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Fouke, Ark.

By Testimony:
Miss Diana Sullivan

Paint Rock, Ala.

By Letter:
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Suzanne Kirtland

By Baptism:
John Tate
Patrick Allen
Charles F. Kirtland III
Phillip Butler
Mrs. Della Kimbrough
Mary Kimbrough

By Testimony:
Mr. Colin Clement

Plainfield, N. J.

By Testimony:
Thomas R. Curtis
Mrs. Thomas (Rosalie) Curtis

By Letter:
Rev. Victor W. Skaggs
Mrs. Victor (Ardale) Skaggs
Miss Janice Louise Skaggs
Miss Lynne Priscilla Skaggs

Marriages

Crandall-Ebeling.—David Eugene Crandall, son of Dr. and Mrs. Burton B. Crandall of Milton, Wis., and Henrietta Ebeling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ebeling of Fayetteville, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Gothic Chapel in Alfred, N. Y., June 22, 1964, by Pastor Herbert Saunders.

Rogers-Bond.—Miss Karen Lucille Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Bond of Galena, Ohio, was married to Francis G. Rogers of Jane Lew, W. Va., June 20, 1964, at Lost Creek, W. Va., by the Rev. W. Wayne Morris, uncle of the groom.

Obituaries

Kellogg.—Deacon Frank R., son of Edward and Margaret Gordon Kellogg, was born near Plainfield, N. J., Sept. 2, 1876, and died at his home in Dunellen, N. J., May 20, 1964. See extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.

Marschner.—Emma, was born in Germany Nov. 3, 1882, and died June 14, 1964. She was a lifelong, faithful member of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church in Irving-

ton, N. J., and had a special place in her heart for the needy members of our denomination living in the Eastern Sector of Germany. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. G. Schmid. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. She leaves two sons, one daughter, and six grandchildren. — J.G.S.

Mitchell.—Frank J., husband of Irene Campbell (Davis), was born in St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 21, 1900, and died in Veterans Hospital in New Orleans July 4, 1964.

Besides his wife he leaves to survive him three stepdaughters, three stepsons and a host of stepgrandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Services were held July 5, 1964, at Thomas Memorial Chapel in Hammond, La. Interment was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Hammond.
— Mrs. Richard Raiford.

Shelton.—Edna Louise (Jewett), daughter of Henry and Alice (Hull) Jewett, and granddaughter of the late Rev. Hamilton Hull, was born in Milton Junction, Wis., Sept. 28, 1891, and died July 12, 1964, in San Antonio, Texas, where she had made her home with her son, James, for the past fifteen years.

Mrs. Shelton was an accomplished musician and taught music in the Milton Junction Grade School and the Milton Union High School. She was also supervisor of music in the Rock Co., Wis., rural schools for a time.

She was a member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church, director of the church choir, and assisted the young people of the church in their music. After retirement, though residing in Texas, she maintained a home in Milton Junction and often visited that community.

Survivors are two sons, James and Loren, both of San Antonio; four grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; and a brother, Charles Jewett.

At Mrs. Shelton's request, graveside services were held in Milton Junction Cemetery, the Rev. John Fitz Randolph officiating, on July 15.
— J.F.R.

West.—Lillian (Strang) West, the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Stutes) Stang, and the wife of the late Samuel West, was born in Bridgeton, N. J., and died August 7 at her residence in Bridgeton after failing health for the past several years.

She lived in Shiloh for many years where she became an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was faithful in her attendance until her death.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Reba Hemsley, with whom she made her home; one son, Charles, of Medford; two granddaughters, Mrs. Jeanne Campbell of Audubon, and Mrs. Evelyn Yancoskie of Havertown, Pa.; two grandsons, Charles West, Jr., of Shiloh, and John West of Bridgeton, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 9, at the Carl Funeral Home, Bridgeton, with her pastor officiating. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. — C.H.B.

The Sabbath Recorder



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There need be no fear so long as we remember that the whole world is under the benevolent, protective hand of our Divine Lord. Psalm 9 describes His creative and saving hand and calls us to kneel before the Lord our Maker. Creatures of His hand, we are also given a mission to the whole earth, proclaiming His salvation and His Sabbath.

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Labor Day 1964

No Christian periodical can be unconcerned about the problems relating to labor which are being discussed as Labor Day approaches. It might be added that no person or organization has all the answers to these problems. We can do no better than to say, as was said so often in our recent General Conference, "Christ Is the Answer." Of course we cannot find in His quoted words a full discussion of every modern problem or a social structure that provides a full solution. We can say that Christ in the heart is the only solution. This is our faith; we live by it.

There are many attempts by religious and labor organizations to speak to the problems of the day with a view to offering solutions to current problems. The AFL-CIO has mailed out to editors and others three Labor Day messages with the following comment (in part):

Enclosed are copies of the 1964 Labor Sunday Message of the National Council of Churches, the Labor Day Statement of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Labor Day Message of the Synagogue Council of America.

These statements discuss in different ways the problems and opportunities arising from automation. They mention the millions of unemployed, the special problems of the youth needing training, the older worker whose training has become obsolete, and the disadvantaged minority groups. They state that the challenge of Labor Day 1964 is to move full speed ahead with the war on unemployment and poverty, so that all may enjoy the fruits of the creative process.

We suggest that you work with churches and synagogues to develop meaningful programs for discussion of these issues.

The three statements are characteristic of their sources. The long Catholic article frequently mentions pronouncements of the Pope. It contains the following significant sentence: "What a proud boast it will be then, for labor and management if, in the coming year, they succeed, at long last, in eliminating every vestige of discrimination from their hiring and promotion practices and, in the case of unions, from administration of their apprenticeship programs." The Synagogue Council speaks often of the Jewish tradition of trying to relieve poverty. The National Council message is perhaps the most objective of the three; it scarcely mentions Protestantism. One sentence only is re-

produced here: "When labor unions, management or churches fail to make good their claims to justice and fair play they not only bring rebuke upon themselves, but also provide an excuse for others to violate the high principles we together proclaim."

Christians have long affirmed, with biblical backing, the dignity of labor. One can hardly avoid wondering in these days of strikes and fantastic demands for shorter hours and less productive work if the labor unions really believe in that dignity. Seldom do we hear any emphasis on "an honest day's work for an honest day's pay."

Government seems in some cases fighting itself, in its complicated bureaucracy in relation to labor. It establishes a national minimum wage and proposes to employ quickly 100,000 young people at a rate 25 cents below the legal rate. It also sends its representatives into Eastern Kentucky where they rule that a handicraft industry must pay \$1.25 per hour. At Paintsville, Ky., 200 people lost their jobs because their products could not be sold at the resulting higher prices. Of this situation Miss Jo Pack, who headed the now defunct Kentucky Hills Handicrafts, says, "What this crack-down means is that more Eastern Kentuckians are being forced out of work than President Johnson's poverty program can put back to work."

The problems are complex; the spirit of man is perverse; society vainly tries to regulate itself; Christ is the answer. We must find His will and follow His way.

A Praying Conference

General Conference is many things to many people, even to the same people. This session more than some others was a praying Conference. The president in setting up the program returned to the practice of scheduled prayer meetings with appointed leaders at eight in the morning and at 9:10 in the evening, this in addition to prayer in all the worship services and before each afternoon business meeting. The chosen leaders listed on the program included some of the new pastors and some of the older ones: Hurley S. Warren, Herbert E. Saunders, Leslie A.

MEMORY TEXT

And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother. Mark 3: 34, 35.

Welch, Harold R. Crandall, Paul V. Beebe, Clifford A. Beebe, O. B. Bond, Edward Sutton, Charles D. Swing, Paul S. Burdick, John Conrod and Leroy C. Bass.

Attendance in the Prayer Room on the second floor of Huffman Hall was good, considering the extra things that competed for the time of delegates, especially following the evening service. In spite of slide programs of world travelers and special committee meetings there was always a goodly number gathering for prayer.

Each morning extra chairs had to be brought in for the thirty to forty people who wanted to start the day with a half-hour period of prayer. Some may have been present at all prayer sessions; many of the same ones were regularly present; others came when they felt they could; and some did not attend at all.

Among those who missed no morning sessions were Mr. and Mrs. Newsom, a blind couple from the Berlin, N. Y. church. From these prayer meetings and from listening to discussions this sightless man had insights into the business of Conference and took part in the rather intricate proceedings on the floor. The thought came to the editor at a morning prayer meeting that when we bow at the throne of grace we are all sightless and are known to each other and to God by the peculiar characteristics of voice, which the experts say are more distinctive than anything that the eyes can give us. The Scripture speaks of God's people as sheep who know the voice of the Divine Shepherd, and whose voices are known to Him.

The praying was good. It was both general and intimate. It was concerned with the day at hand and with the distant future, with the people known to be in difficulties and those in responsible positions. There was a blending of various interests into one great interest as is so often the

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case when people of different circumstances and localities meet at the common threshold of prayer. Missionaries were always present; they knew the necessity of and the power of prayer. North, South, East and West met together. The busy Conference president usually found time to be in the group, and the way he kept his head during some of the business sessions could best be explained as an answer to these morning and evening prayers.

Yes, this was a praying Conference, not a perfect Conference, but one which was good by reason of prayer and one that could have been better with more of it.

Conference Attendance

Seventh Day Baptists seemed to be drawn to Salem this year. The attendance was considerably higher than the past few years. Probably a single reason for the larger registration cannot be given; it is a combination of several. The fact that Conference was held at Salem where there is a growing college and a church in the middle of an Association of churches of like faith accounts for some of the drawing power. We like to think also that there is a growing interest in the work of Seventh Day Baptists throughout the world as evidenced by the desire to be present when there were representatives of churches of many lands in attendance. The fact is that at the end of the first day the registration of delegates and visitors was above 400. It continued to climb throughout the week, reaching its highest point on Sabbath morning, August 22.

There was a foreshadowing of the high registration on the evening before Conference began when over two hundred people crowded the social rooms of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church for a reception at which the foreign delegates to the World Consultation were the honored guests. Young people returning from their three pre-conference camp experiences helped to swell the numbers. The Credentials Committee of the Conference made an interesting report on Friday, the last day of business. It showed at that time 416 delegates, including seven duplications. Ministers and pastors present from churches in the United States totaled

51. The number of churches having delegates present was 55, which is somewhat higher than usual. One active fellowship was represented. The total registration of delegates and visitors at the time of reporting was 604. The attendance on Sabbath morning was estimated to be about 650, but it might have been as high as 700, including those on the platform and those listening in the library below.

Some of the churches had the maximum number of voting delegates and additional visitors. Of the more distant churches it may be said that the church at Riverside, Calif., was outstanding; it had 24 delegates. Verona, N. Y., the president's home church, showed 12. Plainfield registered 14 delegates besides visitors. The Pawcatuck church at Westerly, R. I., had a high number, 20. Milton, Wis., held the record with 38. Also noteworthy was the figure of 10 from the Daytona Beach church, all residents. Eleven active workers made up the delegate list from Berlin, N. Y. Battle Creek sent about its limit, 26 members. Alfred was also unusually well represented with 25 delegates.

It was noted that there were very few retired ministers or elderly pastors at the Salem meetings. Those on the retired list were: Hurley S. Warren, Harold R. Crandall, Grover Brissey, O. B. Bond, and Marian Hargis. From Germany came Johannes Bahlke, very lively at the age of 77.

As usual the Credentials Committee reported on Pre-Con camps and the different age level conferences. Attendance at Junior High Conference was 33, Junior 17, Primary 23, and Kindergarten 13. The new Junior-High retreat registered 21, Youth Pre-Con 115, and Young Adult 24, besides the staff.



Testimony Time

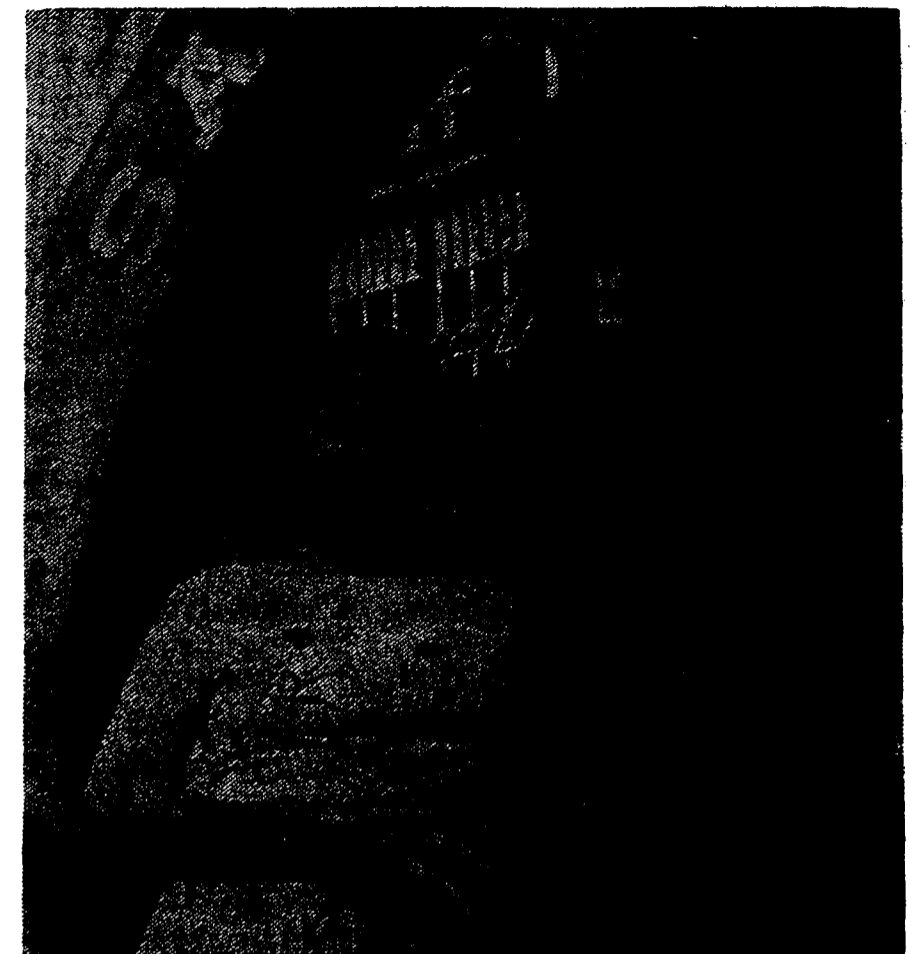
Is the day of audience participation over? Can we still have meaningful times of testimony in a large balcony-covered auditorium where only the strongest voices can be heard from one part of the floor to the other? A more basic question is whether or not a large number of people given the opportunity to speak for the Lord in a Sabbath eve congregation at General Conference will have anything important to say, anything for which all the rest will be willing to sit for almost an hour. Such questions were well answered Friday, August 21, 1964, when the Rev. Mynor Soper invited young and old to give their testimonies.

It was not so easy to speak when one had to get to an aisle and come to the microphone on the floor just in front of the platform. Many of the young people in the balcony and some of the older people, not knowing who would be moved to speak or how they would speak slipped out before the testimony time and missed the highest point of the Conference.

It was different this time. People were ready to speak. Few of the fifty ministers present gave testimonies, preferring to give others a chance to be heard. Of the young people in early and later teens who remained there were many who came up to tell of their experiences or their dedication of life to the Lord. Not many spoke with emotion, but tears were seen on the faces of some parents when they heard the clear-ringing testimony of their children. Some young folks followed the lead of their parents. Some shifted their positions to aisle seats half an hour before they rose to speak. There were testimonies of decision, of praise, of grace and forgiveness, of longing for encouragement, very little that could be classed as stereotyped or oft-repeated. Folks spoke from the heart, individually.

It was good to be there. Time passed, but time did not hang heavy. The worship and the sermon of the evening as well as the experiences of the recent past contributed to make this a memorable occasion for all whose hearts were tender to the things of the Spirit.

The Music of Conference By Mrs. Clarence Rogers, director



Music for the 152nd Conference involved the participation of over 200 people, most of them singing in one of four choral groups. Half-hour musical vesper services were presented each week-day evening by either the Youth or Young Adult Pre-Con Chorus. Sabbath evening's vespers were led by the younger Junior High Conference Choir who were later joined by the adult Conference Choir.

Contributing to the atmosphere of each night's Conference at Worship was the 50-voice, a cappella Conference Choir led by Mrs. Clarence Rogers, director of Conference music. Like all other parts of the Conference music program, its selections were chosen and presented to contribute to the worship and spiritual experience itself. As Mrs. Rogers has noted, "It is important that music mean something other than an end in itself, that it be something not apart from the worship experience itself."

At its second vesper presentation, the Youth Pre-Con Chorus, led by Mrs. Mynor Soper, sang as it had around the campfire the week before. Over one hundred voices in spontaneous harmony reached the auditorium from its full semicircular balcony.

A second electronic organ, presented to Salem College by the Conn Company, was installed in the auditorium a week before the sessions. Later this organ will be placed in the new campus inter-faith chapel. Mrs. K. Duane Hurley was Conference organist.

Mrs. J. Paul Green led the Young Adult Chorus, Mrs. Oscar Burdick the Junior Conference one. Men's quartets and other small groups were available for selections at various morning services and luncheon meetings.

Ministerial Support

Report of Standing Committee

Initially the committee reviewed previous efforts at ministerial support and decided not to argue and fuss with the various church clerks about the country. Therefore, to justify our existence, we did as most government bureaus do and we conducted a survey. In this survey, we endeavored to determine the pastor's salary in relation to his community, his peers, his wife and his own secular employment. We have summarized these findings in chart form for your perusal. In essence, the respective churches are purchasing about as much of the minister's time as they are paying percentage-wise of his and his wife's income. The average pay to the man himself is shown to be about 60% of that paid for common labor in his community. Therefore, it is no wonder that, in order to maintain a family unit, over 44% of the wives are employed and over 64% of the ministers themselves hold other employment.

Now the predicament of the churches is this. First, most feel that they are paying their pastor all they can afford to pay. Most of the churches feel that the salary is adequate even though the ratio to the price of common labor holds true for the high-salary as well as low-salary churches in the denomination. Obviously, the churches cannot raise the pastor's salary the 180% necessary to bring his pay up to that of his educational peers in each community. However, each felt that something should be done about the amount paid for church leadership so that

at least full-time pastoring would be the rule and not the exception.

The most circumspect course in resolving this dilemma seems to be the following, and the Ministerial Support Committee recommends to General Conference:

1. That a five-year program pastoral salary increase be instituted and promoted by the General Conference.
2. That the first five-year program consist of an annual 5% raise in the base salary of all the pastors in the denomination.
3. That an annual report of this program be obtained from the churches and printed in the Yearbook.
4. That the program be brought up for review of continuation with a possible increase at the end of five years.

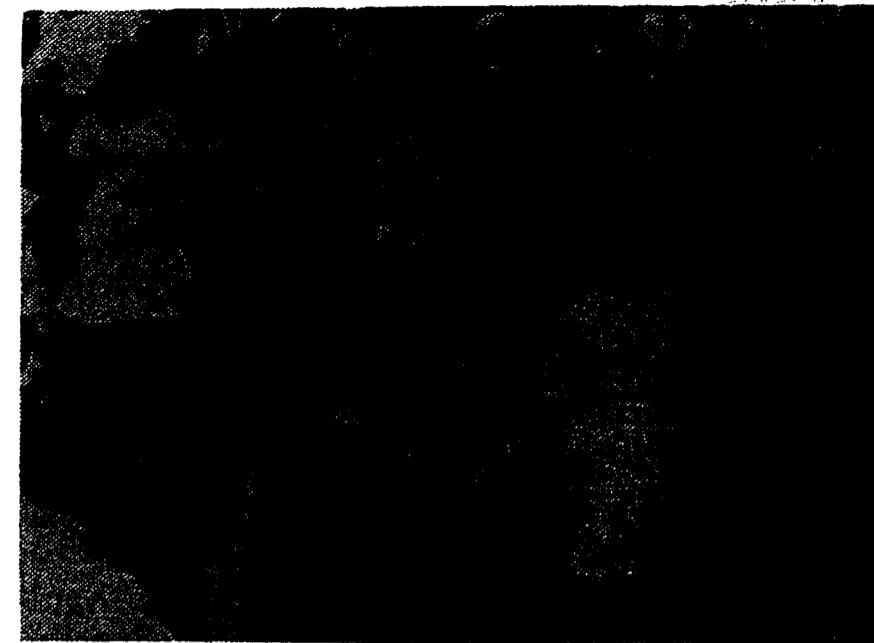
— Lewis H. V. May, M.D., chairman.

Fraternal Delegates



Mr. N. Harley and Rev. J. Samuels were fraternal delegates from the Jamaica Conference, which met in early July, to the United States Conference which met August 17-22. Both came primarily for the World Consultation of Delegates from Seventh Day Baptist Conferences. Mr. Samuels remained in Plainfield for the special ministerial training course the two weeks after Conference. He filled several speaking engagements during the five weeks that he was in the states.

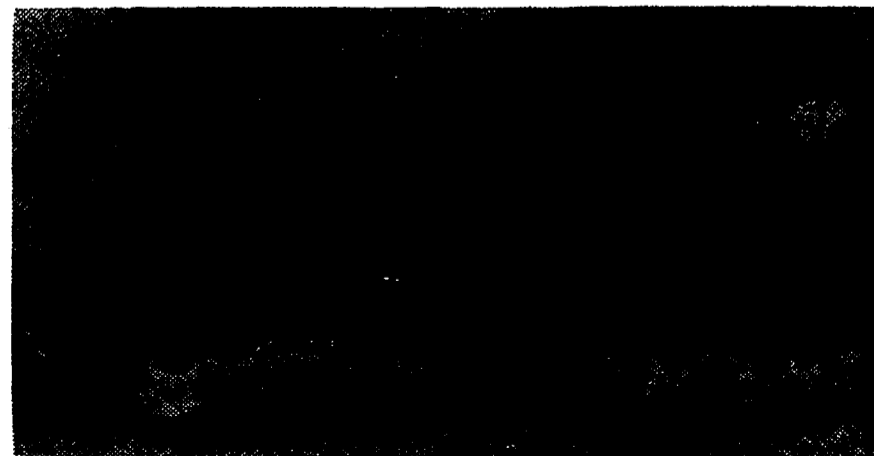
This is Conference



The period between the Sabbath morning and Sabbath afternoon sessions is always a joyful time of renewing acquaintances, talking over things of mutual interest. Caught unaware, these people from many home churches, some attending for the first time, seem to be making the most of this luncheon hour.

Sabbath School at Conference

The whole Sabbath morning congregation of Conference assembled in the college auditorium for a plenary session of Sabbath School under the direction of Rev. Don Sanford, editor of our lesson quarterly *The Helping Hand* to take up the regular lesson for the day, "A New Call for Faithfulness." After a panel presentation moderated by Mr. Sanford adults were divided into smaller classes according to the month of their birth. Youth



had their own classes. Pictured here is part of the group taught by Edward Sutton (as viewed from an auditorium window).

Salem Hospitality

By Mrs. David S. Clarke

Conference week '64 found delegates and visitors assembling from all over the world as the Commission and members of CoWoCo arrived from sessions at the Waldo Hotel in Clarksburg (newly acquired "Downtown Campus" of Salem College), as 176 campers and staff returned from the three Pre-Con Retreats: Young Adult, Youth, and Jr. High; as others came from their homes or from vacations. All gathered together traveling through the picturesque hills of West Virginia to Salem, home of Salem College, where we were all warmly welcomed, but not too warmly weatherwise.

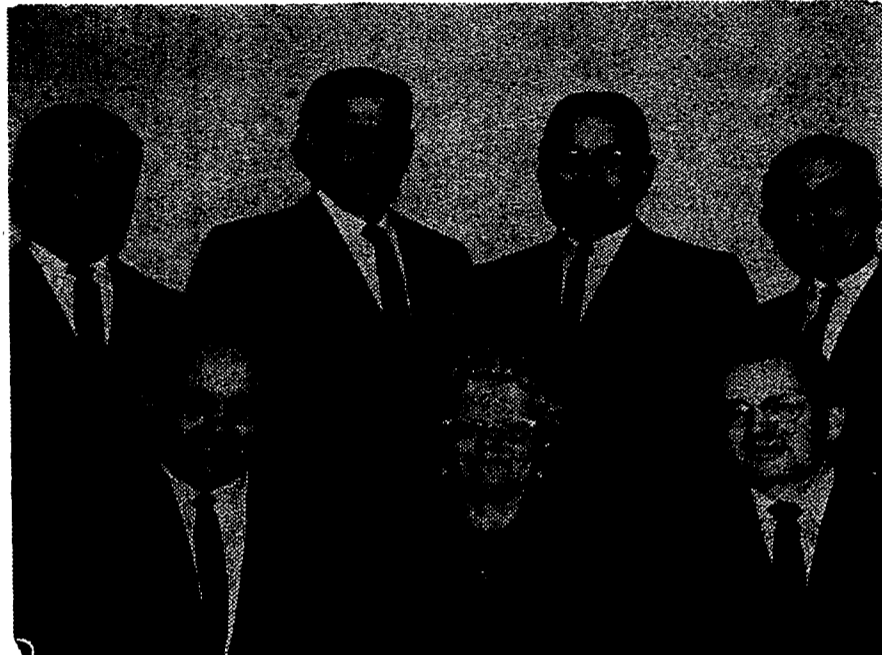
To take care of its spectacular 10-year growth in enrollment of 600 (including night, extension, and summer courses) in 1953-54 to 1080 in 1963-64 Salem has built several new dormitories, which the guests found very comfortable and convenient. We also enjoyed eating in the new cafeteria and in the gymnasium for some of the banquets. The women were served their banquet at the Methodist Church by ladies of that church.

Just below the three newest dormitories with their unique 8-student units, several families were provided level amphitheater area for tents and trailers. The two main buildings, familiar to us from other Conferences, provided rooms for registration and exhibits; work of officers, committees, and typists; and the auditorium for worship, business, Bible study, vespers, etc. During the day a nursery was provided for the youngest children and instruction was offered for Kindergarten and for Primary, Junior, and Junior High Conferences.

All those in attendance felt especially grateful to President K. Duane Hurley and to all the administration and staff for entertaining us so royally in their expanding accommodations and we wish them Godspeed in their continued growth in this "New Era" of Salem College. We appreciate also the generous hospitality of the people of the Salem church and of the entire Southeastern Association.

Report of The Commission of General Conference August 17, 1964

The Commission has requested unofficially that the editor publish the report in full as presented to Conference rather than as altered and adopted by committees and Conference. Several of the recommendations were changed substantially. Readers are asked to bear this in mind and not to assume that everything presented as the thinking of Commission was adopted by Conference. We hope to mention in other articles or committee reports most of the more important actions. When the Yearbook is published it will indicate both what was recommended by Commission and what was finally passed on the floor of Conference. An asterisk after a resolution indicates that it was altered in part or in whole by Conference action, according to the editor's recollection.



Back row: George E. Parrish, Wayne R. Rood, Herbert L. Crouch, Harley D. Bond.
Front row: Duane L. Davis, Doris Fetherston, Rex Burdick.

Through this Conference year, the Commission has earnestly attempted to follow its directive to exert "leadership and initiative above and beyond the review of material presented by other denominational agencies." In this effort it has discovered that "the review of material" is in itself an exhausting and demanding task, though humanly possible. However, the exercise of "leadership and initiative" is a responsibility to be exercised only with the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Commission has given of its human best and felt the guidance of the Spirit, being humbled by the limits of the one and the limitlessness of the other.

The Commission has held three meetings: at salubrious Colorado State University following Conference; December 9-13 at patriarchal Plainfield following the National Council Triennial Assembly; August 9-16 at the wondrous Waldo before the Salem Conference. For the final

days of this session, our fellowship has been enriched and our deliberations broadened by the presence of our brethren in Christ attending the First World Consultation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences; we have been grateful and encouraged to find the thinking and convictions of CoWoCo and ComGenCon in basic agreement. The Commission met with the Consultation on Wednesday evening, August 12, and presented a paper for discussion. Four Commissioners met for an informal and intensive session at O'Hare Airport in the early hours of April 17. Herbert Crouch presided at all sessions.

The executive secretary and the Conference president delivered reports in person, and submitted to cross-examination. Reports were received from the Planning Committee, the Council on Ministerial Education, the Council on Ecumenical Affairs, the Committee on Christian Social Action, the Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations, and the Auditing Committee, and grades of A-for-effort, Incomplete, and C-for-poor-form have been distributed — not respectively.

All the reports have been reviewed, some have been referred, and actions recommended will appear in this report. A "Message to the Churches from the Mid-Year Meeting" was published in the *Sabbath Recorder*, and together with this report represent matters arising from its research, discussion and convictions that the Commission submits herewith to the General Conference for its guidance, deliberation and decision.

The Context of Commission Thought

We have been meeting in a year in which violence (both near and far), fear (both private and public) and uncertainty (both denominational and ecumenical)

have been constant companions in our search for the will of God. Events tell us that nearly every familiar human foundation is being shaken by emergent nationalism, social movements and cultural revolution. The Christian faith tells us that divine grace constantly offers to break into every human situation. We have been learning that crisis is no longer necessarily explosive or momentary; crisis, like the cold war, may stretch out for years, and we are learning to live with a prolonged poise of threat and opportunity. Sometimes this situation seems unbearable, but it may present Seventh Day Baptists with an unexpected and undeserved opportunity to step into the heart of events, to take an unaccustomed long look ahead. Because of smallness and closeness of their fellowship, Seventh Day Baptists have been slow in understanding and meeting changes in the world at large. For the same reason, however, Seventh Day Baptists have not been panicked by historic emergencies or diverted from their simple but fundamental tasks. Now may be the moment for them to seize crisis with courage and to venture with valor, whatever risks of the spirit there may be. Realism in viewing our situation does not permit a simple optimism. Faith in the principles we hold does not permit debilitating pessimism. A special circumstance may offer a special challenge. With the possibility that we may be standing at a turn in the trail of Seventh Day Baptist history ever in our minds, we have approached the material presented to us by our denominational agencies.

Within the coming year, a successor must be found for the present executive secretary, Harley D. Bond, who has announced his intention to retire after the Conference of 1965. This Commission, on behalf of all the commissioners he has served, expresses its appreciation for the excellent services Mr. Bond has given to the General Conference during his tenure in office. We ask your prayers for the discovery of one who will carry on this work.

The Commission is charged to review periodically the job analysis for this position, in order that it may be kept in line with the changing needs of the General Conference. After our current review, we

believe that changes should be made within the next two years, both in the scope of this work and in the means by which it is carried out. These changes must be worked out in line with any possible reorganization plans, and would involve budgetary increases.

In support of proposals forwarded to the Commission by the Planning Committee, we urge the adoption of their recommendations (1) that the by-laws of the North American Baptist Fellowship be approved, (2) that the president-elect of General Conference be a member of the Planning Committee, and (3) that the Committee on Christian Social Action keep the denomination alerted to national issues, church-state relations, blue laws, et cetera.

Ecumenical Conversations

The chairman of the Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations reported that members of the Seventh Day Baptist Committee met with members of the American Baptist Committee in Philadelphia in December 1963, for an orientation meeting. It was discovered that the American Baptist Committee is prepared to continue talks with a view to merger. The American Baptists gave assurance that, in their opinion, mutual benefits would be derived, mutual liberties guaranteed, mutual differences respected, and that the barriers which now divide us are not insurmountable. A meeting of the two Committees which was scheduled for the week following our General Conference has been canceled at the request of our Committee. We feel that there has been no clear indication on the part of our people that we are ready for such a radical step as conversation with a committee prepared in principle for organic union. In view of this basic difference in readiness, it seems inappropriate for both parties to spend time and money for such a meeting until further direction be given by our Conference. It appears to the Commission that the General Conference cannot move in any direction without consideration and study.

Therefore we recommend that the Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations lead the churches and the agencies of the General Conference in a year's

study of the possible forms of merger, our attitudes toward them, and methods of implementation, and that the Committee formulate a basis on which the General Conference can make intelligent decision on these matters. To this end we urge the agencies to prepare for our Committee statements of the problems and possibilities and forms of merger with the corresponding American Baptist agencies.*

Social Action

The Commission commends the Committee on Christian Social Action and the Women's Society for their co-sponsorship of the observance of Race Relations Sabbath on February 8, for the initiative exercised by the Society in the preparation and distribution of study materials, and for the Committee's encouragement of churches "to practice racial equality within their congregations," as recommended by the General Conference at its last session (1963 Yearbook, p. 60). The Committee has sent delegates to a United Nations Seminar sponsored by a National Council of Churches and to the Religious Liberty Conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and published releases in the Recorder. The Committee plans to continue such representation and publication as possible. We recommend that all the churches pursuing an active program to improve race relations be commended, and that all Seventh Day Baptists commit themselves to a more vigorous and Christ-like program for the extension of love, mercy and justice to persons deprived of their rights as free members of society.*

Believing that a denomination needs a living and growing body of principles declaring and guiding its corporate witness in matters of Christian life and practice, the Commission urges the Committee on Christian Social Action to continue to develop "Statements of Principle," such as those on Racial Equality and Church-State Relations, (1963 Yearbook, pp. 59-60) and from time to time to indicate their implications in regard to specific issues. Thus, it is hoped that a document may be thoughtfully and prayerfully created which may, in time, take its place beside the Seventh Day Baptist Statement

of Belief, and that a beginning may be made at this Conference.

Therefore, as an implication of Paragraph 2 of the "Statement of Policy on Church-State Relations," we recommend that it be resolved that Seventh Day Baptists can not recognize any government agency as properly possessing power to direct Bible reading and use of prayer in the public school systems.*

Since, in an election year we are called upon as private citizens to make decisions in political matters, and since, in a rapidly moving and divided world these issues are easily obscured by the preaching and teaching of hate and violence, now is an appropriate time to recognize certain implications of Paragraph 3 of this same Statement. Therefore, we recommend that, whereas Christianity is a faith with revolutionary implications for personal and social life, it be resolved that individual Seventh Day Baptists cannot and must not avoid controversial issues in public matters, that as individuals and church bodies we seek the whole truth with an open mind in all areas of concern to the community, and that we uphold the building of a Christian society with love and courage. And, further, we recommend that it be resolved that it is the individual Seventh Day Baptist's responsibility as a Christian to contribute to the political life by voting intelligently and in line with his personal Christian convictions; by expressing concern after voting by giving praise and support where deserved, expressing criticism where warranted, and contributing constructive ideas where possible; by participating in office when so talented; by encouraging talented and interested young people to train and prepare themselves for fields of service in politics and social welfare.

Ministerial Education

The Commission commends the Council on Ministerial Education for its work during the year, and especially for the manner in which it has dealt with matters referred to it by the 1963 General Conference. The basis of the report, including all recommendations, met with our general approval and we urge the adoption

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World Council Secretary



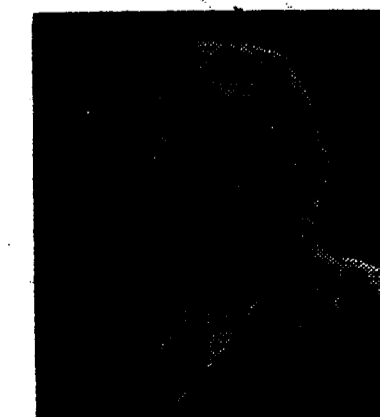
The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York, general secretary of the overseas mission program of The Methodist Church, has been named executive secretary of the World Council of Churches in the United States.

The missionary leader will succeed the Rev. Dr. Roswell P. Barnes as head of the world organization in this country. He also will serve as executive secretary of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches. The conference is made up of the Council's 30 member churches in the U.S.

Announcement of the appointment came from the WCC Executive Committee which met in Tutzing, Germany, July 27-31. Dr. Smith, who resides in East Orange, N. J., will assume his new duties October 1.

The 52-year-old minister has served as general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church since 1949. As a chief administrative officer for the large U.S. mission board, he has headed a missionary force of more than 1,100 persons in 47 countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Dr. Smith serves on the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs and the Theological Education Fund of the World Council. He was an active participant in the former International Missionary Council, now integrated with the WCC.



Dr. Barnes, 63, the retiring secretary, has been a leader in the ecumenical movement for more than three decades. He came to the New York office of the World Council from the National Council in 1958.

Rebuilding the Kingston Church

By Rev. S. A. Thompson,
pastor of the church and president of
the Jamaica Conference

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together for he hath done great things for us whereof we are glad (Psalm 34: 3).

The history of this church dates back 40 years when Seventh Day Baptists first came into the island. These premises were then purchased and the buildings erected by the American Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society as the headquarters for Jamaica. It has served that purpose these many years as well as being the church home for Kingston Seventh Day Baptists.

In 1961 these premises at 27 Charles Street were offered for sale by the American Missionary Board to the brethren of the Kingston church. After the pros and cons were looked into, the church, at a regular business meeting in 1962, voted to accept the offer.

Following this action a building engineer was invited to inspect and advise on the type of reconstruction that would meet legal requirements. This being done, plans for the work were drafted, a copy of which was framed and placed in the church so that all could see for themselves.

Early in 1963, the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, being in charge of the Kingston church and knowing that we were not in a position to tackle the entire rebuilding, advised that the platform be remodeled. This was undertaken willingly and was finished in time for the annual Conference which met in Kingston in July.

Since then changes have come about as in most churches. Mission work has been handed over to the citizens of Jamaica and the Rev. S. A. Thompson took charge of the Kingston division. It was not until the regular quarterly business meeting in October that definite plans were introduced for the remodeling of the church proper.

At that meeting, Deacon A. Myers was unanimously authorized to solicit funds for the carrying forward of the work.

We, in turn, asked Sister B. Smellie to be his secretary. Our first down payment on the property was made on October 26, 1963. At a later meeting the Building Repair Committee was asked to take charge of the work. Sister B. Smellie was co-opted and asked to be the treasurer for all building funds, to receive and pay all bills the work called for. Deacon J. C. Johnston of the Tydixon church was then contacted. Brother Johnston had a reputation among Seventh Day Baptists as a builder of unusual ability, and such he proved to be.

Sunday, December 29, was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer, specially requesting that God lead out. Our prayers truly have been answered for He has done so in the most wonderful ways, for which we "praise His holy name."

Deacon Johnston arrived on Sunday, January 5, 1964. He met with the Building Repair Committee. Details of remuneration and other matters were settled.

On Tuesday, January 7, the work began. It was found to be much more than was expected and far more technical. Through the magnanimity and forethought of Brother Johnston we have never missed even one of our regular Sabbath services, for which we thank him.

When we decided to undertake the remodeling we had less than £300 in hand. Today, the seventh of June, by the mercies of God, we have completed that portion of the building which we intended to do, at a cost of approximately £1500. With all the free labor given we have paid out for labor £721.7.9. Materials bought amounted to £653.12.3¹/₂, plus gifts to the extent of £75. Total cash received amounts to £1252.12.10.

Although we are indebted, we have so much for which to be thankful. Truly the God who helped Nehemiah is still our God. Glory to His name! We thank every one who helped in the smallest way. Special thanks go to Deacon A. Myers who has given all the steelwork and door, to Pastor and Mrs. Smellie who helped substantially, Teacher and Mrs. Courtland Davis, Brother and Sister Stanley Mulvaney, most of our women folks of Class 9, Brothers H. Condison and A. Lynch who did all the electrical fixtures free of cost plus their regular contributions,

Brother Paul Vassell who volunteered to clean the benches. We cannot forget every woman who collected so nicely for our Rally last April. Our returns up to now amount to £168.2.6.

A specially big "thank you" goes to our caretaker, Sister F. Gordon, and all those who helped her prepare meals for those who gave so freely of their time.

Again, let us magnify the name of the Lord!

Note: The Rev. S. A. Thompson gave the foregoing address on the occasion of the rededication of the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 7, 1964. The dedicatory sermon was given by Rev. J. Maury Lord, pastor of the Kingston church of another denomination and a close friend of Seventh Day Baptists. A presentation of the keys of the building was made by the contractor, Deacon James Johnston, of the Tydixon Seventh Day Baptist Church, and the keys were accepted in behalf of the building committee by Pastor S. A. Thompson.

Financial figures in the foregoing article may be converted into U.S. Currency on an approximate basis of \$2.80 per pound, fourteen cents per shilling and one penny per pence. (E.T.H.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat

By Althea Greene

— A thrilling experience, an inspiration to all!

The Spring Heights Methodist Education Center in Spencer, W. Va., was the scene of Young Adult "sharings" from August 12 to 16.

Awaiting us we found not only beautiful and modern facilities, but a very able and inspiring staff. Pastors Ernest Bee, Kenneth Davis, David Clarke, Albert Rogers, and Mrs. Denise Green managed to reach all 24 of our hearts and lives — to make our Spring Heights experience an experience never to be forgotten!

Pastor Davis' lecture topic, "A Servant," found us discussing God's will for our lives, the different ways of knowing God, standing for one's convictions, race relations, and the church and its methods of outreach.

Pastor Rogers gave us many insights into our Seventh Day Baptist beliefs. One of the things which impressed me most

was his idea of building a round church, and we tried this arrangement for our Sabbath morning worship. Somehow I found it easier than usual for me to feel that it was just God and I in a worship experience in that spot. It was easier for me to forget my surroundings. I suggest you try it sometime.

Pastor Clarke conducted very inspiring worship periods and always had something planned for "campfire," too. Being very versatile, he served as recreation director as well.

Mrs. Green, although handicapped by the lack of a piano, very ably directed us in music with the aid of her "pitch-pipe" husband. Both deserve much credit.

Despite all of the efforts of these great leaders, my favorite time was our personal meditation time each day and moments when we were able to slip off and watch the setting sun, Bible in one hand and eyes on the beautiful handiwork of God.

A volume of thanks must go to Pastor Bee and his terrific staff for our inspirational, never-to-be-forgotten Young Adult Pre-Con experience.

(The Young Adult retreaters were in charge of the vespers at General Conference, August 18. The Y.A. choir, directed by Mrs. Green, sang many beautiful numbers. The choir was accompanied by Althea Greene.)

Christian Education Week

Christian Education Week is September 27-October 4. The theme this year is "The Christian and His World." A Mission '65 mailing of a Christian Education Week brochure was sent from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education the last week in August to all the churches. The brochure explains the work and need of the World Council of Christian Education in helping teach and lead the peoples of the world.

Christian Education Week is a good time to emphasize the educational work of the church, promote Sabbath School pupils, have a banquet honoring the Sabbath School teachers or honor them in some other way, give out Bibles to deserving students, donate a good book to your church library, have a community meeting of Christian education leaders and teachers, etc.

The September issue of the *International Journal of Religious Education* is its 40th anniversary number. It is a special issue titled "Invitation to Teach." A worthwhile Christian Education Week program could be constructed around the articles of this issue.

Report of the Commission

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of the report with its recommendations.

The conditions under which ministers are to be accredited is still a deep concern to many of our brethren. The Commission has received a formal resolution from the Little Rock church in this regard which we feel is adequately provided for by Recommendation No. 1 in the report of the Council on Ministerial Education, and another resolution by an individual requesting consideration of another view by this Conference. In order to accomplish this we refer the resolution, as requested by its author, to the Conference Committee on Ministerial Interests.

Adult Education

At its mid-winter meeting, the Commission stated: "The strength to enlarge our witness throughout the world, to make our lives effective in the midst of social change, and to participate creatively in the ecumenical life of the church requires an informed, dedicated and skilled people." Therefore we recommend that the Board of Christian Education be requested to develop a program of intensive Adult Education, Leadership Training, and to continue encouragement of projects in Dedicated Service.

National SDBYF Officers

At the suggestion of the Youth Work Committee, Miss Laura Lee Bond, vice-president of the National SDBYF, appeared before the Commission and discussed the work of the national officers. These officers were elected at the Pre-Con session in 1963. The Commission commends the Youth Work Committee for the creation of these offices and expresses its appreciation for the work of these young people in planning activities for youth during this Conference session. It appears from this discussion that in its first year of existence this group has been handicapped by geographic separation, by

an indefinite concept of what was expected of them, and by some difficulties in communication with the Youth Work Committee. Therefore we recommend that (a) a study be made of the responsibilities of this group, especially in regard to planning youth activities for Conference, and of its relationship to the Youth Work Committee, and (b) a study be made of the over-all purpose of this group in relation to the Youth Work Committee.

Future Conferences

The Commission would call attention to the plan for annual sessions, adopted in 1960:

A. The Commission was instructed to arrange for Conferences to meet in geographic areas in the following sequence: 1965, Central New York and Western Association area; 1966, Pacific Coast area; 1967, Michigan-Ohio area; 1968, Nebraska-Kansas-Arkansas area; 1969, Eastern Association area; 1970, Wisconsin-Minnesota-Illinois area; 1971, Rocky Mountain area; 1972, Southeastern Association area.

B. "The above sequence should not be interpreted to exclude invitations from churches or other areas who may have specific reason for inviting Conference to meet with them. Such invitations should be given four or five years prior to the desired meeting date." (1960 Yearbook, p. 64)

Arrangements have been completed for Conference to meet August 16-21, 1965, at Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., and August 15-20, 1966, at the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif. We recommend that the Conference approve the tentative reservations arranged at Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan, August 14-19, 1967.

Nominations

It was voted to nominate the following as members of the Committee on Christian Social Action, the first three to succeed themselves, and to refer these names to the Nominating Committee for inclusion in its report: W. Harold Bakker, Oscar C. Burdick, H. Herbert Howe, Paul L. Maxson, (each for 3 years), and Theona Rasmussen (for 1 year to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Doyle K. Zwiebel).

It was also voted to designate the fol-

lowing officers for the committee: Albyn Mackintosh, chairman; Oscar C. Burdick, secretary.

It was voted that the following names be submitted to the Nominating Committee as nominees for the Committee on Faith and Order, the first named to serve as convener: Wayne R. Rood (for 1 year), Alton L. Wheeler (for 2 years), Leon R. Lawton (for 3 years), Clarence M. Rogers (for 4 years), Kenneth E. Smith (for 5 years).

It was voted to submit to the Conference Committee on Nominations for nomination to serve a three-year term on the Council on Ecumenical Affairs: Albert N. Rogers.

(To be continued)

Annual Meetings of Major Boards Missionary

The 122nd annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held the third Sunday of September (Sept. 20, 1964) at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., at 2:00 p.m. to act upon any report that may be presented and to elect officers and members of the Board.

Tract Society

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held Sunday afternoon Sept. 20, 1964 in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., at 2:00 p.m. The Board of Trustees will also hold its regular quarterly meeting at the same place. The brief corporate meeting of the Society will be held following the other meetings.

According to the constitution of the American Sabbath Tract Society, all members of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference are members of the corporation, are entitled to attend the annual meeting, and are eligible to vote.

Christian Education

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held at Alfred, N. Y. Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2:00 p.m.

It is hoped that as many as possible will indicate their interest in the work of the Societies by attending the annual meetings on September 20.

New Conference Officers

The changing of presidents of General Conference no longer comes as a surprise or a shock, for the first vice-president, by Conference action of a few years ago, is virtually the president-elect. Thus when the Nominating Committee brought in its report on the last day of business it was a foregone conclusion that Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston's name would head the list. Appropriate gavel-passing ceremonies were taken care of on the last evening with a few surprises for the first woman president arranged by the Women's Board and President Burdick. Mrs. Fetherston gave a message outlining her hopes and aims and laying stress on "Mission '65."

If the presidency was no surprise, the important vice-presidency was. Rev. Marion C. Van Horn of Texarkana, Ark., was chosen for the position, which means membership on the Commission, president for 1965-66 and (by a new action) membership on the Planning Committee. Leland W. Bond of Clarksburg, W. Va., and Owen Probasco of Shiloh, N. J., were named second and third vice-presidents, with no precedent of elevation. Other officers of the General Conference were not changed. The treasurer of Our World Mission continues to be Gordon L. Sanford of R.D. 1, Little Genesee, N. Y., who has been in this responsible position only one year.

Of particular interest in a time when reorganization studies and far-reaching program planning are in the discussion stage is the composition of Commission. In addition to Mr. Van Horn, George E. Parrish, who as Conference president has been on Commission, was elected for a three-year term. Replaced is the Rev. Wayne R. Rood.

Nominated as co-editors of the Yearbook were Mrs. Victor W. Skaggs and Miss Janet Whitford, replacing Miss Hazel Gamble, who has had to give up the work because of failing health.

There is a change in the Christian Social Action Committee. Mrs. Theona Rasmussen of Salem, W. Va., fills out the one-year term of Doyle K. Zwiebel, and

Albyn Mackintosh of Los Angeles becomes the new chairman. Other new area members are Rev. Paul Maxson of Berlin, N. Y., and Daryl White of Denver.

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs replaces Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson as representative on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society.

Richard Bond Honored

Dr. Richard R. Bond, son of Executive Secretary Harley D. Bond, has been selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America and will be included in the 1965 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*, Doug Blankenship, chairman of the National Board of Editors, has announced.

Chairman Blankenship, a past United States Jaycee president, explained that the Junior Chamber of Commerce has long been active in recognizing outstanding achievement among America's young men and that the selections for this honor are made by a 13-man National Board of Editors.

Dr. Bond is on leave of absence from Elmira College, Elmira, N. Y., as a member of a team from Cornell University to aid the University of Liberia in Monrovia. He is serving as acting dean of the Liberal Arts College with the academic rank on the Cornell faculty of professor of higher education.

After completing his work at Salem High School in three years, he attended Salem College from which he received his B.S. degree, magna cum laude, in biology. He received his M.S. degree in zoology from West Virginia University, and his doctorate with a field of concentration in zoology from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Bond is an ornithologist, and in addition to his other biological research made an extensive study of the birds in an area of Wisconsin for his doctoral dissertation.

Dr. and Mrs. Bond, the former Reva Stearns of Coudersport, Pa., have four children — David, Philip, Josette, and Michael. — Salem College press release.

The Sabbath Recorder

Hope for the American Indians

A strong new surge of hope and renewal is sweeping through many of the nation's reservations, according to Indian-American educators and other leaders who met at the triennial conference of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers at Estes Park, Colo., July 2-7.

In speeches and discussion group utterances, Indian American spokesmen — perhaps more vocal than at any previous conference of the 25-year-old fellowship — asserted that:

1. Indian leadership is a real and growing fact.

2. While continued federal program support is still welcomed, there is a cry for wiping out old concepts of federal paternalism. Partnership, based on mutual respect, must be the new order of the day.

3. Eventually — but not overnight as non-Indians urge — Indians will accept and be part of the national culture, even though knowing they must give up their own age-old culture.

The Rev. Roe B. Lewis, a Pima from Phoenix, Ariz., told 350 missionaries in Indian work representing 15 Protestant denominations:

"Today's younger tribal leaders believe the stronger non-Indian culture must be accepted, but not according to any over-night timetable.

"Thank God, the Indian is beginning to move."

The wardship and reservation system from which the Indian is now emerging was, he said, the Indian's "greatest threat and setback."

Mr. Lewis called on the churches, through strengthened mission programs, to help the Indian to stronger religious faith and a new sense of personal competency. He also chided the churches for perpetuating discredited attitudes of white superiority at some mission stations on reservations.

On the other hand, he singled out the churches for praise for their education scholarship programs, a strong factor in developing Indian leadership.

In a fellowship presidential message, the Rev. George W. Smart called on missionaries to Indians to work in a spirit of "lifetime dedication."

He said: "The Peace Corps concept of two-year service won't do. In our work

we must serve in the perspective of the years, of generations."

U.S. Assistant Surgeon General Carruth J. Wagner said that, thanks in part to the impact of health programs, Indians are now increasing in numbers twice as fast as the rest of Americans.

Baptism Debate

It is reported that a Dallas man debated baptism by immersion for 75 years and lost (or won) this debate with himself at the age of 90 when he decided to be baptized on March 29. Sprinkled at 15 years of age he debated the proper mode of baptism until the closing night of a Baptist Jubilee revival in his city. He stated that he would feel a lot better about things after the baptismal service. He spends much of his time reading the Bible. Perhaps that is why immersion won the debate.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 19, 1964

The People Demand a King

Lesson Scripture: 1 Sam. 10: 17-25.

Births

DeLand.—A son, Douglas Rodney, was born on May 23, 1964 to Harold and Jeannine (Scullin) DeLand of Metairie, La.

Hand.—A son, Robert Roger, was born on July 9, 1964 to Willie and Judi (Coalwell) Hand of Metairie, La.

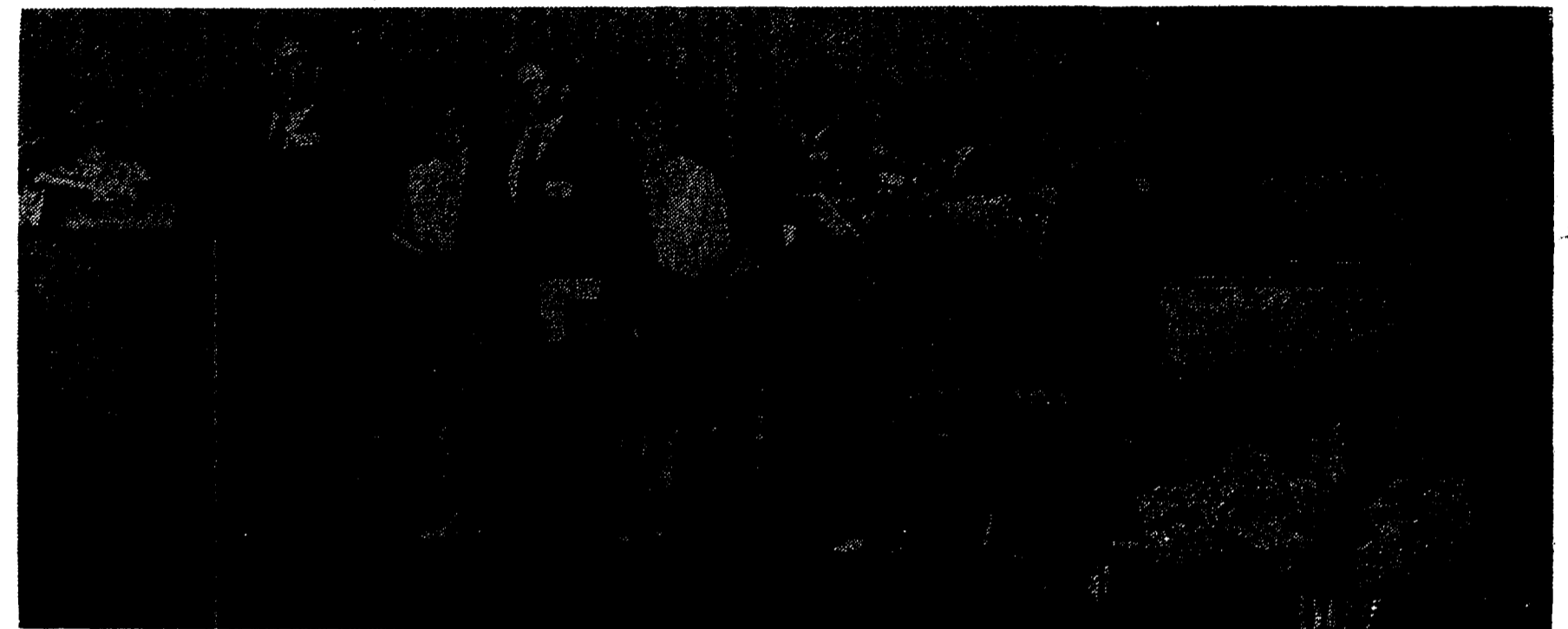
Obituaries

Mac Intyre.—Hugh D., son of the late Peter and Mary Mac Intyre, was born in Caledonia, N. Y., on March 27, 1893, and died at his home in York, Pa., on August 4, 1964, after a long illness.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Virginia Randolph Mac Intyre, he is survived by his son, Donald J., and two grandchildren, Donald and Terry Ann of Parkersburg, W. Va., a brother, Arthur of Caledonia, N. Y., and a sister, Mrs. Walter I. Mac Kenzie of Le Roy, N. Y.

Mr. Mac Intyre was a York Junior College lecturer after retiring in 1959 as principal of the Roosevelt High School in Yonkers, N. Y. He was active in both professional and civic organizations.

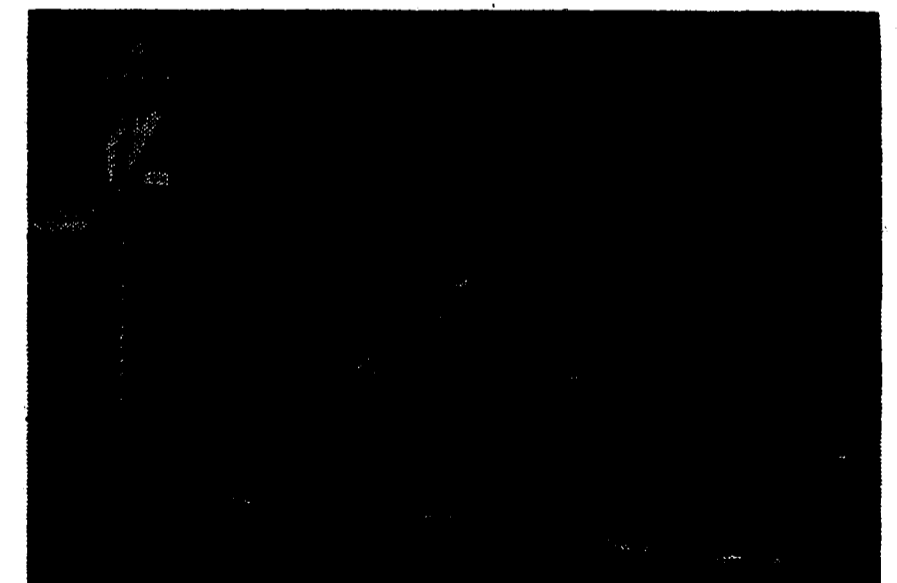
Funeral services were conducted at the Stuber Funeral Home, Le Roy, N. Y., by Rev. John O. Meloy of the Caledonia Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the nearby Memford Cemetery. — Mrs. Hugh D. Mac Intyre.



Opening worship service of Conference at Salem, W. Va., Monday morning, August 17; Conference Choir in the background. President C. Rex Burdick, to the right of the pulpit is prepared to give the opening address (published last week).



Rev. Albert N. Rogers leading the first worship service at Conference. Formal worship services were conducted each evening after the vesper service.



Rev. Paul B. Osborn leading the Wednesday evening worship service with the help of G. Zijlstra (center), in preparation for the race-relations sermon by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs.