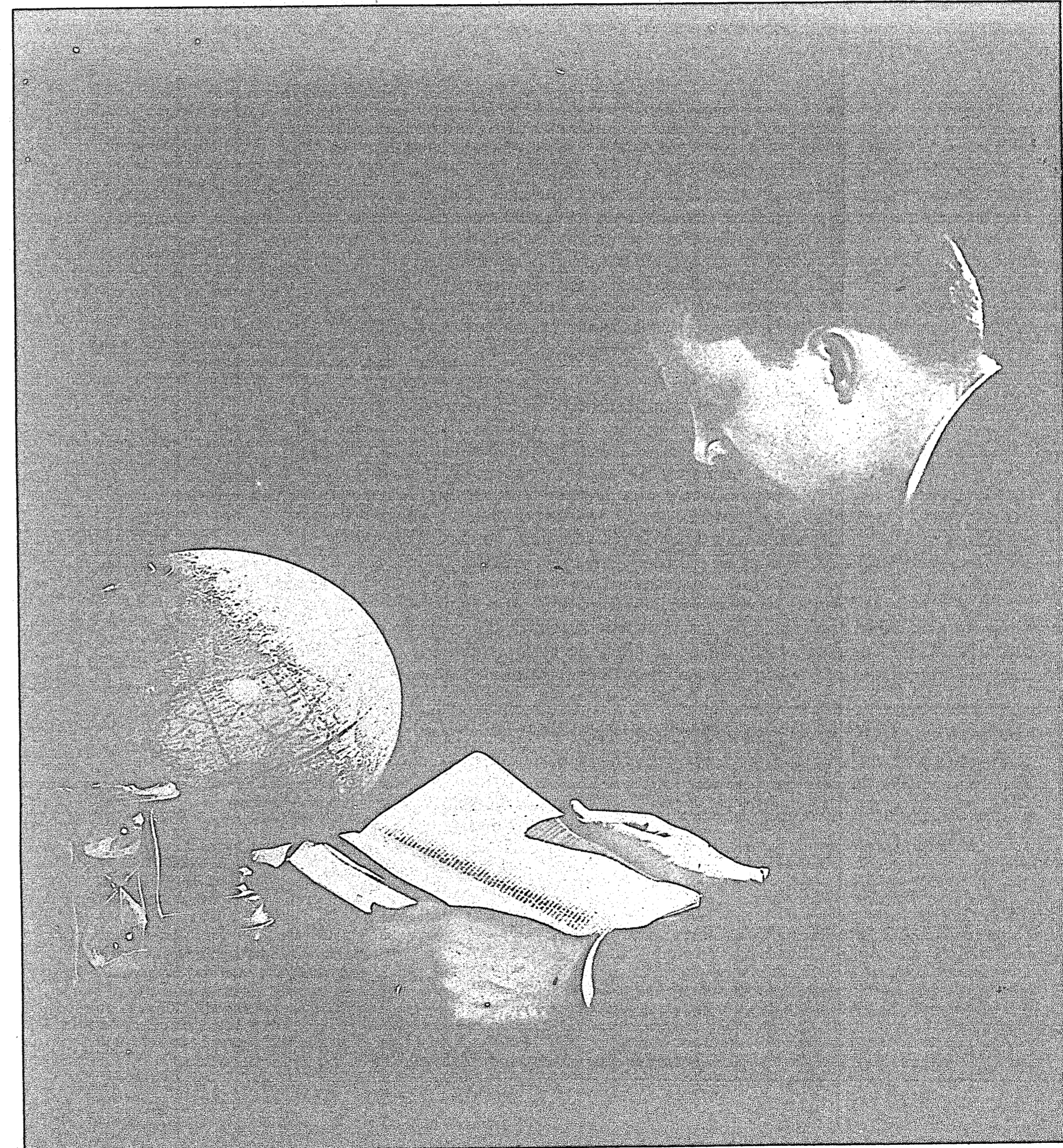


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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, WIS. — From family sources comes a general invitation to attend the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jess W. Babcock of Milton or to send congratulations to them in care of Mrs. Rex Bowers, P.O. Box 593. Those who know them well need not be reminded that they have long been known as people of firm faith and many good works.

TAMPA, FLA. — The Tampa branch of the Daytona Beach church celebrated one year of regular services on Sabbath Rally Day, May 16. It was decided to make this the concluding service for the summer. Meetings will be resumed next fall with the first meeting scheduled for September 19. People who prefer the west coast of Florida for their winter residence are urged to locate within easy driving distance of Tampa and to support the church by their regular attendance.

Good Scholarship in Ministerial Training

Whenever the modern mind restricts high standards of scholarship to medicine, science, and law, it betrays a serious prejudice. The truth is that no theological student has a right to handle sacred things until he has laid the whole of his life on the altar — and his intellect in particular. If there is any place where academic mediocrity should be forthrightly resisted, it is in a theological seminary. To give God less than our best is a plain insult.

— Fuller Seminary Bulletin.

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Obituaries

Brock.—Fordyce E., son of Willis E. and Emma Eggleston Brock, was born in Hebron, Pa., in 1905, and died of a heart attack at Rockledge, Fla., April 27, 1964.

He was a member of the Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife but no children. Also surviving is one brother, Ronald, and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was at Rockledge with the Rev. J. Ronissevale officiating. Burial was in Florida Memorial Gardens. — C. A. Beebe.

Clarke.—Robert A., son of Herbert and Elvareta Austin Clarke, was born June 9, 1881, at Independence, N. Y., and died April 3, 1964, at the farm home at Independence where he spent most of his life.

Robert was baptized in early youth and joined the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church where he was a faithful member till his death.

He was united in marriage to Cory Parks Feb. 27, 1904, who preceded him in death. To them were born four children: Cleon of Independence; Zereta Matteson of Whitesville; Maleta Coats of Wellsville; Viola Waters of Whitesville, who with several grandchildren and great grandchildren, survive.

Pastor John Holmes officiated at the funeral services in the church, with burial in Independence Rural Cemetery. — Grace C. Spicer.

Hamer.—Thomas John, was born Oct. 20, 1883, at Davis Creek, North Loup, Nebr. and died May 24, 1964, at Ord, Nebr.

The son of Thomas Harwood and Julia Ann Clement Hamer, he grew up at North Loup and Spaulding, Nebr. He was married July 1, 1911, to Ethel M. Clement at Boulder, Colo., and their home has always been at North Loup, where he was a carpenter by trade.

Survivors are his wife; two sons: Lewis of Beatrice, Nebr. and John of North Loup; and seven daughters: Winnie Williams, North Loup; Louise Kammerlohr of Salt Lake City, Utah; Florence Hedges of Indianola, Nebr.; Muriel Portis of Walton, Nebr.; Marjory Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Evelyn Evans, Ceresco, Nebr. and Carolyn Cook, of Lincoln, Nebr. There are 29 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Duane L. Davis, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, with interment in the Hillside Cemetery, North Loup. — D.L.D.

Rogers.—Ella Mae, daughter of Ezra B. and Mary C. Rogers, was born June 9, 1873, in the Town of Hopkinton, R. I., and died May 20, 1964, at the Harlow House in Hope Valley, R. I.

Miss Rogers was baptized by the Rev. Paul Burdick and joined the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church August 24, 1928. Her life work was teaching in the district schools of Rhode Island. There are no near relatives surviving.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Neal D. Mills, and burial was in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Hope Valley.

— N.D.M.

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The Plumb Line of Precept

The contractor and the bricklayer are well aware of the function and need of the plumb line in their work. This weighted line enables them to raise up walls and erect corners that are truly perpendicular. Another three-story apartment house has been taking shape in our part of the city. It is now at the stage in which the brick-laying crew surrounds the building with trowels in hand to add course upon course to the exterior walls. At each corner can be seen the perpendicular line by which they work. Without a plumb line they could not avoid or correct the deviations that would be bound to show up in the finished wall if the mason tried to lay one brick upon another guided only by his own eye. He must establish a true line and then lay to the line.

The plumb line of moral precept is just as important in the life of the believer as the physical plumb line is to the builder of his house or his church. This is the meaning of the expression in the Word of God as when the Lord said to Amos in a vision:

Amos, what seest thou? And I said, a plumb line. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people. . . .

In our day as in the days of the prophets of old there is a popular rebellion against the enforcement of moral precepts. It is not a new thing although it may vary somewhat from generation to generation. Sin is the self-centered act of throwing off divine restraints. These restraints are enunciated more comprehensively in the Ten Commandments than anywhere else. The Decalogue may well be called God's plumb line of precept. If conscientiously followed from the foundation of life until its earthly completion the life will stand the test of time and eternity. We need it to keep us from deviation to the right or left, from truth to error, from lawful to lawless.

Our modern trouble stems largely from our desire to discard the authority of God. Many are trying to get away from the absolute righteousness demanded by Christ. We might hesitate to admit that we are content with "the righteousness of the scribes and pharisees" which Jesus condemned as inferior, but all too many of

us show little inclination to live much above the common level about us. We may claim to be better than others but we set ourselves up as judges of the facts and do not wait for the judgment of others. Perhaps nowhere is this more apparent than in the observance of the Fourth Commandment. The Sabbath law of the Bible is so widely disregarded that any comparison with what others are doing amounts to a departure from the divine standard.

Logically our laxity in Sabbath observance leads to breaking the other commandments. We might well ask ourselves if we are not in effect going through life with scissors in hand severing the plumb lines of moral precepts that were hung by the wise Master Builder. Where in the Bible can anyone find justification for that kind of liberty which in honesty must be called lawlessness?

Salute to Old Stone Fort

It is fitting that we as a people should salute some of the lesser known Seventh Day Baptist churches. The term "salute" would seem to go well with the name Old Stone Fort if the reference were to a military establishment of pioneer days. An article appearing elsewhere in this issue indicates that the fort which gave its name to the little church near Stonefort, Illinois, originated in prehistoric rather than in pioneer days. The occasion for this salute and this fresh history of the village and fort is the meeting of the North Central Association with this church on the weekend of June 20. People from the churches in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois will be gathering with the local congregation in a rejuvenated church building erected just forty years ago.

For those who have files of the Sabbath Recorder and are interested in refreshing their minds on the history of the church may turn to the Sabbath Recorder of June 16, 1924, which describes a yearly meeting at the time the church was dedicated (May 17 and 18 of that year) and a sketch of the church written by Deacon Powell Lewis.

Briefly, the church was organized in 1871. Its history has been closely inter-

woven with the lives of many people bearing the name Lewis of whom there are a number still listed on the membership roll. Robert Lewis is listed as one of the covenant members. He was an elder in the church and had much to do with its early growth. Another name appearing among the charter members is James McSparin. It is interesting to note that the present pastor, who is partially self-supporting, is Carlos Lee McSparin. It appears that descendants of the original members have remained or have returned to the community showing an admirable loyalty to the truths learned there and the commission received there to preach the Gospel.

The story told on other pages of this issue informs us that the original pioneer village vanished and gave place to a new one. The church which was organized in pioneer days remained and also kept the original name associated with the ancient stone fort. It is called the Old Stone Fort Church of Stonefort, Illinois. May those who worship in its courts at the time of the North Central Association honor its achievements of the past and dedicate themselves to the truths which it and other churches of like faith cherish.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Identification of Writers

It has long been the policy of the Sabbath Recorder (more than 12 years) not to print the name of the writer in the "News from the Churches" department but to indicate merely that it came from the duly appointed Recorder correspondent in the local church. This has proven to be a good arrangement but one not entirely free from problems. Sometimes the local church or the appointed correspondent is slow in notifying the editor of changes, leaving our records incomplete. Then, too, the news writer, observing that names are not signed to these articles as they appear in print, may send in material without signature or return address. No editor can publish anonymous material. He must know who sent it so that he can answer questions, avoid embarrassment, and not credit to a correspondent a story written by someone else.

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This does not mean that the editor will always limit himself to printing stories from only one person per church. If there is a story of general interest which the regular correspondent will miss or has missed someone else ought to submit it. Common courtesy requires, however, that normally it should be cleared with the correspondent or pastor. This will avoid the possibility of friction in the local church.

All articles must be signed. If there is good reason to withhold the name the editor may do so.

"Overseasmanship"

How much mileage can be gotten from a little sailing vessel such as those that figure in the story of Christ and of the seafaring apostle Paul? Modern man has brought to view many new ships that are much talked about. We hear of discipleship and churchmanship. Perhaps the latest to appear in the **Religious News-weekly** is "overseasmanship." We cannot help but wonder if a craft with such a spread of sail will prove to be seaworthy.

Seriously, however, this is applied to the training advocated for churchmen (laymen) going overseas. A booklet "Can Your Faith Travel?" has been prepared by Rev. Duncan MacBryde, chairman of the NCC Committee on American Laymen Overseas. Suitable for study by local church groups it is said to contain a complete bibliography on "overseasmanship" and other study aids. The idea that a Christian traveling abroad should keep himself religiously neutral is strongly challenged.

Recorder Comment

A Baptist from Alvord, Texas, who says he heard of our denomination through the state paper **Baptist Standard** and searched out our headquarters address, asked for tracts and sent in a subscription for the **Sabbath Recorder**. His letter states that he is editor and owner of the **Alvord News** and "In addition to operating the above named business I am postmaster here in this small town and during the day have time for reading. Much of my interest runs to study of the Bible, religious books, etc. . . . Your magazine is well edited and very interesting, and I do want to become a subscriber and read it regularly."

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER



Conference President's Corner

Dear Friends of the Faith:

I hope that you are looking forward to Conference in Salem August 17-22 as I am looking forward to it. This year brings us the unusual and blessed opportunity to mingle with delegates from all over the world who have been attending the World Consultation. However, today I want to tell you about the major worship services which will be held at Conference.

Believing that **Christ Is the Answer** to every situation in life, we have chosen as subjects for the sermons at Conference a series of problems which confront society, some social and some personal. It is our hope that in the development of these we shall be persuaded that Christ is the answer not only in the hypothetical sense, but that He is the actual answer to the needs of society.

The sermon subjects, speakers, and worship leaders are given here so that you will be able to prepare mentally and spiritually for Conference. You will be interested to note that in nearly every case one of the delegates to the World Consultation will assist in leadership of the worship service.

Monday Evening

"Christ Is the Answer — to our Declining Morality"

Speaker, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson
Worship leader and assistant, Rev. A. Addison Appel, Mr. Jacob Tyrrell

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Tuesday Evening

"Christ Is the Answer — to the Present World Crisis"

Speaker, Rev. J. Paul Green
Worship leader and assistant, Rev. Neal D. Mills, Mr. Naval W. Harley

Wednesday Evening

"Christ Is the Answer — to the Problems of Race Relationships"

Speaker, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs
Worship leader and assistant, Rev. Paul B. Osborn, Mr. G. Zijlstra

Thursday Evening

"Christ Is the Answer — to the Problems of Family Life"

Speaker, Rev. Francis D. Saunders
Worship leader and assistant, Rev. Henry Lewis, Mr. Alfred Mellman

Friday Evening

"Christ Is the Answer — to our Denominational Needs"

Speaker, Rev. Leon R. Lawton
Worship leader, Rev. Donald E. Richards
"Sharing Our Faith" leader, Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler

Sabbath Morning

"Christ Is the Answer — to our Inner Personal Needs"

Speaker, Rev. Everet T. Harris
Host pastor and assistant, Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, Rev. Joseph A. Samuels

Sabbath Afternoon

"Affirming our Faith in Christ As the Answer" — Communion

Leader, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley
Assistants, Rev. J. Bahlke, Rev. Otrain B. Manan

Night After the Sabbath

Presenting the new Conference theme
Speaker, Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston, president-elect of the General Conference

Worship leader and assistant, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Byron E. Lewis

We request that each of you keep these and other Conference participants in your prayers as we approach the season of the annual Conference.

Sincerely yours, and His,
C. Rex Burdick.

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MEMORY TEXT

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity. 1 Cor. 16: 13, 14.

Build Your Own Organ

A new idea is proposed for churches and choirs by Gladys Sutton Randolph, an accomplished organist who served in that capacity for General Conference at Fort Collins, Colo., last summer. She suggests a way for a small church to have a good organ with pipe-like quality at a cost that is well within reach. How can this be? Let the choir or others in the congregation build their own organ! Impossible? Apparently not. To prove it Mrs. Randolph tells how her husband, Robert, and she built their own organ. She would have preferred hers to the fine Hammond at the theatre at Fort Collins where the Conference sessions were held. It was built from kits of "Artisan" electronic components. The Hammond she calls an instrument; hers is an organ. Anything that she can play on a pipe organ can be played without limitation on her home organ, she states.

The quality of an organ built with kits from the Artisan Company is further attested by the fact that the Protestant and Orthodox Center at the New York World's Fair has an organ built in this way. It was considered good enough to represent all Protestants in the music furnished at the auditorium there.

So if your church wants an organ or must rebuild an old one, why not give consideration to this do-it-yourself idea. Perhaps you do not have anyone who is able to build a console and bench as beautiful as those constructed by Robert Randolph, but you can follow the instructions that tell you how to assemble the kind of organ that will best fit the needs of your church. This sounds interesting and might be looked into by music-minded people. The Randolphs of 1926 S. Demeter Dr., Freeport, Ill., would be glad to give suggestions growing out of their satisfying experience in organ building.

A man of many years
who has learned to think
gives us after the day the benefit of

A Memorial Day Meditation

By D. Alva Crandall, Hope Valley, R. I.

Wars are enormously expensive and usually settle nothing of importance that could not have been settled better by the application of a moderate amount of forethought and common sense. They tend to retard rather than advance the world's progress. Usually brought on by the ambition, obstinacy or bad judgment of some leader or leaders, they often put peacefully disposed people in a position where they must fight or give up some principle that is of more importance than life.

The American Civil War is a case in point. Both North and South failed to grasp the fact that the age of hand labor in small, isolated communities, with the emphasis on brawn rather than brain in many fields, had passed away forever and that a new era of machinery driven by power was dawning. They failed to see that "God hath made of one blood all nations of the earth." The new era brought an emphasis on intelligence, skill and co-operation in larger units.

The North began to realize this first and hence won the war. If both had given the matter really thoughtful attention they could have seen how much better than war it would have been for the govern-

ment to reimburse the slave-owners for their investment and set the slaves free, as Great Britain had already done. Besides the money cost, some million brave young men, at the threshold of their lives would have been allowed to live and make their contribution to their country's growth. Thus also an immense amount of hate and bitterness, still very apparent, would have been avoided.

It cost Great Britain £20 million (about 100 million dollars) to get rid of slavery. It cost the North an estimated \$6,200 million, and the South was prostrated so that it took years to recover. Now even the most rabid would not willingly go back to the old system.

Truly, the sins (and bad judgment) of the fathers are visited on the children to the third and fourth generation (and beyond). We, too, should be very careful of our decisions; for if we, ourselves, do not have to pay for our mistakes or selfishness, later generations will have to, probably in some tragic way. We claim to have a Christian civilization, but to what extent do we really follow Christ's principles and to what extent do we consider Him an impractical dreamer and follow the primeval law of tooth and nail?

THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Above us are the eyes that never slumber,
That watch against whatever hurts or harms;
Around us are His mercies without number,
And underneath the Everlasting arms.

Above us are the hands that once were riven,
That broke the spell of Satan's cunning charms;
Around us are the pledges He has given,
And underneath the Everlasting arms.

Above us are the fruits of His affection,
The blessed hope that stills our dread alarms;
Around us are the wings of His protection,
And underneath the Everlasting arms.

Author unknown

STONEFORT, ILLINOIS

By Florence L. Hancock

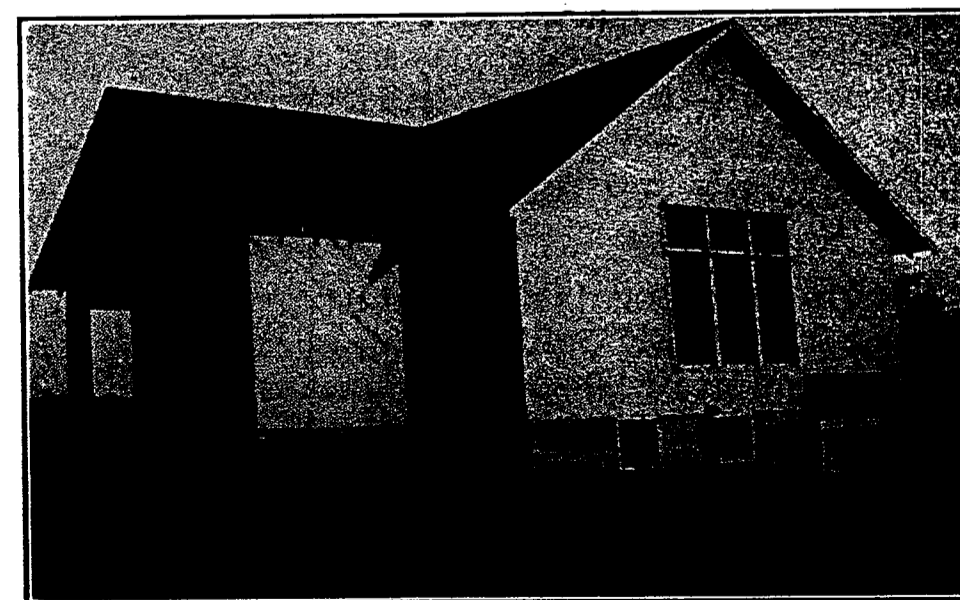
A History of the Old Village

The first village of Stone Fort was laid off on Jo Robinson's land. The survey and plat were made June 15, 1858, by T. A. Jones, a deputy surveyor. It was the south west quarter of Section 32, Township 10, Range 5 E. There were in the original plat sixty-four lots, most of which were fifty by one hundred fifty feet in size, and the streets were eighty feet wide. At the time of the survey, Jo Robinson's cypress-log house was the only one standing within that plat. It was built in 1831. The next house also was of logs, and was built in 1858 by Oscar Pinnell (possibly Purnell). In 1859, J. M. Joyner built the next, a two-story frame house, and John Stucker, afterwards Dr. Stucker, also built a frame house of one story in 1859.

The first store was opened there by Axel and Charles Nyberry (or Nyberg) that same year, and one by Thomas Smith the next year, 1860. Afterward a grocery was opened by a Mr. Fern.

The village continued to grow until 1872, when it had about 150 inhabitants, and then, Bolton having become a railroad station of the Cairo and Vincennes Railway, most of the residences and business establishments were moved to the more favorable location.

At the old village there was a two-story brick school house owned jointly with the F.&A.M. Lodge No. 495, the upper story of which was used for the lodge hall.



Present building as it appeared May 18, 1924.

Also the Seventh Day Baptists had a frame church building, which they continued to occupy until the early 1920's, this one being succeeded by another, the present frame building, near the original site.

The "Old Brick" school replaced the pioneer school house of the community, a log building which stood in the Little Saline Grove (now the Little Saline Cemetery), and which also housed one of the pioneer churches of the county — The Little Saline Baptist Church. This church later consolidated with the Pleasant Valley church to form the Stonefort Baptist church.

The "Old Brick," a two-story structure, where many of the residents received their education, was built in the early 1860's. The foundation of this building was of hand-hewn sandstone, which was quarried from the hills nearby. The brick used was made and fired near the site. Due to inadequate facilities, the quality of the brick was poor, a fact that caused the building within a few years to begin to deteriorate. It was condemned as unfit for use, and was torn down about 1895. Some early teachers there were Will E. Chitwood, Robert Lewis, and A. J. Walker. Robert Lewis, who was a charter member, and for many years a minister of the Seventh Day Baptist church at "Old Town," taught school also in the little log school-and-church building, before the Civil War. The late Deacon S. H. Stucker, affectionately known as "Uncle Sid," and always referred to by my grandfather as "Comrade Stucker," because of their association in the war, often recalled his first day at school in the old log school house, with "Uncle Bob" as teacher.

Many are the anecdotes of events that occurred in the old town. Sam Miller had a story of the first burial in the Little Saline Cemetery; Ralph Lewis can tell how deer raided a wagonload of salt that Robert Lewis and J. M. Joyner had hauled from the salt wells at Equality, over near the Ohio; some others will tell of how the elephants of an overland circus stampeded in the streets of the village. There were saloon fights and shootings as in other frontier villages of that day, and as a child, I have often had pointed out

to me the rubbish-piled common grave of two horse thieves whose careers were brought to an abrupt end by the citizenry.

Little evidence remains at the "Old Town" of the once active pioneer village. Not more than two or three of the original houses still stand there, no business houses, only the one church; but clumps of old garden flowers gone wild, a deserted cemetery, numerous stone-walled wells in the fields, and bits of legend from the memories of the old folks attest to the fact that the first Stone Fort was here.

The Old Stone Fort

A little over a mile from the community and the church that bear its name, and about three miles from the village of Stonefort is one of the attractions of the area which has particular historic and scenic interest. It is the old stone fort which the late Mr. Clarence Bonnell, science instructor at the Harrisburg High School called in his book *The Illinois Ozarks*, "one of the few prehistoric landmarks of the Illinois Ozarks."

Reports of the government survey of this part of the North-West Territory published in 1807 contain a description of the fort by an unidentified member of the surveying party, which is an accurate and concise description of the fort, depicting the scene most remarkably as it is now. It says in part, "Its form is that of a half moon or semicircle, and it is built of stone. The walls must have been erected at immense labor, judging from the quantity of stone. The walls must have been at least six feet thick and as many in height. On the north and east sides the hill descends, and almost as far as eye can reach, the distant hills may be seen. On the south and hollow side, is a cliff of rocks descending about sixty feet but perpendicularly. At the distance of a few rods from the bottom of the rock, winds a branch of the Saline River, keeping its course parallel to the rock. On the west, a ridge inclines toward the south, and soon becomes lost in the valley. The material must have been brought from the creek below, as there is no appearance of stone on the hill. . . . That a

great deal of time had elapsed since its erection is evident from the growth of timber."

The fact that the fort is very ancient is beyond question. The theory often advanced that it may have been built by the early settlers for protection against the Indians would be difficult to support. The ancient enclosure was there and in ruins when the first white men came. As to the Spanish, the reference to a Saline River in the writings of De Soto's expedition is identified by the record as the Saline River in Arkansas, for that is as far north as that party came. "Coligua in the vicinity of Little Rock was the highest point reached by De Soto on the Arkansas River. Visited salt spring at Calipsta on the Saline River, passed near Hot Springs and reached Tula on the upper Ouachita. Tula at Caddo Gap was the westernmost point reached by De Soto."

The red men who were here when the first white men came, had no tradition of its origin. The *Marion Evening Post*, in a 1932 issue, says: ". . . but among the tribes of this region when the white men came in the 18th century, none could be found who could give any information as to just when the fort was built. 'It was there when we came here' was all that could be obtained from the Indians, and likewise from the earliest history of the first white settlers."

Outsiders

One word which should be purged from our vocabulary is "outsider." Each child comes into this world as an alien, unable to speak our language, unaware of our customs and traditions, and without a dime of his own. Because we recognize his enormous possibilities, we welcome his birth.

Should we not take a similar attitude toward the adult who, as unpredictably, decides to settle in this community and leave behind the environment which once seemed ideal but was later found to be an intolerable restraint on further development?

— Taken from editorial in *Sulphur Springs*, (Ark.) *Beacon*.

British Guiana Missions

An unsettled political situation in British Guiana has hampered the work of our missionaries there. However, services in Georgetown continue about the same. Our missionary, Rev. Leland Davis, has made occasional visits to the rural areas. He wrote as of May 21, "I went to Parika last Sabbath where we had a fair attendance and I spoke on the 'joys of Sabbathkeeping.' While there I took a few snapshots in preparation for the exhibit at Salem Conference (to be brought by CoWoCo delegate, Jacob Tyrrell)."

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis matching funds have been drawn on to help build and repair the houses of worship at Bona Ventura and at Parika. At Bona Ventura the funds are to be used "to raise, roof and floor a new building." Pastor Davis writes that the church people are planning to hold a "Rally" to raise funds for their new building, total cost of which they figure to be \$2,000 (W. I.). At Parika it is planned to repair their present building with matching funds assistance.

In *Sabbath Recorder* issues of Dec. 24, 1962 and March 9, 1964 have been published names of young people in British Guiana desiring pen pals. Pastor Davis under date of May 5 gives the names of two more young people who wish to have their names added to the list. They are: Margaret Allicock, 70 Campbellville Housing Scheme, East Coast Demerara, British Guiana; age 15. Hobbies are sewing, reading, and riding. Jacqueline Sanford, 100 Campbellville Housing Scheme, East Coast Demerara, British Guiana; age 15. Hobbies are sewing, reading, and riding.

One dozen Devotional Hymnbooks have recently been ordered and shipped to British Guiana for use in the Bona Ventura church.

Pastor Davis and Sister Inez Peters represented Seventh Day Baptists at the "Preliminary Consultation of Churches in British Guiana with Bishop Lesslie Newbigen, Associate Director, Division of World Mission and Evangelism WCC," held April 11-16. They reported the ses-

sions were most profitable and stimulating.

A letter from Pastor Leland Davis dated May 25 states that violence has broken out in the city of Georgetown, spreading into the city from the rural areas. "British troops," he writes, "were called out of local barracks to assist the police and Volunteer Force in maintaining law and order. . . . Movement has been restricted by the Emergency Regulation. While people are encouraged to resume their normal duties, they are prohibited from grouping together in the streets. Attendance at weekend services was curtailed."

Pastor Davis concludes his letter by writing that he and his family are safe and take no undue chances. "We are secure in God's love." School is being reopened.

Let us pray for our missionaries and pray, too, for our brethren in British Guiana who are distressed by this internal strife. Let us recall the word of the Apostle Paul to Timothy for prayers to be offered for those in authority, for the purpose "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Tim. 2: 3).

More Recent Word

In letter dated May 27, Pastor Leland Davis has written, "Widespread violence erupted throughout Monday in the Wismar — Christianburg area, on the Upper Demerara River. One hundred and seventy-two houses were burned, two men beaten to death, at least 60 others including 20 women, were injured. Mass evacuation of 1,600 refugees who fled 'terror' areas is underway, moving them by plane and boat under protection of police and British soldiers to Georgetown. Many were reported to be barefooted. Some were clutching bundles with a few personal effects snatched up while in flight. Sobbing refugees were ushered into a big bond at the wharf in Georgetown where members of the Red Cross, the Maha Saba and other voluntary organizations set about distributing meals. A plea has been put out for clothing, especially for babies and children. In the meantime, the Christianburg and Wismar areas have been put under curfew restricting the move-

ments of residents at night. Up to late last night fires were still raging in the area. Many prominent business houses, hotels, and homes in the mining area were smoldering debris.

"Meanwhile, the situation on the East and West Coast of Demerara was tense. Over the past 36 hours, twenty more houses were reported burned in the country. Eleven were completely destroyed. More families continue to shift their homes to safer areas. There is a wide-scale removal of houses on the East Coast above us. . . .

"We are going to try to make a contribution from the relief fund to assist in the rehabilitation of the refugees from the mining towns. The need is due not only to the immediate flight of the refugees, but also to the prolonged drought just ended which has resulted in crop failures of rice and other foodstuffs. Coupled with drought and devastation of personal property due to violence is the set-back from the country-wide strike last year and recent destruction of millions of dollars of sugar-cane. This has left many jobless on the estates."

Progress of Plans for CoWoCo

Sufficient funds are now at hand or in immediate view to carry through successfully the plans made for holding the First Consultation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences of the World at Salem, W. Va., August 12-16. It is urged that churches and individuals now bend every effort toward raising the Our World Mission budget in full before Conference.

Leaders of the Seventh Day Baptist Conferences have been requested to send items to be added to the agenda for consideration by the delegates assembled. Several suggestions have been received which look toward carrying out the general purposes of the Consultation meetings.

To bring these general purposes to mind again they are:

1. To provide a meeting on a common level of all Seventh Day Baptists for mutual encouragement and the sharing of hopes and plans, with a free exchange of ideas and criticism that will benefit all.

2. To learn from well-informed sources how best to operate a "mission" program and to explore methods of improving the Seventh Day Baptist witness in these fields of endeavor.
3. To make specific applications of the material developed in this session so that each delegate can take to his home field new inspiration and a clearer vision of Seventh Day Baptist responsibility and potential, as well as the practical knowledge required to effect them.

Arrival information concerning visiting delegates and their "hosts" may be listed as follows: from England, Rev. James McGeachy, arriving in New York on Thursday, August 6, on the German liner, "The Bremen," Pastor Paul Burdick to serve as host; two from Germany, Rev. Johannes Bahlke, traveling by ship with Pastor McGeachy, and Mr. Alfred Mellmann, arriving in New York on Monday, August 10, by way of the Lufthansa (German) Airline, Flight #400, Pastor John Schmid, host for both; from Nyasaland, Pastor Otrain Manan, arriving in New York on Thursday, July 30, by way of Alitalia Airline, Flight #632 from Rome, Mr. Loren Osborn to serve as host; from Holland, Mr. G. Zijlstra, arriving in New York on Sunday, August 2, by way of TWA, Flight #705, Secretary Everett Harris, host; from British Guiana, Mr. Jacob N. Tyrrell, arriving in New York on Thursday, August 6, by way of BOAC, Flight #426, Pastor Neal D. Mills to serve as host; from Jamaica, Rev. Joe Samuels and Mr. Naval Harley traveling together and expecting to arrive in New York by Pan American, Flight #222, Wednesday, August 5, to be guests of Rev. Grover S. Brissey.

Hospital Law Tightened

In extending the Hill-Burton hospital construction law the "separate but equal" provision will be stricken out if the Senate goes along with House action. This means that hospitals drawing on federal money must be open to all residents of the area, regardless of race. The courts have ruled that the stricken-out provision was racially discriminatory.

Annual Meeting of Historical Society Reviewed

By Albert N. Rogers

Miss Mabel L. West of Milton, Wis., Rev. Harold R. Crandall of Rockville, R. I., Everett T. Harris, Jr., of Salem, W. Va., and Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of Adams Center, N. Y., have been elected honorary members in the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. Each has contributed in an outstanding way to the work of the society, in the judgment of the trustees. Dr. B. F. Johanson of Battle Creek, Mich., has become a life member.

Rev. Everett T. Harris of Westerly, R. I., was re-elected for a term as trustee at the annual meeting of the society May 17. Officers re-elected include Rev. Albert N. Rogers, of Denver, Colo., president, Mrs. William M. Stillman of Plainfield, N. J., Rev. Everett T. Harris of Westerly, R. I., and Esle F. Randolph of Fairmont, W. Va., vice-presidents, Frederik J. Bakker of Plainfield, recording secretary, and Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson of Plainfield, treasurer. All except Mr. Randolph were present at the meeting which was held in the office of Harley D. Bond, executive secretary of General Conference, at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield.

Miss Evalois St. John, librarian, gave a detailed report of the society's work during the year and was asked to summarize it for publication. Reports were also made on research being done in preparation for a third volume of the denominational source book "Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America." Certain funds of the society are being held in reserve toward publication costs of this volume.

A plan to erect a suitable marker at the Seventh Day Baptist cemetery at Preston, near Oxford, N. Y., was approved by the trustees in view of the fact that there is no local group capable of sponsoring such a marker. The cemetery contains the graves of Rev. Davis Rogers (1754-1833) and about fifty sometime members of the Preston congregation. It is located on Rogers Street (road) seven tenths of a mile north of the site where the Preston church stood and one mile north of the Rogers' family cemetery.

The trustees also discussed problems related to the care and use of irreplaceable items of the society's collection and planned the program to be presented at the Salem Conference.

Shiloh Church Hosts Spanish Services

For the second summer the West District (five churches including the Shiloh and Marlboro, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist churches) has employed a chaplain, Manly Moulton, to minister to the Puerto Rican agricultural workers living in the area. Sunday evening services in Spanish began June 7. The Shiloh church is host for these services from June 7 through July 12 and the Greenwich Presbyterian church from July 19 through August 30.

The Shiloh church has had a long history of missionary and educational work, including one of the largest Vacation Bible Schools sponsored by Seventh Day Baptists anywhere in this country. It is fitting that the doors of this church be thrown open to Spanish-speaking people from our neighboring island for such a needed ministry. The bulletin announcement invites members and friends to visit the services — a chance to listen to familiar Scripture and hymns in a language which is becoming increasingly familiar to the farmers of South Jersey. Many of these men of darker complexion may be seen relaxing on Shiloh's six-corner intersection on Sunday or purchasing needed items in the general store of William Richardson.

Altar Calls Given

For the past ten weeks, an altar call has been given at the close of the worship hour, and will continue to be extended. It is being discovered that most of those coming to the altar first spend extended time — or spend follow-up time — in conference with the pastor. A threefold call is extended to include (1) acceptance of Christ, (2) rededication for a special reason, or (3) interest in joining the church.

— Church Chimes (May edition)
Riverside, Calif.

Camping Dates

Camp Holston (Battle Creek) — Senior Camp, June 21-28; Intermediate Camp, June 28-July 5; Junior Camp, July 5-12; Primary Camp, July 12-14.

The Pawcatuck Church will hold a Religious Day Camp at Lewis Camp, June 22-29, with classes and activities for all boys and girls from age 4 and up.

Camp MILES (Louisiana)

Date — June 22-28

Place — Chemin-A-Haut State Park

Theme — "Take my yoke upon you" (Matt. 11: 19; Phil. 4: 3).

There will be a class on Bible study and one on the devotional aspects of Seventh Day Baptist history. Along with "Time Out With God" there will be camp fires, vespers, recreation, etc. On the staff are: Pastor Van, Pastor Paul Osborn, Pastor Paul Beebe, Bob Butler, Mrs. Van Horn, Mrs. Osborn, and Mrs. Persus DeLand.

Exchange Campers

Miss Norma Hambleton is the exchange camper from Pacific Pines to Mid-Continent Camp.

Miss Fawzia Drake is the exchange camper from the Western Association to the Northern Association Camp.

The exchange camper from the North Central Association will go to Central New York instead of going to Mid-Continent Association.

SDBYF Officer Nominations

The SDBYF of the Western Association has nominated the following persons for National SDBYF officers to be voted on at the annual Youth Pre-Con Retreat at EvUnBreth Acres, Buckhannon, W. Va.: for president, Mr. David Sanford, Little Genesee, and Mr. David Wellman, N. Tonawanda; for vice-president, Miss Becky Butts and Mr. John Kenyon, both of Alfred; for secretary, Miss Gretchen Zwiebel, Alfred Station, and Miss Wynn Parry, Alfred. Autobiographies will be printed in the next issue of the Beacon.

Student Tensions

(The following item is from the May, 1964 News Notes from the Commission on Higher Education, NCCC in the USA.)

"Fred M. Hechinger's column in the New York Times, April 26, on the emotional problems of students, speaks of the fact that each year the intellectual levels rise, but 'these same students are plagued by increasingly serious emotional problems.' He says that at Columbia College the number of undergraduates seeking professional counsel in psychiatry has tripled in the last ten years, and that Yale has eleven full-time and nine part-time professionals in its mental hygiene clinic. It would be interesting to know how general this concern is across the country.

"One other statement certainly warrants further investigation. 'The use of drugs, though happily still only sporadic, has become sufficiently noticeable on campuses to worry college educators.' This reminds us . . . of a discussion by Austin MacCormick on the whole matter of drug addiction. A statement which he made that attracted our attention was a reference to the 'so-called dangerous drugs, which are widely and beneficially used in medical practice, but are now excessively and destructively used without medical sanction to a point where the United States is confronted with a new and baffling form of drug addiction. . . . There has been in recent years a striking and alarming increase in the abuse of the so-called 'dangerous drugs'; the barbiturates, marketed under about 50 trade names and known in the illicit trade as 'goof balls'; the amphetamines, known as 'pep pills'; and the tranquilizers.' This suggests that we all ought to read the final report of the President's Advisory Commission on Narcotic and Drug Abuse. It was released in January, 1964, and may be obtained from the U. S. Government Printing Office."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 27, 1964

The Whole Household of God

Lesson Scripture: Eph. 2: 11-22.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Youth Retreat at Wisconsin Camp

By Rollin Williams and Stephan Saunders

On the weekend of May 1-3, the youth groups, high school and college, of the Milton church, sponsored a retreat for youth of the general area. Fifty-two campers were present representing the following churches: Dodge Center, Minn.; Battle Creek, Mich.; and New Auburn, Albion, Milton, and Milton Junction, Wis.

The retreat opened Friday night with "get acquainted" and an evening snack. On Sabbath morning a lecture was given on Romans 12 by Prof. D. N. Inglis of Milton. He discussed the background of Paul and then discussed in part Chapters 1-12 inclusive.

Following the lecture the campers went to Albion to church for Quarterly Meeting. At the service the campers sang the morning anthem entitled "Guide Us Through the Night."

Upon returning to the camp the young people were divided into smaller groups and discussed the morning lecture. The day was completed by fun and fellowship Saturday night.

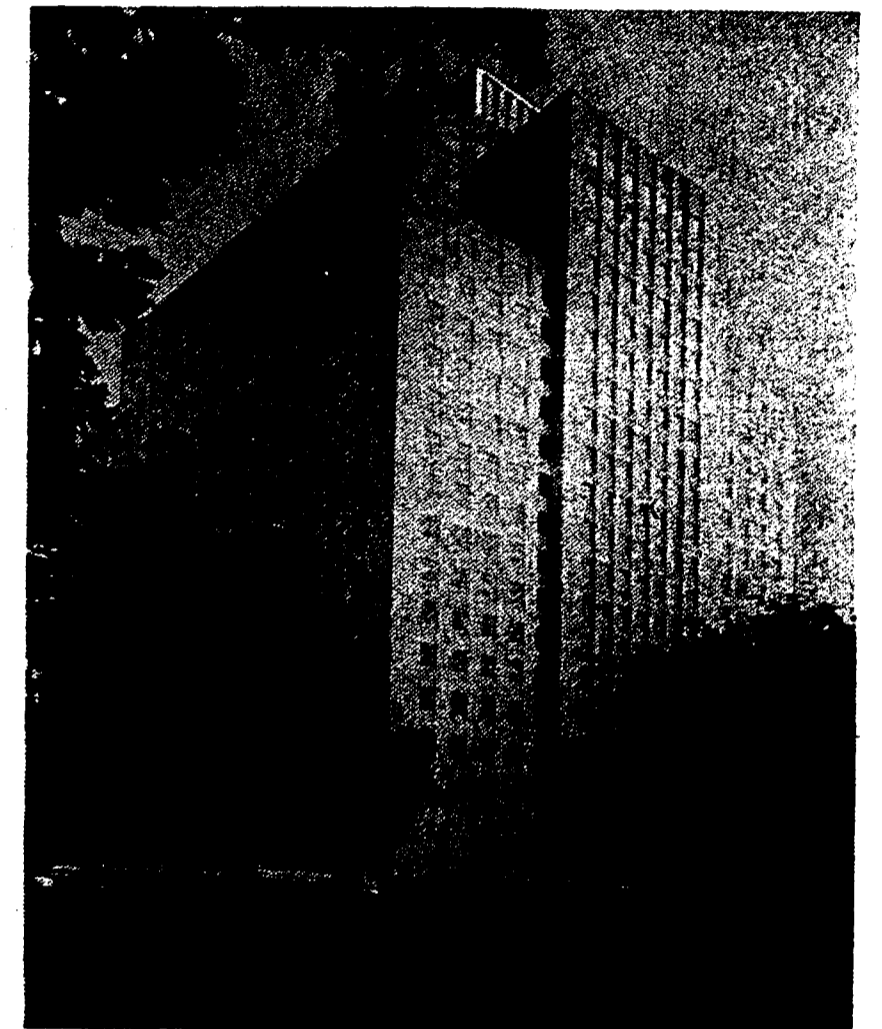
Sunday morning the campers were honored by having the president of General Conferences, Rev. Rex Burdick, speak to the group on "Choosing a Christian Vocation." This was probably the high point and most inspiring part of the retreat.

The camp closed after lunch with a fellowship circle and the singing of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth People's Rally Song.

Youth in attendance were: from Dodge Center, Barbara, Bruce, Steve, Lorna, and Phil Greene, Phyllis and Miriam Payne, Diane and Daryll Lippincott, Lois Langworthy, Bill Bond, and Barth Crane; from New Auburn, Dave, Bonnie, and Karen North, and Dennis Pederson; from Albion, Carol Baum; from Battle Creek, Alton Bennett, Bob Johanson, and Fred Palmiter; from Milton, Chris and Peg Ablemann, Carol Allen, Virginia and Mary Ellen Smitley, Steve, Ann, and Al Crouch, Bruce Lippincott, Penny and Janette Lee Heinig, Frank Neils, Stephan Saunders, Janet Branch, Linda Smith, Nancy Godfrey,

Rollin Williams, Dale and Phil Rood, Jeff Fitz Randolph, Dave Applegate, Joe Persons, Brandon Crandall, Grace Parragh, Doris Bond, Jean White, Penny Nelson, Linda and Susan Loofboro.

What to See in New York



Members of churches from all parts of the country going to New York for the World's Fair this summer are invited to visit The Interchurch Center, according to an announcement by the president of its Board of Trustees, Edmund F. Wagner.

Now in its fifth year of operation, The Interchurch Center is the national headquarters of more churches and Christian agencies than are found under one roof anywhere else in the world. It is a nineteen-story structure towering above the Hudson River and occupying the entire block on Riverside Drive between 119th and 120th Streets.

National agencies of nine different denominations are located in the Center, where they can have continuous consultation and develop common plans. In addition, more than a score of other national bodies are related to the Center through their membership in the National Council

of Churches and the U. S. Conference for the World Council of Churches, both of which have their offices here.

The nine denominations which have important offices at The Interchurch Center are Baptist, Methodist, Reformed, United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Churches (Disciples), and Greek Orthodox.

One of the most fascinating features on the main floor is the "Orthodox Room," housing a noteworthy collection of "Byzantine art in the service of Christianity." There is also a "Treasure Room," an exhibit hall with a succession of exhibits of educational or artistic interest. Its permanent collection includes the original manuscript of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Among interdenominational agencies domiciled there besides the National Council of Churches and all of its divisions (including Church World Service) and the World Council of Christian Education, the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, the Japan International Christian University Foundation, the American Waldensian Aid Society, Agricultural Missions, Inc., the Council for Clinical Training of Theological Students, the Vellore-Ludhiana Christian Medical College Boards, the John Milton Society, the Protestant Council of the City of New York, and the Hymn Society of America.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Red Cross Meets Needs

The American Red Cross has earned the confidence of the American people if one can judge by how many of them turn to it in emergencies.

In March and April there were two disasters — the Ohio River Valley flood and the tornado at Wichita Falls, Texas, which are expected to total \$4 million in ARC relief expenditures.

In regard to the Alaska earthquake the Newsletter states:

"Approximately 70,000 welfare inquiries, the largest number recorded for any dis-

aster in ARC history, were received from worried relatives and friends. Disrupted transportation and communications facilities, plus displaced families, combined to make the inquiry service a monumental task for the hundreds of chapter volunteers who worked day and night processing the messages. The largest previous total handled was 41,610 following the 1947 Texas City explosions."

Friendship Acres

The first land to be planted to corn this year for CROP, a relief agency of Church World Service, was a 68-acre farm near Goshen, Ind., planted on May 9. Others will follow in different parts of the country with seed donated by various seed companies. It is expected that a total of approximately 1,000 friendship acres will be contributed to this Christian project this year. Some farmers dedicate many acres, others one.

The corn harvest from these acres will be converted to products such as oil, syrup and meal and will be used by many impoverished peoples in dozens of countries. Corn syrup is used in milk formulas for babies in Ghana; corn meal is a basic item in the diets of refugees in the Congo; corn oil is a dip for bread for Greek children in school lunch programs in the poor-land areas of that country.

Washington Pilgrimage

The fourteenth annual Washington Pilgrimage sponsored by Religious Heritage of America, Incorporated, will be held June 25, 26 and 27, 1964. This organization stresses on its letterhead "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation" and "This Nation Under God." Prominent in its affairs is the well-known Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, first vice-president. Other names among the trustees are also familiar. The Advisory Committee inspires confidence:

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Georgia Harkness, the Honorable Brooks Hays, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Ralph Sockman, W. Clement Stone, Dr. Robert Gerald Storey and Dr. Elton Trueblood.

Methodist Conference to Absorb Negro Churches

The General Conference of the Methodist Church has adopted a plan for the elimination of its Central (Negro) Jurisdiction, which has caused charges of "segregation" in the denomination in recent years. It is expected that first steps will be taken this year under legislation that provides that a commission must bring to the 1968 General Conference a plan for termination of the Central Jurisdiction "if not already accomplished." Basically the plan provides for voluntary absorption of Negro churches and conferences by the five geographic jurisdictional conferences and their annual conferences. It also spells out the financial and other responsibilities the general church will undertake in order to make the transfers possible.

Baptist Advance

The new 512-page book **Baptist Advance** reviewed in the issue of May 25 can now be ordered from the American Sabbath Tract Society at \$3 per copy. This is a special price for our people not meant to be in competition with what other agencies are charging. The book has much valuable information about Seventh Day Baptists contributed by our own writers, as well as about all other Baptist groups, and it has our denominational imprint. The supply is limited. Order now!

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

KANSAS CITY, MO. — On Tuesday, May 19, our church had the privilege of seeing the film made by the late Nate Saint, and listening to the testimony of a young man from the Missionary Aviation Fellowship who, after reading the book about Nate's martyrdom, **Through Gates of Splendor**, dedicated his life to missionary work for the Lord. If any of our sister churches would like to have this dedicated man speak at their church and see the film of Nate's life, please write

to our pastor, John Conrod, at 3206 Oakland, Kansas City, Mo. 64129. This young man is presently touring churches throughout the U. S. to raise enough support to go to New Guinea.

We held our Sabbath Rally Day on May 23, and heard a challenging message by our pastor entitled "The Sabbath — A Wedge," which pointed out how keeping the Sabbath should be only the beginning of full consecration to the Lord, just as a wedge is used at the beginning to start a gap.

On Sabbath night, May 30, the church had a social time at the Open House of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Burrows, lone Sabbathkeepers who moved here from Galesburg, Illinois. The social time was also to honor our graduate, Russell Johnson.

In order to expand the amount of service we can be to the Lord we have been led to change our worship time back to morning and have a fellowship dinner at noon. This will give us a chance to have Sabbath workshops in the afternoon.

We are very joyous to be able to announce that we have been extended the use of the church building until June 1965. — Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS. — On Sabbath afternoon, May 23, twenty-six members of the Eutharsos (Sabbath School) class drove to Freeport, Ill., to the home of Robert and Gladys Randolph. Robert has been transferred from the Denver area to this area by his firm.

The usual monthly supper meeting became a house-warming for this couple and a welcome back to their former church. Pastor Randolph read Scripture, and following a few remarks in reference to the occasion, offered prayer. Ivan Fitz Randolph sang "Bless This House" accompanied by Gladys at the keyboard of the beautiful electric organ constructed by Robert.

The potluck meal was served in the spacious recreation room, where later the group enjoyed the beautiful colored slides and movies taken by Robert while in the West. The evening was considered almost perfect when the group left for home under the clear sky with a nearly full moon. — Correspondent.

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

Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'
May	8 Mos.	8 Mos.	May	8 Mos.	8 Mos.
Adams Center	\$ 555.60		Middle Island	29.00	246.00
Albion	201.05		Milton	854.80	5,876.70
Alfred, 1st	\$ 539.50	3,673.81	Milton Junction	205.60	1,292.85
Alfred, 2nd	181.17	1,546.81	New Auburn	86.39	364.80
Associations			North Loup		858.40
& Groups	88.00	\$ 383.88	Nortonville	133.00	1,065.33
Battle Creek	493.00	4,219.18	Old Stonefort	15.00	259.25
Bay Area	100.00	325.00	Paint Rock		195.00
Berlin	112.00	917.17	Pawcatuck	481.50	4,158.60
Boulder	43.11	364.76	Plainfield	179.55	2,856.48
Brookfield, 1st	45.00	237.60	Richburg	114.00	1,078.50
Brookfield, 2nd		104.00	Ritchie	28.00	289.00
Buffalo	100.00	340.00	Riverside	460.37	2,843.09
Chicago	92.50	805.00	Roanoke	25.00	100.00
Daytona Beach	107.00	938.27	Rockville	24.98	438.38
Denver	100.82	893.17	Salem	100.00	1,546.50
De Ruyter		250.25	Salemville	39.67	225.11
Dodge Center	92.08	907.73	Schenectady		90.60
Farina	48.75	327.65	Shiloh		4,480.22
Fouke	30.00	70.00	Texarkana		44.30
Hebron 1st	108.00	597.78	Trustees of		
Hopkinton 1st	169.82	1,904.81	Gen. Conf.	41.25	101.45
Hopkinton 2nd	8.00	101.38	Verona	141.66	982.04
Houston	58.21	199.66	Walworth	72.50	601.50
Independence	104.35	661.10	Washington		221.50
Individuals	51.00	326.00	Washington		
Irvington		1,200.00	People's	30.00	87.00
Jackson Center		250.00	Waterford	163.85	1,111.65
Kansas City	64.00	370.00	White Cloud	60.73	503.36
Little Genesee	249.10	987.60	Yonah Mt.	20.00	65.00
Little Rock	37.00	215.50			
Los Angeles	300.00	2,440.00	Budget	\$6,771.26	\$62,430.21
Los Angeles,			Non-budget	71.00	
Christ's	30.00	135.00	Total to		\$4,722.65
Lost Creek	200.00	1,114.65	disburse	\$6,842.26	
Marlboro		1,745.98			
Memorial Fund		1,451.09			

MAY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 541.39
Historical Society	37.90
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund)	413.99
Ministerial Education	597.61
Missionary Society	3,086.93
Tract Society	835.84
Trustees of General Conference	52.47
Women's Society	139.32
World Fellowship & Service	84.06
General Conference	992.75
Church World Service	60.00
Total	\$6,842.26

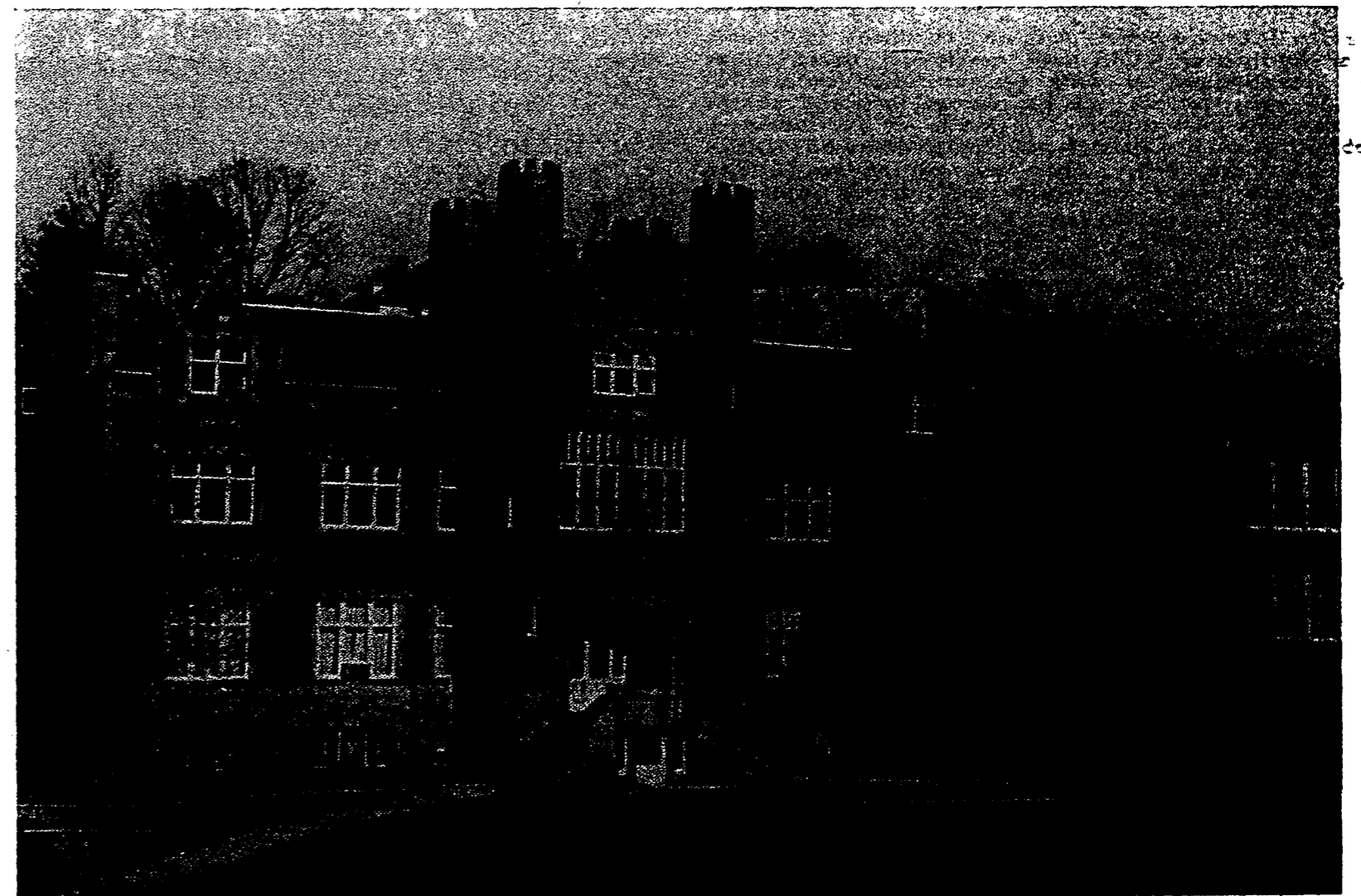
SUMMARY

1963-1964 OWM Budget	\$100,510.00
Receipts for 8 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$62,430.21
Boards'	4,722.65
Total	67,152.86
Amount to be raised	\$ 33,357.14
Needed per month to raise budget	
by July 31st 1964	\$ 16,678.57
Percentage of (10 month) time elapsed	80%
Percentage of budget raised	66.81%

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

June 5, 1964

The Sabbath Recorder



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT SALEM COLLEGE

When the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference convenes in Salem, W. Va., August 17-22 the meetings will be held in the college auditorium where many previous Conferences have met and which is now undergoing extensive repairs in preparation for the large attendance anticipated. As previously announced, most of the visiting delegates will be housed in new dormitories, some of which are erected on the site of the new campus at the end of the short valley running up from the west end of the present Administration Building. At Conference you will see familiar faces around a college that is rapidly gaining a new face.