

# The Sabbath Recorder

lenging ideas in answer to questions such as, "Can our church guide and sustain us in a fuller way than it now does?" and "What is our world mission here in Denver?"

The first fall meeting of the Ladies Aid was a joint session with the Boulder group at the Boulder parsonage with Mrs. Madeleine Randolph, hostess. A pleasant fellowship was enjoyed. Our president, Margaret Davis, chairman of the Conference Committee on Woman's Work, gave a good review of that committee at Conference.

Ever before us is the biblical adage "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

—Correspondent.

## Accessions

METAIRIE, LA.

By Baptism:

Barbara Gaudey

Ralph Hays, Jr.

## Marriages

Anderson-Rasmussen.—Elmer E. Anderson and Theona L. Rasmussen, widow of Stanley Rasmussen, were married Sept. 12, 1966 at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Salem, W. Va., by the Rev. Francis D. Saunders. Their address is Johnstown, Neb.

Coalwell-Gaudey.—The marriage of Floyd Coalwell and Barbara Gaudey was performed on September 2, 1966, by their pastor, the Rev. Ralph Hays, in the Metairie church.

## Births

Beebe.—A daughter, Betty Lorin, to Paul V. and Mary C. Beebe, of Higdon, Ala., on September 11, 1966.

Glover.—A daughter, Barbara Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Glover, Almond, N. Y. on September 22, 1966.

Lupton.—A son, Gregory Scott, to Harry and Linda (Morrone) Lupton of Shiloh, N. J., on Sept. 28, 1966.

Sartin.—A son, Gary David, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Sartin, Jr., of Little Birch, W. Va., on July 25, 1966.

## Obituaries

BURDICK.—Mrs. Sylvia, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kutzke, was born in Wisconsin, Sept. 3, 1906, and died Sept. 29, 1966, at the Community Hospital, Edgerton, Wis., after an extended illness.

She was a graduate of Whitewater Normal in 1927 and taught school in Milton for several years prior to her marriage to Roger Burdick in 1931. She was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, active in its work. For many years she was a teacher of a boys' class. She was also vitally interested in denominational work, having been a regular attendant at Conference for the past 12 years. She had taken an active place on the Woman's Board since it had been located in Milton. She was known to many across the denomination through the Green Stamp Project for the mission car.

She is survived by her husband, Roger; a daughter, Mrs. John Kalinowski, Denver, Colo.; and a son, Malcolm, in graduate school at the University of Michigan.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Interment was in the Milton cemetery.

—E. C.

McINTYRE.—Mabel Ford, daughter of William T. and Elizabeth Davis Ford, was born in Salem, W. Va., May 15, 1893, and died in the Sistersville General Hospital Oct. 1, 1966.

She was married to Cleveland McIntyre of Sistersville in 1910.

She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Bernard (Elizabeth) Weaver of Wheeling, W. Va., Mrs. William (Margaret) Meredith and Mrs. Herbert (Mary) Fletcher, both of Sistersville; two nephews; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister and a son.

Mrs. McIntyre was baptized and joined the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1910, remaining a member until her death.

She was for several years and until her retirement, head of the Department of Public Assistance of Tyler Co. W. Va.

Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery near her home. The Rev. Ralph Haniin, a close friend of the family officiated.

—J. P. G.

SAUNDERS.—Iva Almira Davis was born July 28, 1873, at Lost Creek, W. Va., and died at Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R. I., Sept. 27, 1966.

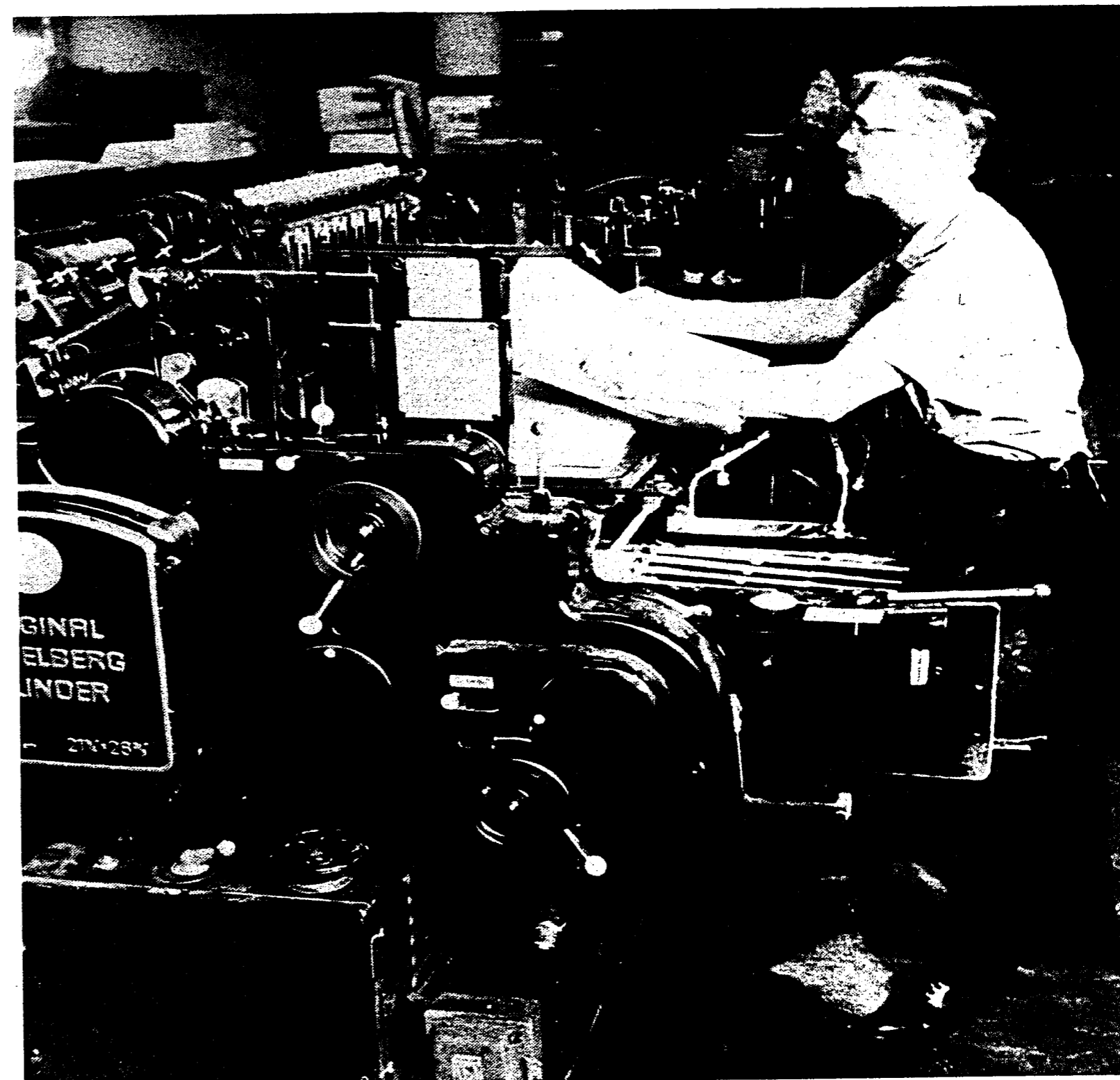
She was baptized by the Rev. John Hoffman in 1884.

On June 26, 1904, she was married to Deacon James A. Saunders in Salem, W. Va., with the Rev. E. A. Witter officiating. They were members of the Dunn's Corners, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist Church until it closed, transferring their membership to the Pawcatuck Church in Westerly.

She is survived by three sons: Milton A. of Berkeley Heights, N. J.; Stanton C. of Westerly; and Carl W. of Pawcatuck, Conn.; and by two step-daughters: Mrs. Clarence Beebe of Westerly and Mrs. Edwin Whitford of Brookfield, N. Y.; and a brother, Ahva Davis, of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted at the church by her pastor, with a committal service at the River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.

—S. K. D.



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## Letter from Viet Nam

Neither the daily newspapers reporting and supporting the military action in Viet Nam nor the loud-voiced religious leaders who criticize and decry our nation's involvement tell the whole story. To round it out we need to listen to some of our young men who are actually in the midst of things and have been there long enough to get a good picture of what such large numbers of men are doing in far off Viet Nam.

One of our young men from our Nortonville, Kan., church is among the Marines actively engaged in military operations. Joe L. McCoy wrote a letter to his home church under date of September 12 which was printed in the church bulletin. He stated that his "home" at that time was Hill No. 43. This does not imply a castle on a hill but probably two shelter halves shared with a buddy. After describing the natural beauty of the hill country and the valleys between crowded with rice paddies on which the poor people depend for their food, he went on to make some comments about the people and what he thought was the purpose of the United States in sending men to Viet Nam. He thought that the people were to be admired for doing so much with so little in their agriculture.

"As for becoming a world power," he wrote, "it will have to be in the next generations. This in itself is one of the main reasons we are here. We are here to help the people get more schools started and to teach them new and better ways."

His closing paragraphs were as follows.

"There are churches but very few in number. As we all know, the reason for our being here is to stop the growth of communism and to promote world peace. To accomplish this, we must have war, and where there is war, there is bloodshed.

"I must say, that it is a very new experience to me, and one I shall never forget. I just hope that it will end soon, so we all can return home to our loved ones. I think of all of you and hope to see you again when I return to the States.

"May God be with you all."

## The Limits of Personal Choice

In a day when the ego is exalted and every man is encouraged to think for himself it may seem like an unpopular heresy to speak of the limits of individual choice. Yet we do well to think of the necessity of such limits if we are to live together in any sort of well-ordered society. The thoughtful Christian finds joy in giving attention to these limitations. They are the limitations of law.

"Law is the collective conscience of the community on matters which cannot be left to individual choice," says Norman St. John Stevas, British barrister, author and member of Parliament. Yes, the community—local, state or national—finds that some actions have to be regulated; they cannot be left to individual choice. Anarchy would result, for not all people would choose right. We need a collective conscience expressed in duly enacted law.

We are well aware that civil law at its best is but a dull mirror of divine law. There are certain things that cannot be left to the choice of the best citizens singly or in groups. God who made us has also given us laws to guide us. We find those laws in the very beginning of the Bible, interpreted partially by the prophets and supremely by Christ. True happiness comes only when we leave to God the choices that can be made only by God.

What are some of the areas where neither the individual nor the community is equipped to decide? Jesus said the first commandment is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22: 37). There is another area where choice is limited. God says that He has, for the good of man, made a choice as to the manner and time of worship. God rested the seventh day from His creation, blessed and sanctified the day and made it the day of rest and worship for man. The individual does not have the competence or the right to choose contrary to the revealed will of God. For his own happiness he accepts God's law. It transcends every human law.

OCTOBER 31, 1966

## The Westward Move

"Go West, young man," was the advice of Edward Greeley a long time ago. People did go West and are still going. California has now passed New York as the most populous state. Nevada, Arizona and Texas are also increasing in population more rapidly than other states—about twice as fast. During the past five years some 5 million people have gone West, mostly from the South and North Central regions.

What this population shift means (38 million moved last year) to the life of churches needs continuing study. It does not mean that the majority of churches from the regions where emigration is most pronounced will necessarily decline in membership. It may mean that the potential of growth is somewhat less than formerly. Some aggressive churches will grow. If zeal for propagating the faith lags at a time when more zeal is needed the church will not replace its losses.

Seventh Day Baptists are subject to the same migratory tendencies as their neighbors. They are also attacked by all the down-pulling tentacles of worldly living. If our churches are to survive and grow in areas that do not receive a constant influx of potential members there must be an injection of new spiritual life in our churches. It is evident that we cannot establish new churches in the West as fast as people of Seventh Day Baptist background move to the Pacific Coast or the great Southwest. The area is too large, the scatteration too great. We must, however, move as rapidly as we can to establish small congregations and to evangelize the new neighborhoods with the message that God's Word has impressed upon us.

It is our task to make our people content with something less than the well-appointed churches that were our free heritage. We can recapture the zeal of the New Testament church which, when scattered, took root and grew, covering the whole empire.

With this issue the SABBATH RECORDER returns to its regular size of sixteen pages each week. Since July it has been on an alternating eight- and sixteen-page basis. Your patience in the past and your support in the future are appreciated.

## President's Column

### "Open Your Heart Loving"

By Lewis H. V. May, M.D.

This year in our churches I hope we can open our hearts loving with our young teenage adults. I use the term "teenage adults" because I feel we tend to downgrade their age when in actuality they are more nearly adult in their perception of reality in this world and in their willingness to assume responsibility in it.

The church fellowship must realize that these adults speak a new, vital language. The truths of the last generation are the platitudes of the next. This age group knows when we avoid them with disinterest, dogma, and dishonesty. They know that we are not perfect and have many problems in this world. They know that Christ had problems with His own life and His own time. Therefore we must open our hearts loving, with truth about ourselves, our doubts, our hopes, and our ignorance about the problems of life, and the Christian life. An open heart loving will take the time to make an honest search for truth and guidance of the Holy Spirit in the language and terms of the new generation. An open heart loving will not parrot old traditions and unthinking platitudes when the problems of today confront our teenage adults. As John said, "Brethren, let us love one another," in our church family. Our denomination and churches are small enough to make this a working reality between adults of all ages. This is the true nature of the church—a fellowship of honest, open, loving hearts.

### Semiannual Meeting of Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin Churches

Corresponding secretary and treasurer Helen Greene reports inspirational meetings. Our semiannual meeting convened at New Auburn, Wis., Oct. 14-16. The theme carried throughout was "Open Your Heart Loving."

Friday night there was a goodly number of guests from away considering we traveled in fog and rain much of the distance.

Pastor Edward Sutton had charge of the evening service with worship plus voluntary prayers from the congregation. The scripture I John 4: 7-21 was used throughout the session. It does so much in drawing us closer to our Loving Savior to be there and to hear the deep heartfelt prayers of brothers and sisters in Christ. Pastor Sutton's topic was based on a reading "Paper Doll People." How very true to life! He asked "How do we build our tomorrow? God designs a real people, strong enough to build a tomorrow—not paper doll people."

Sabbath morning was rainy again but even so, approximately 90 were at the morning session. Pastor Wayne Babcock of Dodge Center, Minn., brought us the morning message. His topic was "Open Your Heart Loving." He gave us a message on "The Desirable Attitude of the Love of God." He opens His heart loving and we also should open our hearts loving to our brothers. The secret of love is by proclaiming and living it with God and our fellowman. He also stressed we should be driven by the personal love of God. Such a wonderful message for us to take home and live!

The men's chorus sang many old favorite hymns during leisure time after the noon meal, so ably served by the ladies of the host church. There is something about the singing of the men's chorus to the Glory of God that fills the soul.

Sabbath afternoon was under the leadership of the youth from both churches.

At the close of the Sabbath there was a 7:30 Vesper Service. A singspiration for the group closed the service.

Sunday business convened at 10 a.m. Most important in the line of business was the appointing of a revising committee to bring up to date rules of our constitution and by-laws. These will be recommendations to be considered at our spring semiannual meeting.

After the noon meal, served again by the host ladies, the guests departed for their homes in Dodge Center, Minn., Harris, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn., Mankato, Minn., and Milton, Wis.

We now are looking forward to growth in Christ and expansion in service.

The story of the developing denominational printing service is told on the following four pages.

## Publishing House Seeks To Serve



A view of one side of the shop.

In the few weeks since the Tract Board decided unequivocally on September 18 that it would no longer continue to operate a "commercial-and-denominational" printing business because of a long succession of financial losses—and for other good and sufficient reasons—a number of significant moves have been made at the American Sabbath Tract Society's plant at the rear of the denominational building in Plainfield, N. J.

As was formally announced in these columns on October 3, the new Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House was organized, staffed, and has operated since that date under the capable, energetic and on-the-spot direction of a Supervisory subcommittee: Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman, Ethel (Mrs. C. H.) Dickinson, secretary, and Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, the latter being in immediate charge of the operation as coordinator. He is carrying on for a limited time with the express permission of his employer, the Commission of the General Conference, without remuneration as a "dedicated servant" in the Lord's work. Other members of the Supervisory Committee include Lloyd R. Coon, Loren G. Osborn, Owen H. Probasco, David T. Sheppard and the Tract Society president, Charles H. North, ex officio.

During the period after the board meeting, duties were assigned through the Supervisory Committee and its subcommittee to the coordinator. He was asked to settle the myriad details of the phase-out of each commercial job in the Recorder Press, so that all would be either finished or otherwise disposed of by Friday, September 30. He was also responsible for all details of employee separation, hiring and scheduling duties of a new staff, proper disposal of certain equipment, standing forms, paper stock and other items. Judgments involved in all of these duties were shared daily (and even hourly) with other members of the subcommittee.

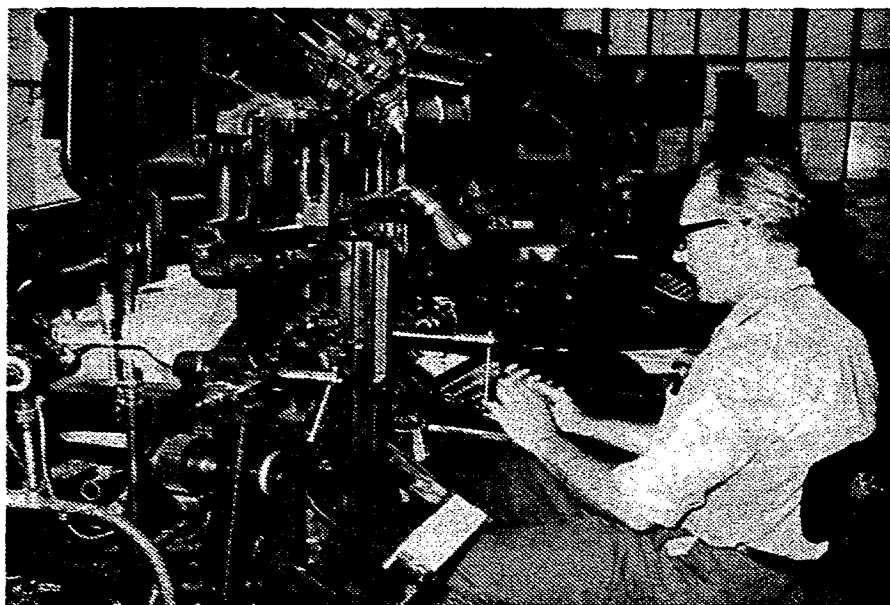
Commenting on the work of the coordinator, the president of the Tract Society said: "These responsibilities have been carried out with integrity, sympathy, and cheerfulness for which I express appreciation personally and in the name of the Society."

The new publishing house has no business manager at this time. Duties of an acting manager are shared by the coordinator, other members of the subcommittee and L. Harrison North, who has kindly accepted the urging of the committee to set up and operate a new bookkeeping system until procedures become routine. Part-time workers who are at present carrying on the necessary office, proof room and subscription services include Etta (Mrs. J. V.) O'Connor, Ethel (Mrs. C. H.) Dickinson, and Jean (Mrs. W. E.) McAllister. There has been no change in the part-time service of Gladys (Mrs. H.) Poulin as secretary to Editor-Secretary Leon M. Maltby. All of these workers have expressed and implied whole hearted support to the managerial group outlined above in this new and untried venture in denominational service.

The material which follows will outline details connected with the "shop" and the Society's major publication efforts.

## How Is the Printing Done?

The Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House has inherited the shop and much of the equipment of the Recorder Press. The quarters are large enough for our need, and the equipment is more than sufficient for our present program.



The linotype machines at the front of the shop are operated and maintained by Gerald Landry. It is on these machines that the type is set for **The Sabbath Recorder**, **The Helping Hand**, and the **Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook**.

Hand composition divides the galleys of type into pages, provides headings and titles and inserts cuts for picture reproduction where needed. It is here in the process of hand composition that each issue is readied for publication.

When final proofs have been drawn and approved, the forms are "locked up" and the press begins to roll. Henry Poulin operates the Heidelberg press which is the work-horse of the shop (see picture on cover).

Folding machines carry the papers one step nearer completion. Stapling is done in the bindery area by Margaret (Mrs. Harry) Herres. Trimming is accomplished by the use of a Seybold power cutter. Then Mrs. Herres completes the process by labeling and mailing the issue at hand.

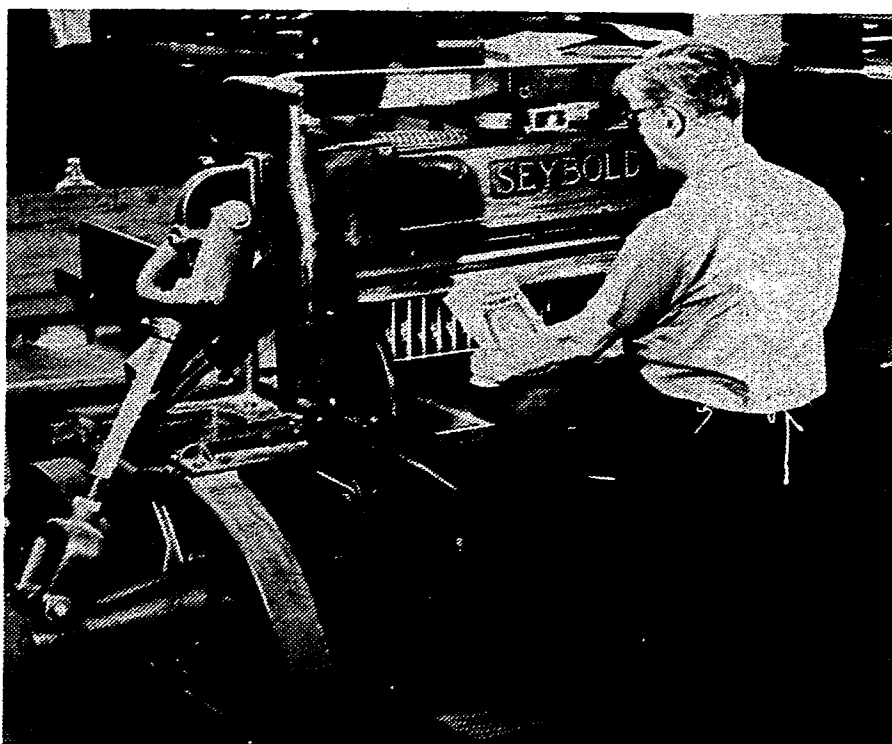
In addition to several job letterpresses, the modern and efficient Rota-Print and the ATF Chief 29-A are presently available for offset printing using plates prepared in our own facilities. Small jobs for the churches and for the agencies of General Conference are solicited. These

will include letterheads, printed cards, forms, tracts—all of which are particularly suited to the Rota-Print press. The possibility of printing of church bulletin covers is being investigated as a part of our expanding ministry. It is anticipated that these offset presses will be of continuing and growing use to us in the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House.

## What Do We Print?

A question could arise as to what changes may come in the service rendered to **The Sabbath Recorder** under the new publishing house concept. While all the answers are not yet apparent, it is obvious that with the discontinuance of commercial printing the attention of the shop personnel focuses on our denominational publications, and the one weekly magazine assumes new significance. **The Sabbath Recorder** consumes a fairly large proportion of the efforts of the publishing house each week, and it must continue to provide a large share of the finances necessary to maintain the shop. The Tract Society will finance this journal with funds supplied, as previously, from three sources: subscriptions, Our World Mission budget, and income from the Society's invested funds.

What difference does the new publishing concept make? It fosters pride in our work, "esprit de corps" among all those involved, and a sense of joy in do-



Trimming the edges of the magazine.

ing a work that is completely for the glory of God. **The Sabbath Recorder** shares in all this and, hopefully, contributes something to it. All the people of the denomination, as well as those employed by the Tract Society to carry out the work, can share in the endeavor to improve both the appearance and content of this and all other Society publications. The president of the Society urges anyone with constructive suggestions to contact either Charles H. North, president, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Advisory committee chairman, or the editor. We are all working together for one purpose: to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ and the observance of His Sabbath. A new vision and a new spirit seem to be evident; the shop begins to take on a new look of cleanliness and order, and the sense of responsibility grows.

**The Sabbath Recorder** moves through the many phases of the printing process much as before. This cannot be changed unless we go to a different method of printing. The difference is that fewer people are involved; it gets more of the personal touch rather than what might be called assembly-line procedure. Once the material is edited and goes to the shop, the linotype man not only sets the type but also prepares the proofs for the proof room. The work of hand composition, the setting of headings and the page makeup, is shared by the men in the shop. From that point, after corrections are inserted, the pressman does the printing and folding. The folded and stapled magazine is trimmed on the machine pictured here. It is then prepared for mailing on Friday according to long established custom.

**The Helping Hand**, sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and edited by the Rev. Don A. Sanford, is printed in the shop of the publishing house. In order to accommodate our scheduling requirements the editor is cooperating by sending lessons in groups of three or four at a time. They can then be set in type on the lino-

type machine and held for printing until the quarterly deadline. This new procedure is necessary in order to provide a more continuous work load for the men in the shop. Printing, folding, binding, trimming, packaging, and mailing are all parts of the total operation. **The Helping Hand** will continue to come to the churches with regularity, rendering its unique service in the Sabbath Schools.

The 1966 edition of the **Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook** is in process under the direction of Miss Janet Whitford, editor.



The **Yearbook** is the compilation of the minutes of the sessions of the General Conference, the reports of the agencies of the denomination, and the statistics of the churches. It is being printed in sections this year. One advantage of this system is that it will permit many sections to be produced before the main body has to be "closed" for publication. Society reports, for example, may be printed at intervals in the work schedule of the shop so that there is not the necessity to print the entire book at one time. Every effort is being made to equalize the flow of jobs through the press so that there will be a steady and reasonably even demand on the services of the two men in the shop. Churches and associations are urged to see that statistics and other information reach the editor by the deadlines noted in correspondence so that there may be no delay in publication.

## Tract Publication

The printing of tracts to supply the needs of our churches and lone Sabbath-keepers is among the chief purposes of the publishing house as it seeks to serve the denomination. Already, since the publishing house began its work on October 1, one stewardship tract has been printed by the offset process. Other tracts will follow as the need arises, as the material is prepared, and as time and budget allow.

The one difference from past procedure in regard to tract publication is that there must be, ordinarily, more long range anticipation of the need for tracts. A forward look of two or three months will help to insure an even flow of printing through the shop. Tracts will be printed at times when publication deadlines are not pressing. For example, the present quarter is a rush time because both the **Yearbook** and **The Helping Hand** are in process, and the shop is very busy.

It is hoped that during less busy seasons our employees can devote extra effort to the printing of more two-color tracts and other attractive aids to the work and witness of the church without significantly increasing the total expense of the publishing house. We look forward to an opportunity for enlarged creativity in the months to come. Readers who have ideas regarding new and revised material for publication should contact Mrs. L. Harrison North, chairman of the Tract Society's Publications Committee.

## Conclusion

The Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House is a new venture. It is a venture of faith: faith in those who work in it; faith in those who plan its work; faith in the integrity of character and purpose of the members of the Tract Board and of the Society which it represents; but most of all, faith in God that He will lead us to the paths of service where our labors will count most for the sake of His kingdom. We are all called to dedicate ourselves to this faith and to this hope.

Oct. 21, 1966—This progress report of the Board to the Society was prepared by the editor, the members of the Supervisory Subcommittee, and the president of the Society.

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

## Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference Sessions Held

(Quotations from Jamaica Conference corresponding secretary's circular, prepared by the Rev. Joe A. Samuels.)

The Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference met July 26-31, 1966 with the Higgin Town Seventh Day Baptist Church, Higgin Town, St. Ann. There were 59 registered delegates (including Conference officers: President V. O. Burke, Vice President L. Saunders, Corresponding Secretary Rev. Joe A. Samuels, Treasurer B. A. Samuels).

Following registration of delegates on Tuesday afternoon, July 26, the first session began with a hymn, and Bro. L. Saunders the chairman, led out in prayer.

The president's report was read and accepted. So was also the corresponding secretary's. He displayed a chart showing the churches' giving to the Mission Fund during the Conference year.

## Board of Christian Education

The report of the Board of Christian Education was read and accepted. It was reported that as of the first of August 1966 the new principal of Crandall High School would be Rev. N. D. Mills, who had just arrived on the Island accompanied by his wife. At least two of the young men now considering the call to the ministry will be entering Crandall in September for academic training while three will be receiving ministerial training through correspondence courses. Pastor J. Samuels and Rev. S. Thompson are to be the instructors. It was pointed out that the purpose of this course is to train young men for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry and to improve our people's education with the hope that they will help to build God's kingdom on earth.

## Workers' Reports

All six workers (pastors) of Conference presented their reports which gave an encouraging picture of progress on the field. An overall total of 55 new members were added to the churches during the Conference year and Pastor J. Anderson reported a group over in Manchester, Portland, is desirous of joining

the Conference by becoming Seventh Day Baptists. Let us continue to pray for all our workers that God might endue them with power from on high as they seek to extend His kingdom here on earth.

## Selected Items of Interest

The following recommendations were accepted:

That Rev. J. Samuels, Bro. N. Harley and the president of Conference be this Conference's representatives for the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences.

In that the Federation has become a reality, that this Conference contribute to the expenses, the amount to be determined by this Conference in session.

It was recommended by the Planning committee that Sunday, January 2, 1967 be the day of prayer and fasting for the entire Conference.

A letter of greetings was read from Rev. and Sis. L. Lawton. A motion was moved that a letter of appreciation be sent them.

The chairman was highly commended for the efficiency exhibited in discharging his duties and the complete manner in which the Conference and the business sessions were conducted. He in reply thanked all for their cooperation. The president then offered the closing prayer, and the motion to adjourn the session for 1966 was taken and carried, thus ending one of the finest sessions of Conference.

## Crandall High School

On Monday September 12, 1966, Crandall reopened for the third term of the year. This time it is Rev. Neal Mills who heads the school and from all appearances everything seems to be going quite smoothly. Sis. Mills has taken over the library. The Courtland Davises continue to make themselves very useful here and there, and we hope they will continue to do so for a long time as the Lord gives them strength.

Remember Crandall is our school, so let us pray for those who serve there and also support it in every way possible.

## Proposed Budget Adopted

The Jamaica Conference adopted a budget for 1966-67 as proposed by the Planning Commission in the amount of 3, 932 pounds (over \$11,000 U. S. currency). This anticipates considerable increased giving on the part of the Jamaica brethren.

Corresponding Secretary Joe Samuels concluded, "Although this year's budget is to be higher than last year's, Planning Commission is confident that the amount can be raised. Giving increased during the last year and with the new plan of Conference going into operation next month, the effective use of the tithing sheets which proved very successful wherever they were used, as well as a much better approach to the home mission drive next year, the raising of the budget should pose no problem to us. Let us face the task with faith in God and confidence in ourselves and see if the goal will not be realized."

## Memorial Fund News

The Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund is not very often in the news, but almost all of the time it is back of the news in a significant way. The trustees of the fund in regular meetings make decisions as to investments and the use of income from the investments which affect the work of other boards and agencies, not to mention the lives of retired ministers and of young people seeking higher education.

Without the assistance of the Memorial Fund the work of Seventh Day Baptists would be severely hampered. Most of its income is designated to certain work by the terms of legacies. Some is discretionary—perhaps more at the present time than a generation ago. This means that upon proper recommendation by Commission some income may be voted out for equipment or outreach programs.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Seventh Day Baptist Building Sunday morning, Octo-

ber 9 with all members present but one. Two members of the investment counsel firm of New York were also present to become better acquainted with the trustees and the investment policies. Newly elected to the board at the annual meeting was Elston Van Horn of Westerly, R. I., replacing Karl G. Stillman of the same city, whose term expired.

As a result of Conference recommendation the trustees voted to increase the monthly stipend of retired ministers and their widows by 10 percent. This brings the monthly total of such distribution to approximately \$2,000. Ministerial students in seminary also benefit from the income of money given for this purpose. Three such students in the ministerial education program receive a total of \$800 according to action taken at the October 9 meeting. Students in three colleges are also helped by funds now in the hands of the Memorial Fund. Appropriations were made at this meeting. In another action the trustees approved a short-term loan to the American Sabbath Tract Society to help in closing out the commercial accounts.

### Central Area Ministers' Spiritual Retreat

By David S. Clarke

The Central Area Ministers' Spiritual Retreat was held Oct. 4-10 at Camp Harley Sutton at Alfred Station under the direction of the Rev. Leon R. Lawton. "Fireside fellowship" was the order of the day for more reasons than one. Rainy, chilly weather kept the campers busy stoking fireplace and stove, and serious concern for ministry with relevance and power kept minds and spirits busy with the many devotional, practical and theological explorations planned in the 6:30 a.m.—10:30 p.m. daily program. Twelve persons from ages 85 to 25 years shared the weeklong program—Edward Sutton, New Auburn, Wis.; Eugene Fatato and Herbert Polan, Battle Creek, Mich.; Don Richards, Verona, N. Y.; Charles Swing, DeRuyter, N. Y.; Leon Lawton, Brookfield, N. Y.; Alton Wheeler, Plainfield, N. J.; and from western New York, Ernest Bee and Rex

### MEMORY TEXT

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9: 37, 38.

Zwiebel, Alfred Station; Herbert Saunders, Little Genesee; Elizabeth Randolph and David Clarke, Alfred. Deacon Mark Sanford, Little Genesee, spent parts of two days with the group. Seven other invited leaders were unable to attend.

Devotional leader was Charles Swing who brought inspiration from subjects related to "Facing Frontiers with Faith." Hearty singing enlivened each of these occasions. Evening "conversational prayer" supplemented the group's devotions. Bible study on II Corinthians was led by Don Richards. This study was supplemented by private post-breakfast devotions, with study outlines on Malachi provided.

Conference General Secretary Alton Wheeler led in a number of informative sessions, explaining the different ways the over-all plans of Commission and Planning committee are developed. He made many suggestions on pastoral techniques. Leon Lawton presented the many-sided work of evangelism, including "Growth by Groups" study-action programs, and church evangelism programs. Each person took his turn at developing a chapter of the retreat's text, "Master Plan of Evangelism" by Robert Coleman. A valuable feature was sharing of successes and failures in pastoral work and a discussion of solutions. Participants were grateful for the breadth and depth of communication with God and each other experienced in living together during these days. For excellent food, they thanked several volunteer cooks.

Favorable weather is no safeguard against highway accidents, says The Travelers Insurance Companies. The overwhelming percentage of all accidents in 1965 occurred during clear and dry weather.

### GIVE YOUR TIME, TALENTS, YOUR ALL

A Sabbath Morning Message at Syracuse

By Becky Butts,

one of the summer Christian Service Corps workers

In his book, **Letters to the Corinthians**, William Barclay translates our morning Scripture (1 Cor. 12: 4-11) as follows:

There are distinctions between different kinds of special gifts, but there is one and the same Spirit. There are distinctions between different kinds of service, but there is one and the same Lord. There are distinctions between different kinds of effects, but it is one and the same God who causes them all in every man. To each man there is given his own manifestation of the Spirit, and always towards some beneficial end. To one man there is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another, the Word of knowledge, by the same Spirit; to still another, faith, by the same Spirit; to another, the special gifts of healing through one and the same Spirit; to another, the ability to produce wonderful deeds of power; to another, prophecy; to another, the ability to distinguish between different kinds of spirits; to another, different kinds of tongues; to another, the power to interpret tongues. One and the same Spirit produces all these effects, sharing them out individually to each man, as He wishes.

In His letter Paul was trying to point out the necessity of unity in the church, because of her need for different things. The Church is the body of Christ, and if it is to be a healthy body, every part must function to the best of its ability and perform for the common good of the whole body.

Unity does not, however, mean uniformity within the organization. Paul says that there are diversities of administration. There are differences of opinion in methods of doing things. This is to be expected, but one should remember that it is the same God which is served. Therefore, when your ideas are not the ones accepted by the church body, don't feel "walked-on," because in the end it is He, and not we ourselves who is served. Many times we have seen splits in the churches of our denomination because of disagreements. If these people could only realize how much they defeat their purpose by separating and how little they serve the Lord in the end, then perhaps they would think again.

As each man has a different opinion, so also has each a different talent, a special gift from God. As Paul says, one has the gift of eloquence while another has the gift of knowledge and yet another the power of healing. All these and many, many others are the Spirit of God revealed in us. God has given these talents to men and, as Paul believed, they must be used in His service. These talents

were not given and should not be used for the glory of the individual church member, but to the glory of the church and ultimately to the glory of God.

The idea of "special gifts" has been interpreted much too narrowly by church members of modern times. Praying, teaching, writing, composing, and rhetoric are all talents needed and used in the church, but these are all of an intellectual flavor. Is not dexterity, i.e., the ability to use one's hands well, a talent a church can make use of? A few years ago, I met a child who wanted very much to come to our Bible School in Moyers Corners. She wasn't going to come, though, because she was afraid she would be separated from her twin sister and put in a class of children chronologically younger than she. This child is mentally retarded. She can't read. In spite of this, she shyly showed me two of the most beautiful collages I have seen in my life. They looked professionally done and lovely enough to be a flower arrangement. This girl obviously has a knack for this, and it is a gift given to her by God. A church can always use someone with an eye for art and a touch of beauty. A church can greatly enrich herself by appointing to office craftsmen such as painters, plumbers, and masons, just as often as she appoints learned people whose gifts lie in the fields of music, thought, or speech. Craftsmen who are willing to consecrate their skills to God are as much an asset as those who have more intellectual gifts.

Every special gift comes from God and can be used for Him. Some may ask, "How may my gifts be used?" In Alfred, we have a woman who cannot sing or paint or speak well, but she can cook. She contributes much of her time and talent to the church by making bread for Communion and for church dinners.

We have another lady who was once director of the Munich Theatre in Germany and later the Miami Beach Theatre. When she came to Alfred, she didn't ask how her talent could be used, but acted to incorporate her theatrical knowledge in the worship. Refusing to let her talent and know-how lie buried, she revived the old idea of rhythm choir, i.e., the means of worship through group hand and body motions, set to a Bible passage, with a reader in the background. Passages such as the Christmas story from Luke have been used very effectively in our worship services. The performances of the choir have done much to create mood and atmosphere, but most of all, they have inspired the congregation to better service and to know better the love of God. These women have made their talents useful, and have served well.

There are so many things a church needs and seemingly few people to do them. If everyone would not feel that as long as they come to church and contribute to the collection weekly, that they have done their part, the church could do so much more. If everyone would be willing to give freely of his time and talents, the church could have more of a calling program and more extensive mission projects, which I feel are the church's most valid reasons for existing.

Here in Syracuse, the Summer Christian Service Corps has had tremendous experiences with church members volunteering their time and talents. Two families have opened their homes to us and two more have done a great deal of meal preparation and shopping for us. Still another person stays with us to help keep organized. Without this help, the corps would accomplish nothing, but as things stand, we have been freed to do more calling and more preparation for

our Bible schools, Bible study, and church services. This free giving of talents to the church, for Christ, is what God intended for them. If we don't use our talents, but allow them to lie wasted and dormant, they will benefit no one and much less the kingdom of God.

If we can all freely give our talents to serve Christ and His church, we will truly answer a call for volunteer soldiers of the cross.

#### Tract Distribution at Syracuse

The literature booth at the New York State Exposition at Syracuse operated by people from a number of Seventh Day Baptist churches throughout the state, assisted by the Tract Society, has been previously reported. Figures have recently been received from the committee in charge telling what an outstanding success this venture was from the standpoint of tract distribution.

The sponsoring committee started off the fair with a large assortment of tracts and special issue **Sabbath Recorders** accumulated from several sources but mostly from the Tract Society. The total distribution at the attractive, worshipful booth was 10,510. This included 1,300 special issues. Many more could have been used. There were about twenty-eight different tracts given out, some featured at one time and some at another. The committee still has on hand a good stock pile of literature to begin the work another year, although some items were completely distributed.

Most of the people took only one or two tracts. There was personal contact with thousands of fairgoers. Countless other thousands observed the booth and its literature and were made aware of the work of Seventh Day Baptists.

When any welfare program, laudable as it otherwise may be, so entangles affairs of the church with affairs of the government that the two often cannot be distinguished it is past time to back up and approach service to mankind from a different direction.

J. Eugene White, managing editor,  
Church & State, Washington, D. C.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

#### Junior High Conference

By Virginia Mackintosh, Director

Junior High Conference met daily with an enrollment of thirty-two boys and girls. Thirty-eight were in attendance on Sabbath morning.

The Conference theme, "I Have a Stewardship" was used in the morning worship period. The Bible study was based on the book of Esther and was followed by Bible quizzes, pencil games and puzzles relating to the lesson.

Each afternoon we heard an illustrated talk from one of our pastors or missionaries who had recently returned from a foreign field. Mrs. Leland Davis showed slides and talked on "Stewardship in Guyana." A table display of articles brought from Guyana was examined with much interest. Dr. Victor Burdick brought samples of African craftsmanship and showed pictures as he talked of our "Stewardship in Malawi." Several boys in the class assisted with the projection of slides each day. Pastor Leon Lawton told about the trip made down into Mexico and showed pictures of the Sabbathkeepers in that area. He also spoke to us about "Stewardship on the Home Field." One day we enjoyed a movie entitled, "Split Level Family," the story of a Christian family who learned to "put first things first" in their lives. On Friday the Misses Martha and Carol Rasmussen told of their experiences last summer worshipping with Seventh Day Baptists in England.

Miss Geri Hargis directed the recreational part of Junior High Conference and was assisted by Mrs. Betty Barber. The morning period before lunch was used for creative crafts, and swimming was enjoyed in the afternoons.

We joined with the junior and primary groups in presenting the mid-day devotions for Conference on Friday.

On Sabbath morning Pastor Herbert Saunders from the Youth Work committee led the Sabbath School hour. He challenged the "pre-teen" young people to look ahead to the opportunities

which will be theirs as they take their place with the youth of our denomination in Christian service.

#### Resource Books for Christian Education

The following books are listed in the Fall issue of the **Judson Journal** as containing practical guidance for persons who are engaged in administering and planning various aspects of the church's teaching ministry. These books ought to be in your church library.

"Foundations for Purposeful Church Administration," by Alvin J. Lindgren. \$5.50.

"Administering Christian Education," by Robert K. Bower. \$3.95.

"A Philosophy of Adult Christian Education," by D. Ehrensberger. \$3.75.

"The Superintendent Plans His Work," by Idris Jones. \$1.00.

"The Church School Superintendent," by Welden Keckley. \$2.50.

"The Board of Christian Education at Work." (Order from Judson Press, 75c.)

Magazine: **Adult Leadership** (AEA Magazine) \$5.00 per year.

#### Special Request

Each local Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship president is requested to send his name to Miss Alice Rood, Milton, Wisconsin. Miss Rood, representing the Milton SDBYF, needs all of the names so that no group will be missed as the Milton group solicits help raising funds for the Youth Field Worker Fund.

A goal of \$1000 has been set for consideration by General Conference to be raised for "a dedicated service worker (\$200) for the current year and the balance toward the expense of a Youth Field Worker when one is found." The Milton SDBYF volunteered to raise the money. It urges the support to all Seventh Day Baptists.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 12, 1966

**God's Truth Cannot Be Destroyed**

Lesson Scripture: Jer. 36: 20-28, 32.

### Baptist Day of Prayer

Because the materials to be used in the observance of Baptist Day of Prayer, November 7, were apparently lost in the mail, most societies may not have a formal observance of the day. We are asking each local women's society to join in prayers and contributions, either through a gift from the society or a special offering from individuals. This money is to be sent directly to:

Mrs. Frank Wigginton, Treas.  
North American Baptist Women's Union  
Alderson-Broadus College  
Phillippi, West Virginia 26416

Be sure to state that it is from the women's society of a Seventh Day Baptist Church so our denomination will receive the credit.

The North American Baptist Women's Union pays the expenses of our delegate to their meetings. This usually amounts to more than we, as Seventh Day Baptists, contribute to the fund from the Baptist Day of Prayer offerings.

Mrs. Charles Saunders, vice-president of the Women's Board, recently returned from a meeting of the executive board in Washington, D. C. at which 16 delegates from the different Baptist groups were present. Probably more Baptist women have heard of Seventh Day Baptists in the short time that we have been members of their N.A.B.W.U. than had ever heard of us before.

Please send your contributions in November if possible although there is no deadline. Don't hesitate to send gifts whether large or small as the important thing is for us all to "stand up and be counted."

Contributions for the Jamaica washing machine are still needed. The women at Conference made a large contribution toward the washing machine at Jamaica and the Women's Board advanced the balance needed. We are asked to help repay this loan. The balance at present is \$61.

### LET'S THINK IT OVER

#### Baptist Growth

How much does geography have to do with Baptist (or Seventh Day Baptist) growth? Is the South a better climate for the Baptist faith? If not, how does it come that the Southern Baptist church, in the more thinly populated and economically poorer area of the nation, has so far outstripped the American Baptist Convention? Is it hard to sell Baptist doctrine in the North? That cannot be the full answer, for the Southern Baptist church is now growing in the North where other Baptists are barely holding their own. The report of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Fellowship hopes to have an increase of 25 percent in membership in the next three years and to then set up a Pennsylvania State Convention with some 10,000 members. The increase during the past year was 18 percent.

Church growth is not a matter of geography but of zeal. It is related to being sure of what you believe. It is a matter of taking the Great Commission seriously and not wasting time on the unproductive aspects of church life. It may be noted that the Southern Baptist church is becoming more interested in co-operation than before but it stands aloof from the larger ecumenical organizations in which the American Baptists are so deeply involved.

#### Unruly Flock Rejects Shepherds

Apparently there are still some places where church doors are closed to people of dark skin. At the Sunday morning service September 25 the congregation of the Tattnall Square Baptist Church of Macon, Ga., voted 259-189 to request the resignation of the pastor, the associate pastor, and the minister of music over the question of integrated services. The three resigned at the evening service at which a student from Ghana was denied admission. The student, Sam Gerry Oni, member of another S. B. C. church in Macon, said he intends to continue seeking a seat in the church because "missionaries from the Southern Baptist Convention came to my land teaching the

Word of God, but when I attempted to practice their teaching, I was refused the opportunity in this country."

The ousted ministers made the following statement: "We can feel only sorrow at this action of the Tattnall Square Baptist Church in discharging us from our positions—not sorrow for ourselves, but sorrow that a church with such a distinguished history of Christian service and with such a great opportunity for the future has allowed itself to be shadowed over the issue of the seating of all persons who desire to worship in our sanctuary."

#### Bobby Richardson Day At Yankee Stadium

50,000 Richardson Tracts Distributed

A strategic witness for Christ was given on Bobby Richardson Day at Yankee Stadium, Sept. 17. As part of the special ceremonies in which a number of Christian organizations participated, the American Tract Society supplied a new tract written by Richardson especially for this occasion.

This tract which was handed to everyone entering the stadium contained a clear salvation testimony by Bobby. The *New York Daily News* made a point of commenting on this forthright witness for Christ.

The American Tract Society reports that all 50,000 copies of the original printing were distributed and requests are continuing to come in, making an additional printing of 50,000 necessary.

#### Church-State Trespassing

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield said the First Amendment to the Constitution says in "non-lawyer language that the government—federal, state, or local—shall keep out of the field of religion."

He expressed the view that the Supreme Court was merely enforcing this "no trespassing" sign when it forbade the reading of a state-composed prayer or a passage from a Bible in a public school.

Mansfield said further that "the remedy for irreligion in our society is in the home—not in the Congress."

### Personalities in the News

Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, late president of Alfred University, was honored on the Charter Day Convocation of the University October 13 by the unveiling of a portrait of him to be hung in Howell Hall. He will henceforth be recognized as one of Alfred's great. Dr. Norwood, who had been retired for several years died Feb. 7, 1965. Throughout his long life he had been active in church and denominational circles as well as in the field of higher education.

From Westerly, R. I., comes word by way of the Pawcatuck church bulletin that on October 15 the official greeters at the door were Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn and Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro. Both are widows of ministers. Both are well advanced in years. Their many friends who have not seen them for a number of years will rejoice to know that their health permitted them to cooperate as a welcoming team in the church of the city where they live.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—This has been a rather lonely summer for the church here. Our winter visitors returned to their northern homes in late spring and several of those whose homes are here were gone on vacations of various lengths. Now we are very glad to welcome them back.

After Pastor Kenneth Davis and family left us in early July, the Rev. Sam Paul Combs, pastor of the First Christian Church, with whom Pastor Davis has worked closely in our own churches and in the Ministerial Association, preached for us. During August we had only Sabbath School services. Then Mr. Combs was with us for the first three Sabbaths in September.

On September 24 we had very interesting reports of Conference by Winfield Randolph, Joy Kenyon, and Laura Jean Van Horn. Laura Jean came to Daytona Beach early for the beginning of the school year. At the Sabbath School that day promotion services were



held for the Children's Department of the Sabbath School.

On October 1 Mr. Combs again conducted the church service giving us, besides a good sermon, some valuable advice in preparation for the coming of our pastor. Our quarterly Communion service was postponed to October 8, making it a part of the welcoming service for our pastor and family.

Mr. Combs, president of the Ministerial Association, conducted the worship service. Deacon Winfield Randolph gave greetings from the church, and introduced the other speakers. Mrs. W. H. Rager, president of the organization of United Church Women, with which our women have long been associated, gave greetings and a welcome to that organization. After Pastor Van Horn had responded graciously to these words of welcome, Rev. Herman Duke, pastor of the Advent Christian Church which meets in our church on Sunday mornings, led us in the prayer of consecration. Pastor Van Horn gave a Communion meditation, and then with the assistance of Mr. Combs, conducted a thoughtful and prayerful Communion service.

Later, dinner was served in the Social Hall, giving an opportunity for all to become acquainted. We are looking forward hopefully to increased work for Christ here in Daytona Beach.

—Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS.—On Monday evening September 26 about 25 members of the Milton S.D.B. Men's Fellowship were the guests of the Men's Group of the First Baptist Church of Janesville. A very delicious potluck supper was served by the Boy Scouts of the Baptist church troupe. After an enjoyable hour of fellowship at the tables we adjourned to their Education Building.

The program was in charge of Mr. Robert Cunningham of the First Baptist Church. The different aspects of church government and programs as to differences and similarities in our two churches were discussed by speakers from both churches. Those speaking from our church were: Kenneth Ochs for the trustees, D. N. Inglis for the deacons, Erlo Nelson for the Men's Fellowship and Herbert Crouch for the music program.

—William D. Arthur, Secretary.

### Gospel Voice Is Heard Afar

One of the countries to which the Far East Broadcasting Co. beams its short-wave gospel broadcasts from Manila is India, 4,000 miles away. The response in that land is truly amazing. The India office reports having received 19,229 letters from listeners in the last twelve months. By the most conservative estimate only about one out of 200 listeners will write an appreciative letter. This indicates a vast audience in India. Most other oriental countries also hear the gospel in their own languages from the Manila stations. This ministry is supported by evangelistically minded Christians. It is announced that the broadcasting company has recently purchased on faith five more 50,000-watt transmitters. The United States address is P. O. Box 1, Whittier, Calif.

### Obituaries

SHELDON.—Pearl Rebecca Crosley, daughter of Moses and Arvilla Potter Crosley, was born in West Hallock, Ill., March 31, 1879, and died June 19, 1966, in Edgerton, Wis., after a brief illness.

She was a faithful and devoted member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church where she had served many years as Sabbath School teacher and in her younger life was church organist.

She was a graduate of Milton College, taught in the Milton Union Schools, and was employed in the Edgerton Shoe Factory for a few years before her retirement in 1944. On March 31, 1903, she was married to Carl Sheldon of Albion. He died in 1937.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Anna Owens, Whitewater; nine grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services with her pastor, the Rev. A. A. Appel, officiating were held in the Albion church June 22. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Albion.

—A. A. A.

WILSON.—Chester E., son of Robert Scot and Anna Wilson, was born Nov. 21, 1882, and died Aug. 26, 1966, at Gadsen, Ala.

He and his wife (deceased) were members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Paint Rock, Ala. They were both baptized on their wedding anniversary some years ago. His father was pastor of the Attalla, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist church for about thirty years. Mr. Wilson was a brick mason by trade.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Hulah Huff of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two brothers, Main and A. B. Wilson of Gadsen.

Funeral services were conducted by Paul Beebe, assisted by Mrs. Robert Butler, Sr.

—A. B. Wilson.

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## Spiritual Retreat for Ministers

The last of three area spiritual retreats for Seventh Day Baptist ministers rounded out the almost nationwide coverage of these gatherings this year. It was something new in denominational procedure designed to help the pastors gain a deeper and larger outlook on their ministry. Drawing apart from regular duties, living and studying together under one roof in secluded Jersey Oaks Camp near Shiloh was a valuable experience for almost all of the ministers of the Eastern and Southeastern Associations. In this picture S. Kenneth Davis is presenting one of his daily studies in the Gospel of John. See story inside.