

The Sabbath Recorder

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DAYTONA BEACH. — Thanks to loyal support of members and a host of friends from the northern climes, the Daytona Beach church scored well on our Conference president's suggested church attendance emphasis month. We set two new attendance records — 86 on March 7 and 87 on March 28. It was also the first time that attendance for a month had averaged in the 80's.

This is the first March we have had services in the Tampa area. All year we have been setting records there. We didn't have a service there on the 28th so it is hard to tell what the "Easter crowd" might have been, but attendance the Sabbath before, March 21, was 29. Undoubtedly our good attendance that day was due in no small measure to the fact that we had a guest preacher, Rev. Leon M. Maltby, secretary of the Tract Society and editor of the Sabbath Recorder, who was also a former pastor of many of our South Jersey migratory flock.

—SDB Sentinel of the Sunshine State.

HAMMOND, LA. — Pastor C. Fred Kirtland feels that there has been much improvement in the work and life of the church — a foundation on which another pastor can build. He announces that he has accepted a call from the Paint Rock, Ala., church and will be leaving Hammond to take up the new work immediately after the Diamond Jubilee observance of the church in connection with the Southwestern Association. The effective date of his resignation is June 23.

Births

Pircey.—A daughter, Heidi Jean, to Larry and Jacki Pircey (the former Jacki Inabnit), of Auburn, Washington, on March 1, 1964.

Obituaries

Crabtree.—Lizzie Parish (Westmoreland) was born Sept. 26, 1890, and passed away at her home Feb. 12, 1964.

Survivors are her husband James; two daughters, Mrs. J. E. Fielding of Fouke and Mrs. Lawson Smith of Dallas, Tex.; a sister, Mrs. Dovie Crabtree of Fouke; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Miss Lizzie was a faithful member of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church as well as a member of the Pisgah Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at the Pisgah Baptist Church with its pastor officiating and

Pastor Beebe of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church assisting. Interment was in the Pisgah cemetery. —P.V.B.

Harris.—Mrs. Elisha (Epsie Jones) was born Sept. 27, 1881, and died Feb. 9, 1964. She was a lifetime resident of Miller County, Ark.

She has been a member of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1913, and was a faithful Sabbathkeeper till her death. In recent years, due to illness when she could not attend weekly services she still remained a faithful witness and was a joy and a thrill to all those she visited with.

She is survived by six sons: Norman, Milton, and Wesley of Fouke, and George, Woodrow, and Robert of Leesville, La.; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Pruitt and Mrs. Josephine Teer of Fouke; three brothers, I. R. Jones and J. M. B. Jones, Jr., of Fouke, and C. P. Jones of Riverside, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Ona Davis of Henderson, Tex.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11 at the Assembly of God Church of Fouke. Officiating at the service was her pastor, Paul V. Beebe of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church, assisted by Pastor Carson of the Fouke Assembly of God. Interment was in the Jonesville cemetery. —P.V.B.

Van Horn.—Edna Estelle Rood, daughter of George B. and Virginia Saxton Rood, was born June 28, 1871, at Dakota, Wis., and died March 22, 1964, at Knapp Memorial Hospital at Weslaco, Tex.

Before she was a year old, her family, with others, emigrated by covered wagon to establish the Seventh Day Baptist colony of North Loup, Neb. Here she was educated, and in 1892 was married to Jay Van Horn. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary before his death in 1960.

In 1920, because of his health, Jay and Stella Van Horn joined another pioneer movement, going with a few other Seventh Day Baptist families to the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas, where they were largely responsible for the organization, in 1926, of the Edinburg Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which he served as deacon and chorister, and she as clerk, for many years. Their former farm home, moved into town and remodeled, is the present church building.

Mrs. Van Horn was a loyal Christian, with an abiding faith in her Savior, and a deep sense of loyalty to her church. She could never tolerate compromise between right and wrong.

Since Mr. Van Horn's death, being nearly blind and deaf, she resided in an old folks' home at Weslaco, Texas, where she welcomed visits from the church people on Sabbath afternoons.

She is survived by her youngest son, Everett, of Lincoln, Neb.; nine grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. D. N. (Tacy) Inglis of Milton, Wis. Two sons, Dale and Ross, preceded her in death.

Farewell services were conducted at the Edinburg church, by her pastor, Clifford A. Beebe. Interment was in Valley Memorial Gardens, McAllen, Texas.—C. A. B.

^I
Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

^{II}
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

^{III}
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

^{IV}
Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor

thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

^V
Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

^{VI}
Thou shalt not kill.

^{VII}
Thou shalt not commit adultery.

^{VIII}
Thou shalt not steal.

^{IX}
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

^X
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

If ye love me, keep my commandments

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Sermons from Science

Who says that science and religion are incompatible or that they can live together in harmony only as religion capitulates to science? There are, indeed, those who feel that Christians, facing the advance of scientific knowledge, must abandon more and more of their distinctive teaching that God created all things and that the Bible is an authoritative record of His revelation to man. A different attitude is taken by the people who have developed the Moody Science films and the "Sermons from Science." They feel that from nature and science there can be drawn many sermons that can lead the scientifically inclined person to a faith in God the Creator and His Son our Savior.

The effectiveness of this approach has been amply proved in recent years. The above-mentioned films have been shown to attentive civilian and military audiences the world around. One of the most recent attestations of the popularity of scientific demonstrations coupled with religious applications was observed at the Seattle World's Fair. We are told that the "Sermons for Science" pavilion was one of the greatest attractions at the fair, outstripping the very expensive displays that emphasized the advance of science without any spiritual application. While other religious booths and displays attracted relatively small attention there were long lines waiting to see and hear these "Sermons from Science."

Now that this approach has been so well tested it will be used again before much larger audiences at the New York World's Fair which begins this month and continues for two seasons. A special pavilion has been built with a 500-seat auditorium where there will be continuous showings of the Moody Science films. It can be hoped that many of the curious, pleasure-seeking millions will be led through this and other religious programs to a new faith in Christ, the Son of God.

We are told that general distribution of tracts on the fair grounds is forbidden. There are, however, some glorious opportunities to present the Gospel in tract form. Inquiries at the Baptist Booth in the Protestant Pavilion, for example, may result in a later distribution of many of our own informational and doctrinal tracts. Scripture portions and tracts by

other publishers will be available at booths and pavilions. Particularly noteworthy is the plan of the American Tract Society to publish two million special leaflets in full color. Each person who visits the Sermons from Science Building will be given a colorful tract containing an invitation to accept Christ as Savior.

Amid all the noise and bustle of people from all over the world seeking the newest and most modern things America and the world has to offer there will be many opportunities to hear the old, old story told in new ways. The whole of life, including faith in Christ, as well as confidence in applications of science will be presented at the World's Fair. Here is the world's greatest mission field at our very doors — a battleground for the souls of men. Let us pray that every worthy plan for the spread of Christian truth will have success.

Associated Church Press

Readers of a periodical do not necessarily feel that they are involved in the professional associations of the editors but they perhaps do like to know a little about the consistent efforts designed to make their journal better serve its purpose. An organization dedicated to this cause is the Associated Church Press which now serves more than 160 Protestant and Orthodox periodicals in the United States and Canada, having a combined circulation in excess of 20,000,000 and a readership probably of well over 40,000,000. It serves as a professional association with a program throughout the year to promote fellowship, helpfulness, and a sharing of concerns among editors and publishers of member publications, and to stimulate high standards of religious journalism.

The Sabbath Recorder has held membership in it and has sent its editors to its annual conventions for many years. During this time the organization has more than doubled in size and in service. It is now in the process of much greater expansion aimed at increasing its helpfulness to the periodicals and thereby to the public they serve. Not all of this extra help can be utilized by a paper the size of ours

MEMORY TEXT

For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar. Rom. 3: 3, 4a.

but some of it can. Through the decades successive editors have regularly come back from the annual meeting as from a refresher course with much new background knowledge and with ideas for improvement that might be put into effect at the right time.

Another well-attended convention was held at Washington April 8 to 10 with a well-planned and generally helpful program. One editor remarked that this was the most truly ecumenical organization that he knew of. It is true that a great many denominations which do not get together in any other organization are represented by the editors of their papers. The papers are great and small, denominational and interdenominational. Men of great achievement in journalistic work mingle with others who are just beginning, and the fellowship is most cordial. The sharing of ideas is much appreciated.

The wide representation of ACP contributes to the quality of its program. There is no person in public life who would not welcome an opportunity to speak to a hundred or more editors who potentially have a part in molding the opinions of Christian readers throughout the nation. The President was unable to schedule a meeting with a group on April 9 because of the MacArthur funeral, the threatened rail strike, and the arrival of a number of ambassadors. However, the State Department was host to the editors for a whole afternoon in its new building and attempted to explain government policy.

The editors took a sharp look at church union in a hard-hitting panel discussion that set forth the pros and cons of this phase of the ecumenical movement. The convention theme was "Waging the Peace," which was brought into focus by the closing luncheon speaker, Senator Joseph Clark of Pennsylvania.

On the more professional side of the

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program where the workshops on news gathering and picture layout led by the editor of the fast growing weekly newspaper *The National Observer* and an editor of *National Geographic*. The editor of *McCall's* also presented a challenging address with some very practical suggestions drawn from an examination of some fifty member publications. One comes away from such a gathering feeling anew the heavy burden and glorious opportunity of responsible journalism and editorial courage.

Sin and Death

The Bible is the only authoritative book on the whole of life from its origin in Eden to its consummation in paradise. But the Bible is not just concerned with the beginnings of man and the end of the age; it tells how eternal life can be attained by the individual while he lives out his allotted span. This, as every thoughtful person should realize, must take into account the prevalence of sin and the certainty of death.

A church bulletin for one of our churches dated March 28 had on its cover a simple statement about sin and death which tells the story of Christ and the human race in very few words: "Three men died on Calvary; one for sin, one in sin, and one to sin." It could be added that there has been in the history of the world only one who could die for sin. Thousands upon thousands by natural death as well as by execution have died in sin, many because no one had told them of the Savior who died for sin. Other thousands, among whom we are numbered, feel that we, like the repentant thief on the cross who turned to Christ, have died to sin. When this experience comes to us by the preaching of the Word we are able to say with the Apostle Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me . . ." (Gal. 2: 20).

"Conscience is something that makes a kid tell his mother before his sister does."
— Kenny Bennett, Greencastle (Ind.)
Putnam County Graphic.

Guidelines

By Harley D. Bond

Prepared as a challenge to the Planning Committee at its April meeting and published by committee request (slightly abridged).

The success or failure of Seventh Day Baptists to measure up to the challenge of our contemporary world rests, in the final analysis, with the individual members. Without leadership and co-operation, however, individual approaches will lead to disunited and splintered results. To furnish leadership we have the General Conference, its Commission, its related boards, its committees, its councils, and the leaders of our churches. Of these the only relatively permanent and strictly General Conference body is the Planning Committee. The combined denominational experience of its members represents a considerable span of years. Because of this relative permanency and the experience of its members a great deal of the responsibility for leadership eventually rests upon the wisdom, vision, and action of the Planning Committee. It could be assumed, then, that as this committee is able to visualize the intra- and inter-denominational relationships, the relationship of Christianity in general and of Seventh Day Baptists in particular to a contemporary world, how these relationships may be affected by future events, and the programming of denominational activities in light of these relationships, it is faced with a major responsibility for our denominational success or failure.

Much of the time devoted to meetings of the Planning Committee of necessity deals with those things which at first glance seem prosaic, the reports of the activities of boards and committees, the review of future plans of these agencies, and the planning for current denominational programs. Though seemingly prosaic, these reports and plans represent hours, weeks, and even months of work on the part of individuals, committees, and boards, and are of vital importance to the development of our current and immediate plans of operation. In his own right each member of the Planning Committee carries a heavy load. In addition, its members meet and devote

valuable time on three occasions during the year to the problems of co-ordination and planning. Is it wrong, then, to assume that this committee has a major responsibility for the future of the denomination? If so, who is to assume that responsibility? If the assumption is correct, should not more time be devoted to analyzing our present situation, discovering future trends, assessing our resources, and developing long-range objectives?

Possibly it is time to enumerate and analyze our most pressing current problems, to discover and evaluate the problems most likely to confront us 20 years hence, and to present them to the General Conference. Such a confrontation on the part of the committee and the General Conference could become a very soul-searching experience — and also a very healthy one. The child who fears the dark is concerned about what is hidden from him. Most often he discovers that what he feared was the dark itself.

Planning Committee Meets

By Harley D. Bond

The General Conference Planning Committee met at the Denominational Building, Plainfield, N. J. April 6-8. All members were present for all sessions and included Secretary Rex E. Zwiebel, Secretary Leon M. Maltby, Secretary Everett T. Harris, President Caroline Gray, Conference President C. Rex Burdick, and Executive Secretary Harley D. Bond, chairman.

Each board reported, through its representatives, activities since the October meeting of the committee as well as plans for work prior to the pre-Conference meeting at Salem. President Burdick reported on the Conference program. Some other agencies reported through the executive secretary.

Considerable time was spent in the correlation of plans for the First World Consultation of Representatives from Seventh Day Baptist Conferences. As recommended by the General Conference the board secretaries and the president of the

Women's Board will serve as General Conference representatives. Since each Conference at the Consultation will have but one official voting delegate the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel was asked to serve as the official delegate for our Conference. The other representatives will serve as alternate delegates and will have the privilege of the floor but no vote.

Planning was completed for "Mission 65." This is the program for 1964-65. It will emphasize the application of our Statement of Belief to our contemporary world. Some work remains to be done but the complete plan will be sent out the latter part of June, in time for churches to correlate their 1964-65 programs with the denominational planning. As a unique service Mission 65 will furnish churches with the names of "missioners" whom the churches may invite to assist in Bible study, a study of our Statement of Belief and its contemporary application, and a program of outreach and renewed commitment. The list of missioners is being prepared. It will contain the names of both ministers and laymen.

Some time prior to the April meeting a few people were requested to propose suggestions for denominational planning. The committee is grateful for the replies received. However, operating on a schedule which was crowded into 2½ days the committee had little opportunity to give consideration to denominational planning beyond 1964-65. Your suggestions for pin-pointing our most pressing denominational problems and your suggestions for their solution are earnestly solicited. They will help to serve as a guide for future sessions. Your suggestions should be mailed to the chairman of the Planning Committee.

The pre-Conference meeting of the committee has been set for the night after the Sabbath, on August 15, at Salem, W. Va. The fall meeting will occur at Plainfield on Sunday, October 11, extending through Wednesday, October 14. This will be convenient for some members of the committee who will have been attending the sessions of the Eastern Association, and will give opportunity to devote more time to committee work.

The Planning Committee members wish to extend their thanks to the Plainfield hosts who have entertained them during the sessions just concluded. They want further to express their appreciation to the Eastern Association for the change in schedule for the meeting of that association in order that there is no conflict between it and the Baptist Jubilee Celebration.

Articles Appearing in the May Special Issue

- "The ABC's of Gospel Facts"
By Stephan Saunders
- "The ABC's of Christian Growth"
By Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler
- "The ABC's of Sharing the Gospel Message"
By Rev. Duane L. Davis
- "Preservation of Christian Life and Sabbath Truth While Away from the Home Church"
By Lt. Col. and Mrs. William R. Austin
- "The Church and Race in the Light of the Gospel"
By Elder R. C. Simons
- "Quest for Gospel Light in a Scientific Age"
By Lloyd Coon
- "The ABC's of Sabbathkeeping"
By Jack Jensen
- "World-Wide Scope of the Gospel and Seventh Day Baptists"
By Rev. Everett T. Harris
- "Sustaining Grace for a Senior Citizen"
By Rev. Orville B. Bond
- "Out of the Crucible of Suffering Comes Spiritual Victory"
By Mrs. Ralph H. Coon
- "Spiritual Victories Gained from the Crucible of Suffering"
By Mrs. Eva Rowe

If there is not room for the last two articles they will be used in a regular issue.

Christian Social Action
Doyle K. Zwiebel, Chairman

Legislation of Public School Religion

By Baptist Joint Committee

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has taken note of a trend in many parts of our land to assume that the prayer and devotional experiences of children are and should be subject to legislation by boards of education. Accordingly, many are urging that the Constitution of the United States should be amended so as to permit such regulations by boards of education or by state legislatures.

1. The Baptist Joint Committee reaffirms its conviction that laws and regulations prescribing prayers or devotional exercises do not contribute to a free exercise of religion and should not be encouraged.

2. The Baptist Joint Committee also expresses a deep concern lest such laws and regulations become the means for confusing the moral values of American society for a devotion to religious insights. While the committee is enthusiastic about much in the American heritage as a national way of life, the equation of religious ideas and practices with our national culture will erode rather than strengthen the American heritage.

3. The committee holds that it is the business of the public schools, operated under law, supported by taxation, and attended by pupils under compulsory school attendance laws, to transmit the cultural legacy of our land. This requires the objective recognition of religion as part of the experiences of the people and as one force operating in our society. These premises, however, do not constitute religion and should not be advanced as the ultimate commitments for which people exist.

(Other portions of the statement by the Baptist Joint Committee were quoted on page 14 of the Sabbath Recorder of April 13.)

Memories of MacArthur

By an Army Chaplain

One man's memories of General MacArthur are not important unless perhaps they call to mind what others may be stimulated to recall. This may encourage all of us to emulate in some measure the best qualities of a great man. The writer was only a first lieutenant chaplain serving under the five-star general in three areas of the Pacific during World War II and was personally unknown to the General of the Armies. He did, however, have opportunities to observe the wise policies of MacArthur in the first months of the occupation of Japan.

The soldiers who accumulated hash marks on their sleeves for two or three years of gruellingly hard and dangerous service on the islands of the Pacific found it difficult to appreciate the greatness of the generalship of this man who was expected to drive back the aggressor with forces and arms that for a long time came "too little and too late." I do not know that General MacArthur frequently read the admonition of Paul to Timothy, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ" but I do know that he regularly read the Bible and encouraged his men to do so even under battle conditions. His men came to respect him highly after they forgot some of the rigors of battle and were able to see the greatness of his leadership.

High on a hill somewhat removed from the steaming, malaria-ridden jungles of New Guinea the headquarters of General MacArthur was pointed out to me as our open vehicles stirred up the deep red dust on the newly graded military road to Hollandia during the first strange days of my overseas assignment. The general seemed far away and unknown at that time before his return to the Philippines. As the fortunes of war turned and our units moved from just below the equator on Biak Island to Manila the General of the Armies was already established in that city and his big black car was a familiar sight on the streets of a great city, some areas of which still bore the stench of death. His leadership seemed much closer

er than before but one had the feeling that he was austere and unapproachable in those days of preparation for an assault on the Japanese home islands and the surrender just as we were about to move up.

It was a great day when the 8th Army convoy steamed into Yokohama Bay past the USS Missouri on the morning that the Japanese accepted the terms of surrender. Overhead it seemed that nearly all the U. S. Air Force, relieved from its bombing mission, was putting on a show to dramatize victory and peace. We were tremendously impressed.

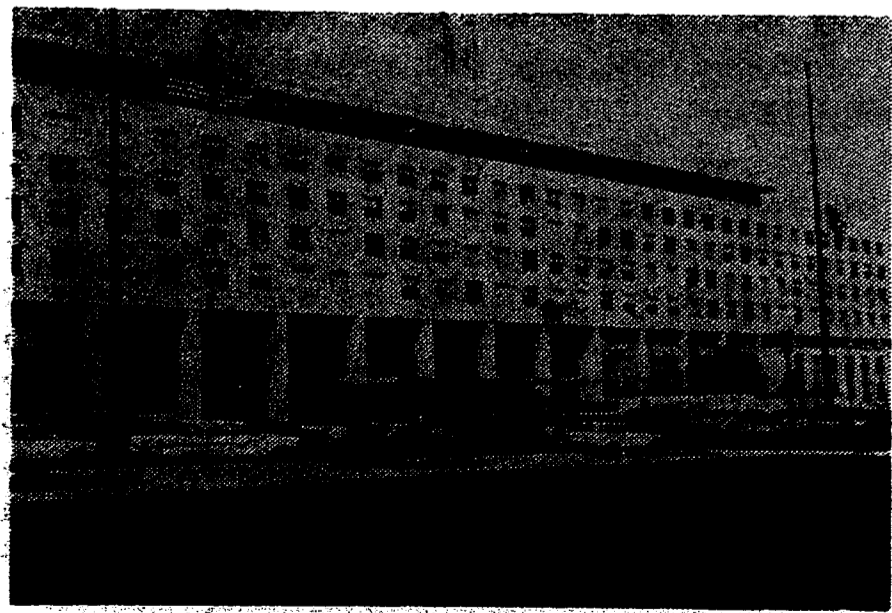
Then came the first uncertain days of spreading out the occupation forces and learning what it was like to live among the Japanese people — a people who could hardly be expected to be without bitterness when whole cities had been wiped off the map in one night and a hundred thousand civilians burned to death in a single fire bomb raid on Tokyo. Could the greatest American general also be a wise administrator? He proved that he loved peace and hated war. Not even the Christian pastors in the metropolitan area could predict the change that came over that defeated nation due to the distinctly humanitarian and Christian policies of the head of the occupying force. Quickly they were able to see a better day drawing as democratic government was introduced and much needed reforms instituted by one who had studied the somewhat strange Japanese all his life.

The occupation was MacArthur's greatest task. It may well be regarded, says AP writer, Relman Morin, as his greatest achievement. Those of us who were there in the early days of it saw the wisdom of his statement that the American soldier was our best ambassador. We were encouraged to meet the people on the remaining edges of the large cities and in the relatively unbombed cities of the interior. Other commanders, who had suffered far less, were slow to realize that the war was over and that there was a

peace to win. MacArthur's policies were proved to be right. An emperor-worshipping people soon came to give the greatest respect to a wise administrator who had rightly earned it. Those were days when Christianity had a golden opportunity. Half-dead churches were revived and many new ones established. If America at home could have seen with clear vision what the Christian servicemen in Japan saw and could have shown themselves more Christian, perhaps half the nation of Japan could have been won for Christ before the tragic march of communism in China and Korea brought a cancellation of much of the idealism promoted by MacArthur.

Now the general, after coming into presidential disfavor and retirement, has faded away. His greatness was not forgotten when he died. It came back, and justly so. He has proved perhaps above all others of his kind that a trained soldier can be a great man of peace — peace for the whole world.

An incident at Washington on April 9 when the body of General MacArthur was being carried on the streets touched the heartstrings of this writer as perhaps it did many others who had a similar experience. Walking up Pennsylvania Avenue to an appointment at the State House with a hundred editors of Protestant periodicals suddenly the air was filled with the sound of fifty jet planes in precise formation directly overhead. They were paying tribute to a great man of war and peace whose body was on its way to a resting place of peace. It brought back in



New State Department Building with flags at half mast April 9.

vivid memory that other occasion nearly nineteen years ago when another armada of military planes flew over a general in the act of making peace.

May God grant that the peace of soul possessed by those who know Christ as Savior may have its counterpart in peace with honor among men and nations.

— Leon M. Maltby

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Invitation to Attend Missionary Pastors Institute

The Missionary Pastors Institute will meet May 4-9 with the Little Rock church as host. Arrangements have been made for a retreat during the week at Mt. Nebo State Park, with the pastors returning to Little Rock for an Evangelistic Emphasis Sabbath at the church.

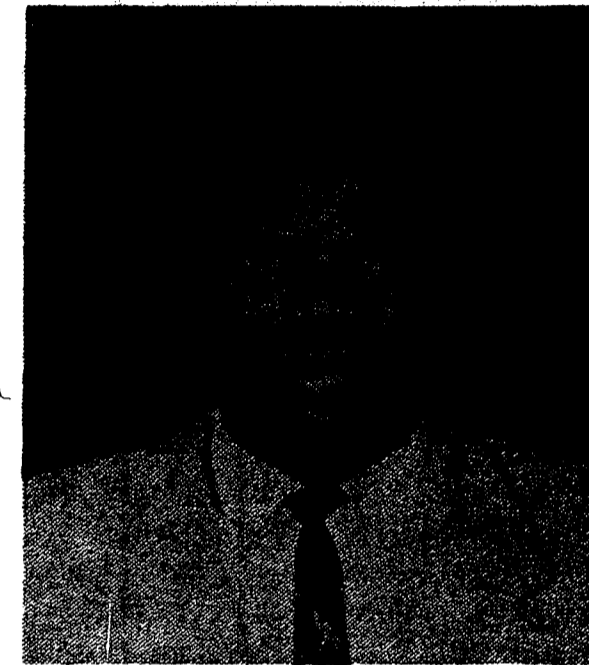
The Mt. Nebo retreat will include eight study sessions on Colossians, four sessions each on "The Impulse for Our World Mission — Christ in You, the Hope of Glory" and "The Unity and Disunity of the Church — Christ Is the Answer," as well as two other sessions on denominational and general issues.

The Program Committee has authorized and the Little Rock church has voted to send an open invitation through the Recorder for any pastor who may wish to attend. The registration fee will be \$1.50, which is to cover the cost of the study book and well worth buying anyway. The board and room fee will be \$13 or less on a profit-less planning arrangement. Reservations should be sent in by April 25 so that accommodations can be assured.

Mt. Nebo is approximately 1800 feet high and is famous for its beautiful view where sweeping forests take on the appearance of well-kept lawns. The modern light-housekeeping cabins are easily adapted to the type of retreat planned by using cots in addition to the comfortable double beds already there. The cabins reserved are halfway between "Sunrise Point," and just a short hike from the large pavilion with a view of the Arkansas River Valley. The cabins have a view of the Ozark National Forest.

Delegates to World Consultation Meetings at Salem, W. Va., August 12-16, 1964

(Seventh in a series of biographical sketches of official delegates and alternate representatives from Seventh Day Baptist Conferences abroad.)



Pastor Otrain Manan
Makapwa, Nyasaland

I was born in Chikwawa District of Southern Nyasaland, as the seventh child in a family of six sons and three daughters. My father, Bapton Manan, and mother, Aline Bapton, were both of the Mang'anja tribe. My parents supported themselves by farming, as most people do in Nyasaland. Cotton was their chief cash crop.

As a boy, I would watch the goats for our family, and also learned some farming from my father. In later boyhood I went sometimes with my eldest brother into the woods for hunting animals, usually with bow and arrow, but sometimes with a gun.

My father died before I was able to start school, while five of us were still dependent upon our parents. Our widowed mother was only able to find money for our food and clothes, thus we were very late in starting school because of lack of fees.

An elder brother had joined the King's African Rifles, and in 1948 decided to support us in school. That year I started school at Mpheza, my home village, where I studied the first two years. My third,

fourth, and fifth years were taken in different schools some distance from my home. The change of schools was necessary because of ill treatment of the family with whom I lived the first year.

I believe that it was the leading of God that enabled me to find Makapwa school. While at the previous school, I heard someone say that he had heard of a certain school called Makapwa, near Sandama, where the age limit was not in force. This pleased us who heard, because then one of our main troubles was the age limit. Many failed to continue because of being too old. When a friend and I were trying to find a place for school for our sixth year and seemed to have failed, we remembered what we had heard about Makapwa. So in August 1953, we came to inquire, were accepted, and told to come on 1st October. Upon my return home, my brother who had previously paid my school fees said to me, "Otrain, I know you want school very much, but can't you stop now and help me with my business? I have no money for your further education, but I can give you money for business." This was a great shock to me, when I had just been accepted at Makapwa. I was very discouraged, but did not give up. While working very hard on his farm as I did during other holidays, I kept pleading with him, and finally in October he consented to give me money for school fees. Immediately I came to Makapwa, and although late, I was admitted by the kind missionary, Miss J. Clement who was principal and also my teacher for that year in Std. IV. The following year I did my Std. V here, and later took two more years of study by correspondence. I am now studying Nyasaland J.C. Course from Central Africa Correspondence College, and hope to take the course for General Certificate of Education after completion of this one.

My conversion experience was even more wonderful than that of finding a school. About 1950 I joined the baptismal class at Mpheza School (Sundaykeeping), and was baptized in 1953, but I never experienced a real conversion in my heart. At Makapwa in July 1954, one evening Miss Beth Severe (now Mrs. Victor Burdick) preached to us the living, pierc-

ing Word of God. As she was reading and explaining the passage to us, I heard in my heart as if someone were repeating those words to me in a special way. I felt a great change in my heart. All the doubts I had regarding God's creation and His plan of salvation were removed at once. I believed and gave myself wholeheartedly to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior without questioning, and shamelessly went to the front at the invitation. What joy I had after being saved and made a new man by Christ the loving Savior of the world.

After my conversion, I wanted to witness to others of the redeeming power of God's salvation. I started praying for my family and talking with them and others during the holidays, and now with the help of the mission, most of them are Christians. I thank God that my mother who died on 2nd April, 1963, was in His Son's hands.

A desire for winning the lost grew in my heart and I accepted God's call in 1955 to serve Him full time as a pastor. The two years following, Rev. D. C. Pearson taught me some pastoral classes. In 1957 I was sent to Chikanda Church to serve them, which I have continued to do to the present. I was in Makapwa Ministerial Training School in 1958-60, and in July 1961, was ordained a minister. I have been working as mission assistant since the end of my training.

My aim now is to work harder for the Lord's Church and to study as much theology as He will permit me.

(Pastor Manan is married and has two daughters — Joyce, aged four, and Eunice, one year and three months.)

Speaking with Relevance

Current issues should hold first priority for study by evangelical Protestants, according to Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga, newly appointed executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals.

"We must keep abreast of the issues of our day if we are to speak with relevance to our generation," he declared at a luncheon meeting in Chicago April 8.

"Unofficial Ambassadors"

After viewing a film entitled "Unofficial Ambassadors" which was written up in *Sabbath Recorder* issue of November 25, 1963, we highly recommend it to the churches. This film tells about the work of the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, toward which the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society makes an annual contribution of \$50. This is a small contribution as compared to the extensive work being done.

There is now a small charge of \$2.50 for rental of this film. It may be secured from Association Films, Broad and Elm St., Ridgefield, N. J.; 561 Hillgrove Ave., La Grange, Ill.; 1108 Jackson St., Dallas 4, Tex., or 779 Stevenson St., San Francisco 2, Calif.

Our interest in the work of the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students began in 1962 at the meeting of the Division of Foreign Missions when the committee presented its work and requested support from denominational missionary boards. The committee is a related body of the Division of Foreign Missions. It is one of the regular projects of the World Day of Prayer. It is identified and affiliated with the National Student Christian Federation (formerly known as The Student Volunteer Movement).

The demands on the Committee on Friendly Relations are urgent and increasing. Mr. J. Benjamin Schmoker, executive director, wrote as a matter of interest, "This past academic year we have had a record number of 64,704 foreign students in nearly 1,800 American colleges and universities. They come from 149 different nations and areas of the world. Thousands of these foreign students have had their preparatory work in Christian Mission Schools abroad. We already have a large investment in these students. The Committee on Friendly Relations helps to conserve this investment."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 2, 1964

Christian Principles in Daily Work

Lesson Scripture: Luke 12: 22-31;

1 Thess. 4: 10b-12.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Out of the Darkness

By Dr. Dale C. Recker*

American Bible Society
New York City

Our text is written in the first chapter of the Gospel According to St. John, the fifth verse: "The light shined in the darkness and the darkness could not overpower it." An earthquake on February 29, 1960, brought a hotel, Men Agadir, Morocco down upon the heads of its inhabitants. Of the 72 residents there, 50 died in the crash. The story of a young American woman who was vacationing with her husband, and the rescuers who worked upon her, is a great episode in courage. She was tied down by a door with a lot of rubble on top of it. Only her feet and her head could be seen. A young Italian boy nineteen years old heard her crying for help, and through the darkness of the night, he made his way slowly, inch by inch, until he came to her feet and there he wrapped a blanket around them. He massaged them and kept them warm, but more than that, he warmed her heart and mind with good talk, with encouragement, with stories. He taught her French words, even made love to her and told her how beautiful she was, even though he could only see her feet. Thirty-nine hours later when the burden was lifted from her and her bruised body was released, she told a reporter that it was only because of these words of encouragement and hope that came out of the darkness that she was still alive, for often she felt like giving up and slipping away.

This is a parable of life. There are always messages of hope and encouragement coming out of the darkness. It happened first of all on those Judean hills out near Bethlehem centuries ago. The people of Judah were in captivity. They were

*Dr. Recker to whom physical darkness came while he was pastor of a church, continued his pastoral work in spite of the handicap. Within the past year he was appointed by the American Bible Society as Secretary for the Blind. This message was first given over a New York radio station and the editor's request for permission to publish it here was graciously granted by the author.

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bound by a foreign power. Their lives were drab and dull; it was a humdrum life. Then, one night, a great light came out of the darkness. A star such as never had been seen in the Judean sky before appeared. And there was a song. And there was a voice — and there was a word of hope. That song was a song of praise: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will." And there was a voice out of the darkness and the stillness that said, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." And hearts have ever been stirred by the great hope that came on that night — "for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord." And this did not end with the morning light, for that star is an eternal star bringing light to all mankind — and that song is a never-ending song among the discords of life — and that voice is a perpetual voice, "fear not" — and that hope is an everlasting hope based upon the coming of the Messiah. For life has never been the same. God came unto the world and into the human family. God sent His Son as a Savior.

So, always, since that time, out of the darkness there has been light, and into the dark places of our lives, that light shines. Let us think of a few categories in which this is true.

In the darkness of silence and uncertainty, for man did not know what God was like until Jesus Christ revealed Him, man could only guess, and often it was a guess of superstition, but Jesus said that God is like a loving father and He illustrated it by saying that God was like a shepherd who, when one sheep strayed away, went out into the darkness of the stormy night, risking his life to find and save that sheep, and finally putting it on His shoulder, brought it back to the fold.

God is like a woman who has lost one of the coins from her bridal necklace, and she sweeps the whole house searching in every corner and crevice and crack until she finally finds it, and calling her friends and neighbors together, she rejoices at that which was lost, then found.

God is like a waiting father whose son turned against him and went off into a

far country and brought disgrace upon the family by the way he lived there. But the father, ever waiting, morning after morning and evening after evening, scanning the horizon, hoping and praying that his boy might return — finally one morning sees the ragged, dirty boy coming home, and he runs and throws his arms around his son and embraces him. Then he cries out to the servant, "Bring out the ring and put it on his finger; put the best robes upon him; put sandals upon his feet, and kill the fatted calf — and let us make merry, for this is my son which was dead and is alive again, and he that was lost is found."

That's the kind of a God we have — and the voice out of the stillness and the darkness has revealed Him to us. And then there is the darkness of our fears, in our worries, in our anxieties, and our frustrations — and who hasn't known these points of darkness? But the voice out of the darkness says, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings." In the darkest moment of the ministry of the Master, He said to His disciples, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." When He spoke to those people who worried about the common things of life, He said "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If God so clothed the grass which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" He talks about the worry that darkens the life so often.

We recall the little conversation in the garden. "Said the robin to the sparrow, 'I should really like to know why these anxious human beings fret around and worry so.' Said the sparrow to the robin, 'It surely must be that they have no heavenly Father such as cares for you and me.'"

Yes, in the coming of Jesus and His promise, "there is light shining too, in the darkness of fear and worry and anxiety — and there is the darkness of our own selfishness — our jealousy — our envy — our pride and our prejudice — and the light of His love shines in upon us. If we come to know God as our Fa-

ther and the Father of all mankind, then we must recognize the universal brotherhood of all mankind and we must know the second great commandment that Jesus spoke — "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, for greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friend."

And then there is the darkness of despair and doubt and disillusion and death. We hear that voice speaking out of the darkness, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." And we hear this great apostle say, "Because He lives, we too shall live." Out of the darkness God spoke, and there was light — and Jesus called Himself the Light of the World. But this light does not shine in our lives just to stop there. It shines into our lives that it may be reflected into the lives of others or that it might shine through us into the lives of others, bringing hope and joy and peace to them. So we know Him who is the Light of the World, who challenged His followers and disciples and men of good will of all ages to "so let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Amen.

Freedom's Foundation Award

Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge has granted the George Washington Honor Medal to Dr. George L. Ford, executive vice-president of the Winona Lake Bible Conference, for his convocation address, "The Law of Liberty in the Life of America," delivered at Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, Michigan, last June. This is the second Freedom's Foundation award received by Dr. Ford, the first one having been granted in 1962 for his magazine article, "Is Patriotism Sinful?"

Prior to his work with the Winona Lake Bible Conference, Dr. Ford was for many years associated with the National Association of Evangelicals. For ten years he was executive director of that organization with offices in Wheaton, Illinois.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Youth Field Worker

Miss Linda Bingham will conclude her work for the S.D.B. Board of Christian Education on April 19, 1964. Her resignation because of health was presented April 1.

We deeply regret that Miss Bingham's term has been cut short, and our prayers go with her for complete recovery which we are confident that rest with release from obligation will bring.

Working without salary she has made a conscientious offering of her talents for the past two years to the youth of our denomination. Her sacrificial efforts have led our youth fellowships into a greater unit than ever before. Many of them are planning and working with new energy which has been sparked by her presentation.

Her investment has cost her much financially, physically, and mentally. This she has gladly offered to her Lord.

A multitude of our church members join us in saying, "God bless you, Linda. May He attend your way always."

Summer Workers

Two more potential workers who are offering their services to our churches for Vacation Church School and camp work are Mr. and Mrs. Neil Aiken of Rochester, Wisconsin. Mr. Dale Rood has withdrawn his name to work for the Women's Board.

Churches are urged not to hesitate if they have need for assistance with their programs. We have a staff of willing workers ready for the call. Write Rex Zwiebel, S.D.B. Board of Christian Education, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803.

Pacific Pines

Pacific Pines is the camp owned by the Riverside S.D.B. Church. The following announcements regarding camp improvements are taken from the Church Chimes, March, 1964:

Blue-print plans for the construction of a new health center and craft hall apparently have been cleared. This weekend a notice was received from the inspector's

office stating that we may report for the plans.

Since the renovation of the old dormitory for girls is to be done by dedicated labor, we are hoping very soon to begin that project.

\$8,275 has been pledged by the church this year toward the camp building fund!

The water table is dangerously low in the Crestline area; however, our two lower lateral wells at camp have never as yet been pumped dry.

Children Worship Instinctively

This is the opinion of experts in the field of Christian education of children and is expressed in the new Judson Press book **When Children Worship**, paperback, \$1.00.

It is a collection of articles on the subject by several authors.

We adults are all too often inclined to think of worship as a mysterious, inexplicable experience that we face once a week in church and occasionally in private at home. When faced with the duty of explaining to a child the nature of worship and how to accept and experience it, we bog down in a swamp of vague stammerings and complications far beyond the comprehension of the child.

This book points out quite clearly that guidance rather than explanation is what is truly needed. The child responds to the wonder of God's world instinctively and often expresses himself in worship, whether he can put a name to his experience or not.

Make Up Your Mind!

One of the despairs of those who practice true Christian discipleship are those who, having once declared their belief in Christ and God's Word, proceed to equivocate daily in their thought, speech and actions.

This negates the affirmation and makes it, by default, a NO. Man cannot live without decision in all that he does or says, and all decisions are directly or indirectly related to a decision for or against God.

The Christian — Yes or No, by E. Spencer Parsons (Judson Press, \$1.50).

Out of a full heart
she writes of an experience
in a lay evangelism program

New Auburn Blessed in Revival

By Mrs. Arden Pederson,
Recorder correspondent

The New Auburn church has a wonderful experience to report to all of you.

Our God, who knows all our needs, has richly blessed us with the opportunity of having with us Mr. Albyn Mackintosh. He is a consulting engineer and a layman in the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church. He arrived March 26 to spend six days in our midst.

For about four weeks we had been preparing ourselves for the evangelistic services he would conduct. We had organized two special prayer circles and individual prayer vigils, besides our regular weekly prayer meeting. The Advisory Board met several times to make plans. The Evangelistic Committee prepared a list of families for each of us to call on and appointed a phoning committee. Using the mimeograph our youth group recently purchased for the church, our pastor made up some informative and attractive flyers. Our Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships met on a Sabbath afternoon and distributed them to every home in the community, knocking on doors and giving people a personal invitation to come. We also sent this same information and invitation to a long list of resident and nonresident members and others we thought would be interested.

Mr. Mackintosh started his series of messages on Sabbath morning. Following the church service we gathered for a fellowship dinner to get better acquainted with him. We had a meeting each night through Wednesday. He was invited to one home for dinner and a different home for supper each day. The opportunity to have him with us in our homes gave so much more meaning to his messages each evening. I cannot begin to say how wonderful and inspiring his messages were to me. After each meeting he counseled with any who asked.

He seemed always glad to talk and discuss the Christian way of life.

We were very impressed by the intelligence and charm of Mr. Mackintosh, but these characteristics stem from a very great Source. We are aware of the Holy Spirit working in our midst. To many of us Mr. Mackintosh was an example of the beautiful life each one of us can live if we will but surrender all to our precious Savior. How wonderful it is that Christ has men like this to work through. He made it very evident through his testimony and faith that there is no other life except a life in Christ. He especially emphasized the importance of loving each other as Christ loves us. How easy it could be for us to love each other if we put "self" out of the picture!

We came to love and admire Mr. Mackintosh but it is important to realize that a man who lives such a dedicated life and has Christ shining through it makes people eager to find out more about the kind of life he is talking about. It is catching! This is evangelism. It is not just going out and talking to people, which is also important, but it is showing them how beautiful and rich a life in Christ can be. Each one of us can do this, and now that Mr. Mackintosh has given so freely of his time and his talents to "fill our cups to overflowing," we in turn may show our appreciation by giving ourselves completely to Christ and filling the cup of someone else.

All of us and especially Pastor Van Horn spent many hours working and praying for this revival, and every minute was worth it. We have been drawn so much nearer to Christ.

As our evangelist left us, it was not the end of a beautiful, warm experience — it was just the beginning.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

NCC and WCC To Collaborate in Delta Area Program

Chronic problems of discrimination and destitution in the fifteen-county Mississippi Delta area from Memphis south to Vicksburg will be tackled by a task force of trained leaders in a program adopted by the General Board of the National Council of Churches. In action taken at its winter meeting in Baltimore, Md., last week, the announcement was made that the National Council, in co-operation with the World Council of Churches, will undertake projects of direct relief, job training, leadership education, and efforts "to open up communications between Negroes and whites" in the area.

Chosen because it "manifests in full display" persistent poverty and racial injustice, the Delta area program will mark the first time the World Council has undertaken a relief and rehabilitation program in the United States. Of the tentative budget, which would provide fifteen field workers, a director, and administrative costs, the WCC share would be forty per cent.

National Park Ministry Expanded

To keep step with the increasing importance of leisure and recreation in American life, the National Council of Churches has broadened and extended its Department of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks to provide "fresh approaches to the entire problem of using spare time responsibly," it was announced by Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, Council general secretary.

The Rev. Warren W. Ost, who initiated, founded, and directs the Council's 11-year-old national parks ministry, will continue to direct the department as it "changes its name and broadens its goals," Dr. Espy said.

NAE Elects New President

Dr. Jared F. Gerig, president of Fort Wayne Bible College, was elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals, succeeding Dr. Robert A. Cook who is head of The King's College,

Briarcliff Manor, N. Y., and has served two years as NAE president.

The new president has had a wide ministry in various phases of Christian service. He served as a pastor for churches in Cleveland, Phoenix, and Pomona, Calif. and was dean of Azusa College, Azusa, Calif.

Other officers elected by the association were: 1st vice-president, Dr. Rufus Jones, Wheaton, Ill., Conservative Baptist Association; 2nd vice-president, Dr. Arnold T. Olson, Minneapolis, Minn., president of the Evangelical Free Church of America; secretary, Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, Santa Cruz, Calif., Assemblies of God; treasurer, Mr. Carl Gunderson, Des Plaines, Ill., Evangelical Free Church.

LET'S THINK IT OVER Appeals to Church Leaders

In his remarks to members of a Christian leadership seminar which visited the White House on March 25, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared:

"There are preachers and there are teachers of injustice and dissension and distrust at work in America at this very hour. There are those who seek to turn back the rising tide of human hope by sowing half-truths and untruths wherever they find root. . . . Help us to pass this civil rights bill and establish a foundation upon which we can build a house of freedom where all men can dwell. Help us, when this bill has been passed, to lead all of our people in this great land into a new fellowship. . . ."

"In more than three decades of public life I have seen firsthand how basic spiritual beliefs and deeds can shatter barriers of politics and bigotry. I have seen those barriers crumble in the presence of faith and hope, and from this experience I have drawn new hope that the seemingly insurmountable issues that we face at home and abroad today can be resolved by men of strong faith and men of brave deeds. . . . this can happen only if the separation of church and state does not mean the divorce of spiritual values from secular affairs. The identity of private morality and public conscience is as deeply rooted in our tradition and Constitution as the principle of legal separation."

OUR WORLD MISSION
OWM Budget Receipts For March 1964

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	March	6 Mos.			6 Mos	March	
Adams Center	\$ 417.25			Middle Island	46.00	200.00	
Albion	\$ 52.00	169.55		Milton	760.14	4,458.36	60.00
Alfred, 1st		2,710.96		Milton Junction ..	298.80	1,000.00	
Alfred, 2nd	219.00	1,183.09		New Auburn	112.26	278.41	
Associations				North Loup		333.85	440.92
& Groups		60.00	\$ 383.88	Nortonville		714.33	50.00
Battle Creek	418.08	3,219.30	20.00	Old Stonefort	75.00	229.25	
Bay Area		225.00		Paint Rock		45.00	
Berlin	150.15	659.76	25.00	Pawcatuck	626.75	3,198.35	147.50
Boulder	86.40	265.95		Plainfield	464.50	2,358.86	
Brookfield, 1st		192.60		Richburg	101.25	723.50	
Brookfield, 2nd	30.35	86.00	20.00	Ritchie	31.00	261.00	
Buffalo		140.00		Riverside	663.52	2,382.72	
Chicago	112.50	620.00		Roanoke	20.00	35.00	
Daytona Beach	122.50	709.02	100.00	Rockville	47.29	393.60	
Denver	124.15	644.87	25.00	Salem	176.50	1,286.50	
De Ruyter		222.25		Salemville	9.00	185.44	6.00
Dodge Center	66.96	726.94	5.00	Schenectady		76.60	
Farina	18.75	278.90		Shiloh	672.61	3,554.67	10.00
Fouke		40.00		Shiloh	21.30	44.30	
Hebron 1st	54.00	471.78		Texarkana			
Hopkinton 1st	222.95	1,524.94		Trustees of			
Hopkinton 2nd		73.58		Gen. Conf.		60.20	
Houston	30.00	141.45		Verona		742.38	
Independence	72.25	556.75		Walworth	89.00	454.00	
Individuals	30.00	255.00	10.00	Washington		61.50	
Irvington		800.00	200.00	Washington			
Jackson Center		250.00		People's	15.00	57.00	
Kansas City	45.00	306.00		Waterford	114.95	790.85	
Little Genesee	125.85	738.50		White Cloud	46.88	394.07	
Little Rock	48.50	141.50		Yonah Mt.	25.00	45.00	
Los Angeles	520.00	1,880.00	15.00				
Los Angeles, Christ's		105.00		Budget	\$7,487.19	\$48,292.40	\$2,518.30
Lost Creek	210.00	914.65		Non-budget	255.29		
Marlboro	311.05	1,745.98		Total to			
Memorial Fund		1,451.09	1,000.00	disburse	\$7,742.48		

MARCH DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 513.76
Historical Society	40.59
Ministerial Retirement	1,035.26
Ministerial Education	566.26
Missionary Society	3,217.26
Tract Society	852.42
Trustees of General Conference	54.28
Women's Society	110.67
World Fellowship & Service	78.94
General Conference	1,241.25
Church World Service	31.79
Total	\$7,742.48

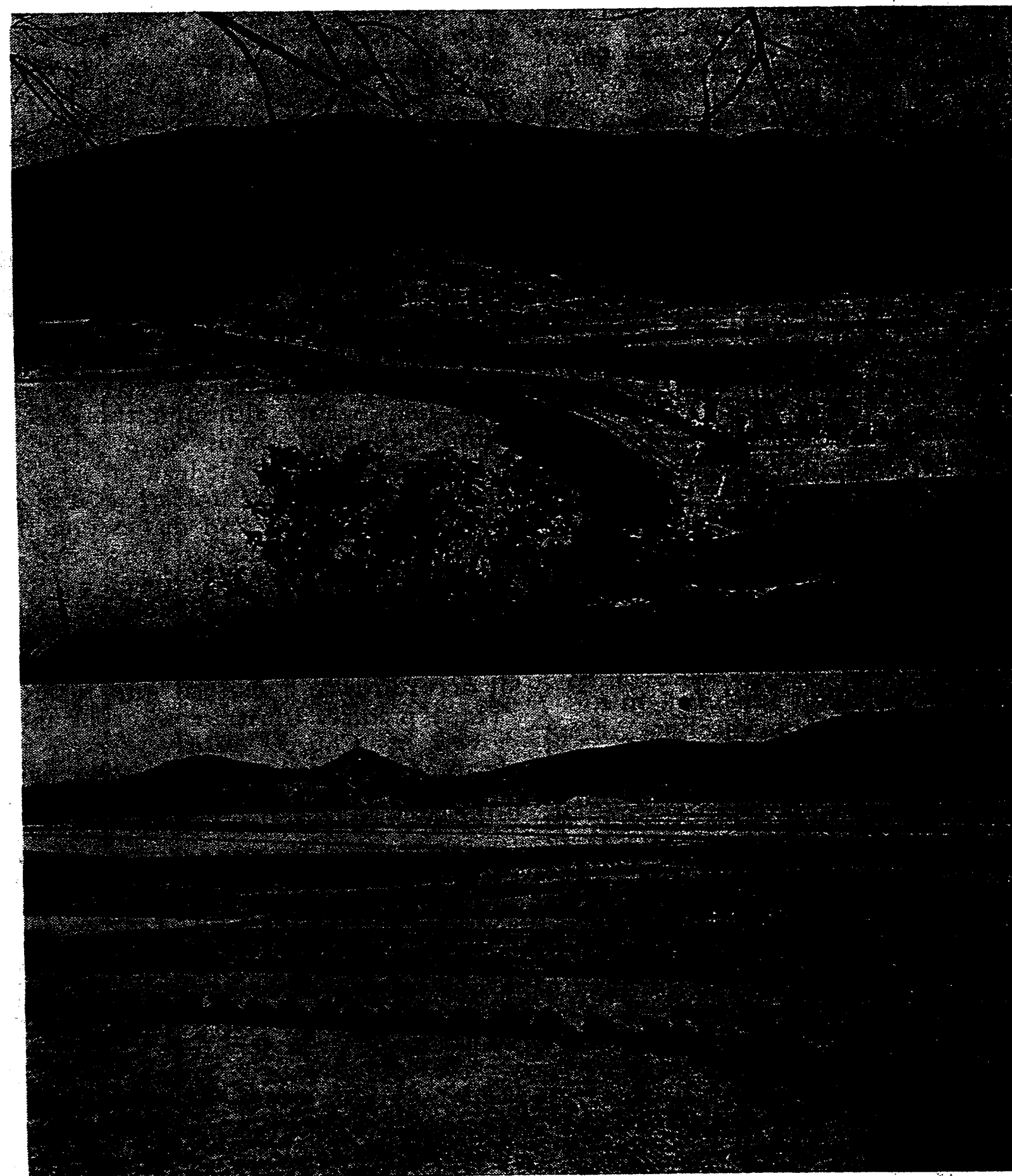
SUMMARY

1963-1964 OWM Budget	\$100,510.00
Receipts for 6 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$48,292.40
Boards	2,518.30
Amount to be raised	\$ 49,699.30
Needed per month to raise budget	
by July 31	\$ 12,424.83
Percentage of (10 month) time elapsed	60%
Percentage of Budget raised	50.55%

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

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