

The Sabbath Recorder

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

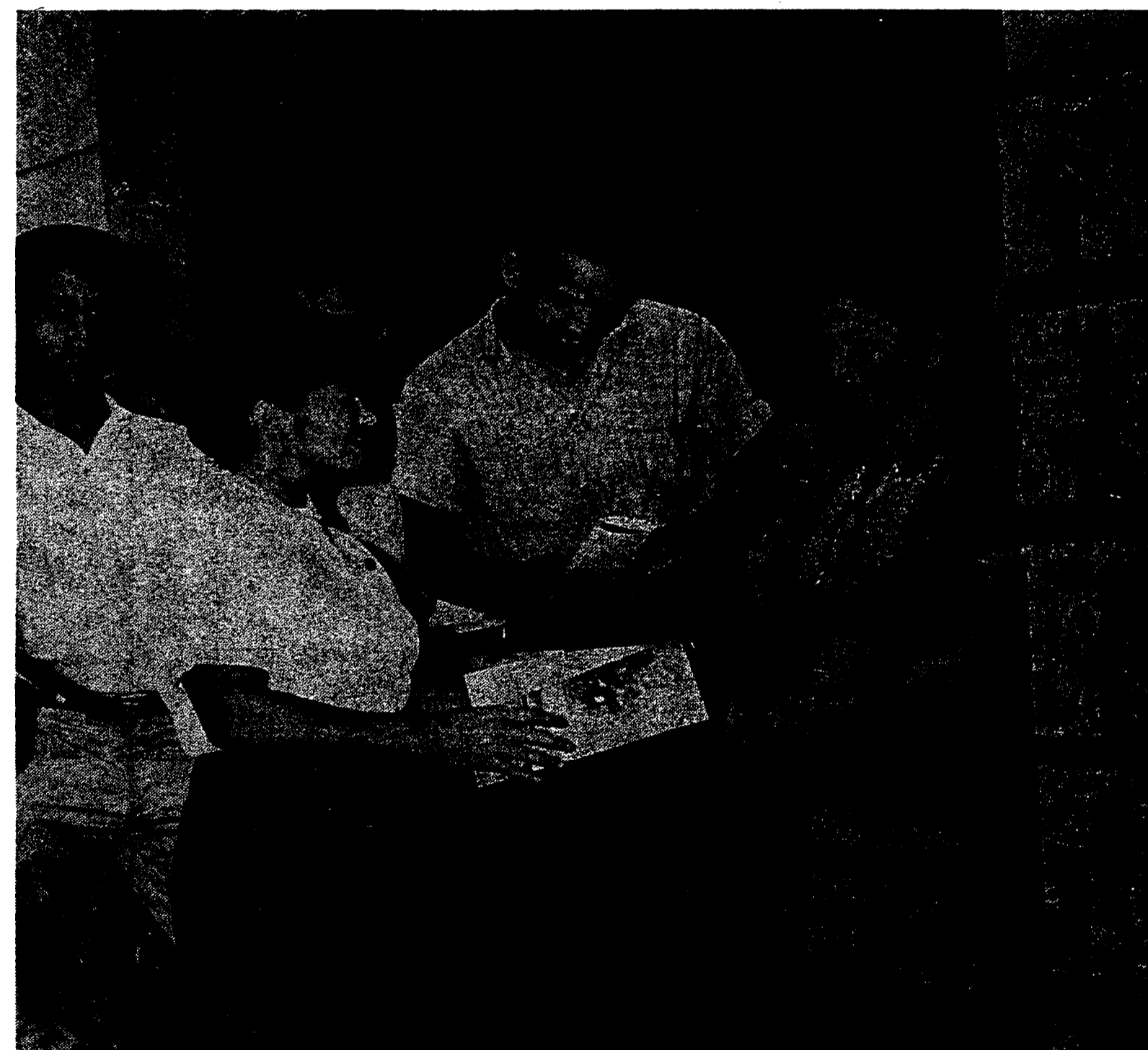
Hitchcock.—Raymond Owen, son of William Owen and Eliza Hoad Hitchcock, was born in Lyons, N. Y., on March 9, 1898, and died June 21, 1965.

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.



American Bible Society photo

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.

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What Is Wrong with Us?

The man seemed to be in poor health; he was always tired and lacked the energy to do a full day's work. Consequently his family suffered. His wife insisted that he go to a good doctor to find out what was wrong with him. After the examination he told the doctor that he wanted the diagnosis in plain English, not in hard-to-understand medical terms. Complying, a little reluctantly, with that request his doctor said, "There is nothing physically wrong with you; your trouble is that you are just plain lazy."

"Okay, Doctor," said the man, "You have told me in simple English. Now will you give me a medical term for my trouble so that I can tell my wife?"

Just about every year somebody insists that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination go to see the doctor to find out why we appear to be so weak, so lacking in visible results, so short of vital breath, so unable to meet the needs of those looking to us for spiritual and temporal support. We search for a doctor; we perhaps hire a professional analyst; or we request some of our own doctors to dig into our case history and come up with an answer. When we assemble in General Conference, we profess to want to know the plain truth. But if our "doctors" tell us that there is nothing wrong with our basic faith, that our organizational framework is substantially sound; that most of our trouble is plain spiritual laziness, we are not happy with the verdict. We begin to interpose "ifs," "buts," and all the other qualifying clauses to cover up this unpleasant finding. We are particularly anxious that the word doesn't get out to our neighbors in other churches, that it be kept off the printed page lest we lose face. We try to use big words and involved sentences to obscure this unpleasant diagnosis.

Honestly, now, why haven't we grown more? Why haven't we supported our home and foreign missionary program? Why haven't we taken our good gospel and Sabbath literature to the communities in which we live and to the four corners of the earth? Are we really sick? We are likely to find that spiritual (and even physical) laziness is the more proper term.

Resenting the diagnosis and obscuring it with high-sounding terms is not the answer. If we were found to be sick, we would quickly admit it and seek a prescription from the doctor to cure the illness. Surely there must be some cure for laziness. We have seen such people cured by the infusion of new incentives. We have been challenged by the self-sacrificing devotion of some of our young people in recent months. Let's admit that we have been lazy, and with the admission let us determine with the help of the Lord that we will really go to work on the main business of the church—telling the good news of salvation in all its fulness.

Conference Offering for OWM

It has become traditional in recent years to have a special Conference offering for Our World Mission. This offering takes two forms, the actual Sabbath morning offering collected on Sabbath morning from the delegates attending General Conference, and a special offering collected in the home churches from those unable to be present. Perhaps never has there been a greater need for a really substantial Conference offering. Not only are we \$41,000 short of our budget goal as of the last report (June) but also we are on the threshold of great new opportunities that could be grasped if we could oversubscribe the budget in these remaining two months. It would seem that the only chance we have of doing so is to make our Conference offering a really large one. It needs to be sacrificial.

Here is a suggestion. The cost of attending the meetings at Alfred is going to be considerable. The package plan of meals and lodging is more than \$40 per person. This is not too high for the services rendered but seems staggering to some who do not feel that they can afford such accommodations in addition to the cost of making the trip. Undoubtedly some will stay at home who would long to be present and take part in the meetings. The suggestion is this: If you or members of your family have decided that you cannot well afford to pay the cost of transportation and the \$40 why not

use one or the other figure as the basis for your special gift. A considerable number of such donations would make a great difference to the world work of Seventh Day Baptists in this important year of new evangelistic outreach. It could be within your tithe or beyond your tithe. The cost of attending Conference is for most a vacation cost—not a church contribution.

When the children of Israel moved out of Egypt toward the promised land they had to do battle with some formidable adversaries. On one occasion it was noted that as long as Moses, standing on a mount, held up his hands toward heaven the Israelites prevailed. When he dropped his tired arms the enemy prevailed. Then two loyal helpers, Aaron and Hur, came to his aid, one on each side, assisting him in holding up his hands. Thus the adversaries were overcome and the battle won. We have no one man representing to us the presence of God on our battlefront but we have many representatives whose hands need to be held up by our gifts and prayers. We can do it on Conference Sabbath and throughout the remaining weeks of our budget year. Let's do something for the cause at this time.

Bibles for Russia

For many years it has not been permissible either to print Bibles in Russia or to import them when printed elsewhere. Religion in that country, like everything else, is under the state. The state is officially communistic and committed to the propagation of atheism. It is small wonder then that the state is opposed to the printing or importing of Bibles. In spite of this continuing ban the British and Foreign Bible Society hopes for a better day in the future. It has now completed a new translation of the New Testament into modern Russian after twelve years of work by Russian scholars associated with St. Sergius Academy in Paris. Some day the attitude of the government may change. When that occurs the Bible Society will have a typescript ready for immediate printing. This is commendable faith and forethought.

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We who have the Bible so available that we give thought only to which of many versions we will buy or what binding has the best feel to our hands need to uphold in prayer the millions behind the Iron Curtain who cannot legally buy new Bibles of any kind in their language or read the Bible to their children. There are certain organizations soliciting funds and promising to send Bibles into Russia. The recognized Bible societies say that no one can fulfill such promises. Therefore the contributions are wasted. It is far better to do as the British and Foreign Bible Societies have done — prepare, and wait, and pray for a new day.

The situation in Russia was brought out in a press conference with the five Baptists from that land who attended the Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach. Although no questions are recalled dealing directly with the purchase of Bibles some other answers to questions shed light on the tight restrictions. A newsman asked when the city of Moscow would be allowed to have more than one Baptist church. The spokesman answered through an interpreter that the church holds six services with about 2,000 at each service, that the number is growing, that they are not yet making full use of their building, and that until they do a second church is not needed. A question about the possibility of youth meetings brought the guarded answer that in New Testament times there were no special youth meetings but the whole family attended services together; the church in Russia is like the New Testament church.

From these and answers to similar questions one can gather that Christians in the Soviet Union have to make the best of the situation and that when they travel abroad they must not say anything against the restrictions imposed on their churches lest their fellow Christians be made to suffer for their indiscretions.

There are some indications that Russian leaders will eventually see that their battle with religion is a losing battle and that they must take their place in the great family of nations that allow true freedom of religion to their citizens.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make Yourselves Known

The reason for this letter is your article on page 5 of the July 12 issue covering the Seventh Day Baptist booth at the Baptist World Congress. As I read this article it warmed me.

It has been my contention for some time that your most pressing need is to make yourselves known. I realize from my own personal experience, that your Sunday Baptist brethren would like to sweep you folks under the rug and hide you. Many times when I have been in conversation with Baptist ministers I have taken the opportunity to remind them that there is a Seventh Day Baptist Church. They, practically all, as I recall, reacted as if you were to tell a socialite that his grandfather was a horse thief. They would rather not hear anything like that. But while this is true on the average of the Sunday minister, I have not had this experience with the laymen. They seem to evince an interest and many times I have been asked if there is such a church in the area.

There is nothing to be ashamed of in being a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Neither is there any reason for selfish pride in being a member. In between these two extremes is that relationship between the member and God that instills the burning desire to "Go ye" and make yourself known to your neighbor and community. I am reminded of Moffatt's translation of Prov. 16: 3: "Trust your affairs to the eternal, and your plans will prosper." Too many times we take everything into our own hands, and then sit on them. I am a salesman, and if I waited for the customer to come to me, I would starve. I must "Go" and find the customer, sell myself to him, then sell my product to him. The same is true of religion. I believe that Seventh Day Baptist folks are fine representative folks. They have, as we say, what it takes to sell themselves. Now all they have to do is sell their religion. And if we trust it all to God, "your plans will prosper."

— Charles J. Bachman

MEMORY TEXT

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. — Ezek. 36: 26.

Conference Hospitality

The Western Association churches have made every effort to ensure physical comfort for all attending the 153rd annual session of General Conference at Alfred, N. Y., August 16-21.

All meals (including special banquets and luncheons) will be served, and most business and committee meetings held, in ADE Hall, located next to Tefft Hall and South Dormitory which are to be used for lodging.

The amount of \$42 for the week includes all meals, and a sleeping room with blanket, 2 sheets, pillowcase, and 3 towels. Children under 12 years will be accommodated at \$21 for the week. Individual meals are priced at 50¢, \$1.50, and \$2, with children's portions at half-price. Single night lodging is \$3, for those who cannot attend the entire week's sessions. Liability insurance for delegates is provided.

Space will be available for trailers and tent trailers, but guests are asked to make individual arrangements with friends in the Western Association churches, if they wish to stay in private homes.

We are looking forward to this time of praise, plans and prayer with the sincere hope that all will enjoy a most pleasant week's stay at Alfred.

— 1965 Conference Publicity Committee.

Men's Chorus at Conference

One of the greatest pleasures of General Conference is to sing with or listen to the men's chorus. The director of the chorus this year will be Dr. Ellis C. Johanson of Battle Creek. He wants all who can sing to be ready to practice at a convenient time and for all who have them to bring copies of Towner. Men, keep this in mind!

August Recorder Schedule

Under the long-established practice of publishing fifty issues per year the Sabbath Recorder will skip two weeks in August. Those who keep complete files sometimes fail to notice that our periodical comes out on alternate weeks. There will be no issue of August 9 or 23. With five Mondays you will receive three issues instead of two this month. Extra copies of the August 16 number will be distributed at Conference at the Tract Board Hour on Tuesday morning.

Another Tract in Spanish

Do you have contacts with Spanish-speaking people? Many of us do; many more could. Without the ability to speak to them in their own language it is frustrating to try to help them grasp the simplicity of the gospel message or the joy of following the Sabbath truth. If we can't take time to learn Spanish we can still bear an effective and often much appreciated witness by handing out good tracts in that language.

How wonderful it would be if most of our gospel literature could be printed in America's second language! This is not yet possible, but a start has been made. Early in July we printed 5,000 copies of a Spanish edition of "What Church Membership Implies," a tract that was called for by church leaders acquainted with the needs of our Mexican brethren.

Other tracts available in Spanish are "What Do You Find?" and "Pro and Con." Almost every church would do well to have a moderate supply of these on hand; some could use large quantities. We must take the gospel to those of other ethnic and racial groups. Approached with literature in their own language they are often more willing to study biblical truth than our English-speaking acquaintances. In that great day of accounting let it not be charged by our Lord that we had opportunities to bring Spanish-speaking people into our church fellowship and failed to do so.

Teaching the Bible in Public School

Should the Bible be taught as literature in public high school English courses?

It should, according to the Rev. Wallace Arthur Alcorn, pastor of the Community Baptist Church, Neptune, N. J. The Rev. Mr. Alcorn presents his argument in a thesis he prepared at Princeton Theological Seminary which recently awarded him a master of theology degree.

He points out: "The literary character and influence of the English Bible both may and must be an integral part of an adequate secondary English literature curriculum including that of public high schools. Constitutional authorities establish this practice as allowable in secular education and educational authorities urge it a necessary to adequate education."

He explains his purpose in this way:

"1. To appraise English teachers, school administrators and officials, clergymen, and the public of the legal opportunity for and the educational value in a secular study of the Bible as a piece of English literature and its influence upon other English literature and media of human communication.

"2. To motivate persons responsible for public education to explore ways and means by which this can be done in individual school systems...

"3. To persuade clergymen that their peculiar ends are best served in the public school system by such a non-religious study of the Bible, and to motivate them to support such a program. To show them that a religious treatment of the Bible in public education is legally prohibited, theologically prohibited, theologically impossible, and ecclesiastically impractical."

He continues: "In the early colonial days when our people were characterized by a striking degree of homogeneity, the role of the Bible in education was assumed and not argued.

"In the years since, however, we have grown in many ways. Not the least significant of these is that we have become the most pluralistic society in history

and that, however much homogeneity we still have, our heterogeneity is also a hallmark...."

Few would attempt to claim that this is a Protestant nation.... Honesty and realism require us to admit that this is really no longer an especially Christian nation.

"In light of these considerations, it is evident that a radical change in thinking and procedures was inevitable...."

The present task, he says, "is not to do away with the Bible from public education, but to do away with the improper use of the Bible in public education. The task is not to deny the Bible a place but to return it to its rightful place."

He continues: "...We wish church and state to be set apart from each other, but not against each other. And, certainly, we do not wish to destroy the spiritual foundation of public morality without which a society cannot exist..."

"The person who is interested in biblical theology has a right to the Bible. The person who is interested in biblical ethics has a right to the Bible. But, interestingly, the right to the Bible also belongs to the man who may despise religion and be disinterested in morals but who wants to be culturally refined and would like to consider himself well informed about the world in which he lives.

"If we take the Bible away from public education, we take it from the religionist and the moralist. But we also take it from the culturalist. But it is even more serious than this. For it is debatable if we should really take the Bible from the religionist and the moralist since they can find it elsewhere. If these do not hear of the Bible in school, they can go to their homes or churches. But where can the student of culture go? Where can the student go who wants no more than a complete or even adequate education?..."

The secular man should be satisfied because secular use of the Bible can do no religious harm. The religious man should be satisfied because a divine book cannot be harmed by a secular treatment. The only ones who can object are the secular man who is afraid that the Bible

might be a divine book anyway and fears to give it a chance to prove itself, or the religious man who is afraid that the Bible might be a human book after all and fears to separate it from the magical power of the clergy. So, if the Bible be a human book, it is not going to perform any miracles. So, if the Bible be a divine book, it is not going to have any human limitations...."

He concludes by saying: "The literary aspects of the English Bible and its influence upon other American and English literature both may and must be taught in American public high schools. It may be taught because constitutional interpretation asserts that this is a non-religious use of the Bible. It must be taught because knowledge of it is necessary for a complete education and cultural refinement."

—Asbury Park, Evening Press,
June 26, 1965.

World Council Agency Defines Religious Liberty

What standards of religious liberty should be maintained when the subject is considered in a world-wide context? The question is highly important in these months prior to the closing session of the Vatican Council, which has previously sidestepped consideration of its religious liberty schema. The Executive Committee of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA), an agency of the World Council of Churches under the chairmanship of Sir Kenneth Grubb of London, released a statement on July 19. The Commission is empowered to speak in its own name. It expressed the hope that the Catholic schema would be "adopted and promulgated without weakening of its content and without restrictive interpretation."

The committee resolution listed seven "essential requirements" for religious liberty in its resolution which it hopes will set an international standard. They follow:

"1. While holding a distinctive Christian basis for religious liberty, the civil freedom which Christians claim for themselves must be guaranteed to all

men everywhere, whatever their religion or belief.

2. Religious liberty includes freedom to change one's religion or belief without consequent social, economic, and political disabilities. Implicit in this right is the right freely to maintain one's belief or disbelief without external coercion or disability.
3. Religious liberty further includes freedom to manifest religion or belief. Worship, teaching, practice, and observance are essential forms of religious manifestation, and any elaboration of the standard of religious liberty must expressly provide for them.
4. To every person there should be assured the right to manifest his religion or belief, whether alone or in community, and in public or private.
5. Religious liberty also includes freedom to maintain individual or collective bonds with religious communities or associations, the character of which transcends national boundaries. It also includes freedom to express opinions or convictions and to impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.
6. The standard of religious liberty should be international. The international standard should not be restrictively interpreted to make it conform to existing national constitutions and laws, but every effort should be made to cause national constitutions and laws to conform to the international standard.
7. The exercise of religious freedom as well as that of other civil rights may be subject to such limitations as are determined by law solely in the interest of public order. Religious rights shall be available for all without discrimination on grounds of religion or belief."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 14, 1965

Christians Grow Through Service
Lesson Scripture: Romans 12: 1-13

"Thank God for the World Council of Churches"

By Clifford W. P. Hansen

"Thank God for the World Council of Churches." I find these words penned in my own handwriting at the top of a memorandum I wrote just before leaving the 1965 meeting of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., April 28-30.

To me, this year's meeting was especially gratifying on two counts. First, the emphasis throughout was on the social needs and issues of our time and the practical application of our common Christian witness to these needs and issues. In the WCC, dedicated Christian men and women are constantly struggling with the major social concerns of the world, with a perspective, and with other advantages that could never be matched within the confines of any denomination. Through these efforts, all of us are daily contributing to betterment in ways we never could without the World Council.

My second source of encouragement was the evidence of an increasing awareness of the need, in our growing Christian fraternity, of a primary commitment to a search for truth, and of the courage required to communicate our experience of that search in the most plain and evident terms possible. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, newly elected executive secretary of the U.S. Conference (replacing Dr. Roswell P. Barnes who retired on account of illness) declared: "We Protestants are going to be forced to deal with the fundamental question of truth in a much more demanding way than in years past. We are going to be required to give a reason for the faith that is in us—to give it with clarity, with conviction, and to give it in the language of our own time. Our traditional modes of speech and habitual patterns of expression are not going to be adequate to this new challenge."

Speaking from the Orthodox perspective, Archbishop Iakovos said: "I place my loyalty to the truth at least parallel to my loyalty to my church and to the ecumenical movement. I furthermore subscribe myself to our Lord's assertion that

the truth will set us free and I feel that it is high time to free ourselves from some false presuppositions and assumptions if we would like to really further or reinforce the ecumenical movement."

To this, D. Edwin H. Tuller, executive secretary of the American Baptist Convention, added a plea that those who plan World Council meetings include a wide variety of points of view in the scheduled presentations, to stimulate genuine debate. In the past, speakers scheduled for World Council meetings have almost invariably been those reflecting World Council policy and views.

We were sobered by a first-hand report of racial tensions in Africa, presented by a Christian native of that continent, now a student in the U.S. Especially moving was his account of the inequalities practiced toward the people of Africa by white missionaries and other white Christians. He told of the difficulty of getting equal status and salaries for trained African pastors, of kneel-in demonstrations in white churches, and of these demonstrators being thrown out bodily from these churches. How can African Christians, he asked, continue their allegiance to the church when they are oppressed by the white Christians from whom they received the gospel? He emphasized the predicament of native Christians in having to choose between supporting their churches and church leaders, and the non-Christian leaders of social reform movements.

Political tension in major trouble spots of the world were given major attention. Dr. John K. Fairbank, professor of History and director of the East Asian Research Center at Harvard University, warned that military force can never subdue "the new village-based nationalist communist revolutionary movement" of southeast Asia. These movements, he said, are "mainly socio-political and ideological-cultural." "Guerilla warfare is the invaluable by-product of a program of

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MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Quarterly Report of Director of Evangelism April-June, 1965

To: The Board of Managers, Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Westerly, R. I.

As one looks back over this three-month period, he is aware not only of the fact that time passes swiftly, but again and again experiences have shown the love, care, and provision of God in a special way. For this we praise Him! The first month of the quarter was spent working with the Pacific Coast Association, visiting and spending time in each area where there is a church or fellowship and also doing other visitation as was thought to be important. Thus messages were brought to the five groups, Jamaica slides shown, and discussion of the mission and work of Seventh Day Baptists in the Association and Conference was entered into. A more particular report of this period has been previously shared with the corresponding secretary. In calling one man made profession of faith in Christ and others with hungry hearts were pointed to God's provision for them in Christ.

Ministers Conference at Battle Creek was attended and an evening message delivered. The following Sabbath arrangements were made with the Battle Creek church to administer the ordinance of baptism to a brother previously visited in the Chicago area, who requested such. About two weeks in May were spent in New York State, particularly in the Syracuse area, laying plans for the Summer Christian Service Corps work and aiding the church. On May 22, seven members were received into the Syracuse church who, along with the other members, renewed their covenant relationship in the church organization. Communion closed this "high" Sabbath.

While in New York a Sabbath morning was spent at DeRuyter and a service of ordination for a deacon at Brookfield was also attended. Two business meetings at the Adams Center church were visited and a devotional service led at the beginning of one. Discussion was held with the

Rev. Rex Zwiebel in Alfred Station on the Dedicated Service program and arrangements were made to use Camp Harley Sutton for an end-of-season Evaluation Day for all Dedicated Workers August 10. The Jamaica slides were shown at a social evening for one of the Sabbath School classes in Alfred that same night.

In Syracuse the doors were opened for definite witness and work for the S.C.S.C. In a suburban area where several of the church families reside, arrangements were made to use a building for D.V.B.S. outreach. It is an area where there is no church within a radius of at least two miles and so opportunity to serve the community in general is good. In the city of Syracuse arrangements to have an afternoon "Story Hour" in one of the large housing projects was made. Over 130 families in the project have no real neighborhood church nearby and with several hundred children in the project, this seems not only a vital service project but one also which offers unique opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Two needy boys from the project — Salt City Homes — were given scholarships to attend the Central N. Y. Association Camp Harmony.

June was spent in Battle Creek, the early part preparing for the first Training Session for the S.C.S.C. which was held for seven young people, June 15-22. The co-operation of the Battle Creek church in providing room and board for these corps members as well as the church facilities for classes is greatly appreciated. Four of these young people formed Team A and left on June 23rd for New Orleans. The other three formed Team B and helped in the Battle Creek day camp the last week of the month.

Exclusive of April (for which a separate report was given) 31 form letters and 29 other letters were sent out. Eighteen visits were made in homes, and individuals were counseled on nine occasions.

In an accompanying letter Director Leon Lawton made the following comments:

Tomorrow night the second Summer Christian Service Corps Training Session will be over and our summer work and witness in Syracuse,

as Team C, will begin. Though in some ways this second session is different, yet it has been equally as thrilling and vital as the first. What a joy it is to work with such young people! The brethren here in Verona have been most gracious and all our need, and more, has been met. We are thankful for the evidence of answered prayers and know that many, many have been remembering this work here.

The trip from Battle Creek east was uneventful. We camped Sunday night at Grimbsy Beach, Ont., at a beautiful lakeshore site and were in Syracuse to meet the Pastor Delmer Van Horns on schedule Monday. Team B went north for the week's work at Adams Center. They did visitation and came down to join with us for the first time yesterday (July 11).

A closing service with special dedication of the workers was held last night at Verona. They will move to Syracuse this afternoon and the remaining days this week will allow adjustment to new surroundings, preparation of lesson materials, etc.

Fifty-one Missioners Ready to Serve

What will the year 1965-66 yield in the way of evangelistic outreach for our churches? It ought to yield much if our churches make full use of the lay and ordained missionaries who have expressed a willingness to serve. This missionary program did bring blessings to quite a number of churches this year, as will be reported at Conference. Let us pray that it will "catch on" in far more churches and that adequate preparation may be made on the part of all to ensure maximum results.

In the issue of June 28 the missionary secretary announced two new names added to the list of forty-seven volunteers previously mentioned. Now there are two more, bringing the total to fifty-one. The new names are Mr. Elery W. King, RD #1, North Loup, Neb., and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. From this list churches may select the leaders most suitable and available when needed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex S. Zwiebel

Quarterly Board Meeting

Reports to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education at its quarterly meeting July 18, included the following: The Committee on Higher Education reported a successful Ministers Conference and the sending out of questionnaires seeking to know the desires of the denominational leaders relating to adult education.

The Committee on Youth Work reported that the Pre-Con Retreats under its supervision were completely planned and that the programs promise to be challenging and helpful to those participating.

The report of the Dedicated Service Committee showed that 3 young people are working in our church's Vacation Church Schools and camps. They are Nancy Burdick in South Jersey; Martha Babcock in Wisconsin and Nebraska, and Tim Looney in West Virginia.

The Finance Committee is struggling with the problem of efficient handling of investments which we hold for departments in Alfred University. A method was proposed and adopted whereby we can be released from this activity.

The Publications Committee reported on the forthcoming Junior Quarterly a summary of which may be found above. About 600 Sabbath Visitors for Boys and Girls are being mailed monthly to our churches and to individuals. The **Helping Hand** continues to be used by the majority of our Sabbath Schools. Some unusually fine lessons have been noted.

The Publicity Committee is having the new Achievement Certificates reprinted as there were mistakes on those received. Promotion ads were prepared for publication in the **Helping Hand**.

The report of the executive secretary told of his involvement in the planning and participating in the biennial Ministers Conference, the work done for the committees of the board, writing and editing, activity related to interim CoWoCo and Ecumenical Conversations, denominational

and ecumenical work, and preparation for our part in General Conference.

Our board's annual report has been prepared and sent to the Recorder Press for printing.

Junior Quarterly

A new edition of the Seventh Day Baptist Junior Quarterly will feature a study of the history of our denomination. The first quarter is due from the press, and the second quarter has been written by the editor, Mrs. Catharine Stillman. Mrs. Stillman portrays the beginning of our churches in England, the crossing to America, and the ways many of our churches came into being. The formation and work of our Association make up the lessons for the second quarter.

We hope to have sample copies on display at General Conference, so that teachers may preview them and place orders. The studies are slated to begin with the first Sabbath in October 1965, although they are of such nature that they may be studied any time of the year, and not only in Sabbath School but in Junior SDBYF meetings or at home.

For various reasons, some known and some unknown, the Bible study **To Junior Surveyors with Love**, featured in the Junior Quarterly this year has not had popular acceptance. We hope that the new edition is given a fair trial by our churches.

Youth Pre-Con Program Highlights

Space does not permit an hour-by-hour listing of the complete program from Wednesday afternoon, August 11, to Sunday morning, August 15. The first period of worship is Wednesday evening. The main instructional period for the retreat occupies Thursday morning and early afternoon. It includes a major study of **About Myself** by Nevin Harner, followed by discussion and a "lecture and slide presentation of Physiological Aspects of Sex" by Dr. H. O. Burdick with discussion.

The Thursday evening program includes worship and an orientation period for the migrant camp work of the next day.

Friday is a very full day with rising at 3:30, breakfast at the migrant camp at 5 a.m., and work in the fields with the migrants until 4 p.m., at which time there is a meeting with council representatives. A discussion group after supper rounds out the day before returning by bus to camp and bed.

For Sabbath day the usual morning worship will be conducted with music and a wrap-up discussion of **About Myself** in the afternoon. Scheduled for the evening is the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Pre-Con closes with a fellowship service after breakfast Sunday morning.

"Thank God for the WCC"

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organization that expends enormous energy on personal proselytism, . . . group indoctrination in the new ideology, and a multitude of political and cultural activities." What a challenge this presents to Christians for a new and serious response to their mission under God! How tragic that Christians are not now ready to step into the many breeches of a torn humanity with an equal dedication to applying the healing grace of their gospel.

Speaking on the religious and moral aspects of our U.S. China policy, Dr. John C. Bennett, president of Union Theological Seminary said, "We must learn to live with China as a human community." Noting that China is developing "a political and economic system not likely to be displaced," he deplored the fact that we and the Chinese are hardened against each other. "We cannot do much directly about their outlook," he said, "but we can do something about our own." Both he and Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, called for the admission of Red China into the United Nations. Dr. Nolde made it clear that the seating of China in the UN should not be interpreted "as a blessing on its policies but as a means of having it share in the responsibility of decision and of consequent action." Any "real

progress toward disarmament without China is impossible," he asserted.

Another major development of our time, widely reported at this meeting, is the constantly increasing number and quality of contacts between Roman Catholics and other Christians. It was announced that a joint committee was soon to be set up by the World Council and the Vatican for the exploring the matter of Roman Catholic-Protestant-Orthodox relationships.

It was also announced that the World Council will sponsor a World Conference on Church and Society at Geneva, Switzerland, July 12-24, 1966. This meeting, which will bring many lay political and sociological experts together with church leaders, holds promise of becoming one of the most important meetings in the history of the World Council.

A comment by Dr. Alford Carleton, executive vice-president, Board for World Ministries, United Church of Christ, and member of the Executive and Central Committees of the WCC, reflects, I think, the mood of the delegates attending this meeting: "Our reaction must be one of sorrow in the presence of grief and tragedy, one of humility in recognition that through the years we have done so little to remove tension." We cannot, however, content ourselves with lamenting the past. Christians must become more involved with the world's tragedy. We have a mission under God. We must assert, with urgency and relevance, our Christian witness to the tensions and needs of our time. Thank God for the World Council which gives all of us an instrument through which to express our ministry, and for those leaders of this world fellowship of Christians who call us to this ministry.

Marriage and the American Women

Approximately 1,600,000 American women were married in 1963; about 65 per cent of them by their 21st birthday. Most of them will have their last child by the time they are 28. A third of all wives are working today; 42 per cent of this group are working mothers.

Population Reference Bureau.

Dodge Center Church Hosts North Central Association

By Helen Greene, Secretary

From June 18-20 the Dodge Center, Minn., people and the delegates from other churches felt the spiritual uplift of the Association meetings held in the church building. The messages by the guest speaker, the Rev. Kenneth Smith of Milton, were especially appreciated, kindling a greater desire to do more for Christ.

The theme for the year leading up to the meeting was "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets" (Luke 5: 4), which was emphasized in the music and the messages of the full weekend. The Revival Singers choir under the direction of Helen Greene set the tone for the Sabbath eve service which was conducted by Arthur Payne with the help of delegates. Featured the first night was a pageant "Launch Out" written and narrated by Myra Thorngate Barber.

The senior choir under the leadership of Mary Thorngate presented an anthem Sabbath morning. The sermon by the guest speaker was on the topic, "The Church as a Fishing Boat." Dr. Smith brought to mind that there is a danger of polishing and sanding our churches and forgetting our Christ. The church is not a hobby but is dedicated to be an active fellowship. God's love, he affirmed, lives in fellowship with members and unity. The members cannot communicate the gospel without sharing in the lives of others. He spoke of evangelism as a great idea wrapped up in a person.

Music on Sabbath afternoon under the direction of Don Gray made a great impression, with the new electric organ and the piano contributing a stereophonic effect. The afternoon discussion led by Dr. Smith was on Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and the proposed "conversations" with American Baptists.

At the supper hour the women meeting separately laid plans for a "project" for the Association women. Edna Ruth Richards volunteered to be chairman of the project.

The young people conducted a well-planned vesper service under the direction of Phil Greene, using youth from various churches in the music and meditation. The evening message, again by the guest speaker, was based on 2 Timothy 4 and reviewed the life of Paul in prison. He stated that when we are tempted to quit is just the time Christ needs us most.

The business meeting on Sunday took care of the various reports, contained an expression of appreciation for the work of Pastor Kenneth Van Horn of New Auburn who soon goes to another pastorate. The new officers elected were: Mrs. Lester Hurley of Janesville, president; Leland Shaw of Milton, vice-president; Mrs. Edward Wright of Milton Junction, secretary; and Charles Williams of Milton, treasurer. Don Gray was again chosen as field co-ordinator.

Baptist World Congress Adopts Resolutions

The report of the Resolutions Committee headed by Ernest A. Payne of England and Harold Stassen of the U.S.A., urged the adoption of the following four resolutions.

I. Peace

In these days of tension and concern for the destiny of all mankind, we Baptists appeal to all Christians to join together to preserve peace on earth.

We must answer the call "to seek peace and pursue it." "The things that belong to Thy peace" must be found. No nation wins a nuclear war, all are defeated. As much as one hundred and twenty billions of dollars are being spent yearly on armaments and armed forces by the nations of the world.

We are firmly convinced that with a united effort and the blessing of Almighty God, the great aim of peace and good will upon earth can be reached, to the glory of God and the joy and happiness of mankind.

We, therefore, the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Assembly in Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.A., call upon the nations of the world to desist from acts of

direct or indirect aggression whether they be in Viet Nam, Santo Domingo, Tibet, Berlin, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, or in any other parts of the world.

We call upon the nations of the world to use the conference table to settle all international disputes and to use the agencies of the United Nations to this end.

We call on all governments to renounce the use of nuclear arms, to desist from the testing of nuclear weapons for war and to destroy all stockpiles of nuclear arms after appropriate safeguards are given and received.

We call upon men of faith and good will in all churches, in all religions and in all nations to use every valid channel, social, political, economic and religious to end all forms of war and to establish a just peace for all mankind.

We call especially upon Christians to be instant in protestations against warfare in this modern age that would inevitably bring human annihilation, and to be urgent in praying and working for world peace.

We proclaim Jesus Christ as the true Prince of Peace and the hope of the world.

II. Racial Discrimination

That this Eleventh Congress of the Baptist World Alliance affirms its belief in both the brotherhood of all Christians and the equality of all men under God, regardless of race or social position, and that we accept our responsibility as Baptists to take a full share in solving the un-Christlike distinctions of our societies, wherever they are.

III. Resolution of Thanks

We, the delegates to the Eleventh Baptist World Alliance Congress held at Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, 1965, offer thanks to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of fellowship with Baptists gathered from the nations of the world. We are grateful, not alone for new light and truth which have broken forth from the word of God, but for the restatement of those things most surely believed among us.

We deeply appreciate the prayerful and detailed preparation by the officers and executive of the Alliance. The president,

chairmen and speakers, members of commissions and those who led the music contributed to the inspiration and blessing of the Congress.

We extend our thanks to the chairman and members of the Arrangements Committee and to all the subcommittees and individuals whose efforts have resulted in the efficient working of the Congress.

We recognize gratefully the co-operation of Governmental and Civic Bodies, the police and transport authorities, the Press and others without whose help the Congress could not have been such a success.

IV. Baptist Witness and Evangelism

That the members of the Congress accept the challenge presented in his Presidential Address by Dr. John Soren to a new thrust of Christian witness, evangelism and service throughout the world. Believing this to be one of the greatest needs of our time in every continent they call upon their fellow Baptists to join them in united sacrificial endeavor in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ernest A. Payne,
Harold Stassen,
Co-Chairmen.

Relief Appeal for Vietnam

The World Council of Churches has appealed to its member churches for \$100,000 to underwrite relief and rehabilitation work in Vietnam. The aid will be given in northern as well as southern Vietnam through special contacts established with churches there.

The appeal was issued by the Committee of the WCC Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service in quarterly session in Geneva.

All WCC aid supported by funds raised in the appeal will be conducted under auspices of the East Asia Christian Conference (EACC), the region-wide body of churches and church agencies.

EACC has set up an office in Saigon to administer the aid and is in the process of recruiting personnel. Churches in the Philippines, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand have offered to underwrite the costs of medical teams.

Boulder Church Member Wins Wide Public Honor

Lynn E. Burdick, a very interested member of the Seventh Day Baptist church of Boulder, Colorado, was recently honored and given a big write-up complete with large pictures in the *Boulder Daily Camera*.

What had "Doc" Burdick done to win this acclaim? It came upon his retirement after twenty-two years as Boulder County's juvenile probation officer. This was the second retirement for the 77-year-old officer. In 1942 after 21 years on the Boulder Fire Department Mr. Burdick, who "was always interested in working with kids" heard that Judge Buck was looking for a probation officer. "I retired," he said, "and took the job." It was a new career that extended through the terms of three judges. Although he modestly dismisses his twenty-two years of work with juvenile offenders as "nothing outstanding" the three judges assess his career a little differently.

"I do not know of anyone anywhere who has been more successful in dealing with young people," Judge Buck remarked. "Doc has the unique ability to understand their problems and to establish rapport with them. Our association has been one of the most pleasant experiences of my professional career."

Judge Ashton called it "a rare quality, almost an instinct, for understanding people and getting to the basic problems involved. In his field he has been genuinely successful." Judge Ashton said, "Many young people, together with their parents, have come back to the court to express their appreciation for the understanding and helpfulness given them by Mr. Burdick."

"One of the most outstanding juvenile officers in the state of Colorado," Holmes commented. "He has a vast amount of experience that it will take anyone a long time to gather. His retirement is a loss to the court, to Boulder County, and most of all, to the youth of Boulder."

Where did Lynn Burdick get the qualities that brought him such recognition upon his retirement? It is quite probable that he would give much credit to his

parents and to the strong idealism of his church during his formative and adult years. He was born in 1888 at Scott, N. Y., where his father, Franklin O. Burdick, was probably pastor. The family moved to North Loup, Neb., when Lynn was a child. There his father was the only medical doctor and also pastored the church. In 1901 the family moved to Boulder where there was a continuation of the same church-centered life, for the doctor was pastor also of the Seventh Day Baptist church for a number of years. Upon marriage in 1906 Lynn spent several years on a cattle ranch near Laramie where his two daughters Wanda and Floetta were born. Returning to Boulder "Doc" Burdick entered upon the first of his two careers mentioned above.

Commenting on his work Mr. Burdick says that he has taken great satisfaction in helping boys and girls over the years. The photographer caught one of his last acts, imparting a few parting words to a Boulder teenager just taken off probation. He believes America has "a lot of mighty good kids, those that get into trouble and those that don't." He leans to the "spare the rod and spoil the child" philosophy. "Parents," he said, "may not realize it or wish to admit it, but some of their so-called juvenile delinquents are just plain spoiled rotten."

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Congress Resolution Against Religious Persecution

There is real possibility that a strongly worded resolution will be passed by the Congress of the United States against the religious persecution now being practiced in the Soviet Union and its satellites. Such a resolution has cleared the House of Representatives. One not quite so broad passed the Senate, sponsored by 70 senators after being introduced by Senator Ribicoff (D., Conn.). The resolutions which are now to be brought into harmony with each other are prompted by the apparent persecution of the Jews in Soviet countries.

The House resolution includes other religious groups in other East European countries. Rep. Edna F. Kelly (D., N. Y.),

chairman of the subcommittee which handled the resolution, said two conclusions emerged from hearings held:

1. "That no religion is at home in the Soviet Union or in the countries of Eastern Europe." Though these countries claim adherence to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and their respective constitutions guarantee freedom of conscience and of religion, the governments "persistently infringe on those rights."

2. "The Soviet Union stands alone in the degree of anti-Semitism practiced within its territory."

Proposes More Freedom in Civil Service Jobs

Legislation to "permit devoutly religious people greater opportunity to hold federal civil service positions" will be sponsored in the House of Representatives according to a New York Congressman.

Rep. Jonathan B. Bingham (D., N. Y.) said he would sponsor a bill to provide that persons who could not work on a particular day because of religious reasons be allowed work on another day.

"Virtually every major religion has certain holy days which the devout observe at their place of worship and so cannot go to their regular places of employment," Bingham said. He referred to Orthodox Jews who cannot work on Friday evening or Saturday, and to Seventh-day Adventists who cannot work on Saturday. Many Christians observe Good Friday, Christmas, and Easter, he observed.

The Congressman's proposed legislation is aimed at requirements of the Post Office and some other civil service agencies that employees must be available for work any day of the week or year.

A spokesman in the Congressman's office said the proposal would be that to the extent that the nature of the job would allow and that the applicant is willing to work on another day, he should not be disqualified for employment or upgrading.

"I sponsor this legislation because I feel that the present policy of the federal civil service is in effect discriminatory

and because I believe that the federal government should set an example for private industry in making it possible for devoutly religious people to pursue their beliefs," Bingham said.

Denominational History Books Now Available

The large two-volume *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America* which has been very scarce for a number of years has just become available again, and at a lower price. There are two types of binding, cloth at \$9, and buckram at \$10 for the set. Both are black with the titles stamped in gold. Order from the American Sabbath Tract Society, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061. Please send check or money order to avoid billing costs. Seventh Day Baptist ministers and students in theological seminary may write for special rates.

Pastoral News

The Paint Rock, Ala., church sends information that its pastor C. Fred Kirtland has resigned and that David Pearson, Malawi missionary on furlough and residing in the community is now serving the church on a temporary basis.

The Richburg, N. Y., church announces that Mr. Pearson has agreed to be their pastor from September to the middle of June while he further considers the call to return to Malawi.

The Riverside, Calif., church has received an affirmative answer to the call extended to C. Rex Burdick, presently serving the Verona, N. Y., church. Mr. Burdick will fill the vacancy created when Alton L. Wheeler moves to Plainfield, N. J., to become executive secretary of the General Conference.

Homer Martinez Gonzalez, a minister with years of experience, pursuing a higher education in the United States, has returned to Mexico for the summer to consolidate Seventh Day Baptist work that he started on previous summers. He reports good progress in spite of the lack of continuing leadership.

Kenneth Van Horn, pastor at New Auburn, Wis., has accepted the call of the Little Rock, Ark., church with the expectation of taking up the pastorate in October or November.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.—On July 3, our church joined with the Albion church for communion and testimonial service. After church we enjoyed a potluck dinner together. In the afternoon we had a business meeting to take action on CoWoCo and ecumenical conversations.

On July 8, the women's club had Miss Lima give a talk and show her slides on her missionary work in Borneo.

The young people of our church enjoyed the weeks of junior and senior camp at Wakonda the last of June and the first of July.

For July 18 the High Climbers scheduled a Sabbath School picnic at Sportmen's Park at Janesville. — Correspondent.

Accessions

White Cloud, Mich.

By Baptism:

Janis Cruzan
Edward Cruzan
Thomas Rudert
Douglas Sanford
Dean Sanford
Phyllis (Mrs. Gary) Branch

Obituaries

Davis.—Jerome Fuller, son of William Warren Davis and Nellie Marsh Davis, was born in Canton, N. J., April 15, 1888, and died June 25, 1965, at the Avon, N. Y., Nursing Home.

In his youth he was baptized and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shiloh, N. J., in which church he retained his membership.

We was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Place of Alfred, N. Y., June 15, 1910.

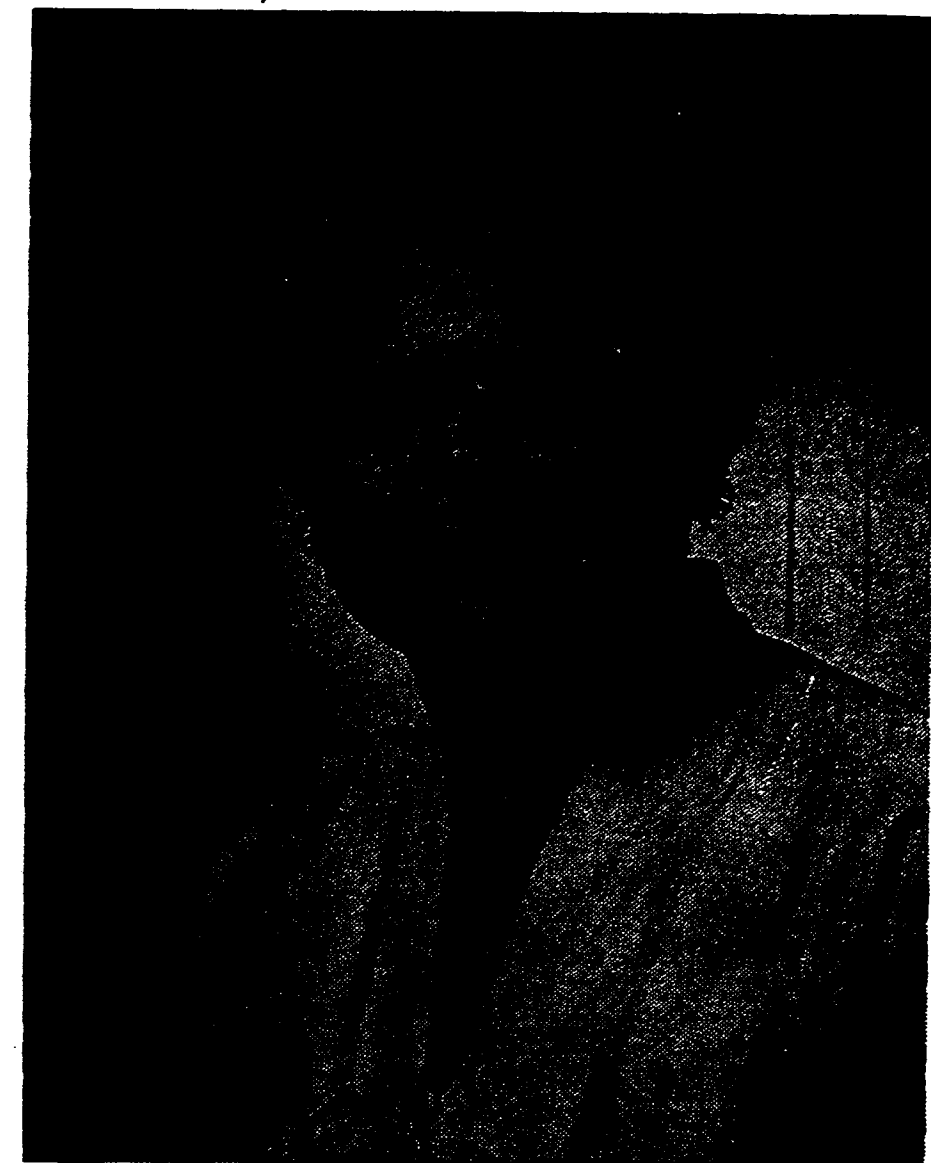
After his graduation from Alfred University in 1913, he served as the principal of schools at Freeville, Arkport, Scottsville, and Oakfield, all in New York. He taught science and biology at Madison High School in Scottsville for 34 years.

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, a daughter, Charlotte (Mrs. Carl F.) Gruschow, Scottsville; a grandson; a brother, Harold of Florida; and three sisters, Mrs. Grace Acton of Florida, and Mrs. Ethel Hotchkiss and Mrs. Paul Flanagan, both of New Jersey.

Graveside services were conducted at Alfred, N. Y., Rural Cemetery by the Rev. David S. Clarke and the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, June 29, 1965, where interment was made. — H. S. W.

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