

The Sabbath Recorder

There was much food for thought in the Sabbath eve message of the Schenectady pastor, the Rev. Leland Davis as he developed the thought of what it means as individuals to be part of the body of Christ. Some of the testimonies following the message had been spoken for in advance. An 80-year-old woman gave one of the best, speaking like a trained young minister. Several young people gave heart-felt experiences. It was one of the highlight services of the weekend.

The Sabbath morning message of the Rev. Charles Bond of Shiloh, N. J., on "Varieties of Gifts" was pleasingly simple and direct, leading the congregation into a better understanding of what this passage of Scripture meant to the people of that day and can mean to our church today.

The afternoon service featured an original play "To Each a Place" written and directed by Ruth Ellis and Nancy Burdick of the local church. It moved rapidly through several scenes depicting what the members of a new family in town could find in the way of Christian service in the local Seventh Day Baptist church. It made an impression on that family and on the audience.

The Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, speaking at the evening service on "Earnestly Seeking the Higher Gifts" emphasized the fact that speaking in tongues is not referred to as one of the higher gifts, but that to speak the message of God is. All of us, not just the leaders, are called to speak this message and to witness in such ways as will build up the church.

The business of Eastern Association was carefully steered by George Burdick, a president who had given much thought to the matters needing attention. Some minor changes in the by-laws were voted.

Delegates to sister associations were appointed. Reports were received, and some new projects were considered.

New officers, including James Davis, president, and Alice Davis, corresponding secretary were elected. The next meeting will be in their home church, Marlboro, in southern New Jersey, next May.

A special committee to suggest a site for General Conference in 1969 recommended that Conference be held at Nyack Missionary College, located on the Hudson River 25 miles north of New York City. The Executive Committee was empowered to name the necessary committees.

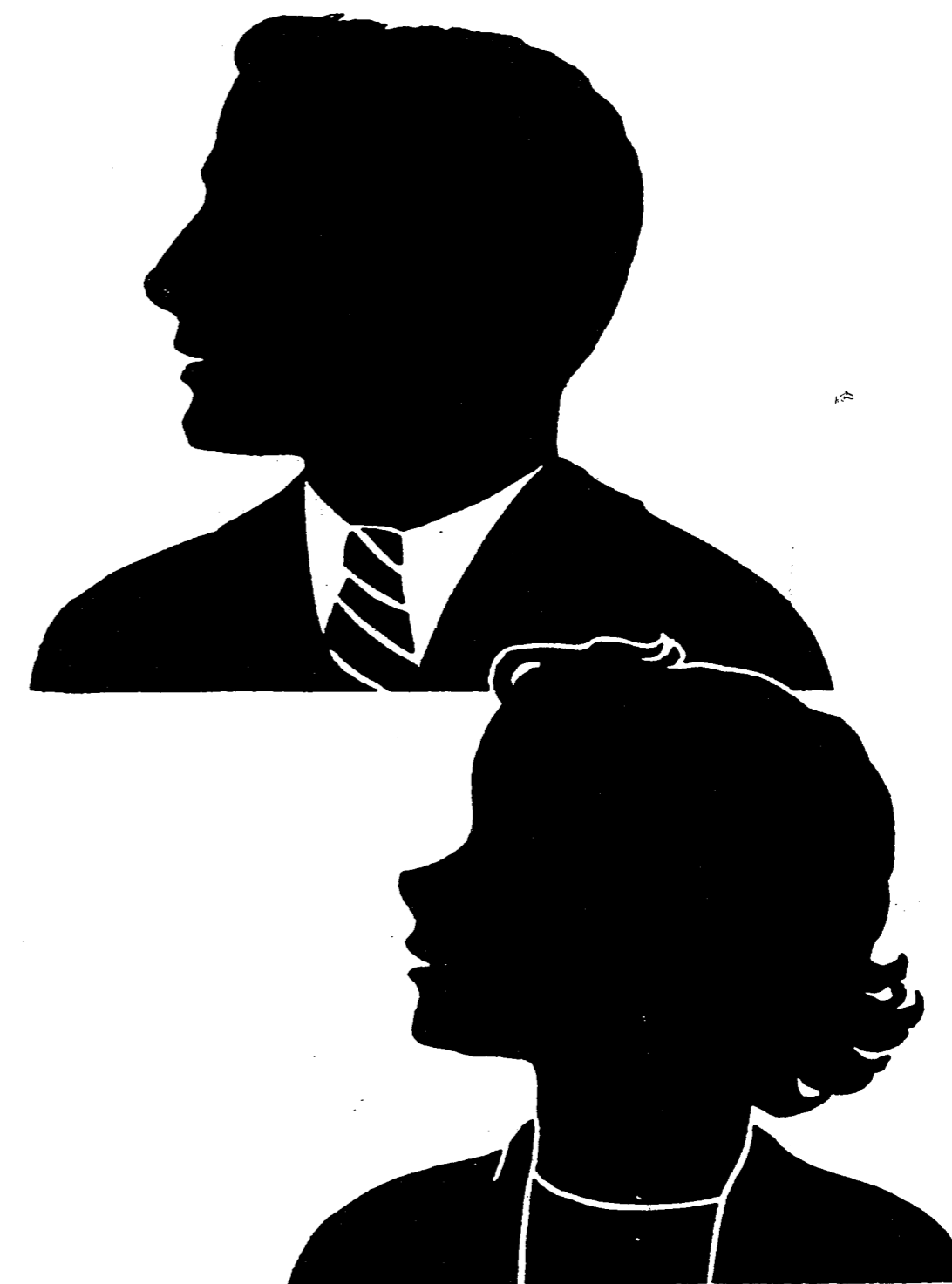
Teen Summer Jobs

The Maco Publishing Company, Inc., of New York City has announced publication of a new book to help high school students obtain summer jobs.

The book entitled *The High School Student's Guide to Summer Jobs 1967* is authored by Sarah Splaver, Ph.D., a well-known authority on student guidance. It also lists state and private employment agencies with suggestions on how they can be profitably used; includes sample resumes and lists of companies employing teenagers for summer jobs.

In White Cloud, Mich., a total of 19 awards were received by Seventh Day Baptists at the annual awards program of the local school on May 4. Among them were undergraduates Doug Sanford who took top honors in biology and typing and seconds in algebra and English, and Ricki Rudert, Ed Cruzan and Dean Sanford who were given junior high awards.

—White Cloud church bulletin.



Dedicated Youth Serve the Lord

What a joy there is among people of God when youth respond to the call of God and devote a portion of their time to significant Christian service. There are among us more than the usual number who are using the college training they already have and adding to it specialized evangelistic and Christian education training for service to be rendered this summer. They are looking up; they are looking out. Are the rest of us looking in the same directions?

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A Sabbath in Holland

What is it like to spend a Sabbath in a strange country? It can be a joyous, satisfying experience if that country is Holland, the city is Amsterdam, and there is someone who will call at your little hotel at 9:30 and guide you to the tram car and bus that will take you to the church where unknown people speak an unknown tongue, but make you feel right at home. The Book they study at Sabbath school and expound in the church service is the same Book you carry, and the fervency with which the elder speaks makes you aware as never before that there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." Although you cannot read a word of Dutch you can follow the Scripture reading and can catch some of the meaning of the sermon. The songs that are sung from little books with words only are the familiar hymns that express the joys of the fellowship of faith. The attendance is not over twenty, but the room resounds with the hearty singing accompanied by a small organ. The meeting place is a newly built Baptist church, simple of design but very bright, with ample windows to let in the light of a clear Sabbath morning.

"The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." When words like that are sung on your first Sabbath in Europe you feel that the barrier of different tongues is not an insurmountable wall. There is a common language of love that is expressed in church even when there is no interpreter. When it comes time for the visitor to speak he is happy that there is an old friend, Mr. Zijlstra, to interpret the words of greeting and to relay the answers to questions so that there is full communication. We had found on our first day in Holland that a very high percentage of the people in business places that serve the public were quite familiar with the English language. This surprised us, but it was more of a surprise when so many times they seemed to know just by looking at us that they had to speak English. Not quite as high a percentage of the church people understood and spoke our language but, as just mentioned, there was a basis of fellowship and communication that one did

not find in the ordinary contacts on the streets and in the shops.

The people who do not read English were not as familiar with *The Sabbath Recorder* as others at the church, but to be introduced as editor of *The Sabbath Recorder* seemed to mean more to most of the congregation than to be introduced as corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society. It is the denominational paper, going to only one or two, that brings the news of the world work of Seventh Day Baptists to all the people of Holland. Some were familiar with the fact that all the churches of Holland owed their origin to tracts from Plainfield brought to Holland from England by Mr. Wardner.

What kind of questions are asked by the church people of a vacationing secretary-editor from the United States? Not the kind of questions that the average church-goer in the United States would ask. They were questions about missionary work, especially Malawi. What would be the special needs of the field when the Pearsons go to Blantyre this summer? What about the new interest in other countries of the world? One young-looking lady wanted to know what we were doing for the young people of America. After the service she explained that she had five children. The fifteen- and thirteen-year-old daughters were with her at church, the father was "baby-sitting" at home with the younger ones. The three of them had come to church on their bicycles. Mother had a new one. How far had they come? Ten kilometers—half an hour. Waving their hands in farewell, they disappeared down the street while we were getting into the car that would taxi us to the home of the elder for lunch. One is impressed with the fact that the women of Amsterdam, as well as the men of all ages, ride their bicycles seriously, not leisurely. They keep up with the traffic and get where they want to go. No wonder they look healthy and rugged.

We find that the Sabbathkeeping families of Amsterdam and Rotterdam like to make the Sabbath a special day, a

MEMORY TEXT

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Tim. 4:5.

family day, a day that ends with Scripture reading, prayer, and hearty handclasps with expressions of wishes for a "good week." At least this was so at the home of Elder Bosch where the visitors from America, Rotterdam, and the Hague gathered for tea, lunch, tea, and supper. During the afternoon other members of the family and friends dropped in. There was time for the men to take a walk to the IJ river that leads to the sea, visiting along the way. There was time at the home to ask and answer questions of common concern to fellow-Christians. As the Sabbath drew to a close, several of the young people departed for the Youth for Christ rally which it was their custom to attend regularly. Among them were some who had not been at church. The contacts made in the home were almost as many as made at church. When the day was over and we had made our way back to our hotel it was with a feeling that it had been a Sabbath well spent. Would it "bring a week of content"? We firmly believed that it would. It was a lesson in good Sabbathkeeping that might well be followed by people in America who have lost something that could be regained with just a little determined effort.

Bibles in the Service

More than half a million Scriptures were distributed free by the American Bible Society to American Armed Forces last year, it was reported in the board of managers report presented at the 151st annual ABS meeting on May 11 at the Plaza hotel. For personnel on active duty as of June 30, 1966, this is equal to about one sixth of total Armed Forces, three fourths the Navy, half the Army, almost three fourths the Air Force and twice the Marine Corps.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE

"C O M E"

Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary

During the past few years, Seventh Day Baptists have launched several types of Dedicated Service plans. At this time, the Planning Committee announces another challenging opportunity to be known as "C O M E"—"Come Over into Macedonia to help us—Emphasis."

For years, pastors and other full-time religious workers have been extended calls to move from one situation or area to another, as the Lord led churches, other groups, and organizations to extend such invitations. At their March 5-10 sessions, the Planning Committee members agreed that other Christians should be invited, challenged and willing to be open to the call of the Lord to move from one area to another, for one reason or another, to offer dedicated time or talents or to enter into full-time religious employment.

I. POSSIBLE CHALLENGES OF "COME" might be in the form of a call to some person, couple or family to move to help form or strengthen a Fellowship or Church, or to help strengthen an Agency, Board, or the General Conference Center. The call might comprise an appeal to serve either at home or abroad.

II. TERMS OF "MACEDONIAN" SERVICE might be in any one of several forms. Some might be called to accept employment on a full or part-time basis on a regional or national level of Christian service. Others might be urged to continue in pursuit of their secular employment in other areas where their distinctive talents and/or spiritual participation are needed. Some might find themselves in a position to offer limited or extended dedicated service without receiving financial compensation or on a limited basis. The move might be made with the realization that a spouse might render service, with or without financial

compensation. Those who are retired or "semi-retired," or others who might help while taking a sort of "sabbatic" leave, might feel led of God to answer the Macedonian Call.

III. COORDINATING OF SUCH A PLAN will be done primarily through the office of General Conference, and IMPLEMENTING in detail by General Conference, boards, agencies, Associations or churches depending upon the nature of the call and the scope of the involvement.

PROMOTION of the plan will be through the pages of *The Sabbath Recorder*, through special mailings, and through personal contacts made.

The Apostle Paul's call came to him one night while at Troas, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16: 9b). Such a call might come to some young person or adult in these days wherever he may be, "Come over . . . to help us"!

As a conscientious Christian, are you open to the Lord's call? Are you willing to become or to continue as a participant in the Seventh Day Baptist witness for Christ in some special way? Can you sing or say to Him with sincerity, "I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord; I'll be what You want me to be"? If so, you will do well to discipline yourself to listen, for one of these days, you may receive a *Macedonian Call!*

The other types of dedicated service known as (1) Summer Christian Service Corps, (2) vacation church school or camp leadership, (3) missionaries and (4) extended Dedicated Service, will continue; and now is added (5) "Come Over to Macedonia and help us—Emphasis."

In these tumultuous times of transition and crisis, *your* talent may be needed in some very special way to help advance the work in God's Kingdom, especially if you are willing to say and to pray, "Lord, what will You have *me* to do?"!

How a small college can
develop the best in youth
as seen by a college president

"The Impatient Generation"

By K. Duane Hurley
President, Salem College

"The destiny of a nation, at any given time, depends on the opinions of its young people under twenty-five."



So observed Goethe many years ago. There has probably never been a time in the history of the world when the famous philosopher's statement was more true, for within a few short years over half of the population will be under 25 years of age. Then history will hinge upon both the opinions—and the actions—of young people.

What a challenge today's youth have to *think* their best and to *act* accordingly! Among the many reasons why only their best will suffice are the following:

1. Knowledge has "exploded" in recent times, the number of known facts multiplying and quadrupling rapidly. To know everything is impossible, but to develop the techniques of searching out needed information at any given moment is imperative.

2. Job opportunities are shifting in kaleidoscopic fashion. Every year 35,000 types of employment cease to exist. Young people today must be prepared to shift their vocational and professional orientation to meet rapidly changing conditions.

In the light of such facts it behooves young people to get the very best formal education possible. Certainly one of the most favorable spots to acquire "higher learning" is at a small religiously-oriented college of arts and sciences.

"The purpose of the liberal arts," aptly stated President Griswold at Yale, "is to awaken and develop intellectual and spiritual values in the individual before he enters upon his chosen career so that he may bring to the career the greatest possible assets of intelligence, resourcefulness, judgment, and character."

Seventh Day Baptist young people are fortunate to have church-related institutions available where individualized attention is assured; where there are opportunities for the student to "try his wings" as participants, not just observers, in class activities, sports, and other extracurricular affairs; where classes are taught by professors themselves rather than by assistants and where the student meets the professor personally; and where there is an emphasis upon value factors.

The kind of a world in which young people find themselves requires the "other dimension" in human affairs. Value judgments must be added to knowledge in order to meet the challenge of problems such as race discrimination, unspeakable slums, the perennial tragedies of the fatherless child, the hard core unemployed, and the high school drop-out. These are great issues of conscience which call for development of character, for cultivation of uncompromising morals and for stimulation of motivation beyond simply dealing with cold facts. The Scriptures outline the "other dimension" with the advice: "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. . . ."

Some people have been alarmed by the actions and attitudes of the off-beat, long-haired, unwashed, bearded minority among youth. My observation is that these limelight-seeking, publicity-getting few are not indicative of youth as a whole. "Today's young people," as one of *Time* magazine senior editors has observed, "are better-educated, better-heeled, better-traveled . . . and infinitely

more articulate than any other generation in history. It is an impatient generation . . . impatient to end air pollution and end cancer, to map the moon or take over U. S. Steel . . . impatient to do everything. . . ."

On our small college campuses are many young people who are *impatient* with mediocrity, either in public affairs or personal Christian living. They are the ones that will go on learning and serving after the college diploma has been awarded. Within them is the potential for remoulding society more nearly according to the ideals set forth by the Prince of Peace.

I put my confidence in the "impatient generation"!

One
Small

Lie. That's

The Beginning

And then another:

An unkind word added

in. And soon there's a

Bad Reputation. Then why be

Good and Kind. Why try??

You have a Bad Name why not

Live up to it. See, it's easy to

Fall into a Rut. It all has a start

With that Little White Lie. You soon

Have made a Mountain out of Molehills.

BUT

Turn to God and Read the Bible, and

Try to change Your Life. Yes,

Make a real Effort to Improve

Yourself and you will soon

Find that where you

Once had a Mound

of Evil, you now

Have a Garden

of Love, Now

Your Worries

are Small

and You're

Really

Free

—Rick Cudahy.

"The Belfry," Little Genesee, N. Y.

S.C.S.C. Plans for 1967

By Leon R. Lawton

This week the training session for Summer Christian Service Corps and Vacation Church School/Camp workers begins at the Salem, W. Va., church, to run through June 21. Sixteen workers are anticipated. While these youth are coming from churches "coast to coast" in eight states, the greater number are from New York and Nebraska, with four workers from the North Loup church. Only two have been involved in previous years with only one of these having the training session experience. All have been reading the four books sent them in preparation for their week together.

During their week of training they will have opportunity to enter into the worship and fellowship of the Southeastern Association meeting at Berea, W. Va., on Sabbath, June 17. Pastor Paul Green of the Salem church will assist in the training as will Secretary Rex Zwiebel and Director Leon Lawton.

Immediately following the training, the workers will travel in teams to the project sites. One VCS/Camp worker will serve in Adams Center, N.Y. Teams will be serving in Little Rock, Ark.; Kansas City, Mo.; Dodge Center, Minn.; Syracuse, N.Y.; (2nd) Hopkinton, R. I.; and Schenectady, N. Y.

In your praying and in your giving, remember these young people who are giving their summer in witness and service. They will gather at the end of six weeks at Battle Creek's Camp Holston for an "evaluation day" just prior to Pre-Con.

Station Is On, Receiver Is Off

When your radio won't play or your television quits, you don't think New York is off the air. You've got more sense. So what if somebody claims God is dead? He can't be—too many people are still getting Him loud and clear. Perhaps your receiver is dead and you're not tuned in on God's best channel—the Bible. Read it! It's greater than you think.

—New York Bible Society.

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Understanding This New Generation

Kenneth E. Smith

Dean, Milton College

The title of these remarks may be a bit optimistic, if not presumptuous. If there is a real gulf between today's youth and the older generation, I stand along with everyone over thirty on the side of the senior citizens. It is entirely possible that my remarks will make painfully clear that "understanding this new generation" is wishful thinking.

Even so, we need to work at understanding each other no matter what separates us. The fermentation of thinking is a demand of new wine for new bottles, and nowhere is this more evident than in the moral and religious assumptions of youth today.

The first observation I would make is the one that impresses me most: the young people of college age are profoundly concerned with moral issues. This is not always obvious to those who hold strictly to an earlier view of morality. The over-riding interest of the leaders on our campuses is for social justice in a prophetic sense, and for these young people morality has to do with war and peace, poverty and wealth, equality and racial issues. When most of us were in college a moral issue had to do with personal conduct in general, and with sex in particular. Not so today. The intensity of the Viet Nam debate is frankly a mystery to most Americans who have lived through earlier wars. But the new generation regards this as the moral issue of supreme significance, and to be indifferent to the issue is the real immorality. The complacent responses: "There will always be wars," or "They're just communists—our enemies" are cynical, even irreligious, assertions to many young ears. And those who insist that the U. S.

should not withdraw from the conflict base this on a moral obligation to protect the people of South Viet Nam. But most college young people appear to represent a strong idealism that war is not inevitable, and that love, brotherhood and reason have not been given a fair try in world affairs.

Related to this idealism is a distrust of the moral judgment of the older generation. Those who make the policy decisions, "the establishment," do so with the experience of two world wars and a remembrance of man's inhumanity to man. We who are older feel confident that we are also wiser for such experience. Today's young people regard us as the generation of moral failure, and the horrible example of what not to do. The experiences of the first half of the twentieth century have produced not wisdom, but cynicism and cruelty.

To this is added the rejection of authority. Most authority is based upon past experience and that is judged to have tainted all that is proposed. "Every generation must face Christ anew" as Kierkegaard said, and the thoughtful college student is insisting on basing his judgments on the limited reference of his own experience.

The second characteristic of this younger generation is a demand for intellectual honesty. That, of course, is a positive statement about what sometimes appears to be rampant doubt and skepticism. My own observation in the college classroom is that the careful logic of the science laboratory is expected in ethics and religion, as well. When I was a college student we accepted religious opinion as Truth because it came from

a recognized authority. Not so today. Today's students are brighter, bolder and much more honest. With new ways of approaching math and science, they suggest that new approaches might be tried with every subject, including religion.

Again, idealism. Here is a basic assumption that the mind is an instrument for solving problems, and there is a remarkable confidence that all problems are within the province of man's mind.

The third characteristic is very apparent. The younger generation is activist and in a hurry. The world must be changed now, and there is no time to lose. Once it is clear what *ought* to be done, inactivity is either cowardice or failure of nerve. A call to immediate service in a cause is likely to appeal to most young people instinctively. The older generation is still convinced that some problems are hopeless, and that past experience has confirmed that most noble efforts end in failure. In the comic strip, Charlie Brown is faced with a group of bullies and suggests the organization of a discussion group. We have tended to turn our moral responsibilities into dead-end committee meetings. Injustice demands direct corrective action, even if the approach is not endorsed by defenders of the status quo. This new generation will go anywhere, and do most anything, if it is really challenged to action.

Now, this little summary is full of generalizations. It is also an attempt to intellectualize what is rather instinctively "felt" by young people today. My own opinion is that these characteristics are "not far from the Kingdom," and compared with the students before them, particularly those of my generation, they offer hope. They should be relating their convictions to the Christian sources from which they spring. As someone has said, "They will be the best generation, or the last!"

"When at a loss for words—just smile. Your message will be clear as a bell."
—Harold S. May, *The Florence* (Ala.) *Herald*.

Lost Creek Missioner Program

By Francis D. Saunders

The Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, son of the pastor of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church served as missioner in the church from March 27 to April 1. The meetings were well advertised by means of radio, television, and the newspapers. On Monday evening, just prior to the first service, the two ministers had the opportunity to appear on the television program "Around and About Central West Virginia" at which time they were interviewed by Pete Lyman, director of the program. A good opportunity was given them to publicize the local services and to give a Sabbath testimony and facts concerning Seventh Day Baptists to the listening viewers.

Services were held nightly at the church from Monday through Sabbath, with the missioner speaking under the general topic, "A Call to Commitment." Attendance was good for all of the meetings. On Sabbath Day Rex Randolph and Stanley K. Allen were ordained deacons in the church and gave their testimony before many members of West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist churches gathered for the occasion. The missioner preached the ordination sermon.

Another highlight of the program was a special youth banquet which was held on Wednesday night, prior to the evening service. Fifty-six Seventh Day Baptist young people, some from other West Virginia churches, and a few young people from other churches in the community enjoyed the banquet served by the Ladies Aid of the local church. Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College, served as toastmaster, and the Rev. J. Paul Green led the group in singing. A brief challenge was presented to the young people by the missioner. The impact of this program will be felt, we are sure, in the future ministry of the church in this community and in a greater dedication to the Kingdom of Christ.

The Rev. Francis D. Saunders is the pastor of the Lost Creek, W. Va. church.

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Busy Schedule Ahead for Pearsons

Now that the Rev. David Pearson has successfully completed two semesters of studies at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, he has registered for the summer school courses offered at the Seminary, June 12-30, 1967. He has carried on these studies under the general supervision of Dean Victor Skaggs of the Seventh Day Baptist Ministerial Training Center at Plainfield.

Departure date for Blantyre, Malawi, has now been set for Monday, August 21. Pastor and Mrs. Pearson and two daughters, Deborah and Joanna, will depart from Kennedy Airport, New York, at 8:00 p.m. on BOAC Flight No. 500 to London. Pastor Pearson will begin work as Director of Christian Education and Evangelism upon his arrival at Blantyre on August 29.

A busy schedule for immediate weeks ahead was tentatively approved. Circumstances may have caused changes in this schedule, but the Pearsons hoped to follow these plans: attend Jersey Oaks Youth Retreat, May 26-28; visit Washington, D. C. church, June 3; visit Central New York churches June 9-10.

It is expected that Pearsons will come to Westerly to meet with Missionary Board leaders July 1-2. Pastor Pearson will speak at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton on Sabbath day, July 1.

After packing and preparing their goods for shipment in early July, it is expected that Pastor and Mrs. Pearson and two daughters will spend some time visiting their families in Amsterdam, N.Y. and in Paint Rock, Ala.

Plane reservations for flight to Blantyre, Malawi, have been made by way of England and Holland where they will visit with Seventh Day Baptist brethren along the way and attend the Dutch Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches, August 25-27.

Many will be upholding these devoted missionaries in their prayers. Some may find it possible to join a farewell party at Kennedy Airport, New York, on Monday evening, August 21.

Keeping Records at Makapwa

A new system of bookkeeping has been initiated by Dr. Victor Burdick since he has returned from furlough and taken over the record books from Pricipal F. Mazingah. He is "looking to the time of incorporation (of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists) and the books will be audited." He has consulted the bookkeeper of another mission work at Blantyre.

Mrs. Victor Burdick writes, "I have been busy lately trying to get a better system in our pharmacy department with a record of every injection and pill that leaves the pharmacy and where it is used. It seemed a rather hopeless task at first . . . now it seems to be working out rather well without too much book work for any . . . Thembe Dispensary will be included in this accounting, so in another month we should have a record of everything and what it is used for, and who received it (the patient)."

Mr. Harold Dzumani (who was mentioned in *The Sabbath Recorder* issue of April 10, 1967, page 9) was not admitted to the Nursing School in Scotland as he had hoped. He then applied for the Hospital Assistant Course at Malamulo and has been accepted. "They require married students to live with their wives while in school. This presents a problem for she is teaching at Makapwa." We do hope that mutually satisfactory plans may work out for this young couple.

Mrs. Burdick writes, "Our goods finally arrived from the States via ship (and by railroad from Beira, Portuguese East Africa)." The goods arrived in Malawi early in April but had to go through customs and did not finally arrive at Makapwa until mid-month. "The children were happy for their things. Though most were used there (U.S.), they seemed new again after four months."

"We are to receive a Baldwin piano one day. The Baldwin Company gave the Christian Council some 800 pianos that were in a fire, though only damaged by smoke and not salable . . . We are getting one only because someone who ordered has changed his mind, for when we found out, they were all taken. We pay only \$200 for shipping costs. We hope some day to provide lessons for the children."

Dr. Victor Burdick has written that the Rev. Robert Barr, Director of Likubula Bible Institute will have a furlough "due late this year." It is hoped that arrangements may be made to become better acquainted with Mr. Barr while he is in this country on furlough.

Dr. Burdick writes, "I had the privilege of speaking to the student body at their chapel service and then stayed on to dinner with Rev. and Mrs. Barr and Rev. and Mrs. Thorne (other teachers at the school)." He adds that the two Seventh Day Baptist students at the school, Mr. Mataka and Mr. Muhezawah are doing very well at the school. (See *The Sabbath Recorder* issue of March 13, 1967, p. 10, for more about the two Seventh Day Baptist ministerial students attending Likubula Bible Institute.)

Baptist Unity Movement

A group of Baptists have created a Baptist Unity Movement, elected a board of trustees, and selected speakers for the next conference which will be held at Green Lake, Wis., July 15-22.

The purpose of this Unity Movement, according to a prepared statement, reads: "The basic purpose for which the Baptist Unity Movement came into being was to help create a climate in which, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the union of all Baptists in the United States might take place."

This organization, it should be noted, is distinct and separate from all other interdenominational Baptist groups (like the Baptist World Alliance) whose purposes include closer fellowship and working together, but not a union of all Baptists.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Young Adult Retreat

PLACE—Camp Holston (Cotton Lake) Box 995, Rt. 2, Battle Creek, Mich. 49071. Ph. (616) 965-4581.

BEGINS—Aug. 9, Wed. Registration 2-5 p.m.

CLOSES—Aug. 13, Sun. after lunch.

THEME—*Facts, Faith, and Our Future.* Come and enjoy a look at the social issues as seen through the theme.

FUN—Yes, I think you will have a great time, swimming, sail-boating, singing, and some surprises.

FEE—\$13.00 per camper.

AGES—18 to 35 years.

DIRECTOR—Leland W. Bond, 1101 Taylor St., Clarksburg, W. Va. 26301

STAFF—Watch *The Sabbath Recorder* for announcement.

PRE-REGISTRATION--All registrations should be in the hands of Mrs. Louise Fick, business manager, by July 29. Blanks are available from your church; the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803; or Leland W. Bond, Director. Mrs. Fick's address is on the blank.

MEDICAL REPORT—Michigan state law requires a standard camping medical examination report. These forms are available from the sources named above.

BRING—Blankets, bed linen, pillow, toilet articles, Bible, notebook, pen, flashlight, camp clothing, Sabbath dress, swim suit. Optionals may include music, musical instrument, camera, and insect repellent.

Don't Be a Drop-Out

At the present time 20.2 percent of the young people do not finish high school. There is a nationwide advertising campaign under way to persuade these youth to complete their education in order to become more useful, better paid citizens.



*Thank You
And Yes!*

By Andrea Crandall

Probably 510 Watchung Avenue is a familiar address to most of you. You know that *The Sabbath Recorder* is sent to you from this address each week. Those of you who are church officers receive materials from this address periodically. An abundance of correspondence goes out from its seven offices.

An address is a meaningless thing unless you know who belongs to the address. Therefore, 510 Watchung Avenue means nothing until it is known that the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House and headquarters are there.

Looking through past *Sabbath Recorders* I found the hopes and the dreams of a people. I found that this people grew to feel a need for a "home," a need to be able to feel the unity and the purpose they have in common with one another and with Christ, and the need to be able to effectively express this unity. In 1921, plans were announced for building a publishing house—"To the pleading call for a denominational building, many have been saying for more than four years now: 'Let us rise up and build.'" Its construction was actually completed in 1929 with the dedication of the front addition which became the Seventh Day Baptist headquarters for this people dedicated to Christ and His mission for them.

Now you may be wondering just how all this relates to dedicated service. Our forefathers saw a vision. They saw the need and they knew the cost—from their pockets and from their lives—would be high, yet they rose, and they built, and they fulfilled a dream. In reading the issues of the *Recorder* during this time I became aware of how very meaningful

this endeavor was to them. It wasn't just a building, it was a spiritual effort that every Seventh Day Baptist took part in and all to the Glory of God! The building was their "thank you" to the past and their "yes" to the present and the future needs.

The Publishing House and headquarters have a total of seven offices and the printing shop; the staff of all this numbers thirteen dedicated and skilled adults. There is quite a bit to be done for a denomination: proofreading is a daily job and is done by people skilled in English and spelling; printing jobs of every kind are always waiting to be done by someone with printing experience; the General Conference office has numerous clerical jobs such as mimeographing, correspondence and filing. Although the buildings stand firm and stable, painting and redecorating await someone's skilled attention. Cabinets and other woodworking projects await carpenters.

The Publishing House and the headquarters represent a beehive of activity. The foundations of our forefathers are not only evident in the stone pillars supporting it, and the foot-thick walls, but also in the concept of its importance and usefulness, for this beehive is a major organ of the body of Seventh Day Baptists and it wants to grow.

The facilities are there and are being used as far as possible, yet the vision of our forefathers is incomplete. If there remains any work undone, then there is incompleteness. A job lacks only the right person to do it. To complete this dream of yesterday, and reality of today, we must actively take part in the way that we are gifted—carpentry, printing, educational gifts. . . .

Can we, today, "rise up and build"? Can we and will we pay the price of fulfilling a dream? Can we, like the late Dag Hammarskjold, say "For all that has been—thanks / For all that shall be—yes!"?

(Miss Crandall is just completing one year of dedicated service, much of it at the Seventh Day Baptist Building.)

Some Answers to Your Questions

—What is this SCSC?

Summer Christian Service Corps—volunteers serving the cause of Christ by teams during the summer months.

—Do they receive a salary?

No. This is dedicated service. However, each volunteer is given a small cash allowance to provide for personal needs and incidentals.

—What is the purpose of SCSC?

Mainly to reveal the love of Christ through personal witness. Christian growth. Outside help to aid some church in attaining a goal.

—Does this mean house-to-house visitation?

Often a canvass is made of a given locality to learn about church affiliation, to invite any who are unchurched to attend, usually to inform them of a vacation church school or a story hour to be conducted soon in the area at which their children would be welcomed. This canvass provides an opportunity to witness for Christ and to leave a meaningful tract.

—What part does a local Seventh Day Baptist church have in such work?

A most important part. The plans are made by the pastor or other local leader on the basis of the needs and desire for outreach in the community. The church fills out application blanks stating the aims and goals of the envisioned project, the number of persons needed to help local workers, arrangements planned for housing and feeding the volunteers, the transportation and financing plans. Theirs also is the vital follow-up on contacts made during the summer.

—Does each church pay transportation costs of the SCSC team traveling to their area?

No, only the local transportation costs involved in the project. Travel costs to and from the project area are paid by

the Women's Board through contributions from church groups and individuals.

—What other costs must be met?

Accident-sickness insurance for workers, books used for the correspondence study course and training session, allowances, and travel costs of those directing the training session.

—What sort of training do they get?

The correspondence study this year has given help on conducting vacation church schools, visitation evangelism, the responsibilities of church membership and Christian living. At the week-long training session team members have Bible study and devotions, classes in Seventh Day Baptist history and beliefs, experience in visitation, learn songs for children, and have a follow-up on the correspondence studies.

—How did SCSC get its start?

In the summer of 1964 the Women's Board sponsored the first team, four young people from the Milton area, who served eight weeks in the New Orleans region with the Metairie church.

—Is SCSC, then, a Women's Board project?

Not really. Though we of the Women's Board often refer to the SCSC as "our baby" we hope it is God's child and that we are all helping it mature to His honor and glory. The Planning Committee in 1965 set up the policy for dedicated service of which SCSC is now a part. The denomination looks to the Women's Board to help make the plans and to finance the project. The Rev. Leon R. Lawton, director of Evangelism for the Missionary Society, has given immeasurable service in training the young people for summer work. This summer the Rev. Rex Zweibel, secretary of the Board of Christian Education, has been added to the staff of the training session. Young people who have volunteered for work with his Vacation Church School and Camp program will be trained at Salem along with the SCSC teams.

—What are the qualifications for SCSC members?

Primarily, a sincere desire to serve. We do require that members be high school graduates in reasonably good health. The Women's Board committee studies the application blank of each worker and personal reference sheets filled out by the pastor and two other persons. This gives the committee some indication of the ability, attitudes, and character of the applicants.

—How many will be serving in SCSC this summer?

Fifteen or sixteen.

—Which churches will they serve?

Little Rock, Ark.; Dodge Center, Minn.; Kansas City, Mo.; Syracuse and Schenectady, N. Y.; and the Second Hopkinton church in R. I.

—Are funds on hand for these projects?

No. Only about half of the estimated cost has been raised as of the end of May. With an expanded program, travel costs and other expenses are greater than in former years.

—Where should contributions be sent?

Checks should be made payable to the Women's Board and sent to the treasurer:

Mrs. Harold Baum
RR 1, Box 13
Edgerton, Wis. 53534

Please mark contributions for SCSC since a separate account is kept for such funds. No amount is too small to be of use.

OK To Pray

Certain kinds of prayer as part of the school program are banned by federal rulings. Prayer itself within school buildings might be quite permissible under certain conditions. A thoughtful student may have defaced the wall of the boys' rest room in the North Side High School at Fort Wayne, Ind., but what he wrote on the wall was allowed to stay. This was the writing: "NOTICE: In the event of an atomic attack the federal ruling against prayer in this school will be temporarily suspended."

Growing with Summer Christian Service Corps

By Ralph L. Hays

For the past three summers it has been my privilege to work with the Summer Christian Service Corps as a project director in the local church. I would like to say a few words about my experience.

First, take a step with me back in time to 1964. An old house in Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans, served as our church meeting place. When the first S.C.S.C. team arrived we had the need and they had the desire, a combination that could only spell success. My first word as a growing lay preacher was that this program was not a program for the sake of having a program. The youth asked only one thing—that they might serve. This they did above and beyond the call of duty.

The first assignment was Vacation Bible School, followed by door to door visitation with the high purpose of leading people to Christ. Every phase of a city mission program was seen in the work. Hospital and shut-in calls were made and in the underprivileged areas, problems like alcoholism were faced.

The following summer (1965) the men of the church dedicated their time in the construction of a new building. The S.C.S.C. team, having Sundays free, wanted to help. And they did, from the foundation to the roof. On July 4 they worked twelve hours in the sun putting on twenty-three squares of roofing with the temperature above 95° in the shade.

It is said, man looks for ways and means; God looks for a person that will say yes. God has turned a willing youth into a youth used by God. My personal view is that the Dedicated Service program, of which S.C.S.C. is only one part, could well be the hope of the future ministry of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. This statement is made on the basis of its effect in Metairie plus the fact that after the youth have lifted up Christ they hear the call to full-time Christian service. I see the S.C.S.C. as a pre-training field for our future leaders.

One of the first members will be assisting the pastor in Los Angeles this summer. Another is now moderator of the Metairie church.

Now, take another look at Metairie in 1967. There are two lay preachers in full-time service, a new church building replaces the old house, and two young deacons were ordained in November, 1966. We cannot give S.C.S.C. credit for all of this. But I'm very sure this picture of a growing church would be discouragingly different if it had not been for the S.C.S.C.

I am glad to start my fourth year as project director for a local church. If you have never been a part of this growing ministry, join us in 1968. Until then, pray for us.

The Rev. Ralph L. Hays, now of Adams Center, N. Y., is pastor of the Adams Center and Syracuse Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Charge to Members Summer Christian Service Corps

By Lucile Todd

(Given at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, June, 1966.)

Before you came to Milton for this training session some of you people may have been a bit confused. You made application for Dedicated Service to the General Secretary of our denomination, the Rev. Alton Wheeler. The money for your travel came through the Women's Board from many individuals and groups. Your training is being directed by the Rev. Leon Lawton, Director of Evangelism, who serves under the Missionary Board. You may have asked yourselves, "Just who am I working for, anyway?" It is my privilege to assure you in no uncertain terms that you are working for the Lord!

This is a big assignment and we expect great things of you. But you will have help—the very best. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you alway." We expect you to remember Him whom you serve and to seek His will in your work. Indeed, we expect many things.

We expect you to practice empathy in your relationships so that you will better understand your teammates, your leaders, and all others with whom you work or live.

We expect you to strive for patience, to be kind and loving in your contacts with children, as they will look to you for an example.

We expect you to be a channel through which the love of Christ can flow out to those you meet—both young and old.

We expect you to keep mentally alert in order that you may discover areas of special need and recognize opportunities for personal service. Be available to those who may wish to ask your advice.

We expect you to show by your actions as well as your words that your lives are Christ-centered rather than self-centered.

We expect you to remember that each person, no matter how unfriendly or unworthy he may appear, is precious in the sight of God and so merits your concern.

We expect you to renew your strength and effectiveness by turning often to that greatest source of power, Jesus Christ.

Yes, these are great expectations but they are based on things we know. We know that there is a great need in this world to teach the love of Christ. So many of God's children do not yet know Him. Many use the name of God and His Son only as an oath. Many of the people you meet this summer you will have no opportunity to see again—ever. Let your light shine. Many children have not heard the stories of the Bible—ever. We remember a twelve-year-old boy in Syracuse who said about Jesus, "Ain't nobody ever told me nuthin' 'bout Him before."

We know some encouraging things about you that give us confidence in your ability. We know that you have faith in the promises of Christ and a sincere desire to serve Him or you would not be here.

We know that you are young. This is good. You are not too young to work in furthering Christ's kingdom. You are not too old to remember what it was like

to be a child. You have much to offer. "Let no man despise thy youth." We know of your enthusiasm to serve and we thank God for you. We know that you will be supported by the prayers of our people as they ask God's blessing on you and your work this summer.

One other thing we know. Because Christ changes lives, we know that after this summer of work for Him you will never be quite the same again. We trust that some of those you meet will be changed by the power of Christ working through you.

Let me close these thoughts with some words Paul wrote to the Philippians some 1900 years ago—a message as full of meaning now as it was then. This is the New English translation:

"Let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ. . . . Work out your own salvation in fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you, inspiring both the will and the deed, for his own chosen purpose. . . . Show yourselves guileless and above reproach, faultless children of God in a warped and crooked generation, in which you shine like stars in a dark world and proffer the word of life. . . . I wish you all joy in the Lord.

"The Lord is near; have no anxiety, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Then the peace of God, which is of far more worth than human understanding, will keep guard over your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

"And now, my friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious or of good repute, whatever is excellent and admirable—fill all your thoughts with these things . . . and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 1:27; 2:12 16; 4:4, 6-9 N.E.B.).

Mrs. R. Loyal Todd of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., is chairman of the Christian Social Relations Committee of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

"Open your heart—loving" is a great theme. A variation of it might be, "Open your heart, period." Open it to your pastor. It will warm two hearts.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—The Battle Creek church has been so busy this past few months, we haven't taken time to send in any news of our activities!

The last week in February, which was to have been Youth Sabbath, church services were cancelled because of our record snowfall — 28.6 inches in 24 hours. This was the first time in memory that our church had not held services on the Sabbath. The young people did a fine job in presenting the morning worship the following week and those who participated have been listed previously in *The Sabbath Recorder* on the Christian Education page. Many local schools were closed, and our young people are to be commended for shoveling snow for the church and for the elderly, as well as to add to their treasury.

The Rev. Alton L. Wheeler was with us in April to conduct a church evaluation survey and bring us several fine messages on "Commitment." He was our guest speaker for Northern Association meetings which were also held in Battle Creek at this time. The results of the survey were quite revealing, and we are already beginning to make improvements. A Sabbath School class for young married and college-age persons has been reactivated with Pastor Fatato as teacher and Milburn Jones assistant.

While our pastor attended Ministers Conference in North Loup, the Rev. Don Sanford of White Cloud supplied our pulpit and brought us an excellent message. May 5 and 6, the Rev. Rex Zwiebel was here to conduct workshops on Christian Education and brought the Sabbath morning message.

Work bees at Camp Holston are held quite frequently now as we attempt to get our camp ready for the summer season and finish construction on the new boys' dormitory. Many of our members are becoming increasingly busy with their assigned duties in preparation for General Conference being held in our area this summer. We hope we will see many of you then.

—Correspondent.

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Veteran Guest of Honor

One of the last surviving "veterans" of the Spanish American War—an 1817 Bible—was a guest of honor at the annual meeting of the American Bible Society on May 11 at the Plaza hotel in New York. The presentation of an 1817 Bible (KJV) to a sailor in a uniform of that period for the Naval archives celebrated the 150th anniversary of ABS service to the military.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 24, 1967

PERSECUTION AND DELIVERANCE

Lesson Scripture: Acts 12:5-17.

Accessions

ASHAWAY, R. I.

By Letter:
Harold M. Lewis, Jr.

By Baptism:
Diane Crandall
Linton Crandall
Terry Crandall
Kathleen James
Sandra Johnson
Mary Lewis
Lena (Mrs. Harold) Lewis
Richard Lewis
Sandra Sitzai
Sally Weber
Susan Weber
Leon Wheeler
James Wolfe
Priscilla (Mrs. James) Wolfe

WESTERLY, R. I. (Pawcatuck)

By Baptism:
Deborah Barber

Births

Brenn.—A son, Stephen Henry, to George and Sylvia (Poulin) Brenn, New Providence, N. J., on May 18, 1967.

James.—Heather Donaldson, daughter of William W. and Martha (Gavitt) James of Westerly, R. I., on March 7, 1967.

Obituaries

DOLBOW.—Archer W. son of Bryant and Mary Dolbow was born at Salem, N. J., October 31, 1887, and died April 21, 1967.

As a boy he was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Salem, N. J. On July 23, 1943, he married Ella Tomlinson. He attended church at Marlboro until his death.

Farewell services were conducted by the neighboring pastor, the Rev. Charles Bond, in the Marlboro church with burial in the Shiloh cemetery.

Mrs. Paul Lewis, Clerk.

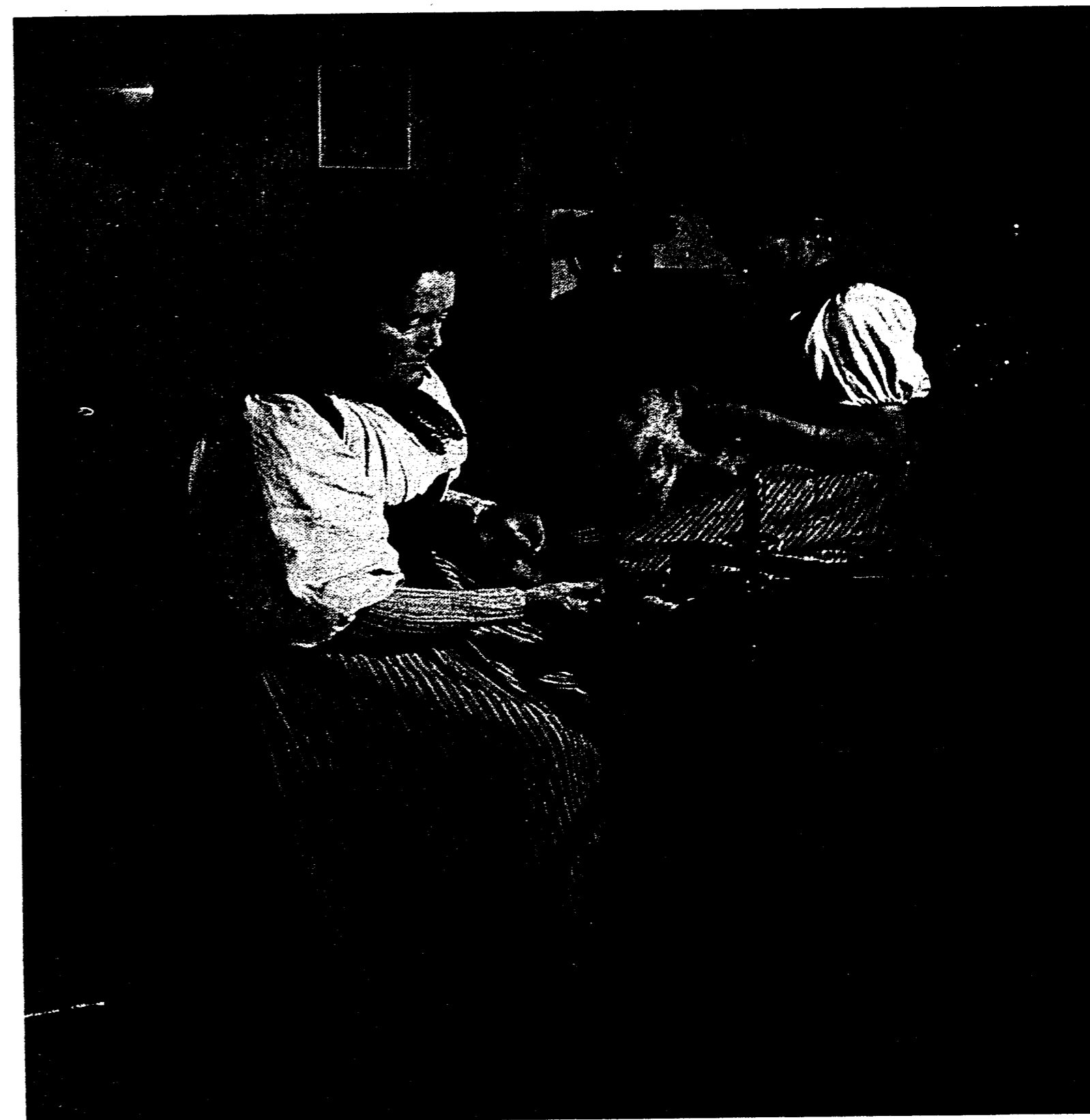
PLACE.—Desdemonia Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Joseph William and Sylvia Hemp-hill Cooper, was born on December 16, 1872, at Hartsville, N. Y., and died at the Wellsville Nursing Home, Wellsville, N. Y., on May 15, 1967.

In July, 1893, she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred Station, N. Y., of which she continued a lifelong member. Since her home was in Alfred, during her later active years she attended the Seventh Day Baptist church there. She was a faithful worker in the Alfred Ladies' Aid Society.

On February 28, 1900 Miss Cooper was united in marriage with Frank George Place of Alfred. To this union were born two daughters and a son: Aletha (Mrs. Dana C. Peck), Gladys (Mrs. Erle M. Myers), and Robert C. Place, all of Alfred. She is also survived by three grandsons. Mr. Place died in 1923.

Memorial services were conducted at the Landon Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., May 18, 1967, with Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr., and Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

H. S. W.



Women's Work Emphasis

Women of America seldom now spend their time in spinning wool or flax at home as some of the women in other parts of the world still do, but the spinning wheel is a symbol of all the care of a mother for her household and all the training that she gives to her daughters.