

**OUR WORLD MISSION  
OWM Budget Receipts for August 1964**

	Treasurer's August	Boards' 11 Mos.	Treasurer's August	Boards' 11 Mos.
Adams Center	\$ 194.81	\$ 857.46	Lost Creek	175.00
Albion		420.05	Marlboro	414.28
Alfred, 1st	490.10	5,924.26	Memorial Fund	1,501.83
Alfred, 2nd	384.93	2,121.75	Middle Island	21.00
Algiers	10.00	10.00	Milton	601.48
Associations			Milton Junction	333.00
& Groups	21.83	574.18	New Auburn	72.83
Battle Creek	832.98	6,230.19	North Loup	113.85
Bay Area	125.00	551.50	Nortonville	224.54
Berlin	156.10	1,264.92	Old Stone Fort	53.85
Boulder	163.50	696.41	Paint Rock	64.50
Brookfield, 1st	55.00	415.60	Pawcatuck	678.95
Brookfield, 2nd	45.00	149.00	Plainfield	355.23
Buckeye			Richburg	122.20
Fellowship	32.00	32.00	Ritchie	20.00
Buffalo	100.00	445.00	Riverside	260.00
Chicago	162.50	1,312.50	Roanoke	
Daytona Beach	96.00	1,141.27	Rockville	33.50
Denver	45.00	1,241.01	Salem	350.00
De Ruyter	61.23	441.48	Salemville	61.63
Dodge Center	293.13	1,430.08	Schenectady	32.00
Farina	13.50	482.90	Shiloh	632.25
Fouke	47.72	150.72	Shiloh	632.25
Hammond	34.25	140.18	Syracuse	15.00
Hebron, 1st	87.50	845.28	Texarkana	84.00
Hopkinton, 1st	186.06	2,596.32	Trustees of	
Hopkinton, 2nd	20.00	149.88	Gen. Conf.	101.45
Houston		254.76	Verona	1,504.44
Independence	39.30	1,083.15	Walworth	791.25
Individuals	871.05	1,688.05	Washington	139.27
Irvington	50.00	1,950.00	Washington	
Jackson Center	250.00	500.00	People's	15.00
Kansas City	106.86	581.86	Waterford	130.51
Little Genesee	142.85	1,401.40	White Cloud	167.18
Little Rock	112.47	371.97	Women's Society	38.00
Los Angeles	772.50	3,732.50	Yonah Mt.	65.00
Los Angeles, Christ's		145.00		
			Budget Totals	\$11,212.22 \$95,729.84 \$5,204.35

**AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS**

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,017.22
Historical Society	71.16
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund)	577.86
Ministerial Education	1,122.17
Missionary Society	5,341.78
Tract Society	1,557.29
Trustees of General Conf.	98.53
Women's Society	285.63
World Fellowship & Service	157.83
General Conference	982.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,212.22</b>

**SUMMARY**

Total Raised, 11 months	\$100,934.19
OWM Budget	100,510.00
<b>Raised over budget</b>	<b>\$ 424.19</b>
Gordon L. Sanford, Little Genesee, N. Y., OWM Treasurer.	
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# The Sabbath Recorder



**A Little Thing with a Mighty Voice**

When secretaries of the American Bible Society take time to demonstrate to visiting dignitaries of a foreign church a little object that appears to be a child's toy we can be sure that the "Finger Fono" is more than a toy; it is something that gives voice to the Bible in many languages. We are reminded of the words of Paul to the people of Corinth (from whence this bearded visitor may have come): "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." (See picture on page 7)

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## Thoughts on Crime

Crime throughout the nation in the first six months of 1964 was 15 per cent higher than in the same period of 1963. This has caused some people to wonder if the solutions for the crime problem that have been advanced from official Washington are valid. We have been told by the social planners that poverty is one of the greatest causes of crime. The nation never had less poverty or more programs to relieve the so-called pockets that exist. We are affluent, and crime seems to rise with affluence. We have been repeatedly told that the criminal is more to be pitied than blamed and more to be pitied than his victims. People are wondering why more and more government and more and more social programs produce less and less protection for law-abiding citizens.

The social planners and the statisticians may have some plausible explanations, but they are not likely to admit that something might be wrong with their basic philosophy. They will be slow to turn back from the idea that society will redeem itself once poverty is eliminated and everyone is aware of his human and civil rights in a highly planned economy. What turns the figures against the advocates of state socialism may not be easy to determine. It can be safely said, Scripturally said, that we reap what we have sown. Of course no one (except international communism) intentionally sows the seeds of crime. The fact that it is unintentional sowing does not relieve the bitterness of the foul weeds that we are now reaping.

Respect for law and authority has waned. Laws are harder to enforce; police forces are increased but given less power and less popular support. The connection between moral law and criminal and civil law has been undermined. The church must bear part of the blame for this condition. It has allowed itself to drift again too far in the direction of mass reform at the expense of individual regeneration and moral righteousness. Never has the church spoken so loudly in the ears of official Washington, but the voice has not had the ring of the law of God and uncompromising righteousness as set forth by Him who said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the

scribes and pharisees ye shall all likewise perish."

What we need in our land is a return to the age-old concept of law and order, based on the unalterable law of God. Christians must take the lead in demanding and supporting this. They must insist that the preservation of order is the first domestic duty of government and that it must not be shoved aside by well-meaning reforms. Christians who recognize an obligation to keep the Fourth Commandment as well as the other nine should be foremost in advocating this.

## Africa Fact Sheet

Something new, something very enlightening and thought-provoking, called "Africa Fact Sheet" is now being made available to church study groups free of charge by Church World Service and the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches.

Because Americans in general know so little about Africa and its problems and because Christians need to make a special effort to understand the enormously complicated problems facing African countries in the coming years the two organizations mentioned above are attempting to publish these fact sheets. The first one on the Republic of the Congo guides one through the maze of recent history in that strife-torn country in a concise and interesting way. It is a document of five legal-size pages with a reading time of fifteen to twenty minutes. The office of promotional services of Church World Service, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, offers to supply up to 100 copies of this and future "Africa Fact Sheets." Fact Sheet Number 2 on Nigeria will be out in October.

The document points out that the Belgian Congo, larger than all Europe, was a colony of tiny Belgium until granted independence in June of 1960 — an independence without trained or capable leadership. It is a country very rich in natural resources and inhabited by people capable of responsible leadership — if they were educated. The people in one of the tribes are seven feet tall and aris-

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tocratic in bearing. Nine-tenths of the world's industrial diamonds are produced in the province of Kasai. The Congo River basin is capable of producing cheaply one fourth of the world's water power. There is a drop of 300 feet in ten miles.

Most of the missionary work in the Congo has been Roman Catholic, since it was a colony of Belgium. Now, however, the Protestant Church is very active. It is estimated that there are two and one-quarter million Protestants in Congo. The great need is for secondary schools and colleges. The political upheaval has made emergency-type relief programs necessary since 1960.

Pastors ought to have the interpretive material in this Fact Sheet Number 1. Women's groups studying Africa would find here more than enough information to occupy a whole program. Although we have no Seventh Day Baptist mission in the Congo and no prospect of establishing one in the near future we should seek to be informed. It will be interesting to see what comes out in the Fact Sheet on Nigeria, where there is already a Seventh Day Baptist movement started by native pastors.

## Election-Day Choices

When we vote in November, we may be able to make some well-considered choices as to the type of government and how much government we want. Many will find the choices difficult to make. This should be taken as a challenge to clear thinking during the campaign period.

Patrick Fox, Washington columnist, makes the following statements which may well be pondered and evaluated. They are not necessarily endorsed by the Sabbath Recorder, which takes a stand only on moral and religious issues, not purely political issues. Says Mr. Fox:

"It is a shame, of course, that the ins and the outs are to be judged by so many voters by matters over which politicians have so little real control. Certainly the boom owes little to the Government, and if a big shooting war starts it will be the Communists, not the Republicans or Democrats, who bring it on."

"Further, the two parties have offered the voters a clear choice about their own futures, unlike that offered in many elections past.

"Mr. Johnson has hand-picked an extremely liberal candidate, and dictated a party platform which unequivocally calls for the almost unlimited expansion of the welfare state on every front.

"Mr. Goldwater has chosen an outspoken conservative for his running mate, and dictated a platform committed to reducing the size and expense of Government.

"Both men made the same decision — not to 'balance the ticket' with candidates whose views are far from their own, and not to write platforms which are all things to all men.

"If the voters can be as clear about their mandate as the candidates have been clear about where they stand, we could be seeing the beginning of a new era in American politics.

"For better, or worse."

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### Mark Twain Observes

In one of his humorous books on travel abroad Mark Twain visited some shabby U.S. consulates. In one located at the top of some rickety stairs he found only one thing calculated to enhance the prestige of the United States. It was a brass cuspidor inscribed with the motto "In God We Trust" — not the most honorable place for such a motto. One would expect the humorist to comment on whether or not there was evidence that the motto improved the spitting aim of those who used the cuspidor.

The appointments of consulates and embassies have changed for the better in the days since Mark Twain's travels. We are painfully aware, however, that lavish quarters do not necessarily mean universal respect. Communist-inspired rioters take more pleasure in destroying valuable U. S. property than shabby consulates. The inscribed cuspidors have vanished, but there seems little evidence that our foreign representatives are widely known for that which would gain them real respect, adherence to the motto "In God We Trust."

## Changing Conference Presidents



It is quite a responsibility but not an unpleasant one to be the president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Rev. C. Rex Burdick looks well and happy as his tenure of office (one year) draws to a close — perhaps happy that he can turn over the duties to such a capable person as Mrs. R. T. Fetherston of Battle Creek, who also is able to smile as she thinks about the forward progress hoped for in her term of office. No previous president has handed the president's gavel to a woman.

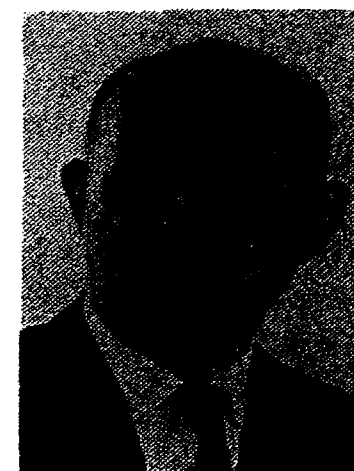
### Baptist Advance

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!

A personal revolution  
is how he speaks of his

## Call to the Ministry

By Wayne Babcock, North Loup, Neb.



When Editor Maltby asked me for a summation of my call and dedication to the work of the Lord, I readily agreed, not fully aware of the difficulties involved in putting into words the turmoil of a personal revolution.

I was reared in a Seventh Day Baptist home of conservative Christian background, and was brought to the saving knowledge of the blood of Christ through the teaching of the Rev. Wilbert Davis.

Until a certain Sabbath in October 1963, I was living with the belief that I was doing all that was required of me as a Christian. As I listened to the sermon on that Sabbath morning, my attention was caught by a combination of two Scriptures, one found in Luke 12: 15, and the other in Matthew 16: 26. I quote them together: "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth — for what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" These are the words that brought the revolution in my life and have rechanneled the energies of my wife and myself. As the sermon progressed I felt the Spirit dealing with me in a manner that I cannot describe, but before the benediction was over I was certain the Lord had pointed me to the ministry. On the way home I did not relate my experience to my wife but as she busied herself with the preparation of the noon meal, I questioned, "What did you think of the sermon?" She turned and faced me as she replied, "I don't see how we can stay out of full-time service for the Lord." So on that Sabbath afternoon, Ida and I rededicated our lives and redirected our efforts to full-time service for the Lord.

There were problems of course. First, I discovered that a middle-aged Seventh

Day Baptist was not considered an asset by some colleges. However, as the Lord directed my search I have come to believe that He wanted me in a particular place. Second, during a period of several years a man and his family put down emotional roots that resist the trauma of a move; business interests must be liquidated; new arrangements must be made. All these produce many frustrating circumstances. It was during the months immediately following the "decision" that my family and I came to know the fuller meaning of Lamentations 3: 22-26. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord."

We can say from our own experience "that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think," for we have known His guidance and beneficence as we made preparations to enter school.

My pastor, Duane Davis, often uses a quotation that has come to mean a great deal to me. "I know not what the future holds but I know who holds the future."

### Recorder Comment

Most of the letters from subscribers tell how happy they are to have the paper and how glad to subscribe. We print here with appreciation, portions of a discontinuing letter.

"It will be necessary for me to discontinue taking the **Sabbath Recorder** for the next year, as I am finding it impossible to work for a living and study my Bible as I'm trying to do. . . . So, reading of the **Recorder** will have to be put off at least for this next year. . . . Perhaps next year the subscription can be resumed.

"The **Recorder** is a wonderful publication, and so many wonderful articles. I also digest each **Helping Hand** from front to back — the Bible studies are easy to understand and yet have depth enough to make us really think."

— E. M., Los Angeles.

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### MEMORY TEXT

And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Malachi 3: 17.

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### They Also Serve

By the editor

Some of those who serve at General Conference do so on a volunteer, unappointed basis. It is well to recognize the service rendered by those who contributed so much of their technical "know-how" and gave so freely of their time in operating the public address system and the tape recorders.

All of this work was done this year by just two men, Fred Ayars of the Marlboro, N. J., church and the Rev. Paul Osborn of the Little Rock, Ark., church. They would doubtless resist being called the unsung heroes of Conference, but those who stop to think might insist on the appropriateness of such a designation. They were unsung and almost unnoticed. Their work was done quietly and well. The Committee on Courtesies added a reference to their service after the report was read. A hero is one who does something unusual, beyond the call of duty for the benefit of a large body of people. Mr. Ayars could be nominated for such a citation, as could Mr. Osborn. The work is so confining and takes so much time before and after sessions that when husbands announce that they are going to operate the electronic equipment their wives announce that they are going to stay home.

Just to set the record straight, Mr. Ayars is chairman of the Radio and Television Committee of the Tract Board. His "civilian" work is in the field of electronics. Through his initiative, his untiring efforts, his willingness to spend much of his own money and spare time he has developed equipment and programs for Missionary and Tract Board presentations that have made it possible for our denomination to be a pioneer in some of these areas and to do things that would

appear to be far beyond our financial capabilities.

There is no set procedure by which the Tract Board has become responsible for tape recording or for the public address system. It is something that just grew. The first tape recordings of Conference were made by the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* for reporting purposes in 1954 on a machine purchased for him by the board. In some Conferences there has been a whole battery of privately owned tape recorders — usually operated under the supervision of the Radio and TV Committee — of which Paul Osborn was a very capable member. In the last several years the editor has largely retired from tape recording responsibilities, turning them over to those with more technical knowledge. The committee, from year to year, has added better microphones and other equipment to improve the effectiveness of existing public address equipment and the quality of tape recordings. This year and last Mr. Ayars co-ordinated the systems and did most of the recording on one machine, making copies after Conference for those who needed them. He purchased ahead of time more than thirty large reels of tape. He and his committee have catalogued all tape recordings that are considered valuable for church programs or for reproduction over the air.

The voices of Conference from 1954 to the present are also preserved in the tape recording library maintained at denominational headquarters by the Radio and TV Committee and handled by the office of the corresponding secretary. The Tract Board is fortunate to have such a member as Fred Ayars and such a consultant member as Paul Osborn, men willing to serve the whole cause of Seventh Day Baptists without compensation.

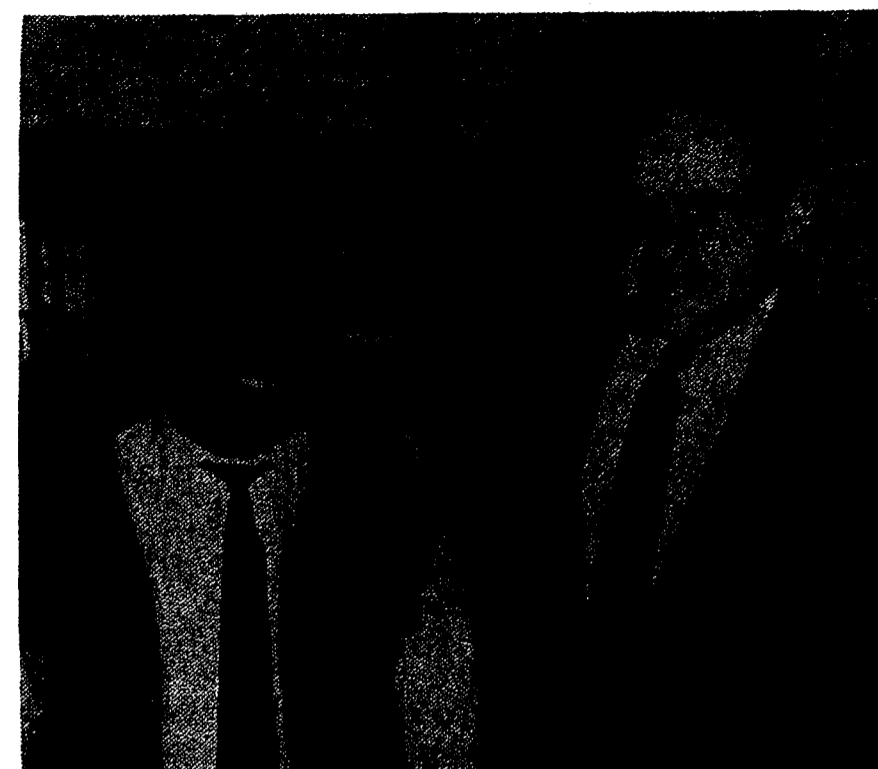
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### Reports Due

Sabbath Schools check with your superintendents and see if they have sent in the annual reports to the S.D.B. Board of Christian Education. All Vacation Church School and Camp reports are due.

— Rex E. Zwiebel,  
Sec. Bd. Christian Ed.

### Africa Secretary Meets African Pastor



The American Bible Society secretary for all of Africa, Dr. Paul A. Hopkins, is pictured in his New York office with the Rev. Otrain Manan of the Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist mission in Malawi. The meeting was arranged by the secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society on September 4 after a telephone conversation in which the Bible Society offered to make a grant to Makapwa of a large number of "Finger Fonos" for playing Bible records in the Chinyanja language. Dr. Hopkins expressed hope that he could visit the Seventh Day Baptist mission work in Malawi this year.

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### Mid-Continent Association

By Albert N. Rogers

The Mid-Continent Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches will convene October 2-4 with the Denver church under the direction of Richard Steele, president. The theme of the session is "Thy Will Be Done." This is the first associational gathering at Denver in five years and the first at its present site.

Delegates who are expected from distances in excess of 600 miles will be welcomed to the homes of Denver Seventh Day Baptist families Friday night following the opening Communion service, which is being arranged around tables in the church hall by Mrs. E. Keith Davis. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stephan are in charge of hospitality.

Mrs. Don V. Gray of Milton, Wis., president of the Women's Society of General Conference, will represent the Planning Committee and other denominational executives at the Sabbath afternoon session. The Sabbath day program will include morning worship and an all-church social in the evening. Reports are also scheduled from the Association camping program including exchange campers. Mrs. Gray will be visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nola Toft, a member of the Denver church.

The annual business meeting will be conducted by Mr. Steele on Sunday morning and afternoon, with a one-hour softball game planned after the noon meal. The committees on evangelism, social action, student aid, camp and vocational interests will also meet Sunday morning, and will make their reports. A fellowship breakfast on Look-out Mountain is being sponsored by the Denver Youth Fellowship and other meals are being served by the Friendly Class, the Blanche Sutton Class, and Kum Dubl, organized adult groups in the Denver church. The closing service on Sunday evening is to be presented by the Denver choir.

A meeting of the Executive Committee and pastors of the Association was held September 20 at Norton, Kan., midpoint between the churches, to complete the program. A local steering committee composed of Irwin Randolph, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Stephan, Mr. Steele, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor, has been guiding arrangements in the host church.

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### Dangerous Explosions

The choice of words makes a big difference in the impact of an idea. The Church of the Brethren in annual conference at Lincoln, Neb., discussed family planning and population growth, adopting a statement which viewed the population explosion as perhaps "the greatest danger to mankind next to nuclear war." Such a choice of words by a "peace" church gives them added significance. Not all would agree that there is as much danger of wiping out civilization by the population explosion as by a series of nuclear explosions, but these are the words by the Brethren. Let's think it over.

**A Series of Articles  
on Impressions of CoWoCo**

Visiting delegates to the Consultation meetings held recently at Clarksburg and Salem, W. Va., were asked to write for publication their impressions, reactions, and thoughts regarding this first effort to bring together representatives from the various Seventh Day Baptist Conferences of the world.

The Rev. James McGeachy, pastor of the Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church of London, England, has been the first to respond to this request. In his accompanying letter Brother McGeachy writes, "I should like to take this opportunity to again express my appreciation of the hospitality shown me by Sister Harris and yourself as well as by Rev. and Mrs. Paul Burdick of Waterford, and all who were so kind to us in the other places where we spent some time. The provision made for all our needs by the General Conference was indeed wonderful and we would be glad if you would kindly express our gratitude to all the leading brethren who made our visit possible.

"The beauty of West Virginia, and the halls of Salem College will not be soon forgotten. We shall often recall them, and also the many churches of the denomination which it was our privilege to visit, and likewise the Denominational Building.

"I was sorry not to have been able to finish the course on Denominational Polity given by Dean Victor Skaggs. It was very enlightening and enabled me to understand a little the inner workings of the organizations and denominations whose polity we were able to cover before I left. I should like to have learned more about our own polity, which, however, would be covered after I left. Perhaps he (Dean Skaggs) will be kind enough to send me as well as the others some of his notes on the subject."

Excessive speed continued to be the number-one killer on the nation's highways in 1963. More than 14,000 traffic deaths were directly attributable to speeding.

**Impressions of CoWoCo**

By Rev. James McGeachy,  
Mill Yard S.D.B. Church, London, England

Those who had the opportunity of attending the First Consultation of World Conferences of Seventh Day Baptists will never be able to forget the warm welcome given by our American brethren, and their wonderful hospitality and the loving fellowship which we had with them and the delegates from other lands.

The discussions which took place in the CoWoCo sessions enabled us to learn and understand the problems in the various countries represented, and led to practical suggestions for their solution.

We were pleased to note that our missionaries are still welcome in Malawi, Jamaica, and British Guiana, and that religious liberty prevails in all the countries in which we operate. We were sorry, however, that our New Zealand and Brazilian churches were unable to send delegates. They would have added much to our discussions.

The Nigerian field seems to be the most promising outside the fields already mentioned, and we were encouraged by reports of interest in other lands such as Burma, Pakistan, South Africa, and the Philippines. To strengthen such new interests and encourage the work in older fields, the interesting suggestion was made that we should have a traveling missionary to visit these countries. This "Jet Age Circuit Rider" as someone called him will have to be very adaptable to deal with the varied circumstances in which he will find himself, and to meet the needs of the different nationalities.

Those of us from Europe hope that he will be able to spare time to work in England, Holland, and Germany. We were sorry that Item 8 on the agenda concerning the possibility of Europe becoming a mission field and of a missionary evangelist being specially appointed for this important area was shelved, although the delegate from London, from which the suggestion had come, took every opportunity as other items were discussed to express his views on this subject. We hope

this need will be borne in mind and eventually supplied.

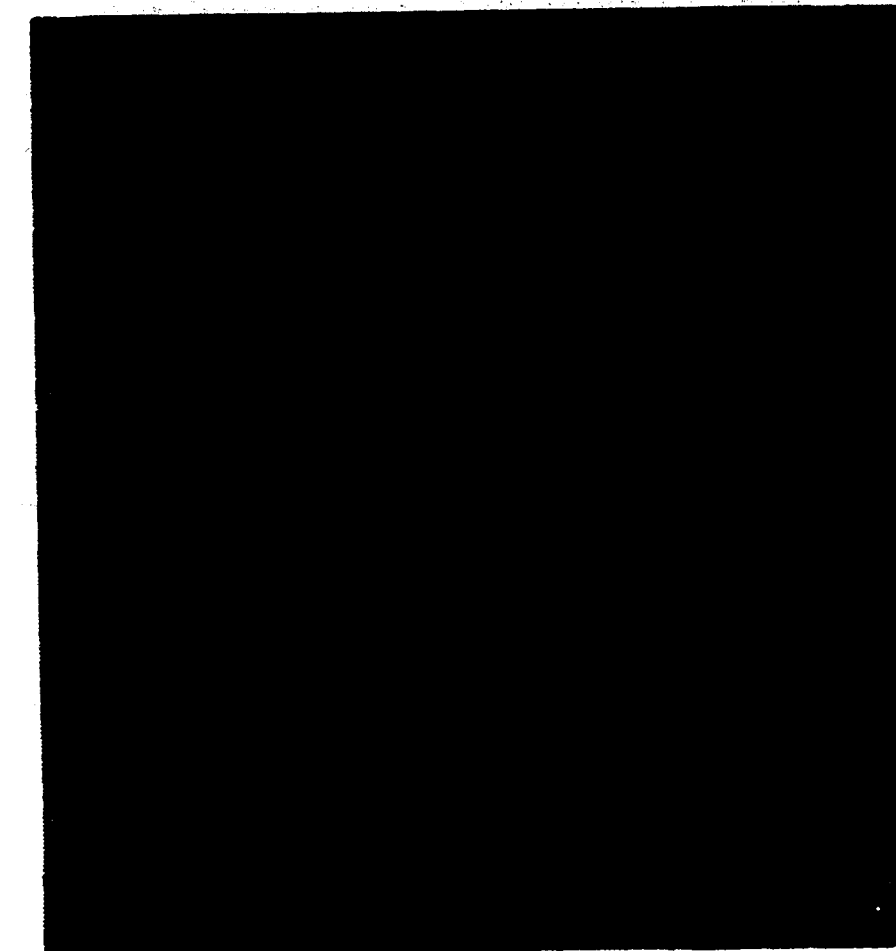
The best hope for the future of our worldwide mission lies in the formation of a Seventh Day Baptist World Federation as proposed by CoWoCo. We pray that the necessary ratification by four of our conferences will soon bring this Federation into being. It will enable us to work more closely together, and to concentrate our efforts on the areas of greatest need. This should mean definite advance in our witness for Christ and the Sabbath, but as Pastor Manan of Malawi and other speakers emphasized in the messages given during our inspiring period of worship and Bible study, all such organization will achieve nothing unless we allow the Holy Spirit to direct us in all things. We pray for such a Pentecostal outpouring on all our people and our leaders.

**Membership Approved  
In North American  
Baptist Fellowship**

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at its 1964 session approved membership in the proposed North American Baptist Fellowship. This adds one more denomination to the list and thus hastens the day when this organization becomes a reality. It is a very loose organization which attempts to preserve by means of fellowship some of the gains along that line which were experienced by the seven Baptist (including Seventh Day Baptist) groups which have worked together for the past five years in a somewhat unified program called the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The program included sharing of promotional and evangelistic ideas and culminated in the Baptist Jubilee at Atlantic City in May. It also sponsored and still sponsors the Baptist booth at the World's Fair. No such program is contemplated for the near future, but co-operative programs may present themselves if there is some sort of continuing structure to receive them. The organization will use the offices of the Baptist World Alliance at 1628 N. 16th St., Washington, D. C.

**The Gospel May Be Seen  
by Those Who Cannot Hear**

Another television "first" will be brought to CBS-TV viewers on "House Party" Friday, October 9, when Miss Muriel Hersom is interviewed by Art Linkletter



and uses sign language to interpret his entire program for the half-million or more deaf people in this country.

Miss Hersom, a native of Maine and a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, is a missionary to the deaf through the "Voice of Calvary."

Although many deaf people are quite proficient at lip-reading, sign language is considered to be the most accurate means of breaking through the sound barrier which separates them from the hearing world and, because of Art's own firm belief (his foster father, the Rev. John Fulton Linkletter, was an evangelist in California) he is giving Miss Hersom this opportunity to present the Gospel to the thousands of deaf people across the nation, many of whom may never have "heard" it before.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON  
for October 10, 1964**

Why Jesus Came  
Lesson Scripture: 1 Tim. 1: 12-27; 2: 1-7.

## The Mission of the SABBATH RECORDER

By Rev. Leon M. Maltby

(Part of the Tract Board Program  
at Conference)

When a denominational weekly has been in Seventh Day Baptist homes 120 years, spanning six generations, it is manifest that it has had purpose and mission or it would not have held its honored place in the hearts of the people so long. Few religious publications have had as much reason to exist or have been in continuous publication so long. Some have perished for lack of purpose; not so the **Sabbath Recorder**. No person and no paper, however, has any right to assume the continuing blessing of God unless there is a constant attempt to be true to the high principles set forth in the Word of God. We are reminded of the need for periodic repentance and revival — even as Christ warned His self-satisfied contemporaries: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Why then, after 120 years, do we have to give thought to the mission of the **Sabbath Recorder** and outline our purposes so that we can conduct a survey? It is not that the previously understood mission has changed materially but that we have not given enough thought to it. We are a new generation — more correctly, we are three generations trying, as in every age, to agree on the most important things. A setting forth again of what we conceive to be the mission of the **Recorder** should help us to evaluate it, and should help those responsible for its publication make it fulfil its mission as nearly as possible. There is the added value of self-analysis which comes to each and all as we consider purposes and mission. When we attempt to put down what we want in our denominational paper, it reveals how we as individuals measure up to the standards of Christ and the mission we profess to want to see accomplished.

In the purposes agreed upon during the year by the committees and the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society that which was placed first was "to discharge our special Seventh Day

Baptist responsibility to the Christian community by emphasizing the uniqueness of our Sabbath observance." This is part of what has been meant by the general statement on the masthead, "A Magazine for Christian Enlightenment and Inspiration," a statement that appeared under the editorship of K. Duane Hurley in the first special issue of Nov. 2, 1946, and has been carried ever since. The **Sabbath Recorder** has always spoken to the Christian community and does so now more than at some periods of its history. There has been a large increase this year in paid library subscriptions, for example. It seeks to discharge our special Seventh Day Baptist responsibility in part through 45 exchange subscriptions and taking its place in the reading rooms of 94 libraries and seminaries. It bears its Sabbath witness in interdenominational organizations such as the National Council of Churches, Baptist World Alliance, Associated Church Press, military chapels, and also by being shared locally in its regular and special issues by loyal subscribers. This purpose has been particularly in the mind of board members as they have successfully promoted the special issues for six and a half years with seven to ten thousand copies sold each time. The same kind of Sabbath-emphasis material appears in the regular issues with either a direct mission to those not yet committed to our cause or an indirect mission. It is hoped that regular readers will be strengthened in their desire to spread our message and will be fortified with usable material to carry out their mission.

When one ponders this part of the purpose of the **Recorder** he realizes that it is the same as the purpose of the church, the purpose of the individual Seventh Day Baptist. It is what has been stressed these past five years in our Program for Advance, to which much space has been given in our journal. We have a mission in the Christian community, not just a Sabbath teaching mission, but particularly that. The **Sabbath Recorder** is a weekly reminder of it even if there is not a Sabbath article in every issue. The name itself proclaims that mission. Woe to us as a people if we curtail that witness, downgrade it, bury it with less important

material, or assume that we do not need a weekly reminder of a weekly Sabbath, particularly for the many who are not able to attend church every Sabbath.

### Promote Evangelism

Closely related to the above mission of the **Recorder** is another to which the board calls attention. It is to promote evangelism. This can be done in both the regular and special issues by printing evangelistic articles, sermons, and editorials and calling attention to the evangelistic meetings carried on throughout the denomination and co-operatively in nearby communities. Stimulating lay evangelism by Bible study and by publicizing the most effective methods of outreach are ways by which the **Recorder** can contribute to this mission of our people. This is something hard to evaluate. It is a matter of tone and cumulative emphasis, something that is felt if it is present and missed after a while if it is lacking. An editor, surrounded with so much material and so many causes worthy of promoting, finds it difficult to keep up the evangelistic tone that the board says the magazine should have.

### Promote Denominational Program

Another purpose of the **Sabbath Recorder** is to promote the denominational program as outlined by the Planning Committee, Commission, and Conference and implemented by the boards and agencies. This includes as much financial promotion as it consistent with the other purposes and with good journalism. It is accomplished partly by the regular publication of the OWM giving of all the churches and partly by articles designed to increase the sense of stewardship among our people.

The **Recorder** is committed to the mission of helping its readers to grow in their Christian life, a mission similar to that of a pastor. The denominational paper hopes to supplement the work of the pastor and to challenge to greater growth especially those who cannot be in contact with a pastor. (The **Recorder** visits the home each week.)

### Bind Together

The **Recorder** seeks to bind together those of like faith by strengthening the many ties that make up normal life. More and more we are a moving people with acquaintances and family connections in numerous places. The news of churches, Associations, and Conference, together with vital statistics and age-group news, go into making ours what is sometimes called a family paper. It has always had this mission in addition to the more important others previously mentioned. As the periodical of our people and by our people, it encourages the written expression of the thoughts of loyal Seventh Day Baptists who desire to contribute news and thoughtful articles that will help the **Recorder** to fulfil its Sabbath mission, its evangelistic mission, its spiritual growth mission, and its unifying mission. It has been standing for the Seventh Day Baptist faith since 1844 but the faith it stands for is far older. We of this generation are entrusted for our few years with the responsibility of carrying out a mission that is older, bigger, and more enduring (in the providence of God) than any of us.

### Negro Minister Asks Evangelicals to Recognize Racial Issues

The Rev. Howard Jones, prominent Negro minister, an associate evangelist of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, speaking at the 22nd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals at Chicago, said, "It seems most inconsistent that in America some white Christians run away from the Negro people while through their missionary programs in Africa they run to them."

He charged mission societies with failure to see the wisdom of having missionaries of other races on their staffs. "Consequently," he pointed out, "in the midst of this revolution of nationalism throughout Africa and Asia and other parts of the world, Christianity is labeled as the white man's religion, the Bible as the white man's Bible, and Jesus Christ as the white man's Savior, while the Moslems and other religious groups have capitalized on the situation."

### Primary Conference, 1964

At General Conference 22 were enrolled at Primary Conference. Sessions were held Monday through Friday under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. Leslie A. Welch. Attendance was nearly perfect.

Scripture memory verses were given three days from Amos and Daniel, and then the last two days were devoted to the boyhood of Jesus. Filmstrips on the Life of Jesus were also used for these lessons. Songs and group games helped to keep the interest.

With assistance from Dr. Ruth Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zinn, an afternoon was spent at North Bend State Park in Harrisville, W. Va.

Mrs. Donald Richards helped us get started on Thursday using her ventriloquist act.

Sabbath School was a review for the benefit of guests who were not able to be with us during the week. Twenty-nine were in attendance for this hour. The story, "Joseph, the Sabbath-Lover," from Millgram's "Sabbath—the Day of Delight" was used to illustrate the fact that God's blessing accompanies Sabbath faithfulness.

### C. E. News

"The 4th Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union was held August 6-9 in Honolulu, with approximately 125 delegates attending the sessions. Countries represented were the United States, including all the islands of Hawaii, Japan, Australia, Ponape, and Samoa.

Conference speakers included Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Union; Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society; Rev. Edward Kahale, past president of the Hawaiian Christian Endeavor Association, who gave the keynote address; George H. Nelson of Australia, vice-president of the World's Union; and Rev. Takashi Oku of Japan, one of the directors of the Tokyo Union.

"It was encouraging to sense the deep spiritual tone and strong evangelical emphasis that has been characteristic of Chris-

tian Endeavor since its beginning as a youth movement in 1881," stated Bishop Meadows. "Delegates seemed eager to witness for Christ and tell of the many activities in their various countries for Christ and the Church, under the banner of Christian Endeavor. From my observation of the conference it is evident Christian Endeavor is on its way forward and upward."

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

### Family Devotions

By Mrs. Clare Greene

Early in our married life we started to have grace at each meal. My husband has chosen the methods of doing this, using different members of the family, and for many years now he has had us pray the Lord's Prayer each Sabbath eve to help us to remember the Sabbath day. We often discussed the feeling that we should do something more but while the children were small it was hard to decide on the best time. We often had a story hour at bedtime, using the Sabbath Visitor or Sabbath School papers with the older children, and they in turn have helped do this for the younger ones.

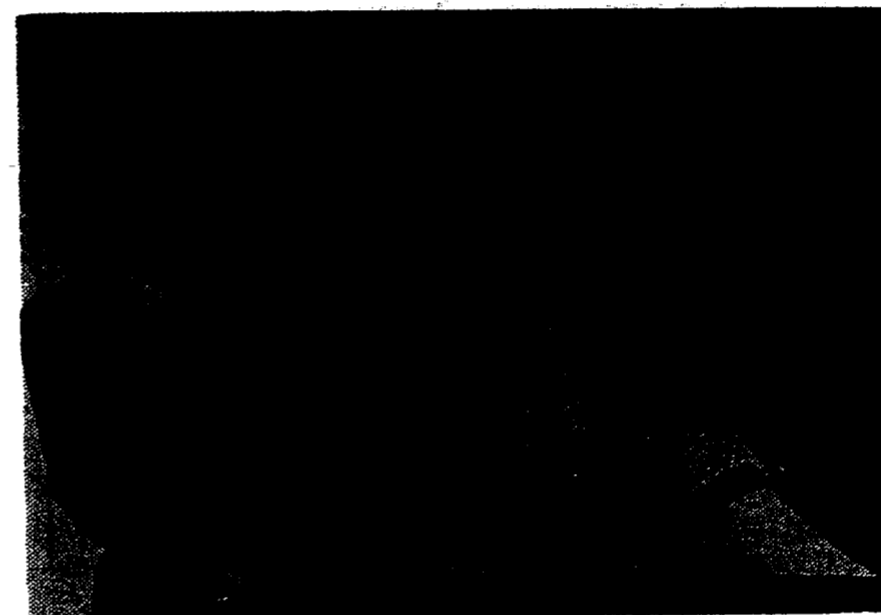
About four years ago our church Christian Fellowship group stressed the value of the family altar and after reviewing several devotional booklets decided to make copies of the Baptist publication, *The Secret Place*, available for each family in the church. Our family had used the Daily Bible Readings from the *Helping Hand* quite often, but decided to try to find a time to regularly have family worship and use *The Secret Place*. The best solution seemed to be for all to get up a half hour earlier and do it before breakfast. Since Clare leaves about 7 a.m. for work, this leaves an hour for the children to study, practice piano, and get ready for school. Our oldest daughter Barbara, a Senior in High School, gets things ready, while I finish last-minute breakfast details, and usually reads the Scripture. I read the comments, and Linda, who is twelve, reads the poem. Kathy, 10 years old, reads the thought for the day and Clare takes charge of prayer time. Seven-year-old Larry helps in the prayer time and will

take a more active part as he can read better.

When something happens that we don't have time to do this, I feel a lack all day, just as I do if I neglect to take time for my own personal devotions each morning. The last few months we have enjoyed using a different devotional booklet, *Our Daily Bread* written by Dr. M. R. DeHaan, which is sent to us free of charge from the Radio Bible Class, Grand Rapids, Mich. Truly this has been a blessing to our family and none would want to stop it.

### World's Fair Concerts

Presented by Bibletown, U.S.A.



The religious aspect of the World's Fair is obvious to any fairgoer. But the only live preacher regularly on the fairgrounds is a congenial, energetic minister from Florida, Dr. Ira Lee Eshleman, founder of Bibletown, U.S.A. in Boca Raton.

Dr. Eshleman, sometimes called "Parson of the World's Fair," has been preaching in his unique way twice each week since the Fair opened through concerts of sacred music which include everything from choirs and quartets to folk singers and spirituals.

A pioneer in the production of sacred music concerts since 1950, Dr. Eshleman's programs at the Fair are unusual in that they are designed for radio and television transmission to a vast unseen congregation.

On Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the Fair he hosts a program of music and interviews that is broadcast to

300 RCA closed-circuit color television screens in all parts of the fairgrounds. He tapes the same programs for 300 radio stations in 46 states and Canada.

Interspersed between musical numbers are the brief interviews with celebrities. By obtaining at firsthand the testimonies of well-known people from the worlds of the theatre, the arts, sports, and science, the Bibletown World's Fair concerts reach thousands of people who might not seek out a church or religious program but who are given sustenance and comfort nonetheless, Dr. Eshleman says.

Dr. Eshleman's position at the World's Fair is like that of no other individual. He has no pavilion, has a very tiny staff, and works 14 hours a day, seven days a week, putting together his programs, making tapes, answering mail from coast-to-coast.

### New Orleans Report

Something new was tried at New Orleans this summer and the effort seems to have been filled with satisfying experiences and crowned with success. The work of the team of qualified young people is personal visitation and leadership training has been reported briefly in a previous issue by Ralph Hays, pastor of the host church at Metairie, La. Team members told some of their experiences at General Conference in the testimony meeting and at other times. Word has now come from Pastor Hays that a full report is now available for those who might be considering such a project in their area next year.

Linda Bingham has put together in her thorough way a forty-page notebook in mimeographed form outlining the training program and including some human-interest items as well as a description of all that was done from the pre-school leadership training to the older levels. Feeling that there may be value in considering some of the do's and don't's of inner-city missionary work which these young people learned by experience the Metairie church is offering to send copies of this notebook to any who request them. The address is 411 Papworth Ave., Metairie, La.

## Milton Student in Norway

Janette Heinig of our Milton church has been delighting readers of the Milton-Milton Junction Courier with the accounts of her travels and contacts in Scandinavia as an AFS student this summer. One of the accounts tells of stimulating religious experiences with the youth of Norway. Portions of her letter are reproduced here from the Milton paper.

"Last Thursday my 'sister' Karin and I traveled to Kristiansund for Landsungdomsstevnet which means Youth Rally of All the Land. Youth and adults interested in youth from all over Norway attended these meetings. We stayed in the home of a Norwegian man and his British wife. An average of 1,000 attended the morning prayer services, Bible study, and general worship services. Each day there was one tent meeting where we heard different speakers and special music. A Swedish recording star of religious music provided much of this music. On Friday night, 3,000 of us marched through Kristiansund to the soccer stadium in the rain, singing as we went. (On the way I saw a girlfriend of mine in the crowd watching the parade. She is an AFS student to Kristiansund from Riverside, Calif.) At the stadium the Norwegian 'Billy Graham' spoke. The microphone made it very difficult for me to understand.

"Sabbath day we left the rally so that we would be able to begin the bicycle trip Sunday morning. We joined Molde Christian youth group at the ferry dock in the morning. The ferry took us, bicycles and all, to Vikebukta. From there, our group from Molde and the group from Aalesund began cycling. That first day was not enjoyable. It rained all day and the cycling was in the mountains. I had never used the bicycle before and I hadn't done any cycling this summer. That was only one day! The groups from Kristiansund, Volda, Aalesund, and Molde stayed in a schoolhouse—sleeping on the floor. There was singing, introductions, and a worship service before bed.

"Monday morning we loaded our bicycles onto a train and traveled by train through the highest mountains to Dombas. The scenery was beautiful and we had a

lot of fun on the train. Cycling from Dombas to Vinstra and from Vinstra to Lillehammer was so different from the first day. I wasn't very tired and both nights I was among the first to arrive. We had sunshine both days and much of the way was downhill. European motorists are very different from American ones. Everyone we met would wave, honk, and sometimes flash their lights. I imagine seeing 120 boys and girls on bicycles does look unusual.

"In Lillehammer we conducted a worship service for the church there. We rested a day in Lillehammer and came to Gjovik by boat. The 108-year-old boat is supposed to be the oldest paddle-wheel boat still operating. Now we are all staying at Viken, a boarding school for youth on the shore of Lake Mjosa. It is really beautiful. I especially enjoy becoming acquainted with so many Norwegian youth. I have found they are no different from American youth. It also seems good to eat regular meals. While cycling we each had two or three small pieces of bread with butter for breakfast and supper. That was all! This youth conference is probably one of the highest points of my summer. I really feel a part of them.

"The director of this conference has told me to send greetings to the Conference in Salem."

Janette expected to be in Oslo from August 20 to 28 and to be back home by the end of September.

### Volunteers Fast for CROP

Fifteen members of a church of a Brethren Volunteer Service Training unit recently fasted for 24 hours and donated the money they saved to the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) of Church World Service. At the rate of \$2.00 apiece, they contributed \$30 toward the purchase of food for the needy and starving in countries overseas.

"Fasting a day certainly helps you become more aware of the needs of the hungry people in the world," was the comment of one volunteer. While stating that the amount of their gift was not significant, they commended the idea to others.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RICHBURG, N. Y. — June 4, 5, and 6 the Rev. Clifford Hansen presented a series of lectures on the topic "Time": "Idea of Time," "The God of Time," "The Place of the Sabbath Within Man's Life and God's Purpose." All area churches were invited. The meetings were worth the effort and cost.

Our congregation attended the Association at Alfred Station June 20 and June 21.

Martha Cartwright graduated from the Bolivar Central School. Doyle K. Zwiebel received his Master of Science in Education degree from Alfred University.

Vacation Church School was held June 22-26 in our church, Linda Burdick directing the school.

Several young people and children attended Camp Harley June 5-26. Several from our church helped with the meals.

The quarterly business meeting of the church held July 5 showed the church to be in good condition. It was voted to purchase new hymnals, Christian Worship with the responsive reading in the King James Version.

The Ladies Aid held their annual picnic July 21 at Island Park, Friendship.

— Correspondent.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—It was our privilege to have with us August 29 six young men who were attending the first ministers' institute. Glen Warner conducted the worship service; Pastor Paul Beebe read the Scripture and led in prayer, Edward Sutton gave the children's message, and the Rev. Joseph Samuels of Jamaica delivered the sermon on "The Cost of Discipleship." We must pay the price of purging ourselves, of obedience, of suffering, and of death to self, he said. The Rev. Otrain Manan of Malawi and Jacob Tyrrell of British Guiana were also present, as well as several other visitors from Jamaica. A fellowship dinner followed the service.

On September 5 Jacob Tyrrell conducted the service, the Rev. Victor Skaggs led in prayer and gave the children's message, and the Rev. Otrain Manan preached on the topic, "Walk as Children of Light."

Twenty-one of our members attended General Conference. Those present were

entertained by Secretary and Mrs. Harley Bond at their Salem home Tuesday following the afternoon meeting. Mervin Dickinson, Maureen O'Connor, Virginia North, Arthur Paquette, and Thomas Duryea attended Youth Pre-Con, while Loisanna Dickinson and Barbara North attended Junior High Pre-Con.

A number of our members were present at the Baptist Jubilee Celebration at Atlantic City May 22-24. On June 1 the Rev. Joseph Samuels, who had spoken at the Jubilee, told us about our work in Jamaica. After our July 18 church service and fellowship dinner we heard tape recordings of the Jubilee, and those who had manned our exhibit at Atlantic City and the Baptist booth at the World's Fair told some interesting experiences.

— Correspondent.

LOST CREEK, W. VA.—Although still without a pastor, we have had a good sermon each Sabbath by a minister of our own or another denomination. One message which appealed to all Seventh Day Baptists was by Leland Bond, his subject being "The Sabbath."

Several of our young people spent an enjoyable and profitable week from June 21 to 28 at Camp Joy, Selbyville, W. Va. The camp was directed by the Rev. Kenneth Davis from Daytona Beach, Fla. He brought some of the young people from his church with him, and other West Virginia churches were represented.

Our annual business meeting was held July 12 with a good attendance. Many important items of business were discussed and some decisions made. Most officers of the previous year were retained.

Due to the untiring efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Beebe, our leaders at Crites Mountain, much interest is manifested by the residents, and a log church has been erected. We feel this project has been a godsend to those isolated people.

Vacation Bible School was held the first week in August. Due to many other activities it was late this year and only held one week but many worthwhile things were crowded into that week.

We were pleased to have the Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Bond with us a few Sabbaths. They are always welcome back to Lost Creek where they have many close ties.



# The Sabbath Recorder

Our Ladies Aid has met regularly each month, has taken many responsibilities and entered into several money making projects. Just now plans are being made for the annual oyster supper.

On August 15 we were very happy to have with us CoWoCo guests and many others from several different states, among them our former pastor, the Rev. Duane Davis and family. These people were in West Virginia to attend Conference at Salem the following week. Our guest minister, Dr. Wayne Rood, professor at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., preached a very challenging sermon from the subject, "The World, the Church, and Mr. Brown." At noon a fellowship dinner was served in the church basement and a sociable time enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

— Correspondent.

## Inter-Varsity

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is committed to meet the tremendous challenge of a constantly growing student population. We will produce more books, increase the circulation of HIS, emphasize training in depth, and study new methods of campus evangelism. All of this is good, but more is needed: dedicated men and women! God's method is men. The call is to pray for laborers. IVCF has just accepted 27 new staff workers. These men and women represent the most significant staff increase in the history of IVCF. The college population is growing — so is IVCF, and so are our financial obligations. — Charles Troutman, general director.

## Accessions

Washington, D. C.

By Baptism:

Yvonne Brissey  
Kenneth Chroninger

## Marriages

**Bond-Wheeler.**—Clifford L. Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bond of Nortonville, Kan., and Carol Ann Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Wheeler of Leavenworth, Kan., were united in marriage at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church on the evening of September 5, 1964 by their pastor, Leroy C. Bass.

## Births

**Babcock.**—A daughter, Donna Janine, to Calvin and Meleta (Monroe) Babcock of Little Rock, Ark., on September 1, 1964.

**Loper.**—A daughter, Elizabeth Jean, to Joseph and Carol (Harris) Loper of Greenwich, N. J., on July 31, 1964.

## Obituaries

**Harris.**—Floyd D., 65, son of the late Deacon John T. and Abigail Eldredge Harris, was born near Shiloh, N. J., and died at the Bridgeton Hospital Sept. 10, 1964.

He married Lillian DuBois June 21, 1927. Surviving, besides his wife, is a sister Linda Carter, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Harris had been a dealer in antiques for many years and had a wide circle of friends. He was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Shiloh.

Funeral services were held at the Shiloh Church with his pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery. — C.H.B.

**Patterson.**—Burnett Prior, son of Alvin N. and Amanda Fields Patterson, was born Nov. 6, 1879, at Slaytonville, Ark., and died at Denver, Colo., July 3, 1964.

On May 16, 1907, he married Miss Susa Maxson of Gentry, Ark. They lived in North Loup, Neb., for a time before coming to Denver where Mr. Patterson was engaged in the grocery business. He was known for his ready smile and kindly nature. He was the second oldest member of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church at the time of his death.

Surviving, besides his wife are his children: Mrs. Amelia Fry, Sallisaw, Ark.; Thurman A., Colorado Springs; Gordon, Denver; Wayne, Buena Vista, Calif.; Merlyn, Twentynine Palms, Calif., and Malcolm, Denver; as well as eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A daughter, Mrs. Thelma P. Davis, preceded her father in death.

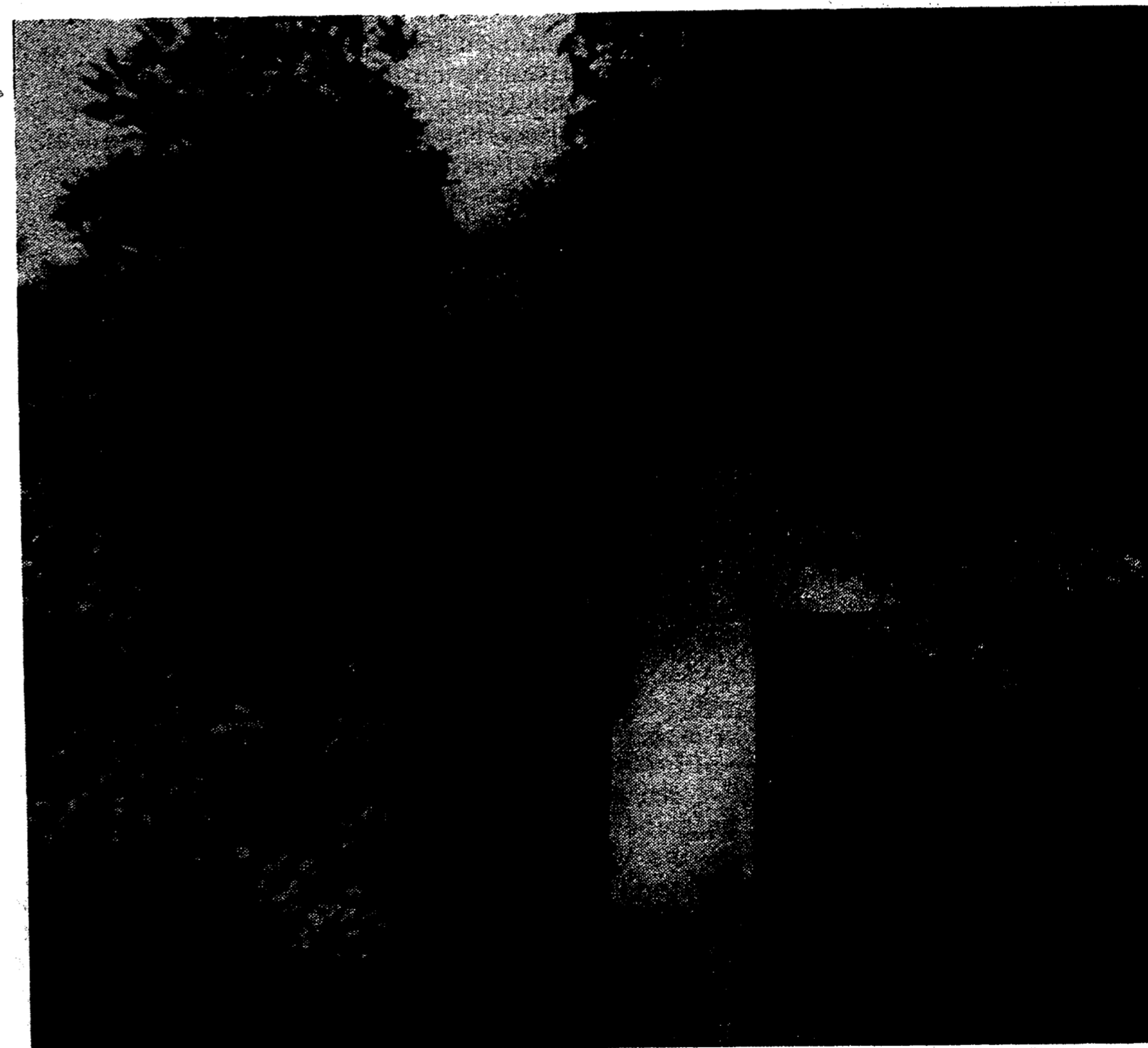
His pastor, the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, officiated at the funeral services. Burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver. — A.N.R.

**Stillman.**—Frank, husband of the late Dora (Wurster) Stillman, was born July 17, 1865, in New Auburn, Minn., and died July 26, 1964, at the hospital in Winchester, Kan.

Mr. Stillman was a farmer and a lifelong member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are five children: Mrs. Lester Nixon, Mrs. Harry Willis, Mrs. Myron Milton, Earl Stillman, all of Nortonville, and Eldon of LaMesa, Calif.; also 8 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one brother, Walter, of Winchester.

Funeral services were held at the Warren Funeral Home in Nortonville by his pastor, Elder Leroy C. Bass. Burial was in the Nortonville cemetery. — L.C.B.



### A Memorial of His Death

A cross of hewn and polished stone, plain and unadorned, rises amid flowering and evergreen shrubs as a mute testimony of faith in the Savior who gave His body to be broken and His blood to be poured out for the sins of men. The Lord's Supper, whenever celebrated, is the divinely instituted memorial of His death for us and a symbol of our communion with the living Lord.