

OUR WORLD MISSION
OWM Budget Receipts for July 1965

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	July	10 mos.	10 mos.		July	10 mos.	10 mos.
Adams Center	\$ 205.00	\$ 503.75		Metairie		40.00	
Albion	78.50	443.00	\$ 50.00	Middle Island	15.00	283.00	
Alfred, 1st	296.70	5,955.65		Milton	1,533.28	7,227.32	189.00
Alfred, 2nd	203.45	1,640.70	10.00	Milton Junction	180.00	1,272.55	
Algiers				New Auburn	37.07	262.96	
Assoc. & Groups	69.55	451.66	1,390.96	North Loup		1,252.06	36.15
Battle Creek	486.75	5,098.79	80.00	Nortonville	179.00	1,745.50	100.00
Bay Area		316.50	20.67	Old Stonefort	20.00	233.00	
Berlin		1,267.99	162.33	Paint Rock		150.00	
Boulder	79.45	268.15		Pawcatuck	481.05	4,836.51	72.20
Brookfield, 1st	55.00	213.00		Plainfield	461.27	4,220.49	
Brookfield, 2nd	33.50	97.50		Putnam County			
Buckeye Fellow-ship		100.00		Richburg	262.50	1,229.50	3.00
Buffalo		465.00	25.00	Ritchie	157.50	217.50	
Chicago	50.00	1,047.50	15.00	Riverside	460.26	3,065.41	34.83
Daytona Beach	377.45	1,684.45	165.03	Roanoke	20.00	120.00	
Denver	130.15	1,305.21	50.00	Rockville	40.70	397.70	50.00
De Ruyter	68.50	442.50		Salem	120.00	2,070.00	
Dodge Center	93.46	897.29		Salemville	26.11	208.05	112.00
Edinburg			75.00	Schenectady		101.05	
Farina	11.25	332.65		Shiloh		5,285.51	5.00
Fouke	30.00	152.50		Syracuse		40.00	
Hammond	30.00	60.00		Texarkana		109.00	
Hebron, 1st		529.50	5.00	Trustees of			
Hopkinton, 1st	30.00	1,904.56	30.00	Gen. Conf.	38.50	194.50	
Hopkinton, 2nd	10.50	105.00	400.00	Verona	111.93	1,298.29	217.00
Houston		127.99		Walworth	200.00	742.50	25.00
Independence	83.75	784.50		Washington	30.00	157.00	
Individuals	35.00	330.00	43.00	Washington,			
Irvington	700.00	2,100.00	32.00	People's	30.00	185.00	
Jackson Center				Waterford	97.95	1,030.48	
Kansas City		371.07		White Cloud	118.53	651.06	32.30
Little Genesee	109.35	1,111.97	20.00	Women's Society			
Little Rock	3.85	146.37		Yonah Mt.		90.00	
Los Angeles	520.00	2,720.00	30.00				
Los Angeles, Christ's		25.00		Total	\$9,239.59	\$78,254.15	\$3,535.47
Lost Creek		1,300.00		Non-budget		4.00	
Marlboro	315.85	2,633.75	55.00	Total to			
Memorial Fund	486.93	2,604.71		disburse	\$9,243.59		

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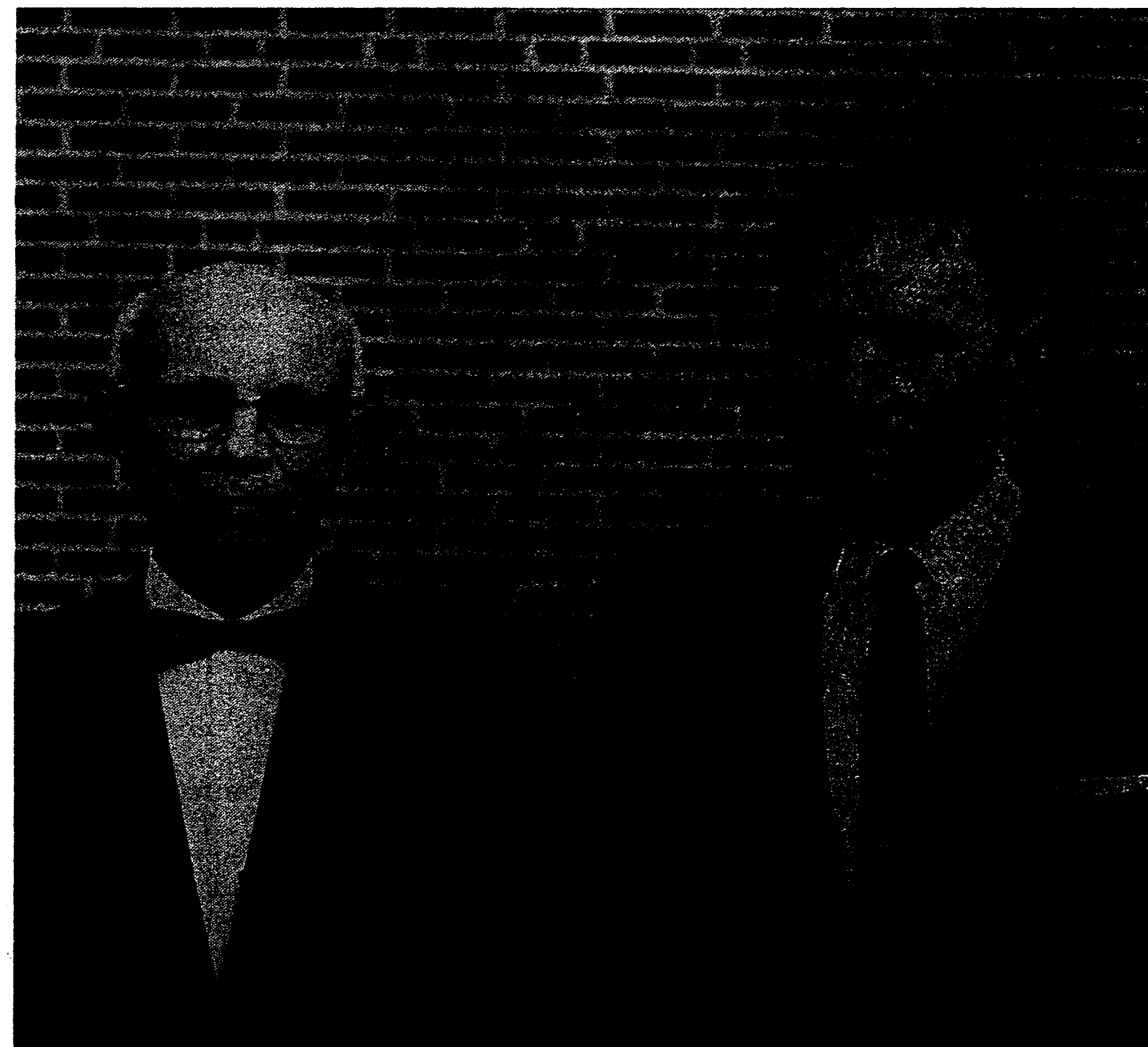
Board of Christian Education	\$ 696.70
Historical Society	41.19
Ministerial Retirement	890.85
Ministerial Education	1,060.86
Missionary Society	3,932.55
Tract Society	1,083.08
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	49.66
Women's Society	131.13
World Fellowship & Service	103.57
General Conference	1,254.00
Total	\$9,243.59

SUMMARY

1964-1965 OWM Budget	\$113,899.00
Receipts for 10 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$78,254.15
Boards	3,535.47
Amount due in 2 months	\$32,109.38
Needed per month	\$16,054.69
Percentage of year elapsed	83.3%
Percentage of budget raised	71.8%
Gordon L. Sanford,	
Little Genesee, N. Y.	
OWM Treasurer.	

July 31, 1965.

The Sabbath Recorder



Conference Secretaries

Working together until September 15 in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., are the retiring executive secretary, Harley D. Bond (left), and the new general secretary, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler. The General Conference held at Alfred, N. Y., August 16-21, marked the change of personnel in the highest appointive office of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and the change in the designation of that office.

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Renewal on the Urban Frontier

There is a growing feeling among Protestant church leaders that the church should undo the mistakes of the past and establish new frontiers in areas that once were centers of church life rather than frontiers. Renewal is the bright new word for 1965. It is used in a variety of ways but most frequently of the big cities. Sometimes it is strictly physical, sometimes spiritual. Our own city of Plainfield has several urban renewal programs underway. A considerable area of the downtown section has been vacated and is now in process of demolition to make way for something better that is on the planning boards.

The social, religious renewal needed is pointed up by the words of Dr. James I. McCord, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. Pointing out that Protestants abandoned the central cities in the past, leaving them first to Catholic immigrants and now to Negroes and "hillbillies," he said, "the frontier for the Protestant mission today is in returning to the central city."

These are sobering words. Why did the church leave the central city? Was it forced out by circumstances beyond its control? Was it an economic necessity, or is there some blame to be attached to its move to the suburbs? The answers are not quite clear, not necessarily the same in each case. The tendency at present is to say that the church lost sight of its missionary opportunity and must now regain it. Perhaps this is so. It may also be said with some degree of probability that if the church had not followed its parishioners to the suburbs it might not be strong enough now to think in terms of returning to the central city as a frontier. Be that as it may, it gives us an uneasy feeling that there is some blame rightly attached to the abandonment of the inner city churches. They were beautiful buildings. The members had social status and the means to maintain it. They may have used the church as a symbol of their social position. When vacancies in the brownstone dwellings of our Fifth Avenues were filled with immigrants from southern Europe, Latin America, or by Negroes from the South, our good people, "the best people," retreated rather than

mingle with them. The churches did the same. Were we more interested in our own social standing than in ministering to our new neighbors? Did we draw a sharp missionary line at a distance of 1,000 to 10,000 miles from our homes? It seems so.

Now, however, is the time to make amends. We are beginning to learn that we can live in a racially and religiously pluralistic society. The barriers between us are beginning to crumble like the wall of the Jewish temple in the days of Christ that excluded the gentiles. We can live and we can worship with people of every race. With western and world frontiers giving way to rapid transportation and communication we need to live more boldly on the backyard frontiers that we have created in our cities. Let us be ready to do our part.

Enduring Hardness

It caught my eye—a reference in an editorial in another denomination's paper to the admonition of Paul to Timothy, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3). This must have been a challenging thought to the young soldier of the Lord, coming as it did from the inspired pen of the old soldier languishing in prison and awaiting martyrdom. Furthermore, Timothy knew what it meant for he had accompanied the Apostle Paul through the rigors of a missionary (Christian military) expedition. This word would be to him an encouragement to carry on the work without fear or faltering.

We are supposed to apply Scripture to our modern life—to discover its relevance to us. How shall we do it with this verse? One way is to take it pretty much out of its context and see how it fits our church conferences and business meetings. Perhaps you have heard people complain about the hardness of church pews, chairs, or benches when they are sitting through a meeting other than a sports event or an entertainment feature. Have you noticed that a good many people who can spend a whole afternoon on the hard benches of a stadium just can't endure

MEMORY TEXT

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.—1 John 3:1.

the seating in a revival tent or a church or board business meeting for the space of two hours? Then there are those who will traverse half a continent or more at considerable cost to attend a denominational conference and then skip half the meetings because they are too tiresome. Some of the same people while complaining about long meetings will stand outside and boast to their friends about endurance at the wheel of the car on the way to the conference. It would be unkind, would it not, for a preacher noticing such things, to suggest that 2 Timothy 2:3 could be taken literally? Such a limited application would, unfortunately, call us to a level of consecration that many of us are unwilling to accept. But what hope would a military commander have for success with his army if the soldiers could not endure the hardness of good seats? How would they take the forced marches and the day and night bombardment of the enemy?

Surely Paul and Timothy were not thinking of the soft life of modern churchmen. They would be sad indeed if enduring the hardness of church benches for three of four hours was considered too much to ask. A good soldier takes the rigors of training and of his dangerous life knowing that the issues at stake are life and death not just comforts. Of course the modern versions rob the preacher of this lower application of the King James phraseology. The literal meaning of the compound Greek word is "suffer evil"—the same thought. Let's get higher in our aspirations than an ability to sit with those willing to stay through the meeting. Let us explore the fulness of being a good soldier rather than priding ourselves in barely evading court martial for desertion or leaving the sentry post before being relieved.

Good Things to Come

In the forthcoming issues—be sure your subscription is in—there will be pictures of Conference and stories of some of the exciting things that stirred the hearts of those who were able to attend.

Look for a picture story of young people who were thrilled with their training and work in the Summer Christian Service Corps.

Look for the report of Commission and further word on the new program of Involvement in Christian Service now being promoted.

Be prepared to read one or two of the outstanding sermons of Conference.

The worship, the music, the prayers of Conference deserve special articles now being prepared.

Stories accompanied by pictures, where available, will make the Pre-Con youth and young adult retreats live again as we see how the participants faced up to social or evangelistic challenges.

For the women there will be an account of the lifetime achievements of Miss Mabel West who was honored with the "robe of achievement."

Corresponding Secretary Reports Work and Statistics

Harley D. Bond, corresponding secretary, gave his annual report to the General Conference, a report that is always awaited with interest by those who are planning local or denominational outreach. They like to know the figures drawn from the reports of church clerks. Churches that have experienced a net increase have a pretty good idea of the kinds of effort put forth by pastor and people to bring this about. These folks are somewhat distressed when too many other churches show a net loss. People outside the denomination have a tendency to look at total figures of loss and gain and to pass judgment on our churches as a whole without noticing how much evangelistic effort has been put forth by some.

This year was a year of new churches and a new conference in Burma after much

correspondence with the secretary's office. It was a year of some 28 churches of like faith in Mexico under the leadership of Rev. Elias Camacho seeking closer fellowship with us. It was a time of consistent growth in the countries where our major missionary work is being carried on although full reports are not yet available, according to Mr. Bond.

In the homeland where there was some significant seed sowing that may be expected to bear fruit in years to come, the current accessions did not offset the losses (mostly from natural causes). Here are the membership and financial statistics compiled by the secretary.

"It is not possible to make a complete statistical report at present. Eight churches have not yet reported for 1964-65. We would therefore ask permission to make appropriate changes as other churches send in their reports for inclusion in the 1965 Yearbook.

"From reports in hand from 57 churches, there are 5,377 members in the continental United States as of June 30. These, plus last year's membership for those churches not yet reporting would give a total membership of 5,732, a loss of four members from last year's report. Of the churches reporting, 18 show an increase in membership while 31 show a decrease. Figures submitted by the churches (not complete in all cases) show a total expenditure for the local church amounting to \$341,930, giving toward Our World Mission amounting to \$82,854, and for other benevolences an amount of \$16,945.

Tract Society Annual Meeting

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held on Sunday, September 19, 1965, in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, New Jersey. The meeting will be called to order at the close of the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees which convenes the same day in the same place, beginning at 2 p.m.

Changing the Guard

The changing of the guard in London is said to be a most colorful ceremony. Tourists cross oceans and continents to observe it. There was a great deal of emphasis this year at Conference on what might be called the changing of the guard in the office of the executive secretary. It started with a big reception on the eve of Conference at the Alfred Parish House. The honored guests were the faithful Harley D. Bond and his wife Marcella (on the left) and the new general secretary, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler and his wife Ethel (on the right).



This reception was only the beginning of changes that are foreseen. Throughout the sessions there was emphasis on a new concept of as well as a new name for the office. This is something that Commission has been working on for more than a year. The greater vision of the office is perhaps even more the vision of the new secretary than of the Commission members who successfully called him to the office. His ideas of organization, function and efficiency will doubtless become apparent in the next few months.

This is a changing of the guard in financial matters also. The greater work, with an expanded staff will require (and stimulate) greater giving. The principal increase in the denominational (OWM) budget is connected with the office of the new secretary at Plainfield. It is evident to many that if we are to grow we must be prepared to make changes—even in our giving habits.

Mr. Wheeler gave an address "A Statement by the Secretary" on Friday morning of Conference telling of how he came to accept the position and something of what his hopes are. It has been promised for Recorder subscribers.

Conference Fulfills Purpose The President Speaks

One of the ways to evaluate our General Conference is to take the "Statement of Purpose" of the president, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, prepared in advance, given at the very first session, and compare it with what was said by her and by others at the closing meeting in the Alfred church on the evening after the Sabbath as the transition was made between this year's presidency and theme ("The More Excellent Way") to next year's presidency (Rev. Marion C. Van Horn) and his theme ("I Have a Stewardship").

The president said on Monday morning:

"God has been very good to us to bring us here to this beautiful place at this beautiful time of year. Many of us have been here at Alfred for Conference a number of times before. Some are here for the first time. We have come together this year again because we know that there are ever greater challenges to be met it we are to vigorously carry forward God's work in today's world.

"So, as we worship together, may we become more sensitive to God's presence and filled with awe and wonder at His greatness and goodness.

"As we study His Word together may we diligently seek to come to a clearer understanding of God's love and how it may change us until we can be channels through which it may flow out to others.

"As we fellowship together, may our spirits be lifted and strengthened because our love and understanding of each other.

"As we work in our business and committee sessions together, may we be open to God's direction, so that His work and will, not our ideas, will prevail in our plans and decisions.

"As we seek and find His will, may we be eager to undertake the challenge of difficult tasks, knowing that His love, working in and among us, will make it possible for us to walk together in 'the more excellent way,' enabling us to accomplish those things He has appointed for us as a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference."

On Sabbath night Mrs. Fetherston made these brief remarks:

"This is a moment that I have been looking forward to, and also a moment I've been sort of dreading. The year has been a very happy one and this Conference, it seems to me, has been a very happy one — it has been for me. I believe that the Spirit of God has been at work among us, and where His spirit and His love have been at work, this has been a successful Conference. I believe that He will bless us wherein we have done His

will here, and I think that if we have made mistakes, we hope He will overrule. But we have had a good time here, I think, and I just can't begin to thank enough people. . . . There have been so many wonderful things done to make us who are guests happy and comfortable, and everyone has had such a fine spirit of co-operation and helpfulness, and we have had a wonderful time together in God's presence."

Of the new president, Marion Van Horn, she said:

"I think we have come with our theme this year with open hearts to what he is going to lead us into, and as we have walked in the more excellent way, I'm sure we'll take up his theme and follow it and do the things that he will lead us to do this next year."

After Mrs. Fetherston had passed on the gavel and the bell to her successor, George Parrish, member of Commission, interrupted the program to come to the platform to express appreciation for the job very well done by the first woman ever to be president of the Seventh Day Baptists General Conference. He then escorted her amid loud applause to a seat in the congregation beside her husband who had so helpfully stood with her in the plans and program of the year.

The sentiments of all, so far as could be discovered, were that the announced purpose of the gathering had been well carried out, that God's work for Seventh Day Baptists had progressed, and that a splendid foundation for further advance had been laid.

Far East Broadcasting Company 17th Anniversary "On the Air"

Seventeen years ago, on July 4, 1948, FEBC's first 1,000-watt transmitter was placed on the air. It covered Manila's two million people. Now, seventeen years later, the Lord is praised in what He has done!

Seventeen stations, with a total of 300,000 watts of power, broadcast 120 hours daily for all Asia and Latin America where two billion three hundred million people live. Mail received each year now totals about 125,000 letters.

Seventh Day Baptist World Federation Endorsed by Conference

One of the most important matters to come before the Conference was an item of business left from last year, postponed to give the churches a chance to discuss it and come prepared to vote officially by churches. This was the matter of endorsing a constitution for the proposed Seventh Day Baptist World Federation which was drawn up at Salem, W. Va., last year by the delegates to the first Consultation of World Conferences. Such endorsement would put our Conference on record as desiring to join the federation, thus helping to bring it into existence.

The matter came before the Conference by way of the first recommendation of Commission. Most of the discussion took place during the presentation of the report of Commission to the Conference. Its importance was heightened by having the whole Commission as pictured here seated on the platform as information was given and opinions expressed and formed.

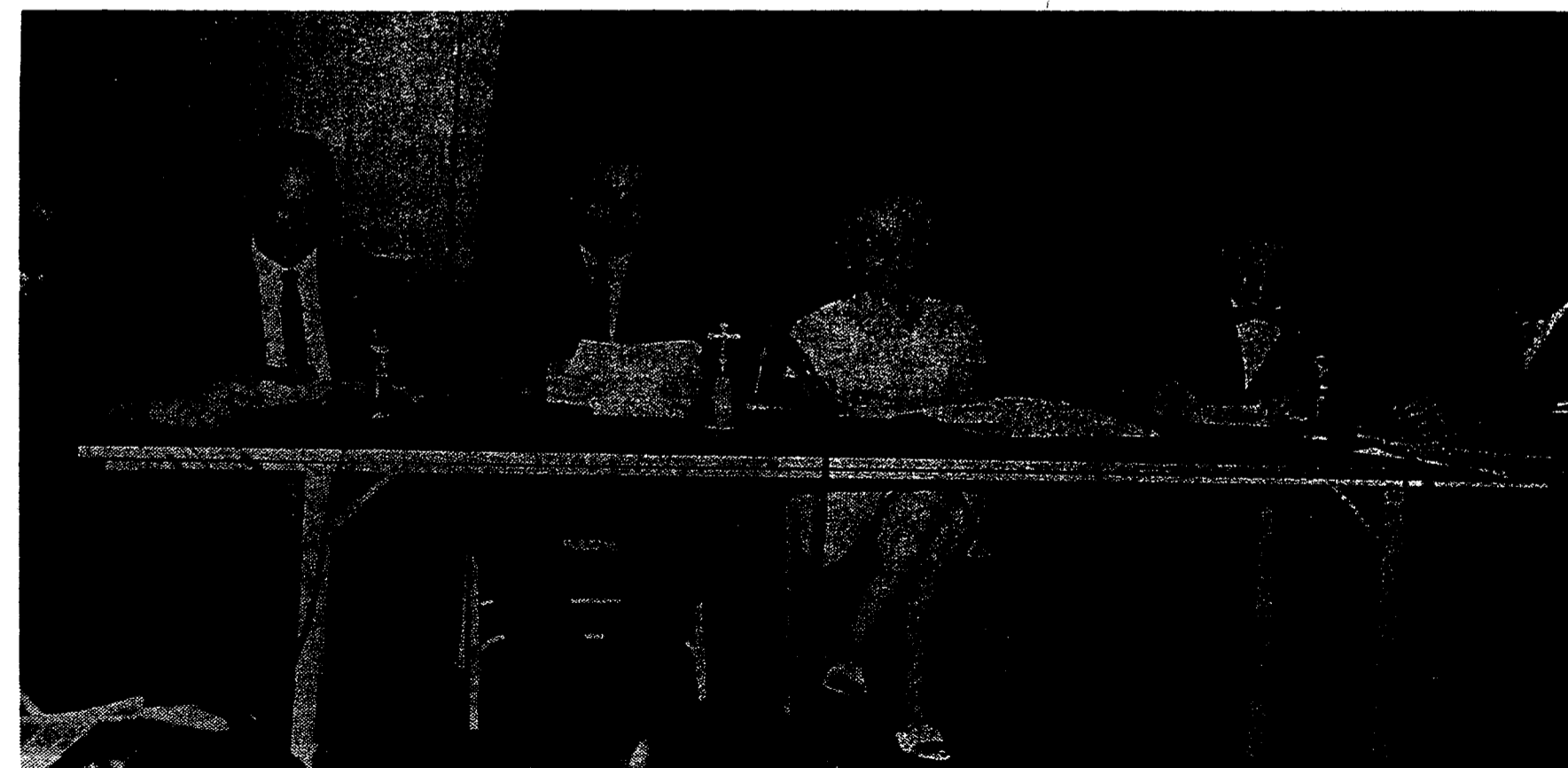
The president stated that all discussion should logically come at this time so that the churches which had not instructed

their delegates could caucus and be ready to vote at the roll call at the next business session. At this point no one knew what other churches than his own had decided or would decide about joining the proposed federation.

Early in the discussion it appeared that two or more large churches favored further study and delaying for one year the action that they and others thought was very important. One pastor thought that delay would give added impetus to the launching of the federation. This prompted several to speak in favor of taking affirmative action at this Conference. Perhaps the concern was not needed, for the vote the next day showed that most of the churches had already decided that they wanted the Conference to join other conferences now in launching the World Federation. However, quotations from the discussion indicate the feeling of Conference to some extent — a feeling of urgency.

Secretary Harris of the Missionary Society said this to the assembled delegates:

"I want to speak on what I think might be the impact upon the mission fields if



Commission on the Conference platform. Left to right: Duane L. Davis, Marion C. Van Horn, Herbert Crouch, Doris Fetherston, C. Rex Burdick, George Parrish.

action is postponed a year. There is an old saying that there is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come. And I think that the approval of various conferences around the world shows that this idea's time has come. I don't just know what the effect would be upon them if we put it off for another year. We say that it would give added impetus—it might actually work the other way."

Rev. Alton Wheeler spoke in part as follows:

"I am sorry I cannot share with you a tremendous volume of correspondence of the past year. If you could only know what has been accomplished in this past year merely in correspondence—with Brother McGeachy of England and Otrain Manan of Malawi asking for special prayers. Letters from Brother Zijlstra of the Netherlands told of his plans to attend the conference sessions scheduled to be convened in Poland, July 24 and 25, and led us to direct a letter to them extending to them assurance of our full Christian brotherhood and love. Brother Zijlstra visited also in Czechoslovakia, shared our greetings repeatedly from America and from the interim CoWoCo. He reported later to us that such expressions had been gratefully received and had contributed toward welding our bonds of Christian fellowship.

There has been an interchange of communication about prospective missions, or work in Burma and Mexico and other places of the world. I wish you could know the good that has already been done merely by international correspondence. I sincerely hope that you will not vote to postpone this one more year. The iron is hot. It might be cold in another year. I hope you will vote favorably now.'

Secretary Maltby of the Tract Society asked for opportunity to speak for immediate action:

"I also am in a position of corresponding with people all over the world, and I would like to add my voice to the two who have said in effect that this would be a grave international blunder on our part (if I may use those words—they

did not) to delay action on a thing which means so much to the people with whom I also correspond throughout the world."

Rev. Leon Lawton spoke thus:

"I feel that I would be remiss to our people in Jamaica if I did not say a word at this point. I feel with previous speakers that in that field in particular there would be grave disappointment and concern and wonder at action that has been suggested that this Conference might take, and so I would like to add my voice to others, representing in a measure, having walked in their shoes for a few years, something of their concern and something of the place that such a federation as has been proposed can bring to scattered Seventh Day Baptist groups. . . . The iron is hot, the time is here, and if anything, we are behind in the vision, not the world."

It appeared that a question in the minds of some was whether or not the American Conference could assume its logical share of the financial burden of carrying on the work of CoWoCo and the federation. This question was brought to the floor by Secretary Rex Zwiebel. Alton Wheeler was asked to respond to it. He offered this information:

"The question pertains to the matter of financial involvement. Please recall the statement which Doris Fetherston asked to be read twice: "This organization shall have no authority over any member group." What it comes to finances it has been stated there is not to be assessment. If there were assessment, we would be the most privileged Conference in all the world. It is easier for us to give one dollar than it is for some of the other Conferences to give one penny. We are the richest Conference in the world so far as the Seventh Day Baptist Conferences are concerned. Therefore, I think you will not need to be afraid. Second, if there is any commitment . . . concerning ministerial training . . . it will be entirely up to this Conference to volunteer to give toward an international ministerial training or any other program which is

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What Is Conference?

The above question can be answered in several ways with accuracy and in many other ways depending on what it means to individuals by way of experience.

In the first place, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of the U.S.A. is the denomination. We do not call ourselves a convention but a conference. Every August, delegates from the various churches, together with missionaries and nationals from other countries, assemble at a place suitable for such a gathering and participate in a five-day program of addresses, discussions and annual business. This is Conference. This is what most of us talk about before and after. This is an interesting and often uplifting experience for hundreds of people who attend.

But no one can generalize on what Conference is. Each year it is different and is approached from different backgrounds of experience. To describe the 1965 Conference held at Alfred, N. Y., August 16-21, is to tell what is meant to the writer and perhaps to others who saw some of the same things. Of course what is written after the second day of meetings can be only impressions of how it started and the direction it seemed to be going. Before these first impressions will be formed. It may, however, be interesting to the great number of readers not in attendance to try to follow along in the day-to-day experiences.

This 1965 General Conference was similar to, yet different from all previous Conferences—even those held at Alfred. For one thing, it was largely a new Alfred where the majority of the delegates lived, ate, and held their daytime meetings. Even the residents of the village and some of the professors of the university admitted that they knew nothing of that whole block of buildings, Ade Hall and the three-story dormitories ranged along the hillside north of the old campus at the level of Alumni Hall and the historic Steinheim building. We were comfortably housed, well fed, with all our needs for committee rooms and assembly areas adequately cared for in this new group of buildings.

On registration day it appeared that there was no center and little relation either to the familiar campus or to the church that had been so extensively renovated. After a brief pause at the registration area at Green Hall in the center of the village delegates made their way to the dormitories and did not have much occasion to frequent the center of the village again except to come to the worship meetings each evening in the church. This decentralization made it hard to realize for a day of two how many people were in attendance. We were surprised to learn that at the end of the first day 451 delegates had registered. It took only one day to get used to the new surroundings, to get acquainted with the neighbors in the dormitories, and to feel the usual cohesion of our annual gathering.

Conference has to contain most of the same elements from year to year, for it is primarily and functionally a meeting for denominational business and planning. There can, however, be a different arrangement of some parts of the program to make the necessary reports and other business more attractive to the delegates, many of whom came for the inspiration rather than the business. President Doris Fetherston tried to make every part a vital part. Each day there was a change of pace, different times for certain items to appear.

In democratic fashion it is customary to refer nearly all reports of boards and agencies an important new business to interests committees appointed by the president. All delegates are assigned to committees so that they are personally involved in the discussion of some broad phase of denominational work before it is brought to the floor of Conference. This year the president picked the chairmen well in advance of the August meeting dates. She also sent out requests for those expecting to attend to indicate on which committee they would prefer to be placed. This was new. About 75 stated a preference. The delegates were assigned to 12 appointed committees with the privilege of shifting in case there was a strong preference for a certain area of discussion. The minutes will show that there were 6 on Courtesies, 8 on the

Credentials Committee, 10 on the Ministerial Interests Committee, 20 on Publishing Interests, 20 on Christian Education Interests, 17 on Christian Social Action Interests, 12 on Ecumenical Interests, 16 on Missionary Interests - Home, 24 on Missionary Interests - Foreign, 42 on Reference and Counsel, 29 on Women's Work and 60 on Youth Work. This last one was swelled with large numbers of young people whose major interest was in this area. Two other committees, Vocations and Nominations, were made up largely by appointment from the nine geographical associations.

To these committees were sent reports and special motions at the beginning of Conference or during the sessions throughout the week. There was ample work for all the committees in their lengthy meetings. It was hoped that most of the discussion of important issues would be in these smaller (but large) groups so that some of the differences of opinion could be talked out before being brought to the floor of Conference. This was a way of involving all the people in discussion, which would not be possible in a general assembly. The procedure has been much the same in previous Conferences. It seemed to work well this time. People received much benefit from the information imparted and exchange of opinion.

Involvement in Evangelism

"We can move in three directions as evangelicals: conform to the world; reject the world; or attempt to win the world." So says Dr. David L. McKenna, President of Spring Arbor (Mich.) College.

"We have too often retreated to our islands and towers. Now it's time to seek the action of involvement in the teeming throngs."

This action also involves delving in social issues.

"I personally don't feel marching at Selma is the right answer," he said. "But we do have to be involved as redemptive men in our own level of society. We must be compassionate and concerned, and we can do this without moving into the political circumference."

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

We Take a Trip "Up North"

By Rev. Paul S. Burdick,
Makapwa Mission, Malawi

The North Country, in Malawi, is five degrees nearer the equator (11 degrees south latitude) but it is many degrees colder because of its altitude. At 4000 to 5000 feet it approaches the altitude of Denver, Colorado. So, since we expected to sleep in a tent or in houses open to the weather, it was necessary to take along sleeping bags and extra blankets. Some food we might not be able to buy along the way, but would have to cook, added to our katundu (baggage). This was piled on top of the Land Rover or stored around our feet, so with eight or ten men and one boy, we are closely packed. Little Vickie, the doctor's 5-year-old son, stood the trip very well, but Pastor Burdick, the doctor's father, had to drop out for a few days to stay with some wonderful people at the Scotch Presbyterian Mission at Ekwendeni. We traveled 1,400 miles counting the side trips. We attended the Northern Association at Luwazi and the Central Association at Balaka, besides holding three days of evangelistic meetings at Jandala, and stopping for services at a number of other churches along the way.

Attendance was good at our meetings; singing was excellent, and the pastors who went along with us divided up the time as preachers; forceful and naturally oratorical, they held audience interest.

At Jandalala, the church people invited us to visit the Jandalala Tree, where it was said that Wendell Wilcox and N. O. Moore came to speak to the people in 1912. Here also came Ronald Barrar when he first came to the North. A tree of wide-spreading branches, capable of sheltering many people, it was used in the old times, they said, for a meeting to pray for rain.

"Did the prayers always bring rain?" we asked. "No, not always," was the reply.

Now, before anyone could stop him the youngest member of our party was found sitting under the tree beseeching some ancient deity for rain. Fortunately for us,

the rain did not come, but we had pleasant weather throughout.

Picture us though, if you can, sitting around an outdoor fire, sometimes singing, often talking in the liquid tones of the Chinyanja dialect of the South, or the Chitumbuka dialect of the North. The stars seem very near. The Southern Cross stands high in the sky, pointing forever to the north and south as it did for mariners before the compass was discovered. Two bright stars in Centaurus point the way to the Cross, and all about God sheds His glory in the heavens. Venus and Sirius came into conjunction, much to the dimming of Sirius, and the moon became full.

The Uzumara country, farthest north, was of special interest. Pastor Muzumara showed us the gardens of coffee trees hanging full of berries, and pointed out the Lord's Acre project of coffee and banana trees, dedicated to the Lord's work.

We found what seemed to be a growing responsibility among the people to undertake a greater share of the support of the Lord's work in Africa. On a long, three-week trip like this, with the possibility of one becoming tired or short-tempered, there was never a complaint, never an argument, never a voice raised in disagreement. Laughter was frequently heard, and earnest prayers every morning when starting out. At least one young man came forward in a meeting announcing his willingness to take the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior, and at two other places there were baptisms.

Motor and Boat Project Completed

It is gratifying to be able to report the successful completion of a project to provide an outboard motor for use on the Pomeroun River in British Guiana, S. A., as our missionaries minister to the needs of the Bona Ventura Seventh Day Baptist Church. A total of \$372 was sent for the purchase of a 15 H. P. Johnson and Johnson outboard motor, of the type used by fishermen on the Pomeroun River. A part of this amount was sent directly to Pastor Davis from this country.

Additional funds beyond what was needed for the motor were received and sent to help on the cost of providing a larger and more comfortable boat than had been expected to be built. It is possible that there will be enough left over to provide for an awning framework to be built over the launch, to protect from sun or rain.

Pastor Davis wrote concerning the boat that it would be "a new boat, 23 feet long by 4 feet wide, to accommodate about 8 persons." He expressed the hope that it would be available for use by August 29 at which time representatives of the British Guiana Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be traveling to the Bona Ventura church for a meeting of their Seventh Day Baptist Council.

It seems fairly certain that Pastor Davis' wish will be fulfilled. Pastor Davis will be grateful and our brethren in British Guiana will be encouraged. This opportunity is taken to express appreciation to the Women's Board especially and to all others who have helped to make this dream come true.

Miss Joan Clement Returns to America

Miss Joan Clement, R. N., has returned to her home in Los Angeles because of the failing health of her mother and father. She flew directly from Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, to London, to Los Angeles, arriving late in July. She had requested "release" and her request was granted.

Miss Clement arrived at Makapwa, accompanied by Pastor Paul Burdick, on February 9 and was given a cordial welcome by missionaries and Africans alike. Since then Miss Clement has assisted Dr. Burdick in the medical work at Makapwa, using her special training in anesthesia, helping also in many other ways. She will be sorely missed.

Our mission leaders had anticipated that Miss Clement might have to cut short her present term of service. Dr. Burdick had written, "Joan is training one of our dressers to assist in surgery and pharmacy and is training Beth in anesthesia so that when she leaves we will have absorbed as

much as possible of her training and experience."

The following resolution of regret has been spread upon the records of the Missionary Society and a copy sent to Miss Clement: "Inasmuch as Miss Joan Clement, R. N., has served efficiently during two full terms and a part of a third term as missionary nurse at Makapwa Mission, Malawi, Africa;

"And inasmuch as Miss Clement has now requested release to return to her home in Los Angeles, Calif., because of the failing health of her mother and father;

"Be it resolved:

"That the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society express to Miss Clement our deep and sincere regret as we grant her request for release;

"And that we assure Miss Clement of our continuing interest in her and her capabilities;

"And that we anticipate that she will continue to have the privilege of ministering to the healing and well-being of body and soul of those who look to her for help, as she uses the God-given talent for service in her chosen profession."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex S. Zwiebel

Christian Education Week

Suggestions for the celebrating of Christian Education Week have been mailed from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education office to all Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Set this year for September 26-October 3, the week-long observance is designed to stress the joint responsibility of the church, home, and community for Christian education and to encourage local congregations across the country to study how individual Christians can become more effective in their response to their calling.

Co-operating through the National Council in marking the annual observance are 47 Protestant, Anglican, and Eastern Orthodox communions having 41,500,000 members.

Stating that mission is the primary vocation of every Christian—to affirm and then demonstrate "that God reconciles and renews men and society," the message says, "Scattered in factories, shops, offices, farms, schools, government agencies, and in their homes, Christian men and women, youth and children are on mission frontiers."

Missionary service is not merely accomplished by "doing something for the church" or by "saying a good word for Jesus Christ," the message continues, although these have their appropriate places. A Christian's participation in worship and his study in the church are for the purpose of training him to be a well-equipped missionary, it says.

Pointing to situations in which the Christian can give missionary service, the message states:

"In his business decisions, he may glorify God or deny Him. His political action can help or hinder the reconciling of men to one another and to God. His home and this neighborhood are both areas for making love real and relevant."

The message will be used in thousands of Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox churches across the country in conjunction with special programs during the week-long emphasis.

This year's theme, "Mission: The Christian's Calling," has been the basis for a year-long program including the Division of Christian Education annual meeting held last February in Louisville, Ky., and a variety of programs designed for in-depth study by local church groups, explained the Rev. Elmer F. Ansley, staff associate for administration and leadership of the division.

He noted that the division makes available to churches a 32-page handbook to help plan local church and community-wide, interdenominational observances of Christian Education Week.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 11, 1965

Growing in Self-Discipline

Lesson Scripture:

1 Cor. 9: 24-27; 10: 12-13, 23-24, 31-33

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Historical Society Employs Cataloguer

By Albert N. Rogers

The Rev. Wayne C. Maxson will be working as a cataloguer at the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society beginning September 15, it is announced by the society trustees. He will work on a part-time basis under the direction of Miss Evalois St. John, librarian, while writing a graduate dissertation.

One of the cataloguer's first tasks, according to Miss St. John, will be the arrangement of books formerly displayed on the second floor of the Seventh Day Baptist Building and moved to make room for the Center for Ministerial Education. New shelving purchased following the annual meeting of the society and delivered this summer will be used. Files of denominational publications stored in the attic of the building also need sorting, Miss St. John says.

The appointment will enable the librarian to devote her full time to research connected with current denominational projects and to requests coming from outside the denomination. Requests for historical and genealogical materials are frequently received. The society offers fire-proof storage for church records, and Miss St. John is frequently asked to make copies of dated passages in these records.

Mr. Maxson recently completed a pastorate at the Farina, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church, and is a native of Battle Creek, Mich. He is a graduate of the Alfred University School of Theology and a candidate for a graduate degree from the Hartford Theological Foundation, Hartford, Conn., and will probably live in Plainfield next year.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held in the Parish House of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on September 19, 1965, at 2 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

HEBRON, PA.—The Western Association held its Friday night meeting at Hebron, May 14. Our church served the supper and the Little Genesee youth presented the program.

At the three-church baptismal service, held at Little Genesee on the afternoon of May 29, one of our youth was baptized.

The May meeting of the WSSS was held at the Community Hall. A quilt, pieced by Mrs. Mildred Carey, was tied and later sold. In June, the women's group sponsored a clothing collection for the migrants. Evelyn Hauber was hostess for the June meeting. Mildred Carey gave a program on "Poverty." In July they served a dinner to the Hebron Township school directors and supervisors. A small spring fund-raising project was selling cosmetic bags. The women ordered Sabbath tracts for mailing and for the vestibule table.

On July 13, a family night meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stearns. The 24 members and guests attending enjoyed the interesting and informative talk on Liberia, given by Reva Stearns Bond. A question-and-answer period closed the program.

Nina Traver of Little Genesee is our substitute organist when our regular organist, Betty Brock, is absent. Miss Traver and Mark Sanford, both licensed ministers, also serve on occasion in the pulpit.

We have been pleased to welcome many visitors at church this summer. Worshipers on Sabbath morning often notice a large cross (sometimes three of them), painted by the sun shining through the east window—truly an appropriate background for Pastor Herbert Saunders as he delivers his inspired and inspiring messages! — Correspondent.

FARINA, ILL.—The dates announced in the May 3rd issue for the centennial observance service of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church as June 12, 13, 1966, have been changed. The observance service date is now July 9 and 10, 1966. The committee made the change to coincide with the annual Green family reunion held in Farina each year.

ALGIERS, LA.—The Louisiana Association met with God's Lighthouse of Prayer Seventh Day Baptist Church for its fourth annual session on July 17 and 18. A nicely printed program showed the two days well filled, with special speakers helping out. Twelve of the invited guests were ministers of churches not connected with our denomination. The meeting was called to order Sabbath morning by the host pastor, Rev. Mary C. Johnson. The sermon at the ten o'clock hour was by Elder Adolph Showers of Hammond, president of the Association. At the eleven o'clock hour Brother Jack Hays of Metairie was the speaker. He also spoke at the closing session on Sunday night. Both messages were very uplifting.

In the afternoon there was a sermon by one of the fellowship ministers, Rev. E. Johnson. This was followed by a celebration of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Ralph Hays who was assisted by Rev. Mary Craig Johnson and Rev. Adolph Showers. The way it was served was very inspirational.

The young people's team working in the New Orleans area was present, Robert Burdick, Russel Johnson, Phyllis Payne, and Althea Greene. They sang beautifully. Linda Bingham Hays, leader of the team, dramatized a picture of the Old Rugged Cross in a way that brought tears to the eyes of many. One 17-year-old boy accepted Christ as his Savior and requested baptism. This was a highlight of the meeting.

The business meeting was held at 5 p.m. Sunday. All officers were re-elected. It was decided that the annual meeting will be held at the Algiers church until a building can be erected at Hammond or another church established in Louisiana. The Association gave a small donation toward the building of the Hammond church. A communication from Mrs. Lillian Crichlow of Washington, D. C., brought a donation for the Association and stated that the People's Seventh Day Baptist Church of Washington wanted to work with the Association. Mrs. Crichlow was made president of the Senior Women's Department.

DODGE CENTER, MINN.—Junior and Senior camps at Camp Wakonda, Milton, Wis., during the weeks of June 27-July 4, and July 4-11 were uplifting and spiritual together with fun and pleasure. Many new friends were made by our young people. Assisting from this place were Pastor Richards, Deacon Wallace Greene and Mrs. Barry Clapper for the Juniors, and for the Seniors, Pastor Richards and Mrs. Clapper of Mankato, Minn. Mrs. Clapper was the director of the Senior camp. On Sabbath day, July 10, the ten Juniors, led by Deacon Greene, gave their reports, and on Sabbath day, July 24, the six Seniors, led by pastor Richards, gave their reports. The general theme for the camps was "Faith, the Key to Life." The Sabbath School and the Youth Fellowship assisted in the expense of the camp for the young people.

The 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Greene on July 11 was observed with an Open House (a surprise) at the parsonage on that date.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given in honor of Miss Karen Phelps on the evening of June 30 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Greene, sponsored by the Ladies Aid.

Five young people were baptized Sabbath afternoon, July 24, in a beautiful spot on the Zumbro river. Although the river is several miles from town, and the road dusty, most of the congregation attended the service.

Phillip Greene conducted the morning service, July 3, in the absence of Pastor Richards, choosing as his subject "Backsliding." On June 26, the Rev. Arlie Davis of Phoenix, Ariz., gave the message, "The Sower and the Seed." Mr. Davis presented the children's message, and their daughter, Ardith, with Rev. and Mrs. Davis sang a special number. The Davises were visiting relatives in this community.

Meals of Sharing are being held monthly. Following the breaking of bread together, the Revival Singers rehearse.

At a recent business meeting the church voted to purchase the Baldwin organ which had been installed, and not to buy a tape recorder. The organ fund is made up mainly of memorial gifts. At a business

meeting held on July 18, it was voted to hold evangelistic meetings some weekend in the fall and to ask Edwin Johnson of Kansas City and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bond of Nortonville to be the missionaries. Plans for rebuilding the interior of the church were also discussed. It was voted to raise the pastor's salary.

Prayer meetings are held every Friday night in the church. First John is being studied. Many prayers were offered for the spiritual uplift of the camps, which were answered. Other prayers we know have been answered. God is good. The attendance and interest in the church is fine. Again we say, God is good.

— Correspondent.

World Federation Endorsed

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prescribed . . . If it comes to another meeting or seasonal meeting periodically of the staff, the officers, or of the Federation, it is not up to the United States more than any other Conference to finance it as we did CoWoCo. This, I would understand, would be our prerogative.

The roll call of churches on this matter of joining the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday was impressive. It was done in accordance with a Conference procedure seldom used. As the churches were called in alphabetical order, the chairman of the delegation arose to say, "The . . . Church votes "Yes" or "No." Whereupon the president said to the recording secretary, "Please record . . . yes votes or no votes (official number to which the church was entitled). Down the line she went until the list was complete. The "Yes" votes piled up to a grand total. Only two churches delegations voted "No." One church abstained and a few of the smaller churches had no representatives or proxies. Before the final vote was announced the two churches which had voted "No" (on insufficient information, they said) requested the privilege of changing to make the vote by churches unanimous. This action seemed to be an indication of the spirit of Conference that we as a people

are ready to move forward into new world concepts—not paternalism but fraternalism.

Marriages

Bates-Boatman.—C. Reuel Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates, and Sharon Boatman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darvil Boatman, both of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 11, 1965, by their pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler.

Holt-Cushman.—William Steven Holt of Boston, Mass., and Mary Jean Cushman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cushman of Pittsfield, Mass., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Berlin, N. Y., by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Paul L. Maxson, August 7, 1965.

Kagarise-Hale.—Owen Dwight Kagarise, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kagarise of Salemville, Pa., and Minnie Mae Hale, daughter of Mrs. Betty Hale of Roaring Springs, Pa., were united in marriage in the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 26, 1965, by Pastor Edward Sutton.

Kluge-Sanford.—Gerard Kluge of Perris, Calif., and Charla Sanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sanford of Fullerton, Calif., were married July 23, 1965, in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church with their pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, officiating.

Saunders-Soper.—Robert E. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Saunders of Oshkosh, Neb., and Emma Mae Soper, daughter of Keith and Martha (Langworthy) Soper, of Oshkosh, Neb., were united in marriage by the Rev. Duane L. Davis, at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, on July 24, 1965.

Births

Bleam.—A son, Ronald Morgan, to Ronald and Sheila Bleam of Riverside, Calif., on June 27, 1965.

Dare.—A son, Lewis James, was born July 21, 1965, to Raymond and Donna (Branch) Dare of Shiloh, N. J.

Hagen.—A daughter, Julia Dawn, was born to Grant and Joan Brock Hagen of Angola, Ind., on May 13, 1965.

Knight.—Douglas Scott, to John and Carol Knight of Hales Corners, Wis., on June 19, 1965.

Triguba.—A son, Gregory Allen, to Marvin and Anne (Randolph) Triguba of East Liverpool, Ohio, on June 11, 1965.

Accessions

- Hebron, Pa.
By Baptism:
Karl Kenyon
- Albion, Wis.
By Baptism:
Keith Streich
- Milton Junction, Wis.
By Baptism:
Warren Loofboro
Neil Loofboro
- Milton, Wis.
By Baptism:
Dawn Ann Shaw
- By Letter:
Connie (Mrs. Edwin) Green
- Berea, W. Va.
By Baptism:
David S. Johnson
- Daytona Beach, Fla.
By Letter:
Gerald Timothy Looney

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Obituaries

Godfrey.—Minnie A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Godfrey, was born Oct. 19, 1884, in Bluff Falls, Iowa, and died July 5, 1965, in the Harvard, Ill., hospital.

Minnie Godfrey had spent most of her life in Walworth, Wis., serving as a teacher for many years and later as a skilled seamstress. As a faithful member of the Walworth Seventh Day Baptist Church, she had given generously of her talent and devotion. For many years her home was a meeting place for the church. She served as a church officer for many years.

A number of cousins in the area are her only survivors.

The funeral was conducted in Walworth by the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in the Walworth cemetery.

— E. F. R.

Wiley.—Deacon Mark was born July 14, 1881, in the county of Durham, England, and died at his home in Chicago July 24, 1965.

Married in England as a young man, Mark and his wife came first to Canada and then to Chicago, Ill., in 1906. He was a lifetime employee of the Santa Fe Railroad and for many years, until his retirement, was an engineer of that railroad.

For more than thirty-five years he was a valued member of the Chicago Seventh Day

Baptist Church in which he was elected a deacon. An avid reader of the Bible and of Christian literature, Deacon Mark Wiley was a man of deep and strong personal convictions. Lacking formal education, he pursued a high school diploma through study at the University of Chicago when he was 77 years old, completing the work with high marks.

Surviving him are his wife, of Chicago; one son, David, and a grandson, David, both of Chicago.

Funeral services were conducted on July 27 in Chicago by the Masonic Lodge, of which he was a thirty-second degree member, and by the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph of Milton, Wis. Burial was in a Chicago cemetery.

— E. F. R.

Friesen.—Mrs. Anna Bartsch Friesen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartschon, was born at Mountain Lake, Minn., April 10, 1893, and died July 15, 1965.

Her husband, the Rev. B. B. Friesen, preceded her in death on April 13, 1952, after which she continued to live alone in her home in Reedley, Calif.

Through her extended years of Christian service she dedicated her life as a minister's wife and as a practical nurse. She will long be remembered for her generous, loving, neighborly, and compassionate spirit. Although crippled during the latter years of her life she was never known to complain. Work, contentment, and service were her joys in living.

Funeral services were conducted at Reedley by Pastor Alton L. Wheeler. Mrs. Darvil Boatman presided at the organ and her son Clarence was soloist. The attendance of some 150 persons reflected the deep regard and appreciation so many persons had for having come to be blessed by knowing her. — A. L. W.

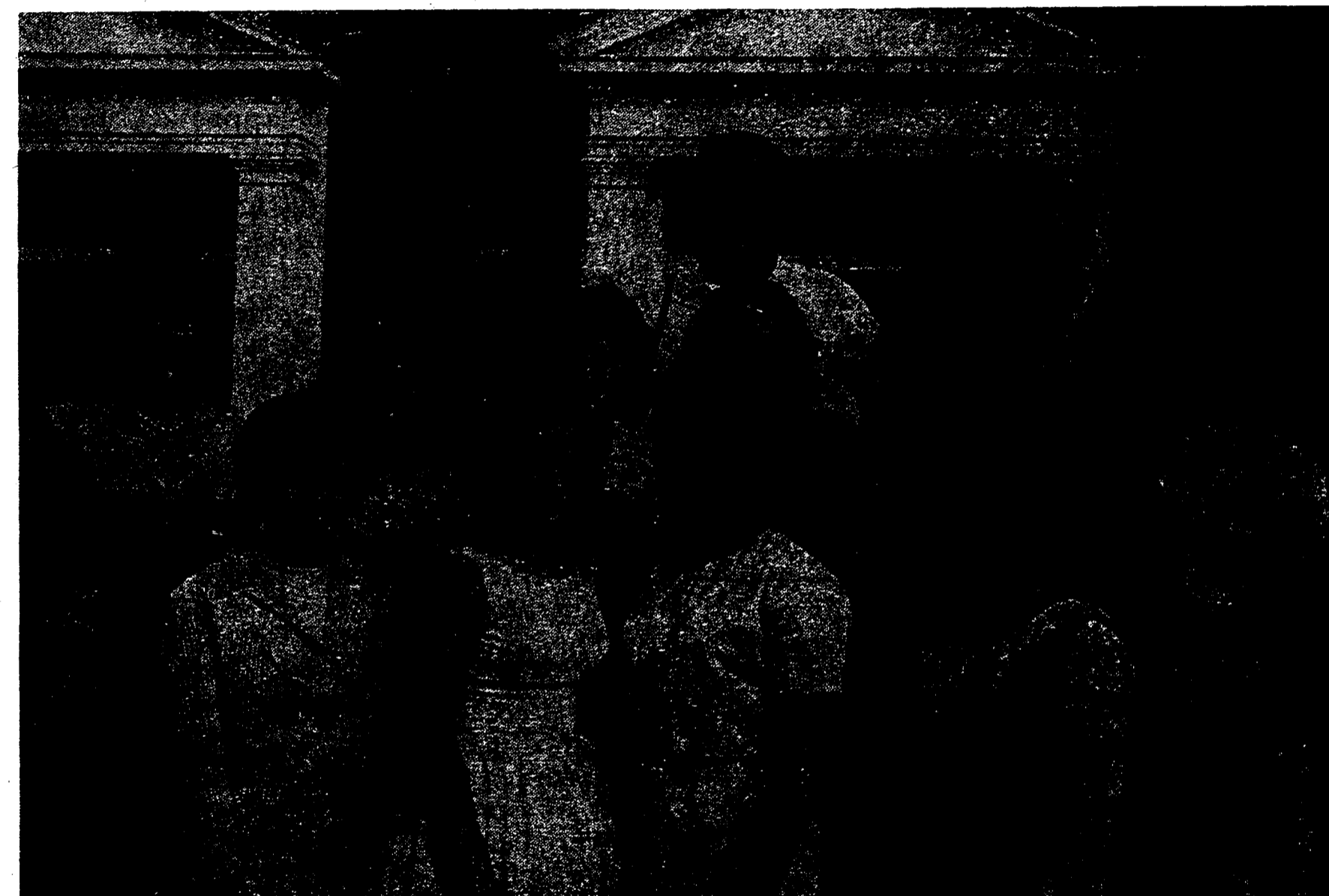
Burdick.—Deacon Charles C., son of Gaudentia and Delcena Crandall Burdick, was born in Lima Township, Wis., Jan. 24, 1887, and died at his home in Milton July 27, 1965, apparently of a heart attack.

He was married to Ferieda Fowler Nov. 14, 1927. He was a member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church where he was ordained a deacon on Sept. 7, 1935. He has served as trustee of the Lottie Baldwin Association for over 20 years. He was employed at the Burdick Corporation until his retirement eight years ago.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Rev. Oscar Burdick of El Cerrito, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Henry (May) Kipp of Beloit; five grandchildren; two brothers, Leon of Milton Junction and Lee of De Land, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Earl Armitage and a niece, Mrs. Jim DeLay, both of Sheridan, Ill.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Addison Appel, at the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath, July 31, with burial in Milton Junction Cemetery. — A. A. A.

The Sabbath Recorder



They Gave Dedicated Service

There were fourteen young people who left home this summer for training and service in other churches or home mission projects. Three were in the Dedicated Service program of the Board of Christian Education; eleven were in the Summer Christian Service Corps under the Director of Evangelism. All were at Conference, telling their thrilling experiences. One, Martha Babcock, of North Loup, Neb., was serving at picture time. The others are, back row, Tim Looney, Daytona Beach, Fla., Russel Johnson, Kansas City, Mo., Robert Babcock, North Loup, Neb.; middle row: Dorothy Jane Lewis, Riverside, Calif., Suzanne Jones, Battle Creek, Mich., Irene Bond, Nortonville, Kan., Nancy Burdick, Althea Greene, and Ruth Ellis, all of Berlin, N. Y.; front row: Nancy Brannon, Freeville, N. Y., Nancy Cruzan, Westerly, R. I., Phyllis Payne, Dodge Center, Minn., Betty Enos, Little Genesee, N. Y.