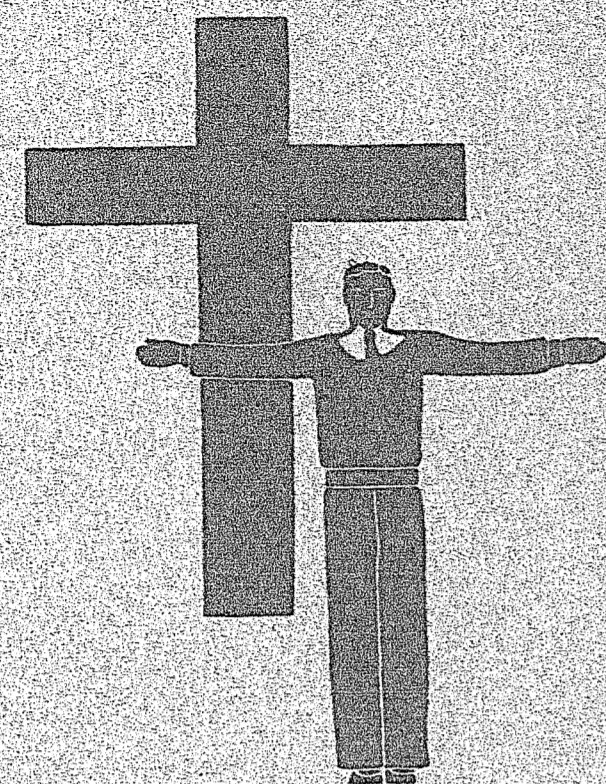


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Compassion

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."— John 3: 16.

Complacency

"Soul . . . take thy ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

— Luke 12: 19b.

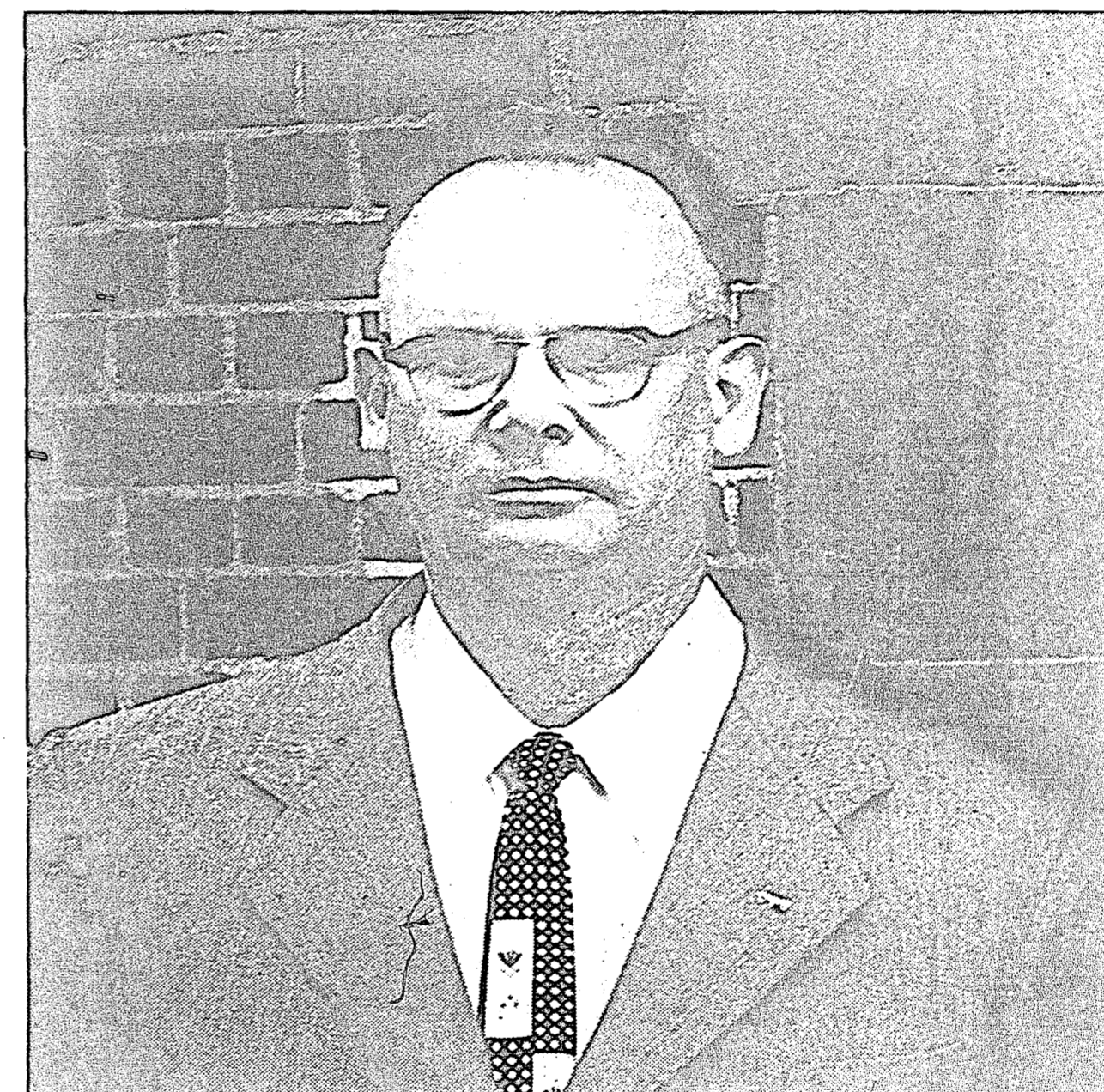
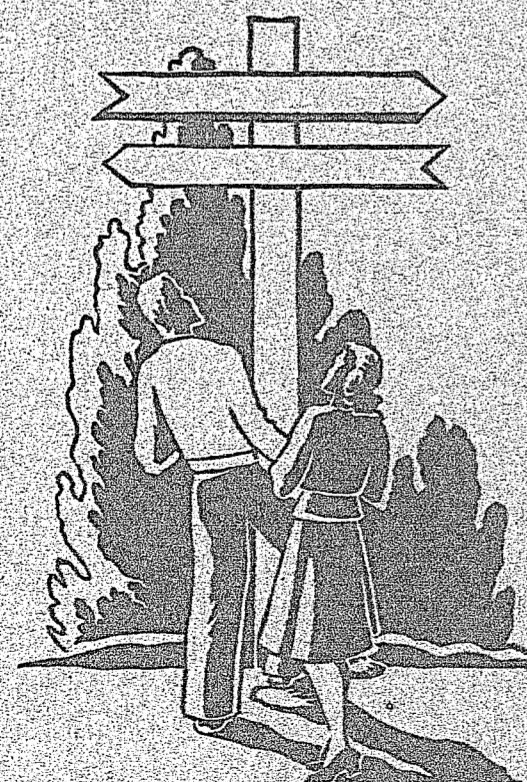
"Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

— John 3: 19b



Choosing

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."— John 3: 36.



1966 Conference President Marion C. Van Horn
The Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is just completing one of his few major trips, a visit to churches of like faith in Mexico. (See partial description of the visits on page 9.) His presidential activities will culminate in the program and business of Conference at Redlands University, Redlands, Calif., August 15-20. The first story of the physical accommodations for those challenging meetings also appears in this issue. It is time for people to make plans to attend.

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Should Easy Fractions Make Us Uneasy?

January brings us to the end of a segment of our denominational year. It is an easy fraction, for one third of the year is now gone. It is a time for all of us to take stock of what we have done in the Lord's vineyard during the first third of the year. Specifically, what have we done in contributing to the total work of Seventh Day Baptists in the world? The figures are on the back page of this issue, furnished by OWM treasurer, Gordon Sanford.

There is another fraction recorded on the back page. It, too, is an easy fraction — easy to remember, hard to forget. The figures show that the end of one third of the year we had contributed through our churches only one fourth of our 1965-66 budget. Should this easy fraction make us uneasy? We cannot change it. We have torn off those four calendar sheets and we would not be able to turn back time by pasting them back on the calendar. We do wish we could do something like that, for we know that most of the expenses of our world work go on. They do not stop when we are one month behind in providing for them. Missionary and other salaries have to be paid. Boards and agencies may have to go into deficit spending or curtail their services when the time is one third and the contributions are one fourth.

Although we cannot change the time fraction we can change the giving fraction. This our professed love for Christ's work will compel us to attempt. It is an individual matter. We need to realize that giving as much as we gave last year is not enough. The fractions would get more uneasy if we failed to see that larger contributions are necessary if we are to get the blessings of a larger task completed. Let us remember that our economy is strong, unemployment low, income relatively high on the average. At such a time as this consistent tithing, properly divided between local and denominational outreach would yield more than enough to even up those uneven fraction. Let's try for one half at the half!

Is there evidence that many of our churches have caught the stride in their giving and are now contributing at a rate that may soon put them up to their expected level? Yes, there is. Study the figures for yourself. Note that half of the total for four months from some churches came in during January, even more in several cases. The OWM giving shows an overall increase from \$7,163 in December to almost \$9,000 in January. It is not a time for self-satisfaction, for some of the smaller churches stand much higher on the list than some of the larger ones. Let us each do our part, as the Lord gives us to see our part!

If Winter Comes

The words of the poet, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" seem strangely true, at least in New Jersey. In this area the first snowfall came very late. There was neither skating nor sliding for the young folks during the Christmas vacation. Average temperatures were not far above normal but one almost had to look at the calendar to be sure which season we were in. That was before several weeks of consistently lower temperatures and before the blizzard of '66 which moved up from Virginia the last weekend of January. Even so, New Jersey and the metropolitan area were lightly hit in comparison with points farther south and certain areas in upstate New York where there was a real state of emergency.

There is considerable joking about Groundhog Day and the supposed weather omen. If he sees his shadow on February 2 he will be scared and go back down his hole for six more weeks of winter. If the day is cloudy he will stay out and spring will come early. It is a fact that a few woodchucks in northern states come out of hibernation during early thaws in February or March, leave their tracks in melting snow, and are not seen again until after the snow is nearly gone and the grass starts to grow. It looks as if they were like the raven and the dove sent out

MEMORY TEXT

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

— Mal. 3: 10.

from Noah's ark to check the prospect of life on the surface of the earth.

There are other omens of spring observed this year in the Plainfield, N. J., area before the middle of February. In one nearby community there have been reports of seeing a number of robins (presumably some who did not go south). Here in the city there have been songbirds singing beautifully in the treetops above the tight blanket of snow — singing lustily to their mates or to the well-wrapped, ear-muffled people on the streets below. We like to think they were singing to us, for we have put out a little food to help them stay alive.

This writer does not profess to know much about the ways of songbirds but he does identify himself with other people whose hearts are warmed by the unseasonable singing of our feathered friends. It is a harbinger of a spring which we know by the calendar is still quite far away. Some of us have a tendency to think in early February that the winter is long. We do not hibernate; our body temperature remains constant; we take our three meals a day. Sometimes, however, perhaps because we are thinking rather than instinctive creatures, we allow ourselves to become depressed and discouraged when weather conditions are adverse. Our metabolism may not be low but, to our shame, our spirits are. Why can't we take a lesson from the birds and raise our voices in praise of our Maker especially when the outward evidences of springing life are not very encouraging.

Hearing the birds sing in anticipation of better days ahead reminds us to look at the trees. They are not dead. Each

twig is tipped with buds that already look larger than a month ago. The willows are yellow, the soft maples are red. The trees must stand silent; they cannot run, or fly, or clap their hands (as Isaiah would say) but they can bear silent, budding testimony to the fact that God's promises are not vain. What business have we to cry and lament? Man who is the crowning act of God's creation is capable of faith, trust, love and thanksgiving. These winter days are priceless and precious in the service of our Lord. They may be the best days of all the year. We, like the songbirds, should be on tiptoe on the outermost branches proclaiming the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Special Issue on the Way

Don't Let It Lay

The **Sabbath Recorder** of last week with its bright gold color was the winter special issue. Most churches have small standing orders. Others consider their needs each time when the advance publicity goes out from the managing editor's office. Whichever way you or your church determines the size of the order before it is printed the important thing is to make full use of what you have. As noted in the heading "The special issue is on the way; don't let it lay."

This issue will warm people's hearts when they read it. Use it to start a conversation. Sell it if you wish; it is worth far more than you paid for it, and it cost more than you were charged. Add one or two tracts of your own choosing to further emphasize the Sabbath and give copies to friends or acquaintances. There are not as many extra copies as usual available, but there are some. Invest a dollar or two of your own money in this way of serving the Lord.

The "Death of God" theologians have probably left God quite undisturbed by their denial of His existence.

—Roger Shinn.

1966 General Conference at Redlands, Calif.

This is the first in a series of articles regarding the Conference site, costs, transportation, facilities, etc., for the 1966 session. Watch for these articles quite regularly in the next few months.

As you know Conference is to be held this year at Redlands, California, on the beautiful campus of Redlands University, which is a Baptist-related school. The city of Redlands is located approximately 15 miles from Riverside and 65 miles from Los Angeles. More information about the town and university will be given in future articles.

Right now the big news everyone is anxiously awaiting is the cost for attending Conference. We are happy to report this figure is lower than has been our experience at universities the last few years. Here is a sample of charges from which you may figure your own expenses.

Housing (per night per person)	\$2.00
(this figure does not include sheets, pillowcases, blankets, and towels)	
Meals (adults per day).....	3.35
Breakfast	\$.75
under 12, 40¢	
Lunch	1.10
under 12, 60¢	
Dinner	1.50
under 12, 75¢	
Insurance (per person per day)....	.11
Total for one day	\$5.46
Registration Fee (per person).....	1.00

Those arriving at Redlands on Sunday, August 14, may get their rooms that night. However, no meals will be served by the university Sunday evening.

One way in which families can cut down expenses if they have children under 12 would be to bring their own sleeping bags and let the children sleep on the floor. There will be no room charges under those circumstances.

Since the charges are to be a little less than previous years for university

facilities some might think they are not as nice. Let us assure you that this is not the case. Quite the contrary, they are in some ways nicer than any we have had before, as you will see by the next article.

Looking forward to seeing you at Conference in Redlands, Calif.

Conference Host Committee.

Church-State Separation

Is the battle for separation of church and state to which Sabbathkeepers are pretty much committed a losing battle? Events of the past few years have made many thoughtful people wonder if this is not the case. However, there are indications that the principle of separation is being maintained by some of the courts and that the tendency to yield to the pressures of parochial school advocates is being thwarted.

A notable case comes from the State of Delaware, as reported by POAU.

On February 2 Governor Charles L. Terry, Jr., vetoed a bill passed by both houses of the state legislature which would have provided transportation for pupils in parochial and other private schools along established school bus routes.

The governor's action was taken following an advisory opinion of the state supreme court stating that such a law would be a violation of the state constitution providing that no funds "... raised by tax, for educational purposes, shall be appropriated to, or used by, or in aid of any sectarian, church or denominational school..." (Art. 10, Section 3).

An earlier Delaware law with provisions similar to the one Gov. Terry vetoed had been declared void on the ground that to furnish free transportation to pupils attending sectarian schools is to aid the schools, because it "helps build up, strengthen, and make successful the schools as organizations."

The present Delaware court declared that its earlier opinion "has stood unreversed as the law of this State for more than three decades."

In the course of its opinion the court specifically rejected the "child benefit" theory. This theory advocates that the state can benefit parochial school children without unconstitutionally benefiting the religious school wherein they are enrolled.

Franklin C. Salisbury, general counsel for POAU, stated that he was "particularly pleased with the court's specific rejection in this instance of the 'child benefit' theory." It is hoped that courts in other states will see things the same way when cases are brought before them. It is quite possible that the tide is turning and that decisions of courts upholding the use of tax money for sectarian schools can be reversed. One does not commend a court for rendering a fair and logical decision, but when a governor has the courage to veto a bill passed by both houses of his legislature this courage, this unpopular act on his part, ought to be publicly commended.

Seventh Day Baptists, with their long history, have observed how important principles of church-state separation can be eroded by the constant pressures of the Roman Catholic leaders. We should be able to see that minorities are safe only so long as such principles are not undermined. Strange as it may seem, history bears testimony to the fact that the rights of minorities are better respected by an impartial, constitutional government than by a powerful church or church-dominated government. Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty. We can be thankful for the vigilance and the financial ability of such privately supported organizations as POAU to carry cases through the courts.

Year of the Bible

Increased distribution of Holy Scriptures to combat the flood of "unholy" forged ones smuggled into South Korea from the Communist-dominated part of the country is planned by the American Bible Society this year. The ABS is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 1966 as "The Year of the Bible."

Denominational Leader Again in the Field

When one looks into the front office of the general secretary, nicely refinished and filled with books, he gets the impression that Mr. Wheeler has a work to do and tools for doing it. Glancing at the hall next to his office where some of the files are temporarily kept, one becomes more aware of it. His part-time secretary has mountains of work in another office shared by the corresponding secretary and the treasurer of the Tract Board. When one goes from the hall to the basement of the Seventh Day Baptist Building he sees other files, book-cases, three large improvised tables covered with work in process, and various items of office equipment in a large cleared space that is gradually taking shape as an auxiliary office.

Such a tour as this convinces one that much has been accomplished (with the help of quite a little "dedicated service"). The question arises as to how the general secretary can leave so much work behind and go to the field. The obvious answer is that the field work is important too.

This all leads up to the announcement that Mr. Wheeler is again in the field helping two of our New England churches in a tightly scheduled program of serving as a missionary in a number of churches. (He recently gave three Sabbaths to a laymen's training program at Plainfield.) Secretary Wheeler left his office Feb. 11 to spend three weeks with the Ashaway and Westerly, R. I., churches as their 1966 missionary. The two programs are separate but jointly planned to make full use of the missionary's time while also giving pastors and laymen full opportunity to do purposeful calling when public meetings are not being held.

"It is the business of true religion to preach repentance without reducing man to despair, and to preach hope without tempting him to complacency."

Tract Writer Dies His Tracts Live On

The American Sabbath Tract Society in publishing tracts during recent years has accepted the view that the message presented is far more important than the messenger presenting it. Working on that premise the Publications Committee has withheld the identity of authors of tracts which it has edited. It has also removed the author's name in reprinting most of the tracts that are now in general use.

There was no intention of withholding credit where credit was due. This is an appropriate time to give a little credit to one of our tract authors, the Rev. Lester G. Osborn, whose typewriter recently fell silent while typing a radio sermon with the same title as one of the popular tracts he wrote, "From Death to Life."

From the 1940s to 1960s Mr. Osborn produced more tracts that caught on than any other Seventh Day Baptist writer of this generation. He is well known for his Sabbath tracts and his study booklets on that subject but his first love was the gospel, the gospel of free grace. He showed himself able to present the way of salvation in clear, readable terms. "From Death to Life" has gone through eight editions for a total of 65,000. "By Grace Through Faith" has also been in such demand that eight printings reaching a present total of 60,000 have been made.

Of the Sabbath tracts by Lester Osborn one of the most popular, dating back to 1946, is "My Holy Day." It has gone through eight printings for a total of 42,500. More recently he was requested to write a tract on the "First Day of the Week in the New Testament" to replace an older and not-too-readable piece of the same title. It has gone well. Another New Testament study on the Sabbath question, "Was Paul Wrong?" has been very popular with thoughtful distributors both in this country and in other lands. Supplies have had to be replenished about eight times.

The question of law and grace was one that Mr. Osborn felt needed good explanatory literature. He contributed several tracts that had a bearing on this, one of which, "Free from the Law," is a longer study booklet. It continues in popular demand but not in such large numbers as others. Another expensively printed study designed originally for teen-age youth is "God's Holy Day." It has been in much demand as a teaching tool in youth camps and on mission fields.

Mr. Osborn's range of writing was inclusive. He wrote informational tracts such as "Who Are These Seventh Day Baptists?" which went through seven editions by 1959, when it was gradually replaced by similar tracts. A popular little tract on the Second Coming of Christ, "That Blessed Hope," has gone to a total of 43,000 so far. Another on "What Church Membership Implies" has gone to five editions.

To sum it all up, the records of publication and distribution (which are not completely accurate) indicate that the Tract Society has published about sixteen tracts from the pen of Lester Osborn, most of which have been continuously reprinted up to the present. The grand total of tracts printed in 2,000 to 10,000 lots goes to over half a million, not including the thousands that have been printed abroad in a number of foreign languages.

—Tract Society secretary.

Pro Plays Better Because He's a Christian

By Lynn M. Davis, Jr.
Editor, Ohio Baptist Messenger

While the National Anthem rang out just prior to the National Basketball Association's All-Star game at Cincinnati in January, a six-foot two-inch guard from the Cincinnati Royals' professional basketball team bowed his head in prayer.

Adrian Smith, a Southern Baptist, prayed, not to win, but for strength from God to do his best.

After the game, Smith was voted the

most valuable player in the game, leading the Eastern All-Stars to a 137-94 victory over the West.

Smith, with a note of humility in his voice, said later that he didn't play the game any different from any other game he's ever played. "I just went out there and gave it all I've got. I'd have been happy just to sit on the bench and wear the uniform."

He believes that tensions and pressures that bothered him as a ball player before he became a Christian are not as great now.

"I always ask God for strength during the National Anthem," he said. "I never ask God for anything unusual, just strength to play my best. When the game is over, I've probably played a better ball game because I'm a Christian."

His pastor describes Smith as "a soul-winning visitor" who takes advantage of opportunities to tell others about his Christian experience.

Since high school days, Smith has been a winner. After being named to an All-American basketball team while playing for the University of Kentucky, he went on to play on the United States Pan American team in 1959. In 1960 he played on the U.S. Olympic team in Rome. Smith feels that each of these are great events in his life. "But the greatest thing that happened to me was when I was saved — before this, I had only lived basketball," he said.

Smith became a Christian in September of 1963, just one year after he and his wife, Paula, were married. He attributes her Christian influence as a great factor in his decision to accept Christ.

For Smith, new life came in the living room of his own home one night after watching Billy Graham on television. "I just got down on my knees and asked God to save me," he said. Thus began a new life for Adrian Smith. His life was changed. His basketball game improved. Today he lives as a Christian like he plays basketball — he gives it all he's got.

Reviewing Past Year at Makapwa

By Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick

Our calendar tells us that the year 1965 is now a thing of the past, though it seems only a short time ago we started writing '65 instead of '64.



Joan Clement, Dr. Victor Burdick and family, Rev. Paul Burdick.

Malawi celebrated her first year of independence on July 6, 1965. The land can be proud of this year, in spite of little troubles here and there. By and large, peace and calm reign, and this is not small feat for a newly independent country in the world today. Improvements are seen everywhere. The people are taking over places of responsibility, and doing it well. Roads are being widened and straightened, for many new car owners are using the roads. A beautiful bridge across the Shire River replaces the old launch-powered ferry, which capsized some months ago, at which time many lost their lives. The University of Malawi opened this October, is housed in temporary quarters, but will later be in the scenic city of Zomba. Building has started in the Central Region town of Lilongwe for a new capital which is now in Zomba. The purpose is to shift population from the overpopulated Southern Region, to the Central Region. Yes, we of Malawi are very grateful for such a leader as Prime Minister Dr. Banda.

The above speaks mostly of civil changes. What about the church? Where does it stand in this changing land? The

different Protestant churches are working together, and this can be seen in different ways. The Medical Committee of Christian Council has had a unifying project, resulting from the recent appraisal of Medical Missionary Work by Dr. James McGilvray from the States. All Medical Missions (including Catholic) are forming and supporting a Private Hospital Association in Malawi. The aims are to avoid duplication of effort, and to co-operate in a central training for midwives, nurses, and hospital assistants. Church leaders (Africans) have been sent at Christian Council expense to training centers outside Malawi, and have come back to hold workshops for delegates from all churches. It is wonderful to see our leaders come back from such meetings, full of enthusiasm, searching for ways to make our Christian life more meaningful, ways of reaching and keeping the youth, etc. Certainly as they see these things for themselves, and reach out to find solutions of their own, they will have much more influence in the church than anything we can say or suggest. Missions are being turned over to the National Church. The C.C.A.P., the largest Protestant group (Presbyterian), is now almost entirely indigenous. Property, positions, buildings, cars, etc., have been put into their hands. Missionaries generally are stepping down from places of authority to roles as advisors only.

The year has been a full one for us, filled with blessings, evidences of God's leading, joys of seeing loved ones coming, sorrow at their departure. Some of the highlights of the year are:

A "new member" joined the mission in January. The old Land Rover truck which had served faithfully for nearly nine years over very bumpy roads, was replaced by a year-old Land Rover station wagon. Also the pump-house was finished, and a temporary tank set up for immediate use of our "clear cool water."

February found us putting the finishing touches on our home, in readiness

for our "enlarged family." It was with great joy that we watched the plane touch down on the runway at Chileka the afternoon of the ninth. When we thought the plane to be empty of passengers, our hearts sank, but then we saw them coming through the door — "Auntie Joan" and Grandpa Burdick. Joan Clement had been away over two years, during which time she was graduated from Madison College Department of Anesthesiology, in Tennessee. Now she was returning under special arrangements for a short term to share her experience in anesthesia with Beth, and train one of our orderlies in care of surgical supplies, care of patients under spinal anesthetic, and in charge of the pharmacy. Dad came "officially" as a visitor, but truly he was a short-term missionary. He lent a hand in every department of the work, and kept constantly busy with teaching, writing, supervising various projects, and village evangelism.

March, April, and May were special classes for the following groups (lasting for a month each): 1, English-speaking pastors, evangelists, and young men interested in the ministry; 2, non-English-speaking pastors; and 3, non-English-speaking evangelists. Dad, Victor, and David taught these classes, with special lectures given by various ones of our pastors.

Time passed quickly. June brought two birthdays, Vickie's fifth on the 10th, and Markie's first on the 16th. The 16th was also the beginning of the "exodus." David and Bettie Pearson, and daughters Debbie and Joanna, left for furlough in the States. In the excitement of the airport, planes, people, etc., Vickie and Joanie forgot that they were losing their playmates. The end of June found us very busy packing supplies, clothing, bedding, etc., for a three-week journey to the North for the "men folks." On the 27th Dad, Vic, and Vickie, together with a number of our pastors, began the first long trip in the Land Rover station wagon. With all the luggage packed on

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Denominational Leaders Visit Mexico Churches

Before this article appears in the Recorder Conference President Marion Van Horn and Director of Evangelism Leon Lawton will have arrived back at their home following a visit to Sabbath-keeping groups in Mexico. It is expected that they will be with Pastor Homer Gonzalez of Gomez Palacio, Mexico, over Sabbath day, February 12, will cross back into the United States around February 14 and arrive at Randolph Air Base, San Antonio, Texas, to visit Major Wm. L. Brooks and family on February 15, arriving at Texarkana on Feb. 16 and Battle Creek on Feb. 20.

A more detailed report will be presented later but a few items from letter written February 7 will be of interest. Pastor Lawton writes: "Our journey has been most interesting. We will not try to give you a detailed account of our journeys thus far as this will come later. We have a portable tape recorder with us to keep a day-by-day account.

"We found Pastor Camacho without too much difficulty the first night in Mexico (Wed., Feb. 2), even though it was after dark when we reached Cd. Madero. He took us into Tampico where we were given room in the Hotel Tampico. Thursday, Friday, and Sabbath were spent in the Tampico area visiting churches and missions, meeting the brethren, pastors, and talking about their work, etc.

"On Sunday we drove south to Tuxpam, stopping at one town to visit a member of his family. We arrived in Poza Rica in early afternoon and were given a room in the Hotel Santa Fe. That night (last night) we had a service in their chapel in Poza Rica, meeting the local pastor and several of the brethren. Though a telegram was sent a few days before, they had not received it so did not really know of our coming until Pastor Camacho's daughter, Mary, arrived in Poza Rica on the bus just a little ahead of us. Thus many were not informed of the meeting and the con-

gregation was smaller than it might have been.

"This morning we left Poza Rica about 9 and headed for Mexico City. The road ascended into the mountains and the travel was much slower, though the road was not too bad. The scenery was beautiful with bananas, palms, sugar, cane, etc., much like Jamaica. But after we climbed up onto the high plateau it was more arid with cactus, sisal, and other dry crops.

"We have come to the home of a deacon of the Mexico City church where we are now to relax and rest. Our journey today was about 200 miles. The brethren here have insisted on our being their guests. Pastor Lucio Guerria is their 'President' and has traveled with us and is most gracious.

"We are humbled by the faith and Christian living of these brethren. They show the true love of Christ and their experience is deep. Several of the young men are looking forward to entering the ministry—a self-supporting one—and Pastor Camacho plans to have a special class in the spring for them.

"The car has been parked in a garage next door and we are to ride the bus while in town as they feel it is easier. Hotels are far distant and so we will be staying here in this home while in the city.

"Eating habits are different here. They have light breakfast and supper with a generous meal at noon. We are well and appreciate your continued prayers. Pastor Camacho, Pastor Lucio, and the deacon here wish to send their greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Church Leader in Germany Dies

Word was received under date of January 31 that Elder Otto Kohler, pastor of the church at Braunschweig, died that day. He had been in a hospital awaiting sufficient strength for an operation when taken by an infarct of the heart.

Elder Kohler was unknown in the United States but the prayers of all should be with the German churches and their problems of leadership.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Farm to City

The following article in the New York State Council Reporter further accents the reason why Seventh Day Baptists, for generations a rural people, must put more emphasis on evangelism in the city.

"Do you know that the number of farms in New York in 1965, estimated at 68,000, decreased 4,000 from the previous year . . . ? The decline in number of farm operational units has been apparent since the mid-1930s but was accelerated during the 1950s.

From 1950 to 1965, farm numbers in New York dropped from 136,000 to 68,000 . . . a decline of 50 per cent.

In 1950 there were 17,000,000 acres of land in New York state farms while in 1965 there were 13,200,000 acres in farm land . . . a decline of 28 per cent in acreage.

The average size of a farm has greatly increased through the recent years, rising from 205 acres per farm in 1950 to 341 acres in 1965.

In 1950, the net income per farm was \$2,153 while in 1964 the net income per farm was \$3,830."

Primary Conference

The director of Primary Conference at General Conference this year is Miss Marti Babcock of the North Loup church. Miss Babcock has served as a dedicated worker under the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education for the past two summers and has signed up for the summer of 1966. Youngsters of primary age may be assured of an interesting and profitable time at General Conference under her direction.

Christian Education Workshops

Dates surrounding the weekend of April 23, have been agreed upon for the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education to work with churches in the South-eastern Association. Activities will center in Salem for all the churches on the

weekend, and in individual churches on days before and after.

Secretary Zwiebel will participate in the work of the Committee on the Uniform Series of Bible School Lessons, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, in New York City during the week beginning February 28.

Reviewing Past Year at Makapwa

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top, with soft seats for everyone, the trip was most enjoyable. Those who had ridden on the hard seats in cramped, dusty quarters of the old Land Rover in past years certainly appreciated the improvements.

July 18th brought our travelers — shaggy, dirty, but happy to be home; yet happier still were those who received them home. Vickie's joy of being home was dimmed when he was told that his beloved Auntie Joan would be going to America the following week. It was with great sorrow that we watched the plane until it was lost from sight. Vickie turned to Mommie with big tears in his eyes, "Mommie, I want to cry," then, "No, I'll wait until we get home."

August was a busy month, though filled to overflowing with spiritual blessings. First came our yearly Conference, held here at Makapwa, the theme, "The Cross — the Power of God." During the business sessions a second great step was taken towards indigenization. (Our first was the appointment of Mr. Mazingah as Mission Superintendent, vacated by the departure of David Pearson in June). Our old Executive Committee, composed of four missionaries and three Nationals, was replaced by a Board of Trustees. There are seven members of this new board, six Nationals (one chairman, one a woman), and Victor as the representative of the Missionary Board. Next to take place in August was the arrival of the Dorothea Team, a group of evangelists from the Dorothea Mission in South Africa. For one week we had the days and evenings filled with mean-

ingful messages from God's Word, joyful singing, and stirring testimonies of the power of Christ to change men's lives. The month closed with the Keswick Convention being held for the fourth year in Malawi. Dad took a group of young ministerial candidates, spending the entire week there. Victor and Joanie went for a day.

Dad's last weeks were spent in further Bible classes with the ministerial candidates, engineering and supervising the raising of 60-foot poles for antenna, and installing the radio-telephone. This gives us a "connection" with the outside.

Time has a way of passing, and so for the third time in six months we made our way to the now familiar Chileka airport. The last of our "large family" climbed the stairs, paused, turned, waved, and was gone. But sadness was mixed with happiness, for whether as Grandpa, Dad, the Doctor's father, or Pastor Burdick, Dad Burdick had left a warm place in the hearts of all who had come to know him.

As we look back over the months, we praise God for His goodness to us. Truly we have much to be grateful for. Our prayer as a family is that God's love might fill our hearts, that we might do His will for us. May His Peace that passeth all understanding, be with each of you who will put your trust in Him.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 5, 1966

Education and the Fourth R — Religion Daily Bible Readings

1. The Beginning of Knowledge — Proverbs 1: 2-9, 20-33.
2. A Father's Duty in Education — Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, 20-25.
3. "Cast Your Bread upon the Waters" — Ecclesiastes 11: 1—12: 1.
4. Paul's Education — Acts 21: 37—22: 5.
5. "Take Heed to Your Teaching" — 1 Timothy 4
6. Scripture Is Profitable for Teaching — 2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 5.
7. "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" — Psalm 19.

Catholic Congregation Attends Baptist Worship

It has been pointed out that the permission for Roman Catholics to attend Protestant services growing out of the II Vatican Council is not necessarily full permission. One type of permission covers the showing of good will. When the visit is made with the full concurrence of the local priest, it is apparently O.K. A unique story of such a visit comes out of Beaufort, S. C., as told by Baptist Press. Here it is in somewhat abbreviated form.

More than 150 Catholics here joined with about 400 Southern Baptists for an historic joint worship service in which Baptist doctrines were expounded to the Catholic visitors.

The unique joint service was held at the Baptist church of Beaufort on the invitation of the church's deacons. Almost all of the local Catholic church members attended the service. About a dozen Lutherans, including the local Lutheran clergymen, also attended.

It is believed to be one of the first meetings of its kind in the United States, said George A. Jones, pastor of the Baptist Church of Beaufort.

Immediately following the service, Father Ronald P. Anderson, pastor of the St. Peter's Catholic Church, said, "We have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit here tonight."

"We accepted the most gracious invitation of our Baptist friends to join them in their worship service that we might observe their form of worship, that we might share together the word of God, and that we might unite our prayers that, as God wills and in the way that He wills, there might be one truly Christian family."

The unique joint worship service was held at the end of an Octave, an eight-day Catholic period of prayer for unity sponsored by a committee of the Catholic church in Beaufort.

It was the custom of the Beaufort priest to invite Protestants to attend the final Octave service to observe the form of worship used by Catholics, but few had ever accepted the invitation before. The Baptist pastor had always told the priest that whenever the Catholic people

were free to visit the Baptists, then they would talk about it seriously.

When plans for the recent Octave were being made by the Catholic priest and his committee, they approached the Baptist pastor and said that in the light of the Vatican Council spirit of ecumenism, the time might be ripe for a joint worship service. Members of all other Protestant churches in the area were invited to attend the joint worship service at the Baptist church.

Jones later expressed disappointment that only Catholic and Lutheran churches accepted the invitation. None of the churches affiliated with the National Council of Churches, including local Methodist, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian churches, attended the joint worship service, he said.

"The Monday following the service, I spent practically the entire day talking on the telephone to Catholic people who called to express thanks for allowing them to attend the service," Jones said. He has received a flood of mail following the service. "About half of it has come from Baptist preachers condemning me for what we did," he said, "and about half praising us for conducting the service."

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden Women's Board Needs Zip Codes

Mrs. Oscar Hartman has been working for weeks on the denominational mailing list as a labor of love in a project undertaken by the Women's Board. An appeal was made in the **Sabbath Recorder** for church clerks to send in the zip code numbers for all members. As of February 2 there were twenty-one churches whose revised lists were not yet received by Mrs. Hartman at Milton Junction, Wis. 53564. It is urgent that the lists be corrected. Some have sent revised lists to the general secretary at Plainfield. Copies received by him have been forwarded. Make sure that your list is in, else you will not get important mailings.

Facts About Medicare

by Ralph W. Jones

District Manager
Social Security Administration, Elizabeth, N. J.

Have you enrolled for "Medicare"? Every person who is now 65 or over, or who will be within the next two months should enroll for Health Insurance benefits now if they are to be covered by the program when it starts in July 1966.

The Social Security Administration is concerned that elderly people may lose the right to Health Insurance benefits simply because they do not realize they are eligible to enroll, and that they must complete an application.

Among the people Social Security is trying to find are persons who never worked under the Social Security or Railroad Retirement Acts; who may be receiving pensions from other sources; who may never have had Social Security numbers; and those who may never have imagined Social Security would ever apply to them.

Also, many persons 65 or over may still be working. These people must also enroll now although they are not requesting monthly retirement benefits immediately.

Beneficiaries receiving monthly Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits have already been sent enrollment cards for the Supplemental Medical Insurance benefits. They need only to return the card with a "Yes" answer if they wish to enroll. But they should return the card at once.

You are urged to visit your local Social Security Office promptly to enroll. If any person is unable to appear personally, another family member or friend should visit the office on his behalf or the reader should write to or telephone his local Social Security Office. Younger people have a direct personal interest in making certain that their eligible parents, grandparents, and other relatives enroll promptly for the Medicare benefits.

When the going seems easy it could be that you are going down hill.—**John Maverick**, The Cherryvale, Kansas, Republican.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

American Baptist Leaders Again Reject Church Union Participation

The General Council of the American Baptist Convention voted to continue its present observer-consultant relationship with the Consultation on Church Union.

Meeting at the Governor Clinton Hotel February 2 to 3, the 37-2 vote accepted the recommendation of the Division of Co-operative Christianity made at the November meeting that the American Baptist Convention turn down an invitation to become a participant in the Consultation but to continue as observer.

The Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, gave a summary report of the mail response to the proposed vote. A total of 876 letters were received from individuals, churches, and other organizations. Of these 564 were in favor of continuing as observer consultants, 192 were in favor of joining as participants, and 120 indicated that the American Baptist Convention should be neither observer nor participant.

Dating from 1962, the Consultation on Church Union is attempting to develop a plan of union that is designed to create a new church. At the present time, there are six participating members, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; the Disciples of Christ; the Protestant Episcopal Church; the Evangelical United Brethren Church; the Methodist Church; and the United Church of Christ.

In addition, 17 other religious bodies are represented by observer-consultants.
—ABNS.

Another Baptist Convention Joins North American Fellowship

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., has voted to participate in the North American Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance, becoming the sixth Baptist convention to do so.

Actual organization will not begin until representatives of the member bodies meet in Washington for a planning

session on March 28, said Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

The first five groups to join the fellowship are the American Baptist Convention, the Baptist Federation of Canada, the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Invitations have gone to all eleven Baptist groups in North America which have membership in the Baptist World Alliance, Nordenhaug added. Most, or all of them, have committees at work studying the matter.

The North American Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance is conceived as a continuation of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, in which seven conventions on the continent worked co-operatively from 1958 to 1964 on a program of evangelism, missions, Bible study, and education.

A constitution for the proposed fellowship was subsequently drafted by representatives of the eligible groups.

Eleven Baptist conventions will be represented at the March 28 session in Washington.

Where Blake Stands

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, said recently that the church must more radically identify herself with the interests of the poor, the "losers," the outcasts, and the alienated.

Dr. Blake cited the need for greater unity of effort among churches in "mission and service." The only alternative to the councils-of-churches approach, is "to proceed at once toward church union. Sectarian mission is not a viable alternative in 1966."—ABNS.

Year of "Human Disasters"

Forecast of famine in India and other parts of the world, and of other human disasters in the coming year, will require heavy commitment by U.S. church people for overseas aid, a spokesman for Church World Service said this week. In an-

nouncing the goal for the annual One Great Hour of Sharing, to be observed this year on March 20, James Mac Cracken, executive director of CWS, said a total of \$17,921,000 will be needed.

The funds realized through the appeal go to support individual denominational relief programs and joint aid projects conducted overseas by CWS, the World Council of Churches, and related inter-denominational agencies.

Last year, said the announcement, CWS shipped 225,684,376 pounds of food, clothing, and other materials to the needy overseas. The bulk of the foodstuffs came from U.S. Government stocks. Other foods, not available as surplus, came from the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) plus seeds and farm equipment. Another large portion of shipments consisted of medicines, vaccines, drugs, and contraceptives requested by hospitals and doctors in highly populated areas. The report also noted that "food-for-work" projects are now being carried on in 42 countries.

The continuing need for good used clothing and bedding was underscored in another CWS report, which said that flood and other emergencies, and a cruelly cold winter in many parts of the world are depleting stockpiles faster than they are being replaced. Lengths of cloth and sewing kits are also badly needed, says CWS, for self-help projects in countries where the people do not wear western dress. In South Vietnam, where the number of refugees is expected to reach the million mark this year, the need is reported to be especially urgent.

Church World Service is a department of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches

Burma Churches

In Burma, where there are only five missionary couples left and all mission institutions have been nationalized, the Methodist Church became autonomous in October 1965. But economic changes affecting the income of church members have made it difficult to move toward full self-support, Mr. Lormor said. — ABNS.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DENVER, COLO.—Dr. Kenneth Smith and family of Milton were welcome visitors in Denver during the Christmas holidays.

At the Yearly Meeting, January 2, the following officers and department chairmen were elected: moderator, Elno Davis; clerk, Shirley Crosby; treasurer, Mrs. Mary S. Waterbury; auditor, Bernard Benner; Christian Education, Richard Steele; Stewardship, Mrs. Margaret Davis; Worship, Mrs. Ada Davis; Evangelism, E. Keith Davis. Gordon Thorngate is new president of the Board of Trustees.

At the "Kick-off" dinner on Jan. 12, the Advisory Board elected committee members. We are blessed with new members among whom the following have been appointed to active committees, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Higuera. Anticipating a not-too-far-distant sanctuary, Don Widman was elected chairman of a Building Fund Committee. Our church indebtedness is decreasing and there is a growing attendance at the Sabbath morning services.

Melvin (Bud) Stephan, now in service in Germany, and Daryl White continue as licentiates.

A spirit of cordiality is felt and extended to frequent guests at our "Crossroads" Fellowship Hall on Sabbath mornings. The robed choir under the direction of Gary Cox adds inspiration to the service. Pastor Al Rogers gives us spiritual food. No ministration that he can supply is withheld from members, friends, or any in need. The parsonage is a church home with hostess, Janette Rogers, an efficient and kindly assistant to her husband.

Gary and Ardith Davis are sponsoring the active youth group which presented a Youth Week service on Feb. 12.

Pastor and Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Margaret Davis are our delegates to the Denver Area Council of Churches. Mrs. Margaret Davis is one of the vice-presidents of the Denver Council of Church Women. The Ladies Aid, the Blanche Sutton, Friendly and Kum Doble groups continue active.

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Mrs. Mildred Stevenson is our Sabbath School superintendent. The present Sabbath School lessons on Christian Social Action challenge our thinking which, we pray, may bear fruit in a more active concern for the burdened and troubled hearts. — Correspondent.

WALWORTH, WIS.—One of our little group of Sabbathkeepers suggested we let you know that we people in Walworth are still in existence.

Several years ago, because of few members and the expense of keeping up church services, we sold the church property to the Christian League for the Handicapped. Since then we have been meeting in private homes each Sabbath for worship and Bible study. At present we meet with Mrs. Daisy Voss, 230 Pecks Court. Every few weeks we are visited by a group from Milton.

Miss Marjorie Burdick, accompanied by one or two deacons or deaconesses from the Milton church, brings a recording of Pastor Randolph's communion service and thus we are partakers of the communion. We appreciate what they do and are very grateful to them.

The income from the sale of the church property together with our personal contributions allows us to do some good for others. A monthly check goes toward support of Our World Mission. Years ago we adopted a Chinese boy from a home in Hong Kong. Each month we gave to his support. He has reached the age now where he does not need our help so we have taken over a little Chinese girl from the same school. Each Christmas we obtain the names of a dozen or more members of the County Home. Boxes of homemade candy and cookies together with fruit and a small gift suited to each individual is sent to the home.

Financial gifts are made to two Rescue Squads, "Good Fellows," The March of Dimes, Christmas Seals, CARE, Hope, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the Christian League for the Handicapped.

— Correspondent.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for January 1966

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'
	January	4 months		January	4 months	
Adams Center	\$ 370.00	\$ 375.00		568.03	1,056.27	
Albion	101.58	165.58				
Alfred, 1st	543.86	1,804.53		25.00	89.00	
Alfred, 2nd	370.00	1,241.01		700.93	1,759.36	100.00
Algiers				113.25	420.55	
Assoc. & Groups		41.20	106.57			
Battle Creek	501.85	1,915.81	70.00			
Bay Area						
Berlin	259.00	505.91	81.30			
Boulder	55.00	194.35	25.00			
Brookfield, 1st	105.00	145.00				
Brookfield, 2nd		30.00				
Buckeye Fellowship		35.00				
Buffalo		100.00				
Chicago	25.00	142.50				
Daytona Beach	95.00	285.00				
Denver	152.08	554.37	25.00			
De Ruyter	106.20	124.20				
Dodge Center		283.06				
Edinburg						
Farina		167.90				
Fouke		10.00				
Hammond						
Hebron, 1st	54.00	251.60				
Hopkinton, 1st	441.55	790.30				
Hopkinton, 2nd	6.00	35.00				
Houston						
Independence	41.25	286.00	15.00			
Individuals	39.49	424.49				
Irvington	600.00	600.00				
Jackson Center		500.00				
Kansas City	1.28	118.28				
Little Genesee	120.05	442.85	10.00			
Little Rock						
Los Angeles	520.00	1,040.00				
Los Angeles, Christ's		110.00				
Lost Creek	225.00	270.00				
Marlboro	287.00	1,199.16				
Memorial Fund						
Metairie						
Middle Island						
Milton						
Milton Junction						
New Auburn						
North Loup						
Nortonville						50.00
Old Stonefort						
Paint Rock						
Pawcatuck						
Plainfield						
Richburg						
Ritchie						
Riverside						
Roanoke						
Rockville						25.00
Salem						
Salemville						6.00
Schenectady						
Shiloh						
Syracuse						
Texarkana						
Trustees of Gen. Conference						
Verona						
Walworth						
Washington						
Washington, People's						
Waterford						
White Cloud						
Yonah Mt.						
Total	\$8,982.10	\$30,187.69	\$631.07			
Non-budget	50.21					
Total to Disburse	\$9,032.31					

JANUARY 1966 DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 606.82
Historical Society	35.93
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund)	618.70
Ministerial Education	1,355.04
Missionary Society	3,687.16
Tract Society	965.63
Trustees of General Conference	39.86
Women's Society	151.09
World Fellowship & Service	90.08
General Conference	1,474.00
Salem College	2.00
Mission Notes	6.00
Total Disbursements	\$9,032.31

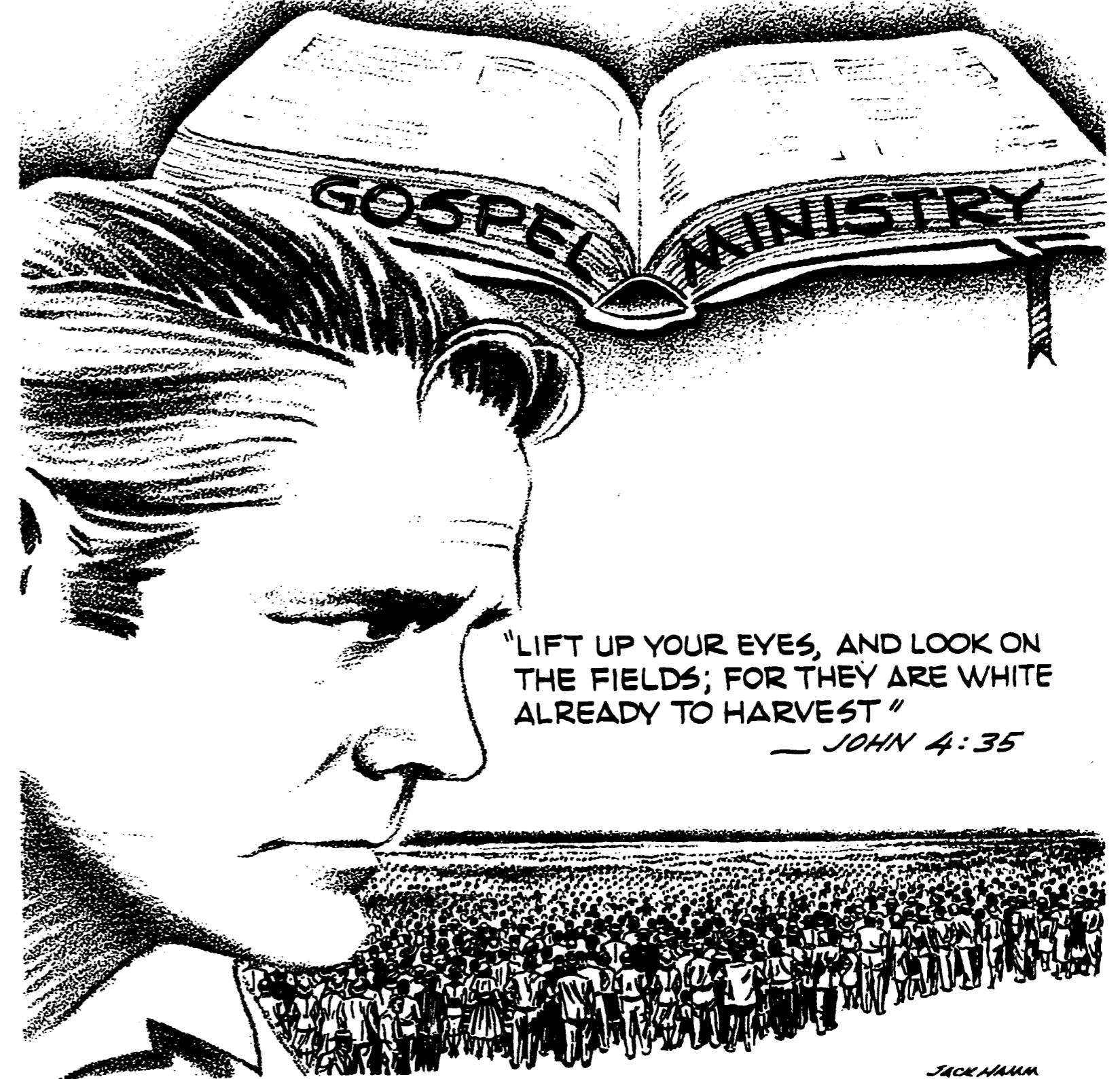
SUMMARY

1965-1966 Budget	\$120,554.00
Receipts for 4 months	
OWM Treasurer	\$30,187.69
Boards	631.07
	30,818.76
Amount due in 8 months	\$ 89,735.24
Needed per month	\$ 11,216.91
Percentage of budget year elapsed	33 1/3%
Percentage of budget raised	25.56%
Gordon L. Sanford, OWM Treasurer.	

January 31, 1966.

The Sabbath Recorder

"Then said I, Here am I; send me." — Isa. 6:8



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