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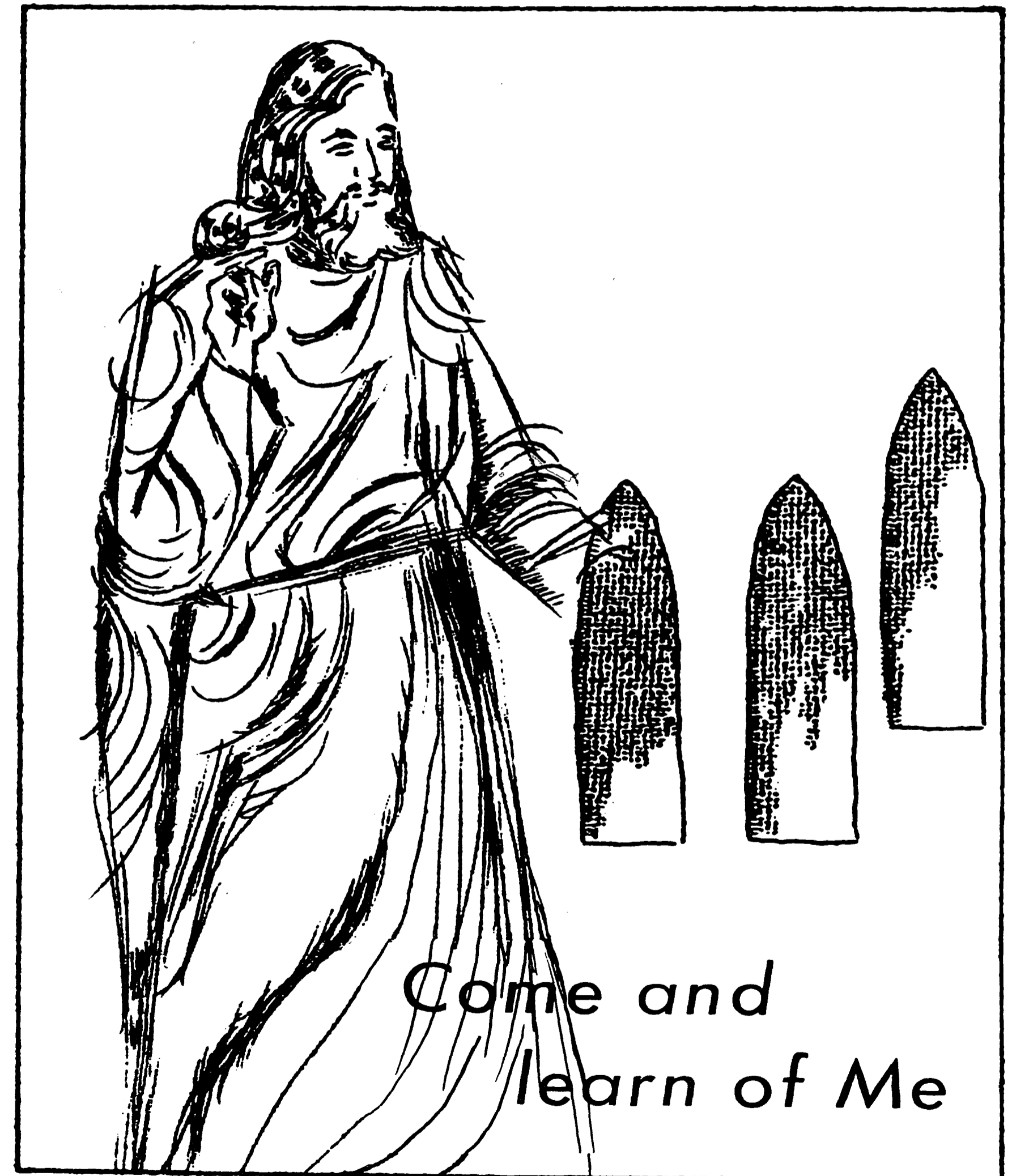
Let Us Go On

Some of us stay at the cross,
Some of us wait at the tomb,
Quickened and raised together with Christ,
Yet lingering still in its gloom;
Some of us bide at the Passover feast
With Pentecost all unknown—
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place
That our Lord has made our own.

If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross
His work had been incomplete,
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb
He had only known defeat;
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross,
And the way of the tomb leads on,
To victorious grace in the heavenly place
Where the risen Lord has gone.

So let us go on with our Lord
To the fullness of God He has bought,
Unsearchable riches of glory and good
Exceeding our uttermost thought;
Let us grow up into Christ,
Claiming His life and its powers,
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place
That our conquering Lord has made ours.

—Annie Johnson Flint.



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Taking Our Measure

Much material from Roman Catholic sources is sent regularly to editors of Protestant periodicals to influence their thinking or to be passed on for the information of the readers. It is one acceptable way for editors to keep abreast of the Catholic viewpoint and the development of inter-faith understanding. The number of significant Catholic periodicals is large. Some of them make interesting claims about broadness of view and the use of Protestant writers in their columns.

The Catholic World, published by the Paulist Fathers, quotes a recent survey which is said to show that, on an average, a subscriber to that periodical reads more than thirty books a year, and that therefore its readers are among the best informed of the nation.

The Sabbath Recorder conducted a survey, not of readers, but of the denomination as a whole, which was answered largely by subscribers or readers of the journal. This survey did not ask the question of how many books had been read during the previous year. It did ask about secular and religious periodicals read. Responses to this kind of question are not easy to tabulate and project to the full readership of the magazine or the denomination as a whole. One gets the impression from the questionnaire that a goodly number of other magazines are read but also that a surprisingly large number of those who answered questions about their reading habits did not regularly read any other religious journal. It was noted in the report that our people seem to be well above average in educational attainments. This is to be expected when one looks at our history and the prominence our people have achieved in educational, business and scientific areas.

In spite of our reasons to take pride in the attainments of many of our readers we must, in all honesty, remind ourselves that our reading habits are far below the standards that we ought to set. It is doubtful if **Recorder** subscribers (who are probably considerably above the denominational average in education) can claim that they have read on the average

"more than thirty books a year." Moreover, a little self-examination would probably reveal that most of us have fallen far shorter in good religious reading than in secular reading. There is much that needs to be done to increase the popularity of solid Bible study and the use of religious books and periodicals that increase our knowledge of spiritual things.

How can our denominational organ relate to this challenge? Most people want the **Sabbath Recorder** to be a "family" paper in the sense that it carries the news of our family of churches. This amounts to saying that it should speak in large measure to spiritual level where we are and our present educational level and that to remain popular it must not push too fast for higher levels. On the other hand, our periodical must have much of the same purpose as the sermons of our pastors—to help all the people to grow in the things of God and in their desire and ability to bring others into the kingdom of our Lord and into the fullness of the Christian life.

The first thing each of us ought to seriously attempt is to take his own measure. How much reading do I do? Am I choosing the type of reading that will really bring me the most benefit? Do I spend so much time with unimportant radio and television programs that I have little time left for serious reading? Suppose my denominational journal attempted to devote much more space to solid Bible study or fuller presentation of the deeper religious questions of the day; would I be prepared by my outside reading to appreciate what I know would be good for me? Something to think about.

The Big and the Little Problems

R. G. LeTourneau is still developing huge land clearing machines, so big that they almost stagger the imagination. One of the new ones marches through a heavily wooded area faster than a walk, clearing, tramping, and chewing a swath of trees thirty-five feet wide. It reaches as high as twenty to thirty feet with a

push beam that will topple the largest trees. Weighing 172,000 pounds, it can still swim a river, wallow through a swamp, and clear away trees as it climbs a steep bank at the river's edge.

The operator of the machine sits in a reinforced cab at the rear to be safe from falling trees or branches. The cab is covered not only with quarter inch grating but also with a fine screen to keep out the hornets. Here, indeed, is a sort of parable. The mighty machine would be halted in its tracks if a swarm of angry little hornets whose nest was disturbed entered the cab. The master of all this tremendous power would have to flee in confusion. The Bible repeatedly tells us that the little enemies, "the little foxes," are to be feared more than the giants or the heavy armor and fearsome hordes of horsemen. What are the little enemies of our souls, and of our eternal salvation?

Combatting All Evils

No one person can effectively combat all the evils of our day; there are many of them. Some of us see one more clearly than another; some are situated in such a way that they can join a movement to tackle one particular evil. Again some of the battles against the enemies of society are much more popular than others. For example, it is often noted that law enforcement agencies in general make a big flare about catching dope peddlers, of whom there are relatively few, and at the same time do little to discourage drunkenness. The reason seems to be that they can get popular support in their war on narcotics but not on drinking or certain other social evils.

War also is a great evil. The present involvement in the effort to stop a communist take-over in Vietnam is coming in for increased demonstrations. One of the arguments against our military action in Vietnam is the needless loss of American lives in a country that does not seem to know what kind of government it wants. There are, of course, other arguments, some of which are advanced by Christian groups and some

by communist sympathizers. A parallel can be drawn.

At a meeting of the Program Board of the Division of Christian Life and Mission in New York on February 17 there was a report by one of the leaders of the newly created Task Force on Alcohol Program. The leader made a statement to the effect that every week there are in this country four times as many people killed by drivers who are legally drunk than we lose in the same length of time in Vietnam. The implication of this statement is that a great many more people seem to want to do something about the evil of war than the evil of alcohol. The speaker pointed out that there are laws against driving when drunk; it is also morally wrong. The war against war, the little killer (in the present case) is more popular at the moment than the war against the big killer. Should we leave the battle against beverage alcohol to such organizations as the WC-TU, whose efforts have been so consistently ridiculed and often thwarted? Let us press the battles of righteousness on all fronts!

Questions About Use of Force

(A Letter to the Editor)

John A. Conrod

It is not my purpose to present a final Christian viewpoint on a subject of such varied opinions. I only seek to raise a few questions which have not been reconciled by any dogmatic statements.

We are told that it is not Christian to stand on a street corner and passively watch a person being beaten. I presume it would be Christian to endeavor to bring a halt to such a beating by actively restraining the person doing the beating.

Jesus has clearly commanded us to turn the other cheek when we are struck, but what is His command when we see an innocent little child or a young lady being beaten? Are we to stand by and let them turn the other cheek or are we to go to their aid?

If it is Christian to restrain the aggres-

MEMORY TEXT

Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. Deut. 13:4.

sor when individual persons are involved, is it any less Christian if the assault is against a nation of people? If so, at what number do we draw the line? How many people constitute a war? How physical must the aggression be?

If we argue that the spiritual life is all that is important and we need not be concerned about the physical, how do we explain our involvement in medical missions? If we must free a man from physical ills to better minister to his spiritual needs, how less important are social, mental, or civil ills?

Some may say that Christianity fared better when it had to struggle under Roman authority and we are wrong to resist aggression. Were our founding fathers wrong when they began a revolution and set up a nation under God? Was Abraham Lincoln wrong to oppose the Confederacy? Was our nation wrong in helping to stop Adolph Hitler? Are police officers wrong in arresting the law-breakers?

To what extent are we subject to civil authorities? To what extent are Christians responsible for the welfare of others, be they individuals or be they nations?

God's Retirement Plan

When Jesus comes, His reward is with Him. Then He will say, "come ye blessed" — "inherit the kingdom." We struggle to pay life insurance, medical, fire and all other kinds of insurance. We work for a lifetime for a pension, for our few remaining years. Many ignore God's retirement plan, which is for eternity, not just a few years. We are promised greater pleasures than man can imagine.

Garnet Lewis in *The Vision*.

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1967 General Conference Program

By the President, Dr. Lewis H. V. May



The above picture is a rather interesting plate of the auditorium at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in which the 1967 General Conference sessions will be held August 14th to 19th.

The stage serves well one of the objects of this Conference. That object is to show techniques, plays and programs that effectively enunciate the Christian truths in today's society. These are programs that a small church can prepare and present to its community with a penetrating message and with dignity. We hope to show you some tools for effective witness that can be used in your home church. This auditorium will help immensely in the presentation of enlightening and interesting Christian programs.

He who is so advanced that he is not content with what Christ has taught, has in fact no God. (2 John, v.9, Phillips).

MARCH 6, 1967

Agency Representatives

Assigned Responsibilities

At the 1965 General Conference held at Alfred, N. Y., it was suggested that "representatives be appointed in each church to be responsible for the dissemination of information and news sent to them by the agencies which they represent." One year later, at the Redlands, California, Conference, it was voted that specific duties of the various board and agency representatives be further defined and correlated by the general secretary.

Through the cooperative effort of the Planning Committee and the office of General Conference, churches have been requested to make such appointments, and many have submitted names and addresses of such persons. Others are urged to do so at early convenience.

In a series of articles appearing in the *Sabbath Recorder*, officers in the boards or agencies involved are proceeding to enumerate the ways in which their respective representatives can serve in the local parish.

In the February 6, 1967, issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*, page 12, Secretary Rex E. Zwiebel, in behalf of the Board of Christian Education, listed specific ways in which their representative can act as liaison in the local church.

In this issue, Secretary Everett T. Harris gives directive to the local representative of the Missionary Society.

It is hoped that all church clerks will also take note of these job analyses, including them in the church records for future reference.

In general, local representatives are news reporters, project promoters, program informants, and alert liaisons between denominational agencies and local parishes. Through use of the printed page, attractive posters, verbal announcements, dramatic skits and audio-visual aids, they can contribute much toward generating awareness of, interest in and support of the work of the Kingdom. They can dramatically demonstrate the assertion that "we are laborers **together** with God," and that "we are everyone members, one of another."

A. L. W.

A Review of Suggested Duties of Missionary Keyworkers

By the Missionary Secretary

General Conference in 1964 took action to encourage the appointment of a Missionary Keyworker in each local church. They approved a recommendation stating that "the duties (of the Missionary Keyworker) would be to secure, implement and distribute missionary material to church and Sabbath school members regularly, to plan for the dramatization of our mission outreach in an organized fashion and to stimulate missionary interest in the local church." (1964 Yearbook, p. 66.)

More recently, thought has been given to the duties of the Missionary Keyworkers resulting in the following guideline statements which were sent to them on September 7, 1966, as preparation for quarterly mailings of Fifth Sabbath (or End-of-Quarter) Mission Emphasis material.

Suggested Duties of Missionary Keyworkers

1. To bring before all our Seventh Day Baptist church members and friends in a clear and understandable way the reality of OWM participation in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord "to go into all the world and preach the gospel"—beginning at Jerusalem (the home field) and reaching out to all the world (the foreign field).

2. To stimulate interest in and prayer support for Our World Mission commitments (remembering those who have gone out in our behalf, to speak and live for Christ).

3. To tell of recent happenings on mission fields and plans and hopes for the future, reiterating the facts in different ways so as to reach and hold the interest of our people.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 18, 1967

Love Beyond Measure

Lesson Scripture: Luke 22:39-42; 23:33, 34a, 39-46.

Support Urged for One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the programs of Church World Service. Set to fall on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year, this nation-wide appeal for funds to help the hungry and the destitute is a call that should appeal to all. The date this year is March 5, but contributions need not cease on that date.

Over the years people in many of our churches have responded to this appeal; it has been one of the items officially approved by our denomination for donations. Much of the giving in past years has gone through community channels in interdenominational meetings. The office of Church World Service last year credited Seventh Day Baptists with contributions of \$290.59 for this cause and the Share Our Surplus (SOS) appeal (also under CWS). Church World Service received \$61.64 additional designated through OWM. They are asking that we give \$325 (which is not very much).

The secretary of our Council on Ecumenical Affairs, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, calls to our attention the action of our General Conference last August. There was a slight change of policy recommended by the committee considering the support of several interdenominational causes. We are asked to give to One Great Hour of Sharing as designated giving through our OWM treasurer. This would mean that normally those who wish to share would do so in their local churches with marked envelopes or by special offerings. These marked gifts would then be forwarded by Mr. Sanford, the treasurer. The point to be remembered is that these causes are not in our OWM budget. No part of your denominational dollar will go to SOS, American Bible Society, or One Great Hour of Sharing.

The Sabbath Recorder is being asked by our Council on Ecumenical Affairs to publicize these good causes so that our people will remember to make special gifts and thus ensure that we do not fall below the reasonable askings.

Denver Home and Garden Show An Opportunity to Witness

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

The Boulder and Denver Seventh Day Baptist churches netted nearly 200 personal contacts and distributed 1400 tracts in the nine days of the annual Home and Garden Show held in the Denver Coliseum, February 4-12. About thirty-five members of the two congregations shared in manning the booth which was set up similar to those sponsored by other churches of the denomination at county and regional fairs. Total attendance at the show was 71,326.



Cynthia Rogers, who created the booth signs, poses with Colorado carnations.

The Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Mrs. Davis wait for visitors—note amusement machine in background of neighboring booth, also cards "for more information."

The Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastors of the churches, were assisted in planning by a joint committee from their churches. A large sign inviting persons to "Worship with Us" was lettered by Cynthia Rogers and drew attention to the new cross and candlesticks loaned by the Boulder church from its communion table for the duration of the show. These and Scripture references related to the Sabbath were highlighted by the brilliant red and gold scarf also loaned. Recorded music which had been planned, however, was drowned out by conflicting programs from neighboring exhibits. Dale Hastings, chairman of the Denver church board of trustees, trucked equipment for the booth to the coliseum and back.

Those who manned the booth included, from Boulder, Mrs. Ena Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bottoms, Mr. and Mrs. Duane D. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Davis, Mrs. Alta Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wells, Paul Hummel, Manly Wright and Pastor and Mrs. Randolph; from Denver, Bernard Benner, Mr. and Mrs. Elnor R. Davis, Mrs. Keith Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hastings, Mrs. Gordon Thorngate, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stephan, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl White, Mrs. Grace White, Robert White, Richard Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Widman, Pastor and Mrs. Rogers and Cynthia Rogers.

One spectator read the signs above the booth and stopped to say, "Now, that's what I like to see!" Another commented on the contrast with an amusement booth, "I go to another church than yours, but isn't it strange how many more people are interested in entertainment or gadgets than in eternal things?"

Arrangements for the booth cost \$90 rent and \$40 incidental expense which will be shared by the two sponsoring churches. The experience of this new kind of Christian witnessing proved exciting to the church members in most cases, and Pastor Randolph summed up the week by saying in his parish paper: "We'll do it again—and do it even bet-

ter." A Denver couple willingly accepted a second assignment as booth attendants when icy roads made travel from Boulder hazardous one evening. The cooperation of the American Sabbath Tract Society which supplied tracts and special issues of the **Sabbath Recorder** at cost or less is appreciated.

Moving?

By Leon R. Lawton

Moving? Most people do!

In our mobile society statistics show that one person in ten moves each year. While many sense this fact in our cities, it is also true in rural areas more and more.

Why do people move? With the increase in young people gaining college education, we find that such training causes their movement. Most go to a school outside their home town and many more are attending in other states. Thus the roots with home are broken. New acquaintances, new communities, new job opportunities continue to pull. Seldom does a student return to his home community to live.

Transportation is another factor in such movement. We are getting beyond the suburb and, because of good roads, the desire to raise families outside urban areas, and the availability of housing, many people drive (or ride) 15 to 50 miles to work each day. Thus small country towns of the previous generation are now mainly bedroom communities. More mothers have joined the working force too, taking both parents away from the home.

Teaching has been one of the occupations of many Seventh Day Baptists, but this today is bringing moves. Few teachers remain a lifetime in a single system. Better opportunities are offered farther afield, and teachers are moving to other states more readily, especially to those with higher wage and fringe benefits.

Technology adds to the moving trend. Industry is diversifying. Men in all phases of work find themselves transferred from place to place. If they hesitate to move then opportunity for advancement often narrows. Industry also is changing. For tax and other reasons new plants are established away from large urban areas or in their outer fringe. While trained individuals may find several job opportunities open to them, all usually involve moving to a new community.

Temperature is also involved in increasing movement in our day. Those of retirement age find themselves freed of regular jobs and under social security. Many have little or no family responsibility. So increasing numbers are finding it more enjoyable, healthful, and often cheaper to live in the South, especially during the colder months.

Trouble causes people to move too. Tragic experiences, business failure, lack of adjustment in school or employment, need for work, and the hope for "greener pastures" cause people to move. It is one way of seeming escape.

The fact of moving populations is with us. We can be thankful we do not have to move to flee the ravages of war, as it is in so many places. We should also be mindful of the age in which we live. Another article will speak further on this subject.

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MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Reviewing Work of Missionary Pastors

Pastor Leland E. Davis
Schenectady, N. Y., church

From Pastor Davis' quarterly report it is noted that average Sabbath morning attendance is twenty-eight, and at sixteen prayer meetings held, the average attendance was twelve. Seventy-eight pastoral calls are noted. Pastor Davis notes how difficult it is "to get contacts interested enough to attend Sabbath services." As to special work or effort made during the quarter the following is reported: "Started Sabbath evening services last fall. Organized separate Sabbath School class for junior-junior high youth. Erected two new church signs on State Street (the church building is located on Clement St., just off State St.). Ministered at three rest homes . . . the pastor spent considerable time as guest editor of the February special issue of the **Sabbath Recorder** . . ."

Pastor Paul B. Osborn
Kansas City and Nortonville, Kan.,
churches

Average Sabbath morning attendance at Nortonville has been fifty and at the fourteen prayer meetings held, an average attendance of twelve was noted. One hundred eleven pastoral calls are reported. Pastor Osborn has written, "Our problem at Nortonville is to capitalize on the enthusiasm of the active members and to minister to those spread over a wide area (around Nortonville)."

Reporting on activities in the Kansas City church area, carried on in cooperation with student pastor Clifford Bond, Pastor Osborn has reported, "Thirteen evangelistic and ten pastoral calls were made . . . a Jet Cadet program for youth has taken a lot of effort on everyone's part . . . I am hoping to arrange for my weekly overnight visit in Kansas City to come on a night when some of the folks can be out to go visiting . . . The

majority of the leadership of the two churches like the way things are working out . . ."

Pastor Edward Sutton
New Auburn, Wis., church

Average Sabbath morning attendance is seventy with average attendance at Bible study meetings listed at eighteen. Nineteen pastoral calls are reported. Pastor Sutton has reported on special work or effort made during the quarter, "Aided Youth Fellowships in planning and completing a community-wide youth program . . . also now working with the Bloomer Ministers Association on a Lenten program of Bible study."

Pastor Marion C. Van Horn,
Daytona Beach, Fla., church

Average Sabbath attendance is reported as fifty-seven, with average of twenty at prayer meetings. Forty-four pastoral calls are reported. Pastor Van Horn writes, "Special effort was made to enter upon an effective advance planning schedule. Some headway was made. It happened, by some stroke of grace, that we planned a special weekend of such programs when the Rev. Rex Zwiebel was enroute from the NCC meeting in Miami and stopped off for the weekend to share with us and add much to the significance of our efforts. The development of this kind of advance planning is going on. We anticipate that all of this year it will be emphasized."

Pastor Kenneth B. Van Horn
Little Rock, Ark., church

From Pastor Van Horn's quarterly report comes information that the average Sabbath morning attendance was thirty-eight and at twelve prayer meetings held the average attendance was eighteen. One prayer meeting was "iced out." One hundred seven pastoral calls are reported during the quarter. Pastor Van Horn writes, "Our basic problem is that of getting out where the people are, on the streets or from door to door, where we should be working to witness and challenge for Christ and the Sabbath." He reports 1,200 leaflets or tracts as

having been distributed and also 400 copies of the special issue of the **Sabbath Recorder**.

Pastor Delmer E. Van Horn
Washington, D. C., church

From Pastor Van Horn's report an approximate figure of twenty-five is the average for attendance at Sabbath morning services. Thirty pastoral calls are noted. Two decisions for Christ and two baptismal services are reported. Eight persons were added to the church which number includes four of the pastor's family. Pastor Van Horn writes, "The third Sabbath afternoon in the month is to be used in lay visitation, during February and March . . . Many hours have been spent with individuals and small groups, attempting to formulate from our collective ideas some workable plans (for the future)."

Other Missionary Churches

Report is not yet at hand from Pastor Leslie Welch, Berea, W. Va., (Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church). Pastor Ralph Hays, serving jointly the Adams Center and Syracuse, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Churches and Pastor Earl DeLand, recently elected joint pastor of the Hammond and Metairie, La., Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be reporting on their services in the future.

The Missionary Board is presently assisting or will soon be assisting twelve Seventh Day Baptist churches to have Seventh Day Baptist pastoral services. Three other churches have applied for assistance, if and when they can secure pastoral care.

The Moral Fibre of Decisions

I am persuaded that our greatest problems of the future are spiritual. The question is whether we as a people, have the moral fibre to make decisions that are right, rather than decisions that are expedient—whether we want to continue to gratify our appetites for more pleasures and an easy life, or are willing to accept and pay the price for the preservation of freedom.

—Roger Hull, RIAL Chairman.

General Conference Publicity

(Second in a series)

When you come to Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich., August 14-19, 1967, you will be visiting the state that has more freshwater shoreline than any other in the union, being bounded by Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, the Straits of Mackinac, Lake St. Clair, and Lake Erie. Our forests, rivers, streams, and more than 11,000 inland lakes make Michigan's vacation opportunities unlimited. There are fifty-three state parks, most of them allowing camping and located on a lake or river. The Upper Peninsula contains some of the state's most scenic attractions: Taquamenon Falls, Pictured Rocks, Porcupine Mountains, Soo Locks, etc. The locks at Sault Ste. Marie on the St. Marys Falls Canal pass an annual tonnage comparable to those of the Suez and Panama Canals combined. Two-hour, ten-mile boat cruises through the locks are available: adults \$2.50 and children 6-12 years, \$1. One of the world's longest suspension bridges, Mackinac Bridge, connects the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The five-mile crossing on the bridge (\$3.75 toll) is an outstanding attraction.

Those whose route would make it possible to take the Lake Michigan ferry from Milwaukee, Wis., to Muskegon, Mich., would find the six-hour trip like a restful, luxurious ocean cruise. Fees: auto \$9.25, plus adults \$6.25, children half fare, and under five free (1966 prices). This is listed as saving 275 miles.

Detroit, our largest city and fifth in population in the U. S., is the automobile capital of the world. Public tours are conducted weekdays in most of the plants. Other outstanding Detroit attractions are the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, one of the largest and most modern zoos in the country, and Cobo Hall, one of the world's largest exhibition buildings.

In our next article we will be telling you of the history and points of interest in the White Cloud area.

—Madelene Parrish.

Churches Schedule
Special Meetings

Quite a number of our churches are currently holding special meetings, many of which are part of the missionary program. Some of the meetings will have been held before this issue reaches its readers. Others are in the near future. The list is only a sampling and is not complete. It is enough to show the widespread outreach activity of these weeks. Pray for the conservation of advances already evident and the good beginnings of other work on our broad harvest fields.

Plainfield was privileged to have the services of the Rev. Leon Lawton, director of evangelism, for the nine days of February 17-25, during which time the emphasis was on starting a number of groups in the "Growth by Groups" program.

At Westerly, R. I., Secretary Rex Zwiebel was the guest leader for the February 25 weekend meetings emphasizing Christian education.

General Secretary Alton Wheeler spent the February 25 weekend with the Milwaukee, Wis., church.

Washington, D. C., engaged the Conference office dedicated worker, Andrea Crandall, to distribute tracts and work with young people from February 24 to March 4. Secretary Wheeler was also scheduled to minister to the church the first Sabbath of March.

The Marlboro, N. J., church invited the Rev. Victor Skaggs to hold special meetings there March 9-12. The Shiloh church also cooperates in these meetings.

The churches of the Western Association have worked out a schedule with the Conference president, Dr. Lewis H. V. May, by which three churches—Hebron, Richburg and Little Genesee, N. Y.—meet together on Sabbath morning at the latter church, March 11, and other churches of the Association—Independence, Alfred and Alfred Station—meet in the latter church for a discussion type gathering in the afternoon.

Lost Creek, W. Va., has called pastor Herbert Saunders of Little Genesee to be their missionary March 26-April 2. This is a unique case of the pastor's son being the guest evangelist.

Verona, N. Y., is engaging the director of evangelism, Leon Lawton, for a series of meetings in April.

Battle Creek has scheduled the services of General Secretary Alton Wheeler for a church survey and evangelistic meetings April 14-23.

WCC Asks Bombing Halt

The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches meeting at Windsor, England, has called for the cessation of bombing of North Vietnam as one of a series of steps which could "break the current impasse" and lead to "meaningful negotiations."

The committee also said North Vietnam "either in advance of or in response to the cessation of bombing should indicate by word and deed its readiness to move towards negotiations."

The fourteen-member committee concluded its semiannual four-day meeting February 16. Sessions were held at Windsor Castle. The committee represents the 223 member churches of the Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, and Old Catholic communions in more than ninety countries. Members came from Argentina, Borneo, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Philippines, United Kingdom, USA, and USSR. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran Church in America, is chairman.

The Vietnam statement with its six interrelated points, adopted by the committee by a large majority also declared that "South Vietnam should not oppose, but should move towards negotiations, and should further agree that the National Liberation Front (Vietcong) be represented at them."

The statement was presented to the committee by Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, New York, director of the WCC's Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

National Youth Week

Indications are that most of our churches celebrated National Youth Week, although as far as reports received to this date of writing, nothing more was done than to have the youth take charge of Sabbath morning services. Not all of our churches were able to have the services on the designated Sabbath, but those who did not picked another date.

Some of the youth used the material sent from the office of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Education, some used material from Christian Endeavor, and in the instance of one, the entire program was original. The program in the Nortonville church was entitled "The Stones Cry Out!" and was described as "A documentary program presented by the news bureau of station WSDB (We are Seventh Day Baptists). The time of the newscast was First Day, Nisan 11, 4th year—Pontius Pilate. The purpose of the documentary was "To present the life of Christ so that His true mission is shown."

Ministers Conference

The Biennial Conference of Seventh Day Baptist ministers will be held in North Loup, Nebraska, April 26-May 3, 1967. The conference is sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education's Committee on Higher Education in cooperation with the Study Center for Theological Education. Watch for announcement of program.

Christian Writers' Conference

The twentieth annual Christian Writers' and Editors' Conference will be held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., July 1-8, 1967. Any person with a bent toward writing for church papers or for other periodicals can get top training by attending this school. Anyone interested may write Mrs. Margaret Ward, American Baptist Board of Education, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481.

Dedicated Worker Fund And Youth Field Worker

The Milton SDBYF is the national agency for raising money for the current Dedicated Worker Fund and for the future Youth Field Worker. The goal set is \$1,000 to be raised by March 25, 1967. Thus far \$332.70 has been sent in plus a pledge of \$250. This leaves a balance of \$417.30 yet to be raised. Those who have given are:

Salem College Sabbath School Class	\$ 5.00
Milton Church	
White Gift	8.35
Meal of Sharing	84.35
Junior High YF	20.00
High School YF	90.00
Western Association SDBYF (Alfred, Alfred Station, Buffalo, Hebron, Independence, First Genesee, and Richburg)	125.00
Boulder Pledge	250.00

Miss Alice Rood, chairman of the fund raisers, urges all SDBY Fellowships to send in the money they have raised to date, or tell of the pledges made to this worthy cause. Money and/or pledges may be sent to Miss Susan Fitz Randolph, 6 N. Janesville St., Milton, Wis. 53564.

Camp Dates

"The director of Camp Joy (church camp of the Southeastern Association), the Rev. Francis D. Saunders, says that camp is to be held June 18-25. The theme is "Love Is of God."

—Daytona Beach Sentinel

Washington Monument Inscription

There is something notable in Washington that the visitor does not see when he looks at the great shaft that stands alone surrounded by flags and that turns one's thoughts to the "father" of our country. We are told that engraved on the metal tip of the Washington Monument are the words "Praise be to God."

Do You Love the Jews?

There is one prerequisite for successful evangelization of the Jews. You must not only love your Lord (who was of the Jews), but you must love the Jews individually and as a group if you would win them to Christ. Is this a truism? Not just that. Some who say they would like to witness to God's ancient people, who are now our neighbors in every large city, have not yet learned to love them. There are some Jews, just as there are some Gentiles, who are hard to love because of their personal characteristics. This, however, does not remove our obligation as Christians to do so. And there are satisfying rewards that come to us when we love; we grow thereby.

The above paragraph is by way of introduction to an interesting announcement of a new program of training for evangelization of the Jews. The American Board of Missions to the Jews (ABMJ) is establishing a Department of Recruiting and Training.

Until this time, it has been the policy of such organizations to rely on unsolicited applications to gain missionary personnel. The ABMJ has taken the initiative in recruiting as of March 1, 1967.

This new department, to be headquartered in New York City at 236 West Seventy-Second Street, will have as its purpose the enlistment and preparation of missionaries to work among God's ancient Chosen People. It will feature six months of classroom and laboratory work. The candidates will study methodology and techniques of Jewish evangelism, and techniques of instructing Jewish people in the Christian religion, etc.

The training program will be able to train twelve missionaries each year. A limited number of trainees will be accepted for service with other similar organizations after the staff strength is maintained at the ABMJ.

Rev. Martin Meyer Rosen of Hollywood, California, has been appointed director of this program.

"To the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Deaconess "Lena" Bond

By Paul B. Osborn

Sarah Alena Maxson was born three miles west of Nortonville, Feb. 3, 1881, the ninth of eleven children of Russell and Hannah (Babcock) Maxson. Her father died when she was five years old, but her mother lived until 1932.

On June 7, 1890, at the age of nine, she made a public profession of her faith in Christ, was baptized, and joined the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which she remained a member until her death.

Her education began at the (Hickory Grove) Sugar Bowl School near her home. When a neighborhood Sunday School was organized in the school house she was one of the teachers.

Her high school education was interrupted by rural school teaching and by her mother's ill health. She and her mother moved into Nortonville in 1907 and she graduated from High School in 1908.

Through Christian Endeavor work in her church she became acquainted with Clifford G. Bond and they were married on Feb. 11, 1914. Except for three and a half years that they lived in Milton Junction, Wis., she made her residence for the rest of her life in Nortonville.

Her husband died in 1924 and the succeeding years were busy ones caring for her four young fatherless children. She received many kindnesses from friends and the church while her children grew up.

She was active in community work, especially in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the lid of her cookie jar was rattled by countless numbers of Loyal Temperance Legion children. She was ordained a deaconess Nov. 18, 1939. She helped out during the teacher shortage of the forty's, taking a refresher course and teaching for four years in Jefferson County schools.

During this time she became interested in the Rural Bible Crusade, which gives awards for memorization of Bible verses. She challenged the children with this and encouraged them by earning her own

Bible (500 verses) and a week at Summer Bible Camp. It was her request that at her death, rather than flowers, any money "be given to the work of the Rural Bible Crusade of Kansas, or other worthy missionary enterprise."

As she grew older Alena Bond continued to think of ways to be of service. She decided that when she was through with her "bodily garment" it should be used to help others. Thus, when she died on Jan. 24, following a period of failing health, her children sent her body to a school of medicine with the following note:

This was our mother. The hands, once strong and active, wielded the rod of correction, yet held a Bible in daily family instruction. The arms held us when we were sick or had stubbed toes. The lips often prayed for us.

Death won the struggle for her body, but her spirit is secure with our Savior. (Your Savior, too, if you are yielded to the Almighty's love.)

We, the children, in accordance with her wishes submit this body for the training of future physicians.

Memorial services were conducted in the Nortonville church on Sabbath afternoon, Jan. 28. She is survived by her four children, Gerald C. of Sulphur Springs, Ark., Mrs. Ronald (Alma) McClure and Ira E. of Nortonville, and W. Allen of Marion, Iowa, and one brother, Lyle Maxson of Denver, Colo. All of her children, and eleven of the twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild were able to attend the memorial. The service concluded with an evangelistic message, brought at her request by her son, Allen. It was indeed a fitting climax for the memorial to her life of service and devotion to her Lord and Savior.

Open Your Hearts—Loving

More than 300 Koreans die helplessly of tuberculosis everyday.

Tuberculosis has been declining in North America for decades — but in South Korea cases increase by 120,000 a year. An estimated seven per cent of the 28,000,000 population have the disease, but only one in ten receives any medical attention. There just aren't enough facilities.

There was a time when so many South Koreans died from tuberculosis nobody thought anything could be done to abate its spread. But a Canadian doctor named E. B. Struthers believed something had to be done and opened the first Christian tuberculosis clinic in 1954. There are now twenty such clinics currently sponsored by Korea Church World Service.

Christians continue to fight for tuberculosis control, and have made great contributions to South Korea. The government now realizes tuberculosis can be controlled if diseased patients receive enough medical care.

But until other facilities can sufficiently battle the problem, U. S. Protestants will aid their brethren through donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal sponsored by America's Protestant and Orthodox churches.

*Robert Bowman, president,
Far East Broadcasting Co., says*

"I Have Walked the Streets of India"

and have seen heartbreaking hunger—and sacred cows—and religious temples—and overpopulated cities and villages. Spiritual and physical need is everywhere evident in this great country of people—people—people. Had you experienced this your heart would be moved with compassion toward them as mine has.

The Master challenged us to go and evangelize all nations. We thank the Lord that He has given us an effective, open door to multitudes in India through shortwave radio broadcasts. Radio stations in India are government-owned and religious programs are banned. Therefore, Manila's powerful stations are widely listened to.

A typical letter from a new listener in Trichur, Kerala, India, reads:

"I accidentally happened to hear the broadcast from Manila about the Holy Bible. This broadcast is very useful to the Christians and **non-Christians like me**. I am very much eager to know more about Christianity and this broadcast made me very happy."

Burma Conference Secretary Marries

Although the **Sabbath Recorder** serves, to some extent, most of the Seventh Day Baptist Conferences of the world it cannot publish marriages, births, accessions and deaths for all. However, when the secretary-treasurer of the Burma Conference arranges to have marriage announcements sent to church leaders in our conference it is worthy of mention. Mr. L. Sawi Thanga of Rangoon, Burma, the principal contact man with us, was presumably married to Miss Sei Thangi in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Tahan in northern Burma on February 13. The parents of the bride sent out printed announcements "requesting the pleasure of the company of . . . at the marriage of their daughter." Apparently the social customs of Burma are somewhat similar to those of America—even to the RSVP. In behalf of all those interested in the extension of the Burma work, this periodical extends best wishes to the new couple as they devote themselves to this work for all of Burma from their new residence in Rangoon.

Editor.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEB.—Youth Week was observed at the Sabbath morning service February 4 with members of the senior SDBYF in charge of the entire service. Messages centered around the theme "Life." Darlene King had the first letter. Her message was about "Love." Bernard Keown's was "If." Richard Fuller used the last letter with "Eternal Life" as his topic. The children's sermon was given by Merlyn Williams. Others participating in the service were Maris Cox, Kerry Fuller, Jerry Van Horn, Allen Swanson, Allen Williams, Mildred Williams and Colleen Keown. Two junior YF boys were ushers.

A weekly inquirers class for adults is being conducted by Pastor Duane Davis. Baptismal services will be held in the near future.

Our pastor, some teachers and officers attended the Central Nebraska Sunday School Convention in Grand Island, Neb.,

February 8 and 9, and came back with new ideas for use in Sabbath School.

The February church social was held Sunday evening, February 12. An interesting program was prepared by the Ed Christensens and Don Clements. The younger folks showed talent and the older ones—well, their stunts showed they were still young at heart.

A "Growth by Groups" filmstrip was shown and a workshop held at the church following a fellowship dinner February 18.

A Youth Fellowship pancake and sausage supper was held at the church February 19. Proceeds go toward expenses of the Spring Retreat at Nortonville, Kan., in March, and the denominational youth field worker.

Men's breakfasts, one each week, are being sponsored by local churches during Lent. Our church is participating and alternating with the Methodist church. Dr. Grace Missionary Society women prepare breakfasts at our church. The men enjoy the fellowship and meditations as well as the meal. —Correspondent.

NEW AUBURN, WIS.—Reading a series of bulletins from up in the winter country of northern Wisconsin prompts the editor to note how biblical the church is ("smile"); nothing is wasted—as when the disciples gathered up twelve baskets full of leftovers after Jesus fed the 5000. The January 7 bulletin was used on January 14, with the first date crossed out and this notation, "No church Jan. 7th, snow storm." Even at the time of typing the bulletin for January 7 the pastor wrote "As I prepare this bulletin it doesn't seem wise to state whether we should have Bible Study. The roads are nearly impassable."

When you cannot get to church because of road conditions, it calls forth the best of family planning to make the Sabbath profitable for all. Those who live in an area where it is always possible to get to church might well give attention to the poor excuses so often thought up for "forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25).

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FARINA, ILL.—A World Day of Prayer service was held in our church on Friday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. In charge of arrangements for this community service was Mrs. Ione Crandall. Other Farina churches participating in the service were the Missionary Baptist Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Methodist Church. The service followed the nation-wide prescribed service, with some special numbers of music added, which members of other congregations presented. A motion picture with "Our Lord's Prayer" as its theme, was shown. Our church was pleased to be the host church in our community for this World Day of Prayer observance.

—Clerk.

Births

Kagarise.—A son, David Allen, was born Jan. 23, 1967, to Dwight and Minnie (Hale) Kagarise, Salemville, Pa.

Ott.—A son, Tony Leon, was born Oct. 29, 1966, to Albert and Ruth (Robinette) Ott, Salemville, Pa.

Wilson.—A daughter, Rowena Denise, to Harry and Nina (Traver) Wilson, Little Genesee, N. Y., on Feb. 10, 1967.

Accessions

DODGE CENTER, MINN.

By Testimony:

Mrs. Adelaide Matthews

FOUKE, ARK.

By Baptism:

Curtis Sanders
John McWilliams
Donna Kaye Slaton
Rebecca Sue Davis
Wanda Katherine Murphy

By Profession of Faith:

Charles Stanley
Odell Stanley
Willella (Mrs. R. M.) Soper

Obituaries

BOND.—Deaconess Alena M., daughter of Russell and Hannah Babcock Maxson, was born at Nortonville, Kan., Feb. 3, 1881, and died at Jefferson County Memorial Hospital in Winchester, Kan., Jan. 24, 1967. (See extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.)

CARPENTER.—Miss Ruth Marion, daughter of George and Mary Covey Carpenter, was born in Ashaway, R. I., Oct. 5, 1885, and died in Hornell, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1967.

She was graduated from Alfred University in 1908 and from R. I. Normal School in 1909. She taught for four years in the Ashaway public school, and then moved to Alfred where she was secretary to several University and School of Theology faculty leaders and served the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education as secretary, writer and advisor. She was a very active member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She never married, but in 1928 adopted Imogene Moman, who married Carlisle Prentice. They live at Eastchester, N. Y., have one daughter and three grandchildren. Besides these survivors are three nieces, three grandnephews and three grandnieces.

Memorial services were conducted by her pastors, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren and the Rev. David S. Clarke, on Sabbath afternoon, Jan. 28. Burial was in the Old Hopkinton, R. I., Cemetery.

D. S. C.

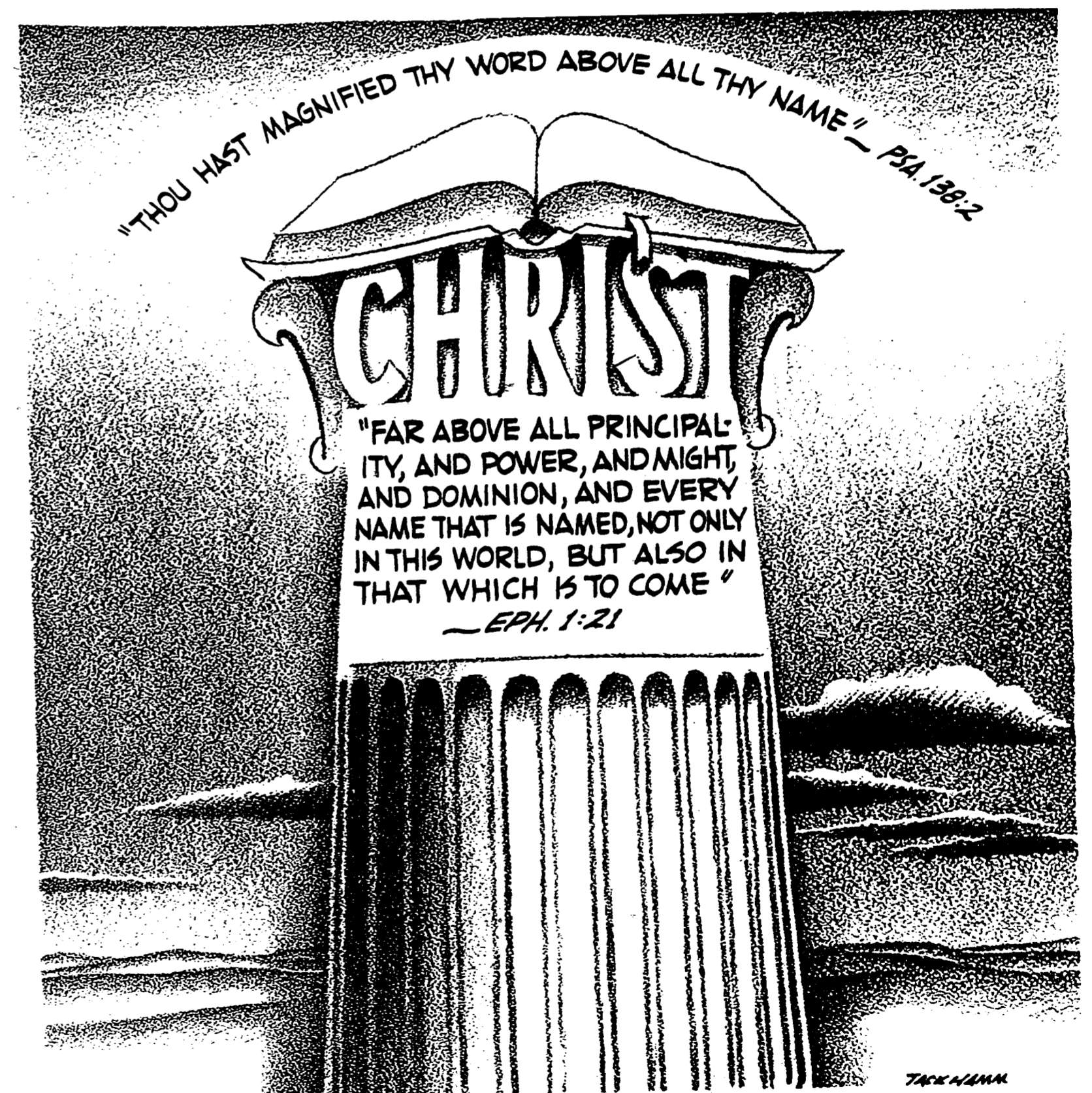
GREENE.—Mrs. Helen A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Matthews, was born Sept. 12, 1900, at Byron, Minn., and died Feb. 9, 1967, in the Owatonna, Minn., hospital.

She was married to Lester Greene of Dodge Center, March 17, 1925, and they spent most of their lives in the Dodge Center area. They shared a deep love for music and sang for many of the funerals and social gatherings in the Seventh Day Baptist church, which they had joined June 20, 1936. Lester preceded her in death March 2, 1961.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Arden Crane; her mother, Mrs. Adelaide Matthews of Byron, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Tucker, Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Stachia Manuel of San Diego, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the church by her pastor, Wayne Babcock, with burial in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center.

—W. B.



Pillar Of Promise