

Good Tidings

FOR TODAY?

F. D. Saunders

"Good Tidings!" Can they be for me
In the world of my today?
Can I know salvation sure
To keep me in the way?

Can light shine forth in darkness
And fill my world with grace?
Can the Sabbath day be a delight
As I meet Him face to face?

Can peace that passeth knowledge
And joy beyond compare
Find expression in my heart?
Does Jesus really care?

Can faith reach out with arms of love
To embrace the child of woe
Whose life knows naught of tenderness,
Whose world has been his foe?

Good tidings! Yes, they are for me
In the world of my today.
Mine for full salvation
As I walk along my way.

Mine to take the darkness
And daily it replace
With the light of life and beauty
As I gaze into His face.

Mine to bring sweet love and peace,
To conquer every fear,
Knowing full assurance
With my Savior near.

Mine to bring me Sabbath rest,
Joy, and sacred peace,
Renewal for my weary soul,
From daily strain — release.

Good tidings! May the joyous strain
Ring forth with victory's sound
To tell the message of His love
The whole wide world around.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

In many homes across the nation today, there's a vacant seat at the dinner table. It seems like yesterday, when he sat down at the table for the first time, propped up with a few pillows. His adolescent years passed quickly and suddenly overnight he became a man—for Uncle Sam beckoned. His turkey dinner with all the fixings will not be the same as ours. The Viet Cong may not wait.

What all of us can do, when we sit down to that traditional Thanksgiving Day feast, is to pause—give thanks to the Supreme Being and pray that a safe return may be granted to those absent and that peace will come to the world.

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Reformation Day

In Retrospect

One of the most noteworthy observances of Reformation Day in 1966 was in Berlin in connection with the great World Congress on Evangelism which began just before the anniversary date and continued through November 4. It featured a four-block march from Wittenberg Square of Congress delegates from 100 countries to the street in front of war-ruined Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. There the delegates mixed with a crowd of 18,000 Berliners to hear Dr. Billy Graham give a Reformation Day message and invite people to take Christ as their Savior.

It was 449 years ago that Martin Luther made the move that started the Reformation when he nailed his ninety-five theses on the door of the church at Wittenberg. Those who planned the meeting had hoped that it could be held in Wittenberg, but that city is in East Germany and permission could not be gained to make that journey. It is ironical that the liberty which Luther sought four and a half centuries ago is again denied to the followers of Christ due to political and religious differences. Nevertheless the meeting in Berlin was a great meeting with eternal results for those who turned to the Lord in true repentance and found liberty for their souls.

At the Kongresshalle before the march, delegates heard a Lutheran preacher say that "usually the answer of the world to violence is more violence. In spite of the fact that this process has never produced peace, it is still followed both personally and professionally by the best people as well as by the worst."

Oswald C. J. Hoffmann of St. Louis, who is head of "The Lutheran Hour" in America, said through the work of the Holy Spirit Christians take a look at themselves, "because they can no longer accept their own pride and prejudice and passion as the arbiters of action.

"We must observe and remember Reformation Day because we have started to have dialogue with those with whom

we have not had any communication for four hundred years. We have to be sure that we remember what the reformation meant and why it took place."

On the final morning of the Congress, delegates applauded a 1,000-word statement which addressed itself to each of the three parts of the Congress theme, "One Race, One Gospel, One Task."

"In the name of Scripture and of Jesus Christ, we condemn racialism wherever it appears," asserted the statement, approved by the Congress' sponsoring committee. "We ask forgiveness for our past sins in refusing to recognize the clear command of God to love our fellowmen with a love that transcends every human barrier and prejudice.

"We reject all modern theology and criticism that refuses to bring itself under the divine authority of Holy Scripture, and all traditionalism which weakens that authority by adding to the Word of God," the statement affirmed on "One Gospel."

The section dealing with "One Task" faced the reality that "not all who hear the Gospel will respond to it." But the delegates accepted as their responsibility to see that everyone is given the opportunity to decide for Christ in our time.

The statement was not presented to the delegates to vote on inasmuch as this was not a deliberative assembly. It was described as a statement of what the chairman, sponsoring and executive committees consider to be the mind and spirit of the Congress. Delegates in applauding it made it their own.

At a press conference on the eve of adjournment, Graham said he did not think so great an extent of unity was possible within such a short span.

To many delegates, a peak of the Congress was reached when Oral Roberts, American evangelist noted for a faith-healing ministry in crusades around the world, and one who, by his own statement seldom attended conferences, observed from the rostrum at a plenary session:

"I've been out-preached, out-prayed, and out-organized. I want to thank you for opening my eyes to the mainstream

of Christianity and bringing me a little closer to the Lord."

New prayer ties have been established by hundreds of delegates linked now with people they had never known before the Congress. The prayer ties cut across the scores of denominations represented at the Congress, and united pastors, theologians, administrators and evangelists.

The Prayer

Of Thanksgiving

Have the people of our nation forgotten the meaning of Thanksgiving? Have the events traditionally scheduled for this national holiday submerged the purpose originally and annually proclaimed by the President? Do we allow ourselves to slip into that frame of mind that says we have properly observed the day so long as we manage to squeeze into our crowded day of sports, travel, or what have you a big meal with perhaps a quick, glibly-said grace?

What, after all, is thanksgiving but the giving of thanks? From childhood we have known that giving thanks is the first and most simple form of prayer. Somehow, if we are to preserve in any real way the heritage and the significance of Thanksgiving Day we must discipline ourselves to take more time for prayer on that day. Every proclamation calls on us to pray. Moments of contemplation make us aware that we enjoy untold blessings in this well-favored land. Most of us do not show by our daily walk and conversation that we are grateful to God for the abundance of material blessings showered upon us and the opportunities to live life to the full. We take religious privileges for granted that are denied to half the world.

On this day, of all days, let us schedule such activities as will allow us time for contemplative prayer and time for verbalized prayers of thanksgiving in the home or in the church. Let us who are Christians resolve that if the day is improperly used it will not be by us. We will be witnesses to the goodness of God and will seek to lead others into a satisfying recognition of dependence on Him for life and all its privileges.

THANKSGIVING DAY, 1966

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

They came in tiny wooden ships. On an unknown and alien shore, they planted and built, settled and survived. Then they gave solemn thanks to God for His goodness and bounty. America, well over 300 years ago, had its first Thanksgiving Day.

For many years your presidents have had the opportunity to proclaim Thanksgiving Day, to address themselves to the American people, to remind us of the blessings we enjoy and the thanks that we owe.

If we consider the fervor with which those colonists in Virginia and Massachusetts gave thanks, when they had so little, we are taught how much deeper should our thanks be—when we have so much.

Never, in all the hundreds of Thanksgiving Days, has our nation possessed a greater abundance, not only of material things but of the precious intangibles that make life worth living.

Never have we been better fed, better housed, better clothed. Never have so many Americans been earning their own way, and been able to provide their families with the marvelous products of a momentous age.

Nor has America ever been healthier, nor had more of her children in school and in college. Nor have we ever had more time for recreation and refreshment of the spirit, nor more ways and places in which to study and to enrich our lives through the arts.

Never have our greatest blessings—our freedoms—been more widely enjoyed by our people. Nor have we ever been closer to the day when every American will have an equal opportunity and an equal freedom.

No, we do not yet have peace in the world. Our men are engaged again, as they have been on so many other Thanksgivings, on a foreign field fighting for freedom. But we can be thankful for their strength that has always kept our liberty secure. We can be thankful for our science and technology that helps to guard our America.

Thanks are better spoken by deed rather than word. Therefore, it behooves a grateful America to share its blessings with our brothers abroad, with those who have so little of the abundance that is ours.

Simple justice and a concern for our fellow man require that we be ready to offer what we can of our food, our resources, our talents, our energies, our skills, and our knowledge to help others build a better life for themselves.

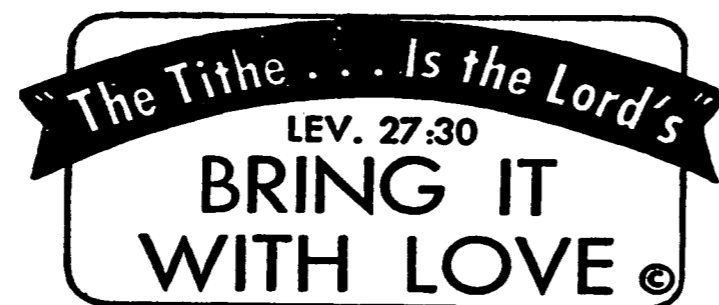
We should thank God that we are able.

Let us, therefore, in this splendid American tradition, thank Him who created us and all that we have. Let us do so with a firm resolve to be worthy of His abundant blessings. Let us assemble in our homes and in our places of worship, each in his own way.

Let us thank God for the America we are so fortunate to know.

The Russian Soviet Republic, on March 18, of this year, passed a law forbidding the collecting of offerings inside or outside the churches. Teaching religion to minors—even your own children—is forbidden, as is also refusal to work on certain days for religious reasons.

—Roland Hegstad, POAU



THANKSGIVING

THROUGH THE AGES

Did you know that Thanksgiving didn't become a nation-wide observance until 1864? It's a fact! And this is just one of the many surprising facts about our traditional American holiday.

The first Thanksgiving was held in December of 1621, when Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony appointed a day of celebration and sent four men out to shoot wild turkeys and other fowl.

The Pilgrims had come ashore from the Mayflower on Dec. 21, 1620. The winter that followed had been heart-breaking; half of the entire band had perished of disease, hunger and exposure. But the following March, two Algonquin Indians, Samoset from the Pemaquid tribe and Squanto from the Wampanoag tribe, befriended the remaining group, gave them Indian corn seed—telling them to plant “when the oak leaves are as big as mouse-ears,” and to catch fish to fertilize the soil. Thus the seeds were sown for the first Thanksgiving harvest.

It was a warm and bright summer, and the crops grew and thrived. When autumn arrived, the three log warehouses were filled with provisions—the harvest of twenty acres of corn, and six acres of wheat, rye, barley and peas.

Governor Bradford thought it fitting to celebrate and give thanks for their good fortune and a formal invitation was issued to Massasoit, grand sachem of the Pokanoket Indians to join them in a feast of Thanksgiving. Massasoit arrived with 90 of his followers and stayed for three days of feasting!

Thanksgiving days following harvests later came to be celebrated throughout the New England Colonies but on different and varying days. George Washington proclaimed November 26, 1789, as the first national Thanksgiving Day in honor of the new constitution; but the custom continued to vary widely among the states—kept alive only by the proclamations of local governors.

It was a woman, Sarah Josepha Hale, however, who first suggested that Thanksgiving should be a national patriotic

MEMORY TEXT

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. Amos 9: 13.

holiday. She was the editor of the popular woman's magazine called “Godey's Lady's Book,” and for almost twenty years she campaigned through editorials and letters to the President, state governors and other influential persons.

Finally, Sarah Hale was able to win the support of President Abraham Lincoln. In the third year of the Civil War, he believed that the Union had been saved; he therefore proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26—naming the last Thursday in November as the day to be observed each year.

But while it is wild and domestic turkey that is traditional in the United States for Thanksgiving, in Japan a similar holiday of thanks is celebrated each year on November 23 with visits to shrines and candy and pots of hot ceremonial tea.

The colorfully-clad natives on the island of Sardinia, on the other hand, meet at the end of the harvest season in August to offer their thanks in the Festival of the Savior. At sundown a solemn procession of people proceed to Church for prayer and to give thanks. Within a few days after the festival, the hunting season starts!

In Bavaria at the thanksgiving festivals, which take place each year at the end of the harvest season, natives dress in traditional attire and perform folk dances which go back to the 13th and 14th centuries.

It doesn't matter if you choose to celebrate Thanksgiving in the typical American fashion with domestic and wild turkey, or with colorful folk dances, or with hot ceremonial tea—just as long as the spirit remains, making the holiday one of the year's most eagerly awaited and universally enjoyed.

Evangelism on the March



A "March of Christian Witness" was staged in downtown Berlin October 30 by the World Congress on Evangelism. Leading the parade are, from left: Congress Chairman Carl Henry; The Rt. Rev. Chandu Ray, Bishop of the Anglican Church in Karachi, Pakistan; Bishop Alexander Mar Theophilus of the Mar Thoma Church, India; Prof. J. W. Winterhager of the Berlin Ecumenical Seminary; Billy Graham; and Supt. E. M. Helbick of the church of Berlin—Brandenburg. The march culminated at historic Kaiser - Wilhelm Church where 18,000 stood in the rain, sang "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and heard Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin and Graham.

Coming Next Week

The next issue will feature in the whole center section a display and picture story of one of the most exciting things Seventh Day Baptists are doing—promoting dedicated service by youth and adults. This feature is being prepared by Rev. Leon R. Lawton, director of evangelism, who has spearheaded the movement to a large extent and has trained the young people who have gone out under the program of SCSC (Summer Christian Service Corps).



From Jungles to Berlin

Rachel Saint of the Wycliffe Translators introduces Kimo (left) and Komi, Auca Indians, to the busy city of Berlin and the Kurfurstendamm Street. The trio left the jungles of Ecuador to participate in the World Congress on Evangelism being held at the Kongresshalle in Berlin. Miss Saint's brother, Nate, was one of five missionaries killed by the Auca tribe ten years ago. Since that time most of the tribe has become Christian.



His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia was one of the key speakers during the World Congress on Evangelism Oct. 26 - Nov. 4, in West Berlin.

Challenging Experiences In Faraway Lands

Some of the thoughts presented in a well illustrated talk by the Rev. Leland Davis, returned Guyana missionary, at the Yearly Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of New Jersey and Eastern New York—a glimpse into changed lives and developing leadership in a previously unmanned mission field centered in Georgetown, Guyana, S. A.

Picking up as the first resident missionary after a thirty year lapse from the time of Rev. Royal Thorngate was, in a sense, opening up a new Frontier of Faith such as we are talking about during this yearly meeting and the current Conference year.

We discovered that the distance to British Guyana was not great—no farther than from New York to California. We went there to establish a church in the capital city and to revive and rebuild the work in the villages. Our aim was to work ourselves out of a job—to start something, train others and let them take over the work. It was to be a sort of on-the-job training with an emphasis on youth. When we arrived in Georgetown in January 1962, we found only two Seventh Day Baptist families active. The basic principle of growth which we adopted was to start something with the few and build from what we had. Thus if there were only two young people we encouraged the formation of a class, and on these two the group was built.

Financially, there was some building to be done. We faced the challenge of establishing a Conference Workers Fund on a matching-fund basis. This fund is now supporting six men. It started with twice as much from the Missionary Board but is now on a one-to-one basis.

From a small nucleus of two families, Seventh Day Baptist work in Georgetown has steadily grown in that city over the past four and one half years. In the capital city district, gospel ministries are carried on now from three locations: Kitty, Ruimveldt, and Albeuystown.

Seven (three adults and four teenagers) lay workers living and serving in Georgetown are taking evening Bible courses at the Guvana Bible College. Formerly called Georgetown Bible Institute, the Guyana Bible College has purchased property near our headquarters in Kitty.

Those participating this fall are: Jacob N. Tyrrell, Leyland Bowen, Cecilia Haynes, Samuel Peters, Vibert Charles, Neal Luncheon, and Claire Fraser.

Samuel Peters has indicated his desire to train for full time Christian ministry of the gospel, sensing God's call. Aside from what he is regularly doing for the mission in Georgetown, Sammy has been asked to assist Jacob Tyrrell in the work at Peter's Memorial Church in the village of Parika

Mrs. Inez Peters has been serving as clerk, adult superintendent, and more recently as teacher of the Junior class started by Gertrude Davis. Now Sister Peters has taken over the Weekday Bible Club, which was started by Mrs. Davis. The youth leaders continue to assist with the club and the library.

Mary Sue Davis started a class for the children, and before she left with her parents to return to the States, the responsibility was jointly assumed by Sister Haynes and Miss Claire Fraser.

Pastor Leland Davis began a youth class with less than five students, and this group has grown to over three times that number, taught by Jacob Tyrrell.

Leland Bowen has an even greater challenge as he joins Pastor Bass in visiting in the homes and tries to build a strong adult Sabbath School.

One of my first converts in the Kitty area was Vibert Charles. On September 6, 1966, Vibert wrote me: "On October 16th, I will be eighteen years old. I thank the Lord for this and also for saving my life, not forgetting your good work that was carried on here, which brought me nearer to Him." He goes on to say that he was taking three courses at the Guvana Bible College: Doctrine of the Trinity, Church Music, and Basic Christianity. "I built a folding table (matching stool) with enough height to allow the pastor's projector to throw a beam over the news while the people are sitting in them."

What a thrill for Gertrude, Mary Sue and me as we sat back the last Sabbath before we left Guvana to see those national leaders, many of whom we had won to Christ and baptized, serving the Lord!

Guyana Gleanings

(Paragraphs of letter from Missionary Leroy Bass, dated October 19, 1966).

I am thrilled with the opportunities for service here; I have many willing helpers, both among the youth and the older folk. I can see that God's work through Seventh Day Baptists is going to go forward. We have a few men here qualified, or nearly qualified, to serve God full time in the ministry; we have a few women able to do a strong Bible work and visitation ministry full time if we could supply their living, and this work would grow fast. I know these people, our small membership, are not able to fully pay several men and women; but I believe we will also have some volunteer help, without pay, by some.

I'm praying and making plans to strengthen our hand here in this way. Our Sabbath schools and Wednesday Bible Clubs are full and growing. We badly need more used materials, lesson materials, take-home papers, and B.V.S. song books. Our rural churches have practically nothing for materials. What they had before is now used up. I am also appealing for library books for our children's and youth's lending libraries. These could be either used or new books. Used are preferred, because they are easier to get. Books do not stay on the shelves around here, and children have much schoolwork to do, too.

I have just returned from our Wednesday night Bible study and prayer service. Brother Jacob Tyrrell was conducting the service and Bible study, and at the close one twenty-one year old girl asked us how to become a child of God. She wanted to belong to God. We read the Scriptures, talked, and asked her questions. Praise God, a new child of the Kingdom was born again tonight. She prayed a most earnest and penitential prayer asking God to help her and save her, and make her an obedient child. These were among the most sacred moments of my life—witnessing the surrender of a young life to the God of all glory. There have been others before,

but this is brand new tonight. I prayed and thanked God for hearing her prayer. Afterward I asked her if she believed God heard her and came into her life. With tears of joy coming down her face she affirmed her belief, and said she was so happy. She lives on the other side of the city, and after making a visit to some people near us, she happened to see our service going on and came in for the first time. These are the wonderful ways God works. And she assured us she will come back.

You can see how I love this work here. I love the people. I love the work. I love the challenge working toward new ways of outreach, training of our leaders, etc. I am so happy to be here. Gordon is liking his school, the new American school just started, and sponsored by the Unevangelized Fields Mission. He is in the fifth grade. Vivian, our first grader, must be taught at home by her mother as first grade is not offered at the school this year. It will be next year. Marjorie is very busy with her work of the home, washing and ironing, preparing food, etc. She is also helping the children learn to play the piano, our nice piano that came with us from the States for our mission work as a gift of the New Jersey churches. Our youngest, Clifford, will start first grade next year.

God bless you, dear friends, in all your ways.

Missionary Board Meeting

Reviewed by the Secretary

There were twenty members and four visitors present at the fall quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, held on Sunday afternoon October 30, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. Visitors welcomed and given privileges of the day were Dr. and Mrs. Victor H. Burdick, recently returned missionaries from Malawi; Conference Secretary Alton Wheeler; and Miss Andrea Crandall, dedicated worker from Riverside, Calif.

Matters of particular interest which were considered included a report of progress on raising the \$10,000 toward purchase of "Blantyre House" in Malawi

for a home and office for the director of Christian education and evangelism, the Rev. David Pearson. Each one present was presented a pledge form on which to designate the amount of cash or pledge the board member would be willing to contribute toward the Blantyre project.

It was reported by Secretary Harris that over 3,000 bricks had already been sent out on request of just a few churches and over \$1,000 had been received to date from gifts and pledges.

A blue print and a picture of a sample house as provided by the Malawi Development Corp., were on display for board members to view. There was a feeling of optimism in the air as we considered this matter.

Secretary Harris and Treasurer Karl Stillman each spoke briefly of progress in negotiations for the purchase of the Georgetown, Guyana, mission property from Mr. Eric Straker. A down payment on this property in amount of \$1,735.30 (U. S. currency) has been sent.

The most recent correspondence (dated October 11, 1966) from Cameron and Shepherd, lawyer firm in Georgetown, states, "We have written to Mr. Straker and Pastor Leroy Bass requesting them to call at our office for the purpose of preparing the agreement of sale. As soon as these transactions are concluded we will again report to you."

The report of the African Interests Committee as presented by chairman Edgar Wheeler made note of a request for Dr. Victor Burdick's assistance at Malanie (Presbyterian) Hospital during the furlough of their resident doctor. The Missionary Board voted approval of this plan which carried Dr. Burdick's consent. It was recalled that Dr. Harvey of the Malamulo (Adventist) Hospital is presently assisting at Makapwa during Dr. Burdick's absence.

When called on, Dr. and Mrs. Burdick spoke of their work and hopes for the future in Malawi. Dr. Burdick urged the transfer of ownership of the Makapwa property to the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists at the same time that the acts of incorporation

are accepted by that Conference. It was agreed that the board would make a study of this matter and take action at a later date.

President Loren Osborn appointed the standing committees for the ensuing year. Committee chairmen are: Investments, Karl G. Stillman; Advisory, Harold R. Crandall; Home Field, S. Kenneth Davis; China, George V. Crandall; Ministerial Retirement, Karl G. Stillman; American Tropics, Paul Johnson; African Interests, Edgar F. Wheeler.

The Rev. Paul Maxson of the Berlin Church offered the opening prayer. Dr. Victor Burdick was requested to offer prayer before adjournment.

The War in Vietnam As Seen by Russian Baptists

The Russian Baptist denomination meeting in their All-Union Congress in Moscow issued a statement about the Vietnam War and addressed an appeal to 877 million Christians around the world to pray for peace and "to do everything in order to put an end to the sufferings of the Vietnamese people and to the death of their sons and daughters." The Russian church is setting aside November 20 as a day to pray for the end of the war. The first paragraph of the letter sent to the office of the general secretary of our Conference over the names of the presidium of the Russian Baptist church is quoted below:

"Day in and day out the military fire in Vietnam is developing more and more. The so-called escalation of war, proclaimed and realized by the US government, is becoming the escalation of cruelty and brutality of destructive means, used in Vietnam for the suppression of the people, who are fighting for their rights. Jungle is on fire, crops are being destroyed. The country suffocates in the smoke of napalm. The number of the perished people is increasing every day, and with the escalation of indescribable sufferings of the Vietnamese people the escalation of danger for world peace is growing. The bonfire of war, made in Vietnam, threatens to turn into world conflict, into world fire."

FAITH, DO YOU HAVE IT?

(A Sabbath morning message at DeRuyter, N. Y., by Timothy Looney, one of the young SCSC workers.)

Said the robin to the sparrow,
"I should like to know
Why those human beings
Rush about and worry so."
Said the sparrow to the robin,
"It would seem to me
They have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

If the birds of the air look down from their perches and make such observations then how does God look at our blunders, and haphazard living?

How often has each one of us shown his lack of faith this past week? Did you worry about how that torn shirt was going to be replaced? Did you think you were going to starve because you missed a meal? How about that task you thought you could not do by yourself? Did you forget that God would help?

The members of the Summer Christian Service Corps found that in the work of the Lord it does not "pay" to have little or no faith. In our visiting we found that if we were downcast and thought that we would not get into a house, we did not get into it.

Have you ever stopped to think about how much God cares for His creatures? He feeds and cares for them all. Not only the birds but every other creature as well, from the biggest whale right down to the smallest germ. No matter what they are, they are still cared for by the Lord God, Almighty.

Many of us have said, "It is not possible to have enough faith to be able to do mighty works for the Lord." We must remember that the Bible says, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17: 20). The mustard seed is very small but as it grows it becomes a large bush large enough to be called a tree. Faith is like the seed, it grows to an enormous size.

Why do men refuse to confess what they believe before other men, especially those who do not have the same ideas?

Christ said that if we believe and confess Him before men, He will confess us before God.

Paul in his second letter to Timothy witnesses to the fact that he is not afraid to confess to the Lord Jesus. He says, "I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1: 12).

Are you willing to deny your Christ and the faith you live by as Peter did the night of the trial, or would you be like Paul and not be ashamed to witness before men about the faith you have in the Lord Jesus?

Do you know what you are not ashamed of? Do you know that it is your life that you have committed to the Lord?

Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. He died for our sins and rose from the grave so that we might live. He told us to go into the world and tell others of His teachings and love. Do you believe this? If you don't know what you believe, or you are unsure, you must remember what Romans 10: 17 says: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Have you heard the word of God lately? Have you studied this Word so that you might know what you believe?

Those who have heard and know what they believe must show that they do have faith. Jesus once told us that if we say we believe and do not do the things of God, we then do not tell the truth. Would you be willing to prove that you believe in the Lord Jesus? Or would you be like the poet and say "Nay" when Christ asks you to go His way?

"The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one day,
To speak a message of cheer
To a heart that was weary and worn and sad,
Weighed down with a mighty fear.
He asked for mine, but 'twas busy quite,
With my own affairs from morn till night.
"The Lord Christ wanted a hand one day
To do a loving deed:
He wanted two feet on an errand for Him,
To run with gladsome speed.
But I had need of my own that day;
To His gentle beseeching I answered, "Nay."
"So all that day I used my tongue,
My hands, and my feet as I chose;
I said some hasty bitter words

That hurt one heart, God knows.
I busied my hands with worthless play,
And my willful feet went a crooked way.

"While the dear Lord grieved, with His work undone,

For the lack of a willing heart!
Only through men does He speak to man,
Dumb must he be apart,
I do not know, but I wish today,
I had let the Lord Christ have His way."
("Wanted—A Messenger," author unknown.)

Did you help someone this past week to know the Lord? Did you do something with your hands, feet, or tongue for the glory of God? Did you prove that you have faith in Christ? Have you done some work for the Lord Jesus Christ lately?

Let us prove that we do believe and that our faith is strong. Why not let Christ have His way in our lives today?

New and Renew

It is interesting to glance at the morning mail picked up from a drawer at the city Post Office and see how many letters are **Recorder** subscription renewals. Without these one-time renewals the **Sabbath Recorder** would cease to exist. On the other hand, there is a slow stream of people who cannot renew—particularly those whose obituaries are printed on the back page. To really serve the denomination and to extend our voice to those who need to hear our message we need a faster stream of new subscriptions. Your editor thinks that local church people should be the ones to talk up the denominational paper and get those new subscriptions. Since there is no financial gain involved this is dedicated service for the good of the cause. It is expensive to conduct subscription campaigns from a central headquarters, and the money available might better be spent on improving the content of the publication. Would you as a reader like to do something by way of persuading others? This is better in most cases than gift subscriptions to those who are well able to pay.

When You Read the Bible Through

By Leon M. Maltby

Many Seventh Day Baptists in churches everywhere will embark on a new program of Bible reading on January 1—a program of reading the Bible through in 1967. Samples of the leaflet from the American Tract Society which sets up the system and serves as a daily record have been sent to all churches. Each church should order enough copies to give every member an opportunity to participate. There is much the pastor can do to promote this profitable reading. More about that in a later article.

When you read the Bible through you may want some helps to make each book more meaningful to you. There are many such books. Ask your pastor to suggest one that might suit you. One book that sounds as if it were made just for the person who has never read the Bible through has come to my attention by way of some strong recommendations. It is **Exploring the Scriptures** by John Phillips, a book that is available from Moody at 820 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. 60610 for \$3.00 and probably from other Bible book stores. The foreword is by the popular, powerful radio and television preacher, Stephen Alford, who calls it "An exciting itinerary into God's world of unfolding truth." The advertising leaflet from **Moody Monthly** says:

"It is a fast-moving tour of the Holy Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. It is a book that will open up your Bible in a new and exciting way—a wonderfully different kind of Bible study book by one of today's most gifted Bible expositors."

Individuals wishing to prepare themselves for a thorough reading of the Bible might do well to order a copy of this book and read between Thanksgiving and Christmas or read it in appropriate sections during the year to gain help on the less familiar portions of the Word.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 3, 1966

God's Promise of Peace

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-9.

Inner City Work

It was the privilege of the secretary of the Board of Christian Education to attend a state-wide consultation on the work of the church in the inner city held at Thornfield Conference Center, Cazenovia, N. Y., October 25, 26.

Persons from New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, and other city workers reported on work being done. Two outstanding speakers shared their experiences and thoughts.

Two copies of "Handbook on Christian Education in the Inner City" by Lester W. McManis were purchased for resale to persons of our denomination who are interested in inner city work. They sell for \$2.95 each.

Copies may also be purchased through your local book store.

Youth Work

After review of the suggestions sent to it by the Youth Work Interests Committee of General Conference, the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education voted to accept them. The suggestions are "that a six month's subscription to the 'Beacon' be sent to all Seventh Day Baptist lone-Sabbathkeeping youth, the names to be supplied to the 'Beacon' staff by local youth fellowships" and "that \$1,000 be raised by the youth of the denomination outside of the O W M funds, and that \$200 of it be given to the Dedicated Service Worker and \$800 be used to pay a Youth Field Worker when one is obtained."

All local SDBYFs are urged to send immediately names of lone-Sabbathkeeping youth connected with their church to Mr. Lyle Sutton, Almond, N. Y. 14804, so that the complimentary "Beacons" may begin with the next issue.

The Milton SDBYF is in charge of raising the money (\$1,000) to be divided as indicated above. The group has sent an appeal to all of our churches, and has the fervent hope that all of our people will support their campaign. A time goal of March 26, 1967 has been set

for the completion of the project.

Those who contribute will send their money to Miss Sue Fitz Randolph, 6 N. Janesville St., Milton Junction, Wis. 53564.

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat is being planned for next August. Mr. Leland Bond, a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, has agreed to be the director. It appears now that there will be some change of age range for our Pre-Con Retreats. Watch for the announcement.

Material for Youth Week has arrived. It will be adapted and mailed to our churches approximately two months before National Youth Week, January 29-February 4, 1967.

It's Worth Your Life

The Rev. William M. Dyal, Jr., Director of Organization for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn., has won the Association Press \$2,000 award for the best manuscript for a book in the area of youth and Christianity. The manuscript, entitled "It's Worth Your Life: A Christian Challenge to Youth Today," was selected out of a field of several score entries.

Topics covered by Mr. Dyal in "It's Worth Your Life" include: Key to the Authentic: Truth; Discovering the Real You: Repentance; Better than Whistling in the Dark: Courage; Love in Action: Justice; A Way of Life: Morality; The Price to Pay: Involvement. The book will be published in May 1967.

Mr. Dyal's wide international experience ranges from the United Nations and the Peace Corps to foreign mission work in Latin America. In April of this year, he was sent to Venezuela at the request of the Peace Corps to evaluate the effectiveness of its program there.

He came to the Christian Life Commission from a 10-year relationship with the SBC Foreign Mission Board, where he was Associate Secretary for Missionary Personnel with particular responsibility for the orientation of new missionaries.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

NCC General Assembly

The tentative program for the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches for the December 4-9 meeting at Miami Beach is already pretty well drawn up. Rates at a number of recommended hotels are quoted. The Assembly will be held at Fontainebleau Hotel. It is expected that the meeting will draw some 750 official voting representatives of the member denominations besides consultants, fraternal delegates, visitors, and members of the press. Only two public sessions will be held. There will be four sessions for seventy sections that will discuss diverse subjects related to the various divisions of NCC.

Among the special speakers scheduled is Dr. Billy Graham, who has a luncheon address on Tuesday, Dec. 6, entitled "How the World May Know." The theme of the Assembly is taken from John 17: 23 "That the World May Know."

Delegates will deal with the pressing issues facing modern American Christianity, including the ecumenical movement, evangelism, urban renewal, and the moral implications of a host of problems arising out of science and technology, sex, marriage and family life, race relations, international relations, and problems of poverty and revolution.

A Word for College Men

The president of LeTourneau College discusses the need for college students to get more than theory in their technical studies. He goes on to stress the need for making the most of the circumstances and surroundings in which he finds himself. His following words must meet with general approval by the thoughtful:

"College experience generally is rather pleasant and surely less taxing than later pressures of getting on in life. If a student can't learn to live peaceably and successfully in these comparatively pleasant surroundings, how is he going to be able to cope with the more difficult ones ahead of him?"

Early Shopping Is Best

Does it make any difference when you do your Christmas shopping for those you love? Yes, in more ways than one. It is more pleasurable for you; it insures that your loved ones get better gifts—not leftovers after you run low on funds.

Every year quite a number of people have the good intention of giving several **Sabbath Recorder** subscriptions for Christmas. Sometimes they do not do this part of their Christmas shopping early enough to make it seem like a Christmas gift and sometimes if they wait too long the money gets spent for other things that seem more urgent at the moment. There are many people who do not have their own denominational paper who would dearly love to have it.

If you would like to help with people whose relatives would not remember to give this kind of gift we can pick names from our file and make your generous gift count where it is needed.

Shop early! Give **Recorder** subscriptions now!

NCC Conducts Memorial Service

Hundreds of the friends and associates of Dr. Robert W. Spike gathered in Riverside Church in New York City on October 28 to honor his memory. Dr. Spike was killed on October 17 in the United Christian Center on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, which he had dedicated the day before. He was director of a new doctor-in-ministry program at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

The Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, which Dr. Spike had served before coming to the National Council of Churches to head its Commission on Religion and Race, conducted the memorial service.

"For nearly eight years," said Dr. Douglass, "we occupied connecting offices and in our daily exchange of views, I came to admire immeasurably his flashing imagination and his immediate grasp of problems as they related to the Christian mission." Stating, "I would have

trusted my life to Robert Spike without even stopping to think about it," Dr. Douglass paid high tribute particularly to his role in the civil rights struggle.

"From the march on Washington to Selma, Ala., he traveled the length and breadth of the land, always with a clear-eyed purpose and single-minded devotion. I wonder how many would have been so deeply involved in the struggle without his inspired leadership?"

Others taking part in the service included the Rt. Rev. Daniel Corrigan of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church; the Rev. Benjamin F. Payton, Dr. Spike's successor on the NCC Commission on Religion and Race; and the Rev. Dr. Jon L. Regier, associate general secretary of the National Council for Christian Life and Mission.

Special Issue Sent

Last week **Recorder** subscribers were sent a bonus issue in color without extra charge. It was filled with solid articles designed for a wide readership. Many churches and individuals had sent in advance orders to make the total printed quite a little more than recent special issues. Subscribers who did not order extras in advance for distribution to friends and neighbors may now send \$1.00 for ten copies as long as the limited supply of extras lasts. Individual copies are 15 cents each.

News of Ministers

The Paint Rock, Ala., church has called Clifford Beebe to serve as pastor during the winter. He expects to leave his present work at the Crites Mountain Mission in West Virginia sometime in December. Weather and road conditions in that area make it difficult to do much there during the winter months.

Paul Beebe, teaching in a high school on Sand Mountain, Ga., this year continues to keep up his ministerial training assignments. He reports that he is presently serving as Sabbath School superintendent at Paint Rock and that a Sabbath School has been started on Sand Mountain where there are quite a number of Sabbathkeepers of different denominational backgrounds.

David Pearson, studying at Philadelphia and the Plainfield Ministerial Training Center for his future work in Malawi, Africa, has been filling the pulpit at Marlboro, N. J. on a somewhat regular basis.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED, N. Y.—Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Burdick, who spent quite a bit of time in India have recently entertained Mr. Roy Baker, missionary to India and founder of Asian Screen, Inc. A specialist in audio-visual aids, he gave the children's message at church October 29. That evening he spoke to those interested about his ministry in India.

Our church has long been preparing for the second sesquicentennial celebration on November 11, 12. The theme around which the program was built was "Looking Back—the Past Fifty Years."

The Christian Education Committee elected Linda Butts chairman for 1966-67 and laid plans for regular, "on-the-job training" in education work and also considered the Silver Cross Achievement program. —Correspondent.

NEW AUBURN, WIS.—August was "Fair Month." The New Auburn Church manned the Seventh Day Baptist booth sponsored by the North Central Association at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair in Chippewa Falls. We distributed over 4,000 pieces of literature. It is impossible to know the full impact of this evangelizing. We do know that there is a responsibility to the many people in neighboring booths in our building. This seemed to be all the more gratifying because of the constant contact with these people. Our church also sponsored a booth at the Bloomer Community Fair with responsibilities much the same.

We've been having our Bible studies again. The people who attend miss it greatly and request it when it doesn't meet regularly.

We've gathered together a choir and we practice every Wednesday evening. This has been and continues to be a joy to all who participate, especially since we haven't been too active in this capacity in recent years.

In September we had our first Family Retreat and Planning Session. This fulfilled the first dream of our pastor for this church. It was planned by him and the Advisory Board. We were granted the use of Norwesco Girl Scout Camp about twelve miles east of New Auburn. It is nestled in 700 acres of God's magnificent creation, providing inspiration at every turn. The buildings were modern and lovely. We had good attendance and everyone felt richly inspired by the surrounding beauty and the services.

The same camp became available to our Senior Youth Fellowship for the retreat at which the Dodge Center and Milton young people were guests. There were forty-six young people and ten counselors present.

It is evident that camp promotes well this desire for fellowship among our young people. In this way families and churches also become closer and we walk closer to God in Christian fellowship.

Our Ladies Aid is an important organization of the church, which continues to be active. Our basic programming is set up in accord with the packet from the Women's Board.

Charles H. Brent has said of the church: "The call to unity is like the flow of a river: it never ceases. It has been sounding with varying accents through the successive generations since the beginning. To us it has of late come with new force through the voice of God's Spirit speaking to the many divided communities of our day, as the call of a shepherd to his scattered flock. We have responded to His call. He presides over us. In proportion to our obedience to His guidance we shall be able to promote His will and embrace it as our own. He appeals to us to hush our prejudices, to sit lightly to our opinions, to look on the things of others as though they were our very own—all this without slighting the convictions of our hearts or our loyalty to God."

Our main objective is to win souls to Christ and this can only be accomplished by a deeply spiritual church, a church aware of and motivated by God's Spirit. I cannot give an account of each

individual's spiritual growth, but I have personally felt the vibrant warmth of the Spirit working within our church.

We ask your prayers as we continue to seek God's will for us so that all we do might be for the glory of God.

—Clerk.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—The yearly Meeting of the six New Jersey and Eastern New York churches convened at Plainfield, N. J., Sabbath eve, October 14. The theme was "The Challenge of Modern Frontiers." The Rev. Paul Maxson of Berlin, N. Y., gave an inspiring sermon that evening on the topic, "Preparing to Open Modern Frontiers."

On Sabbath morning the sanctuary was well filled. Miss Andrea Crandall, dedicated youth worker, gave the children's message, and the Rev. David Pearson presented a challenging sermon on "Dynamic Witnessing Where You Are." He applied the questions "Where are you?" and "Where is your brother?" (Gen. 3. and 4) to each of us, saying that we are accountable for our own salvation and for our brother's. Witnessing must begin at home.

After a delicious dinner at the Shiloh Baptist Church, the afternoon worship was conducted by John Conrod, a seminary student. Following special music, the group divided into adults led by General Secretary Alton Wheeler, youth led by Dean Victor Skaggs, John Conrod, and Miss Andrea Crandall, and children led by Miss Nancy Burdick. Secretary Wheeler's discussion topic was "Exciting Opportunities in Our Home Land." He said we are at a crossroads, and he challenged us to rededicate our lives, talents, and money to winning people here. On a U. S. map he pinpointed many opportunities for dedicated service, including our headquarters in Plainfield.

Following supper served free by the local Fellowship Committee, vespers were presented by the Shiloh and Marlboro youth. Then the Rev. Leland Davis shared some of the inspiring experiences of his family as missionaries in Guyana. After the meeting the young people had a singspiration and a party.

—Correspondent.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Receipts for October 1966

Adams Center	101.16	Memorial Fund	1,188.37
Albion		Metairie	
Alfred		Middle Island	20.00
Alfred Station		Milton	
Algiers		Milton Junction	218.10
Associations & Groups	75.20	New Auburn	51.30
Battle Creek	424.55	North Loup	242.25
Bay Area	44.00	Nortonville	254.93
Berlin		Old Stonefort	45.00
Boulder	68.20	Paint Rock	60.00
Brookfield, 1st		Pawcatuck	481.05
Brookfield, 2nd	5.00	Plainfield	239.59
Buckeye Fellowship		Putnam County	
Buffalo	25.00	Richburg	39.00
Chicago	25.00	Ritchie	
Daytona Beach	216.66	Riverside	101.17
Denver	136.23	Roanoke	
DeRuyter	6.00	Rockville	16.75
Dodge Center	279.94	Salem	28.00
Edinburg		Salemville	25.00
Farina		Schenectady	31.00
Fouke	5.00	Shiloh	5.00
Hammond		Syracuse	
Hebron, 1st		Texarkana	
Hopkinton, 1st	204.25	Trustees of General Conf.	
Hopkinton, 2nd	31.00	Verona	130.00
Houston		Walworth	
Independence	34.75	Washington	
Individuals	94.00	Washington, People's	30.00
Irvington	350.00	Waterford	125.65
Jackson Center		White Cloud	47.52
Kansas City	30.00	Yonah Mt.	
Little Genesee			
Little Rock	24.35	Total	\$ 6,721.97
Los Angeles	640.00	Non-Budget	613.80
Los Angeles, Christ's	100.00		
Lost Creek	150.00	Total to Disburse	\$ 7,335.77
Marlboro	272.00		

OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 326.45
Memorial Fund for Ministerial Ret.	384.32
Ministerial Education	1,585.32
Missionary Society	2,809.20
Tract Society	561.40
Trustees of Gen. Conference	20.99
Women's Society	86.41
World Fellowship & Service	44.18
General Conference	1,467.50
Salem College	15.00
S.D.B. World Federation	35.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 7,335.77

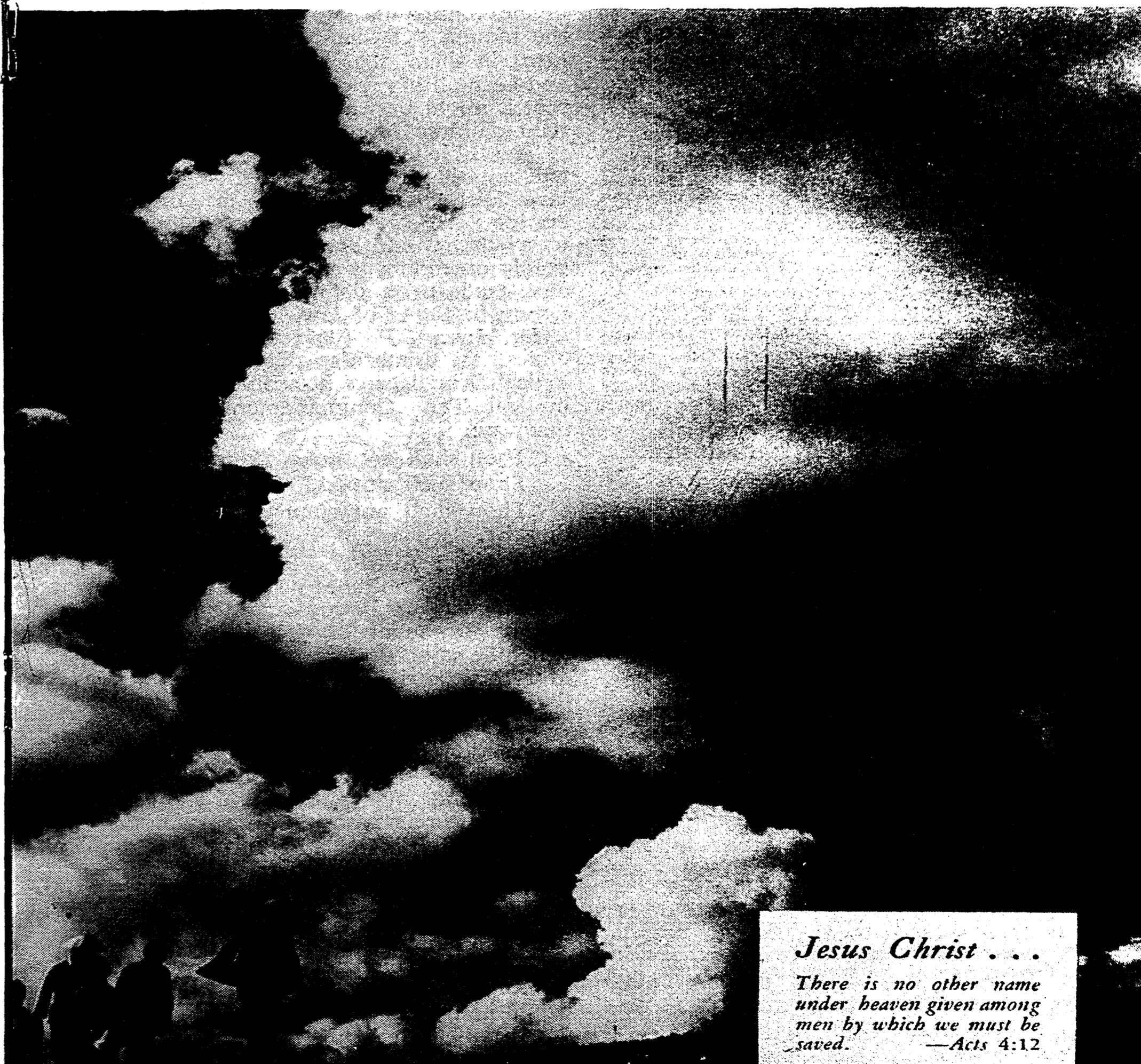
S U M M A R Y

1966-1967 Budget	\$124,735.00
OWM Treasurer Receipts	6,721.97
Balance due in 11 months	\$118,013.03
Needed per month	\$10,728.46
Percentage of year elapsed	8.33%
Percentage of budget raised	5.39%

October 31, 1966
Gordon L. Sanford
OWM Treasurer

No Board Receipts Reported.

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There is no other name
under heaven given among
men by which we must be
saved. —Acts 4:12