### OUR WORLD MISSION

### OWM Budget Receipts for June 1965

	Treasurer's		Boards'		T	reasurer's	Boards'
	June	9 Mos.	9 Mos.		June	9 Mos.	9 Mos.
Adams Center		\$ 298.75		Metairie		40.00	
Albion\$	<b>44.00</b>	-	\$ 50.00	Middle Island			
Alfred, 1st	720.75	5,658.95		Milton	2 - 10 0	5,694.04	159.00
Alfred, 2nd	179.00	1,437.25	10.00	Milton Junction	137.80		
Algiers				New Auburn		225.89	۰.
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			75.00
Bay Area		316.50	20.67	Old Stonefort			
Berlin	201.37	1,267.99	152.33	Paint Rock		150.00	
Boulder		188.70		Pawcatuck	481.05		72.20
Brookfield, 1st		158.00		Plainfield		3,759.22	• • • • •
Brookfield, 2nd		64.00		Putnam County			
Buckeye Fellow-				Richburg	147.00	967.00	3.00
ship		75.00		Ritchie		60.00	5.00
Buffalo		465.00	25.00	Riverside		2,605.15	34.83
Chicago	185.00	997.50	15.00	Roanoke		•	J 1.0 J
-				Rockville		357.00	50.00
Daytona Beach	95.00	1,307.00	165.03	Salem		1,950.00	20100
Denver	130.51	1,175.06	25.00	Salemville	13.14		106.00
DeRuyter	101 10	374.00		Schenectady		-	100.00
Dodge Center	101.18	803.83		Shiloh		5,285.51	5.00
Edinburg			75.00	Syracuse		40.00	5.00
Farina	19.00	321.40		Texarkana	27.00	109.00	
Fouke		122.50		Trustees of		109.00	
Hammond		30.00		Gen. Conf		156.00	
Hebron, 1st	120.00	529.50	5.00				217.00
Hopkinton, 1st	217.50	1,874.56	30.00	Verona		1,186.36	217.00
Hopkinton, 2nd	6.00	94.50	400.00	Walworth		542.50	25.00
Houston		127.99		Washington		127.00	
Independence	66.75	700.75	_	Washington,		155 00	
Individuals		<b>295.00</b> <sup>°</sup>	43.00	People's		155.00	
Irvington		1,400.00	<b>32.00</b>	Waterford	88.10	932.53	
Jackson Center				White Cloud		532.53	32.30
Kansas City	43.00	371.07		Women's Society			
Little Genesee	93.85	1,002.62	20.00	Yonah Mt.		90.00	
Los Angeles	30.00	2,200.00	15.00	-			<del></del>
Los Angeles,		-		Total	\$6,730.37	\$69 014 56	\$3 360 47
Christ's		25.00		Non-budget		<i>w</i> 09.014.30	₩J,JUJ. <b>T</b> /
Lost Creek	500.00	1,300.00			27.00		
Marlboro		2,317.90		Total to			
Memorial Fund.		2,117.78			6 755 27		
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### 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	814.33
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	
Women's Society	118.48
World Fellowship & Service	74:65
General Conference	1,254.00
Milton College	25.00
- CI Total	\$6,755.37

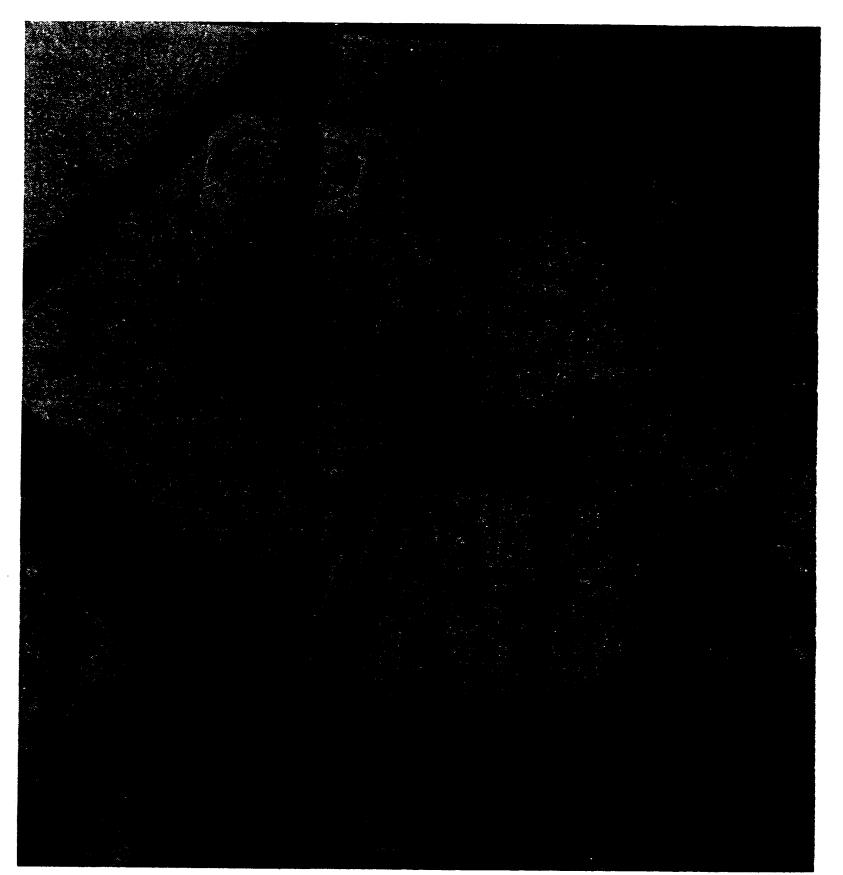
### SUMMARY

1964-1965 OWM Budget Receipts for 9 months:	\$113,899.00
OWM Treasurer's\$69,014.56 Boards 3,369.47	72,384.04
Amount due in 3 months Needed per month\$13,838.32	\$41,514.97
Percentage of year elapsed Percentage of budget raised	75 % 63.5%
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### Hotel Fire at Plainfield **Brings Old Recorder to Light**

A tragic fire in the old Victoria Hotel at Plainfield, N. J., on June 11 destroyed the main building of the hotel and took the lives of three residents. Later a Plainfield resident recalled that at the construction of the building about 1903 a metal box containing papers was sealed into the masonry of the building. From a picture taken on that occasion, provided by Mrs. Noel G. Evans, daughter of John Truell who then owned the building, it was possible for firemen to locate the remnants of that box and identify some of its charred and water-damaged contents. Of interest to Seventh Day Baptists is the fact that a copy of the Sabbath Recorder of March 6, 1899, was identified, along with a copy of the Plainfield Courier News of April 5, 1899.

The Sabbath Recorder, then under the editorship of Dr. A. H. Lewis, was considered a treasure to be preserved. One reason probably was that Mrs. Truell (and her daughter Mrs. Noel Evans, who helped with the cornerstone ceremony) had been loyal members of the Plainfield church since 1888 and 1889 respectively.

It is not known why this particular issue of the Recorder was chosen to be placed within the wall for posterity, but it was there and was brought to light by the tragedy mentioned above.

The magazine at that time had a page size of  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 15$  inches in three columns with sixteen pages per issue. An article in the Courier News of July 1, describing the finding of the tin box and its contents, together with a picture of the cornerstone laying, aroused an interest in reading that old issue in the files maintained by our Historical Society. It contained numerous articles of interest. One which is quite timeless was written by the Rev. George W. Hills and entitled simply "How?" A portion of it is reprinted here.

"In these days of combines, trusts, unions and brotherhoods, and an allabsorbing rush for worldly places and gains, the air we breathe seems laden with the spirit of worldliness. There is a danger of this spirit coming to be the ruling genius in the church of Christ. How carefully do the under-shepherds of God's

invested in rubber-tired rolling stock than and with 'line upon line, and precept in real estate and storage barns. He will upon precept, here a little, and there a probably spend more of his income renewing his automobiles than building a house little,' point out the narrow way and the for his family. And the demands of the strait gate, because 'few there be that find it. family, beginning at teenage, are for a car for each member of the household. Much is said of late about consecration, Perhaps this in itself keeps the prosperous spiritual living, the work and indwelling man of this day from feeling like the rich of the Holy Spirit, and kindred topics. farmer of the parable. He cannot keep up It is well that it is so. There must be with the demands of the family for cars some reactionary influence to hold the and the fuel to keep them going. He feels Christian's faith firmly anchored to God's poor because today's cars are too long on plan and promises. both ends to fit in yesterday's garage and "Every age in church history has had he faces daily the problem of the clogged its peculiar difficulties and needs. Is not driveway and getting the right car out worldliness, in an emphatic sense, our first. He is tempted to say, "I will pull difficulty? Is not our special need a deeper down my garage and build greater."

work of the Spirit of God, and an entire consecration of the individual life to him?

The basic question remains the same in every age. Do I have a right to say to my "Do we not discover a great tendency soul, "Take thine ease, eat, drink and be in our times to try to be a Christan, and merry?" Life is the gift of God and it is yet be so nearly like the world it is hard far more important to be in right relation to distinguish the difference? God wants to our Maker and Preserver than to pile his followers to be 'a peculiar people,' up treasures on earth. The all-seeing eye peculiar or different from the world beof God pierces our flimsy excuses and cause like him." rationalizations about how much we need for ourselves when half the world goes hungry to bed and most of the other half The Disappearing Barn has not heard the story of salvation through Christ.

If we were to put the Bible into modern English we might want to do something Barns and work horses may disappear, with that passage about the foolish rich but we will face the judgment of God if man who died the very night on which we fail to develop a proper sense of Chrishe had stated: "This will I do, I will pull tian responsibility. down my barns and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, **Church Commercialism Questioned** thou hast much goods laid up for many The Lutheran Church in America is years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be preparing a booklet for study in the conmerry.'" The lesson is as true today as gregations asking them to consider the 2,000 years ago; the attitude is common; elimination from church life of "commerthe judgment of God is as sure; but the cialism" that "creates a false image." Conillustration may need to be changed.

gregations and church-related agencies will be asked to scrutinize such money-making What would the modern man say? Perhaps he would put it like this: "I will projects as card parties, bazaars, games pull down my barns and build garages, and of chance, dinners, and sales of products. there will I store all my cars." Barns in The booklet is being prepared in response small cities, villages, and even on many to a request of the church's Commission on Stewardship calling upon the church farms have vanished along with the horse sheds behind our village churches. "Auto-"to move toward the development of motive information" tells us that the threeother means of publicity and interpretacar family is on the increase. The modern tion so that commercial activities can be man's resources are more likely to be abandoned as rapidly as possible."

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flocks need to lead as the Lord directs,

A Mation Under God

By Neal D. Mills

"The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey" (Joshua 24:24)

From its very beginning Israel was a nation under God. When Moses went before Pharaoh to ask for the release of his people he said, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go'" (Ex. 5:1). Throughout their journey to the Promised Land Moses took his orders and passed them on to the people as coming from God. They believed that God was leading them through the wilderness, over the mountains and rivers. Their only laws were the commandments of God.

When the nation became settled in the new land Joshua, now an old man, called the people to a definite decision, saying, "Choose this day whom you will serve." And the people made a solemn covenant saying, "The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey."

Throughout their history whether under the rule of prophets or kings, Israel's government was theocratic, i.e., God was recognized as the supreme ruler. Though they often failed to obey them, the commandments of God were the law of the land.

In the 17th century A.D. another nation under God had its beginnings. The North American colonies were comprised of people seeking freedom to obey the commandments of God as they understood them. Before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock they made an agreement known as the Mayflower Compact which began: "In the name of God. Amen." The colonists thought of their rights not as bestowed by any human government or institution but by God. The Declaration of Independence expressed their common conviction "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights."

It is true that our government and our people have sometimes bertayed the convictions of our founding fathers and, like the Israelites of old, have rejected the laws of God. But it is undeniably true that our history and our true culture indicate that our nation is indeed a nation under God. America is what it is because of its belief in God as the Lord of life.

Our American ideals and goals have always been religious. Because God is at the center of *nour* nexistence as a nation it is appropriate that we have a national Day of Thanksgiving when all of us of every faith are called by our President to gather in our churches and "homes to give thanks to God for His blessings bestowed upon our nation and its people and to renew our covenant with Him. The most remarkable thing about Thanksgiving Day is that we have it. What other nation has one?

Our common belief in God is the foundation upon which rests our constitutional government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Upon it also rest our personal, political, and economic rights and freedoms. Our founding fathers believed that man possesses a supreme value and dignity because God has given him an immortal soul with an eternal destiny. Individuals and the nation are under God — under His guidance, under His law, under His love and under His daily and final judgment. Only as citizens recognize the authority of God can they live with the maximum of freedom and the minimum of restraint by government. Civil law was based upon the Ten Commandments and derived its authority from the moral law given by God.

The framers of the Constitution had suffered bitter experiences under state churches. They were determined that no religious denomination should become the church of the nation or the "established church." They carefully planned the complete separation of religious institutions from government institutions. A com-

pletely neutral government would grant no special favors to any religious organization but would permit and protect the free exercise of all. Church and state were to be separate but never antagonistic.

Some individual and groups are giving headaches to the rest of us by trying to Now as we celebrate the birth of our undermine our confidence in certain relination let us not neglect to thank God gious and political leaders in order to for His hand in our history, and may it gain support for themselves. They spread be true that we speak for our nation as accusations that churches and religious we declare with the Israelites of old: "The organizations, and well-known ministers Lord our God we will serve, and his voice are Communists or Communists agents or we will obey."

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But neither government nor the citizens were to be neutral about God. Our political philosophy has always assumed that only as man acknowledges the sovereignty of God and obeys His moral law can he maintain our kind of government and society. It is perfectly clear that neither atheism nor secularism shaped this nation or guided its progress.

The theology of Benjamin Franklin or Thomas Jefferson might not satisfy most people. As deists their chief theological tenets were faith in the transcendent God, liberty under law, and the immortality of the soul. These were a sort of common denominator for the many theological views of the day and were acceptable to the great masses of people. At least this much religion went into the Declaration of Independence and was the common public philosophy. Our nation must hold on to at least that much religious philosophy if it is to survive.

A small boy was asked to describe what he saw in that famous picture of marching colonial soldiers. He answered, "There is one man with a drum, another with a fife, and another man with a terrible headache carrying the flag." Many people trying to carry the flag today appear to have a terrible headache. Can it be because they don't know where they are going or why? Selfish interests have blinded them to the traditional goals and ideals of our nation. They have left the straight and narrow way of obedience to the laws of God, and marched out into the broad and attractive way that leads, they think, to more freedom and prosperity for themselves.

sympathizers. The John Birchers would have us believe that President Eisenhower was a Communist or at least a tool.

The atheists are trying to undermine our faith in God and change our national philosophy. It should be clear that an atheist cannot be a loyal American citizen because he denies what our nation through its founders, its history, its institutions and culture declares — the existence of God.

Let us not be frightened or silenced by the arrogance of atheists or extremists who would ignore our national principles. Our common religious philosophy must continue to be expressed, not only in churches but in schools and all public institutions and on public occasions. Religion must never be confined within the walls of churches as is the policy in Russia and the tendency even in our country. Our nation must not be allowed to drift away from a sincere and real faith in God.

But we Christians have a faith that goes beyond the common minimum faith of the nation. We must not be satisfied to proclaim only those simple tenets, basic though they are. With tolerance and love for all who disagree with us, we must make it our final goal to win the whole world to Christ and His way of life. Nothing less would be true to our Christian commission. And more zeal for our own faith would not hinder but increase the common public faith.

And our Christian commission calls us to apply the gospel in our own lives and in our society. As Christian citizens our duty is to find under the guidance of God the right solutions to all social and political problems. The church cannot legislate but it can and should influence legislation by presenting the facts and principles upon which right decisions can be made. The Christian church has a definite roll in our society and nation.



African Leader, William R. Tolbert, **Elected President** of World Baptists

The Nominating Committee of the Baptist World Alliance meeting for its eleventh World Congress at Miami Beach June 25-30 had before it a great responsibility in recommending a man for president to serve for the next five years. It was not an easy matter to decide. The choice was narrowed down to the Rev. Herschel Hobbs, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and William R. Tolbert, Jr., president of the Baptist Convention of Liberia and vicepresident of his country.

After considerable discussion within the forty-seven-member committee and after a special season of prayer the vote went to Mr. Tolbert and was made unanimous. When the nomination was announced to the Congress as a whole there was great applause. The feeling evidently was strong that the presidency should go this time to an African Baptist leader having the ability needed and the opportunity to give time to work. Prior to the nomination Mr. Tolbert had become well known to the delegates through a masterful address on an evening program.

Mr. Tolbert will be supported as president by nine vice-presidents representing different areas of the world. In addition to his state duties he has been pastor of his hometown church at Bensonville, Liberia, since 1953 and of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Todee District, after founding it in 1956. For the past five years he has been a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance. He also holds such positions as chairman, Board of Directors, Bank of Liberia and secretary, Board of Trustees, University of Liberia.

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### MEMORY TEXT

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Psalm 19:13.

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### **Reception at Alfred Just Before Conference and Other Features**

An early evening reception is planned for Sunday, August 15, at the Parish House, on West University Street, Alfred. General Conference delegates are invited to honor Harley D. Bond, executive secretary of the denomination, and Mrs. Bond; and the Rev. Alton Wheeler, who will take office as general secretary of the denomination during Conference week, and Mrs. Wheeler.

Another feature of the Conference will be the Women's Society luncheon on Wednesday, August 18, in Ade Hall. All women in attendance at Conference are invited to share in the fellowship at this special meeting. The schedule for the men's songfests, under the direction of Dr. Ellis C. Johanson, has not been announced but it promises to give real enjoyment to the singer and the listener! As a particular treat for mothers, a wellstaffed and equipped nursery and recreation center for young children is planned.

Sabbath morning worship, August 21, will be held at Alumni Hall, on the Alfred University campus. Evening services throughout Conference week will be within walking distance of the dormitories, at the First Alfred Church sanctuary. An informal chat time will follow each evening service, at the Parish House, adjoining the church.

Wouldn't you really rather have a week at General Conference this year?

- 1965 Conference Publicity Committee.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 7, 1965 Christians Grow Through Worship Lesson Scripture: Mark 1:35; Heb. 10: 19-25

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The ordination service commenced with Amen. the presentation of the candidate for ordination by the president of the Tahan The congregation sang the joyful hymn, church, Mr. Lian Ngura, to the presid-"Come every joyful heart," and this was ing officer, the Rev. Dr. G. P. Charles. followed by a sermon preached in Lushai There were three other representatives of by the Rev. C. Khawvel Thanga from the Tahan church on the chancel platthe pulpit which was translated into Engform, Mr. Lal Sawi Thanga, the seclish for the benefit of the non-Lushai retary of the Tahan church, Mr. Saw people by Mr. Go Za Kham, a Chin Dara, and Buanga. officer and a friend of the Tahan church. This was followed by a Tamil lyric, The presiding officer and the can-"Praise God with my whole heart," sung didate for ordination stood in the chancel by the members of the St. Gabriel's facing the congregation. The four elders Church, C.I.B., during which an offertory stood, two on either side, all of them was taken. Rev. Dr. G. P. Charles offered taking part in the ordination service. After the closing prayer followed by benediction prayer and the reading of the two selected pronounced by the Rev. C. Khawvel passages from the Scripture, the presiding Thanga. One verse of a solemn hymn officer exhorted the candidate for ordinawas sung kneeling, "Lord, I Hear of Showtion and reminded him of the solemnity ers of Blessing" and the congregation deand responsibility of the sacred office to parted with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Christ.

### A Report of the Ordination of Rev. C. Khawvel Thanga

### at the St. Gabriel's Church, C.I.B. Rangoon, Burma

By Rev. G. P. Charles

A service of ordination was held at the Gabriel's Church, C.I.B., Rangoon, on Sunday, 27 June 1965, at 8:30 a.m. when Pastor C. Khawvel Thanga was ordained to the Christian ministry of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Tahan. There were 25 Lushai Christians from Rangoon and its suburbs present on the occasion along with nearly 100 members of the St. Gabriel's Church, C.I.B.

The service began with the singing of the familiar hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," followed by a call to worship, invocation, and Lord's Prayer. Psalm 19 was read responsively and ended with the singing of the Gloria Patri. Matthew 10: 1-8 was read as the Scripture lesson. The Lushai young men and women who were present sang a Lushai Hymn.

which he had been called. The secretary of the Tahan church asked questions regarding the candidate's faith and convictions and made him promise before the congregation to discharge his duties faithfully as a minister of the gospel of Jesus

The president of the Tahan church led the congregation in a special prayer for the candidate and in another prayer for God's presence in this service of ordination. The congregation spent a moment or two in silent prayer and then sang while continuing to kneel, the hymn, "Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire," as a prayer.

The presiding officer and the four lay representatives then laid their hands on the head of the candidate and uttered the following prayer: "The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a pastor in the church of God, now committed unto thee by the authority of the church through the imposition of our hands. And be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of His holy sacraments; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Then the presiding officer delivered the Bible into the candidate's hands, together with a Certificate of Ordination, saying, "Take thou authority as a pastor in the church to preach the Word of God, and to administer the holy sacraments in the congregation.

No danger of ancestor worship in our country --- not when our descendants try to meet the obligations of the national debt we left them.

### End of the Missionary Era?

### By Dr. C. O. Morong

### (Presented at the American Baptist Convention)

In certain circles today there is expressed the firm opinion that we have come to the end of the missionary era. "The missionary era is ended." This dismal pronouncement would give us little concern if it originated solely from the iconoclastically inclined anti-traditionalist or from those who find both a platform and a certain avant-garde prestige by attacking institutions. Such sources do not usually merit maximum consideration. However, affirming the demise of missions are the voices of some who are highly regarded in foreign affairs and contemporary events who advise us that missions is now passe.

In May I returned to the United States after nearly five months of living with our overseas missionaries. I find that the missionaries haven't heard that the world mission of Jesus Christ is dead. The nationals don't know that the world mission of Christ is dead. As a matter of fact, they are in many areas in the midst of plans to send their own people to distant lands on behalf of Christ's world mission. In every one of the countries that I visited, national leaders themselves were urging us to send more missionaries.

Nurses and doctors, teachers and evangelists were living triumphant lives finding fulfillment and joy as they gave complete commitment to the conviction that to serve the living Christ in loyalty to His mission is the highest of all privileges.

Suppose the critics of the missionary movement are wrong. Mark Twain said that the premature reporting of his death was slightly exaggerated. Is it possible that our missionary effort in some areas has been so weak for lack of adequate support as to give the casual and uninformed observer the impression that death had already arrived? Is it possible that our Baptist missionary work, as one phase of the great world mission of Christ, is not really in need of embalming fluid, but could use a generous injection of blood plasma?

This would not be the first time in the last 2,000 years that Christ's mission

had been written off by those who forecast its death or pronounced its demise. It was undoubtedly a pretty smug group of Roman soldiers who dusted off their hands after they rolled the stone over the opening of the tomb in which they placed the Master's body. One can well imagine them saying, "The purpose or mission of Jesus is finished."

I have no doubt that if a modern newspaperman had been on the scene at the time of the shipwreck of St. Paul, the first great Christian missionary, the reporter might well have sent back to his editor's desk the same caption that appeared in an American newspaper last year: "The End of the Missionary Era."

There is at least an element of possibility that the critics themselves are wrong. They have been before.

It is up to you as an individual Christian...to decide whether the missionaries we have sent and the missionary leaders they have developed among the nationals, are piteously tragic or wonderfully triunphant persons. Yo have a right to decide for yourselves whether you believe that these people are deluded and deceived in their commitment, or whether they may be counted among the noblest of men and women who serve the truth and the will of God.

As for me, I declare unequivocally the prophets are wrong. Those who announce the end of missions couldn't be more wrong. It is they who are deluded. That which is really tragic is to be found at the point where these missionaries, living and serving so splendidly, become the targets of the uninformed and the misinformed. It is simply not true that these missionaries ever went forth to other lands with the deliberate purpose of superimposing Western culture or America's capitalism on the people of the earth. Neither was it their intention to use paternalistic or any other form of supererogatory conduct to arrest the maturation of the nationals. Such accusations are completely undeserved, and as unfair as they are inaccurate.

Personally, I can find no interest in a Christianity without Christ's mission. I

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\* Plainfield youth.

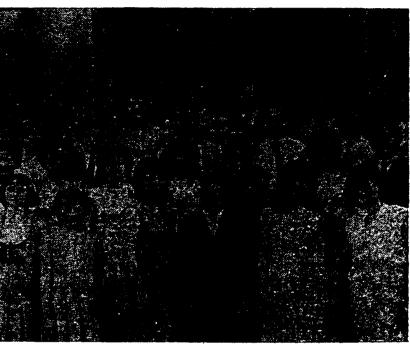
That the world may know that our tracted the dynamic of mission. If the critics are wrong, then our youth Bibles are not emasculated, that Christ's command has not been repealed, and that must be made to understand the vitality of the world mission of Jesus by our own our cherished missionary hymns are no mere empty words, let us match our personal devotion to it. One measure of that devotion will be the sincerity of words with our dollars until our missionour prayer for God's forgiveness to our aries shall have the new tools they need, indifference and lackadaisical approach the strength and encouragement they deto the mighty and eternally significant serve, and our stand with Christ and gospel of His Christ. Another will be identification with His mission is proour support. "Lip service" is not enough. claimed by acts and deeds.

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### **Central New York Youth** Make a Trip

### By Warren F. Brannon

A motorcade from Central N.Y. Association visited the headquarters of Seventh Day Baptist churches, World's Fair, and United Nations, June 30-July 4. Nneteen



From left to right:

First row: Sandy Ellis, Donnetta Mauser, Nora Catlin, Robert Shippee, Lois Dickinson\*, Janice Skaggs.\*

Second row: Philena Lavin, Linda Van Horn, Nancy Brannon, Kathy Vierow, Barbara North,\* Virginia North,\* Larry Brannon.

Third row: Debra Mauser, Bryan Burdick, Mark Warner, Mervin Dickinson,\* Darwin Van Horn-Fourth row: Ruth Turner, Sue Karnas, Jerry Vierow, Darwin Shippee, Laura Lee Bond (Exchange Camper), Ruth Ellis.

have seen too much of the vitality of God's mighty acts through the service of devoted men and women of many races and nationalities to ever be satisfied with a Christianity from which had been sub-

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youth were in the group representing the Adams Center, Verona, and Syracuse churches.

This was the culmination of a year's planning by the group and a dream come true for a number of youth. Money-making projects in each of the churches provided funds for the event. Rev. and Mrs. Harmon Dickinson and the Plainfield youth made arrangements for physical accommodations as well as social and spiritual inspiration.

On the first night of arrival a worship service was presented by the Plainfield youth. At this time they became an integrated part of the "cade" and participated in all activities. One and one-half days were spent at the World's Fair during which the more stimulating exhibits were visited including the Baptist booth, the film "The Parable," and Billy Graham pavilion. One morning was spent at the UN where many realized for the first time the importance of this world government. Foreign languages which have been only "necessary" school subjects suddenly became meaningful when the youth sat and listened to a world conference which was being translated into five languages.

The Sabbath spent in the beautiful Plainfield church was restful and pleasing.

An afternoon spent in the sturdy, beautiful Seventh Day Baptist Building and Publishing House impressed our heritage upon the minds of all.

The reality of our convictions and our commitment must be measured by the hard facts of stewardship. Whatever we support with our devotion and with our gifts reflects our sense of values.

### MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

### Sabbathkeeping Groups In England

The Rev. James McGeachy has written concerning two Sabbathkeeping groups in England at the same time he provided statistical information concerning the Mill Yard Church:

"This form of course only contains the statistics of the Mill Yard Church, but we now have two other groups in England. One is the Herne Hill group at Brixton, London, which meets regularly every Sabbath and on Sunday evenings. About a dozen attend there, a few of whom are members of Mill Yard Church. They meet in the home of Brother Henry Wright. It was his late wife who in her zeal before she died set apart their front room for meetings and gathered the group there. I go down there usually once a month on Sunday evenings, and occasionally on the Sabbath morning.

"Then we have the group in Birmingham which was gathered by Brother Owen Lynch. They meet in the home of Sister Iris Codrington, 15 Holly Road, Handsworth, Birmingham 21. I am not sure how many meet there, but gather that about a dozen meet there every other Sabbath, when Brother H. S. Grant brings his family over from Coventry.

"Both these groups consist mainly of Jamaicans.

"We also have two Jamaican Seventh Day Baptists in Bristol, Brother and Sister Collins, with whom we have had a little correspondence. The Rev. Leon Lawton sent their address to Brother Lynch."

### Sons of Missionaries **Come Home for College**

Kenneth and Ronald Davis, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Leland Davis, our missionaries in British Guiana, are returning home one year ahead of their parents in order to get into college. They completed their high school education at the same India must increase by an amount suftime. Kenneth, the elder of the two, is ficient to feed a rise in population roughly scheduled as a speaker on youth work in equal to the total present population of British Guiana at General Conference at the United States. This will be necessary

### Some Thoughts **On World Food Shortage**

What had been known as the Division of Foreign Missions of NCCC and also as Church World Service are now joined in the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches. Among the many matters considered by DOM at recent meetings is that of world hunger.

It is estimated that one third to one half of the present world's population is suffering from malnutrition. Here in America very few of us know what it means to be really starving for food. The extent of suffering caused by hunger in our day is hard to realize.

Many people just do not want to think about this. But when some of us read Jesus' words regarding the judgment as found in Matthew 24 and 25, we cannot be indifferent. We wonder if America will stand before our Judge some day and ask, "When saw we thee an hungered ... and did not minister unto thee?" And he will say to us, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

We have read about a Malthusian nightmare — a world in which the population explosion exceeds the supply of food ending in the three white horsemen of famine, plague, and war riding again. It is indeed a nightmare but it could happen in reality. Perhaps we can hold it off awhile so that it will only happen to our children or grandchildren. What a repulsive throught!

We have read recently that during the next fifteen years the food production in

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The world food shortage presents an Let Thy Holy Presence Come Upon Us --important and pressing need in our day. Tschesnokoff. Seventh Day Baptists have always tried He Comes to Us — Jane Marshal. to carry a share of the work of extending My Eternal King — Jane Marshall. the Kingdom of our Lord in all the A Blessing — Martin Shaw. world. We have contributed toward meet-If you have any of these in your church ing medical and educational needs on mismusic library please bring them to Consion fields. Now we are confronted with ference to swell the available number of a need for Agricultural and Industrial copies. trained leaders who will feel the call of God to enter another area of Christian The choir rehearsals are also a form of worship if we think of worship as service. How shall we respond to this "worth-ship," the original meaning of very pressing need in our day?

just to equal the present rate of population increase in India during the next 15 years. India is not the only nation where the population is increasing rapidly. It is true also of China, South America, Africa, and certain other areas.

Someone has said, "Let America feed the world. We could do it if we used all our resources." This may be so, but what happens to people when they are fed by American largess? We have seen what being on the dole does to deterioration of character. It destroys self-respect and initiative. It is not a solution to the problem but only a makeshift answer.

Most newly independent countries in the world today are anxious to improve their own agricultural resources and feed themselves. They want to industrialize and thus overcome their shortage of foreign exchange. They want to be respected and self-respecting citizens of the world.

Certainly there are times of emergency when America's resources should be used to feed the hungry people of the world. But this is only a temporary expedient. Our long-range efforts must be to help them help themselves. This is the only worthy Christian solution.

We are thankful that we can be associated with church leaders in the Division of Overseas Ministries who are urging the United States government to take the lead in calling together a World Conference to consider a world-wide program to come to grips with this problem. It is being urged that the wealthier and more developed countries make a far greater effort on a world-wide scale to bridge the gap between food supply and population.

### Worship in Conference Music

### By Mrs. Oscar Burdick

It is with anticipation that I look toward General Conference and the privilege of being Conference choir director. I sincerely hope that all singers, including young people, will feel a desire to share in this area of special spiritual experience. It is "special" if we think of worship as a verb rather than a noun, since it is the worship leaders (ministers, singers, and organist) who have active parts in the services of worship.

Worship is corporate in nature as well as personal. The singers have an advantage of being part of a closely knit group of people who are offering their united best to God. This aids in responding individually (if it is true worship) by renewed dedication to Christ's way of life.

The choir member need not wait until the worship service is over to begin his service to his fellow men. The choir leads the congregation in worship and to an appreciation of meaningful music for the worship service. It gives an individual deep satisfaction to make a sincere contribution to the worship of God through music.

There will be a rehearsal at 4 p.m. on Monday in preparation for the Monday evening worship service. Regular choir rehearsals are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. The tentative anthems for Conference are these:

Christ's Flock — Martin Shaw.

O Jesus Grant Me Hope and Comfort — Franck-Stein.

God Is Our Refuge — Lawrence Curry. Father of Us All — Christopher Thomas.

the word. It is here where our offerings of music to God are to be made worthy for worship. We are giving of ourselves to God at such times in a creative way. Please join us at 4 on Monday, August 16, in the Sanctuary of the Alfred Church.

### **Junior High Pre-Con Retreat** Cancelled

A notice just came to our desk as we were preparing items for this page. It reads: "Fellow Seventh Day Baptists: Sorry, Junior Highs, but it develops that we can't host the Junior High Pre-Con Retreat this year as planned. There are too many changes required in facilities that cannot be made within the time that is left between now and Pre-Con time. But be sure to come to Conference."

### 1965 - Youth Pre-Con Retreat - 1965

Date — August 11-15.

Place — Lisle Conference Grounds, Lisle, N.Y.

Theme—"The More Excellent Way: A Guide to Christian Morals and Ethics.'

Registration — After lunch August 11. Fee — **\$**23.

Ends — After breakfast, Aug. 15.

Who — All youth who have finished the ninth grade of public school through high school ages.

Bring — Please note, a hat or bandana, long pants (dungarees or slacks), a longsleeve shirt, sturdy shoes (rugged sneakers will be O.K.), a sweater or sweat shirt, Bible, note paper, pen or pencil, swim suit, camp clothing, and a willing spirit. (No bedding but bring toilet articles and towels.)

Staff — Mr. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris Jr. (Barb and Ev), directors; Dr. Harold O. Burdick, lecturer; Mr. Gary Cox, music director; the Rev. J. Paul Green Jr., worship director; Miss Connie Coon, recreation director; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pierce (Steve and Alise, Dedicated Work Project directors. Others to be added.

Study Book — About Myself by Nevin Harner (A copy will be furnished to each camper.)

All campers are urged to preregister with Mr. E. T. Harris, Box 127, Salem, W. Va.

This Pre-Con retreat is one you will not want to miss. It's new and different with a challenge every minute. Come and meet old friends and make new ones.

### Young Adult Pre-Con

Facilities for Young Adult Pre-Con at Camp Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, N.Y., have been modernized with the addition of showers and toilets. These are now finished and will add much to the comfort of those coming to Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat.

Camp Harley Sutton, named for the first executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, is located on a beautiful hilltop two miles east of Alfred Station. The land is a gift from Dr. and Mrs. Harold O. Burdick and it joins Dr. Burdick's acreage on HOB Hill. Church camping has been continuous at Camp Harley Sutton since 1953. Improvements have been made yearly, but the camp atmosphere still pervades activity planned by capable leaders.

Young Adults between the ages of 18 and 35 are asked to send in registrations for the retreat, August 11-15, to Rex Zwiebel, Alfred Station, N.Y. It will help us very much to know as nearly as possible the number who plan to attend.

### Youth Pre-Con-O-Gram

Youth Pre-Con announcements last week told of plans for Youth Pre-Con retreaters to visit a migrant camp and work with the good folk in the fields. We want as many retreaters to go as possible. But the trip to the fields is not mandatory. You will not have to go if it is felt that it will endanger your health. Dr. Ruth Rogers will be there to give you a physical check up.

Now, be sure to preregister if at all possible with Mr. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Box 127, Salem, W. Va., and put on your registration blank if you feel it is inadvisable for you to participate in the migrant adventure.

An alternate program will be planned for those who stay at Lisle that day.

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During the World Congress there were special meetings for the women on Tuesday and Wednesday morning and again in the evening, at which times Mrs. Lois Tupper was the devotional leader. Her studies and meditations on the lesser known disciples were most interesting.

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### WOMEN'S WORK - Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

### **Women's Department** of the World Baptist Alliance

The following article is based on notes taken by Mrs. Charles Saunders, vice-president of the Women's Board, who represented the women of our denomination on the Executive Committee of the North American Baptist Women's Union and attended the meetings of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance at the World Congress held in Miami Beach the last week in June.

The Executive Committee of N.A.B.W. Union began with a fellowship banquet just prior to the full meeting of the Baptist World Congress. This was a very colorful affair with women of all the countries represented wearing their native costume. Mrs. Edgar Bates of Toronto, chairman of the Women's Department of BWA, gave the welcome with special recognition of Mrs. Joao Soren, wife of the president of BWA. Women from various countries responded to the welcome with skits, songs, dances, or games from their native countries.

After the devotions we divided into small groups to work out problems that confronted the women. I was in the group on Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, led by Mrs. H. B. Hodge. We were told that of the 91,000 printed booklets, 26,500 are used by the North American Union, 3,085 by Europe, 550 by Asia, 3,440 by Australia, 4,600 by Africa, 50 by Latin America. These are translated into Spanish, German, Norwegian, and other languages.

Japan and Finland told of their prayers being held around the clock, finishing in the evening. In the discussion of the Prayer meetings it was suggested that it is better to have them in the evening so that the younger women can more easily



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Women Delegates to the Baptist World Alliance met international guests at a reception Friday afternoon. Accepting the punch are Mrs. Edgar Bates, Ontario, president of the BWA Women's Department; Miss Wadad Masrallah, Beirut; Mrs. Joseph Ayorinde, Nigeria; and Mrs. Olivia Lerin, Mexico.

I was interested in what the Latin American ladies said about prayer. They say that they cannot use silent prayer nor can they use responsive readings. They also have strong feelings against choir robes and any kind of ritual because they have come out of the Roman Catholic beliefs and practices into the Baptist belief.

I found that many would like to know what we as Seventh Day Baptists are doing for fellowship and for world vision. It was suggested that we set aside a percentage of our money for women's work to help a member attend the next Congress meeting to be held in Hong Kong in 1970. Others told of using the money contributed for the World Day of Prayer to give Bibles to the needy.

At the Wednesday meeting under the chairmanship of Miss Alma Hunt, the findings from the different committees which had met the day before were presented. Miss Hunt, in noting that the women in various countries have problems, pointed out that there are more women in church work than men and that they have more responsibilities than they can fill. The question was asked, "What is women's work in the church?" time for holding Baptist World Day of Dr. House in an address stated that the purpose of women's work is to help carry out the total church work. As there are living cells in our bodies, there are living cells in Christ. He suggested that

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we must love ourselves as we love our neighbors. If we don't love ourselves how can we love our neighbors? He further stated, "In this rapidly changing world we have to present our changeless Christ with changing methods."

Dr. Rogers from India told of the high price of food in that country. She mentioned that the women went out and sold Bibles and the next week the price of rice came down. She added that man cannot live by food alone but must have the Word of God also.

It was brought out clearly that we must find our place in God's world and do what He wants us to do, for God loves the world. Women must be doing God's work in God's world, in God's church, in God's community. It appears that we have been selfish, giving attention to our own wants.

Another area of interest was the Development of Leadership. Miss Itsuko Saito of Hawaii was chairman of a meeting discussing this subject. Leadership was defined as the activity of inspiring people to co-operate toward some goal that the group finds desirable. Leadership is not being a commander and putting the welfare of organization ahead of the welfare of people. Leadership has to know the welfare of people. Leadership comes from followers each helping the other. We were reminded that Christ first said, "Follow me" and then later said, "Go ye." Leadership consists of Looking, Living, Lifting, Listening, and Learning. We must be listening with both the outer and the inner ear and lifting as we climb to leadership.

On the last day of the Congress a meeting of the N.A.B.W.U. was held with Mrs. Helen Wigginton acting as chairman. The meeting opened with a memorial service to Mrs. William McMurry, the very able president from Birmingham who died several months ago. Several people read quotations from her recent book.

A statement was made that we are like cobalt which has to be recharged every five years. It was felt that the Women's Union needed to be recharged also every five years with new ideas and fellowships. The next General Conference meeting.

of the N.A.B.W.U. will be held in Washington, D. C., November 9 and 10, 1967. A meeting of the Women's Union will be held in April 1966 at Washington.

Mrs. Wigginton said that she would like to have a directory of our churches and ministers. She reminded us that when she opens the envelopes containing the Baptist World Day of Prayer money she likes to have a little note fall out even if it says no more than, "God bless you."

In the business of the N.A.B.W.U. a budget was discussed and approved. The women's organization of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., whose president was in attendance, was accepted into membership. This increased the budget about \$400.

There were social times as well as serious discussions. Two evenings after the worship hour we went to a nearby restaurant and had refreshments in a room by ourselves. The waitresses looked rather distressed at first but soon joined into the spirit of the group and sang Christian songs with us. Mrs. Williams (colored) of Missouri led the singing. On one evening there was a special birthday cake for Mrs. Soren. All together, the Baptist World Congress was a happy occasion.

### **Plans Being Made for Conference**

The Women's Board is sponsoring a reception for outgoing Executive Seccretary Harley D. Bond and Mrs. Bond, and the incoming General Secretary, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler on Sunday evening, August 15. Arrangements are being made by the ladies of the Richburg church.

It is hoped that the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson, missionaries from Malawi, Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis of Kingston, Jamaica, and Kenneth and Ronald Davis of Georgetown, British Guiana, will also be present.

### **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Women's Board will be held following a luncheon Wednesday noon, August 18. Catherine Stillman will tell of her work in WICS (Women in Community Service) at the as seemed right for the future. The 190th Anniversary of the United The corresponding secretary gave a States Army Chaplaincy will be observed verbal report of the operation of a Sevon 29 July. In commemoration of this enth Day Baptist booth at the Baptist event, a special review is scheduled for World Congress at which nearly 12,000 that day at the United States Army Chappieces of literature were picked up. His lain School, Fort Hamilton, New York. prepared report showed that the spring On 29 July 1775, almost a year before quarter was the highest for the year in the signing of the Declaration of Indistribution of literature. The annual dependence, Congress adopted a scale of report for Conference and the Yearbook pay for the Army providing chaplains gathered together the achievements of all a salary of \$20 a month, the same as the major committees of the board, showthat of a captain. This is the earliest coning that although much has been done, tinental enactment and has been officially greater zeal in the local churches is needed designated as the beginning of the Army to carry forward our outreach with the Chaplaincy. However, its "being with the printed page. troops" dates back to biblical times. Chaplain (Major General) Charles E. The treasurer in quarterly and annual Brown, Jr., is presently the Chief of reports mentioned that the rate of inter-Chaplains and has served in this capacity est on invested funds is low due to loans since 1962. Ghaplain Brown supervises within the organization that are currently not paying interest. However, the general the activities of all Army Chaplains in an organization which operates on a situation was shown to be good, with world-wide scale. money available to meet the needs of the work up to the present time. In the course At most Army posts and stations, the of the meeting the treasurer proposed a spiritual care of military dependents has new budget that calls for expenditures become an important part of the chaplain's slightly less than in the present operating ministry. Often the military parish takes budget. This budget and the general work on much of the aspect of a church or of the society will, of course, be studied synagogue in the civilian community. In by Commission and Conference in August. addition to regular worship services, there are marriage ceremonies, baptisms, Sunday Again, as in the March and the special or Sabbath schools, Bible classes, youth May meeting of the board, considerable group meetings and many other activities time was given to the affairs of the Pubto occupy the time and attention of the lishing House in an effort to see more military clergyman. clearly what course to take in regard to But with all his general parish duties the continuation of commercial printing. to perform, the chaplain still recognizes The Supervisory Committee noted that the the fact that his first obligation is to the operation of the printing plant for the soldier himself. Barracks and hospital past two months had shown a slight profit. visits, personal counseling on problems The printing of tracts has been carried which arise in and out of duty hours, forward during the quarter. In addition character guidance discussions held as to reprints another tract, "What Church part of the military training program ----Membership Implies," was printed in the these are just a few of the ways in which Spanish language, particularly for use in the chaplain brings moral and spiritual Mexico. The Publication Committee reguidance to those in his charge. ported that \$200 had been sent to Burma to print literature in the Lushai language. — Department of the Army. JULY 26, 1965 ...15

### **Tract Board Notes**

The trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society held their regular quarterly meeting in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building Sunday afternoon, July 11, to consider quarterly and annual reports and to take such action

Our brethren in that land had submitted a translation of the tract that was felt to be the first one needed. Others will follow, they say.

### United States Army Chaplaincy **190th Anniversary Noted**

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y.—It has been some time since news of Verona church has appeared in the Recorder, not because we are inactive but because our faithful correspondent of several years has moved away. In addition to regular church services and Sabbath School, we have an active Ladies Aid with Mrs. Olin Davis as president, Youth Fellowship led by Miss Joyce Scholtz, and Junior Youth Fellowship supervised by Mrs. Louis Sholtz.

We enjoyed several evening meetings in May, with the Rev. Francis Saunders as "Missioner 65." Early in June we entertained the Central New York Association with a good attendance and inspirational messages. Mrs. Nellie Barber conducted worthwhile business meetings in an orderly way. Delegates from other areas were Dr. Melvin Nida, Salem, W. Va., Pastor Paul Green from Marlboro, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Independence, N. Y.

Vacation Bible School co-operating with New London Methodist Church is scheduled for July 19-30 with Mrs. Louis Sholtz as supervisor.

Pastor Rex Burdick has supervised the Association camp at Camp Owaso, near Cortland. Several children from our church were among the forty campers attending.

Several older young people joined other Association Youth Fellowship members in a trip to New York and Plainfield, N. J.

The Rev. Leon Lawton is conducting a training institute at our church for members of the Youth Service Corps. Pastor Lawton and seven young women are being cared for by members of the local church.

It is with regret that the Verona church has accepted the resignation of the pastor, Rev. C. Rex Burdick. He will soon become pastor of the church at Riverside, Calif. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Daytona Beach, Fla. By Profession of Faith: Howard J. Bridgens

Kansas City, Mo.

By Testimony: Mrs. Rose Rye Mrs. Hazel Harris Mother is the name of God in the lips and hearts of little children.

> Thackeray, quoted in With Love to Mother (Fleming H. Revell Company).

# Marriages.

- Cruzan-Weber. George Cruzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cruzan of Shiloh, N. J., and Patricia Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Weber, of Pulaski, N. Y., were united in marriage on June 19, 1965, in the First Baptist Church of Fernwood, N. Y., by the Rev. Llewellyn Jones. They are now at home at 41 Klondike Garden, West Lafayette, Ind.
- Hsue-Locke.—Harry Hsue and Betty Anne Locke, both of San Francisco, Calif., were married in Kensington, Calif., June 27, 1965, by their pastor, the Rev. Theodore J. Hibbard.

## Births

- Davis.—A son, Brian Scott, to Gerald and Ruthann (Dickinson) Davis of Shiloh, N. J., on July 5, 1965.
- Withrow.—A son, Timothy David, to Albert and Nancy (Harris) Withrow of Shiloh, N. J., on June 6, 1965.

### Obituaries

Hitchcock.— Raymond Owen, son of William Owen and Eliza Hoad Hitchcock, was born in Lyons, N.Y., on March 9, 1898, and died June 21, 1965.

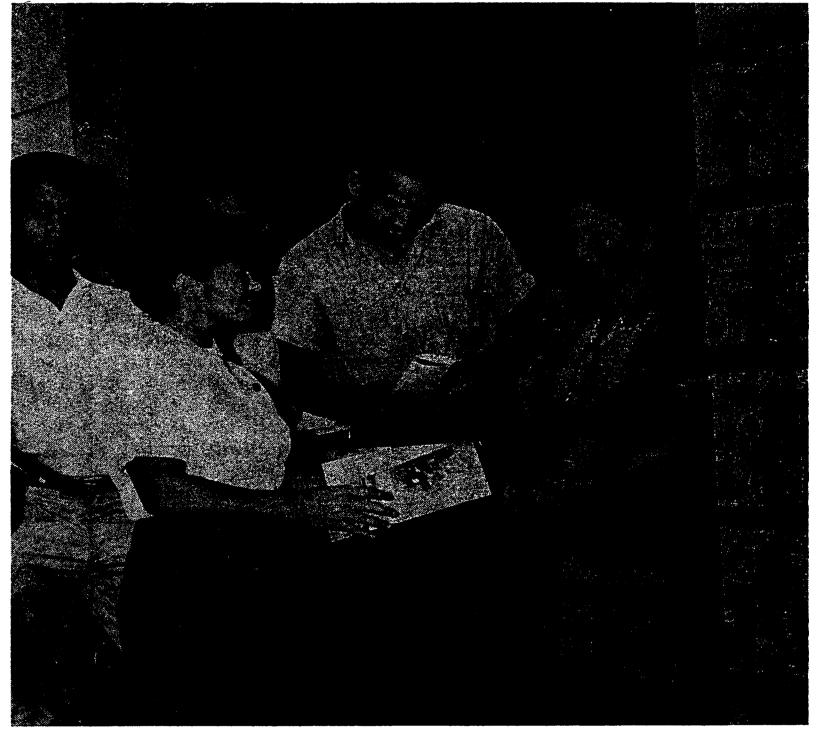
After his youth in Lyons, he studied science and medicine at Cornell University. Immediately after his internship, he accepted in 1927 an invitation from Alfred University's president and Alfred's doctor to become the university physician and village practitioner. He has been physician and surgeon in the Alfred area since that time, giving up the university work in 1950, due to failing health and increased load.

He was married on Dec. 28, 1927, to Helen Allan, and to them were born five sons: Allan, Snyder, N. Y.; Robert and James, Alfred; Cameron, Wilmington, Del.; Bruce, Bath, N. Y. These sons, twelve grandchildren, and the doctor's sister, Gladys L. Hitchcock, Lyons, survive besides his wife.

Always taking active interest in the "village church," Dr. Hitchcock joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church as an associate member on July 10, 1948. He was a member of several medical societies, active on the board of Hornell's Bethesda Hospital, and on the staff of Bethesda and St. James' Hospitals in Hornell.

The funeral services were conducted in the Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 24, 1965, by Associate Pastor Hurley S. Warren and Pastor David S. Clarke. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — D. S. C.

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### Eagerly Receiving the Word of God

In Latin America Bible portions are carried to the people as they shop for the necessities of life. The pictorial editions of the Gospels and Acts bring smiles to their faces. On the right edge of this picture is a rack of literature of the type that does not satisfy the soul. The Word of God meets the deeper hunger of these Spanish-speaking people who have heard little of the love of God.