

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

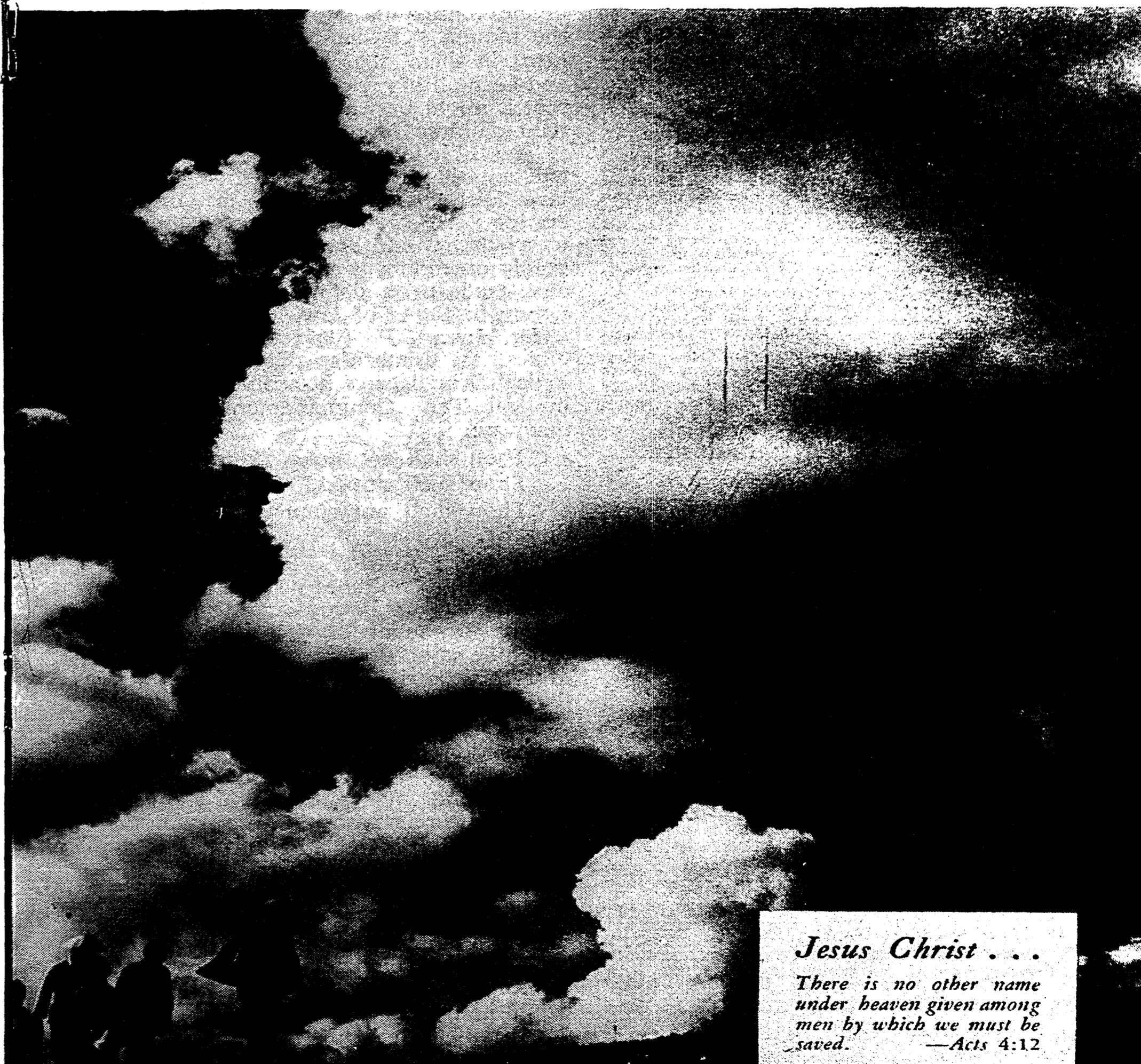
S U M M A R Y

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

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Amending Ten Commandments

When Moses went up into the mountain to receive from the Lord the Ten Commandments, the people, seeing the glory and power of God in the distant fire, promised, "All that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee . . . we will hear it and do it." God knew how quickly this promise could be broken, how quickly His people would seek to modify, amend or just plain disobey His divine commands. He said to Moses on the mount, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all of my commandments always that it might be well with them and with their children forever" (Deut. 5: 29).

The Bible tells the story of disobedience and sin that followed the giving of the law. History repeats itself in our generation. There is a new school of thought today that would destroy the Decalog by boldly amending it, denying that there is any need for a definition of right and wrong in terms of law.

Dr. Joseph F. Fletcher, professor of ethics at Cambridge Episcopal Theological School, says he would amend the biblical Ten Commandments to read this way:

"Thou shalt not covet, ordinarily.

"Thou shalt not kill, ordinarily.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery, ordinarily.

"In other words," Fletcher says, "for me there are no rules—none at all."

Dr. Fletcher is considered America's leading exponent of "situation ethics," which he says "declares that anything and everything is right or wrong according to the situation—what is wrong in some cases would be right in others."

Situation ethics, the newest thing in disobedience, is criticized by Bible exponents and interpreters because it says that there are no positives; everything is relative. Dr. Fletcher admits that his approach to the law of God "is indeed a revolution in morals."

If a person following this theory of situation ethics were brought into court on a charge of adultery and pleaded, "I do not commit adultery ordinarily," would he be free from the charge or from the penalty? Probably he would find as Adam and Eve did in the Garden of

Eden that excuses do not remove the penalty for eating forbidden fruit.

What we have here in situation ethics is pretty much the same age-old story of disobedience spelled the modern way. It has infected our 20th Century society more deeply than we would like to admit. Others may not have been quite so candid in stating their amended version of divine law, but their attitudes and actions have been the same.

The illustration given above does not say how the Sabbath commandment would be amended but it is one of the first to be nullified because it is arbitrary and disobedience to it is not punishable under our civil laws. We who believe that God knew what was for the good of man when He gave the Sabbath law look with sorrow on the spread of relativism and may well gird on our armour to fight anew the gospel battle—the battle for biblical righteousness. We must not only avoid this self-destroying snare but must proclaim the wisdom, the justice and the love of God. Our task is to rescue men from what the Bible speaks of as the snare of the devil.

There are some absolutes; there are some ultimates; there is the judgment seat of Christ where we must appear to "answer for the things done in the body, whether they are good or bad."

Average Giving

There is a place in our denominational economy for statistics and computing of averages. There are those who need to know the figures on average giving, but improvement in giving habits comes in other ways than by publicizing the averages and asking churches to come up to the average. Just as forgiving means forgetting, so, giving also means forgetting the failures of others and determining that we will shoulder our full responsibility in returning to the Lord's work a just portion of our earnings.

It has been figured out that an average gift of \$22 per year from all Seventh Day Baptist church members would raise the larger OWM budget of \$124,735 for 1966-67. During the past year it was \$18.82, we are told.

There are two statements in the same chapter of the Bible. One says that those who are strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak. The other says that every man must bear his own burden. We will not try to explain just how this can be, but we know it is true in regard to financial "burdens." In order to raise our OWM budget wage earners need to bear their own burdens and non-wage earners need to give proportionately of their smaller incomes. Unless a great many of us think in terms of more than \$22 per month instead of per year we will never raise the denominational average to the point of a balanced budget.

A publication of one of the churches in the Western Association shows that the seven churches last year were below the national average (at \$18.17). Individual churches averaged \$17.69, \$13.51, \$42.00, \$14.30, \$14.82, \$29.36, and \$25.03. Giving, however, is by individuals who decide how much they can or will give to the larger work. The appeal for more consistent and more generous giving must ultimately be made to the individual, not the church, not the Association. How much do we love the Lord? How much do we care?

MEMORY VERSES

The practice of printing each week a verse suggested for memorization is long standing. It goes way back of the present editor's association with our denominational paper. The editor enjoys making these selections because he often reads many chapters to find a good verse not previously used. The reason for mentioning memory verses at this time is that he believes that the same verse has not been suggested twice during the past thirteen years. This week's verse (Heb. 4: 12) fits the Bible emphasis of December 10. It was used for the same reason just two years ago.

MEMORY TEXT

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4: 12.

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Surplus Food Shortage

Did you know that one of the shortages that is becoming a matter of much concern is the shortage of surplus foods? When you stop to think of it, where but in the United States could such contradictory terms as "shortage of surplus" be used. We know what the meaning is. For years we were over producing grain and dairy products. In order to avoid dumping this over production on the market and thus forcing the price down to a point where the farmers would lose money the government bought up much of the surplus and stored it.

To meet the needs of a hungry world and to support the poor of this country the government has drawn on this surplus food while at the same time paying the farmers so much per acre for the acres withdrawn from production of these surplus items. Church World Service, which has for twenty years depended on government surpluses to provide a large portion of the grain and dried milk it shipped to the most needy areas abroad, is now faced with a serious shortage of this main source of supply. CWS has announced that for the first time in its history it has had to place strict priorities on its distribution of U. S. surplus food commodities. The result is the CWS has to request larger gifts in its Share Our Substance (SOS) appeal at Thanksgiving time. It is noted that some time ago the name of the appeal was changed from Share Our Surplus to the present name. Another new program to meet the need is a greater emphasis on ways of increasing food production in countries of hunger. In this respect the shortage of surplus may be a blessing in disguise—if the increased production is significant in quantity.

Those who contribute to the SOS program from now on will find that there is a closer relation between the amount contributed and the goods received. The money will not go so far but it will be a contribution of our own rather than merely providing funds to distribute that which belonged to the government—purchased with tax dollars.

All In a Day's Mail

We often find ourselves wondering what the other fellow does with all his time. If we knew we would probably banish some of the harsh, critical thought that we might now entertain. For instance, some parishioners not too close to the pastor wonder what he does with his time; he seems to work only one day a week when he stands in the pulpit. Probably there are not so many nowadays who ignorantly hold that view; they know how much is demanded of the minister night and day.

It is not nearly so easy for the average person to be familiar with the daily schedule of denominational board secretaries and editors. Members of the Planning Committee come to appreciate all the work done by other members. They are likely to wonder how the other person gets so much done in the twenty-four hours of each day. It might be good if there could be a sort of senate gallery to observe the week-long sessions of Planning Committee (held at Plainfield November 4-10) — a week of hard work planning for the advance of the Lord's work as represented by Seventh Day Baptists.

Not the least of the work done by a board secretary or a secretary-editor is to take care of the mail, letters and other pieces that come in. The editor of the **Sabbath Recorder**, because there are many things he wants to read and because there are so many things that other publishers want him to read, receives and files some 45 or 50 periodicals besides the papers that are thrown away. The mail on some days is light, on some heavy. On Monday morning, for instance, he may find about 45 letters and other pieces of mail exclusive of the subscription renewals which are handled by another desk. This mail is always welcome, and the more the better. It does, however, take time to handle and answer. It is a constant challenge to find time enough for all the duties that crowd the days of those who are commissioned to serve the whole denomination.

Challenging Fall Meeting Of Pacific Coast Association

By Cheryl Peil

The theme, "Open Our Hearts," was based on the Scripture: "And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? . . . And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. . . . If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11: 5-13).

The Sabbath evening worship service was led by Douglas Mackintosh, and was highlighted with a violin solo by Mrs. Starlin Ross. A male quartet sang "Listening." Pastor C. Rex Burdick delivered the evening message, "Open Our Hearts—Asking."

Albyn Mackintosh started the Sabbath morning program well as superintendent of the Sabbath School. The morning message was delivered by Pastor Glen Warner, "Open Our Hearts—Seeking."

After a delicious lunch, we sat in on a missionary round table consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Burdick, Sarah Becker, Joan Clement, Marian Hargis, and Dr. and Mrs. Thorngate. This was most enjoyable, especially spiced up with Dr. Thorngate's refreshing sense of humor!

Then came the fun; a talent program sponsored by the Los Angeles Youth Fellowship! Ben Peil was master of ceremonies.

Sunday morning brought all sorts of committee meetings and of course, the inevitable semiannual business meeting. Really, it was quite interesting.

Then came the "such sweet sorrow" of parting with our friends, and wishing them well for another six months.

World Congress on Evangelism

Never before in the history of the world has there been such a conference or congress on evangelism as was held for ten days in Berlin ending November 4. It was sponsored as a tenth anniversary project of the fast-growing, highly respected magazine **Christianity Today** whose editor, Carl F. H. Henry, was the organizer and chairman of the gathering. It was not unique in size, for many gatherings, evangelistic in purpose, have been much larger. It was different in that the 1200 delegates brought together from 100 nations were personally invited for the contribution they could make or the new purpose that they could carry back to the organizations or the lands which they represented. The World Congress brought together evangelicals who had never worked together before along with a few national figures, such as Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

The news releases (two or more per day) coming to the desks of editors of denominational and interdenominational papers have told a thrilling story of the messages, deliberations and dramatic events of the congress—a story that would be highly stimulating to all who are interested in the evangelization of the world in these difficult but momentous days of opportunity.

Evangelist Billy Graham, honorary chairman, who spoke at the beginning and at the end told a press conference on the eve of the closing day that the full significance of the gathering might not be seen for ten years. In his closing message he pleaded for personal rededication. An Asian delegate summed up the personal factor by saying, "Evangelism is still the proclamation of the Gospel through me."

As the delegates followed the flags of their 100 nations out of the Kongresshalle to climax the ten-day event, they saw for the last time the ticking-clock display which burned into their memory the fact the world's population had increased nearly one million since the Congress opened.

The population gain is ten times faster than converts to Christ are being won, the exhibit warned.

Enough, Thanks!

Special gifts received from members of the Dodge Center, Minn., Seventh Day Baptist Church have made it possible for our missionaries in Georgetown, Guyana, to purchase a much needed washing machine. This will meet a need expressed by Pastor and Mrs. Leroy Bass.

**Impressions Upon
Return to Jamaica**

(By Principal Neal D. Mills, Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica)

As we return to Jamaica it is interesting and in some ways quite amazing to see the changes which have taken place during the thirteen years since we left. As we rode from the airport with Courtland and Frankie Davis in their car along the narrow Palisadoes peninsula we noted that instead of the open beaches where we used to go swimming there were shops and houses.

In Kingston the donkey carts and hand pushed carts have almost disappeared. The streets are crowded with cars and busses especially at rush hours. There are still many bicycles and pedestrians. At many important intersections there are much needed traffic lights. The city has expanded into the country and enveloped many small villages. Many new housing developments are growing rapidly and many modern supermarkets are conveniently located and carry a wide variety of goods.

Quite a few Seventh Day Baptists live in better homes than formerly and own automobiles. Many of our churches have built new and attractive houses of worship. On October 30 we attended a missionary meeting at Cottage. I recalled a former visit when they had built a very small foundation and I urged them to have faith and build larger. Now they have a neat little church at least twice as large as that first foundation and it was crowded for the missionary meeting. We have visited the Mountain View church three times. It is far from finished but it is usable and I'm sure an eager congregation will finish it in due time.

The people are very friendly and cordial as they welcome us back. Some remind me that I baptized them or married them; some express appreciation for things we said or did which we had long forgotten. It makes us glad to see our former Crandall High School students serving as pastors and leaders in the churches or in responsible positions of public service. Of course some have disappointed us. We hope that many of our present students will go out to be of service to the church and society and an honor to their school.

It is interesting to note the place of the Bible and religion in the lives of the Jamaican people. On Sabbaths and on Sundays many young people and older ones may be seen on the streets carrying Bibles. At least in our churches most of the people can quote many passages from both Old and New Testaments.

In a supermarket I came upon a young girl singing a religious song. When I began to sing along with her she smiled and went on singing, not the least embarrassed. In the barber shop the East Indian who cut my hair quietly sang to himself a Christian song as he worked. While getting some repairs on the car I heard several workmen in the garage singing a familiar sacred song.

Missionaries are greatly needed here, not so much to teach the Bible as to interpret it in terms of everyday conduct and human relations. Of course there probably are many who know little or nothing of the Bible but those who have been to school have been taught it there. We pray that at Crandall High School we may teach the Bible, explain its meaning in practical terms and present living examples of its spirit and teachings in our own lives.

The Bible Speaks

The Rev. Lawrence W. Althouse, minister of Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Church, Mohnton, Pa., has been selected to write the newspaper column, "The Bible Speaks," starting this month. It is produced by the Uniform Lesson Committee of the NCC's Division of Christian Education.

An Invitation To You To Become Involved In



1967

**DEDICATED
SERVICE**

Dedicated Service has been a growing concept and action among Seventh Day Baptists. It is destined to enlarge in scope and service in the months ahead.

"There have always been those in our churches who on the local level have given Dedicated Service—in teaching Sabbath School, in holding responsible and time consuming offices, in giving work on church building, parsonages, and in the construction and upkeep of our church camps. For Seventh Day Baptists the cooperation and the involvement of members in the total witness of the church is held high.

"Such involvement, however, has been limited because other matters have dominated the life, and such service, while wholly given, is usually on the circumference rather than at the focal point of life.

"DEDICATED: 'to set apart to a definite use or service.' In this context we think of lives that are set apart from the normal pursuits of life voluntarily given in trust to the Lord for a set period of complete use in the witness and work of the church. This is done without salary. The main objective is to reveal the love of Christ and His concern for the primary need of men—to know God's provision for them causing them to yield their lives into His hand for His purpose."

(Quotes from the booklet S. D. B. DEDICATED SERVICE, pp. 3, 4. Published in 1965)



Part of the S.C.S.C. 1966; Back, L to R: Tim Looney, Nancy Cruzan, Dale Rood; Front, L to R: Phyllis Fuller, Andrea Crandall, Nancy Brannon.

SUMMER CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORPS

CARPENTERS

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL WORKERS

PRINTERS — MISSIONERS — Preaching, Teaching, Training

ARTISTS — SUMMER CAMP TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS — PHOTOGRAPHERS — OFFICE WORKERS — SIGN PAINTERS

Missioners

The missioner program— individuals going to a sister church to lead in evangelistic services, Bible study, visitation, teaching, deeper life meetings, Sabbath School organization and training of workers, etc.—has been an enlarging ministry. In the past three years nearly 100 men and women, laymen and pastors, have volunteered their service. Not all have been called, but they were ready and willing. Thirty-nine are on the current list, willing to give a weekend, a week, or longer. The Missionary Board is helping to get missioner and church together.



Showing concern
LOVE
helping those
in need

Individual Service—

V. C. S. / Camps

For many years vacation church school and camp workers have been sent to aid local churches. Under the direction of the Board of Christian Education and the financial backing of the Women's Board, workers have gone as individuals. Such workers are being called for in 1967.

Teams — S.C.S.C.

The Summer Christian Service Corps is entering its fourth year. Its teams of young people aid in visitation, taking a census or survey, conducting D.V.B.S. in new areas, and generally aiding the evangelistic outreach of a local church. Several have been caught up in the challenge of such a witness and have served for two summers. Correspondence study for the 1967 corps is to begin in January. Those wishing to become corps members are urged to submit their applications without delay.



Despite the facilities using them to share the gospel stories

Annual Service

Annual dedicated service—the giving of one year of service—has begun with the first volunteer giving her time in secretarial help in the Conference office. She is also visiting churches and youth groups as opportunities open. Anyone meeting and speaking with Andi Crandall will immediately be aware of the joy and purpose this is bringing to her. And, her service is meeting a vital need during these months too.

"FACING FRONTIERS WITH FAITH"

"OPEN YOUR HEART LOVING"



Teaching eager youth and children

Work Projects

Await Workers

This picture needs to be filled! by you?

Our Publishing House needs repairs — carpenters, painters, laborers, plumbers, masons, glaziers— and there is much that those with a basic knowledge of printing could do too.

Other work projects may be set by local churches who lack trained workers to do the particular task and sufficient funds to have it done commercially. You could enter into this type of Dedicated Service.

Home Projects

Dedicated work is being done by several with special talents in their own homes. Signs are being painted, films developed and prints made, filmstrips produced, and art work and writing have been the service of some. God has given talents to us all and you are encouraged to let us know where you can use these for His glory and in Dedicated Service.

Overseas Projects

Dedicated Service has been, and is being done overseas. One pastor was released by his church to serve in a special month of service with our sister conference in Jamaica. A missionary couple is remaining on the field, in dedicated service, to continue their help and encouragement to new workers and the local churches and school.

Visitation with a purpose . . . sharing God's love for all



DEDICATED SERVICE ". . . has meant a great deal to me personally . . . I found a closeness to the others and especially to God that I have never felt before. . . . It stirred up in me new and stronger desires to serve. I can feel God calling me but I haven't been able to bring to a focus what He is telling me. There is just this yearning. I sincerely feel that my life has changed. I have found new joy, new hope. . . ."

Have you read the booklet . . .

**SEVENTH DAY
BAPTIST
DEDICATED
SERVICE**

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This 16 page booklet, published by the Planning Committee contains the Conference action in 1965 setting up "Dedicated Service Principles." It also explains what is meant by Dedicated Service and contains the Policy under which this program is carried out. Send for your free copy by checking the form provided.

CLIP AND MAIL . . .

I AM INTERESTED in the Seventh Day Baptist Dedicated Service program.

Please send me the items checked:

- S.D.B. Dedicated Service (booklet).
- Application Form for Dedicated Service.
- Project Form, for churches to use in establishing a Dedicated Service project (includes missioner).
- Additional Copies of this folder for personal distribution (No. _____?)

My personal interest is in: (Check one or more)

- Vacation Church School
- Camp Worker
- Missioner
- Summer Christian Service Corps
- Work Project doing
- Home Talent worker in
-
-

Name:

Address:

City: State

Zip

Home Church:

Mail this to:

The General Secretary
Seventh Day Baptist General Conf.
510 Watchung Avenue
Plainfield, N. J. 07061

DO IT TODAY!

PROJECTS

"SERVICE PROJECTS may be initiated and financed by the denominational boards, agencies, associations or local churches. These projects are coordinated by the Planning Committee. A definite training period usually will precede the period of service. The volunteer in Dedicated Service will be cared for during his period of service by the project sponsor and will primarily be under and responsible to his own Project Director, though general oversight will be given by the Planning Committee through the General Secretary."

"Length of projects may vary. They may be for a season, a vacation period, a week or more, or for one year. Dedicated Service projects are those where outside help is needed to aid local church workers reach a definite goal. Such is given 'to help people help themselves' and is only temporary in nature, in cooperation with those on the local level."

"Types of projects are almost unlimited. They might include teaching in a Vacation Church School, Summer Camp, witnessing through a Summer Christian Service Corps, serving as a missioner, being involved in a work project (repairing, painting or erecting church or camp buildings, for example), or giving leadership in a community youth center. They could include social service projects to people in need or new forms of bringing the gospel to the masses outside the 'hearing' of the church. As the need and vision come and are made known, such facts will be matched to the dedicated youth and adults who step forward to volunteer their service."

(From S.D.B. Dedicated Service, a booklet published in 1965, pp. 4, 5.)

**APPLICATIONS For Service
in either
D.V.C.S., Camp or S.C.S.C.**

Need to be in by **January 15, 1967** in order to allow for planning of projects and the correspondence training offered prior to the summer program.

If you are still unsure about next summer, it is better to enroll and have to drop out than to miss this training and at a later date try to fit in.

Send in your request for the application forms today!

Camping in 1967

Reports are coming in that several of our church or Association camp committees have met and are laying plans for the 1967 season. Bulletins from Los Angeles and Riverside list meetings for the committee that plans for affairs at Pacific Pines.

The pastor of the Battle Creek church lists the following dates:

- June 19-23 — Day Camp
- June 25-July 2 — Intermediate Camp
- July 2-9 — Junior Camp
- July 9-11 — Primary Camp

These sessions will be held at Camp Holston. The national SDBYF officers, working with their advisor, Pastor Eugene Fatato, are selecting sites for the use of Youth and Young Adult Pre-Con Retreats in 1967. Camp Holston will be used for one of these.

Camp Committee of the Western Association reports the following plans:

- July 9-16 — Junior Camp
- July 16-23 — Senior Camp, Herbert Saunders, director
- July 24, 25, 26 — Primary Day Camp
- July 28-30 — Family Camp
- September 1-4 — Family Camp

These sessions will be held at Camp Harley Sutton. The fee for the Junior and Senior Camps is \$12. No fee for Primary Day Camp, and the Family Camp fee will be prorated according to the size of the family.

Information about other Seventh Day Baptist camping is solicited for this page. Send it to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, New York 14803.

**Sabbath School Attendance Pins,
Rules for Receiving**

(This article appeared in the November 12 Shiloh church bulletin.)

1. A pupil is allowed one absence a quarter other than sickness to receive an attendance award.

2. Parents should notify the teacher if a pupil is absent because of sickness. Sickness is excused.

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3. A pupil may take a visitor's card to be marked or ask for a visitor's card to bring home if he attends another church school.

4. If the child's family holds Sabbath School while on a trip or on vacation, he will be marked present.

5. A visitor must be present three Sabbaths consecutively to become a member.

6. A member who misses three Sabbaths straight can be dropped from the record book as a member and can be marked as a visitor until present for three Sabbaths consecutively again.

Lesson Annual for 1967

You may order your copy of the **International Lesson Annual** for 1967 from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, New York 14803. \$2.75. Teachers who use the **Helping Hand** or other lessons based on the International lessons find this book of great help in preparing the lessons. The book contains all of the lessons for the year. Thus the teacher can get a full view of the scope of material presented. Early orders appreciated.

C. E. NEWS

Among those present at the World Congress on Evangelism at Berlin, October 26 - November 4, was Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Columbus, Ohio. Said Dr. Meadows, "It is fitting that Christian Endeavor should be officially represented since this worldwide movement, used by eighty-three different denominational church groups in seventy-five countries, is a leader in church-related evangelical youth activity."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 10, 1966

Redemption Through Suffering

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 53: 4-9, 12.

Can Disunity Come Out of Unity?

The General Council of the American Baptist Convention is somewhat similar in function to the Commission of our Conference except that it is a body of about 100. It is a strong force and its decisions usually carry when presented to the whole Convention. Its statements are of considerable import to other denominations of similar historical development, such as ours. Many of our readers may recall that it was this General Council that decided about a year ago that American Baptists should not become participating members of COCU, the consultation working toward the union of nine not too similar denominations. When the Convention met last May the decision was upheld but there was very strong sentiment to the contrary.

After the 1966 fall meeting of this 100-member body President Tiller, in the light of this situation made the strange statement, "The most divisive force in our fellowship today, curiously enough, is the subject of Christian unity."

Sometimes unity talk and unity action are quite different things and those who talk the most about organic unity may be the very ones who promote division and disunity by their actions and attitudes toward those who do not go all the way with them in the combination of religions or the social gospel emphasis.

President Tiller deplored the refusal of American Baptists to co-operate with other Baptist fellowships in many areas of activity adding, "If we stopped acting so isolationist with regard to our Baptist brethren we might lead them into new insights." The reference was probably to the decision of the General Council, over his objection, not to participate in the forthcoming 1969 Crusade of the Americas. It had been assumed that the Convention would participate because the North American Baptist Fellowship Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and the Committee on Cooperative Christianity of the ABC had endorsed the Crusade. The opposition, it is said, was led by the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa.

Dr. Tiller also struck at the divisive spirit now evident in American Baptist

Convention ranks. He said, "The difference of opinion is marked by a growing intolerance for one another's views—an intolerance strongly reminiscent, for the old timers, to that which prevailed in the discussions of the 'inclusive policy' of the Foreign Mission Board twenty-five years ago."

That division resulted in a split in the American Baptist Convention and the development of the Conservative Baptist movement.

There are many among Seventh Day Baptists who feel that an over emphasis on ecumenicity or union of churches would result in disunity and possible splitting of our denomination. However, exploring avenues of cooperation (without compromise) is not likely to be divisive.

—L. M. Maltby.

Ask Your Pastor

When you read the Bible through in 1967 your pastor can be of real help in making the reading meaningful. Why not ask him to consider preaching each week from a text within the assigned reading for the week? He would have a great deal of latitude of choice in a whole week's reading. It would provide a welcome variety of messages and would make certain passages stand out clear and strong.

You might ask your pastor something else. Suggest that he help organize Sabbath eve or other times of Bible study on this same body of Scripture. You will be reading many chapters each week. Why not look ahead and pick one of the chapters that you will have read for your group Bible study? This will be an added incentive to keep together on your reading. You will come to the meeting with a fresh knowledge of what is to be discussed. You might even apply to it the "group Bible study" method which the youth of the Summer Christian Service Corps found so stimulating. Ask your pastor about this. He probably participated in one such study at the Ministers Spiritual Retreat.

REV. OLIVER LEWIS

Rev. Oliver Lewis was born March 11, 1873, and grew up on his father's farm near Stone Fort, Ill., along with other brothers and sisters.

After completing high school he became a registered pharmacist and took a position in the Lewis and Kelly Drug Store in town. There he became the trusted consultant for the four or five local doctors. Later he bought the business for himself. In addition to the prescription department and the usual items, it was the supply center for the town and country schools. There was also a jewelry and watch repair department, a music department with everything from pianos to Jew's harps, a department for paints and wallpaper, and one for sporting goods. Later he put in a print shop. When the printer was not available he often set type and ran it off himself. About 1917 this building burned. While he continued to operate the business on a small scale, he began to turn his attention more to farming, especially to raising cattle.

He was an active leader in civic affairs, serving as mayor of Stone Fort for a period of time.

When about twenty years of age he joined the Seventh Day Baptist church near Stone Fort. During his lifetime he served as clerk, deacon, treasurer, superintendent of Sabbath School, and other offices. April 16, 1932, the church licensed him to "preach the gospel here and wherever he feels called to go." On May 15, 1943, he received his ordination. The council in charge consisted of the Rev. Claude L. Hill assisted by deacons of the Farina and Stone Fort churches. He attended Conference and Association meetings whenever possible. He was a charter member of the Bible Sabbath Association. While he cooperated actively with other Christian groups he witnessed to the Sabbath truth by closing his store on the seventh day and opening it on Sunday.

On October 6, 1897, he married Anna L. Jones. To them were born Beulah (Mrs. Carl J. DeVard) and Herbert. The latter died in infancy, and their mother passed away in 1903. His sister Cora

kept house for him and his little daughter for several years. In declining years of his father, Oliver was the one who provided much of the necessary nursing care.

In September 1915, he married Katie Crank who preceded him in death December 14, 1957. To them were born Ray, Charles, Lester, Myrtle (Mrs. Richard Walker), Laura (Mrs. Morris Streich), Harry (who died in 1961), Alice (Mrs. John Brown), Hubert, Claude, and Carroll. Also surviving are thirty-four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

—Beulah Lewis DeVard.

Plan Literature Center in Malawi

Fresh advances in the publishing and distribution of Christian literature around the world were charted the week of May 23-27 by the twenty members of the Christian Literature Fund.

The Fund Committee met at Puidoux, Switzerland, and studied twenty-seven plans from Christian literature groups in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. These plans and projects include training of writers, distributors, production managers and editors, and creation of national and regional literature centers.

The CIF members who come from Orthodox, Anglican, and Protestant churches in sixteen different countries centered their attention this year on Africa, India, and the Middle East. Among the specific projects they decided to support are the creation of literature centers in Malawi (Eastern Africa) and Tokyo (Japan).

Since the CIF Committee began its work in 1965, it has considered a total of fifty-nine plans and projects from more than twenty countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America; it has granted or earmarked almost \$600,000 for development of Christian literature in all stages from writing to selling.

NO SUCH THING

There is no such thing as "civil disobedience" to a criminal ordinance. Violation of such a law is criminal.

—Superior Judge Leon T. David.

SUPREME COURT AIDS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CAUSE

The Supreme Court of the United States sometimes speaks most forcibly when it says nothing at all. In a decision on November 14 the court did much for the cause of religious liberty and the separation of church and state when it refused to review the Maryland Horace Mann decision. Last June the highest court of Maryland upset a 175-year-old practice in that state of making grants to church-related colleges declaring that the grants to three of the colleges involved were unconstitutional. Now by refusing to reverse that decision the U. S. Supreme Court has made a far-reaching decision. It is understood that the Maryland case hinged on how church-related the colleges are. The definitions are now somewhat sharpened and principles are established in regarding the use of tax money for sectarian purposes. The court decision involved construction money only and did not consider such things as student and faculty aid, research projects and special purpose or category grants.

World Congress Benefits

The largest Protestant denomination (Southern Baptist) had seventy delegates at the recent Berlin World Congress on Evangelism in spite of the fact that they are not organically involved in the ecumenical movement. About forty of these delegates were present at a denominational meeting in Berlin toward the end of the Congress. Much of the time was given to a discussion of impressions of the value of the sessions. The delegates noted that the emphasis was on the Bible, the power of the Holy Spirit, and concern for a lost world. A committee of four drew up a statement which concluded, "We believe that the effects of this Congress will be definitely felt in the life of Southern Baptists in the years that are ahead."

Some of the benefits of the once-in-a-lifetime Berlin meeting will come to denominations such as the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, which was not officially represented. The spirit and

the plans permeating some seventy denominations will filter down into others and perhaps help to hasten the accomplishment of the goal of evangelizing the world in this generation. Southern Baptists apparently resolved to be more critical of themselves and to take evangelism more seriously—a pretty good example for other denominations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Moral Choice

Cathedral Films, one of the foremost producers of movies and filmstrips for use in churches, announces the release of a 32-minute black and white film (\$10) entitled "The Moral Choice." It is advertised as the exciting story of two teenagers with somewhat different moral standards who fall in love on a boating excursion. The "Skipper" helps them face the question of the "modern sex revolution." As these two young folks face a difficult "moral choice" the viewers of the picture are led to think seriously about the purpose of the film production, which is said to be "to help counteract the devastating effects of the sex revolution which is taking place in America today, a revolution which produces 50 per cent of the nation's illegitimate babies born to teenagers, and a staggering rate of venereal disease which among teenagers sees one new case a minute around the clock."

Better Burial Practices

Legislation to outlaw "immoral funeral practices" was urged on a congressional committee by the Rev. Howard A. Johnson, D.D., canon theologian of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City. Canon Johnson said that legislation is necessary to "provide some restrictions which may reduce, though never eliminate entirely, the extent of exploitation." Total elimination of bad burial practices is impossible, he said, because Americans' "hush-hush campaign" to deny the existence of death provides morticians with a ready-made temptation to exploit grief. "This hush-hush campaign," the theologian said, "betrays deep, neurotic sickness in the American character."

Broad Street, U. S. A.

In a news release from the World's Christian Endeavor Union there was a one-line omission in the heading making it read 1221 East Broad Street, United States of America. The omitted line would have inserted the city and state, Columbus, O. Is there any organization other than Christian Endeavor that could more fittingly be spoken of as located on Broad Street, U. S. A? The organization has had a great history, a great influence. It may not be in every church on Broad Street of every city and hamlet, but in many of them, for eighty-three denominations depend on this interdenominational movement for its help in organizing and training for leadership the youth of the churches.

From Hiroshima to Vietnam

Members of the Hiroshima Union Church contributed several hundred dollars during August to Vietnam Christian Service to be used for aid to war victims in South Vietnam. The congregation here includes American, Canadian and some Japanese members.

"This contribution symbolizes the universal Christian concern for suffering and carries special significance because of the hardships endured by the people of Hiroshima during World War II," said Atlee Beechy, director of VCS. VCS is a joint effort of Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief, and the Mennonite Central Committee.

Readers Become Subscribers

Sometimes we depend on the generosity of others for the things we most need in our daily Christian living. This is often true of our home reading materials such as the denominational paper. A lady in Salem, W. Va., writes that she has been fortunate in having friends who pass the **Sabbath Recorder** on to her which, she says, "I have enjoyed very much." She adds the obvious remark, "But of course by the time I get it the news is stale." She takes appropriate action: "Enclosed you will please find check for \$4.00, for which please send me a subscription for one year."

Denominational History

(Order Now for Christmas)

Do you have copies of the two-volume work "Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America"? Every home should have the set. You can now get them at a new low price. When last available the price (no profit) was \$12 per set. By placing a quantity order with the world's largest book bindery the newly bound set can be purchased for only \$9 in cloth or \$10 in buckram. Order from the American Sabbath Tract Society. We will pay postage on cash-with-order purchases.

Cuban Refugees Increase

The Baptist Refugee Relief Center in Miami is finding difficulty in meeting the clothing needs of the Cuban refugees who flee Cuba without any possessions. It is said that the flow of refugees from Cuba to Miami has stepped up to 1,000 per week, double the figure reported earlier this year.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ASHAWAY, R. I.—The morning worship service September 17 included the dedication of a new pulpit scarf, a gift from the family of the late Mrs. Alice C. Tillinghast. This is much admired and appreciated by the congregation.

Our church was host to the New England Seventh Day Baptist churches October 1. Pastor Wheeler led the morning worship, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the Pawcatuck church in Westerly, preached the sermon which was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper, with the Rev. Harold R. Crandall and the Rev. Paul S. Burdick in charge. The afternoon program of hymn singing was presented by the young people of the Westerly and Ashaway churches. Wm. Kimshel, pastor of the Middletown, Conn., group, directed portions of the musical service. The women of our church served a potluck dinner in the parish house. This yearly meeting was largely attended.

The Sabbath Recorder

Our church observed Layman's Sabbath October 22 with seven members participating "as unto the Lord." The topic was "Stewardship."

General Secretary Alton Wheeler was with us the weekend of October 29 presenting plans for the first year of the program "Facing Frontiers with Faith."

The Ladies' Aid Society entertained the New England Seventh Day Baptist Women's Fellowship, November 1, when Mrs. Victor Burdick, a special guest, showed slides and described a typical day of the average wife in Africa. Miss Andrea Crandall of Calif., a dedicated service worker under the General Conference office, was also present. This affair was well attended and enjoyed by all. Guests were also present from Waterford, Westerly, Hopkinton, and Rockville. Activities this fall have been a rummage sale and a food sale which were very successful.

—Correspondent.

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Marriages

Camenga-Johnson.— Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Johnson of Newtonville, (Boston) Mass., was united in marriage with Claude Justin Camenga of Waunakee, Wis., at the Middletown Baptist Church, Madison, Wis., Aug. 20, 1966, by the Rev. James L. Skaggs, grandfather of the groom, with the Rev. Richard Kienz assisting.

Duvall-McSparin.— Pfc. Donald Lee Duvall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Duvall, and

Sandra Sue McSparin, daughter of the Rev. Carlos and the late Kathryn McSparin, both of Stonefort, Ill., were united in marriage in the Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist Church Aug. 18, 1966, by the bride's father. Pfc. Duvall is presently serving in the U. S. Army and stationed in Vietnam.

Goodrich-Jones.— Clifford J. Goodrich of North Loup, Neb., and Mrs. Alta Jones of Ord, Neb., were united in marriage at Ord by Duane L. Davis, pastor, Oct 14, 1966.

Greene-Bartz.— Philip A. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Greene of Dodge Center, Minn., was united in marriage Sept. 17, 1966 with Diann Maxine Bartz of Spring Valley, Minn., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spring Valley.

Births

Ayars.— A son, Mark Donald, to David and Gail (Brammer) Ayars of Evanston, Ill., on November 8, 1966.

Kilpatrick.— A daughter, Penny Lee, to Charles and Julia Ann (Rainear) of Pennsville, N. J., on October 18, 1966.

Osborn.— A son, Stephen Glen, to Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. Osborn of Nortonville, Kan., on Oct. 18, 1966.

Sartin.— A daughter, Clara Mae, to Alva and Tressie (Rhodes) Sartin of Little Birch, W. Va., on October 29, 1966.

Obituaries

DAVIS.— Irving C., son of LaVern and Katherine (Schenck) Davis, was born in Hopewell, N. J., Aug. 11, 1908, and died in Shiloh, Nov. 4, 1966, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Davis had lived in the Shiloh area most of his life and earned his living as bus driver, truck driver, and chauffeur. He was an active ham radio operator.

He has been a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church since Feb. 12, 1922. However, he laid hold of a new found faith during his sickness.

Surviving are: his wife, Irene (Mixer); two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Wood of Egg Harbor and Mrs. Charles A. Lupton of Shiloh; two grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Vernon Leeds of Laurel Springs, and Mrs. Arthur LaTour-ette and Miss Katherine F. Davis, both of Shiloh.

The funeral was in charge of his pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, and burial was in the Fernwood Memorial Cemetery.

—C. H. B.

LEWIS.— Rev. Oliver, son of the Rev. Robert and Minerva Oshel Lewis, was born near Stone Fort, Ill., Mar. 11, 1873 and died at the home of his son Lester of the same town Mar. 22, 1966. Services were in charge of the Rev. Carlos McSparin with burial in Joyner Cemetery. See extended obituary elsewhere.



FAMILY BIBLE READING

Happy is the family that puts first things first, that succeeds in creating with the younger and older children a thirst for the Word of God and satisfies that thirst every day as father or mother sits down with the children, not only to read, but to explain the Scriptures. This ability to select the most appropriate passages and to make clear the meaning of some chapters that are difficult does not come without effort. It comes only after the parent has done much reading, has memorized many verses, and has learned from consistent practice how to compare Scripture with Scripture and thus convey the meaning of the whole and the parts. Bible teaching dates back to the early days of the Old Testament when God through Moses gave the commandment to the heads of families in Deuteronomy 6: 6, 7:

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."