

# The Sabbath Recorder

tured a report by the Association Co-ordinator Don V. Gray. This was followed by a discussion on denominational and associational structure. The leaders of these discussions were Mrs. Don Gray and Herbert Crouch.

In the evening the guest speaker led a discussion on the International Lessons Series, the Sabbath School lesson topics followed in the adult and young people's quarterly, **The Helping Hand**. The presentation and discussion were considered very helpful.

The young people had activities at nearby Camp Wakonda late Sabbath afternoon. Both young people and adults were encouraged to visit in the homes between the afternoon and evening session. It was reported that a profitable business meeting was held Sunday morning.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**ALGIERS, LA.**—In the months since the last news items quite a number of things have happened, and plans are being made for things to come.

The pastor, Rev. Mary Craig Johnson, had a vision in February of the need for a baptismal pool at the church. The work began March 7 and was completed before March 18. The first baptism (4 candidates) was performed and the baptistry dedicated at a special service on Sabbath, March 19. No Seventh Day Baptist pastor was able to attend, but eight other ministers were present. Since that time other baptisms have been performed by the pastor: two candidates on April 2, two on April 30, Curtis Williams and Timothy Moore. Mr. Williams has built a deacon stand and a chair stand for the church. His wife has organized a Senior Usher Board and sponsored a special program on June 19. Plans are underway to ordain Mr. Williams as a deacon in the fall and to ordain Mrs. Hilda M. Johnson to the ministry. It is hoped to ordain as deaconesses Mrs. Elizabeth Bland and Mrs. Lela Durant.

The church is planning to send the pastor to Conference at Redlands, Calif., in August. She has not attended since 1960 at Siloam Springs, Ark.

**ALFRED, N. Y.**—The children presented a lovely service on Children's Day, June 11, under the guidance of Mrs. Harold Snyder. Songs were sung, verses recited, skits given and the 6th grade said their memory work, received their Bibles from their teacher, Mrs. Kenneth Snyder, and were promoted to the Junior High. Mrs. D. W. Clare presented them with their graduation certificates and Leon Clare welcomed them into Jr. High Sabbath School. At the end of the service, Mrs. Clare handed out attendance awards to the Primary Sabbath School.

Two babies were dedicated on this Children's Day. Theresa Kirkendale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kirkendale, and Darren Lee Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berwyn Reid.

Graduating this year from institutions of higher education are the following people from this general area: Sheryl Butts Volk, Alfred University (B.A.); Roberta Clarke Ellis, Alfred University (B.A.); Susan Thomas, State University of N. Y. at Alfred (A.A.S.); Fred Pierce, State University of N. Y. at Alfred (A.A.S.); Merrylin Campbell, Boston University (M.A.); Ernest Bee, Alfred University (M.S. in Education); Herbert Saunders, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y. (B.D.).

Our Alfred-Almond Central School graduates are Jerry Benjamins, Becky Butts, Carol Kirkendale, Norman Olson, Wyn Parry, Robert Randolph and Roger Van Horn.

## Accessions

ALGIERS, LA.

By Testimony:

Mrs. Lela Durant  
Mrs. Elizabeth Bland

## Marriages

**Jackson-Lee.**—On April 8, 1966, Mrs. Kathleen Lee and Lloyd Jackson were united in marriage by her pastor, Rev. Mary Craig Johnson at Algiers, La.

**Rogers-Van Horn.**—Stephen Clarence Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Rogers of Salem, W. Va., and Miss Josephine Van Horn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marion C. Van Horn of Texarkana, Ark., were united in marriage by the father of the bride, in the Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 4, 1966.



### Summer Institute at Ministerial Education Center

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## "Ye Did Run Well" (Thoughts on OWM giving)

We realize that it is not good to take a verse out of context, but phrases that are applicable to many situations do stick in the mind. The Apostle Paul told the Galatians, "Ye did run well," and then hastened to say that they did not do well enough in obeying the truth and gaining the prize.

The giving of our churches and the sending in of those gifts to Our World Mission show marked improvement for June as compared with May. To send in \$9,271 is better running than to forward only 6,745. But the fact remains that we did not win any prize as far as total contributions to our work are concerned. It was good but not good enough. Paul might well say to us, "Who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" (Gal. 5: 7). From now on with only three months remaining in the Conference year (including July) we are faced with the need to give \$16,000 per month if we are to gain the prize of a balanced budget. It is a worthy goal to strive for and not beyond our reach if we really stretch ourselves.

In this matter of giving to OWM we may not all realize what happens when giving is low. It means that the mission Board, for example, with its salaries for workers, finds its percentage in the distribution going way down. This is because it has been agreed that the General Conference item (with no investment income to draw from) shall receive a fixed percentage of the total budget (\$120,-554) each month. It amounts to \$1,474.

If the gifts each month added up to one-twelfth of the total budget the Tract Board, to take an easy example, would receive a little over one tenth of it, as it did in June. But from total receipts in May of \$6,800 it received \$789—a much smaller percentage. The Missionary Board did not come anywhere near the one half it would normally get.

There is an interesting sidelight to this situation. Some of our people (how many is not known) have objections to supporting the NCC or the WCC through OWM. Most of that rather nominal support is within that fixed amount of \$1,474 that goes to General Conference each month.

It follows that any failure to contribute sufficient funds to OWM as a whole results in "starving" our missionary work unless the giver takes pains to designate his gifts in detail. It appears to be the better part of wisdom for all to loyally (not half-heartedly) support the whole OWM budget. To illustrate, just suppose that you do not want even one percent of your gift to go to agencies of the National Council: so you decide to withhold most of what you would have given to the total budget. Your neighbor in good conscience is willing for one percent of his gift to go to NCC. Your liberty curtails his, since it forces him by his undesignated giving to contribute a larger percent to NCC than he wishes to give. Let us give enough to raise the full budget each month and thus keep the percentages in proper balance.

## Inflation in Brazil

We are rightly concerned about inflationary trends in the United States. There are indications, according to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, that the many new programs of government spending to bring into being the so-called Great Society are creating more problems than they are solving. It is asserted that the benefits for the aged are more than offset by inflation with the accompanying increase in the cost of living.

A glance at our great Latin American neighbor, the United States of Brazil, which tried to provide for everybody through government expenditure makes us forget our minor problems as our hearts go out to those people in their times of extreme inflation. It is said that there has been some stabilizing of their economy—but not enough. One of the Seventh Day Baptist pastors started a paper a year ago titled **Lembra - Te Do Sabado** (Remember the Sabbath). The postage to send five copies to the editor of this journal was 330 cruzeros. The cruzero is supposedly the equivalent of the dollar. Furthermore, it took three months for the mail to reach its destination.

We think we have troubles. Let us pray for those whose problems are far greater.

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## MEMORY TEXT

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6: 8.

## American Printing House For the Blind

There are many organizations serving the blind, some strictly religious; most are philanthropic and dependent on popular support. A recent letter from J. McFerran Barr, president of American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Ky., enclosed a booklet giving a picture tour of this non-profit institution which has been serving the blind for over 100 years and claims to be the world's largest publishing house for the blind and the oldest national institution for the blind in this country. It is "the official printery for textbooks and other educational materials for blind children at the primary and secondary levels throughout the United States, its territories, and possessions."

The services of this organization are extensive, including talking books, **Newsweek** and **Reader's Digest**, the transcribing of print into Braille, making maps, globes, and residual vision aids. Gifts, bequests, and testamentary trusts are encouraged to serve the 400,000 Americans who are now blind and the 27,000 added to this group annually.

Perhaps some more specialized ministry like that of the American Bible Society appeals to you, but if you are impressed to help do something for all a gift to the American Printing House for the Blind may be a satisfying philanthropy.

## Offers a File of Recorders

Thinking that some young pastor or other person might appreciate a file of **Recorders** for reference purposes Mrs. Mary Irish Carpenter of Ashville, N. Y., R. D. #1, has offered to contribute her back issues from Jan. 1949 to the present. Her health does not permit her to keep these copies which she prizes. The transportation cost would have to be met by the receiver.

## Summer Institute

June 6 - 24, 1966



Students and dean: Paul Beebe, David Pearson, Edward Sutton, Victor W. Skaggs, dean, John Conrod, Leroy Bass standing behind the old Piscataway pulpit in the worship center.

For three weeks—seventeen days of work—five students participated in an intensive study of Seventh Day Baptist History.

The course was presented at the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education by Dean Victor W. Skaggs. It was aimed at increasing the knowledge of the students about our churches and conference. Perhaps even more, it was aimed at drawing lessons from history for the contemporary church.

The records of church origin in the English Reformation were resource material for a study of church development today. Discussion about the rise and decline of the English churches provided

a commentary on developments in the growth pattern of Seventh Day Baptists in the United States. Study of the Newport, Philadelphia, and Piscataway centers of Seventh Day Baptist beginnings in the United States was a source of new understanding of the faith and organization of Seventh Day Baptists today. A review of the development of colonial and frontier churches contributed lessons for improvement of our denominational witness. A survey of Conference organization in the 19th Century and the continuous efforts at reorganization have supplied helpful suggestions for our current denominational structure study.

Reading was assigned to follow a sum-

mary outline of denominational history, and discussion of findings followed study. In addition to these requirements the students were each involved in a major research effort. The library and museum of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society were put to intensive use, and Miss Evalois St. John, librarian, proved an invaluable source of information and assistance as she directed the students to research materials and helped them to evaluate what they found.

An examination, composed of questions demanding value-judgments of historical information provides some evaluation of student involvement in the course. Excerpts from exam papers include the following:

“The church that holds the warmest and deepest place in the lives of people is one that is not so large that it lacks friendliness nor so small that it cannot function.”

“People that drove down stakes in a community were apt to see a growing, living church, whereas those who ‘squatted,’ as it were, had no real hold to keep them permanent or to become very interested in an established church.”

“Vision and Passion: There has definitely been a cooling process which has come over the denomination as a whole. Much of our history is splendid and is thrilling, but hunger is felt when one views the spiritual dearth which exists today—lack of revivalism especially.”

“It still seems true that those churches today which do not emphasize the importance of the Sabbath and seek the mutual encouragement of other Seventh Day Baptists are also dying. Although we do not advocate ‘riding a horse to death,’ we do advocate giving him plenty of exercise. Those churches which are out to give the Sabbath truth are the churches that are showing growth.”

“One development which appears is the fact that Conference was organ-

ized to promote missionary activity at home, which has been extended to people outside the U. S. A. The organization was started on a small scale in 1802 with eight churches, and nine ministers, and a membership of 1,130 (or thereabouts). The organization has grown and become more complex. Reorganization has been considered and reconsidered through the years.”

In answer to a question on ordered progression in Conference organization: “Yes, there are ‘signs’ of progression—very definitely, and they may perhaps be somewhat ‘ordered,’ but it seems to me there are only rarely ‘ordered progressions.’ I don’t feel that those people were endeavoring to follow a planned pattern over the years, not until they came to 1890 and worked out plans for the future of the ‘Chicago Council,’ and then again in our own time beginning five or so years ago under the five-year inter-Baptist program (Baptist Advance).”

“... It has been noted that time given to organizing and reorganizing usurps valuable time and energy for surging forward; so it may be hoped that whatever is necessary in this area of reorganization might be achieved and maintained for a period of years in order that other and more vital work in connection with the carrying out of the Great Commission, and other of Christ’s commands, might be obeyed to God’s glory.”

“The ministers are perhaps not very convincing, or worse yet, not very creative in ways of stimulating their flocks in this direction. It would seem that it behooves each of us to cease taking it for granted that the faith of our fathers is good enough, sufficient enough, to stir, to revive a new Sabbath faith. We must try every new method available to us to restore our people to creative, active thinking about why they are Seventh Day Baptists. Stop preaching condemnation of

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## The Why and the How of Our Ministerial Education

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministerial Education was formed by the action of General Conference in session in August 1962. By Conference Action Council members are nominated by the Commission and elected by Conference. The Council is "responsible for the recruitment, licentiate training and theological education of candidates for the ministry and shall promote activities and conduct programs to accomplish these objectives under policies approved by the General Conference." (1962 Yearbook, p. 62).

This Council now consists of Earl Cruzan, chairman; Delmer E. Van Horn, secretary; J. Leland Skaggs, treasurer; Harold O. Burdick, K. Duane Hurley, and Melvin G. Nida. The Council held its annual session at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, on June 28-29, 1966. (see article on page 10.)

At the request of the General Conference the Council on Ministerial Education established and has begun to operate a Center for Ministerial Education in line with the following policy statement:

Recognizing the need for adequate theological training of its ministers under condi-

tions which ensure both academic and spiritual growth and which will provide a cohesive force among our ministers, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference has authorized the establishment of a Center for Ministerial Education to be located at Plainfield, New Jersey.

Through its staff, headed by a dean as chief administrative officer, the Center will co-ordinate and supplement the theological training of its students. Each student will be enrolled in an accredited seminary of his choice near enough to Plainfield for him to participate fully in the supplemental programs provided by the Center staff. . . . His work at the seminary will be supplemented by weekend conferences to be held at the Center at least twice monthly (now meeting once each month) during the academic year, which will provide instruction in areas of specific import to Seventh Day Baptists and other programs designed to increase the spirit of Christian fellowship among its students. (1963 YEARBOOK, p. 52, 53).

Details of the Center program were spelled out by General Conference as follows:

The Center for Ministerial Education will provide in the denominational building in Plainfield, N. J., a theological library, access to Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society materials, study areas, and seminar rooms. Courses in Seventh Day Baptist history, polity and beliefs will be taught and seminars and workshops will be arranged. Fellowship with other Seventh Day Baptist ministerial students will be encouraged through the seminars, workshops, and other means. The Center will also provide resources for the pursuit of special studies.

The Center will serve also, through its staff and facilities, as a focus for the continuing education of Seventh Day Baptist ministers. (1963 YEARBOOK, p. 53).



Students working on S.D.B. History at the 1966 Summer Institute.

Students preparing for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry may rightly expect the churches to assume some responsibility for their training. Those who join in the program at the Center may expect major assistance from denominational funds administered by the Council in securing their seminary education. Such assistance is based on the knowledge that theological seminary studies are strenuous and demand a student's full attention. Since we, through our Center program, require time and effort which otherwise might be used for study, and since we thus limit a student's earning capacity, we must assume additional responsibility in financing his theological studies.

The Center has been in operation for two years and is proving its worth in the preparation of candidates for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. More and more it is becoming a clearing house for information on the ministry as it relates to our churches. As the Center is integrated by progressive steps into the total denominational organization, it takes an important place in the continuing development of unity of effort and purpose and faith among Seventh Day Baptists.

### Library at the Center

One of the outstanding features of the Center for Ministerial Education is its library. Through the years at Alfred University the School of Theology had developed an excellent core library of some 7,000 volumes for theological study. These are available for use by seminary and institute students and by Seventh Day Baptist pastors and lay people.

Continuing education of the active pastor is essential in this fast-changing age. Here is resource material for the pastor's advanced study. He has only to request it.

Help will be given the pastor or the interested layman in the selection of material if he will write The Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

### Summer Institute

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laxness, and begin living and leading new modes, methods, and ways of keeping Sabbath. At the same time keep a keen ear open to hear the smallest, faintest sound which would indicate efforts on the part of the grass-roots group to change."

"The country church of yesteryear is telling us that the urban church of today, in order to be effective, must not try to call the people back to a small circle of experience, but rather that the church must expand its programs to reach into the whole world of its parishioners."

"Suggestions: 1. Place more support in home missions, in an effort to develop new and valid programs, training of leaders to do the work, and sufficient funds to support programs undertaken instead of a little dab here and there. 2. Put more support into retaining and maintaining our 'non-denominational Christian colleges' in order to retain our influence and outreach here. 3. Continue the effort to inform our grass-roots folk of their part in the present. Enlighten them of the history of the past, from which they are becoming too far removed. 4. Continue in as comprehensive a way as possible to produce 'a new breed' of minister to meet the challenges of this age, and this people."

"Emphasis must be made on the fact that our Conference is organized to do the work of spreading the truth of our Lord and His Sabbath in the most efficient way that is in keeping with our Baptist principles."

Dr. Glenn A. Olds, dean of the State University of New York, claimed it is "morally irresponsible to send a boy to Vietnam with a gun in his hand and nothing between his ears to help him understand what is happening in Vietnam."

**Moments  
of  
Devotion  
at the Center**

Each morning at 8:30 during our summer institute the students and the dean, and on occasion, other workers in the building, joined in a time of prayer and praise. In the quietness of an upper room (2nd floor) we gathered to prepare our hearts for the day.



Our chapel is furnished with an historic pulpit from the early days of the Piscataway church (18th Century). The reed organ with electrified bellows was also used at Piscataway. We are provided with folding chairs by the Historical Society.

Sometimes our leader was the dean, and on occasion other denominational workers provided leadership: General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler, and Editor Leon M. Maltby. Each of the students took his turn behind the pulpit. These

moments at the beginning of the day drew our attention to the God and Father of us all, and we joined in "praise and thanksgiving with supplication."

Each evening, as the long day of work drew to a close, we found a deepened sense of oneness in a fellowship of prayer. So ended the day. The strength of faith and the warmth of Christian comradeship was enhanced because we prayed together.

**The Expanding Ministry**

In today's world many forces are struggling for mastery over man and his society. Small groups of men seek for power. Ideological conflicts stir the deep emotions, and men struggle to make their concepts supreme. In the midst of all this purposeful disorder stands the Church of Jesus Christ. To some her aim appears to be one with that of others in the struggle for supremacy; but in her moments of clearest insight she sees herself as the agent of God to free men from those things and those ideas and those groups which enslave him in order that he may achieve that most important mastery, the mastery of self under God.

In today's church new emphases are demanding that we take a new look at the ministries of the church and at those

who minister. Pastors work in different ways from those of 50 years ago. Churches carry the same message of salvation in Jesus Christ, but they often speak in different words and approach the needs of men with greater sensitivity and understanding than in some previous years. New training in the schools and colleges of our land has created a people more aware of its needs and more unready to accept half an answer or an untried remedy. The challenge to the church is tremendous.

The pastors of her congregation must be men of deep devotion, men of faith in God, men of consecrated life; but they must also be men of ability, men who are thoroughly trained, men who are assured that they are meaningful in the life of the world because of the message they carry and the mission they accept.

Every pastor who does not spend the time and effort to train his God-given abilities by academic discipline, by conscious exercise, by constant study, limits his service to Christ and His Church and may cripple the witness of the local church he serves. Every pastor who disciplines himself in study and labor finds new avenues of service opening before him and is made aware of the power of God to work through men in any situation.

In these days of rapid change, the church is enlarging her vision of the ministry in other ways. The church is rediscovering an earlier knowledge that those who are pastors of congregations are not the only ministers of the church. There are those who serve in administrative functions; there are those who serve as leaders and teachers of pastors; there are those who work in the armed services of their countries; there are those who work in such specialized fields of industry, agriculture, evangelism, missions, medicine, etc.

From ancient writings and by modern necessity the church is rediscovering the ministry of the laity, and pastors and denominational workers are deeply involved in leading and training the enthusiasm and abilities of all church members. Men and women may dedicate special skills and professional training to the church and become a part of her ministry: educators, photographers, printers, administrators, accountants, writers—the list goes on and on. One of the major emphases of Jesus' life and words, which the church has always known and practiced, seems to be coming into its own in our day: The life, the labor, that is given for His sake is blessed and bears a share of the responsibility and the joy that belongs to everyone who ministers to men in the name of Jesus Christ.

**PREACHERS**

People expect the clergy to have the grace of a swan, the friendliness of a sparrow, the strength of an eagle and the night-hours of an owl — and some people expect such a bird to live on the food of a canary.

—Rev. Edward Jeffrey

**Salaries for Pastors**

The lack of pastors in our churches is a chief concern of all Seventh Day Baptists. Of equal concern is the lack of adequate pay for pastors. Some churches are making remarkable strides toward adequate salaries, but much remains to be done. There is no foreseeable time when men will be attracted to the Seventh Day Baptist ministry by superior income, that's true. It is true also that men are discouraged and disheartened because they are not able to use their training and ability and the zeal that comes from faith in God to best advantage since they cannot live on that which the church provides. This is a problem that we must face realistically. The voices of laymen here and there are raised in protest over the small sums provided by many churches for their pastors' maintenance. May other voices swell the complaint until we act to fulfill our responsibility. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

In view of the needs of the churches for pastors who are trained in such specialized fields as counseling, pastoral care, camping, etc., and in view of the needs of the churches for pastors aware of new developments in the theological, church administration, and Christian education fields, the Council on Ministerial Education has set aside certain income from endowment to provide assistance to ministers who pursue such studies on a short-term basis. The Council urges churches to provide time and financial assistance so that their pastors may be better trained and alert to the needs of men and the ministries which the gospel of Jesus Christ offers in this day.

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## What Shall We Do To Find a Pastor?

In communities scattered across our country and in churches of our Conference the question is being asked: "Whom shall we call to our church? Who will be a pastor to us?" The question is asked with varying degrees of anxiety and deep concern, for there is a considerable shortage of trained pastors, ready and willing to do the work of the church in any specific place. Among Seventh Day Baptists the need is apparent to all who look.

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministerial Education is charged with the responsibility of "recruiting" men for the ministry. We expect men to be "called of God," that is, we expect each candidate to feel within himself the urge of God's Spirit to work in His Church as an ordained minister, a shepherd to His people. For some, "His call" is a sudden, almost graphic experience. For some, it is a long process, a series of little experiences by which they become aware of God's urging. However the inner call comes, we join with other Baptists in affirming that such a call must then be tested by the approval of the church and its expression of confidence. So recruitment for the ministry proceeds slowly.

The Council on Ministerial Education is fully aware of the needs of our churches for pastoral leadership and is seeking to provide it as rapidly as is consistent with adequate preparation. Churches are urged to return to a custom of earlier years: Seek out, in your own membership, young men and women of promise. Call them to "improve their gifts for the ministry." Give them the approval and support of the local church! Give them the opportunity to consider in their own minds and in prayer whether or not this voice of the church is the "call of God." When they accept the call, the church is obligated to give them every assistance as they strive toward perfection in the work to which they are committed: opportunities to use their abilities, financial assistance in securing training, the support of prayer and personal approval.

Among the pastors we now have are men of dedication and ability who quite

literally accept the call of a church on the basis that they feel that God wants them to serve in that place. But even pastors are human, and what pastor is there who will not feel drawn to the parish where laymen and women are hard at work in all the old ways of church work and at the same time are thrusting out ventures of faith in the new ways born of the creative thinking and eager reaching out of this generation of Christians? Give the pastor you call a goal, a hope, a faith in the church as well as in its Christ, and the church will grow and be blessed of God, and all its enemies "shall not prevail against it."

### Ministerial Education Council Meets at Plainfield, N. J.

By Earl Cruzan, chairman

The Council on Ministerial Education held its annual meeting in Plainfield, N. J., June 28-29, 1966, with five members of the Council and Dean Skaggs present.

The report of the dean was reviewed and the activities of the Center for the past year were considered. Three students in the Center program this past year made weekend conferences at Plainfield possible. The experience of sharing together and learning certain aspects of the pastoral work not taught elsewhere proved very worth while. On two weekends the wives also met at Plainfield. One weekend was under the direction of Miss Florence Bowden of Shiloh; the other was under the direction of Dean Skaggs. The Council feels it imperative that these conferences be continued.

It was possible for the dean to visit the college campuses this past year and the Council urged him to do so again this coming year. Recruitment for the ministry is a vital part of his work.

It was encouraging to know that five students participated in the three-week Institute on Seventh Day Baptist History just prior to the Council meeting. The two courses offered at previous Institutes are now available as correspondence courses and it is expected that the third one will be ready within the next year.

The primary purpose of the correspondence courses is to assist Seventh Day Baptist conferences in other countries. They may also be used by laymen or ministers who wish to keep up to date on these studies.

Two applications for accreditation were reviewed and passed on to Commission and General Conference.

Applications for assistance in theological work were reviewed for two students for next year and appropriations made.

The Council voted to express "our deep appreciation to Dean Skaggs for his past three years of outstanding service in Ministerial Education." He was invited to continue as Dean of the Center for Ministerial Education for another three-year term.

Secretary Alton Wheeler brought certain matters of denominational interest before the Council.

Refresher courses for pastors serving churches were discussed and plans were formulated to present opportunities for study to both pastors and churches and to establish limited scholarship assistance in this area of training.

The list of accredited ministers was reviewed and instruction was given for the chairman to bring it up to date, including any further changes noted by Conference time.

The Conference program for the work of the Council on Ministerial Education was discussed and assignments were made.

Earl Cruzan was re-elected chairman, and J. Leland Skaggs was re-elected treasurer, with the secretary to be appointed when the full membership of the Council is known after Conference.

The matter of lay training, reading lists of books available from the library, the dean's participation in various denominational activities outside of the Council work, and a major feature in the July 18 **Sabbath Recorder** were a few of the areas of concern discussed by the Council.

### Correspondence Courses Study Courses are available in Sabbath Philosophy Seventh Day Baptist Polity

Ministers are invited to renew their acquaintance with these important phases of denominational faith and life. Laymen and women and young people who are interested in becoming conversant with a variety of beliefs regarding the Sabbath or with our denominational structure seen against the background of that of other denominations are invited to register for these courses.

Fees are \$10.00 per course.

Classes that wish to use these materials in group study may correspond with the dean regarding group study fees.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel



Conference

Youth

Banquet

Speaker

August 16

Dr. Lee Edward Travis, dean of the new School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., who holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Iowa, has been secured as the speaker for the youth banquet on Tuesday evening of General Conference at Redlands. His educational, writing and military careers have been outstanding, as well as his success as a clinical psychologist.

## President's Column

### Worship and Devotions at Conference

As Christians and Seventh Day Baptists we always look to elements of our General Conference program for spiritual blessing and uplift and enrichment of soul. It is our prayer that the program this year will provide adequately for this need. Each day the program opens with a service of Morning Worship and Prayer

The leaders for these services will be Glen Warner, Rev. Oscar Burdick, Pastor Wayne Babcock, Rev. Donald Richards, Rev. Edgar Wheeler, and on Sabbath morning Rev. Don Sanford will arrange for the Sabbath School worship and discussion.

Monday through Friday there is planned a Midday Devotion. This service will be conducted twice by the Young Adult Retreat personnel. Twice it will be arranged and conducted by the young folks of the Youth Pre-Con. On Friday this midday service will be planned and presented by the Junior Hi, Junior, and Primary Conference youth and their leaders.

Another devotional service is the Evening Prayers scheduled after the evening service each night in the Prayer Chapel off the balcony of the Main Chapel. Leaders for the Evening Prayers are Rev. Leland Davis, Rev. Trevah Sutton, Rev. Harmon Dickinson, and Dr. Victor Burdick.

The principal worship services of the Conference program are scheduled in the evenings and on Sabbath morning. The worship leaders and speakers respectively for these Conference at Worship programs are: Monday, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and Rev. Kenneth E. Smith; Tuesday, Rev. Francis D. Saunders and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs; Wednesday, Rev. David C. Clarke and Rev. S. Kenneth Davis; Thursday, Rev. Duane L. Davis and Rev. Herbert E. Saunders; Friday, Youth of the SCSC and Rev. Mynor G. Soper with Rev. Ralph M. Soper (Communion Service); Sabbath morning, Rev. C. Rex Burdick and Rev. Charles H. Bond; Sab-

bath night, Rev. Earl Cruzan and Dr. Lewis H. V. May.

Through these programs and these leaders we look to our Lord for guidance and uplift and spiritual enrichment. We pray that they may bring to us the certain assurance of His presence and blessing.

The Conference president gives the following notice. After July 27, all mail should be addressed to him in care of Seventh Day Baptist Church, 4415 Lemon Street Riverside, Calif. 92501.

### WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

#### Noted Woman of India Joins UCW Staff

An Asian woman leader and social scientist has been invited to join the headquarters staff of United Church Women for the summer months as a special consultant and acting director of Christian World Relations. Mrs. Amina Bose of Calcutta will assist in initiating a nation-wide program majoring on women in the international community.

A well-known international lecturer on social science, Mrs. Bose's distinguished career includes lectureships in history at Women's Christian College, Calcutta; Loretto College, Calcutta; Dorothy Cadbury Lecturer, Birmingham, England, and at Central House, Sally Oak, in the same city; at Mainau, West Germany for the International YWCA Center; and more than 200 speaking engagements in England, Eire, West Germany, Holland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.

Mrs. Bose founded and organized many national and local women's groups in India, including the national Indian, Ranchi and Kanpur YWCA; National Council of Women in India, and the University Women's Associations in Lucknow and Calcutta. She is the program chairman of the Calcutta YWCA, honorary joint secretary, Indiana Conference of Social Work, and education chairman of the All Bengal Women's Union.

Mrs. Bose is teaching social sciences at the University of Kansas in Lawrence and working on her Ph.D. in history.

### MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

#### Missionary Departure Delayed

Mrs. Leroy Bass underwent emergency surgery on Sabbath morning, July 9, for incarcerated semoral hernia at a hospital in Springfield, Mass. It was expected that she would be released on July 13, after which she will recuperate at the home of Mr. Bass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Bass at nearby West Hampton, and later at the home of her parents in Niantic, Conn. The missionary family had expected to fly to Georgetown, Guyana, July 10. Their departure will be delayed about a month.

The commissioning service was held as scheduled Sabbath afternoon, July 9, at the Pawcatuck Church in Westerly with the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs giving the message. Mr. Bass was able to be present. A reception with about 70 present was held in the social rooms of the church following the commissioning service.

#### Leadership Training For Church Women at Malawi

We had five days of classes for women church leaders. They came in from the village churches. I believe there were eighteen from the out-churches, and with those around here we had up to twenty-eight in attendance. I had classes in Bible Studies for women's and children's meetings, personal evangelism, and meeting questions of the unconverted. Mr. Shirt, Makapwa cook, had a cooking class each morning in which he taught them to make bread, doughnuts, pancakes, muffins, biscuits, chocolate cake, and banana bread. These classes were very popular. He also had an afternoon class in which he taught the values of different foods, care of the sick (in food preparation), and similar things. Miss Gomani had a class each day in child welfare. We felt the time was well spent, and I think all who came felt they had gained something.

We had a month of special evangelistic meetings among the southern churches by our own team, Pastor O. B. Manan and Preacher Makatanje. They have some

thrilling stories to tell, the Lord blessed their efforts. They had a full schedule, Pastor Manan doing most of the preaching. Preacher Makatanje dealing mostly with children's stories, showing slides (using the old pressure lamp projector), and holding discussion meetings in family problems and responsibilities.

#### Kansas City Building Situation

(Prepared by City Pastor-Evangelist Paul B. Osborn, June 1966.)

Many have given evidence of confusion regarding the situation of church buildings in Kansas City, so it seems well to issue this summary and report. When the City Pastor-Evangelist was assigned to Kansas City, the Kansas City church was faced with the task of finding a place for him and his family to live as well as keeping a place for church assembly purposes.

The property at 2049 Oakley was purchased primarily as a parsonage. The building on the back of the large lot at the corner of 22nd and Oakley is a 2-bedroom apartment over an old garage. It is about 28' x 32' exterior dimensions, and is of concrete block and floor construction downstairs, with hip-roof and dormer windows upstairs with hardwood or linoleum floors. The first intentions were to add a 16-foot extension to both floors, providing 2 more parsonage rooms and additional room downstairs for church and Sabbath School use. Upon application for a building permit it was found that it was a non-conforming building and could not have more than 25% area added to it.

But the pastor and trustees agreed that it would be foolish to add only 25%, since the space would not be adequate for the church. So an application for a temporary "Certificate of Occupancy for Church Assembly" was filled out. We had six inspectors tell us what was wrong with the building, and why we couldn't have the certificate. After much explaining in city hall by the pastor, who found the officials there very co-operative, the Chief Electrical Inspector agreed to pass the wiring, and we then had only three major items to correct: (1) Con-

struction of a fire wall along the back of the assembly room; (2) providing a second means of exit; and (3) installation of rest room facilities and other plumbing and heating items, some of which were safety factors that any home should have.

Item 3 was the biggest job, for we had to hire a licensed plumber to do it. God guided us to a neighborhood plumber who did the job for about half what one of the big commercial firms bid on it. Item 2 was taken care of by removing one of the sliding garage doors, which had been covered by curtains, and installing a door and bookshelves in that space.

To create a fire wall the makeshift partitions that had been separating the assembly area from the furnace, laundry, and rest room were removed. The space was re-arranged and gypsum board wall was built so that the main room, which holds church pews with seating capacity for 50 and space along the edges for 3 Sabbath School classes and the pastor's study, is about 20' x 27'. The furnace-laundry room and restroom are in the middle, about 10' x 11', and the other corner room, 8' x 11' is to be used at present as a bedroom.

The work is not all finished, but the inspector has returned and given his OK to what was required, and said he would have city hall mail us our "Certificate of Occupancy for Church Assembly." Praise the Lord! It has been a lot of hard work so far, and we look forward to more hard work getting the gypsum board walls finished and painted, installing two more doors and, we hope, a shower. We are looking forward also to doing something with our vari-colored floor (spilled paint) soon.

We do this so that we can have a place to put up a sign saying, "SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF KANSAS CITY. COME WORSHIP WITH US!"

**Late Flash**—The permit has now been granted, says Phillip Burrows, just as we go to press.

### Pastoral Changes

The resignation of the Rev. Delmer Van Horn, pastor for seven years of the Adams Center, N. Y., church has been announced. He has accepted the call of the Washington, D. C. church effective about September 1. This marks a forward step in the Washington Project of the Southeastern Association. The church has not had a full-time pastor for a number of years.

Others previously announced changes are now in process and several churches that have unsuccessfully called are extending other calls.

Farewell gatherings for the Milton and the Westerly pastors have been held. The Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, it will be recalled, goes from Milton, Wis., to Boulder, Colo., and the Rev. Earl Cruzan begins his work at Milton in mid-July. Pastor S. Kenneth Davis of Daytona Beach, takes up his duties at Westerly after Conference. The Rev. J. Paul Green of Marlboro, N. J., goes to Salem, W. Va., about September 1. Most of the students at the ministerial training center have gone to their temporary or regular pastoral assignments. (The Rev. Trevah Sutton is already at work for the summer at Riverside.)

Ordained and lay workers are serving several churches as summer assistants. There are many engaged in the evangelistic and other dedicated service work sponsored co-operatively by several boards. This latter work is just getting underway in Louisiana and in Central New York.

It may be expected that a few more pastoral changes will be announced soon as calls are considered. A few ministers not previously serving one of our churches write of their desire to raise up churches where they are, or to help out somewhere else.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 30, 1966

#### Remember the Sabbath Day

Lesson Scripture: Ex. 20: 8-11; Luke 6: 6-11; John 5: 16-18.

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### Liberian Teen Team Acclaimed in United States

A team of six, including four teenagers, from Liberia, Africa, brought to this country by Youth For Christ has been winning great ovations in American high schools, has been impressing the churches visited, and beating all Americans in Bible quiz contests.

Al Snyder, director of Monrovia's Youth For Christ, accompanies the team on its six weeks' tour ending at the International YFC convention at Winona Lake, Ind., in mid-July. The convention attracts 6,000 young people from all over the world.

After the young people had presented their program and answered questions in one high school the principal, who had been apprehensive, said, "I am overwhelmed! It was fantastic the way the students responded to them."

In Youth For Christ Bible quiz competition the Liberian students have not found their match with any American team. Their leader, Mr. Kayea remarked, "The Americans have been amazed over how well our kids can quiz, and I know that some have been embarrassed that our African young people have beaten them so badly."

The response at church missionary meetings have been impressive. They sing African tribal hymns and typical Liberian spirituals and they thank America fervently for sending missionaries to them. One impressed pastor said, "If this doesn't move our hearts to do more to get the gospel out around the world, I don't know what will."

### "Hope of Britain

#### Lies in Its Youth"

So said Dr. Billy Graham in London, where a Saturday night throng of 29,700 overflowed Earl's Court. At the half-way mark of the Greater London Crusade it was apparent that it was rapidly becoming predominantly a youth crusade. Between 60 and 70 percent of the nightly audiences were below twenty-five years of age. Thousands of youth with little or

no church relationship were responding to the call to commit their lives to Christ, said Dr. Graham. "Underneath the exhibitionism, rebellion, cynicism and parties lie hearts longing for spiritual reality," Graham continued. "I believe there is a whole generation of young people waiting to be reached with a simple and clear-cut Gospel proclamation."

The results of this crusade so far are far greater than at the first London crusade sixteen years ago. Enquirers coming forward have numbered 1,000 or more on several occasions, one night 1,678. More than half are people seeking salvation through first-time commitments.

### Recent Recorder Letters

New subscriptions are always welcome, especially when the subscription department and the editor know the membership of our churches well enough so that a personal interest can be taken in almost every one. One particular kind of "new" subscription is gratefully noted—the one that comes back after being off the list for a while. During June a number of letters came from various parts of the country from people who wanted the denominational journal again after being without it for several years.

A lady who does her bit in distributing literature even at the age of 82 presumably saw the notice in a recent issue about reducing the size of our magazine for budgetary reasons and enclosed a check for \$30, "to help pay for publishing the **Sabbath Recorder**."

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministerial Education expresses its appreciation and thanks to the editor of the **Sabbath Recorder** for his assistance in putting this material into form and for his co-operation in opening the pages of the journal so that Seventh Day Baptists may be informed about the work of the Council. Members of the Council and the dean of the Center for Ministerial Education have contributed to this presentation.

—V. W. S.



**OUR WORLD MISSION**

**OWM Budget Receipts for June 1966**

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	June	9 months			June	9 months	
Adams Center ..\$	87.89	672.39		Memorial Fund		1,687.90	
Albion .....	61.08	364.45	50.00	Metairie .....	10.00	10.00	
Alfred, 1st .....	545.00	4,688.39		Middle Island..	80.00	359.00	
Alfred, 2nd .....	380.50	2,297.66		Milton .....	899.37	5,835.14	160.00
Algiers .....				Milton Junction	94.60	841.25	
Assn. & Groups	99.23	476.13	156.57	New Auburn...	36.02	221.57	
Battle Creek .....	594.04	4,208.69	110.00	North Loup .....		778.41	
Bay Area .....	20.00	310.00		Nortonville .....	105.00	1,362.31	75.00
Berlin .....		1,080.61	81.30	Old Stonefort...	32.00	223.00	
Boulder .....	69.50	362.85	150.00	Paint Rock .....		150.00	
Brookfield 1st ..		288.50		Pawcatuck .....	540.79	4,447.21	117.20
Brookfield 2nd ..		52.59		Plainfield .....	567.98	3,888.82	
Buckeye Fellow-ship		60.00		Putnam County		10.00	
Buffalo .....	200.00	400.00		Richburg .....	157.02	1,039.64	
Chicago .....		717.50		Ritchie .....		276.00	
Daytona Beach..	108.33	934.98	10.00	Riverside .....	485.60	4,803.33	
Denver .....	136.10	1,258.64	25.00	Roanoke .....			
DeRuyter .....	18.00	332.20		Rockville .....	33.23	473.77	25.00
Dodge Center..	64.06	509.72	375.00	Salem .....	106.00	981.00	
Edinburg .....				Salemville .....	41.30	274.72	6.00
Farina .....	51.50	293.90		Schenectady .....		112.00	
Fouke .....		105.00		Shiloh .....	997.42	4,999.41	
Hammond .....		69.00		Syracuse .....		131.25	
Hebron, 1st .....	140.50	577.70		Texarkana .....	12.50	75.50	
Hopkinton, 1st..	196.25	2,053.75		Trustees of			
Hopkinton, 2nd	12.00	108.50		Gen. Conf. ..		133.25	
Houston .....		50.50		Verona .....	265.00	1,168.42	
Independence ..	52.00	698.25	15.00	Walworth .....	60.00	604.72	
Individuals .....	32.00	633.49		Washington .....		293.00	
Irvington .....	400.00	1,500.00		Washington, People's		125.00	
Jackson Center..		500.00		Waterford .....	100.20	947.90	
Kansas City .....	65.00	408.28		White Cloud ..	114.69	730.69	
Little Genesee..	136.85	1,094.35	20.00	Yonah Mt.....	40.00	100.00	
Little Rock .....		31.00					
Los Angeles .....	630.00	2,698.00	15.00	Totals	\$ 9,251.60	\$70,615.41	\$1,446.07
Los Angeles, Christ's		110.00		Non-Budget	20.00		
Lost Creek .....		470.00		Total			
Marlboro .....	373.05	2,844.18	55.00	to Disburse	\$ 9,271.60		

**JUNE DISBURSEMENTS**

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 706.48
Historical Society .....	41.83
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund.)	619.12
Missionary Society .....	4,080.65
Tract Society .....	1,116.60
Trustees of Gen. Conf. .....	46.40
Women's Society .....	173.52
World Fellowship & Service .....	96.72
General Conference .....	1,474.00

Total Disbursements .....\$9,271.60

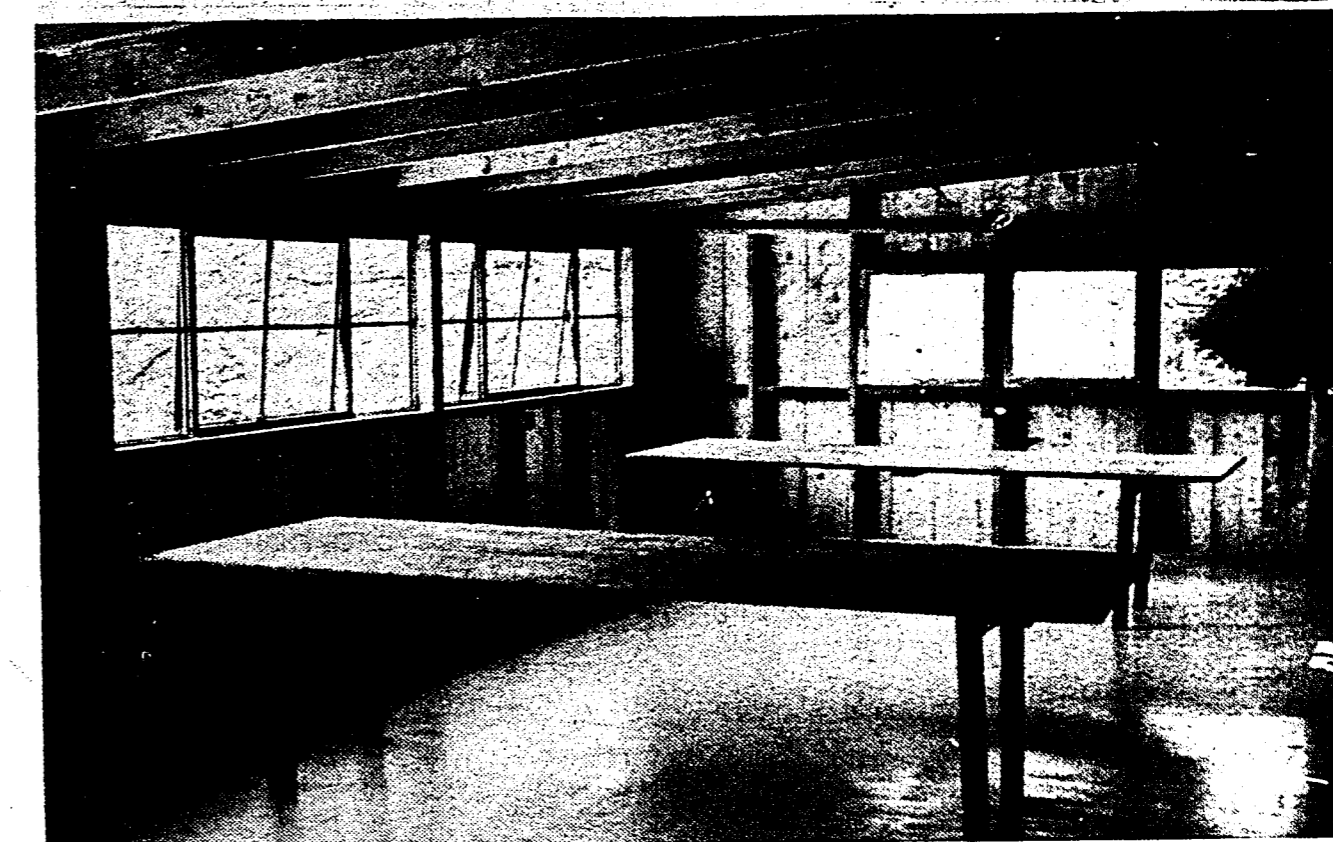
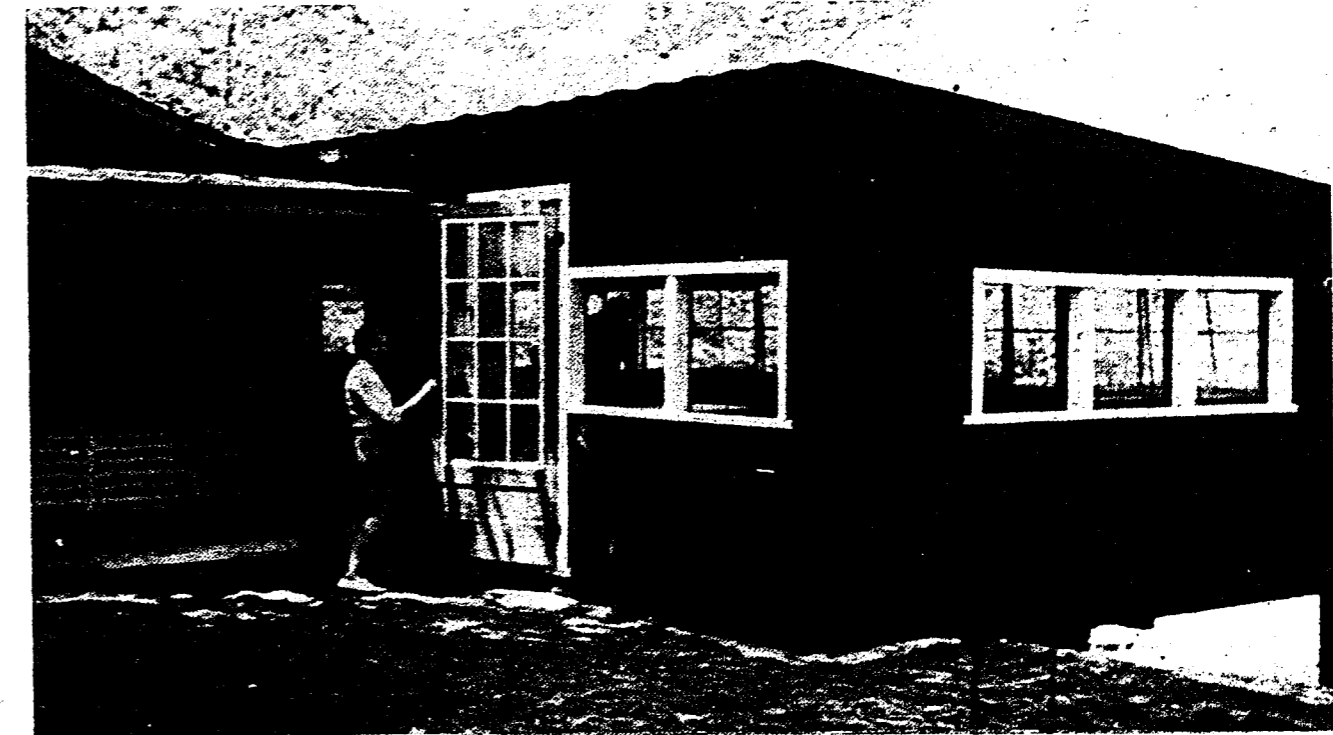
**SUMMARY**

1965-1966 OWM Budget .....	\$120,554.00
Receipts for 9 months:	
OWM Treasurer .....	\$70,615.41
Boards .....	1,446.07
	<u>72,061.48</u>
Amount due in 3 months .....	\$48,492.52
Needed per month .....	\$16,164.17
Percentage of year elapsed .....	75%
Percentage of Budget raised .....	59.8%

Gordon L. Sanford,  
OWM Treasurer.

June 30, 1966

# The Sabbath Recorder



**New Building at Lewis Camp**

With the opening of camp only hours away the newest building of the oldest Seventh Day Baptist camp was nearing completion. Built by volunteer labor this large arts and crafts building adjoining the familiar little administration building called the "Wheel's House" rounds out the present need for camp facilities.