

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

Our Servicemen

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Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tenn.

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.

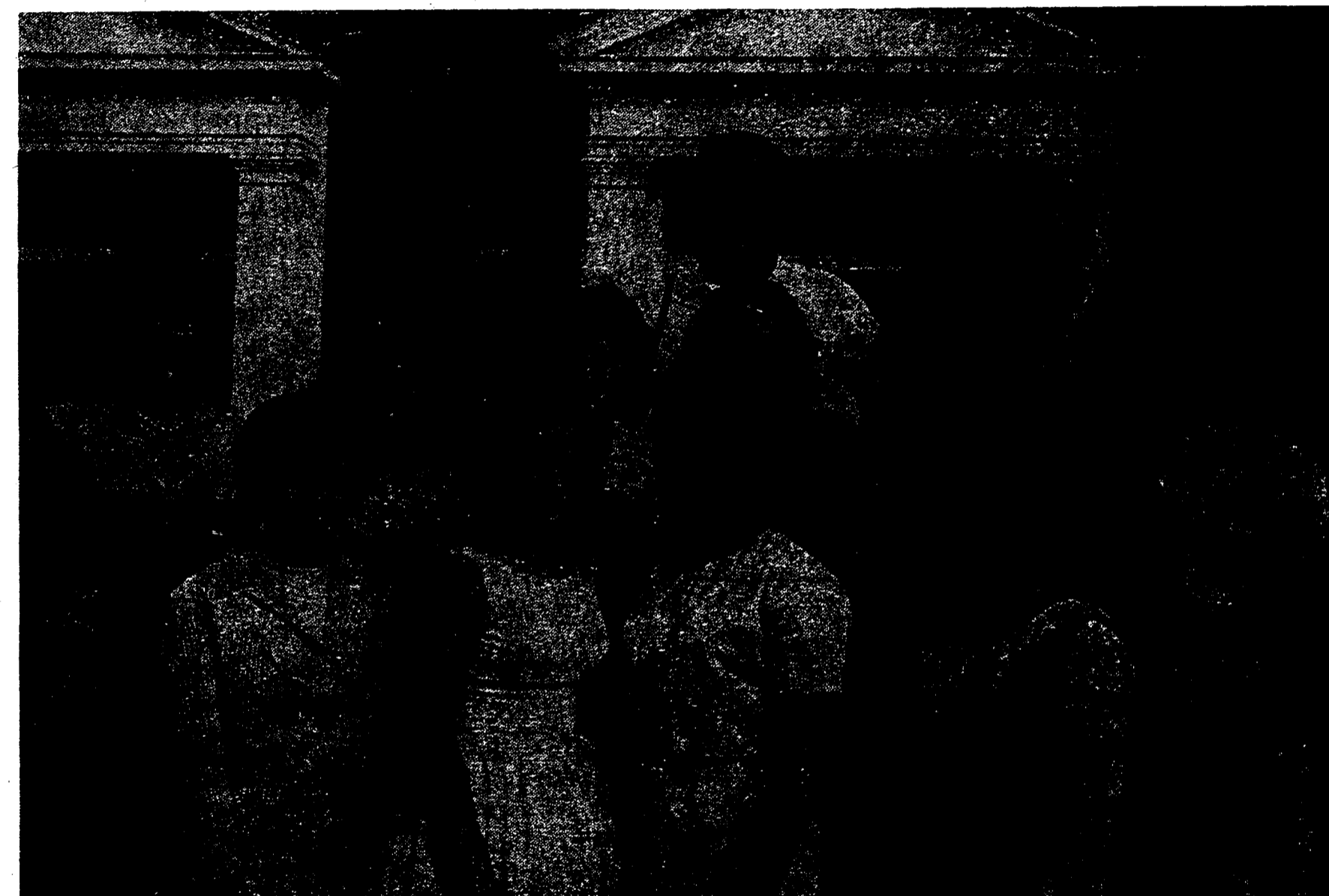
Burdick.—Deacon Charles C., son of Gaudentia and Delcena Crandall Burdick, was born in Lima Township, Wis., Jan. 24, 1887, and died at his home in Milton July 27, 1965, apparently of a heart attack.

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.

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Labor Day 1965

This issue of the Sabbath Recorder, put together nearly a week in advance, bears the date of Labor Day. Although it is a secular rather than an ecclesiastical holiday Christian people are involved, and church leaders have long been interested in the basic principles underlying the national recognition of labor as such. Since 1917 Labor Sunday has been marked with the issuance of an annual interchurch message such as is sent out this year by the National Council of Churches to be read in thousands of Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox churches across the nation.

The tenor of the approved message varies from year to year. This time it emphasizes approval of the nation's program to wipe out poverty, stating that a "divine discontent of the spirit and of conscience" must continue to be felt by Christians until the nation learns how to match people seeking employment with jobs needing workers. It becomes specific in advocating "greater justice" in unemployment compensation coverage and charging that "up to now religious forces, along with welfare and educational leadership, have resisted the extension of this basic protection to employees of non-profit organizations and agencies."

This is Labor Day. Let us not forget that labor is having its day in our nation and, increasingly, in the world. It has become such a large, highly organized and government-favored force in our country that it sometimes falls prey to its own power-seeking bosses who show little concern for the rights of rival labor unions or the welfare of the nation as a whole. The normal human reaction to this is to judge harshly the whole movement and to forget the pockets of poverty yet remaining which may be due to an exploitation of labor on the part of some. The Christian must guard against all hasty judgments, must try to maintain a balance in a time of unclear issues and must constantly show love and concern for those who should be given a better chance to prove the dignity of honest toil, honestly rewarded.

"It is not within the inherent powers of a state to deny the right of witnessing to one's religious faith." **Brooks Hays.**

Hard-to-Read Smoke Signal

The smoke signal contained in the new law about cigarettes is not very clear. There is question as to whether it signifies an attack on the enemy, a victory, or a retreat.

The law states that beginning Jan. 1, 1966, every pack, box, and carton of cigarettes sold must bear the warning: "Caution, cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health." What looks like a victory in that it is the first time any such law has been enacted may be so much of a compromise that it amounts to a defeat for those trying to promote good health.

First, the warning is too mild to do much good. Everybody has known for generations that smoking entailed a health hazard. The wording does not indicate the seriousness of the situation, the fact that the Surgeon General's report links lung cancer and other killer diseases with cigarette smoking.

In the second place the law bars any warning in advertising until July 1, 1969. Originally it was intended that a health warning both on the packages and in advertising should go into effect July 1 of this year. It looks as if the tobacco industry won this round after all. What toying with life is this! The cigarette companies knowing full well that many people will die prematurely because of their freedom in advertising are made free by law for four years to go on advertising, without warning, a product that must now be labeled with a far too mild warning. No wonder some proponents of good legislation on this subject urged a veto of the bill. The 4,000 young people who start smoking every day because of advertising are not deterred by the provisions of this bill. Few people read labels but cigarette manufacturers spend \$200 million a year for advertising, and people do watch T.V.

We are now at a stage when our national power is more capable of moving mountains than moving men. — Dr. Ernest A. Gross, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1965

MEMORY TEXT

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."—1 Tim. 4:16.

Accordion Needed in Nigeria

From Kano, Nigeria, comes further news of Seventh Day Baptist work among the Moslems of that part of the country. Pastor G. Harrison, who has previously traveled throughout the country as an evangelist, settled in Kano and raised up a Seventh Day Baptist church, according to consistent correspondence with the Tract Society, which has been supplying him with literature. He reports that the members have built a substantial church costing approximately £1,000 (including furniture). He had asked for help in buying a bicycle but not reports that the church has bought him one and is now collecting money for a typewriter. He has never asked for money and says in a letter of August 10, "We don't want money from you." He is raising money for a folding organ for use in the church. For street corner evangelism he says he needs an accordion and would gladly pay transportation charges.

Does someone have a not-too-fancy accordion that is not being used and that could be contributed to this Christian work in northern Nigeria? Secretary L. M. Maltby of the Tract Society is willing to act as a correspondence clearing house for this project.

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.

Impressions of Conference

By the editor

The last issue carried an account of the beginning of the 1965 session of General Conference at Alfred, N. Y., nothing some of the days in which the program was different from other Seventh Day Baptist annual gatherings which our readers have attended. There were other interesting differences.



Verona, N. Y., family greets Rev. Don Richards family.

For years Conference presidents have included in the evening program a vesper service by the Youth Pre-Con choir or the Young Adult Pre-Con group just before the regular worship service that features the full Conference choir. There has been some attempt previously to achieve a unified evening service. Mrs. Fetherston made two significant changes in that direction. She omitted the youth singing in the evening except as the young people were part of the regular choir and she arranged for the worship leader at the evening service to preside over the entire service to the closing prayer. It was much like a morning church service, more so than at any Conference in the memory of this writer.

The young people, however, had an important musical part at the beginning of the day. With an appointed worship leader and under the direction of their

choir leader, Gary Cox, the whole group of 60 or more presented morning devotions (complete with anthems) at 8 o'clock Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday the Young Adult Pre-Con, nearly half of whom were in the summer dedicated service program, conducted the half-hour morning devotions with music, Scripture, and prayer in a way that reflected their vital summer experiences. A good attendance at this early hour was made easy by the fact that the dining room (which closed at eight) was on the second floor of the auditorium where all the daytime sessions of Conference were held.

Another new arrangement of program this year was to follow the morning devotions with a forty-minute Bible study. This was conducted by Dr. Melvin Nida of Salem College in a stimulating way. The four studies were tape recorded by Fred Ayars of the American Sabbath Tract Society and can be copied upon request for use in any church.

The 1965 Conference was less of a preaching Conference than many have been. There were very few sermon-type messages during the day except, of course, Sabbath morning. On the other hand, the evening services, as mentioned above, were worship and sermon-centered.

On Monday evening the Rev. Alton Wheeler gave what some felt was the keynote message in the way he developed the subject, "Love is Patient." The gist of this sermon has been promised for



Mrs. Levy and daughter from Los Angeles in Sabbath morning crowd.

our readers. Throughout the the week other ministers spoke on aspects of the general theme, "The More Excellent Way."

The Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Denver spoke in a personal way to the delegates on "Love Is Kind." The young pastor of the Richburg church, the Rev. Ernest K. Bee, gave a message on "Love is Unselfish," which developed the philosophy that we must have a proper love of self before we can love our neighbors. On the third evening Secretary Rex Zwiebel was the one chosen to speak on "Love Is Forgiving." He led the delegates through the Love Chapter (1 Cor. 13) and through other Scripture to show the need of this quality which was supremely exemplified in Christ.

Departing from custom, there was no sermon on Friday night and no testimony meeting. Instead, the Communion service which has usually been held prior to the Sabbath morning worship hour was moved to Sabbath eve. It was an expanded service of Scripture, song, and briefly spoken word with the symbolism of disciples taking their places around the table in "the upper room." The worship leaders and deacons conducted the service both at 7 and at 8:30 in order for all to be seated comfortably in the church.

The Sabbath morning was far too large for the church and was held, as the last time, in the University Auditorium. Here with ample seating on the main floor and balcony of the big wooden building the congregation quite naturally transformed the hall into a church. The choir on raised seating filled the wide platform and was at its best under the direction of Mrs. Oscar Burdick. The sermon, "Love Never Fails," was eloquently given by the Rev. Elmo Randolph of Milton, Wis. The substance of it (taken from the tape) will appear in an early issue. Taking part (prayer) in the service was the president of the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Robert Torbet, a fraternal delegate present just for the day.

Another highlight of the Sabbath was the afternoon program, also held in the University Auditorium. It was the missionary program under the direction of Secretary E. T. Harris and presided over by the society's president-elect, Loren

Osborn. Home missions and foreign missions were both featured. The speakers were drawn from those who have been laboring on the field: the Rev. Paul B. Osborn, city pastor-evangelist of Little Rock, Ark.; Headmaster Courtland V. Davis of Crandall High School, Jamaica, W. I.; Kenneth Davis, son of Missionary Leland Davis of Georgetown, British Guiana; and the Rev. and Mrs. David C. Pearson of Malawi, Africa. Portions of some of these challenging remarks will appear later on the Missions Page.

The closing program of Conference featured a pleasing half hour or more of old favorites sung by the men's chorus under the direction of Dr. Ellis Johanson and the Rev. Delmer Van Horn. It was followed by another unified worship program which continued until about 9:30.



Magruder with Conference president

Greetings were brought to the Conference very briefly by the fraternal delegate of the Southern Baptist Convention, Charles E. Magruder. The message of the evening was by the newly elected Conference president, the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, who spoke to the 1966 theme, "I Have a Stewardship."

Separate mention will be made in other articles of the other parts of the week-long program, particularly the tremendous impact of the youth who had been giving dedicated service during the summer and of the new denominational emphasis for 1965-1966, "Involvement in Christian Service."

New Conference President

The election of the new Conference president is no longer the surprise that it used to be since a procedure has been in force for several years that automatically elevates the first vice-president to the higher office. Last year the Nominating Committee named the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn of Texarkana, Ark., to that post. He has been making plans during the year and was fully prepared at the close of the 1965 meeting at Alfred to assume the presidency and to speak to his theme, "I Have a Stewardship."



Pictured above is the new president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (left) being greeted after the Sabbath morning service by the new president of the American Baptist Conference, Dr. Robert Torbet, who attended the service as a fraternal delegate. Mr. Van Horn will visit our churches during the year, as much as time and available funds permit. He will also have articles in the Sabbath Recorder from time to time.

The new vice-president elected at Alfred is Dr. Lewis H. V. May, 5807 No. Temple City Blvd., Temple City, Calif. By virtue of this election he becomes a member of

Commission for three years — to prepare him for his duties and to provide some continuity during and after his year as president. The other new member of the six-member Commission chosen this year is the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Bird's-Eye View of Conference Prepared by Commission

Commission has rendered a new service to the churches by preparing a summary of actions of the Conference just ended. This five-page bird's-eye view was mimeographed August 26 and sent out in limited quantities to the churches with the request that the information be shared with the whole church by reading or reproduced and mailed. If this is done many of our readers will have an over-all picture more quickly than this publication can give it. Therefore we will try to gather up the interesting stories of some of the program and business to make it come alive rather than to give a complete resume. It is suggested that people make it a point to attend church and to hear or to read what has been prepared for this purpose by Commission. Read the Commission report in this issue.



Everybody is happy after lunch.

Correction

There was a typographical error in reporting the statistics on page 4 of the August 30 issue. The loss of 4 members should have read, "a loss of 41 members."

Conference Action on Business Introduced by the Commission

I. World Federation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences

- A. It was voted that the General Conference ratify the proposed constitution of the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences, understanding that by so doing we indicate our desire to join the Federation.
- B. It was voted that the General Conference recommend to the Federation that Section V of the proposed constitution be amended by inserting the word "or" after the word "years."

Section V would then read: "Meetings: Sessions of the Federation shall be held (DV) every five years or as arranged by the executive secretary in consultation with member groups."

- C. It was voted that the General Conference recommend to the Federation that the Interim CoWoCo officers and delegates make a thorough study of Section VII of the proposed constitution and that steps be taken to change it in order that the constitution may be amended more simply and equitably.

II. By-Laws Amendment

It was voted to present to the General Conference in 1966 an amendment to Article 4 of the General Conference By-Laws, to read: "The member churches shall be entitled to representation as follows: Two delegates for every church as a church, and one additional delegate for each ten members of the church or major fraction of ten members..." The remainder of Article would remain unchanged. (See Yearbook 1964, p. 91, for present wording.)

III. Coordinating Council

It was voted to discontinue the Coordinating Council.

IV. General Secretary

It was voted that the name of the office of executive secretary be changed to that of the office of general secretary.

- V. It was voted that office of Public Relations be discontinued as an elective office and that the selection of personnel and direction of the duties of the office be made the responsibility of the general secretary.
- VI. It was voted that we commend the Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations for their exploration and leadership and express our confidence in their ability to lead us in further exploration and study of areas in which we may more fully express our essential oneness in Christ and more fully expedite the Kingdom's task in co-operation with other Christians without compromising the truths which God has entrusted to us.

VII. Statistical Reports

It was voted that a place be provided in the annual statistical report sheet where it can be indicated and subsequently recorded in the Yearbook, that by a majority vote of the church it desires not to be affiliated with the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

VIII. Conference, 1967

It was voted to approve reservations arranged at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for August 1967.

IX. Policy Statements

It was voted that the following policy statements be adopted:

- A. The General Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches would call its members and all Christians to recognize their responsibility in an era of population explosion amidst famine and abundance to urge that each family make birth control a question of personal concern in the family relationship and in responsibility to God and society. We

would suggest that contraception by methods recognized by the medical profession can be helpful in making birth a voluntary, responsible, creative act, rather than an emotional accident.

B. The General Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches would call its members and all Christians to a fresh dedication to the life and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ in answering all of life's questions, that we may clearly discern between right and wrong and choose the right in matters of sexual behavior. Seventh Day Baptists recognize that sex is the God-given drive through which we participate in a continuing creation, and is a mutually enriching blessing within the bonds of matrimony. We also recognize that sexual intercourse outside the bonds of matrimony is wrong, and that use of any contraceptive methods to control pregnancy does not change this basic concept.

X. Budget

The following Our World Mission Budget was adopted for 1965-66:

Agency	Investment Income	Refunds, Sales & Services	Current Giving		Totals
			Undesig.	Desig.	
Board of Christian Education	\$ 4,705	\$ 6,820	\$ 8,425	\$ 1,300	\$ 21,250
General Conference		800	17,690		18,490
Historical Society	5,910	1,600	500	90	8,100
Ministerial Retirement	14,350	1,750	1,800	5,000	22,900
Ministerial Education	1,850	6,000	10,924	2,000	20,774
Missionary Society	22,300		40,000	13,950	76,250
Tract Society	14,800	9,000	13,100	600	37,500
Trustees General Conference	1,460	1,000	550		3,010
Women's Society	125		1,475	1,500	3,100
World Fellowship & Service			1,150	500	1,650
Totals	\$65,500	\$26,970	\$95,614	\$24,940	\$213,024
Total undesignated and designated giving			\$120,554		

Baptist Joint Committee Moves to Capitol Hill

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has moved its offices to newly leased quarters on Capitol Hill, according to C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director.

The new location is the third floor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, at 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E. The five-story white marble office building overlooks the United States Capitol. It is located one block from the Supreme Court building and two blocks from the Library of Congress.

For the past several years the committee has occupied the fourth floor of the Baptist Building at 1628 16th St.

N. W. (the building where the Seventh Day Baptist Church holds its services).

No more space was available at the already crowded Baptist Building for the rapidly expanding services of the Baptist Joint Committee for its sponsoring conventions.

The Baptist Joint Committee is composed of public affairs committees from eight Baptist denominations in the United States and Canada. They are the American Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist General Conference, North American Baptist General Conference, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Baptist Federation of Canada, National Baptist Convention, and National Baptist Convention, Inc. — BPA.

Youth Pre-Conference Retreat August 11-15, 1965

By Everett and Barbara Harris, directors
Theme: "The More Excellent Way"—
A Guide to Christian Ethics and Morals

It is fitting to begin a report of the 1965 Youth Pre-Con Retreat with thanks to our staff members. It was an unusually large group, as many came, did their jobs, and returned to their homes. The permanent staff included Connie Coon, Gary and Myrna Cox, Rev. J. Paul Green, Dr. Ruth Rogers, Steven Rogers, and Josephine Van Horn. The directors were Everett and Barbara Harris. The commuting staff included Dr. H. O. Burdick, Stephen and Alise Pierce, and Pastor Herbert Saunders.

A special word of appreciation is due the 62 youth who came from California and Rhode Island, from Wisconsin and Florida and points in between to the camp at Lisle, N. Y. These fine young men and women put their wholehearted support and co-operation into a program that was strenuous and challenging. They emerged from their experiences with a larger commitment to serve God and their brother man.

Our program opened Wednesday afternoon with organized recreation led by Connie Coon. The young people had ample opportunity to get the kinks out of muscles cramped by miles of travel. That evening, Paul Green arranged the first of a series of worship services that set the tone of commitment to a Christian way of life. Informal singing provided a chance to get acquainted.

Thursday's program saw the first of two lectures on the book *About Myself*, by Nevin C. Harner. This book approaches the challenge of the Christian life in a personal way at the teen-age level. It is an "in depth" approach to the problems incidental to physical, mental and spiritual development. The material was presented through individual reading, lectures by the director, and discussion, both formal and informal.

Thursday afternoon, Dr. H. O. Burdick gave his excellently balanced lecture of some of the physiological aspects of sex,

especially dealing with the glands and hormones. Based on the common knowledge this lecture and slide presentation provided, segregated discussion groups were held to discuss sexual morality among adolescents. The girls were led by Dr. Ruth Rogers and the boys were led by Rev. J. Paul Green, Gary Cox, and Everett Harris, Jr.



Pre-Con Camper Maureen O'Connor, Plainfield, N. J., finishes a full bushel of beans.

In an exercise designed to test our personal commitment to the Christian concept of brotherly love, the campers arose at 3 a.m. on Friday to board buses for the King Ferry migrant camp. The day's efforts were directed towards understanding the daily life problems of this disadvantaged group. Steve and Alise Pierce had given us a briefing Thursday night and had charge during Friday.

We breakfasted at the migrant camp, eating their fare. Then a short bus trip took us to the bean field and our day's work began. For each 34 pound bushel of beans picked we received a coupon redeemable at the going rate for the day — 50¢. We worked in the field from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a short break for lunch. An unofficial count for the day's work showed 168 bushels of beans picked by our crew. Our average was 3 bushels or \$1.50 per worker. At 3 o'clock we rested on the roadside and held a discussion under the direction of a field representative of the National Council of Churches who works at the migrant camp. Then we returned to the migrant camp

for supper, again eating standard worker fare.

Our day closed back at Lisle with a brief Sabbath vesper. On Sabbath, we worshiped at a church service with new insights into the meaning of a day of rest and thanks for our blessings. An especially appropriate sermon by Pastor Herb Saunders challenged us to continue our commitment. At this service, \$120.77 was collected to be sent to King Ferry for use in the recreational program at the migrant camp.

Salted in among all the other affairs, Gary Cox whipped us into a choir that was heard at morning worship on two occasions at General Conference.

A vote of thanks is due the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund for their grant towards the operating expenses of the camp. Without that assistance it would not have been possible for us to assemble our excellent staff or work with the migrants.

Some have raised the question of whether there was sufficient emphasis on the spiritual at this retreat. There is no question in the minds of those who, during the heat of the day, after hours of backbreaking work, were sustained and encouraged by the very real presence of God in the bean field.

There has been a question raised whether working in the bean field was of any help to the migrants. It is our opinion that before action should come commitment, before commitment comes understanding, and before understanding comes awareness. Our group of Pre-Connors are now aware of people they barely knew existed before, and have an understanding of their problems that is superior to anyone's who has not truly shared the lot of these disadvantaged folk. Based on this awareness and this understanding, many of them have made commitments. We will be challenged to new action by these young people in the months to come.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 18, 1965

Growing in Understanding and Patience
Lesson Scripture: Philippians 4: 1-7;
Colossians 3: 12-15

Planning Committee Proposals Adopted

The denominational Planning Committee in its report to Conference outlined the work that had been done in co-ordinating the personnel and other resources of the boards to foster the dedicated service projects of the year and proposed six principles as guidelines for the Seventh Day Baptist Dedicated Program. They were adopted by vote of Conference and the Planning Committee was authorized "to plan and co-ordinate such a program."

Dedicated Service Principles

1. That there be offered to individuals in our congregations an opportunity to give a period of their lives in dedicated service to Christ and His church.
2. That such service be done without salary, with the understanding that only the necessary expenses will be provided.
3. That proper preparation and intensive training be undertaken and involve not only basic spiritual preparation but also knowledge of teaching methods, of administration, and the development of individual talents.
4. That for the period of service the individual willingly co-operate with the group at all times, and follow the leading of those in authority.
5. That such dedicated service be recognized as a united outreach of our boards and agencies.
6. That the program be planned to meet the specific needs of our Seventh Day Baptist churches and the extension of our witness in new areas as the Lord may lead.

Annual Meeting

The 123rd Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, will be held on the third Sunday of September (Sept. 19, 1965) at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., at 2 p.m., to act upon any report that may be presented; to elect officers and members of the Board of Managers; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

In the Midst of the Years

(Conclusion of the 123rd annual report of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society)

What does it mean to be "in the midst of the years" and what is the origin of the phrase? It comes from the prophet Habakkuk as may be noted in our Bibles in Habakkuk 3: 2: "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known."

All of us are in the midst of the years, our years. We may not survive the summer but we are alive now. Do we feel the importance of praying and working while it is yet day that God will move our hearts to greater zeal, will make His will and way more clearly known and understood and followed?

What does it mean to be in the midst of the years? One interpretation would be to see in perspective the work of the Lord in past years and to remember men of old who have gone out in faith to serve Him, and then to realize that within a few years we too will be gone from this scene of action and today is our day to make our contribution toward the ongoing eternal plan of God. Today is our day to get "involved"—tomorrow will be too late.

And what is so important about getting involved in the battle for men's souls? Let us turn our attention to another phase of the matter for a moment. When Kitty Genovese was attacked and killed in a respectable New York City residential area last summer (1964) there were 38 witnesses to the murder, though not one of them offered to help her. At one point she cried repeatedly for help. Police Lieutenant Bernard Jacobs, one of the police investigators, said that the word he kept hearing from the witnesses later was that they just didn't want to get "involved." The police officer pointed to the scene of the crime. A large gray spot was on the sidewalk where the killer had first stabbed his victim. Jacobs pointed to the apartment houses all around where 38 people looked out of their windows and watched. Then Jacobs added, "Do you know what this man told us after we caught him?"

He said he figured nobody would do anything to help." The killer was counting on it that in our day people just don't want to get involved.

What does it take to shake people out of their lethargy, or indifference, of whatever it is that holds them back? What will make them willing to become involved? Do we have to wait until somebody dies? Must we wait and "see the blood run" before we will do anything to help?

God, our Heavenly Father, found it necessary to send His beloved Son Jesus to die for us so that we might know that He is in earnest, deeply and terribly in earnest about the sinfulness of man and his need of redemption. Jesus was willing to become "involved" for your sake and mine. What does it take to make us willing to get involved and willing to take some share of Christ's work today?

Our young people are showing us the way as they step forward in the Dedicated Service program. Many lay members and pastors have "volunteered" their services but many more are needed. In fact we cannot stop short of seeking to involve every church member in 1965-66.

British Guiana Mission Field

The Rev. Leland E. Davis, missionary in British Guiana, writes under date of August 10: "Our first field trip with the new Van will be a week at Wakenaam starting the 14th of this month, the next to Pomeroy on the 27th. . . ."

"Please convey our thanks to our people in the states who have so generously raised the money to make possible the purchase of the Volkswagen Van. . . ."

"Gertrude (Mrs. Davis), Mary Sue and I will spend a week at Wakenaam starting this Sabbath (August 14) holding Vacation Bible School, evangelistic meetings, and training sessions. . . ."

"We will be thinking and praying for all of you there at Alfred. . . . Our presence will be there in spirit, be assured. May it be the best Conference ever."

A similar letter from Pastor Davis was read on Conference floor by Conference President Mrs. Robert Fetherston.

Conference Choir, Organ and Carillon Music at General Conference

By Mary Burdick

While there are many kinds of organ music, most of that played at General Conference by Oscar Burdick was related particularly to Christian worship. We heard such compositions as Marcello's "Psalm 19" (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God); "Sheep May Safely Graze" by Bach; Weinberger's "The House Built on a Rock"; and "The Sixty-fifth Psalm" by Alec Rowley. This last organ number is based on five selected verses of that Psalm. It moves through the moods of praise, penitence, the triumph of God, blessing, and thanksgiving.

In the absence of Dr. Ray Wingate, Mr. Burdick played the carillon for the Conference. It was heard before the first Friday evening service, before the Sabbath morning service, and at length after the Sabbath morning service.

The Conference choir anthems, directed by Mrs. Oscar Burdick, were chosen for their texts as well as for the reasonably creative music by the composers. The first of these was especially suited to the Conference theme of love. "Christ's Flock" by Martin Shaw begins with the words, "In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed... as we in Christ and Christ in us may dwell."

"God Is Our Refuge" by Lawrence Curry is a dramatic anthem based on Psalm 46. It alternates choral speaking and singing, and closes with first stanza of the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

"Father of Us All" by Christopher Thomas uses a text by Robert Nathan. The poem elaborates, pertinent to our times, the opening lines, "Father of us all, who hast put into our hands the dreadful power of the sun, put now into our hearts its warmth and goodness."

Moravian music is typically devotional in character. One such anthem used at Conference, "It Is a Precious Thing," begins with a duet which was sung by Mrs. Nelson Snyder, soprano; and Pastor

Herbert Saunders, baritone. The choir effectively responds with a short chorale.

The Sabbath morning anthem by Jane Marshall utilizes the well-known text by Albert Schweitzer, "He comes to us as one unknown" and as we serve Him, "as an ineffable mystery shall learn through their own experience who He is." The response portion of Ernest Bloch's "Silent Devotion and Response" was chosen for the dedication of Elder and Mrs. Leroy Bass for missionary service in British Guiana. It comes from Bloch's "Sacred Service" and uses the text, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight..."

It is with deep appreciation that we thank all the people who sang in the Conference choir. It was good to have many young people participate.

Interesting Figures from Conference

According to the report of the Credentials Committee there were 422 registered delegates at Alfred, less 11 duplicates. The total of registered delegates and non-delegates was 572. How does this compare with the attendance at Salem last year? As a matter of fact, the difference is slight. Last year there were 416 delegates and a total registration of 604. We note two more churches represented this year (53) and seven less ministers (43).

It should be remembered that there is no campaign for Conference attendance. Most of the pastors who attend have at least part of their expenses paid by the local church. Some others have expense accounts, but it is assumed that most of the people pay their own way. Young people get help to attend Pre-Con and this enables them to be present for the Conference sessions if they can afford the board and room. The figures for Pre-Con were a little different from 1964. Youth Pre-Con campers and staff totaled 75, compared with 123 last year. There were 27 in Young Adult compared with 29.

The youth in primary, junior and junior high (73) was comparable with last year

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The Relevance of Jesus

By Dr. J. H. Jackson, Vice-Pres. BWA,
and Pres. National Baptists

(Excerpts from a sermon at Baptist World
World Congress, Miami Beach, Fla.)

The Christian message is the only hope for the salvation of western civilization from destruction and that can rescue men from complete annihilation.

What we need today is not merely more knowledge of the material world, or more of the material goods of the world for comfort; or more accurate analysis of the evils and problems of the times, but the moral force to do the right as we know it, and a spiritual dynamism to guide men and nations in creative, constructive, and redemptive living.

The simple message of Jesus is the answer. For we still wrestle with the three basic problems to which Jesus addressed His message and Himself twenty centuries ago; namely, (1) the problem of man's relation to himself. That is, how to live according to the highest powers within, instead of yielding to his lower nature unto death. The advancement of mankind awaits not more knowledge of outer space, but a more creative use of man's inner space of the spirit.

(2) The second problem that confronts us is, how can man live together as men, so as to realize the highest equality of personal social order of justice, freedom, and redemptive goodwill?

(3) The third problem is, what is the most creative and redemptive attitude toward the determination of destiny? The preacher pointed out that the message uttered twenty centuries ago by Jesus of Nazareth is still more than a past event; it is a present reality with future possibilities. It has been offered, but has not been sufficiently tried. Modern man has risked material fortunes and lost millions of human lives through hate, conflicts, and wars. The time has now come when we must fashion our lives more like the ways of Jesus and display His principles of love and devotion.

The speaker admits that in many instances the church has failed through divisions, through nationalism, and through

racism. But the hope of the church lies in the fact that she can and must confess her sins and return to the message and way of Jesus Christ.

The church must never surrender her God-given message of redemptive love to become a mere protest organization seeking to pressure men into doing the right, but she must pursue all men in the name of Jesus Christ for their deliverance and salvation.

A sure solution to the cold war, racial tensions in the world, and oppression among men, can be found in the man Jesus Christ — the Prince of Peace.

I would rather walk in the way of Christ's obedience to the laws of righteousness, than to follow David Thoreau in his civil disobedience of the unjust laws of a state. For the former is positive action that will lead to the highest moral and spiritual goals, while the latter is negative behavior which could well impair human character without improving the moral tone of the unjust state and could lead to more conflict and confusion.

Believers in Jesus Christ do not meet simply to state a grievance; they meet to proclaim a gospel. They do not seek to coerce by intimidation and fear of the crowds, but they inspire others to greatness by the imitations of the life and faithfulness of Jesus Christ. We seek not a crown of honor, but we embrace the cross that a lofty cause might flourish though we suffer, perish, and die.

Jesus gave His time, talents, and entire life planting in the hearts and minds of men the seeds of redemptive truths, and through His suffering death and resurrection He laid well the plans for the deliverance of all men from the thralldom of sin and from the power of corruption and death.

If we would be Christians we must study anew the doctrine of the cross of Christ and seek to know what is that rare and universal power that comes through self-denial and commitments to the will of God. We must now answer the question, "Are we ready to risk ourselves with the Christlike way of life?"

Medical Help to Aged

The nation's first health care program for the elderly became law when President Johnson signed the "medicare" bill passed by Congress.

Both houses of Congress passed the compromise version of the health care-Social Security proposals in rapid order. The measure contains the most comprehensive revision and extension of the Social Security proposals in rapid order. act was passed 30 years ago.

The main provision of the bill provides for expansion of the Social Security insurance program to provide hospitalization, nursing home care, home nursing services, and out-patient diagnostic services for persons over 65 years of age.

It also provides a supplementary insurance program covering doctor bills and some other health costs, at a \$3 per month premium cost.

Under the new law ministers with at least two years in the ministry have until April 15, 1966, to file waiver certificates electing Social Security coverage. Some ministers have elected exemption from Social Security provisions because of religious beliefs.

The \$6.5 billion measure will be financed largely by progressive increases in Social Security taxes. The bill applies a higher tax rate on a broader taxable base. It also raises the maximum amount of Social Security taxes that can be withheld.

It further provides a seven per cent increase in all cash benefits under the present Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance program. Benefit increases, retroactive to January 1 of this year, are expected to begin showing up late in September.

Except for nursing home care, benefits under both the basic medical plan and the supplementary insurance program will become available July 1, 1966. The nursing home provisions will be effective Jan. 1, 1967.

Administration spokesmen called the measure a landmark in social welfare legislation. Such measures have been approved by the Senate in the past but never have

before cleared the House of Representatives. Attempts to get some type of health care for older Americans have been made for more than 20 years.

— B. P. A.

The Measure of a Man

Not — How does he die, but how does he live?

Not — What did he gain, but what did he give?

These are the units that measure the worth

Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not — Where was his station, but had he a heart?

And how did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer

To bring back a smile; to banish a tear?

Not — What was his church, nor what was his creed,

But — Had he befriended those really in need?

Not — What did the sketch in the newspaper say,

But — How many were sorry when he passed away?

These are the units that measure the worth

Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Interesting Figures

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(84), according to the Credentials Committee.

Financial figures are also interesting. The Sabbath morning offering collected by the ushers was announced as \$2,338. What had been received as special Conference offerings from the churches was about \$2,729. Phone calls indicated that \$955 was on the way. This made a total of \$6,022 counted as Conference offering. The OWM treasurer indicated that this was a gratifying amount. However, with the year's total up to that point of \$91,486 it left \$22,000 yet to be raised by the end of September to fulfil the budgeted needs. It was evident that a major effort would have to be made — which effort is now in process by direct mail appeal.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Faith and Space

Former astronaut John H. Glenn, Jr., on June 2 told more than 8,500 Southern Baptist pastors assembled at Dallas they need an exploration of religious faith that will match and exceed the exploration of space.

"The highest form of progress is in the realm of the spirit, not science," he said. "Ultimate progress deals with ultimate issues."

In his address to the Southern Pastors Conference, he chided pious people with preconceived religious ideas who want to rely on "the faith of our fathers," but when questioned about that faith talk only in terms of the old church back home — things and places instead of real faith. — (BP).

Revolution

Paul S. Reese, editor of *World Vision*, the Bob Pierce missionary periodical, writes under the title "Revolution" in the July-August issue:

In all of the flux of revolution, the liberals in Christian missions are about to put themselves out of a job. They concentrated on education and medicine and agriculture. Now their school and hospital and experimental farms are being taken over by government. Missionaries who have been long on proclaiming to men that they need an improved environment, and short on telling them that they need a new heart in Christ are now being told in effect, "Thank you, but we know how to achieve the better environment without the new heart."

Where does this leave us a conservative evangelicals? Can we now smugly say, "There, we told you so!..."

We have developed a theological neurosis in which we are nervously unwilling to combine the social insights of Old Testament prophets with the gospel witness of New Testament apostles.

Now is the time for the whole evangelical world to say to billions of people who are caught in the tension and torture,

the harshness and hope of world revolution:

1. You can have your revolution unredeemed, and plunge into the abyss with it; or

2. You can have it, and we shall help you have it, under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Upper Room Chaplain

Capt. Richard W. Ricker, CHC, USN (Ret.) has been appointed director of Chaplains service for *The Upper Room*, according to an announcement by the Rev. Dr. Manning Potts, editor of this interdenominational daily devotional guide.

Chaplain Ricker's new position will place him in liaison with many armed forces chaplains who distribute *The Upper Room* to servicemen throughout the world. He will also conduct an extension ministry to the armed forces.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J.—Our church sanctuary has recently been redecorated. The walls were painted, floors refinished, and pews varnished. New rugs have been laid, new lights hung and we are to have new pulpit furniture. New hymnbooks were purchased through gifts, some in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

We began the summer with camp fellowship day. Many from the churches and community enjoyed a delicious chicken barbecue.

We were privileged to have with us as a summer field worker Miss Nancy Burdick. Activities began with two weeks of community Bible school, with an average attendance of approximately 190. This was followed immediately with camps. First was midget day camp, followed by bantam, junior, and senior. One weekend the young people held a retreat.

Our church is among five in our area who together sponsor a seminary student to work during the summer with the migrant Puerto Ricans. He visits camps and holds services each Sunday evening. Some were held in our church. He also

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spoke in our Bible school and taught the children to sing in Spanish.

Some members of our church attended Pre-Con and General Conference.

As the fall season is nearing we continue to be making plans. The Ladies Society sponsors its annual chicken potpie dinner on Labor Day.

The choir took a vacation during August. We enjoyed hearing special music from different ones each week, but are glad for our choir to resume its message in song. — Correspondent.

Marriages

Burrows-Wolfer.—Victor L. Burrows, son of Mrs. Gertrude Burrows of Friendship, N. Y., and Sharon Wolfer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfer, Obi, N. Y., were united in marriage June 26, 1965, in the Obi E. U. B. Church. Officiating were the Rev. Byron V. Berry and the Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr., pastor of the groom.

Mosher-Simpson.—Michael Mosher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mosher, and Lucy Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osborne, all of White Cloud, Mich., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud by the Rev. Orville W. Babcock on August 14, 1965.

Accessions

Richburg, N. Y.

By Baptism:

Benton Elwood Andrus
Clayton Byron Andrus
Francis Eugene Bucher
Robert J. Cartwright

Obituaries

Brague.—Nettie May West, daughter of John R. and Frances Porter West, was born at Millport, Pa., May 19, 1876, and died at the Edjill Nursing Home, Hamburg, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1965.

She attended Mansfield State Teachers College, Mansfield, Pa., and taught in a nearby rural school for one year.

She was united in marriage with Ernest N. Brague of Little Marsh, Pa., March 13, 1894, who died in 1948. To this union were born a son, Milford E., Welsville, N. Y., and a daughter, Neva M. (Mrs. Warren I.) Trask, East Aurora, N. Y., both of whom survive. There also survive two grandsons: Lyle B. Tucker, East Aurora, and Capt. Richard L. Brague, McCoy Air Force Base, Orlando, Fla.; seven great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; also, one brother, John R. West, Millport, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Brague moved to Alfred Station in 1898 to make their home. In 1899 they joined the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mrs. Brague was superintendent of the Sabbath School Class for many years. Later she was assistant teacher of the Homemakers Sabbath School Class. He was a member of the Union Industrial Society, a charter member of the Alfred Station W.C.T.U. and its long-time president.

Memorial services were conducted at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, August 13, 1965, by the Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H. S. W.

Emerson.—Mabel, daughter of Oscar and Myra Coon, was born March 1, 1876, in the town of Albion, Wis., and died July 10, 1965, after a period of failing health, at Rock Haven, Janesville, Wis.

She was married to C. A. Emerson of Alfred, New York (deceased). Of their four children, Howard and Thelma are deceased. Paul of Riverside, Calif., and Kenneth of Texas, survive.

Mabel was baptized at Albion by Elder Joshua Clark. At one time she affiliated with the Riverside, Calif., church. She was a faithful member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church until her death.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Burial was in the Albion cemetery. — E. F. R.

Fetrow.—Jeffrey Paul, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Fetrow of Waterford, Conn., was born Dec. 7, 1963, and died June 28, 1965 of congenital heart disease.

He is survived by his parents Francis H. and Florence Briggs Fetrow, by his paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fetrow of York, Pa., and by a brother James, and three sisters, Judith, Jeannette, and Jean.

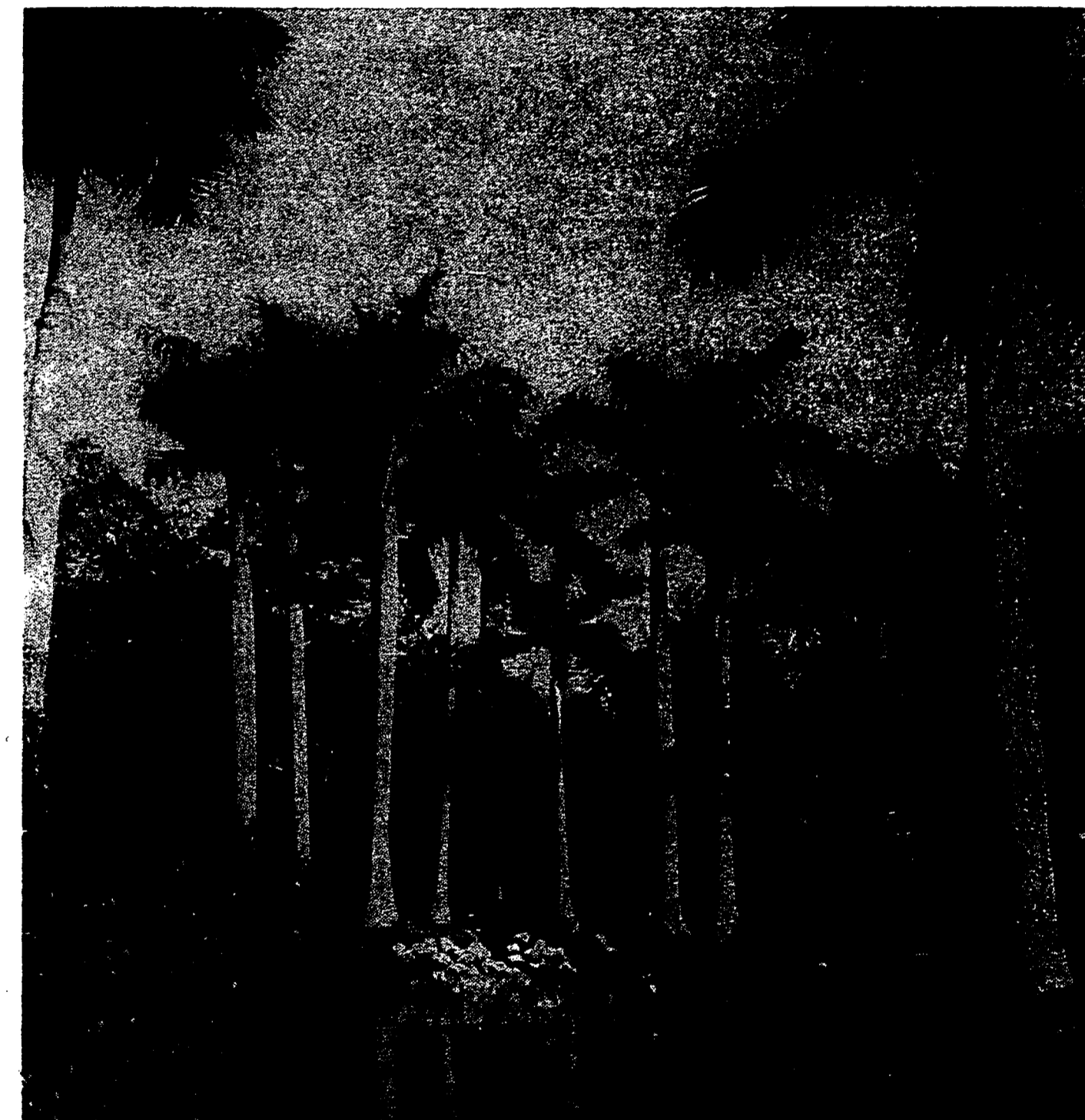
Burial was in West Neck Cemetery, in Waterford, Conn., near the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, chaplain at Hartford Hospital. — E. W. S.

Rood.—Marcia M., was born in North Loup, Neb., April 24, 1889, and died in Ord, Neb., July 22, 1965.

Sixth of the ten children of Charles J. and Rosa Furrow Rood, Marcia grew up in North Loup, where she became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1901. Her vocation as a teacher in the public schools and her dedicated work in her church have made a lasting impression in her community.

Survivors include five sisters: Bertha Williams and Nina Lewis of North Loup, Esther Nelson, Lima Center, Wis., Elsie Rood, Walworth, Wis., and Eunice Harmon, Beaver City, Neb.; and one brother, Byron Rood of Milton, Wis., and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Farewell services were conducted at her home church by her pastor, the Rev. Duane L. Davis, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup. — D. L. D.



Of Nature and of Wisdom

"He leadeth me beside still waters," sang the psalmist. And Job speaks of nature and the inability to find true wisdom except from God. Perhaps he had in mind scenes like this where wild waterfowl gently plow fading furrows in placid lagoons and heavy-headed flamingos knot their necks under royal palms like white temple pillars. He says: "There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen"... "But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?" It is hid from the eyes of all living. But God knows, and Job concludes, "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom."