

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.

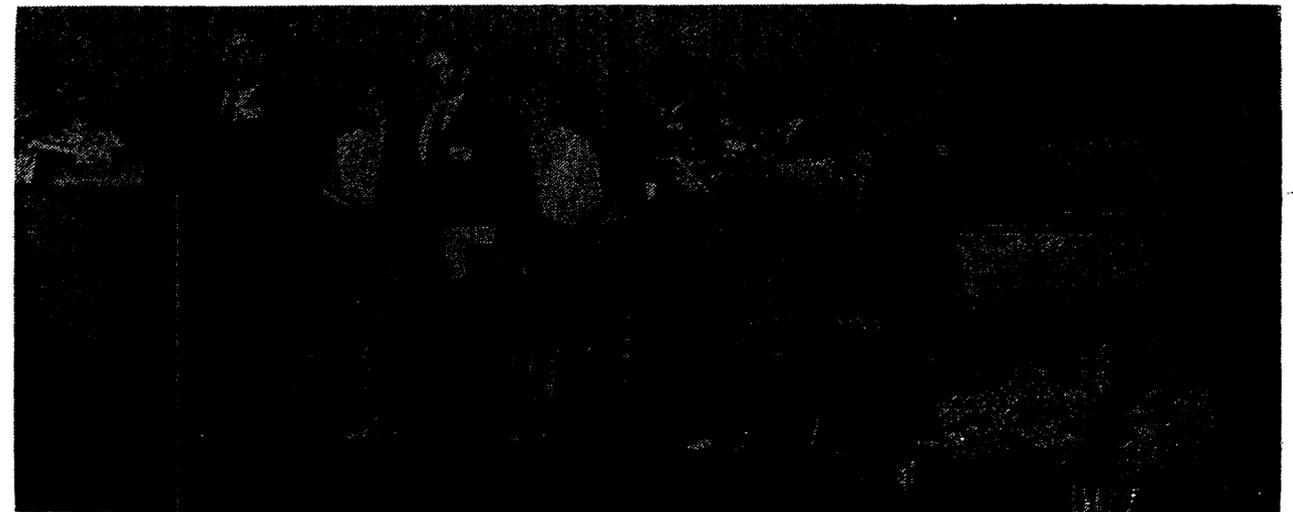
Obituaries

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.

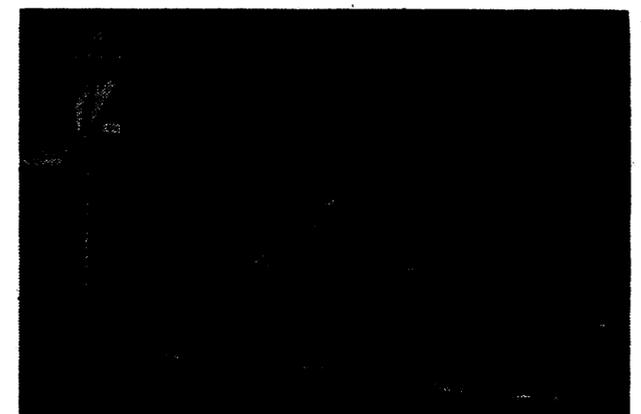
Funeral services were conducted at the Stuber Funeral Home, Le Roy, N. Y., by Rev. John O. Meloy of the Caledonia Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the nearby Memford Cemetery. — Mrs. Hugh D. Mac Intyre.



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.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

This Is the Day

It has been a rather common practice for religious leaders to apply Psalm 118: 24 to Sunday. It reads, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Perhaps one reason they have chosen to think that it should be applied to Sunday rather than the Sabbath is the mistaken notion that the Sunday in Christian time is a day of rejoicing because of the resurrection and that the Sabbath was a dull and burdensome day because of its restrictions. Actually there is no basis for linking this verse with the first day of the week; it is grasping at a straw when there is nothing more substantial to lay hold on.

It is quite refreshing to note that a little Lutheran publication from Fortress Press, Philadelphia, abandons the above identification. It is a card entitled "Prayers Before School." There are brief prayers for each school day. The prayer for Friday begins, "This is the day that thou hast made, O Lord. Help me to be glad and rejoice in it." Yes, Friday or any other day is a day which the Lord has made or one to which He has brought us. The psalmist, writing prophetically, was not making reference to a particular day of the week but of a time. He had just spoken, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." The New Testament tells us that this prophecy was fulfilled in Christ. A new day dawns when we acknowledge the headship of Christ.

Our Youth, Where They Are

Each fall many of our young people who were graduated from college or high school are in new locations, facing new experiences. It is expected that the home church as well as the family will keep in close touch with those who are away at school or at work. Others are interested and would like to be helpful with their prayers and with the hand of fellowship. It is quite possible that new friendships, new avenues of service, and "homes away from home" can be established by printing information in the Sabbath Recorder.

Pastors, church clerks, and Recorder correspondents are urged to send to the

denominational paper such information about college students, new jobs, and new residences as would be interesting to scattered readers and churches. Success stories of outstanding young people might be an encouragement to others. To be valuable this information should be sent at once. Families should provide pastors with accurate information.

Dividing Church Responsibilities

The church and Sabbath School leaders at Riverside, California, have done some checking on how many jobs there are to be done and the aggregate number of people it takes to do them. Last year it required 63 people to staff the Sabbath School. For the church and all its organizations the total was 275. The church bulletin which gives these figures appeals to members to accept the responsibilities which they may be asked to assume. It notes that everyone must expect to have at least three.

Not every church is as highly organized as the medium-sized church (271) of Riverside, but the responsibilities in any active church are numerous and important. This is the time of year when large numbers of people who are inclined to say "No" are asked to pray about the matter and to say "Yes" to those requests that seem to be the will of God. The quotation, "Let George do it," does not come from the Bible and is more likely to be heard before prayer than after.

Conference Lost and Found

Someone must have lost a dark suit coat, for an extra coat showed up in the luggage of Claston Bond of Dodge Center, Minn. It probably belongs to one of the young men who visited his son at the dormitory, but he is unable to identify the owner. The good coat is size 38 or 40 with the brand name Stafford Club, from S and L Stores. Write direct to Mr. Bond.

Are there other lost and found items that need to be mentioned in this column?

It's all right to have a train of thoughts, if you have a terminal.

— Richard R. Bowker,
Christian Digest.

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MEMORY TEXT

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith . . .

1 Peter 5: 8, 9a.

Second Thoughts Regarding Conference

By Rev. Paul S. Burdick

The thoughts one has upon returning from a Seventh Day Baptist Conference may be "long, long thoughts." Can they also be constructive, forward-looking, acceptable to any substantial minority of our people? While that remains to be seen, it is not unreasonable to hope that some, at least, will be inclined to agree with the thoughts of this writer.

One of our ministers spoke of "involvement." Jesus sought to "identify" Himself with men's sorrows and needs, even the poorest and neediest of men. Another speaker is reported as saying, "Christ and His purpose is the means and manner through which the problem (of race relations) is solved." Has the Christian Church anything more to offer than patience? we were asked.

To identify oneself with one who suffers under an unjust system means to put yourself in his place; advocate and actually do the things which you would expect and hope that he would do; to lead the way, as it were, to a solution.

If we are sincere about "seeking the mind of Christ" regarding the race problem, then let us put ourselves beside our colored brother, and do the things, and advocate the things which we hope will be his course of action.

1. **Non-violent action.** This is not a kind of passivity; it is action on the highest level, animated by love. A sit-in demonstration in a segregated restaurant gives one a chance to talk, to reason with the opponent, to try to get across to him your complete lack of ill-will, and your desire to communicate with him on the basis of love. Strangely enough, it has worked, and worked more consistently than anger would have done! This is only one illustration of a multitude of

techniques that may be possible as more and more non-violent methods of action may be worked out.

We do not say that every white church member should involve himself in a sit-in demonstration. But if it is the non-violent course that we hope the Negro will take, then we must lead the way in our personal and national course.

2. Keeping God's Commandments. Seventh Day Baptists have done a great deal of thinking along this line. We say that the Fourth Commandment, for instance, is not to be considered as a sword of Damocles hanging over the head of the one who disobeys, but rather in the light of Jesus' teachings it is to be regarded as a gift to needy man from a gracious God. He said, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath." In the light of that statement, we shall try to "remember the sabbath day" in a very special and loving way. It means more and more to us every day of our lives.

The commandment "Thou shalt not kill" is interpreted to us by Jesus as follows: "Whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment," and "I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5).

So we know that the law is made for the ungodly and for sinners, while "the ultimate aim of the Christian minister after all is to produce the love which springs from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a genuine faith" (1 Tim. 1: 5, 9, Phillips).

So we can say regarding God's commandments that we cannot by any means disregard them, but that by them we are bound as with steel, but bound as with love.

3. Suggested action. (a) We should have a Negro evangelist in this country to match the presence of white missionaries to the dark-skinned races. Let him preach to white as well as colored brethren, and let him interpret to us the best of the Negro hopes and sufferings in behalf of Christ, so that we may learn from their experience the way of winning through love rather than through war.

(b) Let us take Christ at His word. We hope for Jesus' coming, but He Himself asks us, "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" "Ye call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say." "Ye are my brothers if you do whatsoever I command you."

If we hate and kill and make war with one another, how can we expect Christ to be pleased with us when He comes?

In the words of Pope Paul VI, let us reject the "illusory concept that peace can only be based on the terrifying power of extremely homicidal weapons. . . . Men of good will, listen to our humble words."

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.

Christian Education Society

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held in the Parish House of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., September 20. All Seventh Day Baptists who were recognized delegates at General Conference this year are eligible to participate in this meeting. Members of the board for 1964-65 will be elected.

There will be a call-meeting of the S. D. B. Board of Christian Education following the annual meeting.



New President's Message

Given at the closing session of Conference

By Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston

In our fellowship, work, and worship together here this week we not only have had our denominational convictions strengthened but we have received real inspiration from considering and reaffirming our faith in Christ as the answer in our life and work. It has given us much joy to come to know personally our brethren from distant places. It has been fruitful to sit down together and discuss our mutual hopes and problems and to discover ways in which we may be of more help to one another. Our many agencies have reported on work accomplished and plans for future undertakings. In some of our planning we have had differences of opinion but we believe the Holy Spirit has been present among us and we have faith to believe that His leading has guided us in our final decisions.

A budget has been proposed and adopted. In fact, the matter of budget and the ever-present shortage of funds has necessitated cutting here and curtailing there. This often consumes a large share of time and limits to a great extent the scope of our united work. There is no doubt about it — there are a goodly number of Seventh Day Baptists who are very generous, conscientious and willing contributors. There are a limited number who are giving sacrificially. I'm afraid, however, there are too many of us who are prone to pray diligently for the leading of the Spirit in our lives and in our planning but when it comes to the point of the giving of our money we shut out any leading and feel well able to make our own private decision in this area.

First John 3: 17 speaks to us thus:

"But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" The prophet Malachi, in speaking to the Israelites many years before the coming of Christ, said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Now our thinking together here and our planning for the coming year has come to an end. At the direction of a previous Conference our Planning Committee has developed for this next year our Mission 65 Program. Its purpose is to help our churches and their auxiliary organizations, as well as each of us individually, discover the validity and make application of our Statement of Belief to our contemporary world.

Before we talk about the specific methods we shall use in carrying forward our work for this coming year, may we consider for a few moments what Paul had to say to the Corinthian Christians as they were working together as a church. He was discussing the gifts of various ones; how all these gifts are given by the Holy Spirit and how each is important if the whole body of Christ is to function properly within the will of God. He concludes the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians by saying, "Covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet show I unto you a more excellent way." May I read to you from 1st Corinthians, chapter 12 beginning with verse 4 and continuing through chapter 13, the 8th verse, as expressed by J. B. Phillips. (Omitted here).

So, we must covet earnestly the best gifts, but even more surely we must guide our lives in the more excellent way — the way of love. This coming Conference year may we consider our theme to be "The More Excellent Way." As we strive to carry forward the plans made here and our Mission 65 Program, may we make this theme our ever-present guiding principle.

First John, Chapter 4, the latter part of the 16th verse tells us, "God is love;

and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." Surely every sincere Christian must have an impelling desire to more fully understand this "more excellent way," this love, which God is, this love which Jesus came to earth to live out for us, this love which when accepted into our own lives effects our redemption, this love which actually transforms us so that we are able to bring our lives within His will.

So, one of our aims for this year will be to search the Scriptures for a clear understanding of this love. Let us examine every record from the Gospels of the incidents in the life of Jesus to discover how He translated this love into deeds. Do you fully understand the meaning of First Corinthians 13, a part of which we have just read? Prayerfully meditate alone upon this chapter and discuss it with others, phrase by phrase. May we use this as our key chapter. Activate it in your own life and note the new dimension it gives to living. Portions of First John merit our very close attention and consideration. The writer there can certainly teach us much about love if we will open our minds and hearts to his teaching. So let this be our book for special study. God in His dealing with men as recorded in all of the Bible has been revealing this love — Himself — to men over the centuries. Our part is to open our minds to this revelation.

However, searching the Scripture for the truth concerning love and its power, and assenting mentally to what we find there, although a basic first step, is not enough. This alone will dismally fail to make us effective in sharing with others the Good News. We must be able to let this love actually permeate every facet of our lives and every area of our cooperative work.

To do this we must be — to put it very bluntly — on speaking terms with God. He is always willing and anxious for this relationship. We must want and seek it too. I'm sure each of us has had the experience of being introduced to someone and almost immediately wishing we could know that person better. So we make opportunity to be with him.

Perhaps we invite him to our home, or we go to his home to be with him and talk with him. How, then, do we become acquainted with God? It would seem that one of the very best ways would be through prayer — being with Him in mind and spirit. This requires at least as much time and effort as it would to cultivate a friendship. And it must be admitted that to know a friend well much time must be spent alone with him. So to learn to know God and to understand love at its source we must spend time alone with Him. It is probably true that no one ever learned to love both God and men who did not learn it from God Himself and that mostly by prayer.

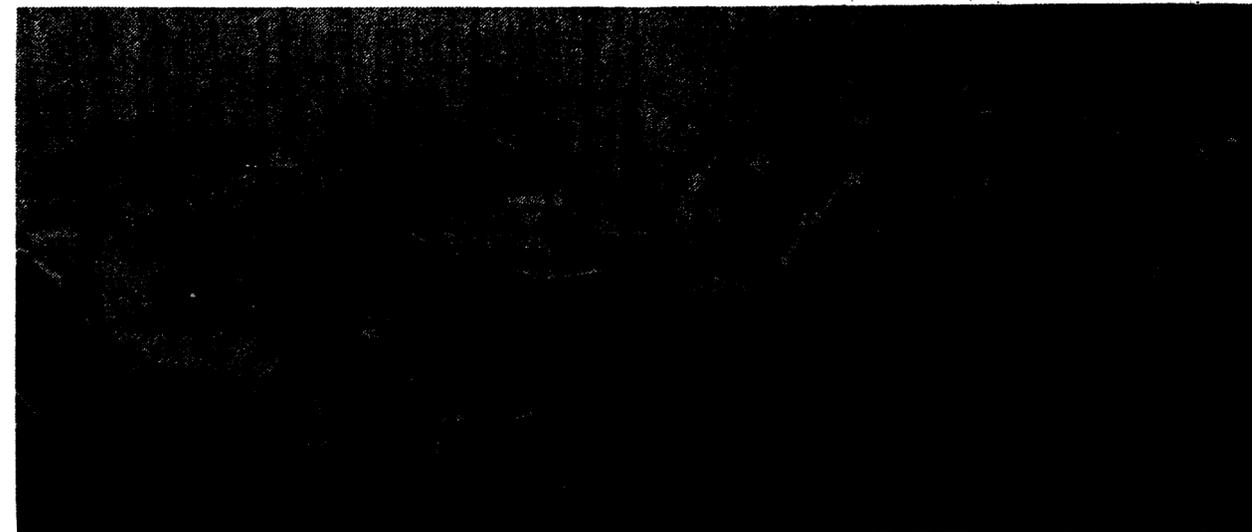
Our statement of belief should be, and I believe is, a concise expression in words of what this spirit of love or God is, of how He reveals Himself to man, of how He changes and redeems man and constrains him to live out love in service to others. God (supreme love), the Creator, Sustainer, Father. Jesus Christ, our perfect example. The Holy Spirit — active today in our world.

Today so many of us are quite willing to give assent to this and to passively live it in our lives. It is pleasant to assert our intellectual belief in all these things; to go to church on Sabbath — perhaps feeling that we are certainly pleasing God because we are acknowledging His true Sabbath; to meet and greet our fellow Christian and to let this pretty much be the end of our Christian obligation. Do you know about the ache in the heart of the person, young or old, whose hand you shake? Are you or am I at all concerned about the family only two doors from the church who has no friends and who desperately needs someone to give them a smile and a little love? Does God's love so fill you that your concern "shows," so to speak? Do you know how to express your love and concern wisely so that others will recognize that it is God's love working in and through you? One thing that has always amazed me in studying the life of Jesus is the way in which He was able to help people and not offend them. Was this

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MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris



Conference Program Features A Simulated Board Meeting

With President Harold R. Crandall in the chair, a simulated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held on Wednesday afternoon, August 19, of Conference week. There were ten members of the board and four visitors seated on the platform of the Salem College auditorium as an attentive audience observed the proceedings. Chairman Crandall opened the meeting with appropriate remarks and called on the Rev. Earl Cruzan for prayer.

Treasurer Karl G. Stillman's specially prepared report was then read by the president, after expressing the treasurer's keen regret at being unable to be present. Mr. Stillman wrote, "We will pause and see where we have been, where we are, and what financial policies we are pursuing to reach future goals."

Among the interesting facts reported by Mr. Stillman was that of a profit of over \$102,395 having accrued to the Society from the sale of investments during the past twenty years. "Our principal mission fields in Jamaica, Malawi (Nyasaland), British Guiana, and at home," he stated, "have received a total increase in annual support of \$40,468 or 518% since 1944, and 128% or \$27,131 since 1954." Mr. Stillman's report will be published in

full in a future issue of the *Missionary Reporter*. It was voted to receive and record the treasurer's report.

The report of Corresponding Secretary Everett T. Harris was read, noting the activities of recent weeks, principal among which was the preparation for CoWoCo, meeting visitors from abroad, providing for their needs and comforts, and arranging for various meetings such as CoWoCo, Planning Committee, Coordinating Council, and Conference. His report was voted received and recorded.

The reports of the chairmen of various committees were read and accepted as follows: the Home Field Committee by Chairman Rev. Earl Cruzan, the American Tropics Committee by Chairman Rev. Neal D. Mills, and the African Interests Committee by Chairman Loren G. Osborn.

A deeply moving tribute to Dr. Esther Pan, a former employee of the board and director of our medical services in China after the withdrawal of our missionaries, was presented by Mrs. George Thorngate. It was ordered recorded in the permanent files of the Missionary Society. It is expected that this tribute will appear in a later issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Special greetings and reports were given by recently returned missionaries, Nurse Sarah Becker from Makapwa Mission, Malawi (Nyasaland), Africa, and from the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, returned missionary

from Jamaica. During the Home Field Committee's report Pastor Lawton also spoke of his hopes and plans as the new Home Field Director of Evangelism.

A letter was read from the Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches in British Guiana by Jacob N. Tyrrell, CoWoCo delegate from British Guiana, requesting the sending of another missionary couple to that mission field.

When called upon to report on correspondence from the field, Secretary Harris read portions of letters recently received from our missionary in British Guiana, Rev. Leland Davis, who had written, "Our fervent prayers have been ascending to God in behalf of the World Consultation and the U.S.A. General Conference." Also, a portion of letter from Courtland V. Davis, headmaster of Crandall High and the Missionary Board's representative in Jamaica, received since the beginning of Conference, was read. Mr. Davis had just arrived back at Kingston after a short vacation in the States. He wrote, "Best wishes to you and all the other friends at Conference. We will be thinking about and praying for the working out of problems as Conference deliberates."

The simulated Missionary Board meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. with prayer by President Crandall. The minutes of the meeting were taken by Denison D. Barber, secretary pro tem.

Rev. Leon R. Lawton's Plans

The Rev. and Mrs. Leon R. Lawton and family are presently residing at 293 Highland Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. Pastor Lawton will begin services as Director of Evangelism on the Home Field on October 1, 1964. Meantime, he continues in the employ of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board as a former missionary in Jamaica, on furlough.

Churches of Northern, North Central, and Western Associations were contacted by letter on August 5, 1964, noting that Pastor Lawton could speak to a limited number of churches during September, in the capacity of recently returned missionary from Jamaica. His schedule is being

made up and is still quite tentative at this writing.

Among Mr. Lawton's first duties as director of evangelism will be to make an appraisal of the growth potential of certain areas that have made application for the relocation of the City Pastor-Evangelist. It is expected also that Director Lawton will attend the October meeting of Conference Planning Committee at Plainfield, N. J.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Christian Education Program Presented at Conference



The Rev. Ernest K. Bee (shown above at the speaker's stand), chairman of the Publications Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, successfully launched the new Junior Quarterly, "To Junior Surveyors with Love," at General Conference. The new publication is designed to help teach youngsters the books of the Bible, their place in relationship to each other, the main thought put forth in the book, Sabbath references, etc. Edited by Mrs. Catharine Shaw Stillman, this complete survey of the Bible can be very helpful in establishing a basis for further use of the Bible. Orders may be sent to Miss Onnalee Saunders, Richburg, N. Y. Teacher's manuals cost \$1.00 each; pupil's workbooks cost 40 cents each, \$1.50 for the four quarters for one subscription; or \$1.40 each for orders of 5 or more for the year.

Mr. Bee gave encouraging reports on the stages of success of other board publications.

The Rev. David S. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Youth Work, speaking in place of Miss Linda Bingham, gave a summary of the widespread work of his committee. Tribute was paid to the sacrificial work accomplished by Miss Bingham as the youth field worker of the board for two years ending last May. He announced that the director for next year's Youth Pre-Con Retreat had already been chosen — a new innovation.

To conclude the board program, Dr. Wayne R. Rood addressed the Conference on the subject "Go—Teach." The delegates were gripped by the challenge, graphically presented, to act on the principles which we profess to cherish. Dr. Rood has promised a copy of his address for publication in the Sabbath Recorder in the near future.

Secretary Rex Zwiebel introduced the participants.

Junior Conference

By Althea Greene, director

Our theme for the week was "One In Christ." There were 17 children in attendance all week except for Monday when there were 13 and Sabbath Day when there were 20.

Each day we studied many phases of the life of Christ. The climax came with the showing of the crucifixion and the resurrection on Sabbath morning. All of the youngsters responded with eagerness when the call was made to follow Christ. We pray that they all may profit greatly through this experience.

The Juniors were a very eager group, and I loved every minute that I spent with them. If nothing else was accomplished, they learned much more about the life of Christ and His call to each of them.

Our group was unusual in that we had 13 boys out of the daily attendance of 17.

I am grateful for this opportunity to serve my Master through planning and directing this year's Junior Conference.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 26, 1964

"The Saving Deeds of the Lord"

Lesson Scripture: 1 Samuel 12: 6-15.

Junior High Pre-Con Retreat

Twenty-three Junior Highs met on the Friday before Conference, August 15, 1964, at a cabin on Lake Floyd near Salem, West Virginia, for the first pre-Conference activity ever held for this age group.

Pastor Ed Sutton was director, Connie Coon supervised the recreation, and Theona Rasmussen was general manager. Alberta Bakker was responsible for the delicious food.

Much of the credit for planning and carrying out this first Junior High Pre-Con Retreat must go to the members of the Salem Junior High Youth Fellowship. Elizabeth and Sylvia Nida, Carol Rasmussen, Jeffrey Bakker, and Alfred Rogers worked very hard to make this new venture a success.

The retreat began at 4 p.m. on Friday and ended at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The Rasmussen cabin on Lake Floyd was the general center of activities, and the girls slept there. The boys, under Pastor Sutton's supervision, stayed at night at a nearby cabin.

Recreation activities included: soft ball, volley ball, swimming, boating, and a moonlight hike.

Each evening Pastor Sutton directed a vesper service in which the campers participated, followed by a campfire where filmstrips were shown which focused on interests and problems of Christian teenagers. Sabbath afternoon Pastor Sutton held a service, using filmstrips which presented the complete life of Moses.

The highlight of our retreat was the Sabbath morning worship service. Pastor Sutton focused our attention on the words of the Seventh Day Baptist Rally Song, stressing our Christian heritage and responsibility. Junior Highs "from Cali to Rhody" were present at our retreat, and Pastor Sutton really made the words of the Rally song "come alive" for every one of us.

Six school days a week, October to June, 70,000 elementary school children in Cyprus are served milk and a roll, provided by Americans through contributions to the CARE Food Crusade, New York.

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.

(Continued from last week)

Miscellaneous Subjects

Other matters considered by the Commission deserve mention in this report.

1. The Commission has noted the request from the Southwestern Association, that "the Commission work out a plan whereby individual churches desiring not to be affiliated with national and world organizations may be so listed." We recommend that a place be provided in the annual statistical report sheet where it can be indicated and subsequently recorded in the Yearbook, that by majority vote of the church it desires not to be affiliated with interdenominational organizations.*

2. The need for a "systematic . . . study and research in the intellectual foundations of our denomination" has been brought to our attention by Oscar C. Burdick. It was voted that the Commission be recorded to be in favor of such a program under the direction of the Historical Society.

3. We recommend that the resignation of Miss Hazel V. Gamble from the editorship of the Yearbook be accepted, and that the Conference express publicly and to her its deep appreciation for her painstaking work and dedicated interest for 41 years.

4. The list of accredited ministers has been revised and is ready for printing in the 1964 Yearbook. It is available for examination. It is to be noted that hereafter the preparation of this list becomes a responsibility of the Council on Ministerial Education.

5. It was voted that, if it can be worked out, a position bond be secured which

would cover the General Conference, Our World Mission, and other treasurers in one bond.

6. A letter from the General Secretary's office of the American Baptist Convention invites our General Conference to appoint a fraternal delegate to attend their convention sessions. A willingness to send such delegates to our Conference sessions was also indicated. The Commission agreed to accept this invitation and instructed the executive secretary to extend our own invitation to the American Baptist Convention and other Baptist bodies to send fraternal delegates to the Alfred Conference.

7. The Commission has heard reports on several local and Associational projects for the establishment of new churches, commends these efforts, suggests that other churches acquaint themselves with the methods of these projects, and prays for the blessing of God upon them.

8. The Audit report of the General Conference Treasurer was received and approved.

Budget

Budget requests from the boards and agencies have been reviewed. The budget submitted below is somewhat higher than that of the current year, but experience indicates that we accomplish more when we have a greater challenge. Less than twenty dollars (\$20) per member will raise this budget and the Commission feels that this is well within the capability of our people. We recommend that the following Our World Mission budget for 1964-65 be adopted.

Proposed Our World Mission Budget

Organization	Investment income	Refunds, sales & services	Current giving		Total
			Undesignated	Designated	
Board of Christian Education	\$ 4,705	\$ 6,660	\$ 8,338	\$ 1,300	\$21,003
General Conference		500	14,548		15,048
Historical Society	5,910	960	500		7,370
Ministerial Retirement	14,000	1,100	2,000	3,900	21,000
Ministerial Education	4,500	6,000	6,825	900	18,225
Missionary Society	19,222		39,531	17,188	75,941
Tract Society	15,500	11,620	13,084	450	40,654
Trustees of General Conference	1,400	1,000	600		3,000
Women's Society	125		1,475	1,500	3,100
World Fellowship & Service			1,260	500	1,760
Totals	\$65,362	\$27,840	\$88,161	\$25,738	\$270,101

Total undesignated & designated giving\$113,899

"Above and Beyond"

These matters have been reviewed and dealt with to the best of our ability and are submitted to the General Conference for approval where deserved and correction where needed. Long-range planning and revolutionary thinking, however, are not activities separable from the handling of routine detail and the review of reports, and the consideration of every item on the agenda seemed to be the occasion of the search for principles and the yearning for advance.

Twenty years ago, caught up in the energy, eagerness and enthusiasm of the post-war period, many denominations made far-reaching decisions opening new opportunities for growth and progress. Seventh Day Baptists also produced some courageous ideas, tried some and evaded others. Now, it seems to us, time has caught up with us again, and this time we may be forced to venture or die; the alternative of evasion may not be before us again.

In short, the question before us now seems to be: Is it, or is it not God's will that Seventh Day Baptists continue in His world? "I'd like to see us making spiritual and numerical progress," says one Seventh Day Baptist, "and I haven't seen any evidence that we are." A realistic look at statistics reveals that a minority people that probably never numbered more than 10,000 in the United States at its peak, now numbers no more than 11,000 in the world in spite of steady growth in some conferences outside the

United States. At home our financial and manpower overhead is much more than any modern business could carry without going bankrupt. A resolution from the Southeastern Association requests the development of a plan "whereby the Conference can legally gain some control over the actions of the boards . . ." During the last twenty years, efforts at gradual reorganization have added more to our organizational complexity than to our efficiency. One of our students reports that according to Max Weber's classic categories, our denomination now demonstrates the characteristics of a bureaucracy, and it may well be that the only protection we have as an organization against the evils of ecclesiastical bureaucracy lies in the fact that the bureaus are not working together to that end. In short, we give the appearance of a movement running down, of encumbering a great and simple truth with excess baggage.

It now appears that the traditional alternatives of centralization and decentralization of power may not exhaust the possibilities; it may not be that freedom in religious life depends upon disorganization in ecclesiastical matters, or that administrative efficiency ends in spiritual authoritarianism. It may be that devotion to the Kingdom of God among a small and individualistic people leads, rather, to a unique need and possibility for simplification, the spirit of direct, face-to-face personal responsiveness and trust of a century ago, courageously given a form capable of existing prophetically and cre-

atively in an impersonal and intricate modern world. It might well be that in attempting to progress we should remember our original gifts.

Questions continue to rise to haunt the Commission in all its discussions, whether of routine trivia, policy decision, or far-out dreaming. Is it worth the agony and risk to make one more effort to re-tool our dedication in the conviction that it is the will of God that Seventh Day Baptists continue as a denominational entity? How can we tighten up our sense of mission and our machinery for working at it? Could there be one General Secretary supported and aided by a joint board of advisers from the boards and agencies? Can we depart, at long last, from the principles of geographical localization of the boards and agencies? Would it be possible to bring all the funds of the denomination under the administration of a single financial office handling investments, fund raising and disbursements? Is now the time to establish a single headquarters so that men of leadership and technical training may be released for pastoral contacts in the churches and in the field?

The Commission, feeling it must attack these problems in order to discharge its corporate responsibility to the General Conference and the individual conscience of its members, reports that it has spent considerable time and energy on these matters, admits that it is disappointed in the response from the board and agency leaders it has consulted about these questions, and announces that it proposes to approach these issues in depth during the next Conference year, making the subject the primary matter of business for its mid-winter meeting. Therefore the thinking and prayers of Seventh Day Baptists everywhere are urgently solicited as the Commission seeks the will of God for Seventh Day Baptists.

George E. Parrish, Battle Creek, Mich.
Wayne R. Rood, Berkeley, Calif.
C. Rex Burdick, Verona, N. Y.
Herbert L. Crouch, Milton, Wis.
Duane L. Davis, North Loup, Neb.
Doris (Mrs. R. T.) Fetherston,
Battle Creek, Mich.

Junior High Conference

By Mrs. Theona Rasmussen, director

The members of Junior High Conference considered themselves among the most fortunate of all the people who attended General Conference this year, because through arrangements made last year, the visiting foreign delegates had appointments to speak to our group, and show slides and pictures.

This was really only one of two major parts of our Conference program. The other major emphasis was on music, under the leadership of Mrs. Oscar Burdick of the Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church.

On Sabbath night the Junior Highs presented the Conference vesper service under Mrs. Burdick's direction. The excellent selections which our group presented were chosen by Mrs. Burdick from current choir music and were new both to the young singers and those who heard them. The final anthem of the vesper service, which was sung antiphonally by the Junior High choir and the Conference choir, was "This Night," by Konig-Christiansen.

During the evening worship service which followed, the Junior Highs again joined with the Conference choir, under Mrs. Burdick's direction, to sing antiphonally "We Are Indeed His Offspring," by Normand Lockwood, with Mrs. Clarence M. Rogers as soprano soloist.

To have the foreign delegates as our guest speakers this year was an experience none of us will ever forget. They told us about their countries, and showed pictures or slides. They spoke of their churches, their conferences, their Christian young people, and their own families. We feel that we know them, and love them, in a way that was denied to most of the people at Conference; for so far as we know we were the only group which had this opportunity.

Rev. James McGeachy was our speaker on Monday. He showed us general pictures of London, some historical pictures associated with the recent John James celebration, and pictures of his own congregation. When he was showing us one picture of a square in London, he mentioned that off to the side was a statue

of a famous American rebel against George the Third, and asked us who this was. The Junior Highs could not remember anyone like this from their history books, so with a twinkle in his eye, Mr. McGeachy told them he meant George Washington. A little later when Mr. McGeachy asked about the Englishman who was first governor of Virginia, the Junior Highs were more prepared for the British view of history, and identified John Smith.

Later in the week, after a slide projector of the proper size was obtained, Mr. McGeachy showed us some rare old pictures, including a picture of the old Mill Yard chapel. We all feel that it is a great pity that the Mill Yard congregation does not have its own building, for it should have one which would also be a memorial to this, our first church.

Rev. Johannes Bahlke of Hamburg and Mr. Mellmann of Braunschweig, Germany, visited us on Tuesday. We had been told that Mr. Mellmann spoke little English so would come with Mr. Bahlke who would do the talking. Mr. Bahlke first showed us his slides and told us about the church work in Hamburg. Mr. Mellmann then consented to explain the slides he had, a series about the beautiful town where he lives, which he had taken himself. He spoke for more than an hour, and we found that his use of English is very adequate.

The Braunschweig slides Mr. Mellmann showed us were about the town as it was before it was almost completely destroyed in World War 2, and the town as it is today. Braunschweig is over a thousand years old. It burned for three days after it was bombed, and only nine of the picturesque old buildings survived.

Wednesday morning Mr. Zijlstra of Holland was our speaker. We were most interested in the map he showed us, indicating the vast areas of his country which would be under water if it were not for the dikes. Some of us were surprised to find that, whereas in our country windmills bring water to us, in Holland the famous windmills pump unwanted water out of the country. This is such a picturesque country we decided we



Conference was fun for young folks as this candid shot indicates. The girls are daughters of Rev. Leslie Welch; the boy to the right, Robert Wheeler of Ashaway; the other not identified.

would all like to attend the next Seventh Day Baptist World Conference in Holland.

Wednesday afternoon Rev. Otrain Manan of Makapwa, Malawi, spoke to us. Malawi, formerly Nyasaland, is a country we all know a lot about, for our missionaries from there have visited in practically all our churches. We gained a completely new insight, listening to Mr. Manan, however. The daily life of the people there is very different from that in our country, and we were most interested to learn what they eat, how they grow crops, and how they build their houses.

As we asked questions, Mr. Manan pointed out that we were not pronouncing the name of his country correctly, for we were accenting the second syllable and letting the last syllable trail off. He admonished us to bring out the last syllable, pronounced like the word, "we."

Mr. Manan spoke most enthusiastically about the fact that his country gained its independence on July 7 of this year. He read us the words of the new national anthem in his own language, then translated them for us. He showed us the flag, and the seal which shows a rising sun and a cock crowing for the daybreak. We discussed the fact that historically Malawi and the United States have things in common. They were a British Crown Colony for 78 years, and their Independence day is July 7. Our country, too, was a "British Crown Colony," and became free 188 years ago, with July 4 as our Independence Day.

Thursday Rev. Joe Samuels of Jamaica spoke to us. Mr. Naval Harley of Jamaica was also at Conference, and we were sorry not to hear from him, but when arrangements were being made last fall it was not known that he would attend.

As with Malawi, we also know a lot about Jamaica, through our returning missionaries, and again we received a new insight from hearing Mr. Samuels. He spoke particularly of his own church.

The last speaker of our series, on Friday afternoon, was Mr. Jacob Tyrrell of British Guiana. None of us knew very much about this country or the churches there, and we learned much about the picturesque and often difficult terrain, about the diamonds found there, and the several varieties of unpleasant snakes which infest the southern, cattle-raising country.

We were impressed with the number of church members, and the obvious devotion of these people to their churches. We were also happy to see photos of Mr. Tyrrell's family, especially his two beautiful small daughters.

We wish all Conference members could have been with us for this great privilege of getting acquainted with our Christian brothers from other lands.

Other activities at our conference included recreation periods with Connie Coon again acting as our recreation director. She offered archery, soft ball, swimming, and other sports.

Pastor Ed Sutton taught our Junior High Sabbath School class on Sabbath morning.

Baptist World Alliance Meets in Hamburg, Germany

A threefold increase in population, the emergence of 50 new nations, technical and industrial revolutions, increased speed in travel, and two world wars — all occurring since the Baptist World Alliance was founded in 1905 — have served to make the international Baptist fellowship more necessary and meaningful for the outreach of Baptist churches around the world.

Such was the highlight thought of a report by Josef Nordenhaug of Washing-

ton, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, to the BWA Executive Committee at its annual meeting on the campus of Baptist Seminary in Hamburg.

Few Baptists realize what the BWA can mean in this rapidly changing world "as an agency of communication, a voice of human freedom and human rights, a channel of aid to people in need, a forum of our convictions and a catalyst for fellowship of Baptists in 100 lands," the Norwegian-born Baptist leader declared.

The five-day meeting of Baptist leaders was characterized by a mixture of international fellowship, attention to Alliance business, and annual sessions of four study commissions. More than 100 people, representing every continent and many countries, attended.

Joao F. Soren, pastor at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and president of the Alliance, presided at most sessions.

Two new conventions were admitted to membership, bringing to 81 the constituent conventions and unions in the Alliance. The new members are the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., in the USA, and the Ghana Baptist Convention, West Africa. Two other requests were deferred until further information is available.

Constitutional changes designed to make the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee fully representative of its constituent bodies around the world will be proposed to the 11th Baptist World Congress next June in Miami Beach, U. S. A.

One of the changes would enlarge the governing committee from its present 70 to about 142. Every member convention or union would be represented by one or more members, and these members will be nominated by the constituent group itself rather than by a congress nominating committee.

The other change has to do with membership requirements and would provide that member conventions and unions must have their own identity apart from any other convention, must contribute regularly to the Alliance budget, and must have had a stable organization for at least three years.

New President's Message

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because He cared not a whit what they thought of Him? His only concern was their well-being and that they should be made aware of the love of God. Too often we are concerned about what others think of us — or our church — and we fail to give our undivided attention to their deep needs.

What is one need of the people — or even a part of the people — in your community that your Sabbath School class, your Youth Fellowship, your Women's Society, your church should be meeting? Not just so that you will have more members but so that people — God's children — our brothers and sisters — may find peace in their hearts and may be given access to the same source of strength and love that as Christians we have. Let us always be informed concerning the planned work of our General Conference and how it is meeting the real needs of people. Then let us be diligent in supporting the work with our prayers, our interest, and our money. At the same time may we seek carefully better and more efficient means of carrying forward our work, better machinery for doing the job, always working withing the framework of the more excellent way.

I am convinced that we often fail to act when the spirit of love is urging us to move in some new and untried area because we deliberately turn away from open doors that would lead us in new directions. Perhaps we are like the man who entered the elevator in a tall building in New York. As he entered he turned around, faced the door where he had come in and stood thinking his own thoughts while waiting for his floor to be called. At one stop he heard the proper call and expected the doors to open. The sound was right but the doors at which he was staring never moved. Then he heard doors closing and the elevator continued on. At this point he became aware that there were doors in the other side of the elevator. He had missed his opportunity to get off and do his assigned work because he had failed to look in a new direction. Are

we — in all areas of living and working together — facing the right doors? May God give us the courage and faith to face and to enter the doors of need that He opens for us.

As we said earlier our Mission 65 Program has been designed to aid us in applying our beliefs — making them relevant and active in our everyday living. An initial mailing of material has been received by your church. This included a brochure and other descriptive literature, material for use in a church retreat and planning session, a calendar of major denominational events and a manual entitled "Sharing the Good News." Your pastor received this material or if your church is without a pastor your clerk received it. What did they do with it? I imagine it depends to a great extent on whether or not the members of your church (you) have a vital concern that God's love — the more excellent way — shall be made more active in your church and in your community.

If this love is really active in your heart and in the hearts of others in your church and if you want to share this love with others in a vital and constructive way I am convinced that you will want your church planning groups to carefully consider the Mission 65 materials that have been and that will be sent to your church this year. They are materials that have been very carefully selected and prepared to assist in your church program. In addition to the printed materials a goodly number of people are standing ready to help — if called upon. These people will be known as Missioners. They are people who are willing to give of their time to come to help you in activating your program in whatever way you desire. These missioners will come not to "tell you what to do." They will come to study and pray with you — in some cases to preach a series of sermons, if this is your wish. Primarily they are anxious to work with you in making love — God — active in all the groups of your church as well as in personal lives by making each part of our statement of belief a vital and living thing rather than just a statement on a printed page.

The Sabbath Recorder

I believe that this can be a thrilling year for all of us as we consider each one of our stated beliefs. Take the first one: We believe in God. How can you make this known to everyone whose life you touch — not verbally — but in the way you act — not so much by what you say, but in how you say it. Try it! Make sure that everyone with whom you have contact in any way is made aware that you believe in God. Six thousand Seventh Day Baptists in the United States could make a profound impact on society; your church and its organizations could be noticeably effective in your community by "living out" only this one statement.

Think for a moment about statement 10, the first part of which reads: We believe that the Sabbath of the Bible, the seventh day of the week, is sacred time. First of all, of course, we must be sure that the Sabbath has real meaning for us. Then in the more excellent way we can make its true meaning and its value evident to those about us.

Of course the apostle Paul affirmed that the more excellent way — the spirit of love — is to outlast prophecies and knowledge and I think he might readily have included statements of belief. It will be the one thing that will stand when all else has fallen.

Jesus' own story concerning the final judgment recorded in the 25th chapter of Matthew also implies this same idea. Those who were being judged were not asked to which denomination they belonged; they were not questioned concerning what they believed; they were judged solely upon how much love they had translated into action in their contact with people.

In the final analysis, the purpose of our General Conference and its agencies, of our statement of belief, and of our churches and their auxiliary organizations, is to make it possible for us, working together, to assist one another in activating the more excellent way in every area of our own lives and the lives of others.

May God bless and guide us this coming year as we strive to better understand and make vital in our lives and in our undertakings together "the more excellent way."

Accessions

North Loup, Neb.

By Baptism: William Babcock Terry Keown
Maris Cox Janice Williams
Lee Farley

Marriages

Burdick-Miars. — Keith Burdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burdick of Milton, Wis., and Mary Miars, daughter of Mrs. Cretora Miars of Milton, were united in marriage at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by their pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, May 9, 1964. — E. F. R.

Cargill-Severance. — Miss Shirley Severance, daughter of Cecil and the late Beth Williams Severance, of North Loup, Neb., and Ronald Cargill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Cargill of Scotia, Neb., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup, on August 20, 1964.

Sholtz-Skaggs.—Nina A. Skaggs, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Victor W. Skaggs, Plainfield, N. J., and Louis F. Sholtz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Sholtz, Oneida, N. Y., were united in marriage, August 15, 1964, in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs and the Rev. Paul B. Osborn.

Births

Maltby.—A son, Glen Ronald, to Ronald and Marlene (Poulin) Maltby of North Plainfield, N. J., on August 25, 1964.

Obituaries

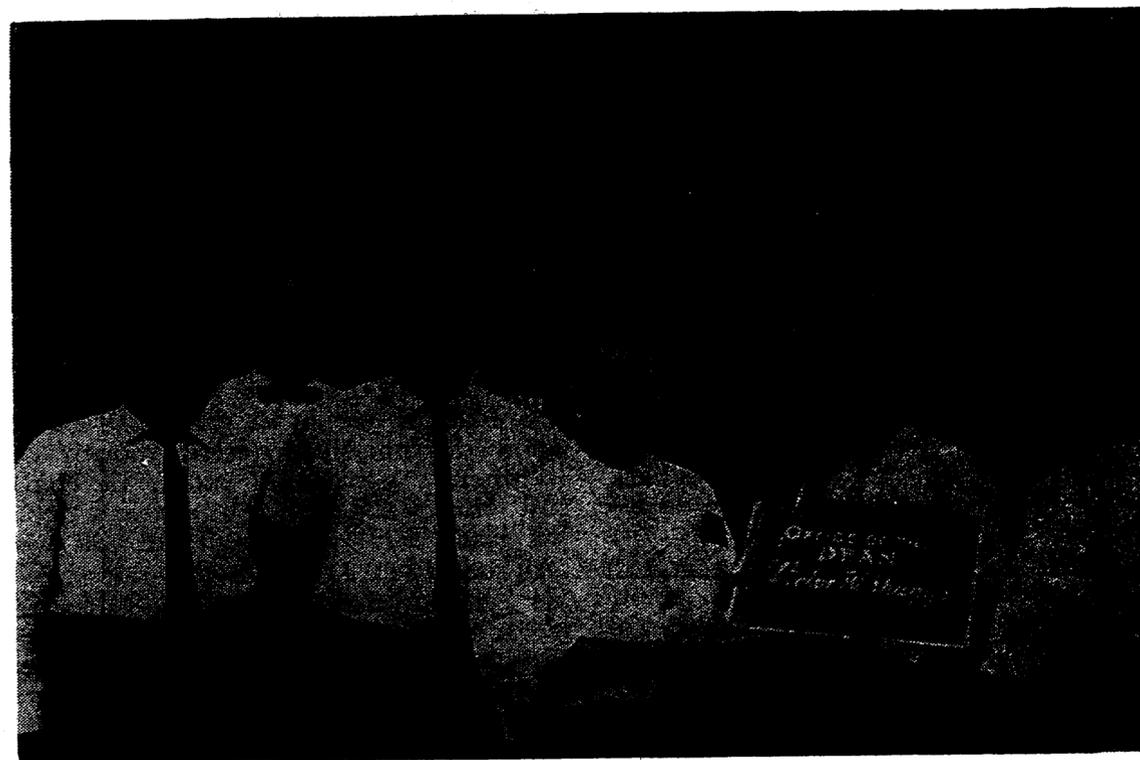
Coon.—Elam Potter, son of Dayton and Mary Potter Coon, was born March 11, 1881, at Utica, Wis., and died August 10, 1964, in Bradenton, Fla.

He was baptized in 1894 by the Rev. E. A. Witter at Albion, Wis. In 1907 he moved to the Milton community where he made his home as a farmer until in his retirement he moved to Florida. Previous to becoming a member of the Milton church he had been a member of the Albion and Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

Mr. Coon was a charter member of the Pure Milk Association and the Rock County Farm Bureau. In 1934 he was named a Master Farmer of Wisconsin. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and was a member of the Milton Grange for more than twenty-five years.

Surviving him are his wife, Margaret, of Bradenton, Fla.; a brother, Philip L. Coon, Beaver Falls, Pa.; two stepsons, Jack Garnett of Milton and Neil Aiken of Ripon, Wis.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, on August 14, 1964, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Interment was in the Milton cemetery. — E. F. R.



Ministerial Students Make Presentation

At the conclusion of the first two-week Ministerial Training Institute at the new training center in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, New Jersey, the appreciative students on September 4 presented the dean with a gold-lettered plaque for his office door. Pictured here are the full-time students. Others participated part-time in the seminar, in which the dean carried most of the instruction. Left to right: Otrain Manan, Paul Beebe, Joe Samuels, Glen Warner, Dean Victor Skaggs, Jacob Tyrrell, and Edward Sutton. The students have now dispersed to their respective countries, schools, and work.