

The Sabbath Recorder

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

There's a sweet old story translated for men,
But writ in the long, long ago —
The Gospel according to Mark, Luke, and John —
Of Christ and His mission below.

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,
By deeds that you do, by words that you say.
Men read what you write, whether faithless or true.
Say, what is the gospel according to you?

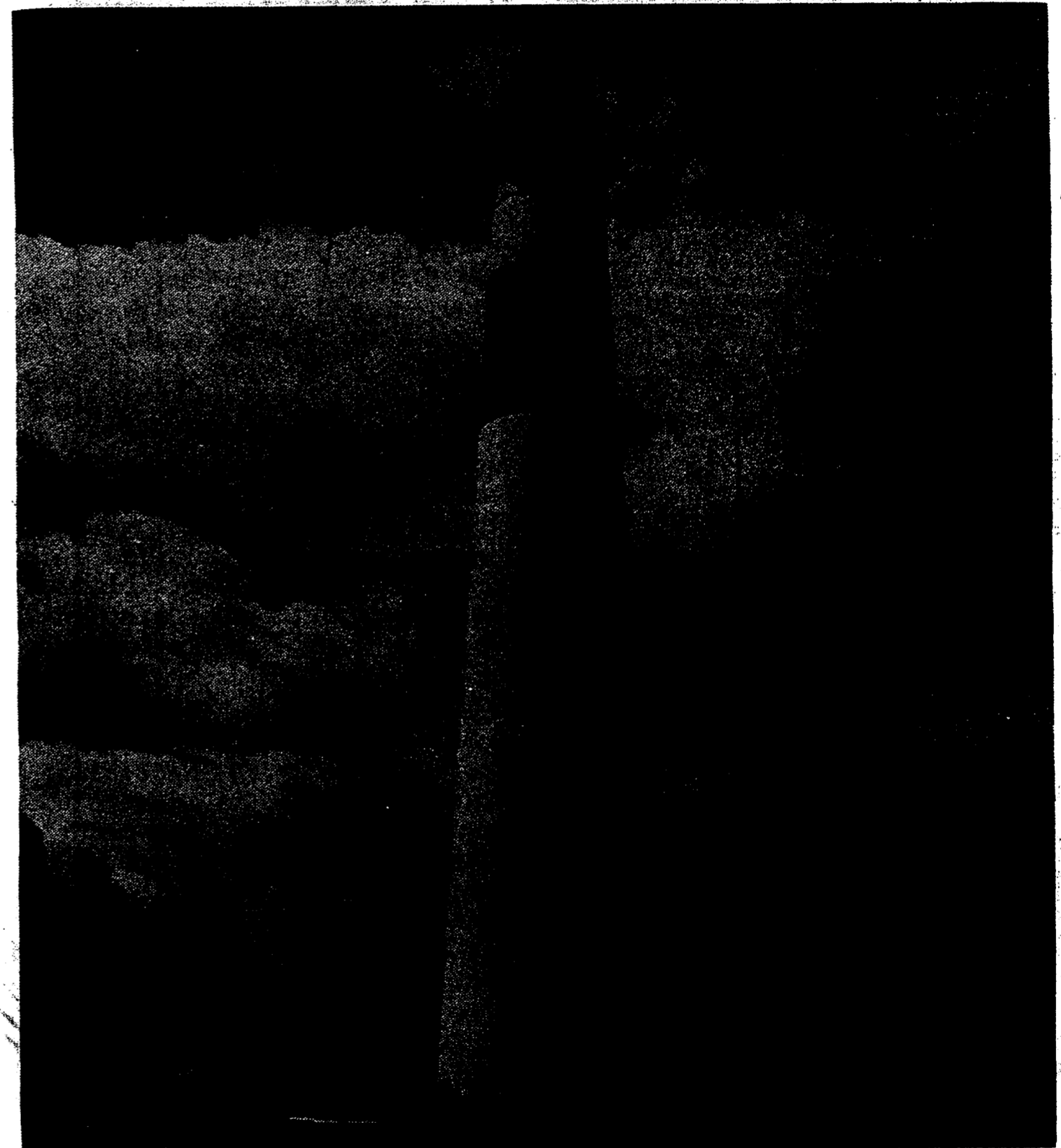
Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ,
With its love so unfailing and true;
But what do they say, and what do they think
Of the gospel according to you?

'Tis a wonderful story, that gospel of love,
As it shines in the Christ-life divine,
And O, that its truth might be told again
In the story of your life and mine!

Unselfishness mirrors in every scene,
Love blossoms on every sod,
And back from its vision the heart comes to tell
The wonderful goodness of God.

You are writing each day a letter to men;
Take care that the writing is true.
'Tis the only gospel some men will read,
That gospel according to you.

— Author Unknown.



A Towering Beacon Light

As the Atlantic City lighthouse towers above New Jersey's level coastline sending its guiding light abroad so should our witness be. Seventh Day Baptists are maintaining a large booth at Convention Hall, Atlantic City, from May 18 to 24 where our history, our faith, and our missionary work are visually and personally presented to those who visit the exhibits of the Baptist Conventions.

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A People Hard to Find

How many folks throughout this nation and world are looking for some such church as the Seventh Day Baptist and are not finding it? This is an unanswerable question because we only hear about those who are successful in their search. Of course many who say they have been looking have perhaps made only a halfhearted and long-spaced search. But those who have found us tell some interesting stories of how it came about. It makes us ashamed that we who claim to have a light appear to so many to have "hidden it under a bushel."

Would it not be interesting if pastors and lone Sabbathkeepers sent to the Sabbath Recorder for publication from time to time little items about people who have come to a pleasant contact with Seventh Day Baptists by unusual routes? Fresh experiences would make good reading and would help all of us to think of new ways and places to cause our light to shine. Here are a few starters.

A lady at Independence, Kentucky, recently wrote a nice letter to "Seventh Day Baptist, The Recorder Press, Plainfield, N. J." She wanted advice in a family religious problem and asked for informational literature. The address had been found in a notebook she carried entitled, "A Light unto the World," furnished by the Protestant Church Owned Publishers Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

A lady at Reno, Nevada, says that she wrote to the Nashville, Tenn., Chamber of Commerce for an address of a Seventh Day Baptist church. The result — a letter to the Seventh Day Baptist Building, with the proper street address. Why she wrote there and how the Chamber of Commerce was able to supply the information will perhaps come to light in a second letter.

Much more understandable is the case of those who come to know about our headquarters or a local church as a result of some special advertising or a story in the newspaper. A young man from a town only 15 miles away visited the Plainfield church a few months ago. He had never heard of Seventh Day Baptists until last fall when he saw a newspaper story of the 125th Anniversary celebration of the Plainfield church. Since then he and his wife have come to feel that they have a responsibility for telling others about

the church. On a recent Sabbath there were seven from this family in attendance. Some of them drove as much as 40 miles. Some had been Sabbathkeepers all their lives without a church connection. Some of them have been looking for such a church as ours. They must feel that we are a people hard to find.

There is another problem, or opportunity, that is faced by every local church and every board and agency that receives these inquiries from far and near. It is the opportunity of convincing people by word and deed that when they have found us they have found a people with a vital faith and a challenging missionary outreach in which they can take a useful place.

Looking at the National Council

Member denominations of the National Council of Churches have recently indicated that they reserve the right to take a good look at the council even though they are within it. This is a position that every member body large or small should not fear to take. Congregations or individual members also have the right to express informed opinions in such media as are open to them, but they should, of course, be sure of their facts.

The Protestant Episcopal Church, which has supplied its full share of leadership in ecumenical affairs, has just completed a two-year study of the NCC. It branded as false any accusations that the council is in sympathy with communism, but it did warn against the way-out pronouncements that have come from some of its departments or affiliated bodies. It may be observed that such pronouncements are now a little more cautious and often hedged with disclaimers of responsibility.

The editor of the Crusader, American Baptist newsmagazine published at Valley Forge, urges his denomination at its annual convention at Atlantic City to look carefully and clearly at the NCC in somewhat the same way that the Episcopal Church has done. He believes it can be justly stated that much of its leadership comes from the theologically and politically liberal wing of American Protestantism, which is not pleasing to many American

Baptist churches. He points out that his denomination's way of handling this situation is that a church, at its own request, may be listed as "not affiliating" and that only designated funds go from the ABC's Unified Budget to the council. He concludes with these words: "On balance we are better in than out of the National Council. We have a witness to give and a job to do that can only be accomplished within the framework of co-operative Christianity."

One of the important words in that statement is "balance." We must continually keep our eyes on those balances to see which side is heavier, in or out. This is the intelligent way, the way of good conscience. The matter cannot be decided once for all by all people — not as long as the largest Protestant denomination (Southern Baptist) remains outside and other denominations (like the American Baptist) continue to debate the question. But let us be careful not to fling false charges at anyone, the National Council or the groups that are opposed to it.

Relevance for the Space Age

This word "relevance" may become as overworked as some of the other terms so frequently heard in church circles these days. It is indeed being used very widely now in several different connections. Seventh Day Baptists a year or more ago in projecting the emphasis for the program year beginning next fall decided some time ago to lay stress on the relevance of our statement of belief to this modern age. It is called to our attention that the aim of the Protestant Pavilion at the New York World's Fair is to show that our faith is relevant to the age that is depicted in scientific displays. The word will be much talked about.

It is not just a question of whether or not the faith of one denomination, or all working together within Protestantism has relevance. People are also asking a related question, "Is the Bible relevant?" This, too, is being answered in the affirmative. The first Interfaith Bible Communications Congress is to be held in the nation's capital June 11-13, sponsored by the non-sectarian Education Communications As-

sociation of which Miss Ella Harlee is president. The objective of the Congress is "to provide a forum for the study of the Bible's ageless message and its relevance in the space age." The purpose also, says its chairman, Dr. Harold Dudley, "is to explore effective modern methods of communicating the Bible."

The relevance of the Bible or articles of faith clearly drawn from it is not seriously called in question. But for the benefit of any who have not had the opportunity or inclination to fully examine the proofs of its applicability to the space age it is certainly well to set up meetings and studies that will show that its message is ageless and relevant. The Book brings the infinite to the finite in richly rewarding experiences.

Integration No New Thing

The successful integration of schools is not as new as some of us think. The fact that more of us are aware of the problem and have started to talk about it should not make us unmindful of the good attitudes and achievements of previous generations in some cities. Take, for instance, the well-to-do city of Plainfield, N. J., where it has been said there are more millionaires per square mile than in almost any small city you could name. Integration of its high school (now more than 50% Negro) has been an accomplished fact throughout this century.

In 1904 the valedictorian of the Plainfield high school was a Negro girl. There was equal opportunity for all in the school, and many have taken advantage of it. The oldest members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Plainfield say they cannot remember a time when they did not have classmates of the Negro race. Let us not think that we are the first to have a Christian attitude. If we look back we may discover that our parents and grandparents were more Christian than we have been; we are perhaps just catching up. And if we haven't had this attitude, let's acquire it. We can show love and patience if the love of Christ dwells in our hearts.

What Is Meant by Ecumenical?

For some time it has been assumed that nearly everyone had a pretty good idea of what is meant by the word "ecumenical." It has appeared in this journal quite frequently over news items about the World and National Councils of Churches and other organizations which encompass many denominations.

According to a WCC folder "The Fullness of Unity," the term is not very well understood. A recent informal poll of a large Eastern metropolitan college revealed that four of ten faculty and five of twenty-five students did not know its meaning or whether it referred to faith or finance. If men with Ph.D.'s could not give a sensible definition of ecumenical it is small wonder that it is vague in the minds of many average citizens. It could be that it has been made to cover so many things that it cannot help being vague. It may not be sufficient to say that it is a Greek word used to describe the whole inhabited earth. That hardly tells how it is used by the religious organizations calling themselves ecumenical.

Trying to narrow down that which embraces the whole earth the WCC publication says that countless people know that ecumenical refers to the movement to achieve Christian unity and bring an end to the division among the churches of the world. If this is true, then many of us have used it too loosely and should desist from so doing. If we allow such a definition to stand (and it seems we must) then if we cannot conscientiously work at "bringing to an end the division among churches" we should not claim to be part of the ecumenical movement. It is an exclusive term, not to be applied to interdenominational organizations that seek greater co-operation among groups that recognize their God-given right to carry on the work of Christ as separate parts of the body of Christ. The WCC definition makes Christian unity merge into organizational union.

If we have the definition straight, let us determine which way Christ is calling us.

MEMORY TEXT

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. John 14: 15, 16.

Our World Mission Budget

By Harley D. Bond, executive secretary

Five months have passed since the Commission challenged us to raise the 1963-64 Our World Mission budget by the end of July. At that time two months of our budget year had already elapsed. At the end of April seven months are past. There remain three months in which to meet the challenge. How well have we done?

Comparing the response to our current budget on April 30, 1964, with the response to the same date in 1963 we find 38 churches and one fellowship have reported greater denominational giving during the past seven months of the current year than was reported for a similar period in 1963; 18 churches have reported less; two churches reporting current giving made no report of giving as of April 30, 1963; three churches reporting in April 1963 have made no report for the current budget; and four churches made no report of denominational giving as of April 30 either year.

At the time the challenge was made it was estimated that a total denominational giving of \$11,196.31 per month would meet our total budget on July 31. By months, since that time the record is as follows:

December	\$10,733.67
January	9,808.32
February	9,469.34
March	7,487.19
April	7,366.55

On April 30, 1963, the total giving to the OWM budget amounted to \$56,860.97. On April 30, 1964, the total for seven months amounted to \$60,151.60.

Now, if we are to meet the challenge, it will be necessary to raise an average of \$13,452.80 per month for the months of May, June and July, or a total of \$40,358.40. The answer lies in your hands.

A Great Darkness

By Leroy Bass

Way out on the mountainside at the great Appalachian Range in northern Alabama is a newly discovered cave, now called Cathedral Caverns and open to the public under guided tours that last one and one-fourth hours. I have been through this cave three times and each time about a mile back in the cave and in the third giant room, the guide turned off the lights for a moment. I faced the blackest of black darkness; absolutely nothing could be seen, and in moving around much all sense of direction was lost. Many things could be said about this cave, but I will mention that there was a little lake or pond in there and the owner once stocked it with fish. Later it was discovered that because of the extreme darkness the fish went completely blind.

When people conduct their lives as if we didn't take God seriously, nor search the Scriptures to discover the meaning and purpose of our lives, nor ask that Jesus Christ live in us and enable us to live obedient, disciplined Christian lives, then we are in the darkness of the cave of sin and are blinded to the rightness and wrongness of things in life. The moral darkness that many choose to live in causes them to lose all sense of direction.

While we cannot and must not exalt ourselves (we, too, are sinners, saved by grace), yet as believers in the Law of God and the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, we must beware of the world's standards. We must "walk in the light, as he (God) is the light." Then we truly "have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin."

—The Messenger, Nortonville, Kan.

Atlantic City Hospitality

Any who are planning to attend the Baptist Jubilee at Atlantic City May 22-24 and who would like free lodging in Seventh Day Baptist homes at Shiloh, N. J. (50-60 miles), are invited to contact the local church committee: Mrs. James Williams, phone 609-451-9560, or Mrs. William Parvin, phone 609-451-5436 at Shiloh, according to the church clerk.

The Sabbath Was Made for Man

By Rev. Paul S. Burdick

We are told that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and all things in them. To me it makes no particular difference whether this activity took place in six days of just 24 hours each, or whether a longer period of time was involved; for we are told that in God's sight a thousand years is as a day and a day is as a thousand years. So time is of no consequence so far as God is concerned.

But the important fact is that rest follows activity. God rested on the seventh day and blessed and hallowed it. How long was that resting period? Again it makes no difference so far as we are concerned. The important thing was that God set us the example of rest following creative activity. Thus with us, the rhythm of rest following work is a part of God's plan for man.

What did God do upon His day of rest? He enjoyed His work. He looked upon all that He had created and saw that it was good. He communed with nature that He had created, and with man in it. For man had been created in His own likeness, and man needed God. They walked together in God's garden in the cool of the day, and talked together, at least until sin formed a barrier between them.

This activity of God's should give us pause to think. If God wanted a little time for observing His creation, the goodness of it, and time to become acquainted with the persons that inhabit it, surely we need the same arrangement.

We are being told again and again on every hand that what man needs now, desperately, is a better understanding of himself and of his fellow man. He can travel the depths of the sea, but he cannot fathom the depths of sin in himself and in his fellows. He can rise above the clouds and travel through space at twice the speed of sound, but he cannot bring

down the power of heart-reformation into his life. Only God can do that. He has magic computers that will do the work of 100 men in less than a minute, but he cannot look into his own heart or the heart of another and see what is wrong there, or what sin has done.

Racial riots increase. Turkish and Greek Cypriots shoot one another in spite of the mediation of UN forces. In our own country, labor and management tie up industry and transportation by strikes, so that there is danger at any time that food cannot be brought to our doors, and we shall be hungry in the midst of plenty.

What is wrong with us? We can control the forces of nature, but we cannot control the minds, the passions, the hidden motives in the hearts of men! Covetousness and greed are rampant. Men in high positions of government and industry are being indicted for fraud and deceit. What is the remedy for this? What is the way out? There is only one way — that is to live together as brethren — to "have this mind in you that was also in Christ Jesus."

We cannot do this so long as our week in many places is full of worldly tasks — seven days for self and not one day for God. He has given us the Sabbath to look into the faces of one another with understanding; to take a deep breath and cease from the striving after things of this world. Look to God and to one another and learn what this means: "He that would be great among you, let him be your servant."

How did Jesus use the Sabbath? Did He follow His Father's command to hallow the Sabbath and use it as God intended?

In the synagogue was a man with a withered hand. He may have had to take a back seat. He may have been avoided by those who regarded an infirmity as a sign

of God's displeasure. Jesus called him to the front.

"Stretch forth thy hand."

The man did so, and it was restored as the other, even though it was the Sabbath and the rulers of the Jews were displeased. "Come some other day to be healed," they said.

We are by the Pool of Bethesda with a man impotent in his feet, or with a blind beggar by the wayside. Jesus comes by.

"Wilt thou be made whole?"

Upon their yielding to Him in faith and love, He is able to heal them. Notice the reason that Jesus gives for these activities upon the Sabbath day:

"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

"I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world"

And that Light brings light into darkened lives today, with the Sabbath especially as its medium of activity.

We need a new definition of work. God's work goes on. The sun shines, the birds sing, men and all creatures are preserved.

"My Father worketh hitherto and I work."

This is not the same as daily work for men's hire. This is far removed from the strife and greed of this world. It means a saving of men from themselves, and from sin to a sense of God's presence, His overruling providence, and His mighty saving power. That is what the Sabbath is all about.

Even Isaiah understood this in his famous 58th chapter. He speaks there about fasting, but he probably had the Sabbath in mind because of the closing verses of the same chapter. (Read verses 4, 5, 6, and 13, 14.)

"Behold ye fast for strife and debate and to smite with the fist of wickedness. Ye shall not fast as ye do this day to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to

spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast and an acceptable day unto the Lord?

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Jesus did not consider the Sabbath as just a day to afflict oneself or to hide from another's need. He used it as His Father intended. Neither did He abolish the Sabbath, as some insist. He used it for the uplifting and blessing of mankind, as God must have meant it to be used.

When you fast, He said, wash your face, put on a pleasant countenance, that you appear not to others to fast, and your Heavenly Father will reward you. So also with the keeping of the Sabbath. Let it be a day of joy, of useful service to others, and withal, a day of release to the captives of sin.

Library Subscriptions

Not every librarian will see the value of having the **Sabbath Recorder** among the magazines displayed but most of those who have charge of theological libraries can be expected to encourage their students to read the magazines of various denominations. A church group paid for a subscription to Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. The librarian writes, "This is a belated note of thanks for sending us the **Sabbath Recorder**. It is being placed regularly in the library reading room."

Review of April Meeting of Missionary Board

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board was held Sunday afternoon, April 26, at Westerly, R. I., with 17 members and three visitors present. The Rev. Harold R. Crandall presided and the meeting was opened with prayer by Denison Barber.

The treasurer's report indicated that salaries and bills have been paid to date. The Salary Equalization Fund has been partially restored by repayment of the Immigration Deposit of \$1,000 (British Guiana currency) which had been required for the Rev. and Mrs. Leland Davis and family to enter and reside in British Guiana.

Executive Committee

Items of special interest from the report of the Executive Committee follow:

An amount not to exceed \$500 was approved in order to carry out the plan to remodel Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick's present living quarters, providing at Makapwa Mission "a much needed surgery, pharmacy and recovery room unit." Also, a recommendation was approved whereby one-half the amount of travel expense for the chairman of the Home Field Committee to attend Missionary Pastors' Institute at Little Rock, Ark., May 3-10, 1964, is to be taken from the travel expense appropriation of the Secretary of the Missionary Board in estimated amount of \$80 (air travel).

American Tropics Committee

Chairman Neal D. Mills gave this report.

A matter of particular interest was the decision to grant the request of the Rev. Leon R. Lawton and family to return to this country "at the end of May instead of after the Jamaica Conference in July as previously planned. This will allow time for visiting relatives and to attend to other matters before the General Conference in Salem and the opening of school in September." The recommendation of the American Tropics Committee had been stated as approving this plan "provided that the Jamaican leaders give

their approval." A letter was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Jamaica Conference, the Rev. Joe A. Samuels, on the day the board met and was read to the board indicating that our Jamaica brethren would abide by the decision of the American board. After much discussion it was voted to approve the request, Secretary Harris to work out the details with Missionary Lawton.

Another item of interest from the American Tropics Committee was the reading of a statement of the duties of Courtland V. Davis as the Missionary Board's representative in Jamaica after the conclusion of the services of Mr. Lawton. The statement which the American Tropics Committee had previously been asked to prepare and which carries the approval of Mr. Davis is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of Mr. Courtland V. Davis to encourage the Jamaica pastors and Conference leaders to take over the work, keeping his own services as 'advisory' when asked. He would also represent the action of the Missionary Society and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, U.S.A., seeking to give proper understanding of such as it relates to Jamaica, as needing to be done in a personal way (as apart from that which is done by direct correspondence between the officers of the said groups directly) and, also seek to interpret and give understanding of Jamaica Conference action to the Missionary Society and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, U.S.A., as needed (and again as apart from direct correspondence between officers)."

African Interests Committee

The report of the African Interests Committee by the chairman, Loren G. Osborn, was approved as follows:

"1. It is recommended that the Makapwa Mission staff be advised to train two or more persons to handle the mechanical and technical operations of the station so that local people can take over these parts of the work. The Executive Committee of Makapwa Mission will be responsible for the selection and training of such persons.

"2. It is recommended that the secretary be authorized to recruit a properly

qualified person to go to Nyasaland after Superintendent Pearson's departure to serve as a teacher for pastoral counseling and training. This person will be expected to set up a continuing program of training and recruitment for pastors and leaders.

"These recommendations form logical and important steps in the continuing indigenization of the work in Nyasaland. Future steps will be determined by the effects of this transition on the local work, by the progress that will be made by the local people, and by the attitude of the developing government."

Home Field Committee

Chairman Earl Cruzan read the report of the Home Field Committee which was approved and will be published in the next issue of the Recorder.

An expression of appreciation from Miss Joan Clement was read as follows: "I should like you and each member of the board to know how very deeply indebted I feel for being granted the opportunity to undertake this course of study (course in anesthesiology at Madison College, Tennessee). I wonder how I ever got along without the knowledge I have gained here in these months past. Thank you all so very, very much." It was announced that plans are being made for Miss Clement to return to Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, around February 1, 1965.

The board meeting was concluded with prayer offered by President Harold R. Crandall.

Who Handles Surplus Food?

According to statistics recently released there are five large church-related organizations that distribute American surplus food overseas, handling 98 per cent of all that was shipped in 1962. They rank as follows:

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, .79 per cent; Catholic Relief Services, 58.4 per cent; Church World Service, 12.91 per cent; CARE 23.69 per cent; and Lutheran World Relief, 2.36 per cent.

Association Youth Retreat Held at Nortonville, Kan.

By Juanita Wheeler

The annual Youth Retreat of the young people of our Mid-Continent churches was held at our church March 28 and 29. The theme this year was "The Future Is in Our Hands." The young people were in charge of the regular Sabbath morning service with John and Sam Wheeler presiding. Youth Retreat President Clifford Bond spoke on "Our Future."

At the close of the church services a baptismal service was held with Pastor Bass and Pastor Duane Davis officiating.

Pastor Davis spoke to the youth at the afternoon service, using as his topic "The World's Future." At 7:30 the film "The Tony Fontaine Story" was shown. Following the movie the young people went bowling in Atchison.

Sunday morning after a breakfast in the church kitchen, Pastor Bass spoke to the group on the theme "The Church's Future." An open discussion followed. After lunch the organizational business meeting was held. The Retreat banquet was held Sunday evening and Pastor Conrod of our sister church in Kansas City spoke on "Heritage of Youth."

Among the things to be enjoyed by those attending the retreat services was the youth choir as they sang "The Heavens Are Telling," the solos of Pastor Mynor Soper accompanying himself on his guitar, and a tour of the surrounding area in the North Loup blue bus. About forty young people attended. Pastor Soper brought the young people of Boulder and Denver, while Pastor and Mrs. Davis with Menzo Fuller brought the young people of North Loup and Grand Island.

What Little Things Can Do

A little match can start a flame
That burns a mansion down;
A little sin may start a shame
That hurts a home or town;
A small beginning in some wrong
May reach gigantic size,
And thus affect a mighty throng
And dim a lot of eyes.

—Walter E. Isenhour,
Taylorsville, N. C.

Responsible Parenthood Means

LIVING THE GOSPEL at Home

"We as parents dare not fail to pass on that Gospel . . . message to our children"

By Mrs. Ralph H. Coon

There is nothing more important than bringing our children up to love, honor, and serve the Lord. How are parents to accomplish this great task and privilege? God had a plan — the home — which He instituted at the beginning of this world. Through man's weakness, sin entered his heart and so has it been through the ages.

Knowing what was to take place, God had another plan — the redemption of man from his fall and the re-establishing of his fellowship with his Creator. Christ was the answer as He came to earth, lived among men, and died on the cross as our sin substitute and sacrifice. John 3: 16: "For God so loved . . . that he gave his Son" for all who would hear and heed and accept His way of redemption for them. He is the one and only way whereby we may be saved. We as parents dare not fail to pass on that Gospel (good news) message to our children.

Psalms 127: 3 says, "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord," which to me is a blessed trust placed in us as parents, by God Himself. Ephesians 6: 4 says we are to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. At times it might seem that is an impossible assignment, but we are Christians wanting to do His will. Our children, being our most priceless possessions, make us most anxious to carry out His bidding regarding their lives. This time we claim a promise in Matthew 19: 26, ". . . With God all things are possible." We must make Him not only our Savior but also the Lord of our lives for all time. Our children are quick to detect any counterfeiting, especially in parents. To win them to the Lord, our lives must reflect the Savior in such a way as to create in them a desire to possess the same in their lives.



In Ephesians 6: 1 God admonishes the children to obey their parents in the Lord, for this is right. In verse 2 they are told to honor their father and mother. Obedience and honor are two great musts to be instilled into our children. Family worship in our home was a time of family togetherness in keeping an appointment with the Lord. Young lives were introduced to His way of life, His love and concern for them. Knowing such Bible truths brought them to the place where they wanted Him to control their lives and direct them His way instead of their own. One is amazed at how young they discover their need of a Savior and the next step is their desire to make Him the pilot of their lives. We tried to impress on them the importance of Christ being Lord of all, else He isn't Lord and pilot at all. There were problems, of course, but again, Christ was the answer. The work of the church is greatly handicapped because of the lack of Bible training in the homes. It is my earnest conviction that the foundation must be laid in the home for a well-rounded Christian life in our children.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6: 1-3).

Mrs. Madge Muncy Coon is the widow of the late Rev. Ralph H. Coon, the mother of five and a grandmother. Her home has presented a climate for Christian commitment and growth for her family, parishioners, and students. Pictured at the left she is with her grandchildren, John Stephan and Lynette Marie, children of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald (Ruth) Krum.

Camp Manual

As time passes other ideas that might be placed in the forthcoming S.D.B. Camp Manual present themselves. A history of each of our S.D.B. camps is being asked for and they will become a part of the manual. Editor Alton L. Wheeler would like those who have pictures of camping activities and personalities to forward them to him so they can be included.

A time will soon be agreed on when those interested in our camping program can meet together at General Conference to discuss the manual and camping in general.

We also plan to have display tables at Conference, and those who have programs, pictures, and craft objects made in camps are asked to bring them to Conference to be used in the display.

Pawcatuck Will Build

According to the report of the Building Committee of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, "good progress has been made in the development of acceptable plans and specifications for the approved addition to our church."

The committee has employed local architects to help lay out the accommodations. "For the most part, all equipment (for the kitchen) will be new and of the most modern design. . . . The new facilities to be provided include in addition to the kitchen, complete modern rest room accommodations, church office and pastor's study, choir and music room, Boy Scout Troop meeting room, large lounge which will seat up to forty persons comfortably, and with the use of folding partitions, at least six classrooms.

"A feature of the new unit will be its electric heating system which will permit individual room heating. Except on occasions requiring use of other church areas, it will not be necessary to have heat for our building on other than Sabbath days."

It is expected that the building will be completed in November.

— Pawcatuck Annual Reports, 1964.

Writing to Congressmen

(This paragraph was part of a letter written March 30 to constituents of the N. Y. State Council of Churches.)

"Last Wednesday and Thursday the State Council was a potent and decisive factor in the (legislative) decisions made. More important were your letters. One Assemblyman from a comparatively small, rural county said he had five letters asking him to support the Moreland bills and over 500 from church people opposing them. A most frequent comment on the floor was in references to the churches and the church people writing in. Your letters are important."

The Moreland bills were defeated, but when the governor called a special session to review their decision, a revised Moreland bill was passed. The new bill overcame some of the objections of those writing in.

Keep On

Many Seventh Day Baptists families will celebrate Family Week with special family devotions and discussions. Don't stop with Family Week. Follow on. Continue with daily devotions. Set a time and stick to it the best you can. Use the Daily Bible Readings in the **Helping Hand**, the **Secret Place**, the **Upper Room**, or some other well-prepared material designed for family use. At the very least read together a paragraph from the Bible. Give your family a chance to become a "devotional family."

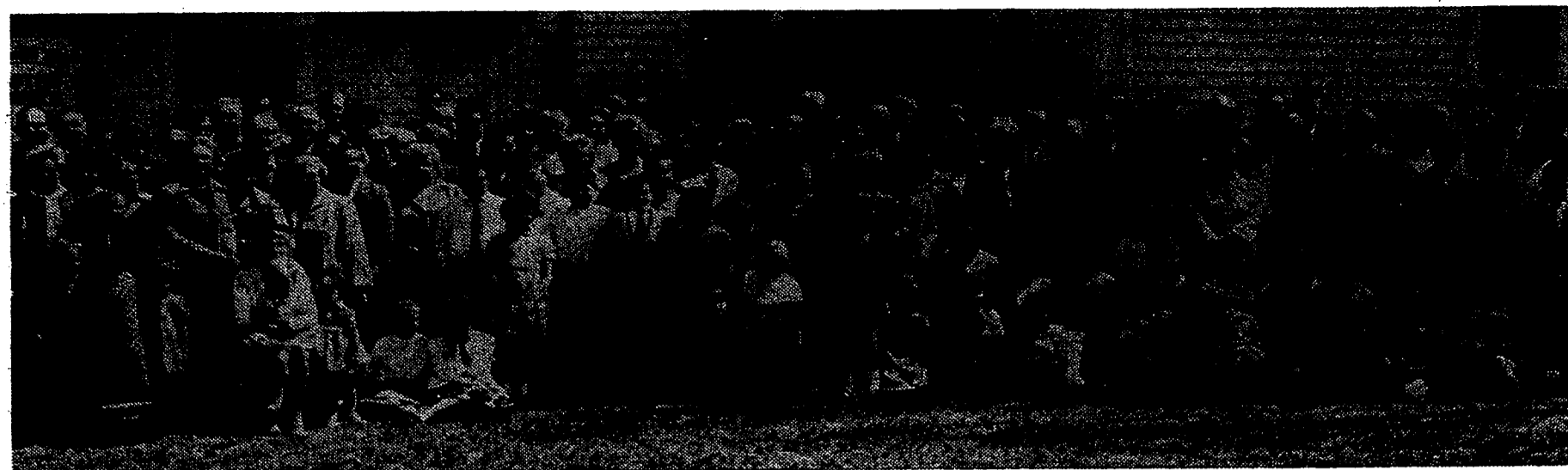
Baptist Center in Israel

Baptists in Israel plan to build a student center near Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Four acres of suitable land have been purchased near the university and the architect's plans have been approved. The project will cost about \$250,000, most of which is requested from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, USA.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 30, 1964

All Nations Under God
Scripture Lesson: Amos 2: 4-7;
Acts 17: 24-26.



Report Inspiring Meetings

of the Semiannual Meeting of Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota Churches

By Mrs. Helen Greene, corresponding secretary

This traditional, organized meeting of the churches convened at Dodge Center, Minn., April 24-26, 1964. Attendance was large. On Sabbath morning approximately 125 attended the worship service. There were 59 delegates from away.

Sabbath eve the SDBYF had charge of the service. It is very inspiring what our young people do for us. The theme carried through the meetings was **Christ Is the Answer**. The young folks used the topics "Christ is the answer" in school; leadership; health and habits; nature; and vocations.

Sabbath morning Pastor Kenneth Van Horn of New Auburn brought us the message on the theme. He also mentioned that Christ is not the answer if we fail to meet our obligations: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" and "Be ye also ready." It was a challenge to us all. A solo, "Rest in the Lord," was sung by Don Gray of Milton, Wis.

Donald Payne was leader of the Men's Hour Sabbath afternoon. Talks on "Christ Is the Answer" were given by three men. A male quartet from Milton sang. It touched all our hearts and we thank our God for such witnessing in song.

Guests were invited to the homes for the supper hour. The young people's group enjoyed an outdoor barbecue supper at the Clare Greene home.

Myra Barber led the Women's Hour the evening after the Sabbath. A skit, "The Hungry," written by Mrs. Barber, was presented with ladies from New

Auburn, Milton, and Dodge Center taking part. It was impressive and gave us much food for thought.

The semiannual business meeting was held Sunday morning, at which it was voted to send a delegate, expenses paid, to one of Southern Wisconsin's quarterly meetings. Two new officers elected were: moderator, Esther Loofboro; clerk, Mrs. Ellen Pederson, both of New Auburn, Wis. The next semiannual meeting will be with New Auburn, in October 1964.

Following the business meeting a meditation-Bible study on Colossians was led by Pastor Donald Richards.

After a social lunch hour in our church dining room the delegates departed for their homes.

"Old Men for Wisdom"

Judge Albert S. Bozeman of Meridian, Miss., is believed to be the oldest practicing attorney in the United States. He recently celebrated his 100th birthday with felicitations from President Johnson. He has been filling a special appointment as circuit judge during a vacancy on the bench. He has been a deacon of his church for seventy years and was given an honorary doctor's degree by his college sixty-three years after graduation. He says that becoming a centenarian occurred "through the goodness and mercy of God. It's not because of anything I've done," he commented. "Why He keeps me here so long, I don't know — but that's His business."

Baptist Editors Plead for First Amendment

"Leave the First Amendment alone!" is generally the opinion expressed by Baptist editors on the proposed constitutional amendments relating to prayer and Bible reading in the public schools.

Ten state Baptist papers recently gave editorial support to the First Amendment and the Supreme Court decisions outlawing required Bible reading and prayer in public schools. They opposed the so-called "Becker amendment" and other proposals to amend the First Amendment.

The editorials argued that support of such proposals, though well-meaning, stems from the misunderstanding of the Court decisions and of the proposed amendments.

Editor E. S. James of Texas said, "The **Baptist Standard** holds that the present effort in Congress to amend the First Amendment to the national Constitution poses an unparalleled threat to religious freedom."

"It does appear that Baptists, of all people," said the **Baptist Standard**, "should realize how precious and necessary this religious freedom is and how essential it is that we oppose any slight change in the Amendment that guarantees it to us."

The editors agreed that the proposed constitutional amendments would have the effect of destroying the religious freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment.

"The rulings are not a restraint against the people but against the state," said Gainer E. Bryan in **The Maryland Baptist**.

"A program of required Bible reading and prayer in the public schools cannot produce anything more than an innocuous religion of religion itself," said J. Terry Young in the **California Southern Baptist**.

The **Kentucky Western Recorder**, C. R. Daley, editor, strongly attacked the Becker amendment. He said the proposal first provides for voluntary prayer and Bible reading in the public schools, which is needless because "the First Amendment already provides this." It then "provides for the guarantee of the use of government channels for the propagation of religion which poses a real threat to freedom of religion from state control."

Congressman Becker (D., N. Y.) is a Catholic, but not all Catholics in Congress support his amendment. Carlton R. Sickles (D., Maryland) is among those who do not. He told a group of forty religious leaders of his state the day before hearings began that he was for the Constitution "exactly the way it is," and that he had refused to sign the discharge petition to bypass hearings on proposed amendments.

In a television interview following the meeting Sickles predicted that there would be no change in the First Amendment.

Spokesmen supporting the Supreme Court decisions on Bible reading and prayers in schools were from the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Jews, Seventh-day Adventists, Quakers, United Church, Ethical Society, United Church of Christ, and the Episcopalians. Telegrams supporting the testimony of the others were received by the Congressmen from Roman Catholic and Disciples of Christ members from Maryland.

Volunteer Hosts Needed for Baptist Booth at World's Fair

There is need for a few more Seventh Day Baptist volunteers to man the Baptist booth in the Protestant Pavilion at the New York World's Fair between June 16 and 30. The hours are short, forenoons only. Free passes have now been arranged for official volunteer hosts. Here is an opportunity of service and a chance to answer the questions of visitors. Write immediately to Secretary L. M. Maltby, Seventh Day Baptist member of the BJA Host Committee, for preferred day or days and for the host instructions — in case you are needed.

Word has just been received requesting that our people accept an assignment to man the booth for a week at the end of the 1964 season between September 23 and October 18. Shall we take on this added responsibility? Are there volunteers for this period also?

Berlin Pastor Makes Plans for European Tour

The Rev. Paul Maxson, long time pastor of the Berlin, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church has accepted an invitation to become part of the annual New York People-to-People delegation to Europe this summer, a working mission rather than a sightseeing tour.

The 25-35 member party of churchmen will leave New York July 6 and spend twenty-one days visiting the Soviet Union, Hungary, Poland, Germany, and England. Each participant secures his own financial backing for the trip. The letter of invitation states the objectives as: "to learn more about our occupational counterparts abroad while helping them to learn more about America and Americans, as we contribute to better understanding and relations between people." "Certainly," it adds, "as church people, it should be a wonderful opportunity to lend our moral support to Christians in lands where the church is discouraged and persecuted."

This trip is being supported by the village and church people of Berlin, who are proud to have their "pastor" represent them.

Faith can endure when there is full heart in it. Faith is never less than an expression of our inner moral life. It cannot be exercised freely and fully so long as there is any obliqueness of heart, any secret or unholy affection. It is a heart set free of rival loves that takes its rise in strong faith. Then as faith believes, love impels!

Dwight Hervey Small, in
The High Cost of Holy Living
(Fleming H. Revell Company).

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RICHBURG, N. Y. — Youth Sabbath was observed in our church on Sabbath, February 1. The worship was planned by the youth using material from the National Council of Churches. Those taking part were Martha Cartwright, Steve Taylor, Janet Cass, Clayton Andrus, and Fawzia Drake.

When Pastor and Mrs. Bee were called to Virginia February 8 to officiate at the

wedding of his cousin, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren supplied our pulpit.

The February topic for the Ladies Aid, "Prayer," was presented by Mrs. Don Stearns. The March topic, "The Growing Season," compared women's character with various flowers. In April the program was on "The Nameless One."

Starting March 7 Pastor Bee began a series of sermons from the book of Philippians: "Our Christian Pluralism," "A Reason for Living," "The Christian Life," "The Upward Call of God," and "The Need for Moral Consistency." They have been impressive and searching.

All the area churches participated in a Good Friday service at the Bolivar Methodist Church. A combined choir sang "Salvation Is Created," directed by Mrs. Ernest Bee on Sunday, March 22.

The Youth Fellowship of the church, with Pastor and Mrs. Bee, attended the "Passion Play" at Coudersport, Pa., March 22.

The church Advisory Committee on March 29 carefully studied the church constitution to determine if any changes were necessary. Plans were made for a preaching mission June 4-5-6 with the Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen as guest speaker.

Our church sent \$20 to help with the new "Mountain View" Seventh Day Baptist Church in Jamaica.

The Richburg Woman's Christian Temperance Union entertained the County Institute at an all-day meeting. This is the 50th Anniversary of Allegany County Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

— Correspondent.

SHILOH, N. J. — At Easter time many of our people attended a three-hour Good Friday service in Bridgeton. An inspiring candlelight Communion service was held in our church. The choir, which is usually on the platform, sang from the balcony to help bring the message of God's love for us. The church was filled on Sabbath morning with 225, to hear the message of the Resurrection.

The senior Y.F. went to Jersey Oaks Camp for a night of work, some play, and a little sleep. They boiled a crate of eggs and colored them for the Men's Fellowship Easter Egg Hunt. Preparations were made for the Pancake Break-

fast held at 6:30, with 50 in attendance. A sunrise service was conducted at 5:30. Forty early risers heard again the Easter story.

One hundred children met at the church to ride to camp on a truck. There seemed to be joy and smiles on every face anticipating new experiences at the camp.

John Camenga of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, is to come to Shiloh the latter part of June to help with the summer program. He expects to be with us about six weeks working in the community Bible School and with the various camps.

— Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Our church met the problem of too little room and no parking places by purchasing the property next door to the church, a large old dwelling and a large back yard, by today's standards. There is a carriage house which will eventually be torn down to make room for off-street parking. At the present time the house is being used for Sabbath School rooms for the Junior Department, the Intermediate Class, and the Senior Youth Class. There are two recreation and committee rooms on the main floor. Also situated there is the apartment which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Thorngate who are also acting as caretakers of the property. On the second floor, besides the three classrooms, is a nice 3½ room apartment which will be utilized by an assistant pastor or summer worker. This has its own entry way for privacy. We all feel mighty happy to have been able to secure this property to extend our church plant and make more room available.

Of course while we are digging down in our pockets to make this purchase possible, one of our other projects is having to be postponed, that of building the boys' dorm at Camp Holston. The camp is not being forgotten however. A large well has been dug and now the work is feverishly underway to finish the plumbing and get the needed equipment before the Northern Association meets this spring as the camp is to be utilized at that time. One group has already had a workshop there this spring. Mrs. LeRoy DeLand took her junior choir there the weekend of April 18 for a choir workshop. This

was primarily to teach the new little 8-year-olds just entering the group and renew the knowledge of music of the older members. These children provide music for Sabbath morning service about every 6 weeks and, on special holidays, join the adult choir in singing praises.

The Ladies Aid Society has just finished serving a series of five chicken pie and swiss steak suppers. We are striving to purchase new carpet for our church sanctuary as well as support the many other projects of the church. Early in May the group will serve a Mother-Daughter Banquet to the mothers and daughters of the Four-Fold Gospel Church.

— Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Plans for completion of our Junior choir robes in time for Easter were ahead of schedule — they were ready for our revival services six weeks previous and the choir made a very fine looking group in their white robes with black ties.

We were privileged to have Editor and Mrs. Leon Maltby from the Tract Board in New Jersey with us on Sabbath, March 21. Editor Maltby spoke to us during the Sabbath School hour and took us on an imaginary trip around the world to possible open doors with contacts that have expressed an interest in Seventh Day Baptists, their need for tracts, financial help, etc. Our minds have no time barrier to slow us down and in half an hour we had traveled thousands of miles.

The church voted at its recent quarterly business meeting to hold another revival. A committee was appointed to formulate plans this spring for another series in November.

Our church has quite generously supported the local Family Welfare Association for emergent needs for the less fortunate. Two large boxes of good used clothes, mended and ready to wear, and 35 cans of food were donated recently.

I would like to announce that ground has been broken for a large Baptist Retirement Center (that will be undenominational) in Daytona Beach. Those who have considered retirement in such a development might wish to write for more details. Watch this column for an address. — Correspondent.

OUR WORLD MISSION
OWM Budget Receipts For April 1964

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'
	April	7 Mos.		April	7 Mos.	
Adams Center	\$ 138.35	\$ 555.60		17.00	217.00	
Albion	31.50	201.05		563.54	5,021.90	105.00
Alfred, 1st	423.35	3,134.31		87.25	1,087.25	
Alfred, 2nd	182.55	1,365.64				
Associations & Groups	28.00	88.00	\$ 383.88			
Battle Creek	506.88	3,726.18	50.00			
Bay Area		225.00				
Berlin	145.41	805.17	77.62			
Boulder	55.70	321.65	35.00			
Brookfield, 1st		192.60				
Brookfield, 2nd	18.00	104.00	20.00			
Buffalo	100.00	240.00				
Chicago	92.50	712.50				
Daytona Beach	122.25	831.27	101.50			
Denver	147.48	792.35	25.00			
De Ruyter	28.00	250.25				
Dodge Center	88.71	815.65	5.00			
Farina		278.90				
Fouke		40.00				
Hebron 1st		471.78				
Hopkinton 1st	210.05	1,734.99				
Hopkinton 2nd	19.80	93.38				
Houston		141.45				
Independence		556.75				
Individuals	20.00	275.00	1,820.23			
Irvington	400.00	1,200.00	200.00			
Jackson Center		250.00				
Kansas City		306.00				
Little Genesee		738.50				
Little Rock	37.00	178.50				
Los Angeles	260.00	2,140.00	15.00			
Los Angeles, Christ's		105.00				
Lost Creek		914.65				
Marlboro		1,745.98				
Memorial Fund		1,451.09	1,000.00			
Middle Island				17.00	217.00	
Milton				563.54	5,021.90	105.00
Milton Junction				87.25	1,087.25	
New Auburn					278.41	
North Loup				524.55	858.40	440.92
Nortonville				218.00	932.33	50.00
Old Stonefort				15.00	244.25	
Paint Rock				150.00	195.00	
Pawcatuck				478.75	3,677.10	147.50
Plainfield				318.07	2,676.93	
Richburg				241.00	964.50	
Ritchie					261.00	
Riverside					2,382.72	
Roanoke				40.00	75.00	
Rockville				19.80	413.40	
Salem				160.00	1,446.50	
Salemville					185.44	6.00
Schenectady				14.00	90.60	
Shiloh				925.55	4,480.22	10.00
Texarkana					44.30	
Trustees of Gen. Conf.					60.20	
Verona				98.00	840.38	
Walworth				75.00	529.00	
Washington				160.00	221.50	
Washington People's					57.00	
Waterford				156.95	947.80	
White Cloud				48.56	442.63	
Yonah Mt.					45.00	
Budget				\$7,366.55	\$55,658.95	\$4,492.65
Non-budget				238.97		
Total to Disburse				\$7,605.52		

APRIL DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 575.57
Historical Society	40.31
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund)	634.98
Ministerial Education	635.68
Missionary Society	3,281.82
Tract Society	888.93
Trustees of General Conference	55.82
Women's Society	151.28
World Fellowship & Service	119.41
General Conference	1,107.75
Church World Service	113.97
Total	\$7,605.52

SUMMARY

1963-1964 OWM Budget	\$100,510.00
Receipts for 7 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$55,658.95
Boards'	4,492.65
	60,151.60
Amount yet to be raised	\$ 40,358.40
Needed per month to raise budget by July 31, 1964	\$ 13,452.80
Percentage of (10 month) time elapsed	70%
Percentage of budget raised	59.85%

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

May 3, 1964

The Sabbath Recorder



Planning for the Future

The plans of men for a better world will come to naught unless the planners superimpose the cross of Christ over each hemisphere, for the crying need is for changed hearts for a changed world.