SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 24, 1965 Christians Grow Through Study Lesson Scripture: Acts 17: 10-12; 2 Tim. 3: 10-17

Accessions

Alfred Station, N.Y.

By Baptism:
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Yvonne Mattison
Karen Palmiter
Robert Perkins
Richard Woodruff

Daytona Beach, Fla.

By Letter: Mrs. Mack E. (Jeanne) O'Neil

By Profession of Faith: Mrs. Robert (Anne) Pike

Births

Ellis.—A son, Timothy Scot, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ellis (Luan Sutton) on December 14, 1964.

Aldrich.—A daughter, Jill Maureen, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Aldrich (Helena Knox) on April 5, 1965.

Sutton.—A son, Steven Lyle, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Sutton (Betty Pierce) on April 7, 1965.

Hagan.—A daughter, Julia Dawn, to Grant and Joan Hagan of Angola, Indiana, on May 13, 1965.

Obituaries

Burdick.— Blanche Merritt, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dwight R. Merritt, and wife of deacon Earl D. Burdick, was born in Ashaway, R. I., August 6, 1889, and died at her home in Orlando, Fla., on June 19, 1965.

She was married to Earl Burdick on June 21, 1911. The moved to Florida and joined the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter from First Hopkinton in 1950. For several years she served as organist of the church until failing health caused her to give it up. She maintained a loyalty to her church and was as faithful in attendance as the miles and failing health would permit.

She is survived by her husband, Earl; by a niece, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Austin; and by a

nephew, R. Merritt Kenyon.

Fuental services were held in the Carey-Hand
Funeral Home in Orlando, with the Rev. S.
Kenneth Davis and the Rev. George H. Carlton
officiating. — S. K. D.

Clarke.— N. Celestia Crandall, daughter of Maxson A. and Mary S. Crandall, was born August 23, 1880, and passed away at her home in Independence, N. Y., on June 16, 1965.

She was united in marriage with Floyd C. Clarke on November 8, 1906. Mr. Clarke preceded her in death three years ago.

In early life she was baptized and joined the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church of which she has remained an active and a faithful member. Even though she was handicapped in going outside her home, she always found an opportunity to be of service to others. Her hands were never idle, and wherever there was sickness or misfortune in her community she was there with a helping hand. She was a home nurse to all who called upon her.

Mrs. Clarke was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, of the Home Bureau, and served as Trustee of the District School at Independence for a time.

There survive a son, Decatur, and his wife, of Independence; three grandsons, Gerald of Corning, N. Y., Wally, serving with the United States Navy in Japan, and Maxson, at home; a sister, Mrs. Grace C. Spicer of Andover, N. Y.; a brother, E. Rogers Crandall of Bath, N. Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted at the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, June 19, with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren officiating. Interment was in the Independence Cemetery. — H. S. W.

Pierce.—Deacon Frederick J., son of John and Mary Pierce, was born in the Town of Alfred, N. Y., July 23, 1884, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., June 23, 1965.

He was united in marriage with Miss Edna Saunders of Richburg, N. Y., May 6, 1909. To this union were born two sons: Lloyd W. and Donald S., both of Alfred Station, N. Y. Besides his wife and two sons, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Leon Lewis of Alfred Station; two brothers, Dr. Harrison Pierce of La Mirada, Calif., and Ira Pierce of Alfred Station; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

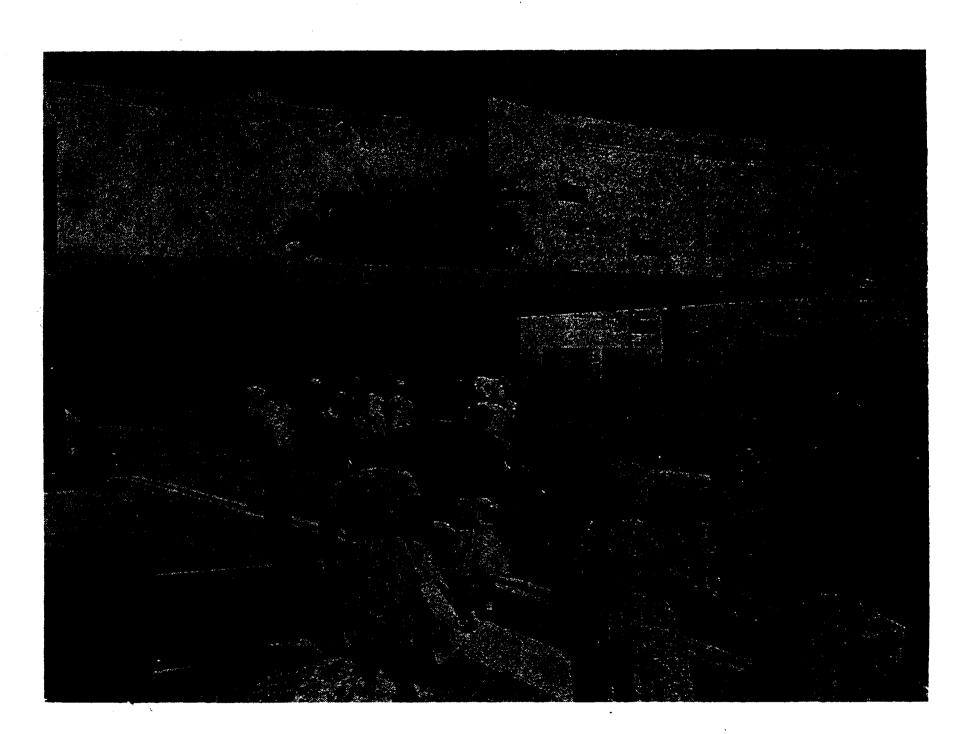
Mr. and Mrs. Pierce (farmers) made their home successively in Richburg, East Valley, and Railroad Valley. After retiring from the farm he was employed by Alfred University supervising maintenance, from which work he retired in 1959.

Mr. Pierce was baptized and joined the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church in March, 1898. He had been attending Junior Christian Endeavor Society meetings, and during evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. George B. Shaw was led to make his decision for Christ. He was ordained a deacon of the Alfred Station Church in 1912. He also served as its clerk for thirty-two years.

Memorial services were conducted at the Alfred Station Church on Sabbath afternoon, June 26, 1965, with the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and the Rev. Hurley S. Warren officiating. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

— H. S. W.

The Sabbath IRecorder



Going to Meeting at Miami

The morning sun at Miami Beach casts its sharp shadows as many kinds of Baptists from many lands are caught by the official photographer streaming into the great auditorium under the friendly supervision of traffic policemen. The morning attendance was estimated at 8-10,000 as a usual thing. Though not advertised as a missionary conference the Congress meeting did much to enlarge the world horizons of all who thoughtfully listened and participated.

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How the Other Half Lives A Glimpse of Military Service

From time to time it is good to stop and think of life in the military service so that we can broaden our outlook and enlarge our hearts to take in the problems and joys of a large segment of the young manhood of our nation—and their families. There is no better place to see this other side of life than to spend several hours on consecutive evenings observing the men in uniform (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines) coming and going at the main East Coast air transport point for servicemen, McGuire Air Force Base, across the way from Fort Dix, N. J.

Here one sees not only all sorts of uniforms and all kinds of people, but a wide range of feelings, attitudes, and philosophies of life. Some can be casually observed; other things come out only in conversation. At one end of the terminal one sees the arriving passengers, enlisted men, officers, families who have finished a tour of duty somewhere in Europe. Some of them are tired from a six- or eighthour flight over the Atlantic but most of them are happy to be back in the homeland. A few on emergency leave have anxiety on their faces and are making arrangements as rapidly as possible to continue their journey. Some, but not many, have family and friends living close enough to be on hand to greet them. There is not much chance to get more than a glimpse of the feelings of these returning servicemen, doctors, nurses, soldiers, sailors; they are soon on their way.

On the other end of the building one sees another side of military life. Luggage is strung the length of the room waiting for the plane to be called. Some of the people have been waiting for days for available space on a plane that will take them back to some part of Europe to join their unit or to join their families after being called home perhaps on emergency leave. The feelings vary. There is time to share them in this waiting period.

There is, for instance, the tall Puerto Rican sergeant who was called from Germany back to his native island and has cut his emergency leave short because he is now worried about his wife and children in Europe.

We talk to a grey-haired master sergeant who retired two years ago and now has joined again because the military life is in his blood and there is a place for him in a unit in Germany. With him are his wife, a 19-year-old son with an Elvis Presley haircut, and a happy 17-year-old daughter thrilled with what she can learn in a foreign country.

The plane for Spain is called, and the line of Naval airmen in white uniforms make the bulk of the load. One man takes his leave of a tearful mother and kisses his girl friend goodbye. When men are well out toward the plane, it seems an opportune time to join the father and mother to break the tension and the silence of pent-up feelings. This is the first son to go overseas and parting is not easy. We find that her youngest child is but eight days old. They had made a four-hour drive to say their goodbye. The girl? She can hardly compose herself enough to talk but she ask another servicemen what it is like in Spain. He doesn't know, but he tells her there is something she can do that will help; she can keep the letters flying across the sea. He knows what mail means when you are far from home.

The time slips by as other men, names unknown, tell of their problems and aspirations as they wait for the midnight plane. One young man has had six or eight years of service and wants to go on. Another with a similar time of duty has come to realize how much his parents mean to him and how difficult it is going to be for him to give his wife and child a normal life. Family relations are strong; he will not stay after his present assignment.

So we sample a little bit of life without doing any preaching and are happy to be thanked for the conversations. Perhaps the recounting of these glimpses into a few lives may kindle in the hearts of all of us a desire to be more interested in people — especially the thousands of people scattered around the world in the service of their country.

Illegal Conversions in Israel

The Orthodox rabbis in Israel have long agitated for an anticonversion law to keep Christians from making any attempt through schools or otherwise to influence Israeli children to become Christians. In September of 1963 hundreds of Yesheva (Orthodox religious) students "raided" missionary schools in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa in an effort to frighten the Jewish children into dropping out of those schools. This was enough pressure to get the parliament to pass the anticonversion law for which they had previously showed little enthusiasm.

The law is very strict, allowing for a six-month prison term for anyone who makes a direct attempt to convert minors without meeting the law's requirement. Among the requirements for a minor "to convert" is the written consent of both his parents and, if over ten years of age, his own consent. This last provision must be aimed at something other than Protestant churches, for to us it would be impossible for anyone to be converted without his own consent, and to change from one religion to another would in most cases be unthought of for one as young as ten years. But to deny the opportunity for a youth to study another religion and accept it if he is convinced that it is truth is an arbitrary and unjustifiable attitude for a modern government to take. We will hope that Israel will see the backwardness of this legislation and will repeal it.

Have these Orthodox leaders studied their own history? Don't they know that in the first century their religious leaders were such zealous proselyters that Jesus said of them: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte..." (Matt. 23: 15). Can't they see that it is the love of Christ that constrains Christians to conduct mission schools in every land, including Israel? It is not hatred of the Jew or disrespect for the faith of Judaism, but the desire to share with all the blessings the Christians have found in the Messiah's first coming.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Doing Something About Moral Decay

A new book 26 Years on the Losing Side is being published and distributed by the American Tract Society of Oradell, N. J. The title sets one thinking, especially when it is learned that the author is a veteran New York police officer, Deputy Inspector Conrad S. Jensen. Can he mean by the title and by the story inside that his time as police inspector was twentysix years on the losing side in the battle against crime and for moral rightness? That is what this book, described as fascinating, apparently states. The Tract Society in bringing out this book says of it, "The chilling realities of life are clearly etched, while, at the same time, the Scriptural solutions are penetratingly applied."

In addition to the general call for this book dealing with moral decay, the Tract Society's special project to send free copies to an estimated 10,000 prominent Federal officials offers Christians a tangible means of publicly expressing their concern. A gift of one dollar sent to the address above will take care of mailing two copies.

Power Purchasers

The Far East Broadcasting Company, dedicated to winning souls and raising social standards around the world through a balanced gospel broadcasting program is seeking to install five 50,000-watt transmitters so that it can beam the message with a strong voice to five areas simultaneously. The first additional transmitter of that power at Manila is nearing completion.

It is interesting to note that when the radio station is built by the gifts of Christian people and maintained in the same way without thought of profit the cost of transmitting at 50,000 watts is only \$5 per hour. FEBC reminds those interested in its work that they can be "power purchasers." June 13 was set aside as a prayer day for all the missionary radio stations around the world.

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MEMORY TEXT

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10: 12, 13.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR More Thoughts on Merger

Have been noticing in the Recorder where the Seventh Day Baptists are considering merging with the large First Day Baptist group. Also have noticed some interesting letters in regard to this in the Recorder. From the very first mention I thought of writing to you but just put off doing so.

In some instances merger and the like is very good and in order, but in most cases it is not so. And I believe this is one where it is not for the good. Our Lord taught while He was here on the earth that the way to destruction is the broad way and a great number would take that way. And narrow was the right way and few would walk that way. Also He taught that as years went by there would be less and less doing His will and teaching such, and if the time would not be shortened there would not be any saved who would be living when He comes again.

These and many other teachings of the Holy Word do not point to the rightness and progressive way in unequal yoking ourselves with such groups. If the Sabbath is holy time created by our Father in heaven, blessed, sanctified, and made holy, just as holy as He Himself, then to transgress and misuse it is as great a sin as cursing God or taking His name in vain. Our Savior and the Holy Bible teach very plainly that if we are guilty of one unrepented sin then we are as guilty and hopeless as if we were not even righteous in anything. If there were no other false teaching or evil act in other groups that is enough to keep us apart.

—Jerome Boyd, Woodbury, Pa. Editor's note: We regret that space is not available for entire letter.

Like a Bee in the Bonnet

Harley D. Bond

There remains but three months in our Conference year. The report from the OWM treasurer shows need for slightly over \$41,000 to meet our budget. Can we do it? Dare we do it? To the first question the answer is "yes." With all putting their shoulders to the wheel it not only can be done, we dare to do it, and it will be done. The final answer lies with each of us—just how deeply we feel in our minds, and hearts, and souls the need, and our response.

Today more young folks are looking toward the Seventh Day Baptist ministry than at any recent time in our history; the call is insistent for help in our missions and in new fields such as Burma, where a new conference with three churches and 311 members challenges us; the times are pregnant with opportunities for service for our young people and their elders in promoting education with a Christian flavor; and the needs of emerging peoples with their demands for equality excite our sympathy and our admiration. Has there ever been a time when the challenge has been so great?

While we may not all take part in all the events which stir our souls we can all do our part to see that others as well as we may participate. We dare do nothing fess. Yes, we can, we dare, and we will assist by meeting our financial obligations, and will encourage others to participate in these exciting events if we have the minds, the hearts, and the souls to meet the challenge.

Smoke over Mississippi

When the Evangelical Press Association, having a membership of 149 publications, met in Chicago in mid-May it awarded the Baptist Record first honor for an editorial by Joe T. Olde of Jackson, Miss., entitled "Smoke over Mississippi." The editorial which appeared last fall in the state paper sparked a campaign to rebuild burned Negro churches. The Associated Church Press with 165 member publications meeting May 5-7 in Ottawa, Canada, had also given that editorial top honors.

Witness to the Truth In a Secular Society

By L. M. Maltby*

To what extent can our witness be "Thus saith the Lord" to a real world of commercial and technological life in which the Bible seems irrelevant?

This is a good question, with which every kind of Baptist must come to grips. We in America and those in Europe may think that we have to struggle with it a little sooner and a little more deeply than others but it is doubtful if this is true at the present time. The Christian leaders in emergent nations are aware that the commercial, technological life is bursting in their nations with a rapidity that leaves their people much less time to achieve balance and perspective than we enjoyed. Brazil, for example, pretty much skipped the railroad age in the development of its country, jumping from ox cart to airplane in transportation. Other nations experiencing a quick change in economic and political growth have been tempted to adopt a completely materialistic outlook on life which makes the "Thus saith the Lord" an idea foreign to their new thought patterns and undermines the relevance of the Bible. They haven't had time to come to a full realization of the need of the spiritual to balance and give meaning to the material. Thus we who have had more time to reflect on these things must speed up our thinking and help ourselves and them to find answers that will really satisfy before it is too late for those asking.

If there is one thing that we have learned with the extra time that God has given to some of us who live in such countries as this one, it is that there soon comes a deep cry from the hearts

^{*} These remarks were given in part at the panel discussion at a plenary session of the Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach. The subject was assigned. The moderator, Dr. Adams, who presided over the Baptist Jubilee at Atlantic City last year, took pains to identify Seventh Day Baptists when calling on the speaker. Other panelists included representatives from the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Scandinavia, and the United States.

of men for something more enduring, more sure, more solid and more authoritative than can be found in a life that is materialistically oriented. It comes back, whether they realize it or not, to the prophetic, analytical word of Christ, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Man who has thought he had all he needed to fill his life with goodness has found it strangely empty. With his stomach full, his heart is empty and he cries insistently for the living bread. Our preoccupation with technology should be viewed not as an indication of the irrelevancy of the gospel message but of its need and relevance. The minutiae of what we are so involved in during our week of labor drives us to seek completeness and wholeness in our moments of meditation and especially on the one day of rest and worship. If ever we needed a "Thus saith the Lord," it is now.

But how far can we go with it in this age? We may not be able to thunder those words like a voice from Sinai to unprepared minds. The message of God at the mountain of the law had to come through Moses and prophets just as the message of Pentecost had to be filtered through the minds of such men as Peter and Paul to effectively transform hearts and lives. So it must be today. We may not be able to use exactly the same words in our age but we must have the same intent — to produce today what the New Testament message sought to produce redeemed, transformed men. God hasn't changed; sin hasn't changed. We must make sure that we have the mind of God and then express it in ways that will change men.

World Baptists at Miami

Pictured in last week's issue were representatives of several nations who visited the Seventh Day Baptist booth at Convention Hall during the 11th Baptist World Congress, June 24-30. Here are representatives from two other countries. The young lady on the left with the flowered dress and headgear, bright eyes, and delicate complexion is from Nigeria whose name was not jotted down. The couple wearing dark glasses are the Rev.



and Mrs. J. A. Leo-Rhymie, probably the most prominent Baptists of Kingston, Jamaica, people who attended the 10th World Congress at Rio de Janeiro in 1960. They are well acquainted with Seventh Day Baptist work on the Island. They inquired about Pastor Lawton, who had more than once spoken in their church.



A prominent representative from India who was being much photographed by others posed in our booth. Her braided hair falling well below the waistline is not shown in this front view. To the right S. Kenneth Davis, manning the booth seems to be listening rather than talking at the moment. Telling his views about preachers (not too complimentary sometimes) is an elderly manufacturer of church furniture (Jewish).

"Christians must beware lest they announce the Good News as though it were only a rumor."

EVANGELISM

Address by Conference President George H. Utter, Aug. 21, 1895

(continued from last week)

The first way in which we should proclaim the Word of God, then, is by the preacher, and that means, secondly, that those of us who are not ordained to preach God's Word must help those who are to their work. But little would come either from preaching God's Word or from sending out those who do declare it, unless the personal lives of those who profess Christ be consistent. Therefore, in the third place, and it seems to me the most important of them all, the Word of God is to be made known unto the world as you and I live it.

Did you ever think that the world never combats the idea of Christ's religion? The world never combats the teaching of Jesus Christ. The world never undertakes to deny that it would be better if it accepted of his rules of living. Ask any of those men who have engaged in the work of saving souls, and see if they do not bear testimony to the fact that the objections they have most to overcome are in the lives of those who have professed Jesus Christ.

I tell you, young men and young women, the high calling of Jesus Christ is to the living of Christ's Word. It is living it to-day, as you hope to live it tomorrow; it is living it as you hope to live it on the day when his call will be heard to come up higher. We don't think of that enough. We are apt to say we will live for Christ the last few weeks. The time to live for Christ is now.

A life that is dedicated to Christ will, first of all, be a stable life; it will be a life that is the same one day that it is another. It will be a life that believes, and exists in that belief. Because it is a stable life, it will also be a consistent life. One of the greatest troubles which all of us have—I suppose we all do, at least I confess it myself—is the attempt to make to-day square with yesterday, and next week square with both. Now, the only way that can be done in the service of Christ Jesus, is to live

each day alike. But why should I speak of consecrated lives in this building, the very walls of which proclaim the result of such living; while the body that sits before me is a testimony to the influences of those lives which have gone before, and which have here established this branch of Zion, to declare for all time the goodness of God. I wish that I could impress on those of you who are younger, as I know you who are older believe, that there is no end to a good influence. If we could only say that the influence of what we do ends to-day! But no, we cannot. It begins, but it is like the ripple in the pond caused by the falling of a stone, it goes on, and on, and on, until it touches the edge of the pond. So the influence of our lives will go on, and on, and on, until it touches the banks of eternity. Longfellow has wisely said:

"Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light,
Still traveling downward from on high,
Fall on our mortal sight.
So when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him
Falls upon the paths of men."

Seventh Day Baptists, as much as any other denomination, should engage in this work of lifting up Christ's banner, for two reasons, which I have already suggested; first, they are concerned in the one great work in which it is the duty of all church people to engage; and, second, they are consistent in their interpretation of the Holy Word. Therefore I appeal to you, young men and women, members of this Conference, who are here assembled to secure the blessing that comes at this Pentecostal season, to remember that it is your duty, more than that of any other people, to hold aloft this banner of Christ.

What is the reward? The reward that comes from Christian living is two-fold—first, it is the promise to those who are true unto death; it is the meeting with

those who have gone before; it is the joining with those who have labored, and those who are still laboring for the advancement of God's cause; it is being eternally at home with Christ Jesus and his followers. But more than that, it is the realization of Christ's promise when he ascended to heaven, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world;" and this is to-day.

Young men, you who are perhaps not going into the work of the ministry, you who will take upon yourselves the cares and the burdens of a business life, think what that means, to walk each day with Christ. Young women, you who may soon have upon your hearts the responsibility of those who are to shape not only this age but the future, think what it means to have Christ with you day by day. And that is what he has promised, that is what he has said he will do, provided we obey his injunction to proclaim Christ Jesus. Will you do that? Will you have confidence in his promise? Will you filfill his direction and his command, for the sake of having Christ with you to-day? Yes, I know you will, and you will do it because he has commanded it, and because you believe that

"... right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

Onward

Flow on, O river wide and deep, Flow on while peoples lie asleep. Flow on through valley, woodland, plain.

You flow but once — never again.

Fight on, O man, through troubles deep.
Fight on, while others lie asleep.
Fight on, through greed, temptation.
pain,

You travel once, never again.

Two roads lead on, before our feet, Yet ever on — there's no retreat. One is the trail that millions trod, One leads the way — to home and God.

Ralph Loofboro.

Alfred Offers Much to Conference Visitors

General Conference attendants will be pleased to find the Gothic Chapel among the spots available for meditation. A pleasant walk from the Conference dormitories, past the Steinheim and the Carillon, to the Gothic at the corner of Sayles and Ford Streets, provides a change of pace, and the chapel's quiet loveliness offers an opportunity for prayerful solitude.

The village of Alfred, although growing rapidly, retains some of the relics of other days. The ancient bells of the carillon, the huge pines, and the quill pen weathervane atop Alumni Hall are among the gentle reminders of those who have come before. The College of Ceramics' exhibits of glass and pottery are an expert blend of the old and the very new. The State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred (also growing like Topsy), proudly displays the newest in farming machinery and methods.

Stoneybrook and Letchworth State Parks are located within 50 miles of Alfred. Excellent swimming, picknicking, hiking, and camping facilities are available at either of these lovely parks. Conferees may wish to include the parks in pre- or post-Conference plans. The Corning Glass Center, where hand-blown crystal and ceramic missile nose cones are created, side by side, is also located within two hours of Conference headquarters.

And please remember, the churches of the Western Association are all within comfortable driving distance. In fact, the Second Alfred church (Alfred Station), is only three miles from Alfred. We feel that a visit to one or several of the area churches will be most rewarding to guest and host alike.

— 1965 Conference Publicity Committee.

Civil Rights and Wrongs

The civil rights movement will result in civil wrongs if the demonstrators have uncivil attitudes. The answer to the problem is preaching the gospel and applying it to every area of life.

-Rev. Harper Shannon, Dothan, Ala.

MISSIONS - Sec. Everett T. Harris

Extension and Growth in Holland

The secretary-treasurer of the Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches in Holland is Mr. G. Zijlstra. Many will recall meeting him at Salem, W. Va., last August as he attended the meetings of the World Consultation of Seventh Day Baptist delegates and then stayed on for sessions of General Conference.

Mr. Zijlstra has written concerning efforts to extend the message and witness of Seventh Day Baptists in Holland: "We have started an advertisement campaign in two papers, wherein we invite people to ask about our principles. Each fortnight an ad is placed in one of these papers. I have already received two requests for information. We hope to continue this for at least half a year. . . At first, one of the papers, a 'Christian' paper, made objections to placing the ad. The chief was called and we had a long conversation over the telephone but the end was that they accepted the ad."

In another interesting account Mr. Zijlstra relates an experience of Brother M. Baars, the Conference president of the Dutch churches. He writes that Brother Baars had a wonderful experience last Sabbath (May 15, 1965). "A few weeks ago he was visiting with a sister to congratulate her on her birthday. He met there a man of about 30 years of age with whom he had a good spiritual conversation. It appeared this man was well versed in the Bible. In his evening hours he is accustomed to evangelizing, going from door to door. To Brother Baars' surprise this man came to church last Sabbath morning. He was drawn into the Bible study discussion and was asked to offer the closing prayer.

"When talking with this man after the meeting he said that he had been a Sabbathkeeper for the past three years. While telling the gospel message to people they had drawn his attention to the biblical truth of Sabbathkeeping. He studied the Bible and found this was true. He then began keeping the Sabbath but had never yet joined a Sabbath-keeping church." Mr. Zijlstra concludes, "We must have patience and await what the result of his acquaintance with us will bring. But is it not wonderful? Surely the Lord has made our ways to cross. He may become a worker with us in our churches."

In another account of a baptismal service held at a new church building of the Baptists, a memorial church, built to commemorate the fact that 350 years ago the first Baptist church was established in Amsterdam, Mr. Zijlstra wrote, "Our attendance was about eighty persons, including children. After the service we had coffee in a side room. When one sees the young people gathered around the harmonium, it is a nice sight and fills one with hope for the future."

Visiting Churches in Malawi

(A portion of Rev. David Pearson's letter written just preceding his return from Malawi.)

It is grand to be a Christian, and it is a blessed privilege to be engaged in Christian service. May God use us to His glory. He is ever worthy of all we hope to do, and abundantly more. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalm 103: 1).

The end of our term is fast approaching, and we made special effort to get out among some of the people of our sister churches. Since January 1, 1965, I have visited Chikanda, Njaiti, Mlepa, Mphangala, Mbinini, and Makoka.

The last of these places, Makoka, is a branch of Makapwa church, located some seven miles from the mission. Pastor Burdick, Pastor Shadrack, Miss Clement, and my family were with me on my visit to this particular church-branch.

The thatched mud and pole building of modest proportions was filled. A cluster of children sat on the platform, and the mud benches were occupied. We feel the words given will not return void.

Local leaders led the Sabbath School. African women took active part in the teaching of classes, which is encouraging, as there exists a great need in the churches for women to come to the fore.

At the worship hour I led, and Pastor Shadrack (pastor of our Uzumara church in the Northern region) brought the morning message. He opened the afternoon meeting, and interpreted Pastor Burdick's sermon. Miss Clement gave greetings in the vernacular of the people. Between the services Pastor Burdick gave out fourteen gospels (Mark-Marko and Luke-Luka) to some of the children.

Some six months ago they suffered the loss by death of their leader, Mr. Nedson Goman. I expected this to weaken the church considerably, but we are pleased that the church stands reasonably strong.

Many of you share concern for us in troubled Africa, and this concern is appreciated, especially if it prompts you to more earnest prayer. We are pleased to inform you that Makapwa is peaceful.

Reports are frequently heard of disruptions in various quarters, and many suffer grievously, even death. It hurts, because so much of it is needless: jealousy and hate, African vs. African. Surely this is not the freedom sought so many years.

Certainly prayer is in order. Prayer is always in order, earnest prayer, much prayer, moving prayer. Christ's words to Peter came forcibly to mind recently, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not . . ." (Luke 22: 32). Your intercession is appreciated.

Secret of Success in The Bobby Richardson Story

(a book announcement)*

What makes a baseball player? What alchemy turns a small boy pitching balls at the chimney of his house in a small town into the hero of millions, "the sparkplug of the most fabulous baseball machine in the world?" "The Bobby Richardson Story" tells this in the words of that hero, and it is told with simplicity,

humor and penetration—for who knows a hero better than himself? (Fleming H. Revell Co.; June 1; \$3.95).

"The Bobby Richardson Story" is authentic Americana. It is the Horatio Alger story up-to-date, 1965 version. In it fame and money are subordinated to greater values; the famous American drive is guided and energized by faith as it is in the astronauts and others of our modern heroes. True life is not only stranger than fiction, it is better. To millions of men and boys "The Bobby Richardson Story" will read like a James Bond thriller, but in this the autobiography of a very human American they will learn that men do not live by excitement alone and that the real excitement in winning is in serving God's will.

The climb through local ball clubs, minor leagues and into Yankee Stadium to lead the Yankees in hits in 1964, the winner of most of baseball's honors, Bobby Richardson says: "It's wonderful to hit a game-winning home run and give the glory to God. And everybody is impressed by a football, basketball, or baseball player who is humble in the midst of acclaim. But who wouldn't be willing to have a try at humility at the top of the ladder?

"But what about failure and defeat?"

He tells what happens in failure and defeat. He tells his dark moments: "All things? Even errors, hitting into double plays, striking out? How can God get any glory from those things?"

The answers are contained in his life story as are many sparkling anecdotes about life as a Yankee player, for instance what happened when the Yankee management decided to keep a sharp eye on its players lest high living incapacitate them and had them shadowed by "private eyes."

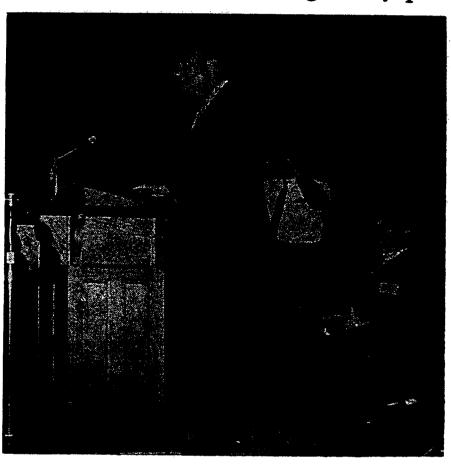
He tells how he feels about the Hall of Fame, and principally he tells Americans the modern day version of SUCCESS:

"I realize simply that it is God who has given me the ability, the opportunity and certainly any supposed earthly glory that might come through playing ball. I enjoy the sport I am in, but only because I feel that this is where God would have me serve Him."

Dr. Billy Graham Addresses the Baptist World Alliance at Miami from 2 Peter 3: 3-14 on

"The World in Flames"

It is a thrilling experience to attend the Baptist World Alliance. When I was invited to speak, I was surprised, humbled, and frightened by the responsibility of bringing two addresses. I vigorously pro-



rested to Dr. Adam, chairman of the Program Committee, but he was too persuasive. While listening to these tremendous addresses by men like Dr. Hobbs, Dr. Nordenhaug, Dr. Tolbert, Dr. Soren, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Denny, and others, I have become more than ever convinced that I am somewhat out of place. Sitting out there last night was a rather frightening experience when I realized I would have to be the speaker tonight.

The word "crisis" and the word "flame" are overworked words. However, Webster says, concerning both of them, that they mean "a decisive change." The Bible uses both these words many times in various ways. Crisis involves transition, but so does flame.

1. The Political Flame

The changes in the political world will be so fantastic in the next ten years as to stagger the imagination. The conflict between tyranny and freedom is the problem of our time. It overshadows all other problems. This conflict mirrors our age — its toils, its tensions, its troubles, and its task. On the outcome of this conflict depends the future of all mankind.

2. The Social Flame

Overwhelming and staggering social problems face the world—such as race, poverty, and disease—but the greater social problem is the explosion of sexual energy. Thirty-five years from now the population of the world will be doubled, and then the statistics go berserk. In six generations the United States will have nine billion people.

3. The Moral Flame

There is a shift of society's code of judgment away from moral codes based on religion and toward those based on individual psychological consequences. There are many people who insist there has been no real change in morals. However, there has been a definite shift in the moral code during the last twenty years.

4. The Intellectual Flame

Human knowledge will double in the next ten years, and in the next fifteen years man will learn more than all of human history has learned before. Walter Reuther, the American Labor leader, told me the other day that we are on the verge of a scientific breakthrough in knowledge that is fantastic, overwhelming, frightening, and thrilling.

5. The Student Flame

Students all over the world are marching under various banners for various causes. Millions are rebelling against parents, police, school authorities, and government. Millions of them have little purpose or meaning to life. Life has lost its meaning.

^{*} Almost never do we print book announcements as received without first reading or getting someone to read the book. In making an exception we are not urging people to buy the book. We use this article for its own impact and value, particularly to young people who know something about the Christian dedication of this star athlete.

The great question facing young people in the world today is, What is meaning? If a man has a "why" for his life, he can bear with almost any "how." Albert Camus said, "Here is what frightens me, to see the sense of this life dissipated, to see our reason for existence disappear. That is what is intolerable. Man cannot live without meaning."

Many students find the experience of higher education almost meaningless. How many scientists today consider death the burning business of science? How many educators consider the great ultimate situations of human life — death, suffering, fate, sin — worthy of study? Modern education avoids these issues. We educate not to make a life, but to make a living. Modern education side-steps the ultimate realities of life. This is why modern education is losing its grip on the modern student.

If modern education does not answer these burning questions the student is asking, then the church must give an authoritative answer from the Bible, because the Bible speaks to man's ultimate situation as no other book in the world.

I. The Mystery of Man — Who Am I? Ernest Hemingway, in Death in the Afternoon, says: "There is no meaning to anything in life." The crisis of American civilization is the decline of human personality and human responsibility. The mass man has lost his personal traits. He shifts the responsibility for his behavior upon an impersonal society, and this society in turn seems to be ruled by the computer, by bureaucracy, by fashion, by organization, by the mass media. As a result, our contemporary society has no room for human personality. Man is in danger of entering a state of spiritual nihilism. Thus the greatest problem facing the world today is the anthropological problem — What is man's reason for existence?

II. The Mystery of Iniquity

What are the basic causes of hate, greed, lust, prejudice, and war?

The Bible gives an authoritative answer that man is spiritually diseased. God said: "All flesh hath corrupted its way upon

the earth." Four University of Miami students are in jail for robbery this weekend. One honor student in Kansas killed three people a day or two after his graduation, in cold blood. Another honor student assaulted thirty women. These are daily happenings. One of the highest civilizations the world has ever produced is that of modern Germany, and yet Germany produced Hitler and Eichmann in the same generation.

Man has been twisted and perverted by the disease of sin; therefore, man needs the redemption that God offers in Christ. III. The Mystery of the Cross

God's purpose in the Cross was to reconcile man to Himself. There is no possibility that man can be saved and redeemed apart from Jesus Christ and Him crucified. This is the authoritative message of the church. If we ever water down our message, then our reason for existence is gone. We become just an ethical society that is no better than raw humanism.

IV. The Mystery of Suffering

In spite of all our scientific advance, there is more human suffering now than at any time in the history of the world simply because there are more people. There is not only physical suffering, such as disease and poverty, but mental suffering. Over one half of all hospital beds are occupied by mental patients in this country. Does this suffering have a meaning?

To the Christian, suffering has a special meaning.

V. The Mystery of Death

Every person in this great Bowl will be dead in the next few years. The burning question is, If a man die, shall he live again? The Bible teaches that there is a time to be born and a time to die. To this great crisis of mankind, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth on me though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

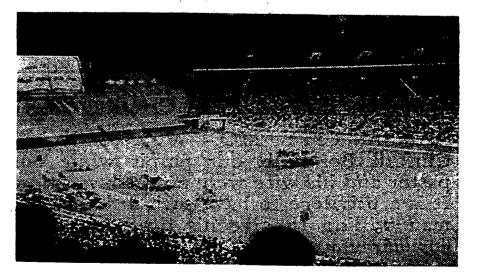
VI. The Mystery of God's Purpose in this Age

The Bible teaches that God's purpose is to redeem man from self-destruction

and future judgment. God's primary concern is the reconciliation of man to God.

What is God doing in our generation? He is calling out a people for His Name, to make up the body and bride of Christ. Our mission and purpose until then is to witness to our generation. To witness to our generation will require a commitment equal to that of the Christians of the First Century. The Bible teaches from one end to the other that all history is moving toward a climactic end. Man, by his own efforts, will not save the world. Man can only bring flames of destruction because of the flames of passion, lust, greed, and sensuality within. Man can only be set free from the prison of suffering and death by a spiritual dimension that Jesus Christ offers to all who will trust and believe in Him.

The world is not going to save itself by its own bootstraps. The Bible teaches that God is going to intervene in history. The Bible teaches that Christ is going to come back to this earth again and set up a kingdom. This will be a kingdom of tranquility and peace that men have always dreamed of. It will be a kingdom filled with social justice where disease, poverty, war, hate, lust, greed, and passion will be eliminated. Even death will be eliminated. That is the great society toward which we are moving. Until then, we, as Baptists, should rededicate ourselves as witnesses to the saving grace and power of Jesus Christ. Thus we can bring as many people into the kingdom as we possibly can.



Viewed from high in the balcony the speakers' platform in the center of the Orange Bowl with Billy Graham speaking is dwarfed by the great Bible on the 40x60 foot section with the theme "And the truth shall make you free."

ITÉMS OF INTÉREST

CWS Sends Nurses to Saigon

Four registered nurses who have volunteered for two months' service in Christian hospitals in Vietnam with the Church World Service Program left the U.S. June 17. They will report to hospitals in Saigon and Nha Trang.

There has been increasing concern on the part of Protestant laymen throughout the U.S. that the churches should take a more active role in ministering to the suffering of the civilian population in Vietnam.

The need felt by the Mennonite Central Committee, the only Protestant service agency presently functioning in Vietnam, to expand its program there.

It was on this basis that Church World Service, relief arm of the National Council of Churches, decided to help with expansion of the Mennonite medical program rather than initiate a new program in Vietnam. Few Protestant churches have mission work in this country. Seventh-day Adventists are among the few.

Negroes Make Progress

There has been a significant rise in the number of Negroes who are in the middle class, says Whitney M. Young, Jr., executive secretary of the National Urban League.

While most people hear only about the race riots, millions of Negroes have fought their way from poverty and ignorance to greater prosperity and responsibility.

The number of Negroes whose incomes exceeded \$4,000 rose dramatically between 1949 and 1959, according to Census Bureau reports. The number increased from 10,995 to 198,905 in New York City alone.

In 1950 only 28 per cent of all dwellings occupied by Negroes were classified as "standard" by the FHA. In 1960 there were 56 per cent — a dramatic increase of 100 per cent.

The number of Negroes owning sound homes increased from 33 per cent to 63 per cent — a greater gain than among white homeowners whose percentage increased from 71 to 90 per cent.

Teaching Witnesses

Today's Christian lives in a global world and if he is to match his faith with his world, he must witness in global terms. Jesus' command to "go into all the world," preaching, teaching, and making disciples has greater meaning now than ever before. The horizons of our world have been pushed back and we are a part of tremendous changes and revolutions taking place all around us. Crises, violence, social upheavals, these confront and challenge both the church and those of us who make up the church.

In such a world, the Christian sees all of life in terms of the Christian gospel and in the perspective of Christian concern and action. He sees beyond immediate problems, world-shaking though they may be, to God's eternal purposes. He seeks to help men and women, boys and girls learn the ways of peace and good will in all relationships. He is concerned that persons, whoever and wherever they are, be workers with God in creating a better world.

Christian education is the process of growth in Christian discipleship which enables a person to "become" in the fullest sense of God's expectations of him. Christ goes out into the community, the market-place, the factory, the office through persons in whom He lives.

May we all be reminded that each of us is a part of the Christian teaching ministry of the church. Through participation in the Christian education program of our church we are helping to make disciples who will witness by Christly attitude and action in the kind of world in which we live.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for July 31, 1965 Christians Grow Through Fellowship Lesson Scripture: Romans 14: 13-21

Correspondence from Northern Nigeria

Work in the name of Seventh Day Baptists is being promoted in two widely separated areas of the large African country of Nigeria. In the large city of Kano in the Moslem country in the North Pastor G. Harrison reports considerable success since his last letter in early spring. The church building which he mentioned then as being under construction is now completed, he says, with the material being paid for by the members. He states that all these many members were formerly Moslems. He speaks of Sabbath School as being divided into three sections (or classes) of 90 members each. Photographs are promised in the near future.

One of the personal needs of Pastor Harrison (a bicycle) has been met by some of the women members of the church. His present appeal is for more tracts and Sabbath School material. (He already receives some.) Something else desired for the singing is an accordion, which he says is not available in Kano. He concludes: God is blessing our effort here and we hope to open more centers here in the North. Please send us tracts."

The plea today is for "realism." But, after all, that is no reason for finding all our illustrations on the rubbish heap of life's more crass humanity. It is not always necessary to take a picture of the harbor when the tide is out.

Louis H. Evans in Youth Seeks a Master (Fleming H. Revell Company).

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

KANSAS CITY, MO.—We recently had Clifford Bond fill our pulpit while our pastor and his wife were on their vacation. It is a privilege to have such a fine young man willing to give his time and effort for our church.

On June 26 the Lord's Supper was held as deacon Edwin Johnson was going to be a missioner at New Auburn over the 4th of July weekend. "Mission 65" was

also held that day with a pot-luck lunch preceding it.

June 27 was the annual quarterly business meeting, at which a new secretary was elected to complete the term of Mrs. Joyce Conrod. Mrs. Harriet Burrows, 5008 Osage, Kansas City, Mo., will now handle all correspondence.

The trustee's report of that meeting reiterated events that led up to the purchase of our new parsonage and meeting hall. The official church address is now 2049 Oakley, Kansas City, Missouri. The site also provides a large lot for a future worship center. We praise and thank the Lord for the many blessings He has given us. — Correspondent.

SALEM, W. Va.—Dr. Richard Bond, a native of Salem, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bond of Salem, was the featured speaker at an afternoon meeting at the Salem Seventh Day Baptists Church, July 3. He showed slides depicting the people and customs of Liberia, an African country where he is presently working.

Bond also spoke at a special summer school convocation at Salem College on Thursday, July 1.

Dr. Bond left from Benedum Airport Sunday to return to his work in Africa. Mrs. Bond and their four children are still in Salem and will visit a few more days here and in New York State before rejoining Dr. Bond in Liberia.

— Salem Herald.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—We enjoyed the visit of 18 young people from the Central New York Association and their five chaperons — Dr. Warren Brannon, the Rev. Delmer Van Horn, Miss Ruth Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Warner. Miss Laura Lee Bond, exchange camper from Lost Creek, W. Va., was also part of the group, as well as our own young people, who helped plan the meals and activities. Our visitors arrived Wednesday, June 30, and returned July 4. On Thursday they attended the N.Y. World's Fair and on Friday visited the UN and the fair, returning in time to conduct our Sabbath eve prayer service. They attended Sabbath School and church on Sabbath day, and Rev. Delmer Van Horn assisted in

the Communion. After a fellowship dinner was served, the visitors toured the Denominational Building, including the Recorder Press, Center for Ministerial Education, and Historical Society exhibit. In the evening a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles North was followed by a swimming party at the YMCA.

On March 29, after our regular services and a covered-dish dinner, we had a study session on whether our Conference should join the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. Pastor Dickinson, the Rev. Leon Maltby, and the Rev. Victor Skaggs spoke on the advantages and responsibilities of joining. They emphasized that all the member conferences would be equals in the new organization. The group voted to recommend to the next business meeting that we cast our votes at Conference in favor of joining the federation.

Another study session was held June 26 following the morning services and a fellowship dinner. The subject was our ecumenical relationships, particularly with the American Baptist Convention. Elder Reuben Simons presented the scriptural basis for ecumenicity. Pastor Dickinson reviewed Conference action and ecumenical trends. Baptist distinctives were summarized by Mrs. E. J. Parker; the organization and work of the American Baptist Convention, by the Rev. Victor Skaggs; and the differences between American and Southern Baptists by Mervin Dickinson. The viewpoints of our boards were given by Mrs. L. H. North and Charles North. The consensus of the discussion which followed was that we should cooperate as much as possible with other Baptists but that merger would be inadvisable from nearly every angle.

We are happy to have our college students home for the summer: Roger North from Swarthmore, Mervin Dickinson from Rutgers, and Celia Armstrong from Salem.

Recent visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Cruzan, Edward Sutton, Glen Warner, Herbert Saunders, Miss Carol Whichello and her mother, Mrs. Charles Bond and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scholtz, Mrs. Leah Crofoot, Miss Eleanor Tripp.

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OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for June 1965

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Adams Center		\$ 298.75		Metairie		40.00	
Albion\$	44.00			Middle Island	24.00		
Alfred, 1st	720.75	5,658.95	•	Milton	2 2.00	5,694.04	159.00
Alfred, 2nd	179.00	1,437.25	10.00	Milton Junction	137.80		
Algiers				New Auburn	26.11	225.89	•
Assoc. & Groups	86.38	382.11	1,390.96	North Loup	571.20		36.15
Battle Creek	508.13	4,612.04	80.00	Nortonville	161.50	•	75.00
Bay Area		316.50	20.67	Old Stonefort	20.00	,	
Berlin	201.37	1,267.99	152.33	Paint Rock		150.00	
Boulder		188.70		Pawcatuck	481.05	4,355.46	72.20
Brookfield, 1st		158.00	1	Plainfield	264.62	3,759.22	
Brookfield, 2nd		64.00)	Putnam County		•	
Buckeye Fellow-				Richburg	147.00	967.00	3.00
ship		75.00)	Ritchie		60.00	•
Buffalo		465.00		Riverside	360.69		34.83
Chicago	185.00	997.50		Roanoke	10.00	•	7 1.07
Daytona Beach	95.00	1,307.00		Rockville	24.35	357.00	50.00
Denver	130.51	1,175.06		Salem		1,950.00	
DeRuyter	150.51	374.00		Salemville	13.14	181.94	106.00
Dodge Center	101.18	803.83		Schenectady	21.00	_	200,00
Edinburg	101.16	803.83		Shiloh	976.37	5,285.51	5.00
Farina	19.00	321.40	75.00	Syracuse	25.00	40.00	2.2.2
Fouke	19.00	122.50		Texarkana		109.00	
Hammond		30.00		Trustees of			
Hebron, 1st	120.00	529.50		Gen. Conf		156.00	
Hopkinton, 1st	217.50	1,874.56		Verona		1,186.36	217.00
Hopkinton, 2nd	6.00	94.50	-	Walworth	25.00	542.50	25.00
Houston	0.00	127.99		Washington	27.00	127.00	27.00
Independence	66.75	700.75		Washington,		127.00	
Individuals	00.75	•	_	People's		155.00	
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Irvington		1,400.00	32.00	White Cloud	00.10	532.53	32.30
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Los Angeles	30.00	2,200.00	15.00	_			
Los Angeles,		05.00		Total\$		\$69.014.56	\$3,369.47
Christ's		25.00		Non-budget	25.00		
Lost Creek	500.00	1,300.00					
Marlboro		2,317.90		Total to			
Memorial Fund		2,117.78		disburse\$	6,755.37		

JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

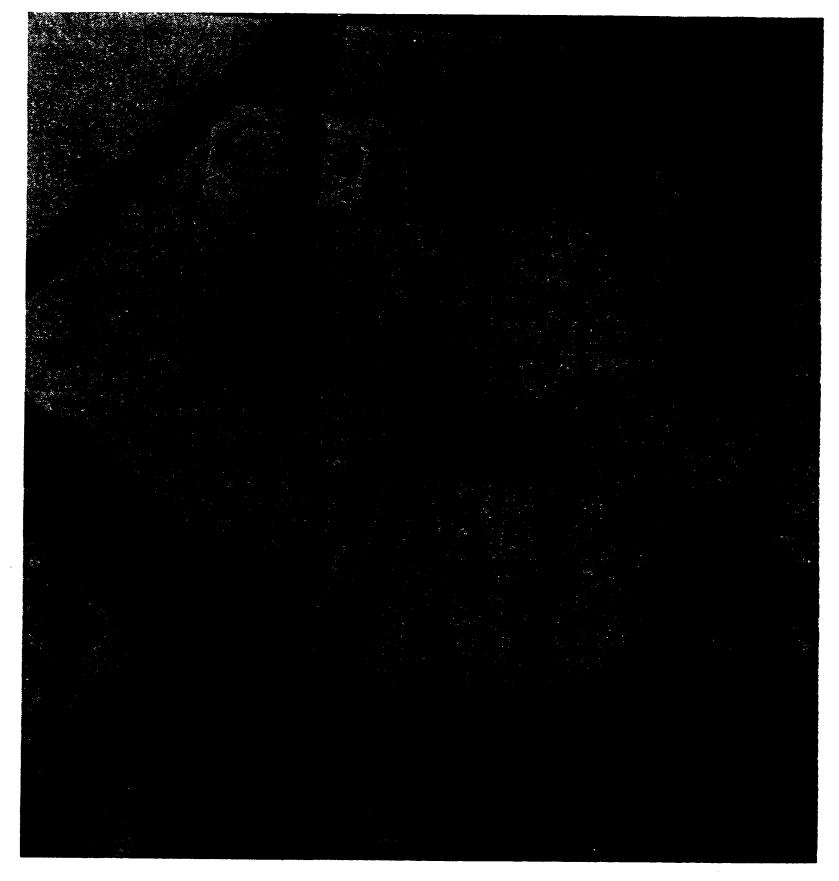
Board of Christian Education	\$ 501.24
Historical Society	30.08
Memorial Fund (Min. Ret.)	732.33
Ministerial Education	410.11
Missionary Society	
Tract Society	
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	
Women's Society	118.48
World Fellowship & Service	74:65
General Conference	1,254.00
Milton College	25.00
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\$6,755.37 June 30, 1965.

SUMMARY

1964-1965 OWM Budget	\$113,899.00
Receipts for 9 months:	
OWM Treasurer's\$69,014.56	
Boards 3,369.47	72,384.04
Amount due in 3 months	\$41,514.97
Percentage of year elapsed	75 %
Percentage of budget raised	63.5%
Gordon	L. Sanford,
Little G	enesee, N.Y.
	Treasurer.

The Sabbath Recorder



Christian Rural Overseas Program

Whether to provide food for road builders in Chile or thousands of families of the Congo made destitute by the burning of their villages by the rebels CROP tries to meet the need as part of Church World Service.