

The Sabbath Recorder

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Baptismal services were held Sabbath day, June 13, in a beautiful spot on the Zumbro River for three young people.

Pastor and Mrs. Richards and children attended the Association meeting, held in Stonefort, Ill., June 19-21. Stephan Saunders gave the message at the morning service, Sabbath day, June 13.

— Correspondent

A New Book

Tell Me How by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Harper and Row, \$3.00, was instigated by a member of Dr. Adam's congregation who said to him, "You preachers are forever telling us what to do but you seldom tell us how to do the things you preach about. Please, tell me how."

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Obituaries

Ferguson.—Lena R., daughter of Christian and Jensina Larson Jensen was born in Denmark, July 6, 1877, and died, following a long period of declining health April 5, 1964.

She came to America with her family when she was fifteen years old and settled in South Dakota.

Baptized into the Baptist Church in 1893, Mrs. Ferguson later became a convert to the Sabbath to which she remained faithful-throughout her life.

On March 18, 1901, she was married to John L. Ferguson in South Dakota. Her husband and one son, Glen, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ferguson came to Milton, Wis., in 1913 with her son and daughter where she joined the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and remained a devoted member throughout her years.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Rubie Brietkretz, Janesville, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Olsen, Hurley, S. Dak., and Mrs. Hilda Olson, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and one brother, James Jensen, Superior, Wis.

The funeral service was conducted in the Milton church by her pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in the Milton cemetery. — E.F.R.

Smith.—Ridgeway, was born March 12, 1887, near Bristol, Pa., and died May 16, 1964, at Bridgeton, N. J.

His parents died when he was a small boy, and he spent the rest of his boyhood in an orphanage and working on farms. He served in the United States Army during World War I. Since about 1929, "Ridgey" has resided in the vicinity of Marlboro, working for farmers and factories. In 1962, he was baptized and became a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held at the Garrison Funeral Home, Bridgeton, N. J., conducted by his pastor, the Rev. J. Paul Green. Burial was at the Marlboro Church Cemetery. — J.P.G.

Tomlinson.—Leslie B., son of Francis and Rachel Barrett Tomlinson, was born Jan. 21, 1881, at Marlboro, Cumberland County, N. J., and died April 27, 1964, in the house where he was born and lived all his life.

He married Julia Davis on March 1, 1904. He joined the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church as a boy, and has been a faithful member of the Marlboro church since his marriage. He was also a dedicated public servant, having served over 40 years as clerk of Stow Creek Township.

He is survived by his wife; three children: Letha Miller, Salem, N. J.; Emma DuBois, Marlboro; and Roy, Richmond, Wash.; ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. J. Paul Green, at the Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeton, N. J., with burial at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. — J.P.G.

The Mountain of the Law

From high in the air and at great distance on the ground the Ten Commandments can be seen near Murphy, N. C. Placed there by a Church of God organization the law of God is written with white stones in letters taller than a man. It is hoped that this display has inspired obedience as well as curiosity.

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Leisure Time

"It is difficult to talk about eternal life when people don't know what to do with their weekends." So said the Rev. Warren Ost who has directed the ministry in the national parks since this NCC program was begun twelve years ago. In supervising the work of 195 college and seminary students who are employed in the parks and minister to workers and vacationers in their spare time Mr. Ost will use nearly every means of transport to travel 45,000 miles this year and conduct Communion services at each stop. (The students cannot do this.)

The significance of the above statement about eternal life and weekends grows on you as you think about it. Should we recommend that preachers stop talking about eternal life until everybody has solved the problem of poorly spent, godless weekends? This cannot be the answer. It could be pointed out that the average sermon has less emphasis on eternal life than in former generations. Perhaps more emphasis on eternal life — how to miss it, and how to gain it — would have a salutary effect on weekends and the rest of leisure time which plagues us with its problems.

We do well to remember that the majority of the people of this prosperous nation are church members. Possibly an even greater percentage of those frequenting state and national parks are professing Christians. It may be that they have not been given enough church instruction on how to spend a short vacation. It may also be that they have not heard enough about the qualifications for eternal life, or living in accordance with the commandments of God.

Jesus in His preaching to religious people talked much about eternal life. Those who heeded His message had few problems with leisure time; they followed Christ in time-consuming acts of service. Jesus taught meaningful Sabbath observance. Our generation has heard little along this line.

The fact that Sunday observance cannot be traced directly to any divine command has given pastors of Sunday churches little on which to base an appeal for keeping the day and avoiding a godless weekend. Thus we have drifted into a

situation like that which prevailed in the time of the Judges when "everyone did that which was right in his own eyes." Is this modern emphasis on doing whatever we please rather than what pleases God traceable to considerable extent to the inability of the church to say with conviction on the matter of Sunday observance, "Thus saith the Lord"? Many think it is.

According to the Bible it is not the right use of time that prepares us for eternity but a right evaluation of eternity that motivates us to a right use of time — weekends included.

Attention to Packaging

There has been much in the news lately about so-called unethical packaging of merchandise. Legislation has been called for to force manufacturers to be more ethical in various aspects of packaging. The importance of the issue is apparent to all. "Ethics in Marketing" was the theme of a joint meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Clergy-Industry Relations Committee and Clerical Advisory Council held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington May 13 and 14.

The manufacturers and the top advertising concerns such as the J. Walter Thompson Company discussed the topics freely. Albert N. Halverstadt, vice-president of Advertising, Procter and Gamble Company, had something significant to say on the second day of the conference about packaging.

Mr. Halverstadt explored the problem of packaging, stating, "Most manufacturing companies are motivated by pressure of conscience and feel a commitment to honesty simply because it is morally right. Decisions in a company are not made by people who operate in an ethical vacuum. The people who make decisions are guided not only by their individual sense of morality, but also by the corporation's own code of ethical behavior. The package is a silent salesman. Not only must it attract attention, it must inform. It must describe or illustrate the product, give its uses and directions for handling. It must also tell the amount of product

enclosed, the retail price, and miscellaneous legal information. Today more than ever the package is a representative of the manufacturer. If the product does not meet consumer expectations and the package misleads the consumer, then he or she will not purchase the product again."

It is to be hoped that any lost confidence in packaging practices may be restored as reputable manufacturers with useful products try to live up to the good words reproduced here. It is, of course, too much to expect the advertisers of health-damaging products such as cigarettes and alcoholic beverages to be really honest in their packaging, since they dare not tell the truth about their products.

We may be pardoned for a little personal philosophizing on giving attention to packaging — thoughts stirred up by the above quotation from Mr. Halverstadt. He tells us that the package is a silent salesman and that it represents the manufacturer. It tells us not only about what is within but also what is ticking inside the manufacturer. Theologically, people are packaged in wrappings or containers and their inner worth is judged by the externals which they present to view. The conformations of the body and the basic features of the face are family characteristics over which we have little control. But there is much about the package that is within control. How about our facial expression? What do our eyes, the windows of the soul, tell? The clothes we wear speak of what we are. Like the package on the shelf there are many things about us which attract attention. What kind of attention? What sort of impression do we seek to make? What attitude do we strike when we strike an attitude? To jot these things down is to judge myself — a thing that I ought to do more of.

Someone has said recently, "If you are redeemed, look redeemed." Both the world and our Christian brethren are looking at us wondering if what is within the package is worth while. We do well to use every means of grace, as the Presbyterians would say, to culture the soul and then give constant attention to packaging.

JULY 6, 1964

Passage of Civil Rights Bill

Time may tell whether or not there are provisions in the civil rights bill finally passed by the Senate which will turn out to be an embarrassment to those who advocated it or who have to live under it. Some there are who predict dire consequences, but they seem to be in the minority, especially among religious leaders. It is a sad commentary on our legislative integrity when a filibuster is allowed to continue to such unprecedented length to be ended by such a large majority and the bill passed without much change. Must the Senators opposed to constitutional civil rights for all now admit that they were wrong? The fact that they were in the minority does not necessarily imply this, but Protestants, Catholics, and Jews in general believe that right was on the side of the majority vote this time.

On June 22 a large meeting was held on the lawn of 110 Maryland Avenue opposite the Capitol by representatives of the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the interfaith Theological Students Vigil for Civil Rights. This meeting marked the end of nearly two months of continuous activity in behalf of strong civil rights legislation by these groups working together. What effect their dramatic, continuous meetings and vigil may have had on the final roll call in the Senate has not yet been assessed.

In an "address of appreciation to Congressional leaders," the Rev. John Cronin, S.S., assistant director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference's Social Action Department, said the civil rights bill passed last Friday by the Senate embodies the "just and far-reaching" legislation which the major faiths have supported "with one voice" during the past year.

"We asked that basic human rights be protected by law," he said. "Among these were the right to vote, the right freely to use public facilities and accommodations, full access to tax-financed education, and equal job opportunity. We sought a bill that would embody these rights. Such a bill has now been passed in both houses of the Congress."

MEMORY TEXT

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. Matt. 7: 24.

The priest said the bill "will do much to redeem our national honor, too often soiled in the past by actions which belied our democratic ideals and our religious convictions."

Those of other faiths expressed somewhat similar views. Dr. Robert W. Spike, executive director of the NCC Commission on Religion and Race, suggested that church and synagogue involvement in the struggle for racial justice has helped to clarify relationships between religion and government. "We were late in entering the struggle precisely because we have been confused about our own rightful place in a society which can have no official religion, nor give any religious group preferred position," he said.

Church-state separation "has been falsely interpreted to mean neutrality on moral issues, or a kind of banishment of religion to ceremonial sanction." It is "ironic that often those most devoted to naming God on our coins and in our pledges of allegiance are most reluctant to see religious groups identifying moral issues and fighting for human justice in the name of God." Dr. Spike said.

The effect of this new federal legislation may well be greater unity in our nation. Unethical discrimination previously sanctioned in some localities must yield to the law of the land. Equal justice must be sought everywhere if it is to exist anywhere.

Fair to Other Faiths

The Israeli government has announced it will help build a Maronite Rite church in a Galilee village for a group of Maronites evacuated from another village for security reasons during the Palestine War in 1948. The Maronites are an Eastern church which was reunited with Rome in the Middle Ages.

This gesture does not mean that religions other than Judaism have no problems.

**CHRIST IS
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Dear Friends of the Faith:

In my last letter to you I told you of some of the spiritual aspects of the General Conference program as the theme, "Christ Is the Answer," is developed.

A second aspect of the General Conference program is that of information. Every Seventh Day Baptist always returns home from Conference with a better understanding of the work of our denomination. This year will be no exception to the rule.

During the Conference programs of inspiration and information will be presented by all the major boards and agencies. Also we shall have an opportunity to learn of the work being done by the Council on Ministerial Education under the leadership of the Rev. Earl Cruzan, chairman, and the Rev. Victor Skaggs, dean. The two-year-old Committee on Christian Social Action will help us understand some of the social responsibility that Seventh Day Baptists share with other denominations. After one year of thought and discussion the Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations will share with delegates to the Conference progress made thus far by the committees and aspirations for the future.

Please plan to be in Salem for the opening session of General Conference on Monday, August 17, at 9:30 a.m., and stay through the conclusion at the close of the Sabbath, August 22. Conference will help you to be Christians and better Seventh Day Baptists as together we seek to understand more fully that in all our life circumstances **CHRIST IS THE ANSWER**.

Sincerely yours and His,
C. Rex Burdick.

Alone With Jesus

By Annie Sprague

Alone with Jesus; leave me here;
Without a wish, without a fear.
My pulse is weak, and faint my breath,
But is He not the Lord of death?
So if I live, or if I die,
'Tis all the same, when He is nigh.

Alone with Jesus; Ye who weep,
And round my bed your vigils keep,
My life was never half so strong;
And yours — O I have proved it long.
But when had earthly friend the power
To comfort in the dying hour?

Alone with Jesus; how secure!
Vile in myself, in Him how pure!
The tempests howl, the waters beat;
They harm me not in my retreat.
Night deepens with its gloom and chill;
It draws me nearer to Him still.

Alone with Jesus; What alarms
The infant in its mother's arm?
Before me death and judgment rise;
I lean my head, and close mine eyes;
There's naught for me to fear or do,
I know that He will bear me through.

Alone with Jesus; earth grows dim.
I even see my friends through Him.
Time, space, all things below, above,
Reveal to me one life, one love —
That One in whom all glories shine,
All beauties meet — that One is mine.

Note: The author wrote this in 1876 after recovering from a severe illness. It was submitted by her nephew, Charles Luther Price (92) of Alberta, Canada, who wishes he had (and has) his aunt's faith in Jesus.

Freedom from Hunger

The Australian Council of Churches announced it has given \$42,000 to the National Freedom from Hunger Campaign Committee to help meet the cost of a Ceylon fertilizer scheme. The Ceylon project, the total cost of which is \$837,000, has so far received \$380,000 as a result of the 1963 Freedom from Hunger Campaign. It is designed to help Ceylon's major problem of food deficit, mainly in rice, which amounts to more than 500,000 tons annually. — W. W. Reid.

Never more needed
than in these troubled times is

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit Through the Believer

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn

Salvation, sanctification, then service. The Holy Spirit works for our salvation; He works in us for our sanctification; and He works through us for our service. Salvation is past tense; sanctification and service are both present tense. Both of the latter depend on the filling with the Spirit.

Jesus told the disciples that "they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1: 4, 5). His instructions were, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24: 49). "Tarry" is literally "sit down, wait." This is the sense in which it is used all through the Bible. Some fourteen times in the New Testament it has the meaning of remaining or waiting.

Jesus also said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1: 8). We like the alternate reading, "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you." Ten days later, on the Day of Pentecost, His promise to them was fulfilled. As they were sitting quietly in the upper room, waiting as instructed, suddenly there was a sound like a rushing wind, and tongues that resembled fire appeared and rested on each of them (Acts 2: 1-3). At the scheduled time the Holy Spirit came into the earth to abide and formed the church by baptizing them into the body of Christ, and indwelt the church and each individual member.

Peter preached one sermon that day, and three thousand souls responded to his call, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. They were born into the family of God and baptized into the body of Christ (Acts 2: 41). What was Peter's power? Was it his personality? He seems to have been a rough, crude, unattractive person. It certainly was not his education,

for he was a simple, unlettered fisherman. The record says: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2: 4). The indwelling Spirit was potential power. Peter's power lay in the fact that he was "filled with the Spirit," that is, he was entirely under the Spirit's control. The Holy Spirit possessed and used Peter as Peter yielded to the Spirit. The same power is available to us for the Holy Spirit indwells us also. We too can be "filled."

What is the purpose of the power that comes through the filling with the Holy Spirit? Our sanctification, of course, as we yield to Him and let Him produce in us "the fruit of the Spirit." The purpose of the power is not just for satisfaction, for the inspiration of the experience itself and the spiritual glow it produces. It is power for witnessing to Christ. "Ye shall receive power . . . ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1: 8). It is not to bring social uplift, to reform society, to right wrongs, nor to make the world a better and safer place in which to live. These are good, and should be the concern of the Christian, and will follow in due course. But the prime purpose, the chief end, is to witness to Christ and His way of salvation and life, so that men and women will turn from the world, be born again, and be baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and then follow His leading so that they will be ready to meet the Lord when He returns for His bride, the church.

Jesus said of the Spirit, "He shall testify of me," and added, "Ye also shall bear witness." The Holy Spirit is to witness to and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ

(John 15: 26, 27; 16: 14). "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" is for us today. That is the real business of the church. Often-times we forget this in giving attention to "programs" and "projects." We confuse church work with the true work of the church — witnessing. We as individuals are to be witnesses also. "Go . . . and tell how great things the Lord hath done for thee," said Jesus to the young man from whom He had just cast out a demon (Mark 5: 19). His words to Nicodemus apply to us, too: "We speak that we do know" (John 3: 11). A witness tells what he knows. How can we "witness" unless we have had the experience of salvation ourselves?

The reason the apostles accomplished so much in New Testament days was that they were "witnesses" and did their witnessing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many times in the book of Acts we read of this one or that one being "filled with the Spirit" and doing great things for the cause of Christ.

We are not only to be the arena in which the Holy Spirit works for our sanctification, but the channel through which He reaches out to the world of men to convict them of sin and bring them to the Savior.

At the Feast of Tabernacles Jesus said, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth in me, from within him shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7: 37-39). The indwelling Spirit is the "out-flowing" spirit — out-flowing to make Christ Jesus known to the world, to let people know the truths of the Gospel. The Spirit out-flowing is our service. The Holy Spirit whom Christ gives is in us a "well of water springing up" (John 4: 13, 14). That is for our personal need. But we must not forget the need of others, and that it is the Spirit's out-flowing, His working through us, that accomplishes the service.

Oh yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit, but do we yield to His working? Is He just a "doctrine" to us, or the power not only to make us what we ought to be, but to witness to Christ Jesus as we should? Do we experience His presence in us and submit to His control? Do we

wonder sometimes why we accomplish so little? The basic reason is that we are not "filled." Our service is in proportion to our yieldedness to His sway.

Let us repeat: The Holy Spirit comes into the believer when he puts his faith in the Lord Jesus as Savior. He indwells us — comes in and takes up His abode. We are "filled with" the Spirit not by trying to be, nor by "working ourselves up to it." He fills us automatically when we make room for Him and yield to His control. It is only when one is fully yielded that he has fullness and power. The greatest need today is to yield to the Holy Spirit so that He is not hindered in His work of conforming us to the image of Christ (Rom 8: 29) and magnifying Jesus and witnessing to Him through us. The Lord needs men and women in whom and through whom the Spirit can work. Only thus can the unbeliever be reached.

At times we tend to blame everything and everybody else for the low spiritual tone of the church. We should examine ourselves to see what our own spiritual condition is. We need to pray with the psalmist, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there is any wicked way in me" (Psalm 139: 23, 24), and then turn over to the Holy Spirit the cleansing of our lives and the empowering us for service. That is the secret of a victorious Christian life, and of an effective ministry for the Lord.

Probably the greatest lack in our individual lives, in our churches, and in our denomination is failure to understand the work of the Holy Spirit and failure to yield to His control. We depend too much on ourselves and our own plans, and all the time the Spirit wants to give us power, to be our power. That is the "something" which we are missing.

American church architects at their 25th annual conference at Dallas, Texas, April 7-9, agreed that significance in church design is not expressed by the spectacular, but by taste and restraint.

Tension Relieving in British Guiana

Under date of June 9, Rev. Leland E. Davis has written from British Guiana that they are keeping well and that the political situation there is not so tense. His letter states:

"This is to assure you that we are safe, and except for a few minor ailments we are well. Gertrude has been having trouble with an infection on her eyelids, so we went to the eye specialist last week for treatment and she is a little better. Kenneth picked up a skin infection or fungi and it is slowly clearing up since he went to the Adventist clinic for treatment. Since the heavy rains have set in, several of us have contracted colds, but these are almost gone. We have tried to take vitamin and iron pills ever since we came to British Guiana and they have kept our resistance up.

"The disturbance in the colony is cooling down. I believe the heavy rain was God's way of helping to dampen the 'fire.' Shanty towns have arisen on the Booker Sugar Estates along the East Coast. Refugees, in fleeing their homes from arson and bombs have built these temporary structures.

"I plan to go to Wakenaam for the weekend of June 13-14, and Jacob Tyrrell will go to Parika."

The Inner City Problem

We read about the inner city problem pointed up by lawless gangs roaming city streets at night and hiding in parks, ready to pounce on their unsuspecting victims. We read of the terrible indifference of the public to cries for help from some of these victims. The reason the people give why they will not help is that they just don't want to get involved. What can Seventh Day Baptists, mostly a rural people, do about such problems? It is very difficult to analyze the problem in such a way as to make any practical suggestions. Yet many denominations have given prayerful consideration and sent some of their best young men into these trouble spots and some of them

have already given their lives. It has been said that there is more physical danger in an inner city pastorate than on most foreign mission fields today.

Giving some consideration to the problem, we may note that a desperate sense of aloneness is a part of the trouble in the large cities. People live in secluded apartments. They work in great factories as an impersonal part of the machine. The rush and frenzy of the city catches them up and they are lost in the crowd.

They may go to great churches in the city, sitting in large congregations, knowing little about the one sitting next to them. When the service is concluded they may be ushered out as at a wedding and drive away in their cars without any more than a passing greeting from the usher. It is possible for Christian people to walk in and out of some congregations without anyone ever faintly realizing the presence of heartache or spiritual needs that are crying for personal attention. This may be equally true of all our churches, whether they are located in large cities or smaller villages.

It seems almost trite to mention it but one answer still lies in person-to-person contacts. Small informal prayer and Bible study groups may provide such personal contacts. But you say the people who need to come won't come to such a meeting. Then call it a "Coffee Club" for adults or a "Handicraft or Recreation Club" for youth, but do try to get people to join in smaller, personalized fellowship groups. This need is as great in smaller churches as it is pressing upon those in the larger cities. All our lives are being fragmentized these days and we need something to draw us together. Young people need the fellowship of those their own age. If the church will not provide it, then they will get it from their "gangs."

Home Fellowship Groups may provide one way to communicate the Gospel to people in our fragmentized age. They may not be the total solution but we can be sure God will be at work as His word is studied and as people pray, take an interest in and show real concern for others in their neighborhood. People, all

people, need personalized attention and they need the fellowship of small groups of like-minded friends.

Can Seventh Day Baptists do anything about the inner city problem? Who will go for us to the great cities and try to minister to those in desperate spiritual need, here in our own country? Will we hold a "Commissioning Service" for such a volunteer? Will we send him into a situation fraught with unknown dangers as though we were sending him "to the heathen" of a former day? It is time and past time for us to prayerfully consider this matter.

Note: At the last General Conference the following item from Commission was adopted. . . . "It has been suggested that the inner city may well be today's social and religious frontier in America, the point of America's most critical spiritual need, and the point toward which missionary effort may most effectively be directed . . ."

Health on Wheels

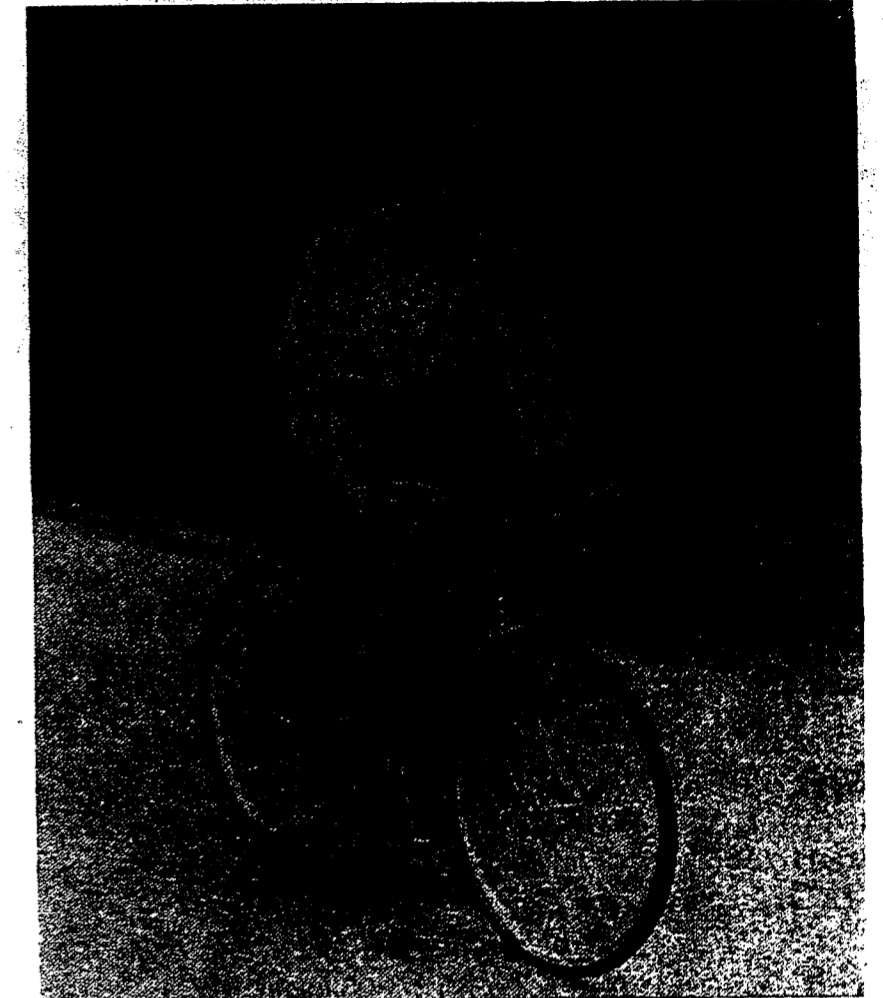
When man discovered the wheel, he did so because he was getting too much strenuous exercise — and he didn't like it! Fighting for his survival, carrying the food he caught and killed, was too much work. So he took to his wheels.

Today, more and more Americans are taking to their wheels as they combine fun and physical fitness in bicycling. Dr. Paul Dudley White, noted heart specialist and White House medical consultant, recommends bicycling as an important aid to good health.

"We have one of the unhealthiest countries in the world because of our abuse of our prosperity," Dr. White proclaims. "We are overeating and pampering ourselves. The Life of Riley leads to a lot of early coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes."

An antidote to some of these problems, says the heart expert, is "the habit of adequate exercise: just as important for good health as one's sleep, one's work, one's food.

"Cycling is one of the best ways to accomplish and maintain physical fitness," the physician advises. "Bicycling can undoubtedly add years to life, and health to those years."



So Dr. White, who has been an avid cyclist for most of his 77 years, and who is now chairman of American Bike Month, wants America on wheels. He says, "I would like to put everyone on bikes . . . not once in a while, but regularly as a routine."

The stimulus of a 15-minute bike ride can send 25 to 30 quarts of blood through the arteries every 60 seconds. And this blood will be four times richer in oxygen than the blood that pumps sluggishly through the veins of an armchair lounge.

The biking boom can be a factor in trimming your waistline, too. Cycling, says Dr. White, will help to burn off extra calories; you can get rid of 600 of them in an hour of moderate pedaling.

There is also a sense of happiness and enrichment in cycling. In Dr. White's words, "It brings us back to earth and to the enjoyment of nature. If more of us exercised like this, we'd have a sharp reduction in the amount of tranquilizers and sleeping pills in use today."

The healthful and stimulating exercise of cycling, and the relaxing fun of it, are found annually by many Americans. According to Dr. White, more Americans would be livelier and happier too, if they discovered the wheel — the bicycle wheel.

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Christ Is the Answer

By Billy Graham

The closing portion of Dr. Billy Graham's message to 17,000 people at the Baptist Jubilee in Atlantic City May 24 contains the testimony that he has found Christ to be the answer to all personal doubts and problems.

Jesus Christ is the only person in history that makes any sense of history. Today many people are asking, "Is there any meaning to life?" Is there a clue to history? Or is it simply a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury signifying nothing? Is history a jumble of unrelated events? Is history an aimless succession of changes? T. S. Eliot in *The Hollow Men* wrote, "This is the way the world ends. This is the way the world ends, not with a bang, but with a whimper."

Is history going to fizzle out in atomic blast? The New Testament teaches differently. Jesus Christ taught that there is going to be a glorious climax to history and that glorious climax to history will be when He comes again. Ye shall know the truth and the truth is going to set us free from this world of sin and sorrow and toil and frustration and problems and burdens and tears and death. We are going to be set free even from death.

When Karl Barth was in this country last year, the great Swiss theologian visited the United Nations. He walked in, and here is what he said: "The international organization could be an earthly parable of the heavenly kingdom but real peace on earth will not be made here at the United Nations. Peace will be made by God Himself at the end of all things."

The Apostles' Creed says, "From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead." Oh, yes, in a sense He comes into the heart of every believer when he accepts Christ. In a sense He comes in the person of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In a sense He comes in the great cataclysmic changes of history. In a sense He comes at the death of every Christian. But there is also another sense that the Bible teaches: that He is going to come again at the end of the age and then — eternity with Him. We are going to be there and the Bible speaks something about a great marriage supper of the Lamb. I don't know

all that means but it seems to me that that must be the moment when they crown Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords, and you and I are going to be there. Our seat has been reserved. The ticket was bought not with gold and silver but with the blood from the cross. We have a reservation. We are going to be there and we are going to join them in singing "How Great Thou Art." What a glorious future we have in Jesus Christ! What a future we have to look forward to! No, the world is not going to end in a whimper, it is going to end in a glorious mighty triumph of a kingdom of God. He is going to be all and in all. He will fill all of space. He will be King of kings and Lord of lords, not only of the universe but of this earth and you and I will be His subjects and His followers.

I am 45 years of age. Well over half of my life is gone. I have been preaching the Gospel for 25 years. I will probably not preach 25 more. But I tell you this — with everything I have in my heart, with all of my body, with all of my breath — 'til that hour when I shall see Him face to face I want to serve Him. I know that I do it inadequately. I know that I did not have theological training and I miss it, and I know that I have so many limitations, and if people only knew how weak and frail I feel in my ministry and how many times I stand up to preach and I know that I am not a great preacher. God seemingly gave me one gift and that is to call people to Christ. I am asked to preach at conventions and I am asked to preach at great conferences and many times I say, "No" simply because I know I don't have the ability to do it. I am not a convention preacher. I am a Gospel preacher to sinful men. But with all my heart I want to serve Him.

I am proud to be a Christian. I am proud to be a Baptist. I am proud to be here today. I know my sins are gone. People ask me at these universities and colleges where this past winter I had the privilege of lecturing, "Do you ever have any doubts?" I am going to say something that sounds very egotistical but I am going to say it in all humility: "No, I do not have doubts." I don't know why. I know

that many great saints of God do, but God has kept them from me somehow. I may be besieged with them by nightfall. But I know the truth. He is the truth. He is the answer and there is no other answer except Jesus Christ, crucified, risen again, risen from the dead and coming again.

That's our message, fellow Baptists. We have no other reason for existence. This is the torch that was handed to us by our forebears. This is our heritage and if we ever leave it may God have mercy upon us because He will judge us as He did the prophets, the false prophets that Jeremiah talked about. Let's leave the Baptist Jubilee determined by the grace of God to be men and women of God.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Young Adult Pre-Con

The lecturer for the Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat will be the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the Daytona Beach church. The topic for the lectures will be "A Servant People."

A graduate of Salem College and the Alfred University School of Theology, Mr. Davis has been serving successfully at Daytona Beach since September 1961. He taught school for many years before entering the full-time ministry. Our retreaters will find that his lectures will be challenging and thought-provoking. Pre-registration forms will be sent soon to our churches. Any young adult 18-35 years, may secure a registration blank from the Board of Christian Education office, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y., if you are not able to procure one from a church.

Camp Display

We plan a camper material display at General Conference this year. Any Seventh Day Baptist camp director is urged to bring samples of materials he uses for the display. Schedules, books, handicraft ideas, snapshots of campers and facilities — these will be welcome. If you cannot bring them or send them with someone, you may mail them to Secretary Zwiebel, General Conference, Salem College, Salem, W. Va., during the week preceding Conference.

Men and Boys Banquet

We are happy to announce that G. Zijlstra, a Seventh Day Baptist leader from Holland, will be the speaker at the annual Men and Boys Banquet to be held on Wednesday night at General Conference. Mr. Zijlstra plans to illustrate his address with slides.

Sabbath School Reports

Each of our churches has been mailed a questionnaire asking for the annual report of the Sabbath School and Vacation Church School. Also blanks for camp reports have been sent to those responsible for the camping program of our churches and associations.

Several Sabbath Schools do not return the answers to the questionnaire; I am not sure why. Possibly those responsible do not receive the blanks, they do not think it necessary, or maybe they think it too much trouble. Whatever the reason, we hope that those responsible will reconsider and send in the completed reports as soon as the answers can be made available. We think it is important to present an accurate picture of our churches' educational work to each other and to the world.

Accurate records will help your local church to evaluate its program by pointing out the areas where you are weak or strong. Knowing this, remedies can be made to strengthen the weak spots, and new efforts can be made to further bolster the strong ones.

We have more blanks on hand. If those who are willing to make the reports do not receive the blanks from your pastor or church clerk, write our office, and we'll send you all you need. We ask your co-operation.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 18, 1964

God Delivers His People

Lesson Scripture: Ex. 6: 2-7; 12: 29-33a.

General Conference at Salem

By Greta F. Randolph

Transportation Information

Salem, West Virginia, and General Conference is easily reached by car, train, bus, or plane. Salem is on US Route 50 and is about 12 miles west of Clarksburg.

Trains. The main line, east and west, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad runs through Salem. Two trains from the east stop regularly at Salem — No. 23 at 8:06 a.m. and No. 11 at 5:00 p.m. One train from the west makes a regular stop in Salem — No. 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to use the National Limited trains which go through Salem — from the east at 2:43 a.m. and from the west at 12:51 a.m. — should make reservations one week in advance asking that the train of your choice stop in Salem, W. Va. Requests are usually granted. Reservations should be made through Paul H. Reistrup, Director of Passenger Service Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Baltimore, Md.

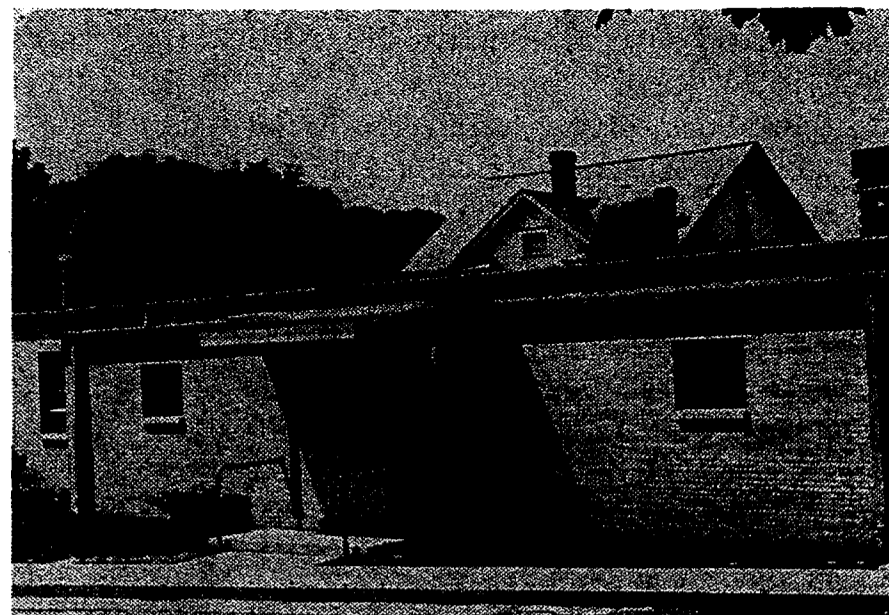
Requests for use of these trains for return trips may be made through the local agent in Salem 24 hours in advance.

Buses. Salem is served by the Eastern Greyhound Lines. Buses from the west arrive in Salem at 3:55 a.m., 10:38 a.m., and 5:18 p.m. Those from the east arrive at 12:12 a.m., 5:12 a.m., and 5:17 p.m.

Planes. The airport near Clarksburg will be closed most of the summer while the facilities are being expanded and improved. Passengers will use the airport at Morgantown, W. Va. There is limited limousine service from Morgantown to Clarksburg, W. Va. There is also some airplane taxi service from the Pittsburgh, Pa., airport to the airport near Clarksburg, W. Va. Anyone wishing to be met should write to Walter L. Bond, R. #1, Mt. Clare, W. Va.

Announcement for Pre-Con Campers

The Young Adult Camp starts one day before Pre-Con Camp. Those planning to attend the Pre-Con camp and coming to Salem with Young Adult campers will spend the night in Salem. Please make your reservations with Mrs. C. W. P. Hansen, 171 East Main Street, Salem, W. Va.



Conference Accommodations

The new Salem College cafeteria pictured here is now being enlarged to occupy the space of a neighboring house torn down since this picture was taken. Although this new construction is part of the college expansion program rather than a project for the better entertaining of General Conference, the delegates will receive the first benefits of these enlarged modern facilities.

Junior High Retreat

For the first time ever there will be a Junior High Retreat near Salem for those who have completed grades six, seven, or eight, preceding General Conference from Friday at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday at 1:00 p.m., August 14, 15, and 16.

Arrangements are being made by the Junior High Y.F. of the Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church under the sponsorship of Theona Rasmussen, who provides a cottage on the lake for a meeting place.

Write immediately to Alfred Rogers, president of the Junior High Y.F., Seventh Day Baptist Church, Church St., Salem, W. Va., 26426 if you think you can come, and make definite arrangements before August 3.

Retreat director is Eddie Sutton, and Conaie Coon is the recreation director.

Stop With Us

People traveling to and from General Conference are invited to use the facilities of Camp Riverview, at North Loup, Neb., for overnight or weekend camping. For further information, contact Duane L. Davis, pastor, or Ronald Goodrich, chairman, Camp Committee, at North Loup.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Russian War on Religion

Amid some signs of greater tolerance of the Christian religion in the Soviet Union there are indications from official sources that there is a renewal of the war against religion.

Forenc Nagy who was ousted as premier of Hungary by the Communists is now in this country. He explained to the students of Baylor University (Texas) an article in the official Russian newspaper Pravda the new government-authorized campaign for atheism.

Nagy told Baylor students in a lecture that the program will be started by placing Communist action groups in every Russian city, collective farm and industry to visit every living being in the Soviet Union and convince them there is no God.

"Schools will give courses in atheism from the kindergarten level to the university as a compulsory subject," Nagy said. He predicted that the campaign would be disastrous to Russian churches. "The program will not fail," he said. "There is no real resistance in Russia to Communist persuasion."

Nagy said that the world's free nations cannot simply disregard the Soviet campaign against religion because the success of the campaign would weaken religious morals and strengthen communism all over the world.

The former Hungarian leader called for a morally and spiritually strong America to oppose communistic atheism.

Nagy concluded that the most important task of protecting the religious morals of mankind rests upon American youth. They can show that scientific atheism is not progressive but is backward and reactionary.

Coexistence with Alcohol

Evangelicals were charged with lethargy in coming to grips with the alcoholic problem in America during a panel forum sponsored by the Social Action Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals.

"Alcoholism has become an old problem, and Americans do not like old things" was the explanation of Dr. Roy

S. Holloman, director of the Kansas State Temperance League and moderator of the panel.

He said, "We have established peaceful coexistence with alcohol." William Oberg, director of Audio-Visual Center of Wheaton College, said, "There is a prevailing attitude of 'let's not touch the problem.'"

Police Chief Lloyd DeTienne of Zion, Illinois, charged, "We have no one to blame but ourselves. We have forgotten God. This is the reason for our moral weakness in America. Christ is the only answer to the problem of alcohol."

Southern Presbyterians

Willing to Admit Negroes to Worship

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) has voted to forbid its local congregations to exclude any person for "participation in public worship . . . on grounds of race, color, or class." The action, passed by a vote of 279 to 116, is subject to approval by the Assembly's 80 presbyteries. The assembly also instructed its synods to "dissolve its three all-Negro presbyteries and to integrate them with existing 'all-white presbyteries.'" The Southern Presbyterian Church has only 8,000 to 9,000 Negroes among its 940,000 members. Those not in all-Negro presbyteries are in Negro churches in ten southeastern and southwestern states. Only a few of the denomination's 4,000 churches are integrated.

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!

Family Worship

By Esther Loofboro

It is often said, "The family that prays together, stays together."

Although our family is small (only one teen-age son), family worship is certainly a very vital part of our daily lives. This should not take the place of private devotions, but in some cases it could be the only daily prayer and Bible study.

As a family we choose to begin and end the day worshiping together. Always we have Bible reading and prayer, but neither period is very long. In the morning we use a devotional guide (*The Upper Room*, *Daily Blessing* or *The Secret Place*) with a Bible reading to fit the topic.

We prefer to have Bible study rather than use many other helps. As our boy has been growing up these worship periods give time for questions and discussions of hard-to-understand Scriptures and how to apply the ideas to our lives. When our son was smaller, some of the time was used for memorizing favorite passages. On Sabbath morning we usually add a sermon by Norman Vincent Peale, or someone else.

Although each family must plan and carry out the type of family devotions that best fit the need, we feel that it is very important that the family worship together regularly — every day.

As the days and years pass we find our family devotions help us to be better acquainted with Scripture, each other, and Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

This Is the Church in the New Nations

(A brief mission study book)

Friendship Press, which is constantly bringing out new paper-back books on mission lands has produced another of the above title under the authorship of George M. Daniels with a publication date of July 28, 1964. For quick reading or group study this highly illustrated, very readable book with its thirty-six large-size (7x9) pages is filled with helpful information and thoughtful evaluation of the present situation of and outlook for missionary work in (1) Sub-Sahara Africa,

(2) Asia, (3) North Africa and the Middle East. It also contains a chart of the new nations, helpful for reference purposes.

The conclusion is that almost everywhere there is need for many more missionaries (or fraternal workers) than the Protestant churches are able to recruit. The relatively high rate of growth of Islam and Catholicism in Africa is assessed by the author. The Catholics have far more missionaries in Africa than in any other continent. They maintain 3,000 white priests to serve 25 million Africans, baptize annually 300,000, and prepare a million catechumens. Only 10 per cent of these missionaries come from the United States, most of the rest from Europe. Protestants have about 40 per cent of their missionaries in Africa. Christianity, a minority religion which has enjoyed a dominant status, is now a minority religion in a pluralistic society where people are free to choose. Islam appeals to many because of its stress on brotherhood of all races, its materialistic teachings about heaven, and its ritualistic demands which appeal to Africans.

Speaking of Asia, the author notes, "Wherever Christianity is proclaimed, Hinduism, Buddhism, or Islam is aroused to a new life and seeks to do what it believes Christianity has failed to do." As for communism, it is more an ideological and political movement than a religion but for the irreligious it is a religion, says the author.

In conclusion Mr. Daniels calls for a greater utilization in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia of more Negro missionaries and others not indigenous to the areas. He has recognized the difficulties of obtaining native church workers of high quality in emerging nations where government service is so much more attractive than church service. He points out some reasons for our failure to recruit Negro (and white) missionaries in these words, "Possibly the primary factor is the simple truth that the witness of the Christian church in America has not really been worthy of the mission to which God called His church, and young people are not challenged to see the great needs and opportunities for service" (p. 30).

Bible Club at Little Rock

One of the most successful kinds of evangelism for the young is the Bible Club, usually meeting in the home of the leader. Children of the neighborhood are invited and bring their friends to make up a group of the proper size. It takes



consecration and know-how for a leader to hold together such a group amid the many attractions of the day while she teaches them Bible truths and helps prepare them to make decisions for Christ. Here we see Mrs. Paul B. Osborn of Little Rock, Ark., with her Bible Club — one of the home missionary tasks she undertakes in supporting the work of her husband as city pastor-evangelist. The snapshot, sent in by the moderator of the church (801 N. Polk St.) does not identify the club members, who look happy.

Hungary's Bible Hunger

The Hungarian Bible Council, through the publications department of the General Assembly of the Reformed Church, has published 90,000 Bibles and 43,300 New Testaments in the past seven years. The council is comprised of representatives from the various evangelical churches of Hungary. Translation commissions are at work on a new translation of the Bible into Hungarian. As sections are completed these are issued in order to make the text accessible to experts and others for criticism and comment.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BERLIN, N. Y. — In many of our churches, autumn has replaced January as a time to transact church business. This is true of the Berlin church. Last fall, before holding the church business meeting, the members of the congregation took time to re-examine their spiritual lives, as they paused during the October Communion service to reaffirm the Seventh Day Baptist statement of beliefs. Spiritually prepared, the church members soon turned to church business as they elected the following officers for the year 1963-64: moderator, Elmer Stuart; church clerk, Arlie Greene; and treasurer, W. Robert Bentley.

Youth Week was held in February. Sermons on the topic "The Peculiar Ones" were given by Pamela Byars, Althea Greene, and Maryann Maxson. Also in February, three girls from Berlin, Miss Maxson, Miss Greene, and Nancy Burdick represented Seventh Day Baptists at the New York State Christian Youth Conference at Troy. Talks on the conference theme, "The Peculiar Ones," were given by Dr. Henry Tani of Philadelphia.

In May the members of the First Baptist Church, who have been sharing our church since their own was destroyed by fire in 1962, were able to move into their new church building. They have shown their appreciation to us in many ways, and now we share the joy they must feel as they see their new church nearing completion.

Summer will bring new experiences and new tasks to the people of Berlin, especially to our pastor. Pastor Maxson has been chosen to travel on a "person-to-person" mission to Russia this summer.

— Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — In appreciation of the faithful services rendered by the choir a banquet and program was tendered them. The dining room was tastefully decorated with musical motifs, flowers, and lighted tapers. Guest artists from Oneida and Verona provided an evening of entertainment consisting of vocal solos, electric guitar numbers and guitar ensemble, baritone horn solos and accordion numbers, with closing remarks by the pastor. — Zilla Vierow.

Conference President Honored at Home Church

By Zilla Vierow

A surprise get-together for Pastor C. Rex Burdick was recently held in the Verona church parlors in recognition of his services in the community and honoring him as president of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference. This is the first time in the history of our local church when an active pastor has received this distinction.

Among those present who spoke briefly were his mother, Mrs. Isabel Burdick of De Ruyter, his brothers, Wendall, Eugene, and Willard of De Ruyter, Wayne of Baldwinville, and Gordon of South Otselic. Others present who participated in the program were former parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Davis of Marlboro, N. J., the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Swing of De Ruyter, the Rev. Victor Skaggs of Alfred Station, and Mrs. Alva Davis of East Aurora, N. Y. Letters of congratulation were read from the Rev. Lester Osborn, the Independence church, the Salem, W. Va., church, and the Sconodoo, N. Y., Ministerial Association.

Remarks were given by Geri Hargis, and Marilyn and Della Fern Davis who were acquainted with or stayed in the home of the Burdicks while in college.

A "This is Your Life" program with Garth Warner acting as emcee depicted in humorous vein episodes from the pastor's life. Guests present recorded their names, and the entire program was taped.

Floyd Sholtz, in behalf of the congregation, presented Pastor Burdick with a gold inscribed wristwatch, and an inscribed ceramic wall plaque was given by the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Osborn.

Refreshments were served including a beautifully decorated cake with open Bible and the Conference theme, "Christ is the Answer."

Scripture Distribution in Northern Rhodesia

Herbert Kassler, newly appointed secretary for Northern Rhodesia in Africa has reported to the American Bible Society that 22 colporteurs serve the rural areas in Northern Rhodesia not likely to be reached by the usual channels of distribution. In these areas it has been es-

timated that more than 400,000 families live off the soil. One tenth of these earn a reasonable income from their crops. Another one tenth are getting a little more than they need to stay alive. The vast remainder are considered to be living at subsistence level or on the breadline. Mr. Kassler continues, "It is under such conditions that the rural colporteurs work; going out by bicycle with a metal case of Scriptures; sometimes traveling up to 50 miles to sell only a few Gospels. In many areas there are no complete Bibles in the language commonly spoken. These 22 men worked an average of 7 1/2 months during the year and distributed a total of 8,041 Bibles, Testaments, and portions."

All of these colporteurs were appointed and worked under the supervision of a local church of the area, and in co-operation with the Bible Society office. In former years this area was served by the British Bible Society.

Births

Burdick.—A son, Mark Daniel, to Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick of Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, June 16, 1964. Mother and baby were reported as doing fine.

Obituaries

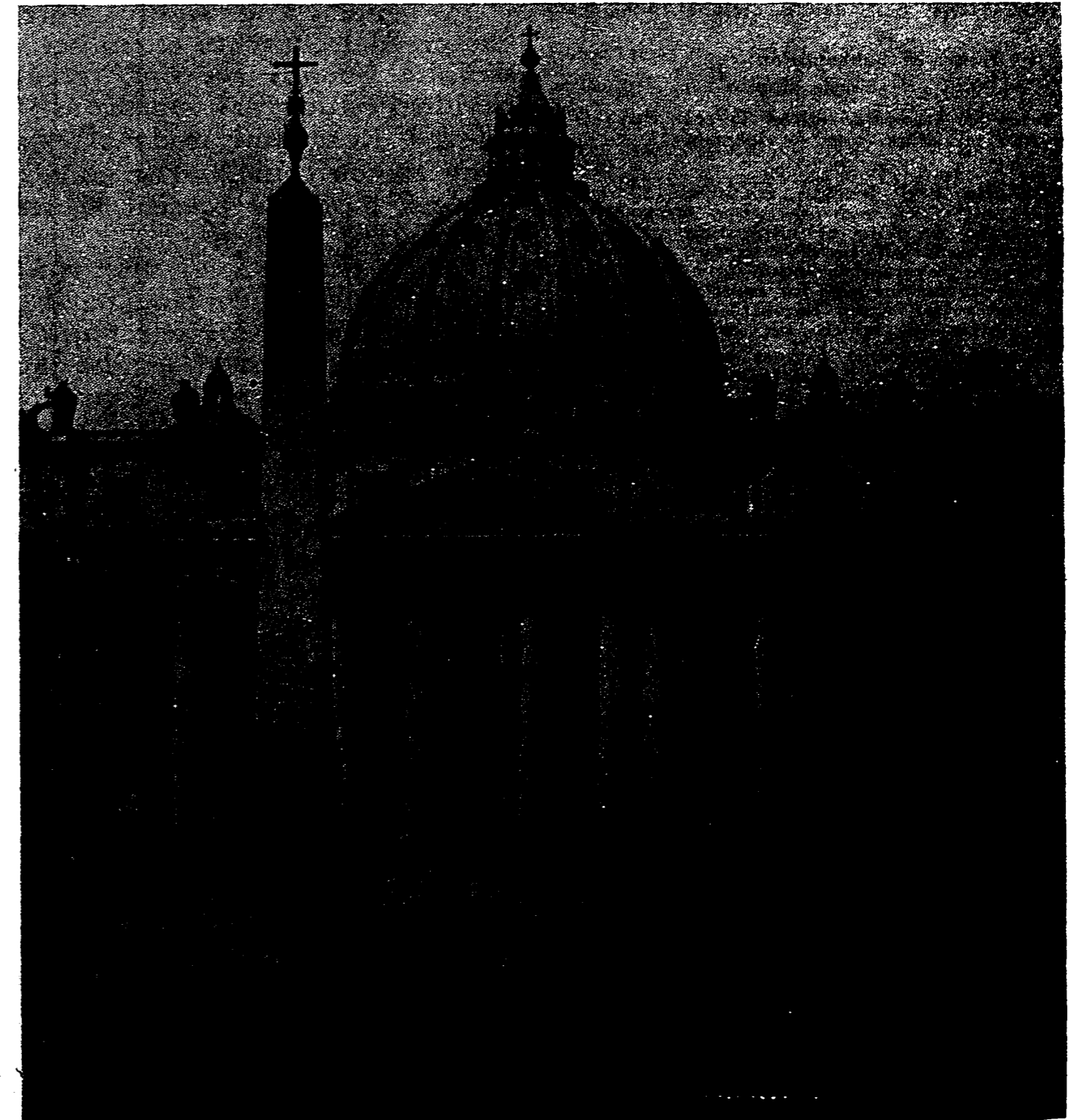
Maxson.—Bessie Alice (Bond), wife of Lyle E. Maxson, was born Jan. 30, 1892, in Iowa, and died May 19, 1964. She had been bedfast for several years suffering from diabetes.

Mrs. Maxson was a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. She expressed courage in the Lord and had renewed her dedication to Him. She is survived by her husband; two brothers, Ed Scott of California, and Jesse Scott of Florida; three sons: James Bond of Lawrence, Kan., Raymond Bond of Nortonville, Kan., Edwin Bond; and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Christie of Effingham, Kan., and Mrs. Margaret Dillon of Bellingham, Wash.; 16 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the church by her pastor, Elder Leroy Bass. Burial was in the Nortonville cemetery. — L.C.B.

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The Christians persecuted by Nero died in the shadow of this great obelisk now standing in the Piazza San Pietro in Rome. It was brought to Rome from Heliopolis by Emperor Caligula early in the 1st century A.D. and erected in his circus. Later, Caligula's Circus became part of Nero's Gardens in which the Christians were first martyred. The obelisk was removed to its present site, and adorned with the cross of victory, in 1586.

—Fred Bell, Erwina, Pa.,
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