

# The Sabbath Recorder

## Editor in Europe

As this issue goes to press Editor and Mrs. Maltby are beginning a month-long vacation trip to Europe with emphasis on those countries and cities where there are Seventh Day Baptist churches or church members.

The schedule as laid out in advance called for a weekend in the Amsterdam, Holland, area May 19-22, a trip to Berlin and a weekend drive with friends to visit Brunswick and Hamburg churches May 26-28. Points of natural and religious interest will be visited in Switzerland, Italy, and France before going to England where they expect to visit the oldest Seventh Day Baptist church (Mill Yard, London) June 10 and perhaps one of the youngest church groups (Birmingham) the last Sabbath, June 17.

In the absence of the editor his responsibilities are delegated to his secretary and others. The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs will make such editorial decisions as may be necessary. Correspondence will be handled. Writers submitting material for the *Recorder* are asked to prepare it carefully to avoid extra work. Although the issues are planned in advance there will be need of much volunteer material, including news from churches.

## Central Association

The Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches will meet with the Syracuse Church on June 3. The program will consist of Bible study and group discussion on the Conference theme. Morning service beginning at 10:30. Place: Rockefeller Memorial Church, 350 Nottingham Road, Syracuse, N. Y. Everyone welcome.

## Saying and Doing

There are some psalms in the Old Testament that call down the wrath of God upon enemies. Before we criticize the writers too strongly let us remind ourselves that we have not made much progress toward really loving our enemies. It isn't enough to just admire the New Testament standard, we must follow it.

## Accessions

### NORTH LOUP, NEBRASKA

#### By Baptism:

Miss Neoma Morgan  
Peggy Hawley Severance (Mrs. Brice)  
Shari Keep Severance (Mrs. Cletus)  
Frances Pierce Williams (Mrs. Dean)

#### By Letter:

Theona Rasmussen Andersen (Mrs. Elmer)

#### By Testimony:

Ronald Cargill

## Marriages

Davis-Noon.—Dennis Noon of Belmont, Calif. and Miss Sheila Davis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. Keith Davis of Wheat Ridge, Colo., were united in marriage April 22, 1967, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Denver, Colo. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Smith, Milton, Wis., officiated and was assisted by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the Denver church.

## Births

Brown.—A son, Kenneth Carll, to Mr. and Mrs. (Gretchen Swing) Herbert Brown, Jr., of De Ruyter, N. Y., on April 22, 1967.

Rogers.—Julie Christine, daughter of Keith M. and Donna R. (Stephan) Rogers, was born April 30, 1967 at Memphis, Tenn. (The father is serving in the U. S. Coast Guard.)

Stephan.—Richard Kirk, son of Melvin F. and Yvonne (Swanson) Stephan, was born April 7, 1967, at Janesville, Wis. (The father is a student at Milton College, Milton, Wis.)



Praying in a Tent

In an Oriental country divided by war a few years ago there is poverty and want not yet fully relieved. North of the 38th parallel the church has virtually ceased to exist because of communist persecution. In the South, though many do not have church buildings, the Word of God has been spread by servicemen and those who have been helped by them. Some of them meet in tents and bow in prayer under the leadership of newly converted Sabbathkeeping Koreans as in the above picture. The country is not united, but our military peace force contributes to the propagation and preservation of the Christian faith by making life as normal as possible for the people.

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## Fatalities on the Home Front

To recite the toll of accidental death on the highways and the cases of vehicular manslaughter, which far outnumber the fatalities of war, is no excuse for war. It is reasonable, however, to call attention to these staggering figures when there is such a hue and cry about the casualties resulting from the use of military force in a cause calculated to make the world safe for the next generation. Not enough can be said against the devastation of war and not enough is said about the antisocial actions of drinking drivers. There are those who would outlaw war but give up in the face of the problems of outlawing beverage alcohol. We need a little better balance lest we be found to be in some kind of alliance with one enemy or the other.

This is by way of introduction to another very disturbing fact that calls for more action than we see evident. We read the figures recently about murders in the United States. They are almost unbelievable. David Marvin, a staff writer for the *Montreal Star*, has pointed the finger at the United States in a very disturbing way. We have, he states, a murder rate of 10,000 a year—more than one an hour every day in the year—and no Sundays off. Canada, with one tenth the population of the United States, has only 218 murders per year. Britain with one fourth our population has 236 murders. Our rate is fifty times as high as either of these countries, and we claim to be the most civilized country. Our vaunted high standard of living produces a high rate of violent death with malice aforethought that makes us wonder whether our example entitles us to any voice in the courts of the world where voices are raised against the greatest of social evils, murder.

Suppose we compare our murder rate with our military death rate. It is disquieting. Mr. Marvin points out that in all the wars in our nation's history a little over 530,000 U. S. combatants have been killed, but since 1900, murders by shooting alone have totalled 750,000. We are in a bad way and getting no better.

What does all this say to us as we reflect on another Memorial Day and re-

member the dead who died in the service of their country? Some would say that war is always wrong and that our dead have died in vain. They would say that the evil of war must be abolished in this Christian age. To this most of us would agree, but in an age when police force is needed more than ever before we are not at all sure that the scrapping of all armaments and the repudiation of military force would contribute to the sacredness of human life. There is a lurking suspicion, with much historical experience to back it up, that life would become cheap and degraded, and we would be found to be betrayers of our principles and the indirect slayers of our posterity.

Think for a moment about our terrible murder rate in relation to the deaths incurred by our efforts to stop the ruthless march of communism. Do we hate murder with the same hatred that we hate war? If so, we aren't voicing that hatred with as much noise. We pass by on the other side like the priest and the Levite of the parable. We stand aloof when violence flares on our streets lest we should become involved and get hurt. We condone, even in religious circles, the violence of race riots and civil rights action. We arm ourselves while we talk of national disarmament. We do not achieve a very good balance in our outcries against evil. Let us force ourselves to be a bit more consistent, a lot more Christian.

## Apathy to Issues

Does the prevalent ecumenical spirit which aims at a good goal of Christians working together in harmony have some side effects that threaten some of the Christian principles that have been maintained at such cost during our past history?

A newsletter from Americans United begins a comment on the "Church-State Scoreboard" with a reference to one cause of apathy to important issues in these words:

*1967 is shaping up as the most crucial year yet in the never-ending struggle to*

*preserve religious liberty. Battles are raging all over the country. In every case members of one large church—aided by a few allies of other faiths and capitalizing on apathy, ignorance, and the euphoria produced by the ecumenical movement—are pressing hard for public aid to church schools.*

If the ecumenical movement dulls the sharpness needed to detect the machinations of a large church body seeking special privileges for itself what does that movement do in the way of dulling appreciation for the distinctions in the Fourth Commandment?

Seventh Day Baptists, more than any other Sabbathkeeping denomination, are deeply involved in interdenominational cooperation through such church-union organizations as the NCC and the WCC. It is not so much the organizations as a whole but the activities of divisions, departments and committees of these organizations and some of the consultations sponsored by them that dull the edges of important distinctives. We talk somewhat glibly of not giving up any principles as denominations move toward church union. We discover, sometimes a little late, that long before national church bodies get to the point of union they have unknowingly forsaken some principles that they have claimed to be important.

Experience shows that many Sabbathkeepers who get deeply involved in ecumenical affairs do, in the words of Scripture, "lose their first love." They compromise in word or action in order to swing along with the trend. To say this is not an accusation against any and particularly not those who do a splendid job of cooperating without compromise. It is merely to say there is danger of not keeping things in proper balance or of not seeing clearly enough to steer the ship of church between the rocks at the entrance of the harbor.

## Recorder Comment:

Thank you for this, another, Seventh Day Baptist publication for and on behalf of an American soldier, one who is stationed in Vietnam.

## President's Column

By Dr. Lewis H. V. May

Recent President's columns have suffered from medical and monkey business but I hope things are under control enough to begin again and carry forth.

The host committee of the Northern Association has been efficiently active in informing the *Recorder* readers of the facts of Conference. It is my hope that their enticing words will lure many of you to Grand Rapids for General Conference.

Our General Conference is unique in church organization and is one of the few truly democratic exercises in church management and church revelation. To find God's will for Seventh Day Baptists, we all need to participate prayerfully in the decisions that guide our witness, and most of these decisions are made at General Conference.

*You* are the General Conference and through *you* the will of God for us is made known to guide our efforts. Come and give of yourself. The General Conference cannot function without you!! and cannot know God's will without you!!

### Pray for Red China

The international news on May 11 reported that American casualties in Vietnam for the week just ended were higher than any previous week, about 250 killed and over 1,500 wounded. Prayer is needed for our men who face danger and prayer is needed to bring this armed conflict to a close.

The news on May 11 indicated another area where prayer is needed and seldom requested in the present demonstrations for peace. Let us pray for the families and friends of the 10,000 people reportedly killed in the past four weeks as the Red China regime attempts to put down by extermination those who have recently opposed the leadership.

## Christian Service in Uniform

By Lt. James E. Ayars, USN

If you are a Christian serviceman, you will have many opportunities to serve God and to enjoy fine Christian fellowship while at the same time serving your country. Likewise, opportunities abound at every duty station for witnessing and for letting others see the change Christ brings to one's life.

To promote and encourage Christian fellowship in the Armed Forces there are several fine organizations most of which are nondenominational. There is a group called the Navigators which is run completely by civilian personnel. There are representatives at nearly all large bases and they have a very active program of Bible study and Christian social activities. The Servicemen's Christian Fellowship meets on an average of twice a month at members' homes or in the station chapel for a rewarding evening of Bible study and fellowship. The Officers Christian Union is the counterpart to this and its program is very similar. Active duty personnel serve as the local representatives wherever they are stationed.

The Overseas Servicemen's Centers may or may not be nondenominational. These centers are maintained abroad where native languages or faiths may inhibit one's attendance at the local church.

The most active Christian program on any base is that of the chapel under the leadership of the station chaplains. These programs are conducted quite similarly to most churches throughout the country with weekend and midweek services, hymn sings, social hours, etc. Chapel programs provide an excellent opportunity to meet other service people interested in Christian fellowship.

There are many opportunities to actively participate in these programs. Singing in the choir, ushering, teaching, are just a few of the ways in which you can assist your chaplain. By law there is one chaplain for every 1,000 men in uniform. This ratio prohibits many men from hearing a chaplain speak each week, partic-

ularly those in isolated areas or on small ships. The Lay Leader Program is under the auspices of the chaplain and affords one the opportunity to conduct an entire service should he so desire.

Service tours will present many new opportunities along with some difficult and deep challenges. Daily you will be working with a group of men and you will be closely observed. Your life will be your witness and you will become known by it. This will open doors, for others will be asking you for your testimony. The devil likewise will present you with some large temptations which may be the popular move at the moment. The challenges will be real and far reaching. Remember, only your environment has changed, but your God and His promises remain the same. Seek Him each day and the victories will be yours.

Your military service can be a real blessing to God and country. Trust Him and you'll look back upon these experiences as some of the richest and deepest of your life.

### The Other Side of Vietnam

Dr. Edwin Tuller, executive secretary of the American Baptist Convention and vice-president of the National Council of Churches was engaged in a preaching mission to service personnel in Vietnam during the Easter season in behalf of the lay president of NCC.

Upon his return he spoke to a staff meeting at the Baptist Building at Valley Forge. Dr. Tuller reported that much of what we hear through the press describes only the military aspects of the war in Vietnam. There is "another side which is not said clearly and which is equally important."

Dr. Tuller described a number of projects designed to help the refugees and the needy which have been supported by contributions from the G. I.'s, from the people of Hawaii, and from people in other states. The project "Helping Hand" is a civil-action program which provides tons of material, such as kettles, spoons, mats, and clothing for homeless people who are dislocated because of the

war. G. I.'s contribute as much as \$45,000 a month to help support this project which serves 450,000 persons a month.

He also mentioned such projects as schools, the manufacture of cement blocks for housing, scholarships to train teachers, etc. "But," added the Baptist executive, "I have seen exactly these same things happening on our mission fields, with one difference. In Vietnam, the bases are circled with barbed wire, patrolled by armed guards, and there is the rumbling noise of the equipment of war." On the mission field these things are missing. The choice before us is either more missionaries or more soldiers.

### Memorial Day

We have come once again to that time of year when Americans pause to honor the memory of those who have given that last full measure of devotion on battlefields at home and abroad. As Abraham Lincoln said: "It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this."

As we pay our respects to the nation's war dead, it also is fitting that we turn our thoughts to the peace for which we all pray. It is fitting, too, to reflect on life—not death—and on ways in which life may be preserved.

No more fitting time than Memorial Day could be found for this reflection, for the holiday signals the beginning of the summer highway carnage. In a year's time more people are killed on our highways than died in combat in all of World War I.

Automobiles are safer today than they have ever been. So too, are the highways over which we travel. That leaves the problem squarely on the shoulders of the third element in any design for greater highway safety—the person behind the wheel.

One of the great freedoms we Americans share is the right to travel in our country when and where we please. It is a freedom to be preserved for all of us. Let's not abuse it.

—Industrial Press Service.

## How a Military Chaplain Serves

By Chaplain Leonard Melton

Ever since I was a boy in high school I felt in my heart that God was calling me to do the work of an Army chaplain. It took me fourteen years to finally realize that I could only be happy in this service for God and to let Him have His way in my life.

Since I was ordered for duty on 4 January 1962 (I was in the reserves while in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for three years and had a two-year obligation) I have found the true place that God has for me to serve Him.

In this period of time I have witnessed for Him in Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, and now Vietnam as well as in our own country. I have had an opportunity to do more to help men of all walks of life during this time than I could have done at home.

In so many cases the men who volunteer or are drafted into the service have never been alone or away from home for any period of time before. Too many of them have never had the opportunity or responsibility to make a decision. Now they are away from home, friends, and restraints. They feel free but afraid and need someone to help with the new decisions they must make. The young men often try to rebel from the restraints that were known at home. They go through a period of "sowing wild oats" (and you can rest assured that there are those who are always glad to help). However, after a period of time they find that this is not the answer and turn to others for help.

I have also found that on so many occasions the fellows have been depending on their parents and friends for everything, even their spiritual strength, and now they have to make decisions in this aspect of their lives also. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to sit down with a very confused, troubled, homesick young man and see him renew his fellowship with Christ. For example, in my first year in Germany I had the privilege of baptizing eleven young men.

I feel this is the place that God has called me to serve and I know I am do-

ing His will. The fellows need someone who will listen, counsel and love them, regardless of what they have done, and help them in their time of need. Some of the things that I have been told through tears are unbelievable, yet by counseling with them, their relationship with Christ has been renewed.

It is a great satisfaction to see a broken young man (or family) leave your presence with peace and joy in his heart again. Often this entails many letters to wives, families, or overseas telephone calls to straighten out some misunderstanding. The reward is to see joy, to receive letters through the years, or meet again years later, for fellowship. I have seen many a man here in Vietnam at whose wedding I officiated in Germany or who has been my friend in an earlier place.

Vietnam has many aspects that are different from the other areas of the world that most of the fellows have known. In the first place we are in combat. This is new to all the fellows except the veterans of the Korean War or World War II. The way the enemy acts here is very unpredictable. We never know when he will mortar us, pull a sneak attack at night, or put a mine in the road to wreck a vehicle or convoy. This keeps the men in a state of anxiety and very often helps them to see their need for something that is stronger than they.

The Vietnamese people themselves have been in a state of war since the Japanese came in 1939-40. Many of them have never known any other way of life. They are often passive, tired and seem not to care what happens. The cities are very dirty and the people have poor standards of living. There is very little running water and electricity outside the cities. Many of them are sick with a disease that is unknown in our homeland. Outside the cities most of the people are farmers who still use oxen and plows similar to the ones used during the time of Christ.

The people, for the most part, are very appreciative of what the American soldier is trying to do in their country. The medical teams go out and treat the sick;

materials are given for building, as we try to help everywhere we can. In my travels I have found a small Evangelical church that we are trying to help. (The Christian and Missionary Alliance was the only evangelical group allowed here until the past few years.) A few days ago my assistant and I took the pastor two electric fans we bought after taking a special collection in our chapel. The heat sometimes reaches 110-120°F. and they do not have any ceiling in the church. I do not think I have ever seen anyone as happy in my life. He could not express himself because of his tears of joy.

The people here are poor but wonderful when you get to know them. I feel that God has us here for a purpose and ask that you pray for all of us around the world that we might do His will.

If you know someone in the service, write to him often. There is nothing that helps a lonely person here more than to receive mail from his family and friends. Above all, remember them all daily as you pray that God may use this period, while they are in the service of their country, for the glory of God.

Note: Chaplain Melton who wrote this article at the editor's request sent a snapshot of the native pastor mentioned above which unfortunately was not clear enough for reproduction.

## Greek Warship Model

A model of a Greek warship has been donated to the library of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary as a display showing how Christian slaves were forced to man the oars in the "galley ships" in Bible times.

The model was made by Wilbur H. Huff, minister of youth and recreation at First Baptist Church, Bluefield, W. Va., for a 1964 class in Biblical archaeology under Marc H. Lovelace at Southeastern Seminary.

More than 100 hours and two months of research were required to build the model, said Huff. The ship measures 35 inches long, 17 wide, and 22 inches high, and is made of balsa wood, airplane cement, chamois skin, paint, and balsa wood filler.

## MEMORY TEXT

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph. 6:11, 12.

Huff said he became interested in the Greek warship because it was the pattern of the Roman ships which were manned by slaves, many of whom must have been Christians. "The Roman Empire put Christians into prison and enslaved many of them. It was my belief that untold numbers of them were put on fighting ships as slave oarsmen; therefore I wanted to know more about the warship."

"The peak period that the Galley ships were used came during the Hellenistic period, 333-63 B.C.," he says. "They were perfected by Alexander the Great, 336-323 B.C."

Ordinarily the ship had two hundred active oarsmen, with another hundred in reserve. The sail was used only when the wind was blowing in the right direction. The primary means of power was the slave oarsmen. The speed of the ship was that of a horse in full stride or about 25 miles an hour. The oarsmen wheeled oars with balance weights to the constant beat of the counter officer.

The ships were 275 feet in length and 85 feet in width and accommodated warriors and seamen in addition to the 300 slave oarsmen. They were built of fir, oak, and cedar and were held together by dowel sticks. The only iron on the ship was found on the tip of the ram rod which was used to batter the enemy ship and as a boarding runway.

Unlike the merchant ship or the pleasure cruiser, the Greek warship had little provisions for eating and sleeping. The ship stayed near the coastline and pulled into port for night. Its primary use was for fighting.

—Baptist Press.

### A Mission Car for Blantyre

This is a report of progress on the efforts to secure a mission car for use of the Rev. David Pearson when he goes to Blantyre, Malawi, in August, 1967, as Director of Christian Education and Evangelism.

It will be recalled that General Conference approved this plan, directing the Women's Board to make this a special project. (See 1966 Yearbook, page 39.)

Reviewing briefly the efforts made to secure a car, it was learned that Pastor Pearson expressed preference for a Volkswagen Kombi. Then it was learned that a good used Volkswagen Microbus was available from the R. W. Gunson Exports, Ltd., Motor Division, of Blantyre, a company from whom the Missionary Board had previously received satisfactory service.

Dr. Victor Burdick wrote in March, 1967, regarding this car, "It is apparently in excellent condition, available for 650 pounds (\$1,800 U. S. currency) . . . . This car has been driven approximately 20,000 miles . . . , has been used to shuttle accounting department workers from a new to the old Gunson establishment for work, a distance of six miles one way. Now that they are building new offices at the new place, this car is not needed much longer . . . . Perhaps they would hold it for a deposit, of say 100 pounds."

After consulting with the Women's Board and with Director Pearson, it was decided to write to Dr. Victor Burdick to make arrangements with the Gunson Company to hold this car for Pastor Pearson's use.

A check in amount of \$571 has recently come from the Women's Board with a note from Mrs. Harold Baum, treasurer, that "This is the amount which we have received to date for the car for Malawi."

The treasurer of the Missionary Board informs that \$275 has been received directly from the churches and through OWM treasurer. It may be noted that total contributions of \$846 received to

date still leaves a considerable amount to be raised. We hope this project may be completed before Director Pearson and family leave this country for Blantyre on August 21, 1967.

### Bricks for Blantyre

Over the top, beyond the \$10,000 appeal. (See story and picture next issue).

### Can You Get Along Without Love?

(A reprint, by permission, from a publication of LeTourneau College "NOW" as written by staff writer, Mr. Tom Olson.)

According to the daily press, married couples in China are being urged to abandon love because it is viewed as a prejudice of middle class people. They are being advised to substitute ideology and communist thoughts for love! Love is condemned as a "defect of capitalism."

"Personal life," it is said, "is a typical notion of middle class persons and should give way to political needs." Time must not be wasted on dreams and sentimental talk, but devoted to the memorizing of Chairman Mao's works. Old-fashioned wedding parties should be replaced by singspirations at which Chairman Mao's slogans are used.

Pictures of Chairman Mao and collections of his writing should be presented to the bride and groom before they go off to improve one another with mutual criticism!

Imagine, if you can, a Chinese girl asking another, "Are you sure that Chang really loves you?" And the other saying: "You must not use the word 'love'; but I know Chang is devoted to me, for he quotes dozens of Chairman Mao's slogans to me!"

If love is "a defect of capitalism," let us thank God afresh for what they call capitalistic countries where it is still possible to read, believe, talk and sing of the love of God (1 Jn 4:9-11), the love of Christ (2 Cor. 5:14,15), the love of the Spirit (Rom. 15:30), and where everything can be done in love (1 Cor. 13).

"He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 Jn. 4:8). And the Lord Jesus loved us to the point of dying for our sins and rising again for our justification.

Happy are all who can say of Him, "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). How can we help but love Him in return for His love to us? And long may that love be shed abroad through us in rich blessing to others!

### The Life of an Army Officer

By L. M. Maltby, Maj. USAR (Ret.)

It is easy but quite inaccurate to generalize on what the life of an Army officer is like. Neither would it be right to say that it is a normal life. We glibly speak of city life, country life, and army life. Although there are characteristics that make it possible to use such terms it is evident that life is what you make it wherever you live.

A career in the military does not necessarily mean conformity to the more visible standards that give the Army officer the name of carefree, careless living. Many, many maintain higher standards than are found in business life. Marriages, in general, are happy in spite of some long periods of enforced separation. The Christian life may be enriched in the midst of tours of duty throughout the world where conditions are not the best for such enrichment.

Lt. Col. William R. Austin was asked to write an article for this issue from his station in Germany. He did not feel quite up to it. He did write, however, "If I have anything of value to pass on concerning the military it is that we have a tremendous source of Christian literature available to us at all times." This is a good testimony to the work of chaplains and to the suppliers of this literature. He and his wife Lorna (Payne) had been particularly impressed with an article in *Guideposts* which they had secured from the chapel. Reading the story of Wallace E. Johnson, president of Holiday Inns, in regard to guidance had stirred a deep desire in Col. Austin's heart to serve the Lord more completely.

The Lord's hand is not shortened, says the Scripture. It reaches into every part of the world touching hearts, awakening longings, empowering people to live for God. A soldier, an officer, goes where he is sent. He seldom stays in one place more than a year or two. Like the psalmist of old he may find that the Lord is ever with him: "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand shall hold me" (Psa. 139:9,10).

With the years in the Army comes advancement in rank if one applies himself and becomes increasingly efficient and proficient in some of the thousand-and-one skills which are needed in so vast and complicated an organization. With the years come temptations, to be sure, but also the strength to live an upright life can be found by those who seek it from the right source. Advancement in the Christian life can be as certain as periodic increase in rank.

### Youth Pre-Con Retreat

It was the pleasure of the board secretary to visit the Barry County 4-H Camp, Hastings, Mich., on his trip home from Ministers Conference. Members of the National SDBYF officers, the Conference host pastor, the Rev. Eugene N. Fatato, a Commission member, Mr. George Parrish, a Pre-Con staff member, Miss Connie Coon, and some friends made an excursion to the camp site so that all of us could become acquainted with the lay-out.

Barry County 4-H is located on Lake Algonquin right at the western edge of Hastings. Although there are summer homes in the vicinity, there are beautiful woods of pine in which to hike, and adequate space around the camp buildings for games that young folk enjoy.

To correct former statements about the number who can attend, we can now announce that *the camp will host* sixty-six ladies and forty-four men. Thus with three men on the staff, forty-one males

may attend; with five ladies on the staff, sixty-one females may attend. There are three dormitories for ladies and two for men.

Anyone desiring to attend who does not have a registration blank may secure one from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803. Pastors who need additional blanks may have them at their request.

More about the camp—the new swimming pool, costing many thousand dollars, is absolutely up-to-date with fully equipped bath house. A life guard will be furnished by the camp management.

The dorms are quite rustic with adequate facilities. The dining hall is in the center of the camp, and is well equipped. There is an open-sided pavilion in which events may be held in case of quiet rain.

For the director there is a new cabin for his comfort. A health building rounds out the physical accommodations. All campers are expected to bring a filled out medical form from a recent examination.

We urge Seventh Day Baptist young people to get their registration blanks in now to the Rev. Earl Cruzan, Milton, Wis. 53563.

Watch for further information in this paper and in the *Beacon*.

### Vocational Representatives Alerted to Possibilities

As the Conference year is well over half gone and the time is approaching when we need to be thinking about evaluating our progress in our vocational interests, vocational representatives have been urged to consider special opportunities among our people for promotion of this work. Other persons may well be called on to help. The pastor has an opportunity in his sermons and his contacts with members. Sabbath School teachers can be influential as well as groups of parents in guiding our young people educationally and vocationally and reminding them that it is possible

more and more as time goes on to obtain the desired education and vocation where they may be associated with one of our churches.

Every young person should be urged to stay in school until he is prepared for a vocation that will be satisfying. No one should even think of being a drop-out. Perhaps the saying, "Boy, if you quit school now, that's what they will always call you," is quite clear in this respect. Because of the rapid changes and development in industry it is reported that even the best trained workers of today will need to be given special training for the skills required a few years hence, young people of today must have a good education if they are to expect success.

The finding of jobs generally is a local problem best worked out by the individual with the help of the people he knows. The Vocations Committee wants to study the vocational needs of our people and to find out if there are any practical and effective ways to assist in finding employment beyond the local area for high school seniors seeking full time work, retired military personnel or others seeking relocation. Often relocation or moving away is not as wise as remaining in the home area and continuing to do the common tasks well. Church vocations for both men and women should be promoted.

In the near future it is planned to send out to each vocational representative in the churches a questionnaire for a report of the work being done and plans for the future. We will want to know what has been found most successful in working with our people and would like recommendations for making this a worthwhile service. The vocational representatives in the local churches are most important in this endeavor for they are the ones who contact and influence the individuals that may be helped by this whole program.

Kenneth E. Kenyon,  
Chairman, Vocations Committee,  
Seventh Day Baptist Board  
of Christian Education.

### Junior High Conference

The Rev. Delmer Van Horn, pastor of our Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church, will be the director of the Junior High Conference at General Conference next August.

An ex-president of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Pastor Van Horn is familiar with the work in such children's conferences, and our junior high young people may expect a challenging educational and recreational program the week they spend at Calvin College.

The director of Junior Conference will be Mrs. Lewis H. V. May, the wife of our Conference president.

The directors of the Primary Conference will be Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Davis who served in the same position last year at Redlands.

During the daylight hours of Conference sessions, our children will be well cared for.

### Our Servicemen

The addresses of servicemen change frequently, especially in this country. The *Sabbath Recorder* has not attempted in recent months to keep our readers up-to-date on all addresses but has printed from time to time names submitted by churches in order that these men (and women) might be upheld in prayer. In this issue which gives special recognition to those caught up in the military life we are gathering together from various church sources some of these names. The list is far from complete. Detailed addresses may be secured from pastors.

ALFRED STATION, N. Y.  
Pvt. Frederick M. Pierce, US 51774509  
Fort Bragg, N. C.  
Dennis C. Brutsman R2, FA 138-29-52  
USS Brushnell AS15  
FTP New York, N. Y. 09501

DODGE CENTER, MINN.  
Lt. Col. William R. Austin 0814215  
APO New York 09696

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y.  
A1c Douglas A. Traver, AF12654971  
Goodfellow A.F.B., Texas 76901

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
Pvt. John M. Peil RA18773977  
Fort George G. Meade, Md. 20755  
A. 3/C David B. Frye A.F. 18775711  
McChord A.F.B. Wash. 98438

MILTON, WIS.  
Pvt. Bruce W. Lippincott U.S. 56454323  
Ft. Gordon, Ga. 30905

NORTONVILLE, KANS.  
A2/c Phil E. Babcock AF 17709743  
APO Seattle, Wash. 98742  
Ensign & Mrs. Orley T. Mitchell  
Milton, Fla. 32570  
L/Cpl. Joe L. McCoy 2177693  
FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96602  
A2/c Charles S. Wheeler AF 17694754  
APO Seattle, Wash. 98745

PLAINFIELD, N. J.  
Cpl. Guy Duryea RA 11753827  
Fort Polk, La. 71459

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.  
Mark Crandall APO San Francisco, Calif.  
is in Vietnam.  
S/Sgt Gene Lovett is with the Army in Vietnam.

James Perry is in ChuLei, Vietnam.  
S/Sgt. Kent Lambeau and Mary Lee are in Bermuda. He is serving a three year term with the Air Force there.

Skip DeLara has returned from his tour of duty in Thailand and is at Arwater, Calif.  
Joe Gere goes soon to Virginia for Army OCS Schooling.

Bruce Wright is stationed on the York Town Carrier at Long Beach.

Bob Gammage is with the Navy at Long Beach.

Lt. Col. Alfred Lewis is located in Heidelberg, Germany.

SHILOH, N. J.  
L/Cpl. Maurice D. Davis 2121560 USMC  
FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96602  
Donald H. Furniss FN119-00-33  
FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96602

STONEFORT, ILL.  
P.F.C. Tommy Lee Lewis R.A. 16988320  
APO San Francisco, Calif. 96491

WESTERLY, R. I.  
SP/4 Paul C. Wilson RA11439190  
APO San Francisco, Calif. 96308  
Pvt. E-2 Mark E. Potter US 52721858  
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. 65473

"A church that acknowledges all creeds but subscribes to none, that alludes to its faith but neglects to define it, does not inspire confidence." —Dr. James M. Boice.

### Gifts Needed

#### Summer Christian Service Corps

A total of \$848.27 has been raised to date for the S.C.S.C. At least \$2,000 will be needed—the total on the amount of travel expense.

Individuals as well as societies and churches are urged to send their gifts for this work to:

Mrs. Harold Baum, treasurer  
S.D.B. Women's Society,  
Route 1, Box 13  
Edgerton, Wis. 53534

### Robe of Achievement

Persons wishing to suggest the name of a Seventh Day Baptist woman who they feel should receive the "Robe of Achievement," may send the name to Miss Mabel West, Milton, Wis. 53563. Please include, with your nomination, the reasons you believe this person should be considered for the award.

### Conference Exhibit—Help Needed

1—Send a poster, booklet or chart to show projects and work of your society. It will be of interest to have you bring or send a sample of a clever idea you have worked out. Such things will give suggestions to women in other groups.

2—Do you have a copy of your program for the year? We have received only a few to use in our exhibit.

3—We are going ahead with the suggestion made by the Buffalo ladies. Send some item or items that may be sold—proceeds to go for O.W.M. There have been offers—how about your group?

Send information or correspondence regarding exhibits to:

Miss Marjorie Burdick,  
Milton, Wis. 53563

### A Man After God's Own Heart

The amazing thing about David is that he would not lift up his hand against God's anointed and wept over the death of his worst enemy, Saul. A little more of that spirit would be good to see today in the church.

### Getting Ready to Work At Ministers Conference

By Glen Warner



Duane L. Davis, host pastor, Rex Zwiebel, Christian education secretary, Dr. C. R. McBride, resource man, Victor W. Skaggs, ministerial education dean.

One of the most memorable things about Ministers Conference this year was the effective way in which each day's theme was carried out. For me, this was most noticeable in regard to the daily morning worship, led by Pastor Leon Lawton. In helping us to establish a mental set prior to our work groups, Pastor Lawton was able to establish a real sense of continuity between the calling to the ministry, and the nitty-gritty realities of occupation. For his resource pattern, Pastor Lawton used John Scott's, *The Preacher's Portrait*. Each day we looked together at a metaphor of the ministry. Looking closely at the spiritual basis of our calling was most helpful in discovering our orientation for work and involvement.

On Thursday, the metaphor was "Witness for God." In a courtroom we would find persons who would testify to their observations. They had witnessed an event, and they witnessed to it. Jesus Christ is on trial before the world, and his witnesses witness in the power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles were witnesses

to Jesus Christ and the events of his life. Hiding behind the cross, we may say with John, "He must increase, I must decrease."

The next metaphor was "Stewards of God." Stated simply, a trust has been given, we are responsible. We must execute our work, and carry out our trust. This means preaching the gospel. Remember Paul who said, "Woe is me if I don't preach." Our obligation implies the need of study. Discovering this need, we establish the right diet and learn to keep the message simple. Soon we discover that stewards, above all, are to be found faithful (1 Cor. 4:2). He must discipline himself that he may know himself, and discover God's truth ever fresh and ever relevant to the world's needs.

The metaphor of "Father," calls up many feelings. It is a word with deep spiritual significance. Paul refers to himself as a kind of father in I Corinthians 4:15. He was responsible "in Christ Jesus" for some spiritual births. God only is our heavenly Father. What are His characteristics? He is interested in our daily lives. He is involved with us where we walk. He has a gentle, true love for us. He tries to help us learn instead of constantly trying to impress us. He is consistent and earnest in His dealings with us. He speaks to our hearts in understanding love, and the truth is known.

What is the pastor's role in the community? On Monday we considered "the world as the arena of God's activity." The metaphor of "Herald of God" was our worship guide. The herald was responsible for the proclamation of the good news. He also expected a response to his words. The herald of Jesus Christ should so preach, as to expect a response. This entails a two-fold duty, proclamation and appeal. "All things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation" (I Cor. 5:18). This is our proclamation. Our appeal is "be ye reconciled to God" (v. 20). And so, the herald must never make an appeal without first making a clear statement of what he expects the hearers to respond

to. Secondly, the herald must give opportunity to respond whenever he proclaims the gospel.

The minister's motivation and source of power is seen in the metaphor of "Servants." The test of preaching is seen in the loyalties developed by the hearers. Sermons should cause people to turn to God, not to give enjoyment and entertainment. A servant is one who serves a higher authority. The preacher as servant is to speak the truth of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. The conditions of holiness and humility are the prerequisites of this preaching. In this world, Christ is to be made known.

Faithfulness is the characteristic of a good minister of Jesus Christ. In this world of clashing, competing philosophies, the deep need is the sound preaching of the gospel. The good minister of Jesus Christ will be faithful in teaching. He will be faithful also, in living. He will be aware of the costliness and striving to live the right kind of witness. The good minister of Jesus Christ will know his personal handicaps, and he will make the most of them. Paul wrote to Timothy, that he should make the most of being a young man in the midst of older, more experienced men: "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12).

These then, are some of the metaphors of the ministry. They provide spiritual direction and insight into the nature of the calling of God for us who are called to be ministers of the gospel in a world that deeply needs to know that God has reconciled the world to Himself.

### Fidelity to the Word

W. R. Estep, author of the new book *Baptists and Church Unity* in a recent Historical Society meeting said, "The kind of future the church has is dependent to some degree upon the vitality and purity of the Christian witness today. This vitality depends upon fidelity to the Word of God."

## I Learned to See And Hear in the Army

Reginald A. Peltier, a retired Army Lt. Col., who has since become a Baptist pastor states that out of one of his many brushes with death as a bomb disarmer and detonater he "learned to see and hear things I never heard before."

For a quarter of a century he was engaged in this detonating business which recently brought him the presidential Legion of Merit award. After World War II he disarmed 150 explosives in Japan. In Korea he dismantled 1,500 explosive units. It was in Korea in 1951 that he came closer to death through an act of bravery than at any other time.

An ammunition dump had been sabotaged. White phosphorus hand grenades had been rigged up with wire. Tons of munitions and TNT were going off. Peltier, then a captain, and two enlisted men carried 16 wounded men out of the area. Then the trio returned to disconnect cars not yet exploded.

"After 30 minutes another 240 tons of explosives, 35 yards away, went off. It blew me a quarter of a mile." It left a 70-foot-wide, 30-foot-deep crater.

Captain Peltier was left deaf and blind, and was sent back to the states for "rehabilitation" in Walter Reed Hospital.

But once the shock had worn off, he regained his full sight and hearing. Looking back he says: "I had the will to live. God gives the will. This was one of the turning points in my life. After this, things of God took on new light. I could see and hear things I never heard before."

Thus his military experience led him to devote his life, after 23 years in the Army, to preaching the gospel. His military service included Vietnam. He did some preaching in the later years of his Army career.

(From Baptist Press, Oct. '66).

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 10, 1967

SALVATION FOR ALL MEN

Lesson Scripture: Acts 11:1-18.

### Deacon Prentice of Nortonville

William Asa Leigh Prentice, the son of William Allen and Calphrona Babcock Prentice, was born in 1875 at North Loup, Neb. His parents were among the early settlers at North Loup who helped to establish the first Seventh Day Baptist church in that area. There he grew to manhood, learning many skills from his carpenter father which were to be of use to him all his life.

While working in Kansas he met Miriam Monroe of Whiting, who in 1903 became his wife. They farmed in Oklahoma and Nebraska before moving to Nortonville, Kansas, with their four children in 1920.

A member of the Seventh Day Baptist church first at North Loup, Neb., and then at Nortonville, he served his church faithfully until failing health kept him away in recent months. He was ordained as a deacon of the church in 1929.

Soon after his wife's death in 1965 he made his home with his daughter Daisy, Mrs. Otto Premauer, of Oskaloosa, Kan. He died on May 6, 1967, at the Winchester Hospital. Other survivors are a daughter Lucile, Mrs. R. Loyal Todd, of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., and a son, William, of Leavenworth, Kan.

A daughter Pearl, Mrs. Wooda Carr, died in 1954. Two sisters, Angeline Abbey Allen and Elaine Bohler, and a brother, Harry Prentice, preceded him in death.

He had seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and ten nieces and nephews.

Deacon Prentice's life was shaped by work, and he expressed the real meaning of John Ruskin's words, "The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it." As increased weakness set in with his 92 years, he also gave meaning to the verse by Henry Van Dyke,

"I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,  
Because the road's last turn will be the best."

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ASHAWAY, R. I.—Our baptismal service was scheduled for Sabbath Eve, May 19 at the church. We had the largest number of candidates for baptism that we have had in many years. A deep and sincere seeking for the things of God was shown in the baptismal study classes in which fourteen were enrolled.

—Church Bulletin.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.— Christian Family Sabbath was observed here on May 6. There was a service of recognition for the oldest mother present, Mrs. Edna Merry; for the youngest mother, Mrs. Gordon Kilts; for the mother with the most children present, Mrs. Helen Kilts.

No service was scheduled at Schenectady for the weekend of May 13. All members were urged to attend the Eastern Association meetings at Berlin (the mother church).

HEBRON, PA.—Our youth, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Herbert Saunders, have published five editions of *The Belfry*, interesting Hebron version of the little paper published regularly by the young people of the Little Genesee church. Reporters and feature writers are Keith Kenyon and George Thompson, Paul Snyder, Karl Kenyon and Charles Hemphill.

Up to 10 or 11 attend the interesting and helpful Bible study on the Book of Amos conducted Wednesday evenings by the pastor.

On April 1, while Pastor Saunders was serving as missionary and evangelist at the Lost Creek, W. Va., church, the laymen of the Hebron church conducted the worship service. The topic was the Guyana Mission.

Mrs. Margaret Burdick was pianist and gave background statistics of newly independent Guyana, formerly British Guiana.

Karl Kenyon made an attractive replica of the new flag and a colorful map. Dana Kenyon created a lovely altar piece, a cornucopia lush with tropical fruit and palm fronds.

Before Sabbath School, Rachel Kenyon showed colored slides of the churches, their workers and the country.

On April 29, Mrs. Nina Wilson gave the sermon in the absence of the pastor who was attending Ministers Conference.

On April 4 the WSSS held Family Night at the Community Hall. Rachel Kenyon was program director and presented the devotions. Pictures of Vietnam and Thailand were shown. About 25 were present. The May meeting was also held at the home of Rachel Kenyon. Ruth Brock gave the program and devotions. Officers were elected.

Congratulations to college graduate Betty Brock and to high school graduates George Thompson, Keith Kenyon and Paul Snyder. All are faithful, dedicated workers in our church and while we shall miss them when they must be away, we wish them success in their endeavors and will follow them with our prayers.

—Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB.— Twenty-five Nebraskans attended the Mid-Continent spring retreat for young folks held at Nortonville and Kansas City during the Easter weekend. The theme was "Would You Believe: He Died? He Loves? He Lives? He Calls?" Next year's retreat will be at North Loup.

The Junior High Youth Fellowship and those of the Senior Youth Fellowship who did not go to Nortonville attended the sunrise service at Happy Jack Hill commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. Following the service they had breakfast at the North Loup Methodist church. Young folks of Ord, Mira Valley, Scotia and North Loup churches take part in these services.

At a special meeting March 5 our church voted to proceed with plans to build a new front church entrance. Mervyn Van Horn, contractor, has been employed to do the work. Opportunity will be given for volunteer work under his supervision.

The biennial Ministers Conference held in our church April 26-May 3 was truly a blessing to us. It was a pleasure to entertain the ministers in our homes and



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become better acquainted. We will not soon forget the fellowship we had with them. They also contributed to the social time at the church Sabbath night. Here Nebraska's Centennial was featured.

Four babies were dedicated at a Sabbath morning service, May 13. They were Gale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cargill; Malinda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Severance; Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Williams; and Sonja daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Severance.

—Correspondent.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### NCC General Board to Meet

On June 1-2 at Boston, Mass. will be held the spring meeting of the policy-making *General Board of the National Council of Churches*, composed of official representatives of the 34 member communions. Several important policy issues for the cooperating denominations are scheduled for consideration and action. Normally one or more Seventh Day Baptist chosen representatives attend these meetings. The next one will be held in Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 13-15, 1967.

### From Badge to Bible

Police Lt. James T. Parrish of Dade City, Fla., is trading his badge for a Bible.

The 35-year-old police officer in this Central Florida city has worn his badge for a little more than seven years. Now he is shucking it to enter the Baptist ministry.

What made Parrish decide upon this course of action after belonging to a

church, any church—for only two years?

"The Lord did," he says simply.

Lt. Parrish said he felt that by working in the police department, he could reach some people that even a preacher couldn't reach. In effect, he was a minister on the police force.

As time went on, however, he grew more miserable and felt he should be making a life of the ministry.

He feels his police experience has been helpful.

One other thing: he's not only turning in his badge, but he's also turning in his pistol; trading law enforcement for the persuasion of love.

## Obituaries

**BEEKMAN.**—Mabel A., daughter of Isaac and Arelia Maxson Beekman, was born Jan. 2, 1878 in Sherburne, N. Y., and died April 14, 1967 in a hospital in Utica, N. Y.

Her home was in Sangerfield but the last ten years of her life were spent in Waterville. She taught in various New York schools and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. Until last January she wrote a column for the Brookfield Courier entitled "the Wandering Reporter."

As long as she was able to get there she attended Seventh Day Baptist churches. Then in her late years she joined the Waterville Baptist church. She rode valiantly over her physical troubles and in every way she was a conscientious and true Christian, a loyal friend.

Funeral services were conducted in the Waterville Baptist Church. Interment was in the Sangerfield cemetery.

—Mary S. Waterbury, a friend.

**PRENTICE.**—William Asa Leigh, son of William Allen and Calphrona Babcock Prentice, was born at North Loup, Neb., in 1875, and died in Jefferson County Memorial Hospital at Winchester, Kan., May 6, 1967.

Funeral service was conducted by his pastor at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 8, 1967. Interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery. (See page 14, this issue.)



## Honoring Our Graduates

Perhaps it is not honor that our high school and college seniors want from the older generation and from their friends just below or above them in age. They doubtless want whatever encouragement we can give them by word and by example in these uncertain days. They also want the respect that they deserve as they pass these milestones in preparation for life work. Some of them are already prepared for significant leadership in certain areas. Many still need the wise counsel of older Christians in the choices before them and in the area of spiritual knowledge—which may have been pushed aside in the crowded curriculum of scholastic pursuits. Let us accept what they can give and be free to give the help they are now ready to receive. May all of us find our places and work together in the cause of Christ.