

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.

The Sabbath Recorder



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.

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Do You Agree?

One government spokesman for the cooperation of church and state says: "Separation of church and state meant one thing when government and religion were at cross-purposes. It means something different when they have common purpose."

The statement brings up some other questions. When was our government at cross-purposes with the church? Was there ever a time when the Federal Government was against the religious practices of its citizens or sought to destroy the church as an institution? On the other hand, has the church of America at any time campaigned against the government or sought to overthrow it? Manifestly these questions are not what the government spokesman had in mind. He may have been thinking of other countries and saying that in our land it is different, that we should be thankful that here government and religion can walk hand in hand. He evidently has no fear of a situation of compromise like the proverbial settlement between the big bear and the little man. The man wanted a fur coat and the bear wanted a good meal. The bear walked away satisfied and the man was surrounded by a fur coat.

Perhaps there are other questions. If the framers of our Constitution were right in setting up a wall of separation between church and state, has the situation changed through the years to such an extent that the wall is no longer needed and ought to be torn down? It appears that most of the campaigning for breaking down the wall comes from a large religious group that would benefit most by this leveling process. The propaganda is cleverly persuasive and has made some headway—as evidenced by the statement of the spokesman quoted above. Is it true that the church and the state now have more of a common purpose than formerly? This might seem to be implied by the advocates of closer cooperation at this particular point in history.

There are two ways that commonness of purpose can increase; either the purpose of the church moves toward the purpose of the government or the purpose

of the government moves closer to the purpose of the church. Is there a movement of both ends toward the middle? Perhaps so in several areas of social betterment. Both the church and the state are against poverty and numerous other social ills. Should they then cooperate, the church taking the free tax money and the state taking the free service organization of the religious bodies to carry out a government program? Some people see serious problems arising from embarking on such an uncharted course. There is question whether some of our highly centralized religious bodies can readily divorce their theological teachings and their organizational growth from their sociological and educational betterment programs.

There are certainly limits both ways to this common-purpose idea. Shouldn't we keep the wall until the answers to these questions are clear?

Communist China

Educated people in the Republic of China (Taiwan) are deeply concerned about the attempt of so-called experts on China who are trying to persuade the United States to soften its attitude toward Red China and admit it to the United Nations. A lengthy letter (full page) in the **New York Times** of September 6, 1966 set forth the reasons for opposing this proposed change of U. S. policy. The letter was signed (all names printed) by 1,600 university faculty members and scholars in Taiwan. It is an imposing list of educators advancing some cogent reasons for the position they take. Copies of it may be secured from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, 62 Mott St., New York 10013.

One of the paragraphs discusses the futility of yielding to Red China's demands. We quote:

Some say Peiping is a "hungry tiger" which loses its temper when frustrated or irritated by the United States. If this "pet" is lovingly patted and well fed, so the theory goes, it will regain its Confucian virtues. Such views of the "China-experts" dumbfound us. They are defending the tiger's right to devour others in the hope that it will never be hungry again.

The writers of the above mentioned letter, claiming to represent 16,000,000 overseas Chinese, solemnly declare that

MEMORY TEXT

And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day. Isa. 58: 10.

in appealing for a continuation of the U. S. position they are not advocating war. They add:

However, should the proposals of the "experts" be adopted, thus fostering the growth of Chamberlainism in the United States, the Chinese Communists may be encouraged to risk a war with the United States as soon as they feel strong enough to do so. It is precisely because we desire to prevent such a war that we feel duty-bound to state our views.

What is the Christian solution to this international problem of containing communism or accommodating to it? Not all Christians are agreed on procedure. Before making up our minds to go along with the present trend toward trying to work with Peiping rather than against it we perhaps ought to read more of what the educated Chinese who have fled the ruthless regime or have lived next door to it have to say.

Pentecostal Growth

Whatever one thinks about some of the manifestations of Pentecostalism he must admit that it is growing rapidly in the United States. The movement cannot be conveniently lumped off under one heading nor identified exclusively with lower class people who are emotionally unstable. No Christian leader, no intelligent layman, should allow himself to remain completely ignorant of the experiences of countless thousands of equally intelligent fellow Christians who profess and preach manifestations of the Spirit.

One organization that is highly respectable and growing by leaps and bounds is the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. It was born only thirteen years ago through a vision given to a California dairyman, Demos Shakarian. There are now 300 chapters around the world. One of their magazines, the well edited **Voice** is printed in five languages with a quarter of a million copies going to the far corners of the world.

Here is something we must recognize. Those who have had contacts with businessmen who are in the group have probably been impressed with their genuineness and enviable zeal to spread the gospel. This is not to unqualifiedly endorse the movement. It is to recognize it and to affirm that those of us who are not of this persuasion should think seriously of our general failure to show a superior zeal for the things of the Lord.

Ministers Retreat Held in New Jersey

Seven time-packed, spirit-filled days were the privilege of twenty ministers who had the opportunity to attend all or part of the Spiritual Retreat at Shiloh's Jersey Oaks Camp, October 18-24. Beginning at 6:30 a.m., with lights out at 10:30 p.m., each minister was challenged by denominational workers, Leon Lawton, Alton Wheeler and Everett Harris. Bible Study, on the Gospel of John, was led by S. Kenneth Davis. Apparently Director Lawton believed that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." To keep us alert and ready for our work, J. Paul Green, Jr., led us in music and recreation each day.

Nearly every one was asked to take his turn in leading a prayer-and-praise session. Various people had also been asked to review a chapter of the study book, "The Master Plan of Evangelism." Opportunity was given to each to share in the kitchen tasks at meal time.

Friday night and Sabbath Day gave opportunity for a change of pace, as ministers attended services at the Marlboro and Shiloh churches. Those not invited to the homes of friends and relatives, were royally feted at the Marlboro Church Sabbath noon. It was our privilege to attend the Women's Board "Robing Ceremonies" of Mrs. Luther Davis there Sabbath afternoon. It was made a part of their Harvest Festival. Each minister was invited to some area home for dinner that evening.

We, the ministers who attended this Spiritual Retreat, are indebted to and are grateful to our retreat manager, to Pas-

tor Charles Bond, and to the ladies of the Shiloh and Marlboro churches for the wonderful way in which they provided for our meals. We also wish to express our thanks to Director Lawton and all others who made possible such a wonderful time of fellowship, a time filled with inspiration and challenge.

Those who attended the retreat, at least part of the time were Leon Lawton, Everett Harris, Alton Wheeler, Leon Maltby, Grover Brissey, Clifford Beebe, Paul Burdick, Carlton Wilson, John Conrod, David Pearson, Leland Davis, Paul Maxson, J. Paul Green, Jr., S. Kenneth Davis, Francis Saunders, Edgar Wheeler, Harmon Dickinson, Leslie Welch, Charles Bond, and Delmer Van Horn.

Letters to the Editor

Taxing Church Property

I welcome the Constitution's guarantee of religious freedom of worship. However, church exemption from taxation is financial aid from the state. It inhibits the Christian's boldness to protest corruption in that government which assists his home church in money.

Therefore, I would welcome having all church real estate subject to taxation. (Already, some of our Lutheran friends voluntarily pay taxes on their church properties!)

—Ira Bond, Nortonville, Kan.

Coming Next Week

All subscribers will receive next week the November special issue. It is in two colors. The cover is reproduced from an original painting done at the request of the guest editor by a Seventh Day Baptist artist who asked to have no credit given to him. This bonus issue may be most appreciated by regular readers, but its primary purpose is evangelistic. A limited number of extra copies for individual or church use will be available on a cost basis for those who feel impelled to use copies to interest others in the cause of Seventh Day Baptists or just to share the good articles with friends and neighbors.

Why They Change Denominations

By Jared Van Horn

An editorial in the October 10 issue quoted surveys on the number of people who change denominations and that convenience is frequently the motivation. The following sentences about Seventh Day Baptists occasioned the article by Mr. Van Horn: "This seldom fits the person who comes from another religious body into the Seventh Day Baptist church. It probably fits the majority of those who leave us. There has to be considerable conviction to overcome the inconvenience of keeping a different day and belonging to a minority group." —Ed.

If it can be proven that Seventh Day Baptists leave the denominational fold because of personal convenience, it also must hold true that many leave because they are given no room for expression of their personal convictions.

If a valid survey of the "drop-outs" could be made, it is my belief it would in fact show that many more reluctantly sever denominational ties because of encounters with narrowmindedness within the church than for any other one reason.

This, of course, is presently an unproven hypothesis and for lack of any evidential support must be understood in that light. But the hypothesis is simple: no one, unless they subscribe to the Marxist line, can claim absolute possession of the Truth.

Yet many within the denomination fallaciously hold that they do indeed have the Truth and that any who do not conform to It are to be spurned.

If we fall within this category, we have lost our grip on reality and on the basic Christian principles taught by our Lord. We have restricted ourselves to a narrowness of thought that if not overcome may mean an even further decrease in the size of the denomination.

Are we not Baptists because we believe each man alone must establish and nurture the relationship between himself and God? Are we not **Seventh Day Baptists** because we believe in the biblical Sabbath consecrated by God?

Within the answer to the latter question lies the reason for some of our members leaving the denomination. As implied in a recent editorial in the **Sabbath Recorder**, they leave for convenience.

Those of us who remain, however, do so because we affirm our positive answer to both questions.

Why, then, if we affirm, do we not practice?

The percentages of those who leave the denomination, we will find, favor the younger persons, from high school-aged to middle-aged. If we are to give them the benefit of the doubt—and we must if we affirm our belief in basic Christianity as taught by our Lord—we must therefore assume that they are being alienated not by the Sabbath but by us and our outdated social and spiritual guides.

If we are to encourage the "drop-outs" to remain, we must mold our practical applications of Christianity to the climate of current society. If we could brush aside our narrowmindedness for an instant, we could see that not one Christian principle need be abandoned in this search for new interpretations. The search must be done with patience and not with criticism, head-shaking and tongue-clucking.

Those who have left have done so because their interpretations are rejected by the "in"-group, the members of the old school. Yet both meet the letter and the spirit of both Baptist and Sabbatarian philosophy.

Our world is changing rapidly, and as the days pass the change will become more rapid. It is no time for us to be dragging our feet, clinging to practical applications of our faith that were outdated one, two or even three generations ago.

Inherent in the heritage of our faith is democracy. Implicit in the principles of democracy is the concession that the search for truth is constant, that no matter how close we may ever come, we will never have it all.

Let us, with Christian understanding, be receptive to all ideas. Let us create an atmosphere in which every one of us may express his convictions within the denomination. It is the narrowmindedness from within that forces many to the outside.

"Facing Frontiers With Faith"

Church Growth Through Personal Evangelism

By Leon R. Lawton, Director of Evangelism

Many people have indicated that they are interested in personal evangelizing but are uncertain as to how they can become involved . . .

Your Director of Evangelism shares the following article that is intended to help answer the question, "HOW?"

Church growth speaks to the fact that Christ wishes us to so witness and work that men and women are brought into His kingdom and into the effective fellowship of the church. In doing so it says . . .

—We cannot be satisfied with little growth! (Or no growth.)

—We must objectively examine our practices and show them in the light of our true calling and aim: Do they really give witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and speak to men so that they will make a decision for Him?

—We must be willing to give up traditional practices and programs that take our time, but bear no fruit. And, we must be just as willing to accept what does prove to help us reach our goal—teaching, leading to decision, and baptism, leading to church membership (Matt. 28: 19, 20).

—Our concern must change from seeking to preserve our church, our doctrine, and our heritage, to that of presenting our Christ in the power of the Spirit, that men will see their need and accept Him. The spiritual law is true: That which is saved is lost; that which is lost for Christ and the gospel, is truly saved.

How to Begin?

(Take these steps, one by one:)

1. **By examining** our local church growth (or decline) over the past years.

. . . Use the Yearbook, and chart on a graph the membership of our church since 1950.

. . . If not done already, check the attendance for at least a month, by name, to note those who are active in the worship of the church.

. . . Of the present membership:

How many live within 5 miles of the church; within 10; within 25?

How many would be classified as "active"—attendance at least four times a year and giving a minimum of \$10 in offering?

How many are inactive? List some reasons why they may be so. If you do not know their reason, why not visit them and find out? How can these reasons be effectively met?

How many are non-resident, living more than 35 miles from the church (or in the case of some churches, 50 miles or more)?

2. **By confessing** that all the excuses so glibly given are not reasons for lack of growth. Are there not as many people living in our area today as there were twenty-five years ago? How many have we personally contacted in continuing ways so that they have come to understand the gospel and individually been given opportunity to either accept or reject Christ? Do not our excuses point up our lack of concern, involvement with others, unwillingness to witness, and refusal to really speak personally to men about us for the Lord?

. . . God will bless those who seek Him, confess their life is being lived for self and not Christ, and, asking His help, take a step in obedience.

3. **By making certain** our personal commitment to the Lord and seeking to understand the Good News (gospel) so that it can be shared clearly with another.

. . . in the "Facing Frontiers with Faith" packet mailed to each church is a section of pages (pink) that offers 'A Helping Hand in Personal Evangelism.' Under No. 2, three pages of Bible study are given:

Study One: Understanding the Gospel—a study of John 1: 11-13 R.S.V.

Study Two: Steps to Christian Commitment—how to become a Christian.

Study Three: Steps to Christian Maturity—helps for new Christians.

Use these in personal or group study in the church!

4. **By sharing** in the fellowship of the small group—such as offered in the "Growth By Groups" plan—, seeking

to bring neighbors and friends into the group.

. . . in the same packet, under No. 3, information is given on "Growth By Groups." The filmstrip and workshop record can be borrowed from the Tract Society A. V. Library. Pastors have had this at their Spiritual Retreats so they can answer questions on it.

The sample packet of material can be ordered for \$3.50 from Christian Outreach, Inc., Box 115, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19006.

5. **By joining** with others in the church in personal friendly visitation, ever making ourselves available to more and more people and, as they seek answers to the problems of their lives, testifying to the help and satisfaction found in committing our life, daily, to Christ.

. . . members of the S.C.S.C. found the suggested book on visitation most helpful in their work. It is, "Visitation Made Easy" by Lovett. Why not ask the nearest S.C.S.C. worker to come to your church and explain his experience (or if he is too far away, why not write him and ask him)?

. . . study this book in a small group and start out in visiting those in the church fellowship, those who have attended services or have children in the Sabbath School or Bible School but are not regular or members. Be ever open to the people and testify of our satisfaction with Christ as our Savior.

6. **By offering** ourselves for dedicated service, as the Lord may lead. A vacation week, spring or summer vacation, or if retired, a month or more of time, can be given in this way. Projects of all kinds are open waiting to be filled! If needed, training by correspondence or 'on the job' can be arranged in most cases.

. . . write to the General Secretary, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. 07061 for the booklet, "Seventh Day Baptist Dedicated Service" and the application form.

. . . if your church has an opening for dedicated workers be sure you understand the guidelines for the program by reading the book and send for the project information blank and return it to the general secretary.

CHURCH GROWTH is no accident!

It is the result of obedience to the clear instructions of our Lord.

It is the result of our setting down definite monthly goals for the next year that are realistic, yet taken in faith and trust in the Lord to bless.

It is the result of checking up on ourselves each month. Did we reach the goal? Why? Why not? What can be done to improve the results?

It is the result of calling in those willing to help who are available—your director of evangelism, a missionary, or any denominational secretary.

Never before in history has the Church had the opportunity it has today!

As Seventh Day Baptists we can, and will, grow!

Central (N. Y.) Association Fall Meeting Appreciated

The theme "God's Hilltops" was very appropriate as the members of the Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches traveled to Brookfield on October 15. None could fail to be in a receptive mood as they viewed the grandeur of God's beautiful world.

Rev. Leon Lawton, acting as host pastor, led the service assisted by pastors of the participating churches. Mr. Glen Smith of the Verona area led in the Responsive Reading. He and his wife are appointees of the Wycliffe Bible Missionaries, and are leaving soon for further training and work in Mexico. The Scripture and prayer were given by Rev. Don Richards. Mrs. Richards fascinated the adults as well as the children with "Sarah Beth" and her words of wisdom. She (Sarah Beth) told the story to the little children about planting apples and said, "We can count the seeds in an apple, but not the apples in a seed." God gives us little things right now, but if we grow in Him, He will give us more and more wonderful things. The anthem was very beautifully rendered by the Verona choir.

Rev. Charles Swing of the De Ruyter Church delivered a most inspiring sermon on the theme "God's Hilltops," stressing especially how we might reach them in our religious experiences. He

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GOD'S SALESMEN

By Charles J. Bachman

To those who have been engaged in the commercial world, either in management, promotion, or sales, the idea of competition is not new. We are accustomed to being besieged on all sides by advertisements in the magazines, newspapers, radio, and television. As a matter of fact, we have become so accustomed to them that we are immune to most of them. We, the buyers, are the prize in this war of competition—not we as individuals, but the consent of our minds to one product over another.

Competition also exists in the religious world. Various church groups and denominations spend fantastic amounts to win converts, that is the consent of the mind, to the idea that one realm of theology is true and the other realm of theology is false.

This war for the minds of men is being carried on in this country of ours by over 200 differing church organizations. And not only are church organizations spending to convert men's minds, but also forces of evil. These forces of evil are not branded for what they are, and some even masquerade in the guise of righteousness. So it can be seen that the forces are well aligned on all sides, financially reinforced, numerically strengthened, and on the ready at all times.

To the numerically small, let us say, like the Seventh Day Baptists, the odds in battle are overwhelming. Perhaps the reasoning might be to the effect that it would be best not to engage in this struggle and concentrate on preserving what we have. The failure to engage in this battle is admission of several things. It could be the admission that what is held dear, and has been held dear for so long, is no longer worth fighting for. Suddenly it's value is meaningless and why fight for it any longer. It could also be an admission that we are not fully prepared spiritually, nor prepared intellectually, in the knowledge of the Bible to engage in the battle for men's minds.

It could also be the grosser meaning that spiritual dry-rot has set in, the result of which is decay and spiritual death, individually and collectively.

In the commercial world, regardless of how small the business, when business is slow or worsening, it is the practice to send out all salesmen, capable and incapable, and have them visit the trade, canvass the customers whether they are interested or not, or, as is the most common expression, "beat the bushes." In this way it is hoped that business will be stimulated and interest in the product revived. This can only result in letting the trades know that you are still in business and competing for the purchasing power of your customers.

It must be recognized, of course, that small businesses have some difficulties in competing with the larger companies. But it is also true that some of the finest products that have persisted for generations are manufactured by small companies. The product determines the right of the company to remain in business. The product can only be evaluated by its being put to use. And it can only be put to use if some one, let us call him a salesman, goes out and sells it.

It must also be recognized that the salesmen have a very definite bearing on the product's distribution and sale. In order to sell any product, the salesman must first sell himself to the customer. Products of equal value will be sold most by the salesman who is able to sell himself. The salesman, then, has as much to do with marketing the product as the quality of the product itself.

Does the Seventh Day Baptist church have a good product? Have they been in business with this product a long time? Have their sales, or conversions of men's minds, been falling off? Is their product being seen less on the shelves? What type of salesmen have been selling the product? What is the enthusiasm of the salesmen and sales staff for their product?

The greatest Christian salesman, the apostle Paul, was able not only to sell himself but his product in a world that did not even want his product. Nevertheless he sold it! "Indeed, I have become everything in turn to men of every sort, so that in one way or another I may save some. All this I do for the sake of the Gospel, to bear my part in proclaiming it" (1 Cor. 9: 22, 23 New English Bible).

Our Savior not only originated this organization, but His twelve salesmen were of the poorest quality. In fact, one of them was a traitor to the organization. Yet the Christian religion today owes itself to this small beginning.

As to the product or brand of theology Seventh Day Baptists are promoting, there is absolutely nothing wrong with it. It is a product made according to the Book, the Bible. There is a need for this particular product today. As a matter of fact, there are hundreds of customers waiting somewhere just to get this product. The trouble is that they do not know that it exists, or if they know this, they just do not know where to buy it.

We might use the same instructions the founder of our product advised when He said, "Go out to the main thoroughfares, and invite every one you can find to the wedding" (Matt. 22: 9, N. E. B.).

He also said, "You are light for all the world, . . . and you . . . must shed light among your fellows" (Matt. 5: 14-16).

Who is that salesman who is to light up the way for customers to find the product? Every member of the church! All who have just read these words, "You are light for all the world," are the salesmen. **You!** No one else can become all things to all your associates like you can. No one knows the same people better than those whom you know.

Let us never admit defeat before engaging the enemy, and once we become engaged in the battle for men's souls, never retreat!

The deduction we arrive at then is that the Seventh Day Baptist church does have a good product; there is a

need for the product; the sale of this product has been falling off somewhat due to the probable fact that the salesmen have not been doing their share in promoting its sale; and, there is therefore a need to enlist every one as an active salesman, on the road, beating the bushes, ringing bells and knocking on doors, to let the world know that the product is still available in the same package as before, and that it is capable of doing a better job in this generation than it has ever done before. The world needs the product!

Now is the time to cast out defeatism and despair. The only ones to suffer will be those who leave themselves vulnerable to the enemy and fail to give an account of themselves before God.

In his book **World Aflame**, Billy Graham makes this statement: "An evangelist was once asked if he did not think the world was growing worse. He replied: 'If it is, then I am determined it shall be in spite of me'" (p. 188).

Let every Seventh Day Baptist make a similar statement. That if business (conversions) in the church does not get better, let it be "in spite of me."

Woyke Succeeds Binns As Public Affairs Chairman

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in its semiannual meeting, elected Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as its new chairman.

Dr. Woyke is the executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference. He succeeds Walter Pope Binns who has served as chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee for the past three years. Prior to that Binns was vice-chairman 15 years.

The new chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was born in Russia of German parents. He came with his family to the United States when he was three years old. He was prominent in the committee work of the Baptist Jubilee Advance during its five-year period and is well acquainted with a number of Seventh Day Baptist leaders.

A Week of Prayer

(This article was prepared by Mr. G. Zijlstra of Holland, co-author with Secretary Everett Harris of the Week of Prayer meditations for 1967, to be used in Seventh Day Baptist churches around the world during the first week of January, 1967.)

What shall we pray for? In the Psalms we read that God has made known His ways unto us and has heard our prayers. Again we read: "Let my prayer come before Thee and incline Thine ear unto my cry" (Ps. 88: 2).

Prayer is a way of communication with our Father in heaven. Jesus often sent up prayers to His father, to be strengthened for His work on this earth. In our conception He did not always get a satisfactory answer; so, for instance, when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." He left, however, all things in the hands of his Heavenly Father and concluded, "Not what I will, but what thou wilt."

Likewise our prayer should not be in the first place to grant us the fulfillment of our desires, good as they may be. In the Lord's prayer we find that Jesus began by glorifying God: "Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done." As Jesus taught His disciples, so we, too, may let our desires be made known to God. If our way is pleasing to Him, He can make even our foes to become our friends (Prov. 16: 7).

We should make our ways known to the Lord daily and not just say prayers before meals only. We need to have a quiet time, to search our hearts and desires and ask forgiveness for all that was not according to His will and wherein we did not glorify Him. We need to ask Him to direct our ways and to have faith in His promises, that He will grant us that which will be good for us.

Being too busy with earthly things, even with the organizational things of the church, we run the risk of losing sight of our eternal destination. Let us be on guard that our prayers be not worn out, so indefinite as to lose meaning. What a helpful thing to concentrate

our minds during the first week of 1967, the proposed Week of Prayer for all the Seventh Day Baptists around the world, on the interests that have our common concern and to lay our ways and longings open to God and to pray that He make us willing to follow Jesus' footsteps.

Lord, teach us to pray.

Week of Prayer Pamphlets Available

Churches are urged to place their orders for copies of the 1967 twelve-page pamphlets—Week of Prayer for Seventh Day Baptists. The order should be sent promptly to Seventh Day Baptist Conference Headquarters at 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. 07061. It would seem well to secure copies at once for use January 1-8, 1967.

The secretary of the United States Conference is also the secretary-treasurer of the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences, which group is sponsoring the 1967 Week of Prayer. A gift of 5 cents per copy may be sent to Secretary Alton Wheeler to cover cost of printing and distributing, if the churches wish to do so. This is not mandatory. It is our hope that some churches will feel led to order enough copies so as to remail to every member of their church. Three thousand copies have been printed for distribution.

Progress on Sale of Bricks For Blantyre House

The response from the churches to sell "bricks" for Blantyre House has been immediate and gratifying. Just as soon as the little cardboard bricks were made available a mailing of 3,000 bricks went out to the churches the first day. Since then orders have continued to be received.

The first church to request bricks was the one that has most recently acquired a pastor—the Washington, D. C. Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Delmer Van Horn began services at Washington in September.

A request has gone out to the Minute-

Man group to help raise \$5,000 as a down payment on the Blantyre property. It is hoped that the response will be generous and prompt.

An encouraging word has come from the Pacific Coast Association that a fund which had been held in the Association treasury for several years, known as the "Joan and Beth Fund" has been voted to be turned over to the Missionary Society for use of the Blantyre House purchase. The amount of this fund is \$538.80.

Just one week after the **Sabbath Recorder** article of October 10 had gone out to the people carrying "The Blantyre Story" inquiries and gifts began to pour in. Within two weeks contributions to the extent of \$400 in cash had been received. It would seem that this project is meeting with instant, favorable response from our people. For this we thank God and press forward.

"Where are Kings and Empires Now?"

There are not many emperors today. One of the few remaining ones heads the list of 200 Christian leaders in church and state at the World Congress on Evangelism. Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia has never visited Berlin before. His marked interest in the extension of Christianity caused him to accept the invitation to attend and speak at the World Congress on Evangelism being held there October 26 - November 4. His visit to Berlin is strictly religious, not state.

His Imperial Majesty is known to be very sympathetic to the Sabbath. When in the United States a few years ago he made it a point to visit White Hospital (S.D.A.) in Los Angeles. Rev. Kenneth Oglesby, a **Recorder** subscriber who came to the Sabbath partly through contact with the American Sabbath Tract Society and Plainfield people is a personal friend of the Emperor and has been doing educational and Christian work in Ethiopia for His Majesty for a number of years.

Saigon Women Make Effort To Protect Country Girls



In Saigon, Mrs. Tran Thuc Linh, (center) an official of the Association for the Protection of the Vietnamese Women's Human Dignity and Rights, recently discussed the moral decay of the nation with an American woman also interested in the country's social problems—Mrs. Ira W. Moomaw, (left) a member of the Church of the Brethren who, with her husband, is serving Vietnam Christian Service as a program consultant. They met in the home of Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, wife of the American ambassador.

"Many young girls who come to Saigon from the country get into trouble because they don't know how to get along in the city," Mrs. Linh explained. "If they had places to live, like YWCA's in your country, we could help them find honest jobs."

Her women's association, she said, is composed of some 250 mothers and housewives. It runs one home for girls and is hoping to build another.

The present need for Vietnamese women to be an active force in the life of their times is greater than ever before. Mrs. Linh believes, because of the many wartime pressures. She expressed the desire that women in the United States be made aware of these pressures.

Mississippi must be pretty much a Baptist state; **The Baptist Record**, a weekly newspaper published by the Baptist Convention, has the largest circulation of any newspaper in the state. It is campaigning against liquor.

Adult Education

Stanley I. Stuber, director of the Association Press, says, "The next big push in the church will be in the direction of adult education." He goes on, "I certainly hope so, for my experience has been that most Protestant laymen know hardly anything about their own faith, to say nothing about the ecumenical movement and such international conferences as the one on 'The Church and Society' held at Geneva this last July.

"Is it any wonder that our young people are seriously questioning the Christian loyalty of their parents—when parents are so busy with other things that they do not take the time to learn a few basic facts about their own faith?"

"When we face a hard, fast-moving secular world—which does have a lot of specific answers—the church had better get busy training its adult membership in the meaning of being a Christian today. The Roman Catholic Church, during the past year, has made important strides forward in adult education. It is now a good indication to find a certain concern and a definite amount of planning within Protestant circles in regard to adult education. For we cannot expect to win the world to Christian principles if we do not know what the score is.

"Most adults do care. They do want to know. They are willing to be better Christian disciples. What they have lacked are the tools, the instruments, the opportunity in which, and through which, to gain the necessary knowledge."

Mr. Stuber makes the above factual statements to advertise the fact that there are dozens of good books on the market today to help the adult grow in his faith and then to explain it. For a list of paperback books on pertinent subjects, write to the Association Press, 281 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10007.

We Seventh Day Baptists also are making an effort in adult education. The current "Frontiers of Faith" packet sent to each church in the denomination from the Planning Committee is designed to install each of us more securely in our

faith and then to share it. Do not lay the packet aside because you cannot use all of it. Use what you can. Order the study books. Read and discuss, and you will grow. There is no excuse for ignorance of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and many are the ways to develop knowledge of it. Don't put it off any longer. Prepare yourself to witness.

We highly recommend "The Education of an Adult" for sale from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803. It will help groups of adults to find in what areas they can serve in the church. It costs a dollar.

When the Church Hinders

By Paul B. Osborn

Jesus Christ had trouble with the established religion while He lived on earth. The Pharisees, Scribes, even His own people, "received Him not" (John 1: 11).

Today the established religion is more complicated and the term "church" covers a multitude of groups. And the "church" many times hinders Christianity.

How?

Here are three ways.

First, there are those who trust in church membership for salvation. This is perhaps the most devastating hindrance, for it keeps thousands, perhaps millions, from having a personal experience with the Savior. A church membership list should be composed of those who have made a decision to accept Christ as Savior and Lord, but too often people join because their parents were members or because it's the expected thing to do.

Second, many make the church their total Christian experience, becoming "one-day-a-week Christians." More and more the world is crying for the church to "come out and help us." This is where the liberal church is ahead, for they are at least trying to change conditions, even if they do neglect personal salvation. We cannot fulfill the claims of Christ upon our lives without taking our Christianity with us all week.

Third, church loyalty sometimes be-

comes a geographical matter. Those who move into other localities refuse to join another church, preferring to keep their membership back home. There are those who drive miles to attend worship and show their interest in church. This is fine if there is no church of their faith in their locality that needs their support, and if it is not used as an escape from witnessing for Christ where they live.

But this is the "small c" church. The true Church is the body of Christ (Mt. 16: 18, Eph. 1: 22-23, 1 Cor. 12: 13) and faithful members of His Church escape the hindrances named, for they have a personal relationship with Christ; they have His presence with them always; their witnessing begins where they live and moves out from there! Are you hindered?

—From Church Bulletin.

Southern Church Struggles with Desegregation Issue

One of the Baptist churches of Macon, Ga., on September 25 fired the pastor and staff because they wanted to seat at the services a Negro student from Ghana. Baptist Press reports that reaction has poured in from around the world with the result that the local church is now split. Southern Baptist editors have scored the church for its action.

A strong editorial in the Capital Baptist, weekly newspaper of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, urged either the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention or the SBC Foreign Mission Board draw a check to be presented on the steps of the church to the chairman of deacons.

"We think that Southern Baptists ought, in a dramatic way, say that we disapprove of such action by giving back to the church all that they have given to foreign missions," wrote editor James O. Duncan.

"The Southern Baptist foreign mission cause cannot afford the luxury of the support of churches that behave in such a way," Duncan said. "Cut down on the mission program, if we must, but let those who go forth not be destroyed by those who stay here."

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Central (N. Y.) Association

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stated that we are becoming more and more an "assembly line" society. What we fear most in life is to be "different"—but there is excitement in being different; it makes the heart to sing and the life to sparkle. We must reach out to God's hilltops. We "can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us." There is nothing second-place in a life dedicated to God.

The afternoon service began with a hymn-sing led by the president of the Associational Y. F., Mark Warner of Verona. A quartet of Verona Youth sang "The Love of God." Glen Smith sang "Only Believe and Live." A report on the Women's Work at Conference was given by our representative, Edna Ruth Richards, who also had some supplementary projects to present to the ladies of the congregation.

Our Director of Evangelism, the Rev. Leon Lawton, presided over a discussion period "What's Happening on the Home Field." He stated over and over again that what is happening on the home field is what is happening to us individually. There must be death to self. Our faith is something that is caught, not taught. Is ours contagious enough to give to others? "We cannot share what we do not have." Following this, he presented the denominational program of "Facing Frontiers with Faith."

The Second Brookfield Church provided a delicious dinner and also the supper following the annual Y. F. meeting. The youth were thrilled with the talk given by Glen Smith about the adventure for Christ on which he and his family are about to embark.

May we keep God's Hilltops ever before us and strive onward and upward.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 19, 1966

Serving in an Unfriendly World

Lesson Scripture: Jer. 29: 1-7, 10-14.

for November 26, 1966

A Daring Faith

Lesson Scripture: Jer. 32: 2, 6-7, 9-17.

Greek Orthodox Congress

How well do we know our neighbors? Are we truly interested in the things that are as important to them as our own special events are to us?

Some of our neighbors are in the Greek Orthodox Church, in the Archdiocese of North and South America. Anyone who reads the news about inter-church cooperation sees frequently the name Iakovos. Residing in New York and addressed as His Eminence, he is the Archbishop of North and South America. He is ex-officio chairman of 18th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress meeting for the first time outside the United States—at Montreal June 25 - July 2.

Did you know that there are 2 million Orthodox Greeks in 12 different countries of the Western Hemisphere? Delegates from all of these countries were expected at Montreal. Canada has 180,000. The bulk of the American members are in the United States, the first parish dating back to 1864, in New Orleans.

The Greek Orthodox people have a number of national backgrounds. In an alphabetical line-up of delegates by churches Seventh Day Baptists, if present at a National Council processional, find themselves marching between the Serbian and the Syrian Orthodox representatives—priests with full beards and flowing robes.

The above mentioned Congress of about 1,000 participants faced a number of questions. One of the problems, said Archbishop Iakovos, is better and wider education within the church in order for the laity to retain its religious and cultural identity. Most of the Greeks in this country have lost much of their national background because they are two or three generations away from the country of their origin.

Talking or Walking

It was said recently of people in another denomination, "Church people talk the talk, but don't walk the walk." Does this statement fit you, or me? If so, let's think it over and determine to outgrow this wearing apparel.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEB.—The Senior Youth Camp of Mid-Continent Association was held at Rocky Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Camp near Boulder in July. Seven North Loup young folks attended. Pastor Duane Davis assisted at the camp and Bernard Keown was Junior counselor.

We were privileged to have the corresponding secretary of the Missionary Board, the Rev. Everett T. Harris, enroute to Conference, as guest speaker early in August. The following week our former pastor, the Rev. Francis D. Saunders of Lost Creek, W. Va., brought the message.

After returning from Conference, Phyllis Fuller told the congregation about her summer's work as a member of Summer Christian Service Corps.

A Youth Fellowship Retreat consisting of sixteen young folks and Pastor Davis was held at Camp Riverview September 2-4.

September also found North Loup people busy with Popcorn Days activities. This is homecoming for many former residents. The people of the church, as usual, had a float in the parade and served food in their stand.

Pastor Davis is one of the local pastors taking turns in leading worship services at Good Samaritan Home and Valley County Community Hospital, both in Ord.

Continuing their education are: Harold King and Robert Babcock at Norfolk Junior College, Norfolk, Neb.; Ronald Williams, Patricia Williams, Allan Cox, Philip Van Horn and Joy Van Horn at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln; LaVere Soper, Central Pilgrim College; Phyllis Fuller at West Nebraska General Hospital at Scottsbluff; and Cletus Severance at Kearney State College.

Peg Williams is doing secretarial work in Lincoln after graduation from business college in Grand Island. Kathleen Swanson is teaching near Burwell, and Dennis Cox is again music instructor at Superior.

Sabbath School Promotion Day was held September 24. Three teachers, Elery

King, Mrs. George Clement, and Mrs. Ron Goodrich were honored for long service. Each received **Unger's Bible Handbook**.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Farley moved to California and expect to locate in the Riverside area. A fellowship dinner was held in their honor on their last Sabbath here.

A church planning meeting was held Sunday evening, September 25.

—Correspondent.

FARINA, ILL.—The clerk, Ernest Furrow, writes that the church, which has been pastorless for over a year, is still hoping to secure one. In the meantime they are preparing a bulletin each week to help them keep up the worship services. Ordinarily the sermon time is given to a discussion of the Sabbath School lesson. On special occasions a different order of service is used.

Mr. Furrow makes a suggestion about church letterheads. Their church has a new one which links them with the North Central Association. It also carries a representation of the Seventh Day Baptist seal to link the local church with the denomination. The suggestion is that other churches consider this type of letterhead.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—On Labor Day, the President of the United States made a visit to our city, and spoke on the front lawn of the Battle Creek Sanatorium in connection with their Centennial observance. Our church is directly across the street from where the speaker's platform was set up, so our congregation who wished to make use of the chairs we placed on the church step landing and Parish House porch, had a fine vantage point, and were not required to stand in the large crowd in the street and on the lawn. The young people were up early that morning and with the pastor's assistance put up a large sign over our church door saying that Seventh Day Baptists welcomed our President. We felt this was an unequalled opportunity to put the name, "Seventh Day Baptists" before thousands of local people, as well as the possibility that it might be caught

in the view of the many TV cameras covering the occasion. The secret service men checked out our property ahead of time and gave the Youth Fellowship permission to set up a refreshment stand on the Parish House lawn.

President and Mrs. Johnson stopped so many times to greet the crowds, on their way in from the airport that the program was considerably delayed and people were anxious to patronize our refreshment stand, which had no competition whatsoever. The young people cleared approximately \$75, and only regretted that they ran out of food too soon! It was an exciting time for all, no matter what their political persuasion!

At our annual church business meeting October 2, Pastor Fatato was given a unanimous call to serve with our church another year and at an increase in salary. Other church officers elected were Herbert Bennett, moderator; Mrs. Arnold Davis, clerk; Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, treasurer; Wendell Thorngate, chorister. Trustees elected were Mrs. George Parish, Mrs. Jules Roelly, Randall Palmiter, and Wm. Millar. Other trustees whose terms did not expire are Arnold Davis, Stephen Lawton, and Richard Walton.

—Correspondent.

HEBRON, PA.—Mrs. Nina Wilson and Mr. William A. Thompson were among those who filled the pulpit while our pastor was attending Conference.

At our quarterly business meeting, October 2, Pastor Herbert Saunders presented his Conference reports, which were very interesting.

Our Pastor gave the meditation at the Crandall Hill Old Home Day at Hebron September 11. We observed World Wide Communion on Sabbath day, October 1. The next Sabbath we were pleased to welcome Pastor Edward Sutton of New Auburn, Wis., and the Rev. Charles Swing of De Ruyter, N. Y. They were attending the area Ministers Retreat in Alfred, N. Y.

On Sabbath day, October 15, our church hosted the Western Association. There was a very good attendance and the meetings were inspiring.

October 21-23, the Little Genesee and

Hebron churches held a week-end retreat at Camp Harley Sutton for the purpose of planning the program of these churches for the year. Pastor Saunders had the activities well organized. Those attending felt the time spent was well worthwhile.

Under the leadership of Pastor Saunders we have begun a Wednesday night study in 1 Thessalonians. Various translations and commentaries are used.

The Hebron church has installed a directional sign at Coneville.

The Women's Study and Serve Society regularly mail out the special issues of the **Sabbath Recorder**. They sponsored a migrant clothing collection, and also served the Hebron Township school-board and auditors' dinner. The women have sponsored a church cleaning bee, and made new drapes for the church sanctuary. The August meeting of the WSSS was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Brock, Roulette. In September we met at the Community Hall and tied a quilt. The October meeting was hosted by Mrs. Thelma Stearns. In November we meet with Mrs. Kathryn Thompson. Boxes for our two servicemen will be packed and articles are to be brought for the Warren State Hospital.

Proverbs 17: 22a says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Let's keep smiling.

—Correspondent.

Obituaries

BROWN—Maggie May Hakes, eldest daughter of E. Eugene and Marian Rankin Hakes, was born at West Hallock, Ill., May 10, 1874, and died in her home in Chicago, June 14, 1966.

She attended Milton Academy in 1892, and there met Linn H. Brown, whom she married Oct. 10, 1894, settling in Chicago as a bride and there spent the rest of her life.

Maggie May was baptized as a young girl and joined the West Hallock Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which her family were founding members. Though she affiliated with the Chicago church she retained her membership in her home church being its oldest and now last member.

Though cognizant and interested in world affairs, with a fifty year membership in the Rogers Park Women's Club, she remains in memory most as a quiet, loving mother and grandmother, devoted to the comfort and welfare of her family and friends.

Surviving her are her children, James H., Highland Park, Ill., Marian Cochran, Chicago, and Margaret Sayre, Milton, Wis., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband in 1949.

Funeral services were conducted in Chicago by Dr. J. P. Stafford of the Rogers Park Methodist Church, and the interment service was given by the Rev. Kenneth E. Smith in the Milton Cemetery.

—Margaret Sayre.

McSPARIN.—Emma Kathryn Lewis, daughter of Ralph and Ida Martin Lewis, was born Dec. 15, 1917, and died in Ferrell Hospital, Eldorado, Ill., after surgery, Aug. 9, 1966.

On April 15, 1936, she was united in marriage with Carlos McSparin. Early in life she was baptized and joined the Old Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist Church where her husband has been pastor for 15 years. She was a faithful worker for the church all of her lifetime.

Survivors include: her father and step-mother, Ralph and Edith Lewis; her husband; four children: Mrs. Ronald (Alice) Brooks, Mrs. Richard (Carolyn) Gee, Mrs. Donald (Sandra) Duvall, and David Paul McSparin; five grandchildren, three sisters, four brothers and two step-brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 12, at the church, conducted by the assistant pastor, Joseph Lewis. Interment was in the Joyner Cemetery near Stonefort.

—CLM.

SUTTON.—Orma, daughter of William and Saphronia Lowther Jett, was born March 9, 1885 near Berea, W. Va., and died in St. Joseph's Hospital June 26, 1966.

She united with the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea while a youth and remained active as long as health permitted. She was married to Corliss Sutton (deacon) in 1905.

Survivors include: her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Ivan (Virgie) Weyers of Keyser and Mrs. Charles (Lenora) Brissey of Berea; two sons, Cleve B. of Parkersburg, W. Va., and Orlan of Trenton, Ga.; fifteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. One son, William E., preceded her in death.

The funeral was in charge of her pastor, Leslie Welch, with burial in the Pine Cemetery.

—L. A. W.

WILSON.—Mrs. Bonnie Wilson, widow of the late Mortimer Wilson, was born Dec. 22, 1894 and died at her home in Berea, Sept. 9, 1966.

Baptized in July 1965 by Pastor Leslie Welch she was a faithful attendant at the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church.

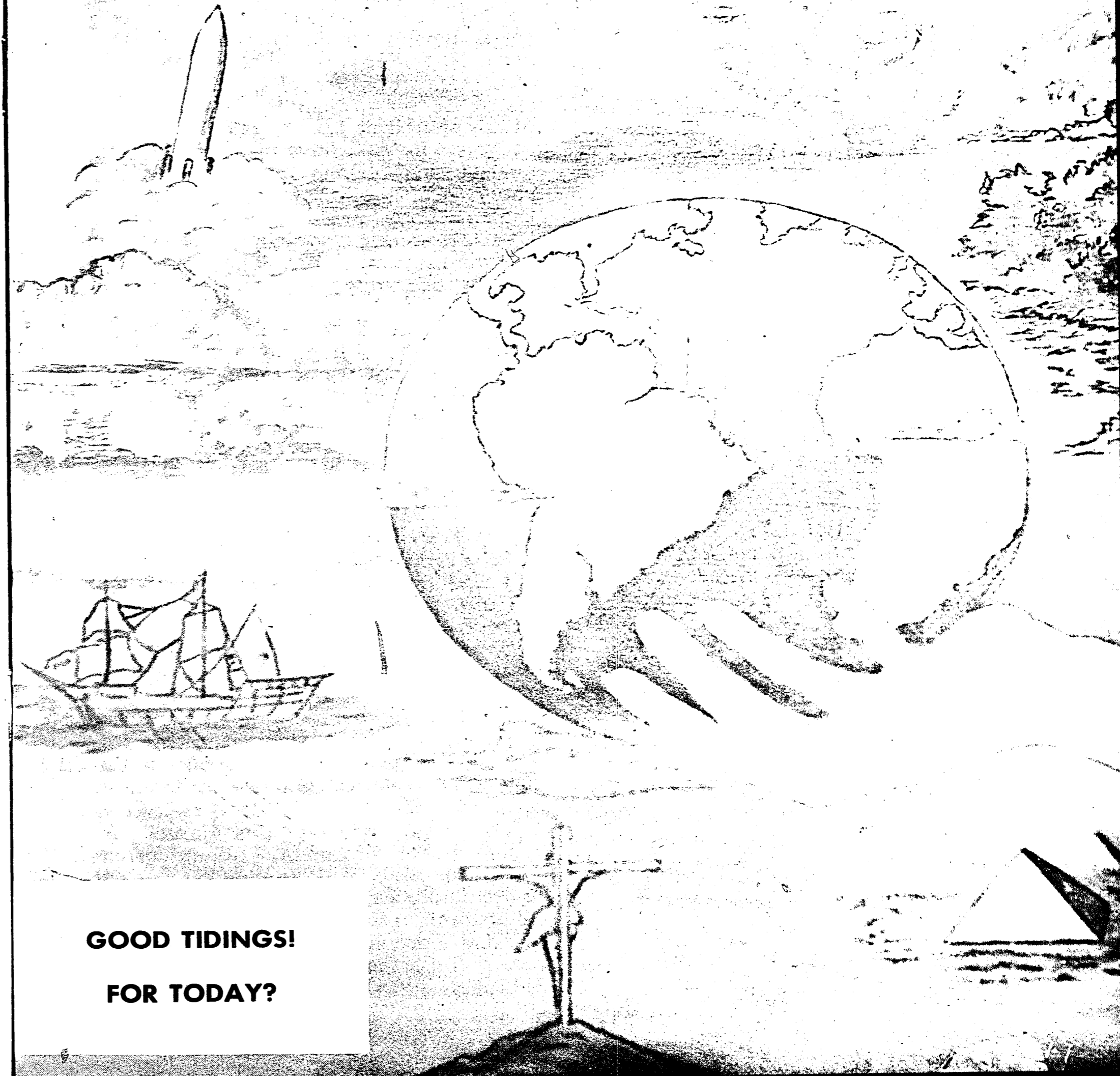
Surviving are two half-brothers, Ben Bee of Burgesstown, Pa., and Luther Bee of Toledo, Ohio. One sister preceded her in death.

The funeral was in charge of her pastor with burial at Pullman, W. Va.

—L. A. W.

The extent of the church's inward rot can best be measured by the degree of her stateward lean.

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