. A number add the blessing of religious liberty to that of civil liberty, and some include in the preamble a prayer invoking the continued blessing of God, as does New Jersey in these words, ". . . and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors." New York establishes its constitution to insure the freedom for which its citizens are grateful to God.

Those states not listed above all have expressions of dependence on God except West Virginia, which implies it in the clauses which guarantee religious liberty. Some of the states, such as Colorado, state dependence in such terms as, "We the people of Colorado with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe . . ." Delaware in guaranteeing religious liberty begins thus, "Although it is the duty of all men frequently to assemble together for the public worship of Almighty God . . ." Georgia speaks of "the inalienable right to worship God, each according to the dictates of his own conscience."

Alabama, not mentioned before, begins its preamble: "We the people . . . invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish . . ."

Massachusetts, slightly different from others, states, ". . . acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the goodness of the great Legislator of the universe . . ."

In Article I of its Bill of Rights Oregon acknowledges the Supreme Being in these words, "All men shall be secure in the Natural right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their consciences." Vermont makes a similar statement, as do many others in addition to their expressions of gratitude.

Many states explicitly provide that there shall be no sectarian test for office holding, while at the same time implying by such wording as quoted above that an atheist would hardly be acceptable since he could not subscribe to the preamble and other provisions of the Constitution. Tennessee in Article IX, Section 2, is explicit in this matter saying, "No person who denies the being of God, or a future state of rewards and punishments, shall hold

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any office in the civil department of this State."

The above references make it plain that this nation, regardless of the very few atheists and the small percentage who have no religious preference, is a "Nation under God" committed to publicly acknowledging His providence, His guidance, and His justice.

Unity: Issue or Aim?

Should church unity in its broader aspect of union of Catholic and Protestant be considered an issue or an aim? Not many years ago the question would not be posed in Protestant circles. Unity has always been the aim of the Roman Church — on Rome's terms. Today in some circles it appears that union is no longer an issue but an aim. Some take the view that to work for anything less than the ultimate organic union of these two branches of Christianity and the only slightly different Eastern Orthodox Church is less than Christian.

Such is not the case. True Christianity must be doctrinally pure and purity of doctrine cannot be maintained in a union that embraces elements of false doctrine — such as the Roman Catholic body has acquired through its history. This is not to say that all professing Protestants have maintained the faith of New Testament Christianity as it was so well enunciated by the leaders of the Reformation. Some have lost their biblical faith and have fallen far below the standards of the Roman Church. Most of the Protestant talk of organic unity comes from theological liberals (sometimes called modernists). On the other hand, Catholic doctrine could not countenance union with liberals — only with conservatives. Here stands the high hurdle that probably cannot be taken in stride by the three runners.

The conservative element of Protestantism (which includes the vast majority), though wanting to act with Christian brotherhood toward all who acknowledge Christ as Lord, wants no part in union with Rome and under present circumstances considers a discussion of such union worse than useless. The Rev. Stuart P.

Garver, who attended the sessions of the Vatican Council and edits *Christian Heritage* magazine, states the matter thus:

American Protestants must be helped to understand that union with Rome can only be achieved at the sacrifice of basic truths. There is one area in which Roman Catholicism and Protestantism are irreconcilably divided. It is the one area that matters most to Christians — the area of biblical conviction. Here is an unbridgeable gulf — for Rome will not abandon its anti-reformation teachings. The born-again, Bible-taught follower of Christ will not abandon the truth of the Scriptures. "Can two walk together except they be agreed?"

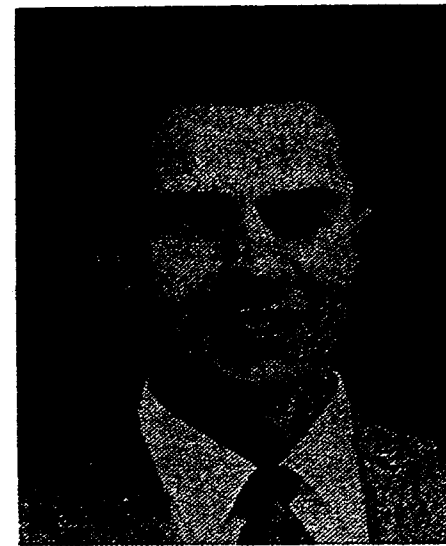
It is our opinion that the type of unity here considered remains an important issue and must not be counted as a Christian aim.

New York's Religious Situation In the Year 1687

Winthrop Hudson in his recent book *The Story of the Christian Church* brings to light a piece of correspondence showing the divergence of religious affiliation in New York which contributed later, according to his contention, to the freedom of the church from the state in American history. The governor of the Royal Colony of New York reported to the government in England concerning the religious situation in the colony. Seventh Day Baptists will be interested to note his recognition of their presence at this early date (not many years after the establishment of the Newport, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist Church and a dozen years before the founding of the church in Piscataway, New Jersey). The quotation from page 83 of the book follows:

"New York has first a chaplain, belonging to the fort, of the Church of England; secondly, a Dutch Calvinist; thirdly, a French Calvinist; fourthly, a Dutch Lutheran. Here be not many of the Church of England; a few Roman Catholics; abundance of Quaker preachers, men, and women especially—Singing Quakers, Ranting Quakers; Sabbatarians; Anti-Sabbatarians; some Anabaptists; some Jews; in short, of all sorts of opinion there are some, and the most part, none at all."

— L.M.M.



Personal Evangelism The Highest Salesmanship

By Olin C. Davis

(Mr. Davis of the Verona, N. Y., church is a salesman of farm machinery)

In our modern world we have become accustomed daily to colorful and noisy salesmanship. We hear the radio or TV salesman extol the merits of new products and old. We study the attractive advertising pages of our current magazines and newspapers. We read signs and billboards when we are out riding in our automobiles. Much of our spare time is spent shopping, seeking out salespeople to learn about competitive products. We are usually flattered when a salesman calls on us personally to give us specialized attention while he tells about everything he happens to be selling.

Our commercialized era offers to Christians a real opportunity to serve our Christ, for we are called to the highest salesmanship — winning souls for Him! The last thing that our Lord said on earth was, "You will be witnesses to me . . ." A witness tells what he knows. If we know Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, we are commanded to tell others about our Savior and to win souls for Him ". . . not only in Jerusalem, not only throughout Judea, not only throughout Samaria, but to the very ends of the earth" (Acts 1: 8, Phillips). It is our responsibility to bring the Gospel and the Sabbath to the prospects in our own "territories" wherever we may be.

How can we carry out this responsibility? Although we know that personal evangelism is a sacred undertaking, perhaps we can explore the parallels of this high "spiritual salesmanship" and secular salesmanship to find some simple, clear, and effective methods.

We must begin with a positive mental approach. It is easy to try to immunize

ourselves from Christ's Great Commission with excuses: "Let someone more qualified do it"; "Since I contribute to world missions I'm doing my part"; or, "I would, but I just don't know how to start." Certainly, you have never heard a successful commercial salesman say that his company president and the district manager should make all the sales. A direct salesman does not believe that all sales should be made by mail-order or through faraway representatives. He does not pretend that he cannot talk to people about his product. Obviously, neither the commercial salesman nor the spiritual salesman can afford to let himself be handicapped by artificial excuses.

An old maxim states that a good salesman is not born — he is made. His motto is, "Know my product, know my customer, and know how the product fulfills his needs." A good salesman learns everything possible about his product and his prospect. His preliminary research is done so that he will be ready to meet any and all customer questions and objections. Is it possible that "spiritual salesmen" sometimes are hesitant or fail for lack of knowledge and preparation? Paul tells the Christian to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" (2 Timothy 2: 15, KJV). Christ is revealed to us through the Holy Scriptures, the inspired Word of God. As we study, we must pray. God can and will teach us how to use the Bible for our own spiritual profit and how to witness to those around us.

After a thorough product training, the successful salesman prepares a list of prospects. A prospect is anyone who has a need for what is being sold. The Christian

preparing for the "highest salesmanship" will find many available prospects, for all around us we see those who have a need for Christ. A prospective consumer may not yet have any desire to buy but it is the business of the salesman to point out the need, to create the desire, and to prove the benefits. A lost soul may not yet have any desire for the message of salvation or he may not know that it even exists. The personal evangelist must create the desire to know Christ and His Love. Our potential is limitless!

A proven fact of business is that "calls make sales." No salesman can hope to develop every prospect into a customer but there is a direct correlation between the number of calls and sales. Progress is made only through making a determined effort. "Calls make converts" is a phrase which can be substantiated by fact. D. C. Bryan, a recognized leader in the field of evangelism, says that through visitation evangelism "we can win at least half of the unchurched people of our nation and probably turn the trend of our era away from godlessness and materialism." We must achieve this goal!

Every presentation will be somewhat different because no two situations are exactly alike. A smile, a friendly conversation, a genuine concern for people and their lives are necessary ingredients in every interview. To finalize a "sale," both the businessman and the ambassador for Christ use "sales tools." The former uses brochures, testimonials from satisfied customers, and personal experiences to prove his points. The "highest salesman" has a similar technique with his usage of the Holy Scriptures, tracts, selected books, Christian testimonies, and personal Christian experiences.

At the price tag, however, all similarities between a salesman and a lay evangelist end. This is often the insurmountable hurdle for the salesman. But Christ's salvation is free to all who believe. Christ has paid the price! "If you are faithful to what I have said, you are truly my disciples. And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8: 31, 32, Phillips). When we extend the invitation for Him, with a prayer in our hearts, He will work in mysterious and

marvelous ways. Some decisions for Christ are immediate, but when tangible results are not readily made known to us we must continue to pray that God will give new opportunities to witness for Him. We must remember that no human can save a soul or change a life. But God can! When we give Him the opportunity to work through us, His spiritual powers can change the world!

To know Him, and what He doth require,
To know Him is all my heart's desire.
To know Him will set the world on fire,
To know Him, and make Him known.

A Meditation

By R. Marion Carpenter

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills
from whence cometh my help (Ps. 121: 1).

For over sixty years I have lived in two small villages, both of which were friendly towns, co-operative in both church and community work.

A serious illness necessitated giving up my village home and moving into the country four miles from the nearest village onto one of New York's beautiful hills to live with a devoted nurse friend.

Of course, personal and spiritual contacts with church members are ideal to spiritual growth, but there are other elements essential to spiritual growth, such as I never had, or could never appreciate, until I came to live on the top of Independence Hill.

There are the wide open spaces stretching across the many valleys; the nearness of the stars on clear nights; the high winds swirling from one hill to another, showing the power of God; the vast expanse of sparkling snow, unsoiled by traffic — the purity of God; the happy, twittering birds, chattering on the feeding station; the exquisite sunrises and sunsets, evidence of God's glory; the close friendship of our Lord in this Home of Love.

These are some of the factors which bring the Almighty very close, and help to compensate for the lack of personal and spiritual contact with friends.

Prayer: Our kind Father, help others to find and recognize other elements of nature which can bring God close to them. Lord, we worship Thee through nature. Amen.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Delegates to World Consultation at Salem, West Virginia

(The second in a series of biographical sketches of representatives from Seventh Day Baptist Conferences abroad.)



Mr. G. Zijlstra

Gerben Zijlstra was born in 1895, a year after his parents returned to Holland from their emigration to Colorado, U.S.A. He was baptized in the Assembly of the Believers in 1918, but did not join them. In 1919 he became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church at Haarlem and has since been serving the Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches as their treasurer, since 1948 as their secretary-also.

In 1920 he moved to Rotterdam and worked for thirty-four years in a Jewish firm of wholesale earthenware and china dealers, in 1941 becoming the proprietor of that business. In 1953 he sold the business and has, since this year, worked as an office clerk in another trade.

In 1925 he was married to the youngest daughter of Bro. Gerard Velthuysen, Jr., midnight missionary and a pastor of the Haarlem church from 1910 to his death in 1936. Their marriage was blessed with three children, two boys and a girl. The eldest son, Gerard, an agricultural engineer, was employed by the South African government for seven years, after which he worked for the FAO of UN in Malaya for 1½ years, from where he returned to Holland in May of this year, and is now working as an irrigation expert at an in-

stitute for the development of agriculture in underdeveloped countries. Elisabeth, their daughter, who was a pharmaceutical assistant for eight years, is now passing her final examination as a teacher of domestic science. The youngest son, Folkert, who emigrated to South Africa in 1955, soon afterwards went to Toronto, Canada, to study theology at Central Baptist Seminary, and took his B.Th. degree a few years ago. He is still studying theology and hopes to go to South Africa as a missionary.

Mission Trained Ministerial Students Begin Pastoral Duties

By Mrs. David C. Pearson

For the past two years, Makapwa Mission leaders have worked together to give a small class of young men a ministerial training course here in Nyasaland. Classes met each morning five days a week, and the men helped with certain mission duties in the afternoon.

These years of training have been a wonderful opportunity for those who were privileged to have a part in sowing this seed, that it might bear fruit for Christ Jesus. Many courses were taught in Bible, and others in fields of homiletics, church history, English and speech, Christian education, and music. The students also had opportunities for practical use of their studies in preaching at various services, teaching and leading Sabbath School, and in their work of assisting in the mission office, at the press, and preparation of Christian education materials.

Friday evening, February 7, 1964, was the climax to this ministerial course. At an impressive service, opened with Scripture and prayer, graduation certificates were awarded by Superintendent David Pearson to the four students who had completed the two-year course: Morrison Cisi, White Aisa, Armson Makwereh, and Fedson Makatanje. Candle Nangazi, who audited the classes the last year, was given a commendatory statement. All were presented with a gift booklet, *Preach the Word*, by C. Thorpe. Pastor O. B. Manan then gave the message, "Go Yè . . . Preach the Gospel," challenging these men

through Mark 16:9-20, to the greatness of their calling and faithfulness to the work of God in which they are sent forth.

At the close of the meeting, each one stood to give his word of personal testimony and expression of thankfulness for the opportunity afforded him. Mr. Nangazi spoke of feeling inferior to the others in ability and background, not having been present the first year, yet being accepted by the others and receiving help and blessing from the classes. Mr. Nangazi is the "preacher" (comparable to a licentiate) who is caring for the Makapwa Mission church now.

The week following the graduation, Mr. Cisi, with his wife and five children, bade farewell to Makapwa and started their journey to the Northern Region. They traveled first by mission Land Rover to Blantyre, then by train to Lake Nyasa, onward on the lake steamer, later by bus, and probably the last eight miles by foot. Mr. Cisi will be working in the Ekwendeni area where our elderly Pastor Timoti Mkandawire has just retired. This senior pastor had the large task of caring for five churches and branches, scattered over about sixty miles, thus Mr. Cisi will have a real field of work. As he is about five hundred miles from the mission, it is satisfying to know that we have a trained and capable man there now, who can give impetus to the work.

This being Mr. Cisi's home church, he understands the people well and speaks the northern language, Citumbuka. He came to the mission several years as a certified teacher. He taught one year at a village school, and for four years in Makapwa School. While teaching here, he felt God calling him for His work as pastor. He continued teaching for a half day throughout his ministerial training and thus was better able to support his family. Also during this time he was serving as pastor for one of Makapwa's branch churches, Mlepa, which meant a bicycle ride of about seven miles each way every Sabbath.

Mr. Aisa, with his wife, will presumably be at Mpheza church very shortly. This church, south of Makapwa in Chikwawa district, was instigated by a visit of mis-

sion personnel in 1957, and the following year about sixteen were baptized as its first members. Throughout its whole life, there has not been a permanent pastor, although some periodical visits have been made by pastors and mission leaders to encourage and assist them. Their first permanent church building was dedicated on November 16, 1963.

There will be problems for him as he begins his work there. Chikwawa district is not a healthful place to live, as it is lowland and exceedingly hot. The Shire River floods and leaves much swamp, which is ideal for breeding mosquitoes, and makes it most difficult living in the rainy season. Mr. Aisa is also concerned that he will be so far away from his widowed mother — about eighty-five miles. Communication out here is slow. Transportation is not what it is in the States, with no public conveyance going within thirty miles of Mpheza. Bicycle travel up the hills is time-consuming and tiring.

Mr. Makwerek, a nephew of Pastor Leman Mungoni, will probably be going with his wife and new baby to take up pastoral duties somewhere in the Mlanje district. In this area west of Makapwa over near the Mozambique border, there are seven churches and branches under the care of Pastor Lookson Nothale. It is not yet certain to which church he will go, but there will undoubtedly be work for him where so many congregations are without a resident pastor in their village. Under the capable guidance and encouragement of Pastor Nothale, he should be able to serve his people well.

Mr. Makatanje, yet unmarried, was the youngest of the trainees but top of the class scholastically. He will be serving here at Makapwa, assisting in the mission office, typing, duplicating, helping with correspondence, writing Primary Sabbath School lesson helps, and many other things. It is expected that he will be able to visit churches at various times to conduct teacher training classes and in other ways help the Sabbath Schools. He has now taken over the responsibility of the Mlepa branch church which was formerly kept by Mr. Cisi.

Training does not make a success of a

person. These men need our prayers that God's Spirit would rule their lives, direct their work, give strength in difficulty, and bring a rich harvest for His Kingdom.

Stamp Collection Project Ends This Month

The S & H Green Stamp collection project of the Women's Board is being concluded on March 31. Anyone having stamps which are intended for this project is urged to send them to Mrs. Roger Burdick of Milton, Wis., at once so that they may be received before Easter.

"In regard to the great book, I have only to say that it is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book." —Abe Lincoln.

THE SNODGRASS STORY

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"The Field is the World"

The five-year plan that we set before ourselves as a denomination is nearly done. It is time to look forward and ask ourselves a few questions. "Are we doing the right thing in the right way?" "What are our aims anyway, and how shall we go about putting our dreams into action?"

It may be that our whole idea of missions will have to be gone over, revised, overhauled.

The purpose of the Snodgrass articles is to bring to the forefront some of the questions which face us in the ongoing project of missions. These questions are not fully answered. Each one of you will have to answer them in his own way. There is no easy solution. It will take much more of prayer, earnest discussion, and active participation to bring forth a program of missions at home and abroad that will, under God, meet the challenge of the last third of the twentieth century.

Note: As stated in the first two installments, the author requested that his name be withheld until the last. The Rev. Paul S. Burdick, recently retired, wrote these articles, upon request, while confined to his home with a minor illness for a few days.

National Forests Ideal for Family Vacations

By Herbert N. Wheeler

Recreation is now a main activity in the National Forests, with more than a 100 million visitors in them every year. The forests still produce timber for the hundreds of every day uses, and forage for domestic stock and wildlife. But the human use now exceeds all other uses and in no way interferes with them. Much has been written about the wilderness areas. The U. S. Forest Service was the first agency to set such places aside for the primary use of mankind.

So much time is now available in the ordinary affairs of the family, it is well that plenty of places are available for relaxation and renewal. The national and state parks entertain millions of people every year. But these primitive lands supply the needs of those wanting a real vacation in the great outdoors.

There is so much stress and strain in our everyday living that recreation areas are welcome, where rejuvenation of the soul may be found. God created these great stretches of mountains, plains, valleys, rivers and lakes, and in going to them mankind can find Him and get closer to Him, returning to the stress of everyday living with a renewed spiritual outlook on life.

It is good to see that churches are establishing these camping grounds where young people and oldsters, too, can get into the open, learning the secrets of the great outdoors, and contemplate God's plan in creating the universe. If camps are located near wilderness areas, the ocean, on beautiful lakes or along river banks, so much the better.

Make plans for that vacation, selecting the place best suited to the family needs.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for March 28, 1964

Mary Magdalene and Thomas
Lesson Scripture: John 20: 11-18, 24-29

Putting the ACTION in Christian Social Action

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Christian Action for Churches)

By the Christian Social Action Committee

There are two basic causes of delinquency and crime in the U. S. They are broken or inadequate homes and the impact upon children and young people of materialistic and cynical elements in our modern American culture. The records of juvenile arrests reveal a high percentage of such arrests occurring among young people from homes broken by divorce or the separation of parents. An additional number represent homes that are broken by constant strife and dissension. When children are denied the normal affection of two loving parents, or when they are made to feel insecure in the presence of constant hostility, they are in danger of developing emotional hungers that incline them to attention-getting devices and acts of violence. When the home environment lacks an emphasis upon moral and ethical principles supplemented with training in family and community loyalty, young people frequently lack adequate defenses against temptation. . . .

The second basic cause of the increasing seriousness of this problem is found in certain tendencies and trends in our modern American culture. Youthful delinquency and adult crime are symptoms of a cynical and delinquent culture which often ignores ethical principles and condones a double standard of morality while emphasizing success and material possessions out of proportion to all other values. An act of the Massachusetts legislature in 1951 created a special commission of outstanding citizens to study the laws of the Commonwealth relative to the sentencing, treatment, and release of prisoners in penal institutions. The last paragraph of the majority report of that commission, published in 1953, reads as follows: "The Commission cannot conclude this report without a brief statement which the members feel duty bound to make. There must be a frank facing by the citizenry, and, through them, by those elected or appointed to public office, of the double standard of civic morality that permits certain persons

MEMORY TEXT

Jesus answered the Jews and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. John 2: 19, 22.

in public office to abuse their public trust with virtual impunity, and indeed with a debonair attitude that their misdeeds are but amiable eccentricities of the political game while bearing down ruthlessly, if clumsily, on the ordinary thief and burglar. Hypocrisy in public affairs only embitters the prisoners in our institutions and confirms their cynical convictions that all society is but a racket."

The members of this commission discovered in their study what every prison chaplain knows, namely: that unequal justice, contempt for moral values, egotism and selfishness on the part of those in authority are among the causes of crime and prison unrest in many American communities.

Other causes often cited as contributing to the growth of delinquency and crime are: physical and mental deficiencies, poverty, alcohol, the lack of recreational facilities, and police brutality. Certain types of children's literature along with radio and television programs that present patterns of violence and arouse emotions of hostility are also regarded by many as contributing causes of delinquency. This is believed to be a causal factor, especially among mentally deficient or pathological children.

It is not enough to attack this or that specific cause of delinquency or crime. An attack needs to be made upon the underlying evils of our present-day culture which are producing an alarming amount of crime. These evils are selfishness, moral indifference, irresponsibility in family and community relationships, cynicism, greed for material things, and superficial standards of success. The approach to the problem of delinquency and crime may be specific or general. It may be related to in-

dividuals in the interest of prevention or to help them in their rehabilitation. It may, on the other hand, be directed toward general community and cultural developments which will discourage delinquency and crime.

Every family has a primary responsibility to itself in a society plagued with crime. This responsibility goes beyond an ordinary obedience to law with an acceptance of routine family and community obligations. It calls for the generation within the home of enough affection and intelligent concern for each member to make possible creative adjustments and growth in social behavior. It requires the development of sufficient mutual understanding and respect to permit the maximum of freedom in the expression of ideas. It demands the maturity of family fellowship in which each member can find spiritual growth and security.

A well-adjusted family can, through friendly relations with another family threatened with delinquent behavior, help that family to meet its problem successfully. Paul's admonition in Galatians 6: 2, "Bear one another's burdens" applies to moral needs as well as to material wants. Friendly co-operative relationships between families in a neighborhood are in themselves effective defenses against anti-social behavior.

Specific projects for attacking the problems of delinquency and crime are suggested as follows: (1) a study of one's community to determine if there are adequate educational, religious, recreational and social services. Information can likely be obtained from ministers, public school officials, social workers, YMCA and YWCA staff members; (2) a reorganization of family responsibilities to make it possible for one or more members of the family to undertake leadership assignments in relation to activities of young people going on or to be organized in the community; (3) a visit to a session of a local juvenile or District Court to become familiar with procedures in the handling of offenders by the courts; (4) a visit to an industrial school of juvenile offenders, a county jail and a state penal institution to find out what treatment or rehabilitation procedures are being employed to help youthful

and adult offenders prepare for a satisfactory identification with society (ninety-seven per cent of criminal offenders are ultimately released into society); (5) the provision of a foster home for a state ward or a youthful offender, likely to respond better to a private home than to an institution; (6) sponsorship of a young person in prison. (This should be undertaken in co-operation with the prison chaplain or a parole officer.) Sponsorship involves occasional friendly visits, supplemented by correspondence, while the person is in prison and help finding proper employment and satisfactory living accommodations after release from prison; (7) gifts of books or magazines for industrial school or prison libraries; also, suitable gifts at Christmas time for the use of chaplains among prisoners who are not likely to be remembered by families or friends; (8) a study of the state laws relating to juvenile and adult crime. Determine whether these laws are primarily based on the idea of individual punishment or if they reveal a concern for the protection of society through provision for effective treatment and rehabilitation of offenders prior to their release into society. Report to local legislators, reactions to the study of existing laws with suggestions for their improvement; (9) the promotion of a meeting with families interested in the problem of delinquency and crime. Invite a chaplain, a judge, a probation or parole officer to speak and lead a discussion concerning helpful action programs to be undertaken by families or the community.

What Did Your Church Do?

The Social Action Committee is very interested in knowing the results of the special emphasis on race relations which was suggested for February 8. If your church has not sent a report of its activities, please see to it that some responsible person forwards a brief survey of human relations activities in your church. Even if no special emphasis was made on February 8, perhaps something is planned for the future. The Committee would like to hear about the plans. Send any reports to Harold Bakker, secretary, Salem, W. Va.

Tract Board Holds Quarterly Meeting

Sunday afternoon, March 8, the thirty-member Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society gathered in the old Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church for the one quarterly meeting which is held in a place other than the denominational building at Plainfield. Besides three-fourths of members and two consultant members there were several visitors, including Ralph Babcock, the new manager of the publishing house.

Part of the work of the Tract Society is in the field of public relations, advertising the seventh-day Sabbath and the Seventh Day Baptist churches where people may hear this distinctive truth proclaimed. It was interesting to note an unsolicited article in a Philadelphia Sunday paper of recent date with a colored photo of the Shiloh church and pastor which occupied nearly a full page.

The corresponding secretary of the board, who has been quite active as one of the Seventh Day Baptist representatives on the Joint Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, pointed out in his report the unprecedented opportunities of Sabbath witness at the American and Southern Baptist Conventions and the Baptist Jubilee celebration at Convention Hall in Atlantic City, May 18 - 24. The Tract Board will sponsor a literature booth, which is expected to be manned largely by people from the South Jersey churches. A special committee under the chairmanship of Secretary Maltby was appointed to work out the details of this project. Attention was also called to the part of Seventh Day Baptists in the Baptist booth at the New York World's Fair which will be open to the public for two six-month periods during 1964 and 1965.

The board received reports from officers, nine standing committees and several special committees, all of which had done some significant work or planning during the quarter. Included in the Advisory Committee's report were reports of two subcommittees, one on Sabbath Recorder survey and the other on plans for reducing the publishing costs of the denomina-

tional journal by some plan other than biweekly publication. The committee and board went on record as not favoring a 16-page biweekly and favoring the continuation of the 16-page weekly if possible. The editor's report told of good response of churches to the matching-fund offer for outreach purposes and the appreciation of some libraries for gift subscriptions paid for by women's groups.

The committees in charge of publishing and distributing literature showed less expenditure than in some previous quarters but noted a growing interest and the prospect of a large demand in the months ahead due to the publicity mentioned above.

A member of the Audio-Visual Aids Committee, Fred Ayars, added an item of unusual interest to the chairman's report. With the use of board-owned camera equipment he has mastered a technique of putting together filmstrips of very good quality from natural color slides — at very low cost. This service will be made available not only to the Tract Board for its filmstrip library but also to other boards that want to develop a special message in filmstrip form rather than slides.

Plans for Sabbath Rally Day, May 16, were announced for the first time by the Sabbath Promotion Committee. The theme for this year will be "God's Abiding Sabbath for Our Changing World." Appropriate materials to assist pastors and leaders of children and adults in observing the day will be produced by the committee as soon as possible.

The financial aspects of the board's work claimed more than the usual amount of attention at the Shiloh meeting. The treasurer reported that there was at the moment a favorable balance of over \$4,000. Receipts from OWM and some other sources were about \$2,000 larger than last year and expenditures at this point (9 months) were about \$2,000 less. It could not be assumed, he pointed out, that we would finish the fiscal year in this situation, since more work would be done in the remaining months. The Investment Committee showed substantial capital gains on the sale of some securities and reported that it had loaned some money to the pub-

lishing house at the average rate of interest realized from investments. The Supervisory Committee stated that it had met in whole or in part six times. It reported verbally on plans for the publishing house and recommended a few changes in the by-laws to bring them more up-to-date. The board accepted the recommendations and approved the proposed courses of action relating to the supervision of our printing establishment.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Dedicated Service

The Board of Christian Education is acting as a clearing center for dedicated workers and churches and associations who desire to have help with their Vacation Church Schools and camps.

Any church or camp committee who is in need of helpers is urged to let us know as quickly as possible of your need, and we will endeavor to supply a person.

Any available person who desires to serve in one or more situations may write us and a questionnaire as to your capabilities will be sent to you. Your services will be recommended to inquirers according to your ability and desire. Not all who ask to serve can be used all summer, and it is possible that there will be no request for your services. We tell the inquirer of the persons available, and they make the choice.

So far the roster of dedicated workers includes Miss Leona Welch, Miss Nancy Burdick, Miss Althea Greene, Stephan Saunders, Dale Rood, Miss Martha Babcock, Mrs. Myra T. Barber, and Joseph Lewis.

Requests for service have come from two churches and three camps.

If you desire help or if you desire to help in this program, write the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803.

Youth Pre-Con

The director for Youth Pre-Con for 1964 is the Rev. Mynor Soper, pastor of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Soper is a veteran camper and has served on the Pre-Con staff. A graduate

of Salem College, he is taking graduate work in the Iliff School of Theology at Denver.

The Pre-Con Retreat will be held August 13 - 17 at EvUnBreth Acres Camp, an hour's drive from Salem. Because of other commitments, we cannot enter camp until the afternoon of the 13th, which is one day later than we have been accustomed. However, because of its nearness to Salem, it is planned that we stay at the campsite with a full program until Monday morning, the 17th. We plan to make arrangements for the Retreaters to register for Conference some time during the camping period so they can go directly to their rooms at Conference and prepare for the opening of the Conference sessions.

For the youth who come with Young Adult Pre-Con Retreaters — the YA Retreat commences on the 12th — accommodations for the night will be offered by the Southeastern Association churches in the vicinity.

Christian Family Week

Christian Family Week is May 3 - 10, 1964. The purpose of Christian Family Week is to encourage the family to participate more actively in the mission of the church so that all men everywhere may know and share the love that Jesus gave us. Amidst the bewildering changes taking place today, the family stands as an outpost of Christianity. Our family life needs strengthening.

Literature designed to help our churches celebrate Family Week will soon be sent from the Board of Christian Education office.

New Junior Quarterly

Progress is being made on the new Junior Quarterly which the Publications Committee of the Board of Christian Education will launch at General Conference.

In Jordan, 50% of children examined in a recent survey suffered from vitamin deficiencies. Contributions to the CARE Food Crusade, New York 10016, provide a daily cooked meal for 9,900 persons, chiefly children, at Jordanian orphanages, schools and feeding stations.

Honorable Mention

From time to time news reports of various kinds bring word of well-known Seventh Day Baptists whose achievements have been noted by people in high places in education or religion. This week we give honorable mention to the Rev. Don Sanford and Dr. Burton Crandall.

Mr. Sanford, pastor at White Cloud, Mich., and editor of the adult Sabbath School quarterly, *The Helping Hand*, has received an added distinction among ministers for his preaching. A funeral sermon delivered on January 16 has been accepted for publication by *Pulpit Digest*.

Burton B. Crandall, now chairman of the division of social sciences at Milton College, has been chosen as visiting lecturer at the Wisconsin University's School of Commerce at Madison. He is also teaching classes in air transportation and transportation problems at the university this semester.

Stetson Bans Campus Sale Of Cigarettes

Stetson University has discontinued the sale of cigarettes and all other forms of tobacco on its DeLand campus, President J. Ollie Edmunds announced.

"The recent report of the surgeon-general has made it abundantly clear that the use of cigarettes, particularly when begun at an early age, may have harmful effects upon the user," Edmunds said.

"Stetson has, therefore, discontinued the sale of cigarettes and all other forms of tobacco on this campus," he added. Stetson is affiliated with the Florida State Baptist Convention.

Faith and Fear

According to G. Campbell Morgan: "The whole difference between faith and fear is that of putting our 'buts' before or after 'God.'" For instance, to say God commands us to go, but there are difficulties, is paralysis. To say there are many temptations, difficulties, and obstacles, but God . . . is faith. This thought is set forth in 2 Corinthians 7: 5, 6: "Without were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless God . . ."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DENVER, COLO.—Gladys Sutton Randolph, our organist for the past seven years, will give a farewell recital at 4:00 p. m. on March 21, according to the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor. The church is located at 2301 Wadsworth Blvd.

A colleague of the American Guild of Organists, Mrs. Randolph studied at Milton College, Milton, Wis., at the Wisconsin Conservatory, Milwaukee, and at the American Conservatory, Chicago. She taught organ at Milton before moving to Arvada. Her husband, Robert, and she recently built a three-manual electronic organ in their home there.

The recital program will include a variety of selections. In one group of numbers Mrs. Randolph will be assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Roberta Hansen, pianist, and by her son Linn, flutist, a physicist at Dow Chemical.

The Randolphs are moving to Freeport, Ill., where Robert's firm has transferred him. Gladys is a daughter of the Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, D. D., of Boulder, a former pastor of the Denver and Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Churches. An informal reception will be given the artist and her family following the recital.

—Newspaper Release.

NORTONVILLE, KANS.—The church began a new year after a blessed holiday experience in thankfulness for many things. Especially are we grateful this year for our own pastor. We began the year with quarterly Communion during morning worship services on January 4, as we again paused in remembrance of our Savior's sacrifice. All Christians were invited to participate and Pastor Bass asked those to stand who would promise to rededicate their lives in Christ and live more closely to Him in the days ahead. The pastor also extended the invitation to anyone who might not yet have accepted Christ.

At noon on January 4, the annual New Year's Dinner was held following the morning services. Friends and relatives gathered once again over a bountiful dinner to enjoy the fellowship. That evening our quarterly business meeting was held with moderator Winston Wheeler in charge.

Pastor Bass continues his series of sermons based on the Ten Commandments, drawing from them special points to further guide us in our daily living.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maris celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary on November 12, and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Prentice celebrated their sixty-first on January 1. We are proud of these two couples and extend them congratulations on their anniversaries as well as their years of Christian help and service in the church.

Our young people are making preparations to host the annual Spring Retreat of the young people of our Mid-Continent Association in April. —Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y.—The annual business church meeting was held January 5 at the church following a fellowship luncheon. At this time it was voted to increase the pastor's salary by \$250 and to use the proceeds of the Lord's Acre auction to start a fund for a new parsonage. It was decided to use the special gifts from the Advent Folders to help pay expenses of representatives of foreign conferences to the General Conference in August.

The Associational Youth Fellowship met with us at 4 p. m. January 11 with worship in charge of Gerald Vierow. Special music was furnished by a quartet comprised of Kathy and Gerald Vierow and Sharon and Gary Williams. Election of officers as follows: president, Gary Williams, Verona; vice-president, Gerald Vierow, Verona; secretary, Nancy Brannon, Adams Center; Beacon reporter, Kathy Gilmore, Adams Center; adult advisers, Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn and Warren Brannon.

The World Day of Prayer service for the women of the town of Verona was held at our church Friday afternoon February 14.

The Sabbath morning service in recognition of National Youth Week was planned and presented by the Youth Fellowship. Those taking minor parts were: Dick Cochran, Mark Warner, Beverly Drummond, Roger Bennett, Sharon Williams, Douglas Burdick, Elgie Drummond, Gerald Vierow, and Loren Sholtz. Messages on the theme "The Peculiar Ones" were given by Nancy Mallison and Gary

Williams. The young people have had various social gatherings since our last news report. Recently they have been making plaques containing the Conference theme "Christ Is the Answer."

Loren Osborn of Westerly, R. I., was guest speaker on February 15 when an all-day meeting planned by the Missionary-Evangelism Committee was held.

Our Ladies Society has taken up the study of women of the Bible. At the February meeting Mrs. Ruth Davis used Lydia as the first one in her devotional program. "Mary the mother of Jesus" is listed as the devotional topic to be given by Mrs. Mary Williams on March 26 at the parsonage. At the last meeting seventeen dozen cancer dressings were made. Ten dollars was donated to the Cancer Society. —Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y.—Our annual meeting came early in October. Edward Crandall was elected as president and Dr. Milton Tuttle vice-president of our church.

The annual women's luncheon was held at the Parish House December 11, given by the Evangelical Society. Fifty-six ate together and enjoyed the program. Mrs. Kenneth Kenyon is president of the Evangelical Society and Mrs. R. O. Hitchcock heads the Ladies Aid. On Election Day the Ladies Aid rummage sale had net returns of \$628.

A Christmas dinner in the Parish House was followed by a Mitten Tree and program presented by the Sabbath School in the Sabbath School class rooms the evening of December 21.

At the January quarterly business meeting Dr. Hurley S. Warren was chosen as our associate pastor. Discussion groups were held during January and succeeding weeks using "The Bible Calls for Action" as our guide. Alfred church was host to Laymen's Fellowship in February. Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Burdick showed pictures taken on their world tour.

The Evangelical Society has been meeting each week at the home of Miss Bertha Annas to sew. One quilt has been completed and work on the spring sale materials continued.

—Correspondence Committee.

**OUR WORLD MISSION
OWM Budget Receipts For February 1964**

	Treasurer's		Boards' 5 Mos.	Treasurer's		Boards' 5 Mos.
	February	5 Mos.		February	5 Mos.	
Adams Center	\$ 77.25	\$ 417.25		256.23	1,434.93	
Albion	16.50	117.55		1,451.09	1,000.00	
Alfred, 1st	1,227.60	2,710.96		25.00	154.00	
Alfred, 2nd	241.17	964.09		Milton	1,037.76	60.00
Associations & Groups		60.00	\$ 383.88	Milton Junction	106.00	701.20
Battle Creek	739.41	2,801.22	20.00	New Auburn	38.75	166.15
Bay Area		225.00		North Loup		333.85
Berlin		509.61		Nortonville	166.50	714.33
Boulder	25.70	179.55	25.00	Old Stonefort	25.00	154.25
Brookfield, 1st	45.60	192.60		Paint Rock		45.00
Brookfield, 2nd	20.65	55.65	20.00	Pawcatuck	593.75	2,571.60
Buffalo		140.00		Plainfield	358.90	1,894.36
Chicago	92.50	507.50		Richburg	116.75	622.25
Daytona Beach	214.00	586.52	100.00	Ritchie	30.00	230.00
Denver	124.15	520.92	25.00	Riverside	729.96	1,719.20
De Ruyter	56.00	222.25		Roanoke		15.00
Dodge Center	225.65	659.98	5.00	Rockville	20.01	346.31
Farina	70.00	260.15		Salem	100.00	1,110.00
Fouke		40.00		Salemville	54.43	176.44
Hebron 1st	54.00	417.78		Schenectady	32.00	76.60
Hopkinton 1st	419.99	1,301.99		Shiloh	451.30	2,882.06
Hopkinton 2nd	14.50	73.58		Texarkana		23.00
Houston		111.45		Trustees of Gen. Conf.		60.20
Independence	174.25	484.50		Verona	259.00	742.38
Individuals	20.00	225.00	10.00	Walworth	140.00	365.00
Irvington		800.00	200.00	Washington		61.50
Jackson Center	250.00	250.00		Washington People's	12.00	42.00
Kansas City	89.00	261.00		Waterford	114.05	675.90
Little Genesee	127.90	612.65		White Cloud	136.13	347.19
Little Rock	30.00	93.00		Yonah Mt.		20.00
Los Angeles	260.00	1,360.00	15.00			
Los Angeles, Christ's	20.00	105.00				
Lost Creek		704.65				
				Totals	\$9,469.34	\$40,805.21
						\$2,518.30

FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 787.64
Historical Society	63.66
Ministerial Retirement	749.15
Ministerial Education	870.94
Missionary Society	4,285.20
Tract Society	1,238.42
Trustees of General Conference	84.68
Women's Society	276.67
World Fellowship & Service	121.23
General Conference	991.75
Total	\$9,469.34

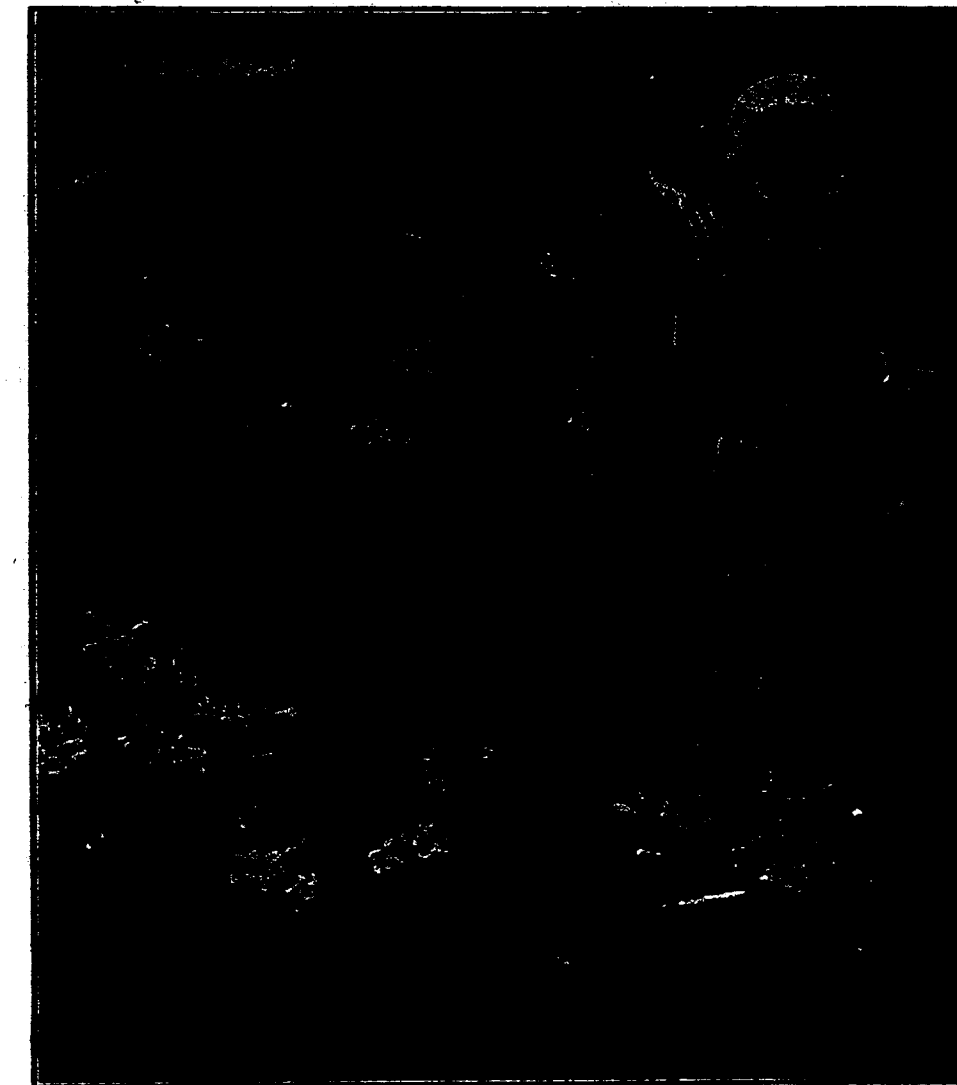
SUMMARY

1963-1964 OWM Budget	\$100,510.00
Receipts for 5 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$40,805.21
Boards	2,518.30
	43,323.51
Amount yet to be raised	\$ 57,186.49
Need per month to raise budget by July 31	\$ 11,437.30
Percentage of (10 month) time elapsed	50%
Percentage of budget raised	43.10%

Gordon L. Sanford,
Little Genesee, N. Y.,
OWM Treasurer.

March 4, 1964

The Sabbath Recorder



MY RISEN LORD

**My risen Lord, I feel thy strong protection;
I see thee stand among the graves today;
I am the Way, the Life, the Resurrection,
I hear thee say,
And all the burdens I have carried sadly
Grow light as blossoms on an April day;
My cross becomes a staff, I journey gladly
This Easter day.**

— Author Unknown
from Prayer Poems