

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.

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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."

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Overheard Prayers

Some people seem to have a gift for expressing important thoughts so simply and clearly that they stick. In a letter regarding the relief and missionary work of Dr. Bob Pierce and the enlarged publication, **World Vision**, comes this full-of-meaning sentence, "In a sense the effective supporter of foreign missions is a person who 'overhears' the prayers of fellow Christians everywhere." The point was that in this missionary magazine one could do just that.

We would like to think that in our denominational paper, even in those portions of it devoted to news, the subscriber gets more than just news; he lends a listening ear to the prayers of pastors and laymen who are carrying the burden of the churches and are deeply concerned with advancing the cause which we represent. Let us listen for these prayers that may not always be expressed but which are to be read between the lines. Let us support the work!

Nuclear-Powered Heart

The human heart is so designed by the Creator that it functions without conscious effort throughout life. But it is one vital organ of which we are quite conscious. The sound of its regular thumping can be heard with a stethoscope. Every contraction of the muscle sends out a pulse that can be felt and counted at the wrist. Small wonder that we treat it with awe and respect and notice how closely related its beat is to the emotions of love and hate. In our higher moments we find it related to our faith in the Savior and we join the psalmist in joyfully affirming that our hearts cry out for the living God.

Things can go wrong with the heart. Medical science has long been challenged to find techniques of surgery to repair damage, to stimulate regular beating, or to replace the organ with an artificial one. Tremendous progress has been made with the result that those who have been helped appreciate more than others God's gift of a stout heart.

Another break-through may not be far away. Experiments are being conducted that may lead to nuclear-powered

hearts for some who would otherwise die prematurely. Nuclear power has the advantage over other kinds of fuel in that the amount needed is very small and it continues to provide heat almost indefinitely. The doctors have developed a tiny steam engine that can be inserted in an artificial heart to actuate a blood pump. Just how soon it will be considered safe for human use is not yet known.

Life with a steam engine heart would lose some of the feeling now associated with our emotions. Would the face flush? Would there be feelings within the chest when the mind caught new glimpses of the goodness of God or of the love between kindred hearts? It is interesting to speculate on how such a mechanical heart to supply the need of more blood, more adrenalin in times of need, would meet these emergency situations. This much could be expected: we could have quiet trust in the Giver of life and could find ways of serving Him in the extended years of usefulness. Love would not be lost, just some of the sensations that normally accompany the expression of it. Let us continue to give thanks for the wisdom and the love of God imparted to man.

Heart Line to the Doctor

(The following paragraph was clipped from a newspaper)

"Cardiac victims may soon have a simple wrist device that will be a heart line to expert medical attention. The patient simply connects two electrodes from wrist bracelets to a tiny transmitter that relays signals, by telephone, to the doctor's office. There the signals are changed into a pulse that is recorded on an electrocardiograph."

To say that we live in an age of scientific wonders in the realm of electronics, of biochemistry and of physics is an understatement. It is more correct and more exciting to note that we are constantly on the edge of new amazing discoveries that will enhance the pleasure of living or enable more people to reach the allotted span of life.

The item about the heart line to the doctor is intriguing. If the idea works

MEMORY TEXT

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.) 2 Cor. 10: 3, 4.

it should take its place with the other heart-stimulating, heart-assisting devices about which we have been reading so much recently in the magazines and papers.

Let us ponder for a moment how this heart line illustrates Christian faith. It may be comforting to the man with heart trouble to know that wherever he is he can let the doctor watch the cardiograph pen record the pulses of his heart and instantly prescribe whatever is needed to avoid heart failure and death. How much more wonderful that the Christian has always had the heart line of prayer with the Great Physician. There is instantaneous communication with the healer of all diseases, the giver of all life, the bestower of eternal life. When men's hearts are "failing for fear," the God of all the universe is "closer than hands or feet." The impulse of every heartbeat is known to Him who is aware of the falling of a sparrow. Over and over the Bible reminds us that He discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart. Also He speaks to us to correct us, to forgive our sins, and to bring us back into conformity with His will as expressed in His law.

Yes, the heart line to God is open to those who want it open. By prayer we now do what the heart patient may sometime be able to do—connect two electrodes on his wrists with a tiny transmitter.

Tract Board Meeting

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held on Sunday, December 11, 1966, at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., at 2 p.m.

—Victor W. Skaggs, Sec'y.

General Conference Office



FACING The Future With Faith

Alton L. Wheeler

The response of Jesus to a man who expressed his desire to be a follower was, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

One wintry day several boys vied with one another as to who could make the straightest track across a snowy field. The one who excelled explained, "I kept my eyes fixed on a goal, while you kept yours on your feet."

As Seventh Day Baptists express or reaffirm their desire to be the followers of Jesus Christ, "FACING the future with faith" during the next five years, they are challenged to face the future rather than their feet. They are urged to look up rather than down, to look forward rather than back.

The Apostle Paul will long be remembered for facing the future as he exclaimed, ". . . I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal—my reward the honor of being called by God in Christ. All of us who are spiritually adult should set ourselves this sort of ambition, and if at present you cannot see this, yet you will find that this is the attitude which God is leading you to adopt" (Phil. 3: 13-15, Phillips).

It is a matter of both safety and good sense for a person to face the direction in which he is moving. All Christians are challenged to face the future with hope rather than to look back upon the past with regret. It is far wiser for one to ask what is **right** for the future rather than what is **wrong** with the past.

During this current Conference year every Seventh Day Baptist as an indivi-

dual Christian is urged to look to the future with optimism. He is challenged, among other things, to witness to others personally in the name of Jesus Christ, to tithe of his income as an act of financial stewardship, to read the entire Bible during 1967 to the end that he may better "see things, as it were, from God's point of view," and to re-evaluate the validity of Sabbath observance which presently distinguishes him from many other Christians.

Every church or fellowship, pastor and layman, young person or adult can make as much or as little of this four-fold facing of the future as he will. The corollary to Solomon's assertion that "where there is no vision, the people perish . . ." might be, "where there is vision, the people prosper"—especially if that vision be inspired of God! Let each person as a Christian ask, "Lord, what will you have ME to do?" As he then finds himself increasingly involved in the work and affairs of God's Kingdom, let him "FACE frontiers with faith."

Too Big To Read?

Is the Bible too big to read through? It might seem so when you take the Book in your hand. But by this time Americans should have learned about getting big things bought by easy installments. This applies to Bible reading.

How long will it take to read the Bible through? The salesman would urge you to think of it this way: it will take you only fifteen minutes—fifteen minutes each day for one year. Certainly that is not too much of our "precious" time. How can we do less than that and maintain that we are guiding our lives by His Word? Setting ourselves a goal of about three chapters a day and perhaps five on Sabbath is one good way of making sure that we actually spend this minimal fragment of time with the Word. Actually, this should be the easiest installment plan we ever took on. The rewards are great too. It is not like paying for something long after you have possessed it. It brings new possessions every day.



MOUNTAIN-TRAINED MEMBERS

For Our Church

Scripture references, Deuteronomy 1: 1-8, 19-25; 2: 1-3.

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Denver, Colo.

As one toils up the last long rods above timberline to the summit where the wind and hail are blowing, or as one stops the car to admire breathlessly the Colorado aspen, one remembers doughty old Moses. When Moses spoke the word of God to his people saying, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough . . ." he was not referring to a cheap compass from some surplus store. Moses knew that to compass means to purpose, to contrive, to surround, to inclose on all sides; and this they had done at Sinai, at Horeb, and now at the mountain of the Amorites. But Moses knew there were still greater peaks for them to conquer.

Old Moses knew a thing or two about mountains. He was the ranger who puts the map up for all to see at the entrance to the trail, having sketched it first before he puts it up. Moses had given them the Ten Commandments. He had put up the "Smokey Bear" signs like those in national forests along the hiking trails which read "View of the Peak" and "Park" or "Danger, Rock Slide."

Getting a view of the peak is analogous to Bible study, for my money. The peak may be farther away than the sign says—some wag scratches a zero after the figure 1 making it 10 because it seems like ten miles when you're climbing. Scholars know that biblical interpretation is not easy. It involves making value judgments on the basis of conflicting evidence. It means wrestling with other people's prejudices and your own preconceived ideas, with new information and old cliches. But still Bible study is a proven way of getting a fresh view of the high peaks of religious awareness and ethical sensitivity. The Bible is the norm of the Judeo-Christian religion. It is the Judeo-Christian

religion in its most communicable form, if we know what to appreciate and what to overlook. Creative Bible study calls for hard training, but it is invigorating.

A park in the high country means a large area enclosed by different ranges, often quiet and grassy, sometimes disturbed only by the trickling of streams and the sound of bird calls. I think Sabbath Eve can be like this for us Seventh Day Baptists if we plan to spend time at sundown, or shortly after, with particular devotions. Perhaps we will take time to listen to symphony music, or gather at the church for prayer meeting and/or choir rehearsal. This can be so refreshing that the boys will want to bring their girls, and the girls will arrange to meet the boys there. It can make a tired adult feel less tired, less busy.

"Building . . . not unlike giving"

The larger parks in the Rocky Mountain area have villages ten or twenty miles apart. These villages always remind me of walled cities in story books surrounded by miles of plains and fields. Building such strong towns is not unlike systematic giving to the general fund of your church to pay current expenses, and sharing in the annual budget planning when we decide how much should be spent in various areas of our church life and service. One of these towns is the local church; another is Our World Mission planned by our boards and agencies and coordinated by the General Conference. Another very appealing town, for some of us, is the Building Fund by which we hope to erect a fitting habitation and symbol for our corporate life as a congregation. We in Denver are excited about this; but happily in most churches

a renovation project comes around every ten years or so—at least it should—to offer this sort of excitement.

When Moses led the Israelites they crossed dry, hot deserts of weariness and boredom. They had to skirt threatening rock slides of personality conflicts, old grudges, sharp caustic comments, ill-concealed snickers and other by-products of people's being together which can rob them of precious things very hard to replace. On the other side of the trail were sheer walls of indifference and rigid prohibition almost impossible to scale. But now and then along the road they would find the little flowers of fragrant forgiveness and sweet kindness. And regularly each seven days God let down to them the Sabbath rope to lift them up, although some mistook it for a chain to bind them.

"Side canyons . . . dead ends"

There were side canyons too (hobbies, vacations, boats, trailers, cabins at the lake, television, pet theories and a mannerism, perhaps). All of these were pleasant and enjoyable in their place; but one could linger there so long that the pilgrims were out of sight in the distance and one was no longer part of the main migrating band. The side canyons were dead ends, which is what makes them different from the main trail. Moses lost a lot of good people that way.

Some of us were appalled recently to learn that during the summer less than forty per cent of our families shared in our Sabbath offerings regularly. Only the stewardship chairman and the treasurer, and God, know who they are; but they know, and each wage earner knows whether or not he or she is giving to the church in proportion to his income. Fortunately for them and for us some have moved back into the giving group from those side canyons. I am sure the rest never meant to have our church grind to a screeching halt for lack of funds. Rather they just got too involved with other commitments and too many side trips, legitimate expenses and those not so legitimate.

"Moses . . . talked with God"

The great thing about Moses was that he talked with God on the mountains! It was not the hollow echo of the voice of some sound-effects man. It was real. And Moses took off his shoes and hid his face, and came away with a clear sense of his destiny. In a way this is what we experienced at Conference at Redlands, and in our Planning Conference when we came together just after Labor Day. This is how I felt when seven of our Advisory Board members who were deeply dedicated came together on a bad night when five others found it inconvenient to attend. This is how we feel encouraged from time to time when we get new adult members, and young people too. This is how Jesus felt when "He went up into a mountain" and then came down to face His detractors again. This is how He gained fortitude to climb Mt. Calvary.

Looking back we can see that the most important heights for the Israelites to scale were the sense of their identity, the strength to govern themselves, and the readiness to make wise and unselfish decisions pertaining to their national and religious life. Every community and group must make such decisions and conquer such peaks or they remain aimless, wasteful even destructive. Our nation is faced right now with such. Every high school class, every office force or factory unit has to decide collectively how it is to operate and what its aims shall be—high or low. It is easier to take the side canyons than it is to press on toward the peaks. It is less tedious to talk down the minorities and forget that the one standing alone might really be the leader.

Our church needs to compass mountains as much as Moses and his followers did. We ought to keep revising our program upward in the light of basic plans laid down in the New Testament long ago. We want more help, and we will get it if more of us become involved in the group enterprise. We ought to move on from the lesser peaks to the invisible mountains of achievement still ahead. They are there, even if shrouded in clouds.

Ancient City of Ai Yields Archaeological Secrets



There is something intriguing about the story of Ai in the Old Testament, perhaps because the name is uncommonly short, perhaps because its conquest by Joshua was second in importance only to that of nearby Jericho. It will be recalled that the children of Israel, flushed with their success at Jericho sent spies to Ai. They reported that the inhabitants were few and that there was no need to send more than two or three thousand men against this gateway city. Actually there were some 12,000 inhabitants. When the 3,000 men went against it they were forced to flee, leaving behind thirty-six dead.

When Joshua prayed to the Lord about this defeat and what it would mean if the rulers of other cities learned that Israel had fled from a small force, the Lord told him that someone had sinned in appropriating to himself some of the forbidden spoil of Jericho. The man, Achan, was singled out, probably by divinely directed lot casting. He confessed and was put to death to expiate the sin of Israel. Then the city was taken by drawing out the fighting force and ambushing them from behind.

But this story in Joshua 8 is not the first reference to Ai. In Genesis 12 Abraham on his way to Egypt (and again on his return), pitched his tent on a mountain and built an altar "having Bethel on the west and Ai on the east" and there he called upon the name of the Lord.

The city may have been quite old even at the time of Abraham. Archaeologists have several times sought to dig in the mound that once was Ai and to thus un-

cover its secrets to add to the knowledge of those who want to know all they can about the cities of the Bible. A portion of the city was dug thirty years ago. Now a one-acre plot has been excavated in two expeditions by Joseph A. Callaway, associate professor of biblical archaeology of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. His findings will be published by the American School of Oriental Research in 1968-69. There follows here a little preview of the interesting things about this ancient city and its customs that will probably be included in his forthcoming publication.

"The city of Ai was a large acropolis built about 5,000 years ago—around 2,500 B.C. — and covered twenty-five acres," Callaway reported.

"The familiar Jericho-type wall which encircled it had been expanded and filled in over two centuries and was still standing about twelve feet high when we uncovered it," he said. The final width of the wall exceeded forty feet, dating to about 2,500 B.C.

Ai was probably the most extensive city-building project in Palestine up until its time, possibly underwritten by Egypt and directed by a vassal ruler as an Egyptian outpost.

"No doubt the Pharaohs used Ai for exploiting Palestine, and may have recruited Ai citizens to help build the pyramids," Callaway said. He noted that the only records of such slave-labor begin 1,000 years after Ai, but that it was undoubtedly a common practice much earlier.

Among the artifacts of ancient civilization which the team discovered in nearby tombs were two ossuaries—"bone boxes"—made of limestone. They were used for Jewish burials only during the time of Christ, thus are significant in dating ruins in which they are found.

The body of a deceased Jew would be wrapped in cloth and allowed to decay in a tomb, leaving finally only the bones. The bones would be placed in an ossuary and buried under the threshold of the tomb, freeing the cave for re-use.

Five of the tombs discovered were of the type in which Jesus was buried, each having a large wheel-shaped stone which rolled across the opening to close it.

The Bill of Rights — Lesson in History

By J. Eugene White

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The lessons of history must be hard to learn. One of these lessons, learned so well by our forefathers that it actually resulted in the Bill of Rights (ratified Dec. 15, 1791), is that of the double peril in allowing the government to be used by the churches in religious enterprises or allowing the churches to be used by the government in political endeavors.

It was a hard lesson. Church and state had been united under the Roman emperor, Constantine, in 325; and nowhere on earth were they separated until 1663. In Providence, Rhode Island that year a Baptist preacher named Roger Williams established a colony as a refuge for all who were persecuted for their religious beliefs.

Seeing that it took almost thirteen and a half centuries of persecution, bloodshed, imprisonment, banishment, death at the burning stake, and other means of forcing conformity upon the "free" consciences of men we would think that freedom-loving Americans would take care to avoid any joining of forces between the two powers.

But some today have forgotten the hard lessons of history; they have forgotten the reason for adopting the document which we honor this year on its 175th anniversary. Although the pages of some history books are yellow and crumbling with age, many of them are not worn with much reading. They are the books which tell of inhumane cruelties of the Spanish Inquisition, the massacre of the Huguenots of France, the slaughter of the Waldenses of North Italy, the hanging and jailing of Catholics in Ireland, the whipping of Quakers, the banishing of Baptists by Puritans in Massachusetts, and thousands of massacres committed in the name of religion. Most of us know little or nothing of religious persecutions past the first or second century. Our ancestors were more familiar with the contents of the more recent volumes than

we. In fact, they were the main characters in many of them.

When the time came for the building of a new nation in a new world wise men were determined that their descendents should never suffer the indignities they had suffered. They were determined that civil authorities remain silent concerning the private affairs of men's consciences; and they intended also that religious leaders exercise no coercive power in the realm of politics.

In order to achieve this end the new nation's Constitution was amended by ten articles soon after it was adopted. These ten amendments guarantee the personal liberties of every American, and the body of the amendments have come to be called the Bill of Rights. Furnishing the foundation for all other liberty guaranties is the promise of religious liberty. The First Amendment begins: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . . ."

To read about it on paper makes it sound easy—this guaranty of freedoms. But this great prize was the result of far more than a mere legislative procedure. It was the result of struggle and sacrifice and often bloodshed for more than a hundred years in this country.

The separation of church and state which we have today is the result of a miracle which has happened at no other time and in no other country since the dawn of human history. And Americans today face the danger of losing by default that which our forefathers paid for with imprisonment, persecution, and bloodshed.

The dangers we face are the very ones the founders of this Republic sought to avoid: that the government, in seeking to achieve secular ends, will be allowed to use religion and the churches as a means to achieve them and that churches, in seeking to achieve spiritual ends, will be allowed to use the government.

Leo Pfeffer, recognized by many as this country's outstanding attorney in matters of church and state, has graphically portrayed the danger faced by churches once government aid is welcomed. He declares: "Religion can survive neutrality. It can survive even hostility, but it cannot survive being kept as a mistress by the government. It will cease to be a religion."

The other prohibition of the First Amendment is that churches must not use the government to achieve religious ends. Ruled out by this restriction are prescribed prayers, required Bible readings, and other religious exercises as a legal part of the public school program.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "When a religion is good . . . it will support itself, and when it cannot support itself and God does not care to support it so that professors are obliged to call for help of the civil power it is the sign . . . of its being a bad one."

He was right! Christianity is slandered by the doctrine that government aid is necessary for its survival. If the religion to which we are committed is not vital enough to survive without the aid of civil authorities, then we waste our time in propagating it and in practicing it. The Bible, which most Protestants accept as the supreme authority in matters of faith, declares that the "gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God . . ." Most Protestants believe also that the power of God is the greatest power in all the universe. Therefore, any mixing it with other powers, even that as mighty as the United States government's, serves only to dilute it and not to add to its strength.

No wonder our forefathers placed religious liberty at the head of all other liberties. They were men who loved their churches and were devoted to good government. They saw that the stronger the restraints which keep churches and governments separate the better it would be for both.

"I believe that God is not dead, but He must be awfully sick." —from a radio editorial.

"HE IS CALLING YOU"

By Charles J. Bachman

These words taken from Weymouth's translation of Mark 10: 49, relate the incident occurring to the Savior as He left the city of Jericho.

We learn from reading verses 46 through 52 of Mark 10, that there was a blind man by the name of Bar-Timaeus, who begging by the side of the road, heard that Jesus of Nazareth was coming his way. Being blind, he had not been able to see either the face of the Savior nor any of His many works. But he had heard that this Nazarene could do miracles, and he had a miracle for Jesus to do. He wanted his sight restored so that he might be useful in life.

It is recorded that twice he called out, "Thou son of David, have mercy on me!" In his blindness he knew Jesus only as the One who had come to restore the kingdom of David, and so he called Him accordingly, "Thou son of David." Jesus heard his cry and told His followers to call the blind man. It is recorded in Scripture that the followers of Jesus told the blind man, "Cheer up, He is calling you" (Weymouth). After telling the Savior what it was that he wished done for him, that he might receive his sight again, the Savior said, "Go, your faith has cured you." The blind man's eyes were opened, he received his sight, and immediately he was able to see the face of Jesus. The Scripture says that he followed Jesus. He followed Jesus because of his being able to see that face. Having experienced that miracle, Bar-Timaeus recognized Him not only as the son of David, but as the Son of God.

In this generation of confusion and frustration, there are thousands and perhaps millions, who, sitting along life's road blindly hope for some one to come along and open their eyes. At this present moment their only pressing need is to be able to cope with life's problems since they are blind to the real solution.

The real solution to these problems is the Savior, revealed through a Christ-centered religion. This solution can only come if some one is willing, as he passes

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In Flight

By Don Mott

"Good morning, sir. It is 4:30 a.m.," the hotel operator cheerfully said. As I awakened, I think I had never ever been so sleepy before. I got up and went to the airport to catch a plane back home.

I was so tired because I had been speaking for Christian Business Men's Banquets every night in a different city for two weeks.

At the airport, I was the first person to board the plane. I sat down in the seat next to the window and prayed the strangest prayer I had ever prayed. "Lord, if there is anybody on this plane You want me to talk to, seat them here beside me." Every other seat on the plane filled except the one next to me so I leaned my seat back as far as it would go, fastened my seat belt and said, "Thank you Lord, I am going to sleep from here to Chicago."

While the plane was warming up, the stewardess came and sat down next to me. I looked at her and said, "What in the world are you so upset about?"

She said, "My goodness, does it show on my face?"

I said, "What's the problem?"

She said, "The man I have been engaged to and was planning to marry has just skipped out on me and run off with another woman, I guess."

I said, "Well, why don't you thank the Lord and get yourself a good man?"

She said, "Because I love him."

I said, "Well, why don't you just find that little switch and turn it off?"

She said, "I wish it were that easy."

By this time we were airborne and she said, "I want to talk to you but first, let me get up and give coffee to the passengers." When she sat back down, she had apparently looked up my name because she said, "Mr. Mott, what does a girl do when she is going to become a mother and she is unmarried?"

I said, "What did you do about it?"

She said, "I had an operation and now I am not going to be a mother."

I said, "Do you realize that now you are not only guilty of adultery but also of murdering an unborn child?"

She said, "That is the reason I am so upset. That's the reason I have been thinking about committing suicide. That's the reason I have been going to a psychiatrist. I just can't get rid of my guilt."

I said, "I have a copy in my briefcase here of a prayer that a man prayed who was guilty of exactly the same two sins you are and as a result of this prayer, God forgave his sin, cleansed his heart and made a new man of him."

She said, "I sure would like to read that prayer."

I opened my briefcase, took out my Bible and for the next hour she and I studied the 51st Psalm, David's prayer. I explained to her that if she would confess her sin to God, ask His forgiveness and completely surrender her heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to come into her heart, that He would save her soul and change her life. We read John 3: 16, John 5: 24, Romans 10: 9, 10 and other verses in the New Testament.

Then she said, "Mr. Mott, when will God do this for me?"

I said, "Before we get to Chicago if you ask Him to."

She said, "Will He just take my soul?"

I said, "You must surrender body, soul and spirit to Him if you want to become His child."

She said, "I don't know how to pray. Will you help me?"

And on that plane we bowed our heads and she prayed, repeating words after me that I believe she really meant from her heart. "O God, I have sinned. I confess my sin. I pray that you will forgive me. Thank you that Jesus died on the cross for sinners like me. I now accept Him as my own personal Saviour. Jesus is my Lord. Help me to live for Him. Come into my heart. Lord Jesus. Make me a new creature. Thank you. Lord, for saving my soul. In Jesus name, Amen."

She looked up at me with tears trickling down her cheeks and said, "He's

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Radio Work Appreciated in Malawi

Director F. Mazingah has written from Makapwa Station, Malawi, that Seventh Day Baptists are taking an active part in the radio broadcasting services which initiate at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and are programmed and broadcast at Lilongwe, central Malawi, Africa.

Mr. Mazingah writes, "these programmes are broadcast in Lilongwe through Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, every day during the week from 6:30-7:00 p.m., and through M.B.C. (Malawi Broadcasting Corporation) every Sunday morning from seven to eight o'clock."

It will be recalled that mention was made in the **Recorder** issue of August 1, 1966, that Director F. R. Mazingah and Student Pastor F. Makatanie were attending the radio script writers courses that were being offered at Blantyre. And now the lessons learned in these preparatory studies are being put to good use as "The Voice of Seventh Day Baptist Youth Through Radio at Makapwa, Malawi" is being heard.

He continues: "Comments and expressions of gratitude to the Lord from the people have been received. They come from people of other denominations and from our own believers of Seventh Day Baptist churches because of the spiritual melodies and sermons, recorded by the Seventh Day Baptist youth at Makapwa.

"Our Youth United Quartet spiritually is becoming more and more competent in reaching listeners on the radio through items of music. This quartette is composed of Preacher F. Makatanie (bass); W. Muula (tenor); Mr. Kanielwa, Mission driver (alto); and Mr. S. Muhezuwa (soprano). Yes, the message is being passed on to the world and we hope there will be no excuse for anyone's saying 'I didn't hear the word.' We ask that God will bless the efforts made by our youth in their desire to uplift Christ through music over the radio. Mr. W. Mataka and Director F. R. Mazingah, are mainly occupied in preaching sermons for the radio. We thank God that He has made this possible through his people.

"Our church members now listen to their radios more than before because they are curious and very enthusiastic listening to programmes of their own church. Yes, this is something about which the Lord should be glorified and praised. No man deserves the honor on this. It is He, only He, who brings success on everything on earth. For many people preach, but the power to convert souls comes from God through the Holy Spirit.

"We ask that the prayers of our brethren overseas unite together with those of the Youth in Malawi for the advancement and spreading of His Gospel."

In concluding his letter Director Mazingah has written:

"Only two of our students have been accepted to enter Rev. Robert Barr's theological school at Likabula. Namely, Mr. W. Mataka and Stanley Mukeziwah. The third one, Mr. Musowa will have to wait until the other year, and we shall be using him at the Station to practice ministerial work in our own church as he will be participating in more church activities.

Burma, Closed or Open Doors

It is cause for rejoicing when a church or a conference of churches springs up in the Far East from the people themselves without any missionaries being sent from this country and with very little financial assistance. Burma has had missionaries of various faiths, particularly Baptist, for a long time. Now everything is nationalized. Missionaries have been excluded and even Christian literature printed within the country must have government approval months before it is printed if it comes originally from an outside source, like the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Shortly before foreign missionaries were asked to leave Burma, several Seventh Day Baptist churches were organized in the northern part of the country in the Chin Hills district where the Lushai people live. Native leaders who had heard of our denomination called for literature to be translated into that language (one of

many languages spoken in Burma). One pastor was ordained; several others serve without ordination, and recent correspondence speaks of five evangelists. Doors closed to foreign missionaries are open to national workers even though they are not allowed to attend religious meetings in other countries such as the Baptist World Congress.

The churches in Burma have organized themselves into what is called, "Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference." It seems to be well established although, quite understandably, it lacks the funds to erect good church buildings, to support the pastors, and to provide for a conference secretary's office at Rangoon. The latter is now being taken care of, in part at least. The secretary-treasurer, L. Sawi Thanga writes perfect English and has many capabilities suiting him for this work. It is interesting to note that the neatly printed letterhead of the conference has an exact copy of the accepted Seventh Day Baptist seal with the words and torch that have become familiar on church signs and letterheads in this country. The president of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference, whose government work has taken him to South Burma and made it impossible for him to visit the churches, is Lian Ngura. He keeps in touch by mail.

Some doors in Burma have been slammed; others are at least ajar. Let us remember in prayer those who are carrying on evangelistic work on their own initiative led, as we trust, by the Holy Spirit.

—Corresponding secretary of the Tract Board.

Congo Doctor Problems

In the Congo there are less than 600 physicians for 15 million people. Vast areas are without the simplest medical assistance. The best that can be offered to most people is the help of young men with the equivalent of a high school education in the technical field of nursing and simple medicine. The Protestant church holds much of the responsibility for training more of these young men and instilling them with a high degree of integrity.

—DOM.

In Flight

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done it. He's done it. I know He has forgiven my sins. I'm glad you were on this plane and we had a chance to talk." Then I reminded her that I had been the first person on the plane and that no one else had sat down beside me and yet all the other seats were full. She said, "God saved this seat for me."

When we landed in Chicago, as I went out the door she took my hand in both her hands and said, "You have made a new girl out of me."

I said, "No, God has made a new girl out of you. Now read your Bible every day and pray. Find some church where they preach the gospel and attend it regularly. Become a member of it. You belong to Jesus. He has forgiven your sins. Now you must forgive yourself and forget the past and live for Him who died for you."

Friend, this is a true story. You may not be guilty of these same two sins but according to the Bible, all of us have sinned and are falling short of the glory of God. Jesus said, "Except a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" John 3: 3.

The new birth comes when the nature of God is engrafted into the human heart by the power of the Holy Spirit. It's a miracle. If you take inventory of your life and find that you may be a church member and a good person but have never had the experience of the new birth and you have any desire in your heart to become a real Christian, you can do it now. Just bow your head and pray the prayer this airline stewardess prayed and then have the faith to tell somebody else what you have done because "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" Romans 10: 9, 10.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

How We Compare

Following is a list of comparisons of Sabbath School, Vacation Church School, Youth and Camp statistics as reported by our churches to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education for the years 1964-65, and 1965-66.

	1964-65	1965-66
Number of churches reporting*	62	62
Sabbath School		
Number of teachers and officers	663	642
Beginners and Primary	602	623
Juniors	290	315
Junior High	246	225
Young People	386	380
Young Adults	341	365
Adults	1447	1376
Pupils who joined the church	138	95
Money raised	\$20,257	\$21,363
Vacation Church School		
Number of days held	240	180
Number of Seventh Day Baptist pupils	481	413
Number of non-Seventh Day Baptist pupils	1,205	787
Cost of schools	\$1,845	\$1,947
Organized Youth Fellowships		
Number of fellowships	37	40
Number of members	523	479
Camps		
Number of camps reporting*	33	27
Days in session	182	177
Number of campers	966	838
Number of churches represented	179	150
Approximate cost**	\$10,887	\$8,606

Hard and fast conclusions cannot be drawn from these report summaries as

*Actually not all churches reported both years. When a new report was not sent in, figures were taken from the last report sent.

** This amount does not include the price of purchase or upkeep of camps owned by churches or Associations.

churches grade their Sabbath Schools differently, estimations are made where facts are not available, and not all of the figures are up-to-date.

The reports do show that we need to put much more effort into our educational work, that better records should be kept, and that annual reporting to the board should be made by every church.

We are very grateful to those who give us their full cooperation.

Materials to help with the celebration of Youth Week have been mailed to all of our churches who have youth fellowships, as well as to those who have youth that are not organized into a group. National Youth Week is January 29 - February 4, 1967.



**NCC
General
Assembly
at Miami**

As this issue makes its way to the homes of subscribers important ecumenical meetings are in progress at Miami Beach, Fla. The General Assembly of the National Council of Churches which meets every third year holds its sessions December 4-9. This large gathering of elected or appointed representatives of some thirty denominations, plus a large staff, is preceded by the quarterly meeting of the General Board December 2 and 3 and is followed by an organizational meeting of the newly elected board on December 9. Seventh Day Baptists are well represented at the Miami Beach meetings by the general secretary and a number of others who have responsibilities in the various divisions or departments of the National Council.

Destroy the wall between church and state and you will ultimately destroy religious liberty.—Lloyd Simmons, President California Baptist College.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Christianity Arch Enemy of Communism

The plight of the church under Communism is clearly illustrated in Korea, according to Dr. Helen Kim, roving ambassador of Korea. Speaking at the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin she declared that the "present indications are that there is no surviving church in North Korea." Dr. Kim said that during 1959 and 1960 the Communist Party in North Korea "liquidated three million people, including all Christians" in North Korea.

By contrast the Christian church is thriving as never before in South Korea.

Catholics Drive to End Separation

A movement led by Roman Catholic bishops is seeking to scuttle the separation of church and state in this country, according to C. Stanley Lowell, editor of "Church & State," in the December issue of the magazine.

According to the article: "In the endeavor to scuttle separation of church and state the Catholic leaders are attempting to use their constituents as a political battering-ram. Many Catholic people are by natural inclination opposed to Federal and state aid to church institutions. It remains to be seen how successful the hierarchy will be in dragooning them into line. To achieve this goal the hierarchy shrewdly exploits the fiction that the Catholic is being 'double taxed' for education since he has to pay the priest for Catholic schools and the government for public schools.

"In 'child-benefit' Catholic leaders found a gimmick which they could employ effectively. 'Child-benefit' fooled many, including much of the Protestant leadership, since it cleverly hid the Catholic Church behind the child. . . . The 'child-benefit' approach will be utilized only as long as necessary. Once a flow of funds to Catholic institutions has commenced, Catholic leaders will abandon this fiction and press directly for their subsidies on the ground that their schools are now a legitimate and recognized public responsibility."

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Japan Prime Minister Invites BWA to Tokyo

Japan's political elite rolled out the red carpet for Baptist leaders at Tokyo on June 20 and urged them to bring the Baptist World Alliance to Tokyo in 1970.

Prime Minister Eisaku Sato granted a 20-minute audience to H. Franklin Paschall, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Robert S. Denny, BWA associate secretary.

"We hope you will bring your Alliance meeting to Tokyo," Sato said. "We don't want to lose you to any other city."

Shuichi Matsumura, pastor of Tokyo's Tokiwadai Church and a BWA vice-president, told Sato, "The Baptists of Japan are extending every effort to try to bring the Alliance meeting to Tokyo in 1970."

The invitation of Prime Minister Sato will be carried to the BWA executive committee meeting in London by Matsumura in August.

World Baptist Membership Up 1.3 Million in a Year

Total Baptist membership around the world stands at 27,127,983, the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance reports.

The BWA official, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, noted that the increase in 1965 over 1964 was 1.3 million. There were notable "gains for expanded witness opportunities . . . in eastern Europe and greater toleration for Baptists and other evangelicals in Spain." In such places as Burma and Indonesia, however, he added, restrictions on missionary activity increased sharply.

It is interesting to note that during the present restrictions in Burma, Seventh Day Baptist work (without missionary leadership) has sprung up and seems to be growing.

Protestants and Catholics Join in Famine Relief Appeal

For the first time in history Catholic and Protestant relief agencies have issued a joint nation-wide appeal for funds and food to relieve famine. The desperate

plight of certain sections of India prompted this appeal. It comes from the executive director of Catholic Relief Services—NCWC, Bishop Swanstrom, and from the director of the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Stowe.

Responses to the appeal will be to each organization, not to a union of the two. The amount of relief needed is tremendous. Catholic Relief Services has increased its food program from 132 million pounds to 200 million pounds. It has sent 22 million pounds of flour and 1,620,000 pounds of rice. Church World Service is undertaking to increase its mass feeding program from 500,000 to 1,000,000 people daily in the worst areas of famine.

Officials of the two American overseas aid agencies are now considering other steps both here and in India for continuation of the joint action for India famine relief.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Airlines Clergy Bureau

The Airlines Clergy Bureau, Municipal Airport, Sacramento, Calif., is gradually persuading more airlines to grant half-fares to ministers who are members. One of the latest additions is Northeast. The large transcontinental airlines are not in the plan, but many of the feeder lines are and a number that serve the islands and South America. There are also a few companies that issue their own clergy certificates (such as Allegheny). Depending on location, ministers can save time, save money, serve better by joining. The founder of the Bureau, Jos. R. Morse, prints this Bible verse on his fliers, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles . . ."

Far East Gospel Work Grows

The Far East Broadcast Company, a Christian radio ministry growing out of the vision of servicemen at Manila in World War II, has successfully appealed to the Christian conscience and purse in this country and has tremendously enlarged its equipment and staff in nearly all of the countries of the Orient.

The president, Robert Bowman, located in the United States, has just completed a world tour, visiting remote places like Vietnam, Hong Kong, and India where tape recordings are made for the Manila stations. At Manila he held a week-long conference with directors from all fields on future plans and noted in his report some of the new services rendered. The non-denominational organization now has a printing building completed in Manila which turns out Bibles, tracts, and other religious literature. One of the new presses contributed by businessmen produces 100,000 tracts in one hour.

"He Is Calling You"

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along life's road, to open their eyes to the real need. Like the blind Bar-Timaeus, had his eyes not been opened he would never have recognized Jesus for what He was, so the blind of today cannot sense their desperate need of the Son of God until their eyes are opened.

The great question remaining is, who will be the eye opener? Who in all the hustle and bustle of today, will take the time to speak the word, or by Christian love extend the helping hand, thereby brushing aside the blindness of the hearts of mankind. Will the individual Christian who has been commissioned by Christ to "Go ye" to the entire world, just brush off this charge and pass it on to the missionary? Are we not all commissioned missionaries? How are so many ever going to receive the cure that faith can bring, unless some one takes the initiative, and goes? We understand that "faith cometh by hearing." The question is, who will speak so that those who are blind can hear?

In the same way that the Savior "stood still" in His busy course of life so that some blind one could experience the thrill of meeting Him, to see Him, and by faith follow Him, —so we must take time to stand still and come aside from our busy life in order to follow the gospel commission.

Who will take time, and stand still long enough, to ask our neighbor of his needs, and to tell him that "He is calling you"?

The Sabbath Recorder

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Our church entered its new year with the following officers elected: president, Mr. Charles Morris; vice president, Mr. Al Whitlock; clerk, Mrs. Helen Hurley; and treasurer, Mrs. Dorothea Brewer.

Special promotion day exercises were held at the close of the Sabbath School hour on September 24, in charge of Mrs. Nancy May, for those children advancing to a new department of the Sabbath School. Bibles were presented to all fourth graders as has been the custom for some years.

Opening exercises for Sabbath School are no longer being held, but classes convene 10 minutes after the close of the church service. The orchestra adds much to the effectiveness of the closing session.

From November 7 to 17 Pastor Burdick made the regular fall trip up the Pacific Coast contacting lone Sabbath-keepers and meeting with the groups at Monterey and the Bay Area in their services.

Many of our congregation attended the Association meeting with the Los Angeles church the week-end of October 21-23.

Our church united with the Victoria United Presbyterian Church, November 24 for a Thanksgiving service. Our pastor gave the sermon on "What Shall We Do with a Thanksgiving Ostrich?" or "Thanksgiving—Feast or Famine?" The music was by the combined choirs of the two churches.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 17, 1966

Preparing His Way

Lesson Scripture: Luke 1: 67-80.

Accessions

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By Letter:
Mrs. Leona W. Burdick

Obituaries

GREENE.—Carlton Lewis, son of Frank J. and Ida Rebecca Lewis Greene, was born at Center Berlin, N. Y., Apr. 23, 1893, and died suddenly Oct. 29, 1966.

He married Belle Armsby Nov. 15, 1915. Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons: Erwin A., of Petersburg, N. Y.; Arlie L. of Center Berlin, N. Y.; and Clifford C., of Spokane, Wash.; also several grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

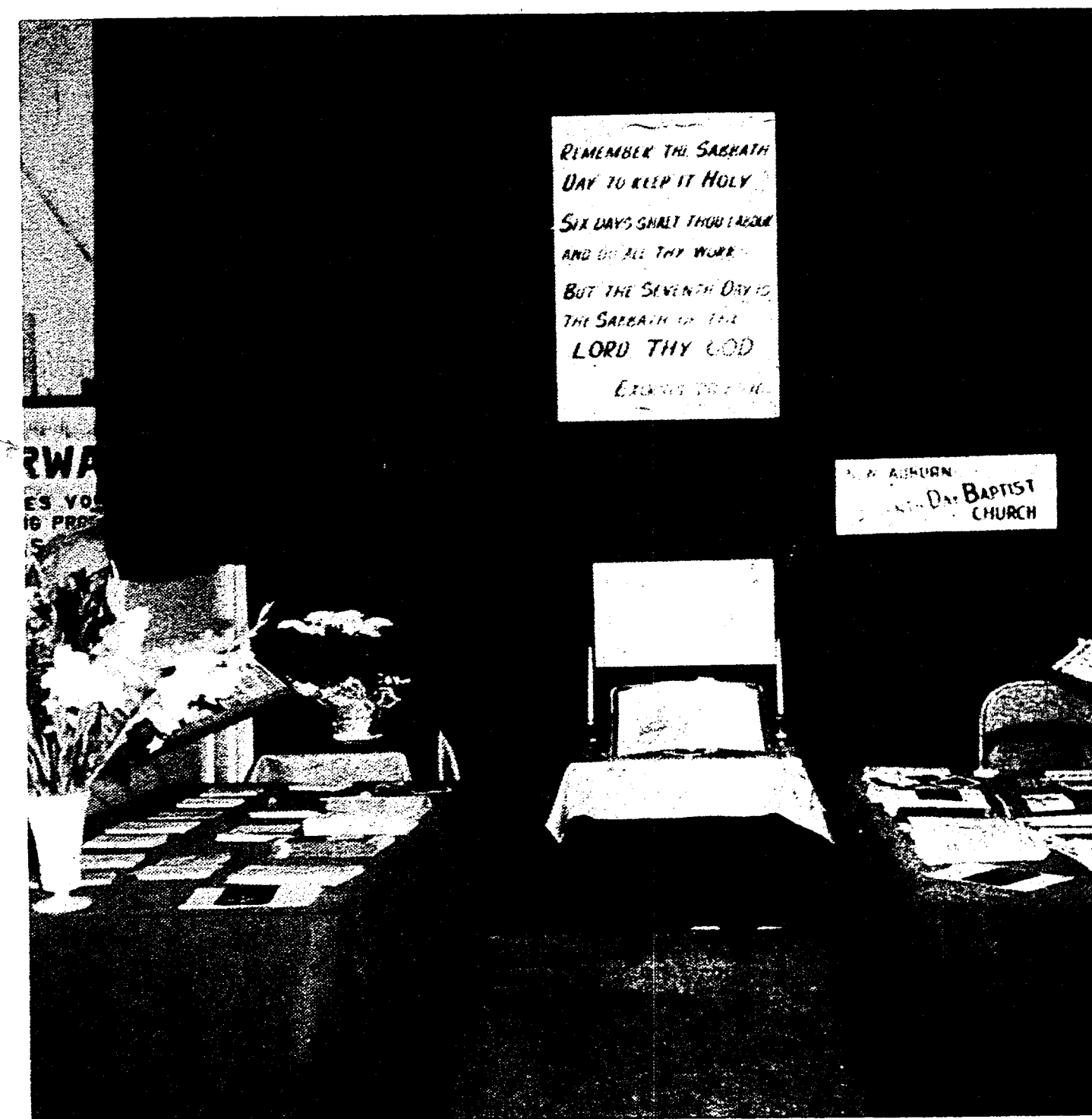
He was baptized by Rev. E. H. Socwell May 6, 1905 and joined the church at Berlin the next Sabbath. He has served the church in many capacities: clerk for seven years, trustee for many years, and moderator for twenty-five years.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Paul L. Maxson. Interment was in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin.
—P. L. M.

HESS.—Homer, son of George and Naomi Long Hess was born Jan. 12, 1889 at Roaring Springs, Pa., and died at Beloit Municipal Hospital Nov. 5, 1966.

He married Stella Lippincott Jan. 28, 1911. He is survived by his wife, a son, Loyal, a daughter, Norma Reffue, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan, Nov. 8. Interment was in Milton Cemetery.

—E. C.



NORTHERN WISCONSIN FAIR BOOTH

"And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1: 8). A feature story in this issue by the young pastor of the New Auburn, Wisconsin, church tells of the blessings received in taking this verse to include a Christian, Sabbath witness in Chipewa Falls. The church members were encouraged by the promise of Isaiah 55: 11 that the Word sent out would not return void.