

The Sabbath Recorder

WESTERLY, R. I.—More than 85 people were escorted through the newly completed educational wing of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly Sunday afternoon, March 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. Each guest was asked to sign the register in the vestibule, and then in groups of six or eight they were shown the facilities.

The tour began with the area just behind the sanctuary that has been designed to display various historical exhibits and for storage of church memorabilia. Down three steps and into the corridor that connects with the choir room, church offices, and youth rooms; then down to the lower level where primary rooms, the church lounge, rest-rooms, and the remodeled kitchen and nursery ended the tour.

Karl G. Stillman, chairman of the building committee, Pastor Earl Cruzan, Pastor Emeritus Harold R. Crandall, Elston H. Van Horn, Mrs. Loren Osborn, Mrs. Earl Cruzan, Denison Barber, and others acted as hosts and guides for the afternoon's open house.

The new wing makes an attractive addition to the original structure, and provides much needed Sabbath School classroom space as well as improved working facilities for all departments. The final contract was completed at a total cost of approximately \$75,000.

Dedication of this addition was scheduled as a high point in the observance of the Church's 125th Anniversary on the weekend of April 9-11 with special services and historical programs as well as the annual dinner and business meeting.

Obituaries

Bee.—Roy, son of Azariah and Sara Melvina Law Bee, was born Nov. 12, 1881, in Ritchie County, and died March 14, 1965, at his home in Pullman, Ritchie County, W. Va.

He had been a practicing veterinarian for 64 years and was also engaged in farming. He attended the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea.

Survivors include his wife, Theo Ward Bee; two daughters, Mrs. Brent (Frances) Riggs of Wellsburg, and Mrs. Violet Wender of California, Md., and a son, Blake of Lexington Park, Md. Also two sisters, Mrs. Alice Goff of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. Martha Batson of

Wierton, W. Va.; a brother, Zed of Elyria, Ohio, and 7 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Frank Osborne, assisted by Pastor Leslie A. Welch. Interment was in the Berea Pine Grove Cemetery. — L. A. W.

Crandall.—Anna Laura, daughter of William R. and Emma Benjamin Crandall, was born at Independence, N. Y., October 26, 1871, and died at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, N. Y., March 12, 1965.

She had resided at Mary's Nursing Home in Wellsville for the past four years. Mrs. Sally Wellberg, R. N., had been a daily attendant and companion of Anna Laura during her long illness.

A lifelong resident of Independence, Miss Crandall had been a consistent member of the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church since childhood and had served as organist for fifty years. She also was treasurer for twenty-five years and was the Sabbath School teacher of younger children for many years. She was an active member of the Ladies Aid Society until her death.

Miss Crandall attended Alfred University in the late 1880's and always had been interested in higher education and missions.

Her nearest survivors are first cousins, Dr. Ben R. Crandall, Alfred, E. Rogers Crandall, Bath, Mrs. Celestia Clarke, Independence, Mrs. Grace C. Spicer, Andover, Mrs. Ella Stillman, Jamestown, all of New York, and Mrs. Mary W. Swiger, Pittsburgh, Pa.

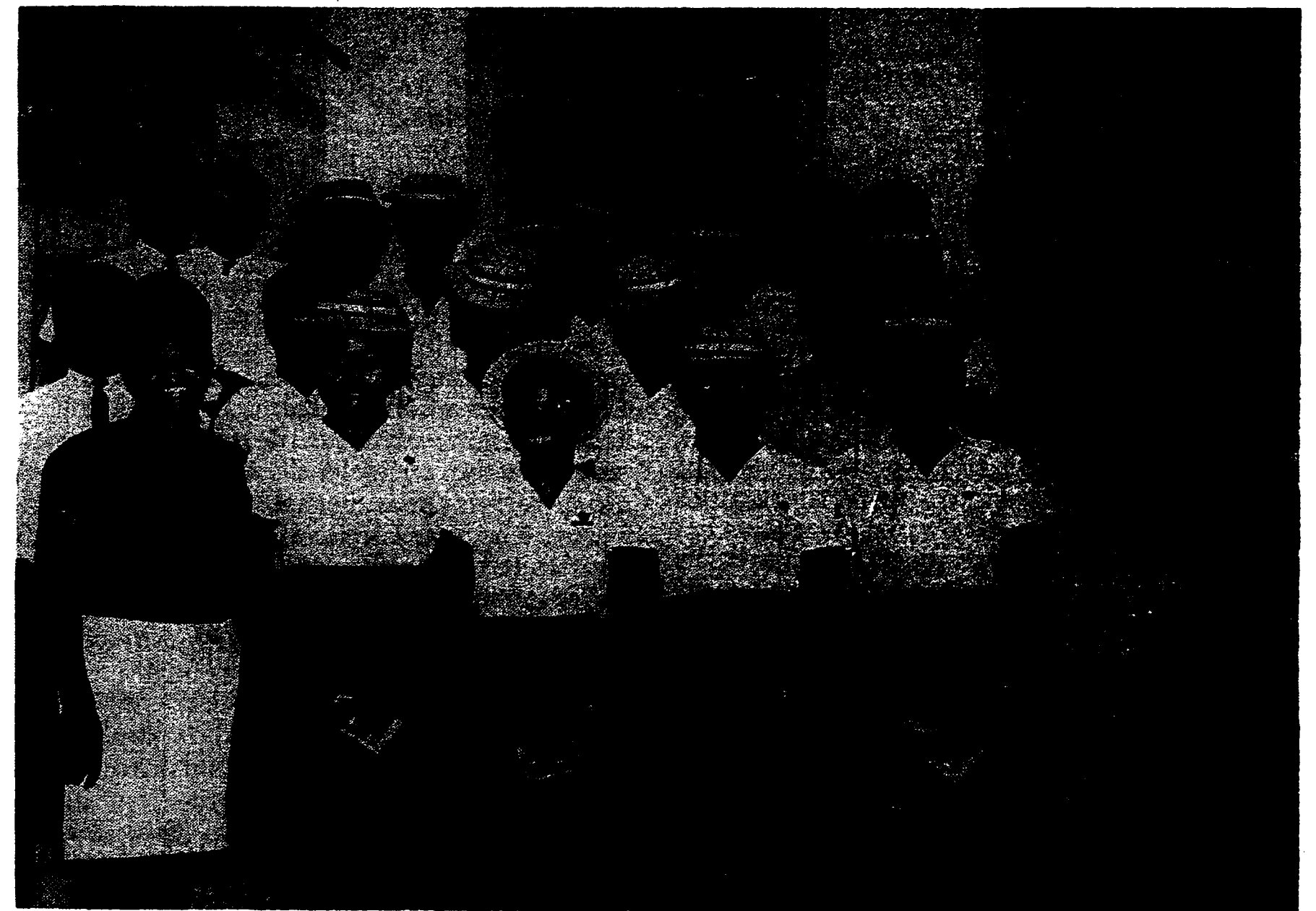
Funeral services were conducted at the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church on Monday afternoon, March 15, by the Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial was in the Independence Cemetery. — G. C. S.

Harris.—Lillian DuBois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton DuBois, was born at Hopewell, N. J., Nov. 17, 1904, and died March 19, 1965, at the Bridgeton, N. J., Hospital where she had been a patient for about a week.

She and her husband, Floyd D. Harris, who passed away only six months ago, operated an antique shop in their home on Main Street in Shiloh. Mrs. Harris was a graduate of Glassboro Normal School; she taught Trainable classes in Bridgeton schools until her retirement a year ago. She was a member of the New Jersey Teachers Association, the Bridgeton and County Associations, and the Council for Exceptional Children. Mrs. Harris was a faithful member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church and used her writing talents in many ways to promote the program.

She is survived by her father and a brother, Lt. Col. Joseph DuBois, of Washington, D. C.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor at the Garrison Funeral Home, Bridgeton, on Sunday, March 21. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. — C. H. B.



Kingston Inter-School Christian Fellowship

Something new in recent years on the campus of Crandall High School in Kingston, Jamaica, is a lively chapter of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, the high school equivalent of the worldwide Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. This group, sponsored by Joyce Samuels (left front) includes three other teachers (behind her). Meeting in a classroom after school on Tuesdays the group includes practically all the Seventh Day Baptist students and others who are interested. The purpose is to strengthen faith and to have a leavening action in the midst of students not yet committed to Christ.

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"Hath God Said?"

In the Garden of Eden Satan came to our first parents tempting them to do what God had told them not to do. Preachers have often pointed out that the essence of the temptation is contained in the devil's doubt-raising question, "Hath God said...?" So it has been through all succeeding generations. God-fearing people believe that God has said something in His revealed Word, the Bible, and that true happiness can come only as they believe and obey the words that He has spoken about eternal life and righteousness. But with every generation comes a new crop of people who are tempted to put human reason above divine revelation, not realizing that this is a re-enactment of "Paradise Lost."

Sometimes the modern doubts turn not so much on the possibility of God revealing His will but on how much of the Bible can be counted as having come from God. There are those who would say that precious little of the Old or New Testament can be regarded as authoritative. Strange as it may seem, there are some who observe the Bible Sabbath, which seems to be entirely dependent on revelation rather than reason, who take this view. Logical consistency is a jewel that evades the search of the doubter much more than the believer, it appears.

At the beginning of the New Testament we read that Satan brought out the old temptation of Eden in a new dress and tried it on "the second Adam" in the wilderness. Basically he was asking, "Hath God said?" Jesus was able to answer with an emphatic "yes." In thus meeting the temptation to doubt the revelation of God through the historians, prophets, and psalmists of the Old Testament our Lord set us an example of faith which should help us to trust the Word of God.

There is a tendency in our day to honor the ancient commandments of Mount Sinai but to consider that the commandments of Christ are impractical and that the writings of the apostles are not really part of the revealed will of God. It is easy to think that the New Testament writers are within our portion of history, that their recorded thoughts are just like ours and do not have the authority of God, and therefore are not

normative for the Christian church today. Just a little meditation should convince any who are tempted by this new dress of the Eden temptation that the position is logically untenable, just as it was when Jesus faced it. It is from the apostles that we get our knowledge of Christ. If their words are not authoritative we have no foundation for Christian faith, no knowledge even of the existence of Christ.

The Apostle Paul claimed that his conversion from Judaism came by a direct revelation from the risen Christ. Throughout his entire ministry he had revelations and spoke to the churches and to individuals with all the authority of the prophets of old. Those who, unlike Paul, were with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration and in the upper room of resurrection recognized the writings of Paul as being inspired Scripture (2 Pet. 3: 15, 16).

From such considerations the Christian Church has long maintained that we have a complete Bible and a completed Bible. We can answer the doubting question, "Hath God said?" Adam and Eve failed that test. Jesus, the Christ, did not fail it. We who have the New Testament from its simple beginning in Matthew to its glorious, heaven-glimpsing end in Revelation are inexcusable if we fail to answer emphatically, "Yea, God hath spoken." The redeemed of all ages whose lives have been transformed by such faith are our spiritual heritage. We can pass it on if we do thus resist the subtle onslaughts of the enemy.

National Christian College Day

The Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches across the nation will focus on the importance of church-related colleges to today's higher education needs when they observe National Christian College Day on Sunday, April 25, or Sabbath, April 24.

Church college presidents and faculty members will present special sermons to many local congregations and college choirs and choral groups have been invited to provide music in many off-campus churches.

APRIL 19, 1965

MEMORY TEXT

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12: 9.

The annual observance, first authorized in 1950, is sponsored by the Department of Higher Education of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. James M. Godard, president of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities, said that the various denominations have prepared more than one million inserts for church bulletins with information on the day.

The Danforth foundation has just published the results of a study of church colleges which shows that they have an important future role if they measure up to contemporary challenges. This adds significance to the emphasis at this time on Christian colleges.

Seventh Day Baptists throughout their history have been pioneers in higher education. The colleges they have established have grown beyond the possibility of the same church-relatedness that they once had. Times have changed. In some cases endowments with denominational strings attached have had to be given up. Whether or not these schools now qualify for religiously motivated giving must be answered according to the educated conscience of the donor. They certainly qualify for philanthropic gifts. To maintain Christian standards and to strengthen the faith of their students the administrators of our church-founded colleges need our prayers. Why not make Christian College Day a day for special prayer along this line?

More Bible Needed

Some Catholic priests are coming to the position that Bible reading and exposition are more important than liturgy and ritual. Some Protestant clergymen seem to have forgotten that without the Bible the Protestant pulpit has nothing to say.

Sabbath Rally Day

May 15, 1965

Put something into it;
get something out of it

There is much that you can do to make the denomination-wide observance of the annual Sabbath Rally Day significant. Pastors are making their plans. Sabbath School and youth leaders will be planning to use special worship programs and perhaps organizing outreach projects. The success of all such special days depends as much on the preparation made by the people as upon the plans of pastors.

The thing that distinguishes us from most other churches is the Sabbath. It is not only the feature of our private and church life which separates us from others, but is also the thing that unites us. It is this unifying bond which we emphasize on Sabbath Rally Day, along with a strong stimulation to bring others into this fellowship of faith.

What can all of us do in preparation for this day? Can there be a rally even where there is no local church? Every church and the Sabbath Promotion Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society stand ready to help absent members and friends as well as resident members prepare for the day and observe it significantly.

First of all, let us study the Scriptures, reviewing again all that the Bible says about when and how to observe God's holy day. This can be as thrilling as the first time you did it. Such a study may lead you to think of ways of presenting this much-needed truth to friends and acquaintances.

Second, you can make this a special day to be present at all the services with all your family if you are too far away for regular attendance.

Third, you can send a letter, a testimony of what the Sabbath means to you. This will help you and your church and may be just what some visitor at the service is longing to hear.

Most important of all, wherever you are you can be prepared to use some of the hours of the Sabbath, May 15, as

a time of personal witnessing preferably with tracts and special issue **Recorders**. It is a satisfying experience, more valuable perhaps than listening to a good sermon. Of course if the sermon is really good you will be impelled to put it into practice.

Materials and suggestions for observing Sabbath Rally Day have been sent to all pastors and will be shared with the leaders of children and young people. A tape-recorded Sabbath sermon is available for the first groups requesting it. Special two-color bulletin covers with a white steeple against a blue background have been purchased and imprinted with an appropriate responsive reading. They will reach the churches in time for use and sufficient quantity to be sent to the regular mailing list. These come by courtesy of the Tract Board, the sponsor of this special day.

Remember in prayer the board and all of its world-wide service to Sabbath-keeping individuals and groups. Remember also that our reason for putting something into the Sabbath is that God has put something into it for our good. Don't forget the theme which calls us to Sabbath promotion, "The Sabbath: Our Distinctive Witness."

Earthquake Relief Provided

An emergency airlift of 30 thousand pounds of blankets, medicines, and equipment for feeding stations for Chile's earthquake survivors went out from Miami International Airport for Santiago, Chile, it was announced by James MacCracken, executive director of Church World Service, overseas relief agency of the National Council of Churches.

Six hundred Chileans are reported missing in the earthquake of March 28, most of them of the village of El Cobre about 100 miles north of Santiago. The quake caused a dam above the village to break, releasing tons of accumulated mud and mining wastes.

Thirty-five thousand Chileans were left homeless by the quake when their adobe dwellings were shattered. In Valparaiso, Chile's second largest city, with 300,000 inhabitants, 40 per cent of the dwellings were declared unsafe following the severe tremor.

Letters to the Editor

Edinburg, Tex. — I thank you heartily for your editorials "Expecting Too Much..." and "Without an Interpreter" in the **Recorder** for March 29, which we just received. Also, we commend Pastor Bass' sermon on "How Far Can We Go in Ecumenism?" Such articles and sermon say things which need saying...

Birmingham, Ala.—I am not a member of your church, so what you do is really none of my business, I know. But I cannot help but be disturbed by the article by the Rev. Leroy Bass in the last issue (April 5). As I understand it you folks are considering merger with the American Baptists. This I would hate very much to see happen. The history of Seventh Day Baptists and their steadfastness to the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is very interesting to me. Really you people preserved the Sabbath for several hundred years. And it was a Seventh Day Baptist, Rachel Oakes Preston, who taught the Sabbath truth to the first Adventists. From that came the acceptance of the Sabbath and the Seventh-day Adventist church was born. I cannot see how you can even begin to think of merging with another church. You can be sure they would not accept the Sabbath. It would be a very, very sad thing for the Seventh Day Baptists to disappear after preserving the Sabbath for hundreds of years. Rather, I would like to see the Seventh Day Baptists go forth with renewed faith in the Sabbath and by means of evangelism reach out with the Sabbath message across these United States. I think our two churches should work together to spread the Sabbath message. I would like to see a Seventh Day Baptist Church as strong as the Adventist Church.

I hope you will not think I have entered into areas where I should not. I do enjoy the **Recorder** and shall continue to receive it.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 1, 1965

God Demands Obedience

Lesson Scripture: 1 Samuel 13: 5-14

May Special Issue

The **Sabbath Recorder** for May 10 will be a special issue edited by the director of evangelism, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, now helping to organize the evangelistic work in the area of the Pacific Coast Association.

What makes a special issue really special is first of all, the special editor with his new ideas and his careful selection of material. Readers will find that Mr. Lawton is really a special editor in this respect.

The purpose is special, not regular. Dated material and local news are omitted in order to devote all the space to enduring articles that meet life's problems and provide something appetizing for the non-Christian or non-Sabbathkeeper to read.

The May 10 issue will be outstandingly timely as well as sufficiently timeless to be used all through the summer. Of course it will be special as to color and cost. The publishing board gladly spends the extra money to make it special.

The other thing that is special is the opportunity to order quantities in advance. In fact, if orders are not sent before the first of May there can be no guarantee that you can get the quantities for distribution that you will want. We have one or two orders for 1,000 or more. Individuals in a church may pool their orders if they act immediately. It is surprising how easy it is to profitably use 100 copies. There is a special rate of \$8.50 per hundred, \$1.00 for 10, \$.15 per copy. Show your faith now; prove it by your works when the bundle arrives. Begin to use them on Sabbath Rally Day.

The Difference

For the Roman tradition it is the ministry which is the condition for Christ's presence in the church; for the Evangelical tradition it is the very Gospel which is the condition for that presence. For the Roman the Gospel is validated by the ministry; for the Evangelical the ministry is a consequence of the Gospel.

—Per Erik Persson.



These young teachers under the direction of Headmaster Courtland V. Davis constitute the faculty of Crandall High School in Kingston, Jamaica, during the current semester. Mrs. Davis, librarian and unofficial counselor and music teacher, helps students and faculty in many ways. The school seeks to impart knowledge and build character. Teachers left to right are Mrs. McDermott, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Henry, Mr. Ellison, Mrs. Samuels, and Mr. Brown

Kingston Mountain View Church

By the editor

There is a healthy attitude in the churches of Jamaica from which the older churches in the U.S. could learn a lesson. It is the lesson of branch churches clustering around the mother church. This plan is fostered throughout the island by Seventh Day Baptists. While we in America seem to have grave concern about keeping city churches alive the inner city church in Kingston rebuilds its house of worship and at the same time does its best to establish other churches within the city to reach the people of various areas. It is true that not all these branch groups show equal vigor and growth. One that has now been organized as a separate church is called Mountain View.

The facts are not readily at hand to tell the full story of Mountain View, of the problems that have beset the path, and of all the successes that have been achieved in the past year or two, but something can be said about the growth observed. When we were in Kingston six years ago we visited the new Mountain View group in their temporary meeting place. It was in the back yard of the evangelistic leader who had raised it up.

The building was makeshift: poles, used galvanized iron, and such other materials as could be gathered together at practically no cost. Its dirt floor was swept clean; its little pulpit was attractive; its backless, rough benches were filled with young adults and children. Here was a mission with much promise because its leadership was enthusiastic and hard working. There was a nucleus of members of the mother church living in the area. What changes a few years have brought in size, in meeting facilities and in organization!

The Mountain View branch of the Kingston church has now, as noted above, become an organized church (1962). It has acquired a fairly suitable location at the foot of Long Mountain in the eastern section of the city. Space is at a premium in this city of half a million, and the neighbors, business and residential, are crowded closer than desirable. A new permanent building has been erected, constructed of concrete blocks with tiled floor, as is now customary in nearly all the churches. It is not finished, to be sure. Few churches are. There is always something ahead in the building program, something to work for as funds are available, and they seem to become continuously available a little at a time. The

church building program on the island is an interesting story by itself.

The new location of the church is more central for our own people than the previous one and just as good for community outreach. What about the present size of the congregation? It is far greater than five years ago. The writer was not able to be present on a Sabbath morning but was asked to speak at an afternoon program called the Thirteenth Sabbath



Part of Sabbath afternoon congregation at the Mountain View church in Kingston

Program. On this occasion there was spirited children's singing of choruses ably led by Lloyd Smith, the local church evangelistic leader. This was followed by special numbers of music and other features presented by members and groups of the Sabbath School.

In our land such an afternoon program on a hot day (all days are hot in Kingston) would not attract all of the morning congregation. Perhaps the same is true of some Seventh Day Baptist churches in Jamaica, but the attendance this afternoon, when all the adults had arrived was about 110. The complete Sabbath School records on the chalk board (which are uniform in all the churches and indicate tardiness and offerings in each class) showed that there had been thirty visitors that morning (an unusual number). We understand that visitors become enrolled after three weeks and members are dropped from the attendance record if absent six weeks.

An attendance of over 100 on a Sabbath afternoon in a small church seemed

to this writer an evidence of vitality that would be hard to match anywhere either in Jamaica or in the United States. A deacon in the church informed us that thirty-four of those present were of his family, children and grandchildren. The membership is about 40 with some 60 children. The following Sabbath this deacon was himself absent preaching in another branch church in the city. In the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Jamaica most of the deacons are preachers and evangelists. Many also who are not deacons are capable preachers. Naval Harley, the appointed leader of the Mountain View Church, is a notable example. Laymen have to preach, for there are not enough pastors. One young pastor has eight preaching points in his circuit.

The Mountain View church is one that the mother church in the central part of the city can well be proud to have started. It has lost members by this division, but it is a happy loss which has not necessarily weakened it, for it, too, has good attendance. This process of organizing branches in the outlying districts of the city greatly increases the total attendance. Who who are in America may not have the same identical opportunities, but opportunities come only to those whose eyes are open to see them. Are our eyes getting old? Do we really want to see what is to be seen by those who are willing to do what ought to be done for children, youth and adults?

Perhaps a new day is dawning for our American churches. May the example of Jamaica help us to catch the vision of dedicated service in a program, not just of humanitarian work, but in the more central work of organizing and maintaining new churches. One of our assets is that the new director of evangelism for our country is the one under whose supervision such work as that described above was carried on in Jamaica. The writer in bringing greetings to the churches from "Pastor Lawton" found a ready response when he explained that they had loaned Pastor Lawton to the United States to promote an evangelistic and dedicated service program similar to what he had promoted on their island.

Administration Overhead

They say, "Figures don't lie." Someone has added, "But liars can figure." Without comment as to the category in which this writer should be placed he has been doing a little figuring as to actual administrative cost compared to the total budget of the Missionary Board. Some one has said that fifty per cent of OWM goes into administrative expense or, in other words, it takes a dollar to send a dollar. It is so?

The 1965 operating budget of the Missionary Society calls for an outlay of approximately \$75,500. Of this amount it is hoped that about \$20,000 will be received from invested funds, \$40,000 from OWM (undesignated), and around \$15,500 from specially designated giving (round figures). As to expenditures, the figures break down for 1965 as follows: Jamaica \$9,145, British Guiana \$8,690, Malawi \$14,940, Home Field \$26,745, and administration \$15,985. Total, \$70,505.

Administrative expense would appear to be 21 plus per cent of the total, according to these figures.

Some may contend that certain items on the home field should be included under administration. And over against that, some would contend that the corresponding secretary gives about one half of his time to "productive labors" other than administrative duties. And so it goes. Who is right and who is wrong? The writer will venture one timid suggestion: fifty per cent for administration doesn't look exactly right.

One Day's Class in Malawi

(Prepared by Rev. Paul S. Burdick, pastoral training instructor at Makapwa)

We found it not difficult, in studying the Sermon on the Mount, to approach intelligently some of the sayings of Jesus, such as, "turning the other cheek" and "going the second mile," for these are responses that the Africans have had to make through the centuries. Harassed by slave traders; often robbed of liberty and possessions by colonial powers; only recently to be given full liberty under native rulers—these things have produced a long-

suffering patience that only Christian leadership can direct into productive channels.

It was the turn of the youngest member of our class of budding preachers to give the five-minute sermon. In it he declared that the Old Testament law of an "eye for an eye" and a "tooth for a tooth" had to be replaced by, or fulfilled in the law of love as taught by Jesus Christ. This might even involve the receiving of an injury without striking back, but rather the following of the example of Jesus in praying for the enemy, and seeking for his conversion under Christian example and guidance.

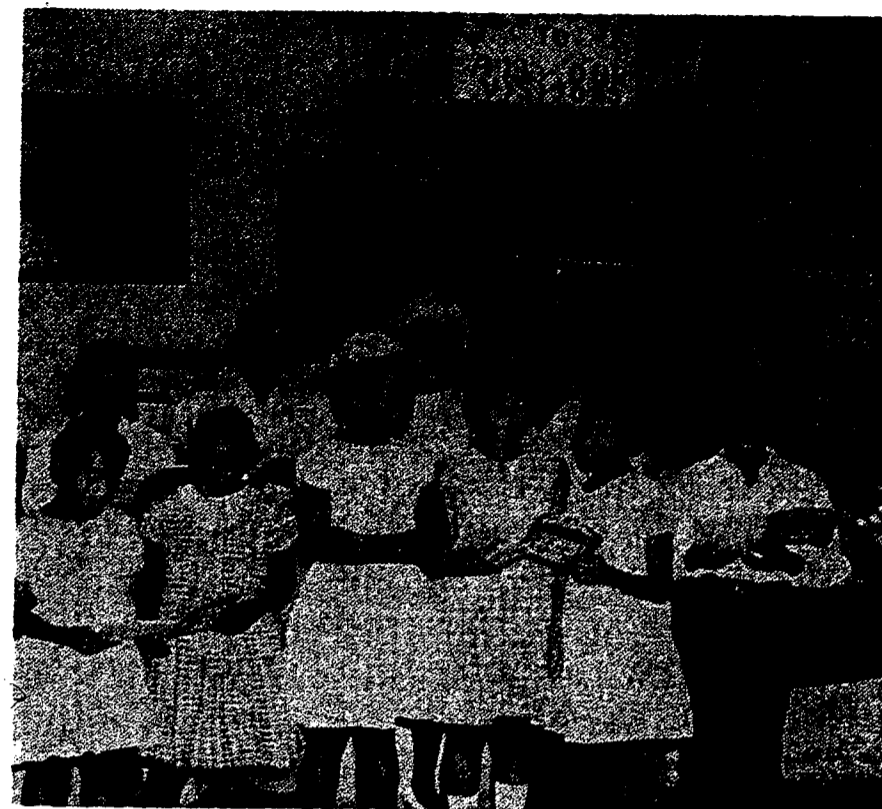
Lessons from the life of Gandhi, of Luthuli in South Africa, and of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia, helped them to understand what attitude the Christian of today might take in the face of aggression.

Some in the class had already suffered for their Christian witness, yet they were not resentful nor did they seem to bear any grudge against those who had done the wrong. They discussed thoroughly what might be done in case a bicycle were stolen, and decided that only as a last resort would they notify the police, but would hope that if the bicycle were found in the possession of someone, they would bring evidence of ownership, such as the license that is required in this country, and gently try to persuade the person who took it to return the bicycle to its rightful owner.

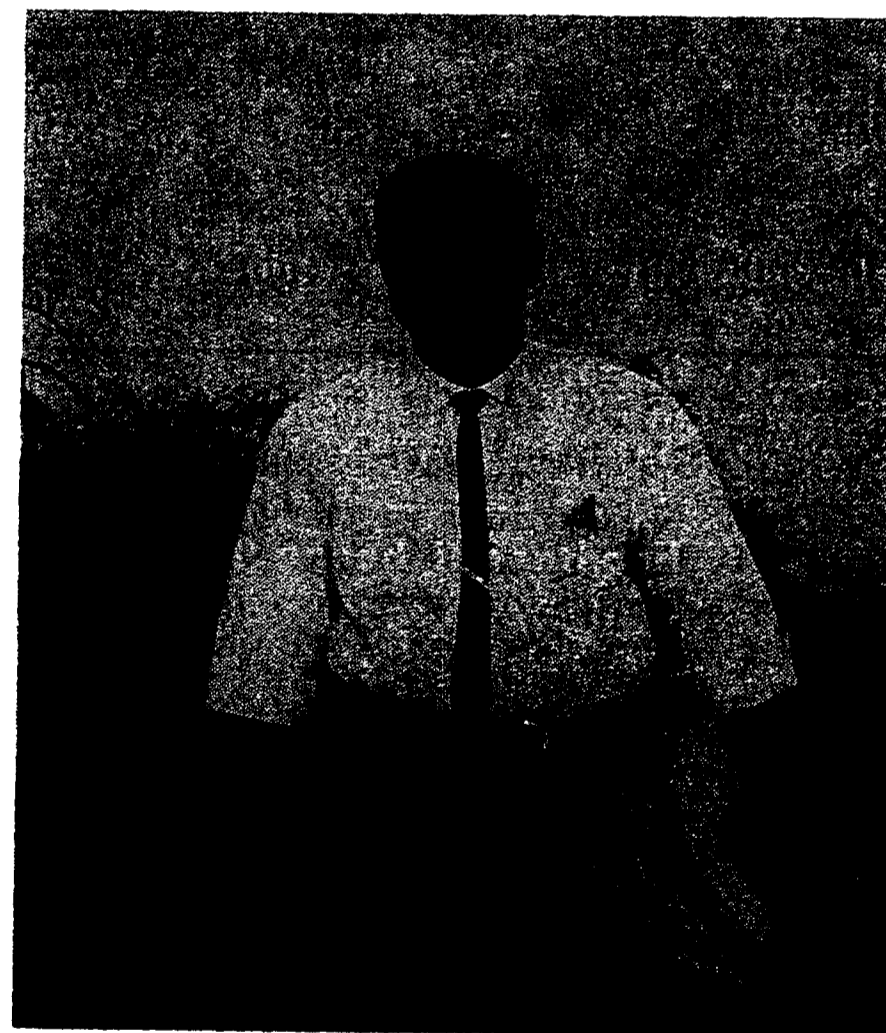
In the discussion involving "going the second mile," it was pointed out that according to Roman law, a soldier on a journey could compel a Jewish boy to carry his heavy pack for one mile. Then the boy, if he happened to be a Christian, could say, "Now I have complied with your request by carrying your pack for one mile. If you will let me carry it now for another mile, as a voluntary service, I should like to tell you about what the love of Jesus Christ has meant to me."

With publication of at least one book of the Bible in 1,232 languages, the Scriptures can potentially reach 95 per cent of the world's population — the greatest accomplishment in inter-language communication the world has known.

Jamaica Pictures



A performing junior choir group on the Thirtieth Sabbath Program at Mountain View.



Seventh Day Baptist young men in Jamaica are fitting into places of leadership. Here we caught Herlitz Condison, teacher in the College of Arts, Science and Technology at Kingston. He had just finished a class and was preparing for another. He is superintendent of the Sabbath School at the Charles Street church and a member of the Conference Board of Christian Education.

United Church Women

The implications of the Second Vatican Council for Christian women will be explored when some 1,000 Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic women gather Wednesday, April 28, for a special luncheon highlighting the three-day annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Council of Churches' Department of United Church Women.

The 125-member Board of Managers is the major policy-making body for United Church Women, which serves some 13 million Protestant and Orthodox women in 51 state and 2,300 local councils across the nation.

It is expected to consider resolutions dealing with poverty, race relations, and international affairs during the three-day meeting, the first Board of Managers meeting in New York City since 1947.

Sessions will open Tuesday, April 27, with an address by Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, on the NCC's interpretation program.

Two key reports are scheduled for Tuesday evening. One deals with the UCW "Assignment: Race" project and will summarize the experience of state and local councils in race relations efforts to date as well as their declarations of intent for future action in this area.

The second report will outline progress of Women in Community Service, Inc. (WICS), formed by women from UCW, National Council of Catholic Women, and National Council of Catholic Women and National Council of Jewish Women, to recruit and screen young women for the women's training centers in the federal Job Corps, a key phase of the President's war on poverty.

The Board of Managers will focus on international affairs in a Wednesday evening session at the Church Center.

Highlight of the Thursday program will be a report on "The Role of Women in a Changing Culture" which examines the status of women in the home, church, and society. Drawn up by a UCW committee, the report will be circulated to the 25 UCW member denominations for action.

The Incomparable Christ

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, and had neither training nor formal education.

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students.

He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot fired.

He never practiced psychiatry, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

Once each week the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshiping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The name of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. The names of the past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone; but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives.

Herod could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the living, personal Christ, our Lord and Savior.

We are either going to be forever with Him, or forever without Him. It was the incomparable Christ who said:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3: 20).

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14: 6).

For

"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2: 5).

Therefore

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 31).

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex S. Zwiebel

Spiritual Athletes?

"Frank N. Gardner in the February 21 issue of *The Christian* raises questions about the recruiting practices now being used by some theological seminaries. He outlines the sad story of the athlete recruiting policies of the universities and colleges over a period of years and then says, "The present trend in recruiting by theological institutions is in the same direction. Starting rather simply a few years ago seminaries are adopting more and more the recruiting practices already well known in the intercollegiate athletic circles. There is the rush of recruiters to colleges and universities—so much so that advisors of colleges of liberal arts often lament the time necessitated to arrange conferences with prospective students for the recruiters as week by week these storm the campus—the blue chip theological student is as much sought

after as the blue chip athlete." From *News Notes*.

Seventh Day Baptists are not in danger of using unfair methods of recruiting theological students. What we wonder is, are we on the local scene doing anything at all about getting recruits for our Training Center? It appears that we will have a full complement of students as far as furnished funds are concerned this next year, but what we need is several young men just out of high school to be pointed toward the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. The need is just as great now as it ever has been. Pastorless churches, areas where we have no churches, the decline in morality, the threat of another world holocaust—these cry out for dedicated, hard-working leaders who will meet the challenges head-on.

Are we helping Dean Skaggs recruit?

Quotable Quote

"What happens in the classroom is important but unless we also help children and young people to find themselves in the whole life and work of the church, what we do in the classroom may turn out to be more of an inoculation than an education."

—Virgil E. Foster, editor, *The International Journal of Religious Education*, March, 1965.

Planned Parenthood

The appointment of William D. Strong as Planned Parenthood Consultant of the Church World Service Department of the National Council of Churches was announced March 19 in a move to provide the first full-time, worldwide co-ordination of the overseas family planning programs of the major Protestant denominations.

"Family planning is not just a service activity. It is a mixture of spiritual and material help," said Mr. Strong.

Although the initial stages of this CWS effort involve providing major supplies of contraceptives, it is not CWS's purpose to continue large-scale material aid permanently but to introduce the concept of family planning, he stated.

The Protestant Minister: His Ordeals and His Triumphs

What is the role of the Protestant minister in America today? Is he preacher, fund raiser, healer or man for all seasons? To find the answer, *The Saturday Evening Post* interviewed and watched today's new breed of ordained men who must make meaningful the mystery of the risen Christ. How can the American minister relate Christ's teachings to a country of people who feel their very existence is empty! How can he challenge people who want therapeutic sermons, a sincere smile and an assurance that "God loves you"? What is the most formidable task facing the minister today? Is the Church becoming too institutionalized? Learn what ministers across America are doing to provoke complacent congregations. How they are working to break down a stereotype image. What they are doing to expand the mission of the Church in America: Read a report of vital importance, "The American Minister" in the April 24 issue of *The Saturday Evening Post* — on sale now.

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Recorder Survey Analysis

(Third in a series of four)

We continue the printing of the analysis of the answers to the **Sabbath Recorder** questionnaire worked out by Dr. Frederick Shippey of Drew University. The first two installments were in the issues of April 5 and 12 and had to do with the profile of respondents and their attitude toward the announced purposes of our denominational journal. This segment of the analysis attempts to evaluate the responses having to do with content, in some respects much more interesting because it is central to the survey and the answers come from readers rather than non-readers. The final installment will take up the effectiveness of the **Recorder** in fulfilling its purposes. There will also be a recapitulation and summary.

II. CONTENT

Here responses divide roughly into two parts: reactions to content by readers and by non-readers. The former (note questions 6, 7, and 8) are greatly interested in church and denominational events. Relatively minor interest is expressed in editorials, sermons, and so forth. Readers turn first of all in greatest numbers to news of the churches. Fewer readers start an issue by reading editorials, vital statistics, material on missions, or sermons. Consistent with this pattern, some readers receive stimulation for spiritual growth and intellectual challenge.

The general response to questions touching content shift some of the emphasis into another direction. Respondents want no change in space devoted to editorials, book reviews, and ecumenical materials. Less space should be devoted to dialogue. Further, an increased amount of space is urged for the denominational program, evangelistic articles, Christian education, Baptist distinctives, women's work, Conference news, sermons, missions, stewardship (OWM), Sabbath promotion, church news, and vital statistics. However, among these many elements greatest interest for increased space embraces especially **denominational program, evangelistic articles, Christian education, Sabbath promotion and church news.** On these five topics a strong mandate is given. Moreover,

strong interest is shown in (1) "a letter to-the-Editor column," (2) advice on **teen-age problems**, and (3) emphasis on **family problems**.

The write-in responses called for articles dealing with public affairs and social issues as well as challenging articles treating co-operation with non-Baptist groups. These requests were aimed at making the **Sabbath Recorder** a more challenging paper in depth and in variety of content.

In a summary of reactions to the substantive content of the **Sabbath Recorder**, the following generalizations can be made: (1) no substantial change in editorials, book reviews, and ecumenical materials; (2) great expansion of space containing denominational program and church news, Sabbath promotion, evangelism and Christian education; (3) added attention to materials treating public affairs and social issues; (4) new features recommended for consideration include a Letters-to-the-Editor column and advice on teen-age and family problems. These are the main issues.

Mission 65 at Denver Church

By Rev. Albert Rogers

Mission 65 in Colorado with Dr. Lewis H. V. (Pete) May assisting local leaders through the five-day period, March 6-10, proved a refreshing experience for the Boulder and Denver churches.

Dr. May, who is an active member of the Riverside church, also interested in denominational concerns, flew to Denver from his home in Temple City, Calif., leaving his practice in the hands of associates. His Mission 65 messages dealt with his privileges and sense of responsibility as a Seventh Day Baptist and the application of personal freedom and Sabbathkeeping in contemporary problems. With his training as a physician he was able to help teen-agers with questions concerning social and moral behavior in a number of informal meetings arranged.

The Evangelism Department of the Denver church with Daryl D. White, chairman, planned the mission in co-operation with the pastor and lay leaders of the Boulder church and with financial

support from the Mid-Continent Association. Sabbath day was spent in enjoyment of Seventh Day Baptist faith and fellowship with an exchange of lay leadership sharing in the services of the two churches. The Denver choir sang a Sabbath closing vesper service in Boulder. A workshop on Sunday focused attention on the objectives, methods, and problems of "friendship evangelism" in a five-hour session for lay leaders.

The remainder of the mission period was spent in group and individual conferences, including youth meetings and cottage conferences each evening in selected homes in different areas of metropolitan Denver.

Statistical reports of the mission include: 172 direct mailings, 75 telephone calls, 34 press and radio news releases resulting in 17 column inches of coverage in local daily and weekly papers, 26 group and personal conferences and 16 lay members accepting special assignments. Aggregate attendance is estimated to have been just under 400. Dr. May is continuing some of his contacts by correspondence. The diaconates of the churches, Rev. Mynor G. Soper and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastors, will be occupied for some time evaluating the mission impact.

Suggested Conditions for Poverty-War Grants to Church Groups

Conditions under which grants from the government's Office of Economic Opportunity are made to church groups for use in the "war on poverty" have been suggested by Glenn L. Archer to the office of Director R. Sargent Shriver. Mr. Archer is executive director of Protestant and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Under the Economic Opportunity Act religious agencies and institutions are eligible for Federal grants provided the money is not used to finance religious instruction or to construct buildings for that purpose.

Conditions which Mr. Archer outlined as a guide for local leaders are as follows:

1. No person seeking employment or seeking to enroll children for an anti-

poverty project should be required to do so through a church or other sectarian office or facility.

2. No religious symbols should be displayed in a room where a class or project is conducted, and no teachers or staff should wear religious garb while conducting classes or projects.

3. No religious test should be used in the selection of teachers, staff, or pupils for any project receiving anti-poverty grants.

4. No person employed in a project receiving anti-poverty funds; and no person receiving the benefits of such funds (for example, a child receiving pre-school training) should receive religious instruction or be involved in any religious or devotional service during, immediately before, or immediately following the project."

"The last provision should be made," Mr. Archer declared, "so as not to create the impression that the project is a part of a religious program."

These conditions were outlined by Mr. Archer after learning of a proposal for a pre-school summer session in Kansas City, Mo. The plan was developed by the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Mexican-American Organization for Progress. The Federal Government designated Kansas City as one of the reported 300 cities involved in the early program.

The Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese plan calls for three schools for pre-kindergarten children each beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m. five days a week. Each of the three programs would be held at Roman Catholic parochial schools and would run July 5-Aug. 30. Plans are being drawn up also for a permanent pre-school program to operate through the entire school year.

Grants for operation of such programs will be made late in May.

In outlining the conditions which he feels should be met, Mr. Archer said, "In view of the fact that the Economic Opportunity Act does not provide adequate protection for the preservation of church-state separation, local leaders should be encouraged to take the initiative required in setting up these safeguards."

College News

Milton—Dr. Kenneth Smith who joined the Milton College faculty in September of 1963 to teach philosophy was advanced to the position of chairman of the Humanities Division and chairman of the Philosophy and Religion Department. The new acting president of the college has announced that Dr. Smith has been named Dean of Academic Affairs, effective the week of April 4. The Rev. Mr. Smith earned his doctor's degree while pastor of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Salem—A meeting of Salem alumni was held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building Sunday afternoon, April 11, under the leadership of Harley D. Bond. A number of graduates residing in the area were able to attend. Other such meetings are being held in areas where there are former students.

The officers of the National Guard were pictured in a recent **Salem Herald** discussing with President K. Duane Hurley the possibility of inaugurating a "Guard" R.O.T.C. program on the Salem campus. The president commented favorably and expressed appreciation that the program would provide some monetary help for participating men, thus helping some to graduate who otherwise could not do so.

Shiloh Church Rededicated

The Seventh Day Baptist church at Shiloh, N. J., was closed during part of March for redecoration of the auditorium, refinishing the floor, and the installation of new lighting fixtures. On April 10 the rededication service included the following statement and concluding prayer:

"We rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of His people to redecorate and to install new lights in this sacred old church which was first dedicated and set apart in 1851 for the worship of Almighty God and the service of mankind. While we realize that the walls of any temple made and decorated by the hands of man cannot contain the Spirit of God, and while we know the brightest light is but a dim reminder of the true Light that came into the world, let us

as we are assembled here solemnly dedicate anew this place to its proper and sacred uses."

Unison Prayer

"We the people of this church and congregation, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensitive to the sacrifices of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do here this day dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Social Gospel Dead

Kyle Haselden, editor of **Christian Century**, addressing the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said that in the area of the church the social gospel was already dead 25 years ago.

"We need not mourn the death of the social gospel movement, but we must lament the passing of its spirit and its concern," the religious editor said.

The social gospel movement in the first part of the 20th century emphasized that the way to bring the world to God is for the church to minister to social needs of mankind and improve economic and social conditions. Haselden said that a major reason for the movement's death was the lack of theological motivation.

Honest Doubts

In a book **The Case of D. M. Canright** by Norman Douty, the author makes a significant statement relative to the doubts Elder Canright had periodically in the Adventist church: "But doubts emanate from God as well as from Satan. God instills them in the mind regarding error, as Satan instills them regarding truth. They are, therefore, to be entertained in the former case, and to be withstood in the latter only" (p. 74).

Peace Organization

If China is admitted to the United Nations it will be a case of a war-loving nation shooting its way into the world peace organization, says John Stoessinger, political science professor.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.—On Youth Sabbath, February 6, the young people took charge of the church service. It featured the "Special News Report—WSDB" which was well presented and informative. At 11:30, the same Sabbath, the young people presented the same program at the Albion church, with their young people assisting.

On Thursday evening, March 18, our church was host to the community Lenten service. The speaker was Rev. J. Ellsworth Kalas, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Madison.

The High Climbers Class is busy making money for the campers and Pre-Con fund. At least 80 cherry pies have been sold. A chicken supper was served in the church basement Sunday night, March 28, with seventy adults and children enjoying the delicious supper.

The Ladies Aid meets twice a month. So far this year we have sewed carpet rags, mended, tied quilts, served two dinners, and had several teas.

—Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—In observance of Brotherhood Week our congregation attended the Sunday evening service at the Negro Second Baptist Church in Battle Creek. Pastor Fatato brought the message, and our choir sang two anthems. There was an enjoyable fellowship hour following the meeting. Their congregation had previously attended a Friday evening service in our church.

Pastor Fatato, Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, and Mrs. Milburn Jones, with the financial help of the Ladies Aid, attended a workshop at Green Lake, Wis., March 31-April 2, for camp directors and staff. They returned full of new ideas and enthusiasm for our coming camp season, which starts June 13.

Our annual Candlelight Communion Service was held Friday night April 2, with greetings and testimonies from many nonresident members. Our correspondence committee does a fine job each year in contacting those unable to attend and inviting them to send a message.

After a lapse of many years, a church orchestra has again been formed. Dr.

Ellis Johanson is the director. They recently had charge of a Friday night vesper.

We are all happy to know that our Parish House is now paid for in full. A mortgage-burning ceremony and dedication service is planned for June 5. Under the direction of the pastor, and with young people making up most of his crew, the old garage and its upstairs apartment behind the Parish House have been razed to provide much-needed off-street parking next to the church.

For the past several years commercial enterprises have been moving into the neighborhood of our parsonage, which is about a mile from the church. The church has given an option on the parsonage property to interested commercial developers, and at the April 4 business meeting the Long-Range Planning Committee and trustees were instructed to start looking for a new parsonage.

Also in our plans is a new boys' dormitory for Camp Holston. A member has offered to finance the complete cost, and proposed plans are to be brought to the July business meeting. It is expected that construction will be started in the fall, with all volunteer labor.

Our church is completing plans for entertaining Ministers Conference April 28-May 3. We look forward to this occasion to meet many of our ministers and are holding Northern Association meetings during part of the same time, May 1, so that our sister churches in White Cloud and Jackson Center may also share in this experience. Mrs. Claire Merchant, Route 1, Box 372, is housing chairman.

Wayne Babcock of the North Loup church will be our assistant pastor this summer. He and his family will be occupying the upper apartment at the Parish House during their stay in Battle Creek.

Another action taken at the April business meeting was to grant the request of the Rev. Leon Lawton to hold the training school for the young people who have volunteered for the summer Christian Service Corps, in the Battle Creek church in June. — Correspondent.

The American Bible Society assists in the distribution of Scriptures in 126 languages of the greater India area.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for March 1965

	Treasurer's		Boards' 6 Mos.		Treasurer's		Boards' 6 Mos.
	March	6 Mos.			March	6 Mos.	
Adams Center		\$ 298.75		Memorial Fund..		1,518.93	
Albion	\$ 68.00	219.00		Metairie		40.00	
Alfred 1st	635.50	3,983.00		Middle Island	78.00	202.00	
Alfred 2nd	246.75	1,144.40		Milton	1,058.05	4,410.40	60.00
Algiers				Milton Junction..	102.80	766.90	
Assoc. & Groups			\$1,390.96	New Auburn	24.14	160.64	
Battle Creek	521.74	3,308.68	50.00	North Loup		334.17	36.15
Bay Area		203.00		Nortonville	147.00	979.50	50.00
Berlin		839.49	81.02	Old Stonefort ...	25.00	133.00	
Boulder	71.40	188.70		Paint Rock	150.00	150.00	
Brookfield, 1st ..	50.00	158.00		Pawcatuck	478.75	2,897.50	55.00
Brookfield, 2nd ..	44.00	49.00		Plainfield	734.60	3,019.80	
Buckeye Fellow- ship	50.00	75.00		Putnam County ..			
Buffalo		265.00		Richburg	214.00	600.50	
Chicago	60.00	615.00	15.00	Ritchie	25.00	60.00	
Daytona Beach ..	95.00	927.00	165.03	Riverside	721.18	1,883.87	34.83
Denver	131.35	789.13	25.00	Roanoke	20.00	70.00	
DeRuyter	16.00	298.00		Rockville	29.93	248.85	50.00
Dodge Center ...	84.10	548.42		Salem		1,550.00	
Edinburg				Salemville	14.00	87.92	106.00
Farina	135.50	254.40		Schenectady ...		66.05	
Fouke		102.50		Shiloh	802.47	3,804.29	5.00
Hammond		30.00		Syracuse	15.00	15.00	
Hebron, 1st	69.60	355.50		Texarkana		69.00	
Hopkinton 1st ..	126.75	1,261.56	5.00	Trustees of Gen. Conf.		105.00	
Hopkinton 2nd ..		59.00	400.00	Verona	242.30	856.36	217.00
Houston		43.54		Walworth	100.00	180.00	25.00
Independence ...	72.50	562.00		Washington		87.00	
Individuals	20.00	295.00	43.00	Washington People's		125.00	
Irvington		400.00	32.00	Waterford	100.40	645.10	12.30
Jackson Center ..				White Cloud	65.33	394.02	
Kansas City	30.57	216.57		Women's Society			
Little Genesee ...		575.22	10.00	Yonah Mt.		70.00	
Little Rock	4.70	136.50					
Los Angeles	320.00	1,650.00	15.00	Total	\$8,707.17	\$47,982.56	\$2,883.29
Los Angeles, Christ's		25.00		Non-budget ...	301.18		
Lost Creek	400.00	800.00		Total to disburse	\$9,008.35		
Marlboro	305.76	1,775.40					

MARCH DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 627.93
Historical Society	37.69
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund.)..	820.93
Ministerial Education	513.76
Missionary Society	4,131.06
Tract Society	1,013.75
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	342.44
Women's Society	110.84
World Fellowship & Service	104.77
General Conference	1,254.00
Church World Service	51.18

Total

S U M M A R Y

1964-1965 OWM Budget	\$113,899.00
Receipts for 6 months	
OWM Treasurer's	\$47,982.56
Boards'	2,883.29
Total	50,865.85
Amount due in 6 months	\$ 63,033.15
Needed per month	\$10,505.53
Percentage of year elapsed	50 %
Percentage of budget raised	44.66%

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

April 4, 1965.

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