

# The Sabbath Recorder

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**FARINA, ILL.**—The January 7 communion service at the Farina church was conducted by Pastor Carlos McSparin of the Old Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was assisted by the Rev. Addison Appel, pastor of the Albion, Wis., and Milton Junction, Wis., churches. Mr. Appel was in Stonefort to visit his father residing there, and attended the Farina service to visit with members of his former pastorate. A basket dinner at the Parish House was enjoyed after the morning worship services. Following the meal the annual church business meeting was held. All office-holders were returned to office to serve another term. We are still making an effort to obtain a regular pastor by continuing to send calls to those whom we feel might wish to pastor the Farina church.

—Clerk.

**NORTH LOUP, NEB.**—The Mid-Continent Association held at Boulder, Colo., in October had twenty-five representatives from our church. Mrs. Jane Bottoms of Boulder, the president, used the theme: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths." The new president is Phil Burrows of Kansas City. At the home church Elery King brought the message that Sabbath day.

The North Loup church has given three fine young men licenses to preach. They are Robert Babcock and Harold King, now attending Norfolk Junior College in Nebraska, and LaVere Soper, who is attending Central Pilgrim College in Oklahoma.

Early in November we had our annual turkey supper. Aside from the profit in dollars, we have a profit in fellowship

with our townspeople and people of the surrounding territory. Later in the month we held a Lord's Acre ingathering, by sale and projects.

We were privileged to have Dean Victor Skaggs of the Seventh Day Baptist Ministerial Training Center in Plainfield, N. J., spend the weekend of November 19 with us. On Sabbath Day he brought a message on "The Ministry of the Gospel." A fellowship dinner was followed by an informal meeting with Dean Skaggs. Before departing for the East, he and Pastor Duane Davis went to Lincoln to see our young folks who are in college and working there.

As is customary here, we held a union Thanksgiving Eve service with the Methodist congregation, held this time at the Methodist church with Pastor Davis bringing the message.

The Christmas program given December 18 by the children and youth brought out the true meaning of Christmas. "Red Stocking Gifts" for mission work were brought forward by the children. A free-will offering for mission work was also taken. Christmas Sabbath was observed by song and scripture December 24. The Christmas Eve worship service was led by the Senior Youth Fellowship. Caroling during the holiday season brought Christmas cheer and the message of Christ's birth. The manger scene was again placed outdoors in front of the church.

The traditional New Year's dinner on January 1 was attended by 120 people. There was an abundance of food and enjoyable fellowship, a good way to start a new and promising year.

—Correspondent.



## TROPICAL MISSIONS

The local church without a vision of missions is in need of a missionary, for it is likely to be on the way to extinction through deterioration into a sweet-flavored social club. The great Macedonian call of today is to tropical and subtropical lands where human need is great and the light of gospel truth is breaking through the darkness of primitive religions and ancient philosophies that know not a Savior. There must first be the love that takes the message across the oceans and then the patient love that trains those who receive it to carry it on to others of their countrymen. Let us not be found lacking in the love of Christ that "constraineth us."

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## Strange Sunday Laws

Most of our states have some strange Sunday laws. It is partly because they have not been brought up to date, partly because recent laws reflect pressures from one side or another that result in confusion and contradiction.

New York State blames the lawmakers of an earlier time for some of its inconsistencies. Whatever the origin, it would seem that something ought to be done to remove the confusion. We could laugh if it were not so serious. For instance, in the Empire State if you have your store open on the seventh day of the week you cannot sell on Sunday a pound of hamburger to a hungry man, but you can sell food for hungry pigeons before 10 a.m. or from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in a city of over 40,000. If you sell the pigeon food at some other hour or in a smaller city some stool pigeon might report you.

Under present law in New York State one can buy fruit but not vegetables on Sunday, tires but not a windshield wiper blade. You may not buy a pen at a drug store but are permitted to buy one at a ball park.

Other states in general do not have more consistent laws, just different prohibitions and legal sales. In New Jersey what may be legally sold in one county is unlawful under state law in an adjoining county. Grocery stores and super markets may be open but ropes have to be strung around certain counters. Somehow the merchants and the shoppers manage to live by such laws, but it is a precarious existence for the merchant if he should make a mistake.

Each generation brings a new crop of students and young adults who rebel against the so-called legalism of their fellow Christians who insist that God had a plan and purpose in specifying the seventh day as the day of rest and worship instead of one day in seven. The Ten Commandments are ridiculed as a guide to life because there are within the code a number of "Thou shalt nots." These are nothing compared to the multitude of "Thou shalt nots" faced by the merchants and the customers of our day. God laid down a few brief rules.

Some of us believe that life can be simple and beautiful if we abide by them. The man-made regulations for what is commonly called the Christian Sabbath are arbitrary and highly inconsistent. The person who keeps the Sabbath when all around him labor, business, and pleasure go on as usual learns to shut out these things in large measure and thus avoid the tensions. It is not always easy, but the inner force holding him true to his convictions is far more tolerable than the outside force of Sunday-law regulations.

## African Enterprise

A New Missionary Endeavor in South Africa

About three years ago a few theological students connected with Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., caught a vision of high level evangelism for South Africa. One of the men was already intimately acquainted with the country and its needs. Four men led by Michael Cassidy prepared themselves thoroughly for the difficult goal of endeavoring to reach all sections of African leadership for Christ. To do such a work in the racially divided country of South Africa was indeed a challenge calling for much understanding, wisdom and zeal. The team has a good board of directors and a board of reference with the following well-known names: Leighton Ford, Charles E. Fuller, John R. W. Stott, and Abraham Vereide.

Monthly reports sent back to this country for publication have been a source of knowledge not to be found elsewhere. The men have faced problems of various kinds as they have sought ways of reaching the academic community and contributing to the binding influence of the gospel to ease the mounting tensions in a country that has come under condemnation of religious bodies because of its racial actions of political expediency.

It is interesting to observe that the course they have been led to take in their evangelism has proven to be wise and effective. This new African Enterprise has produced some encouraging results and has brought international recognition

to the team. Michael Cassidy was among the evangelists who were invited to participate in the World Congress on Evangelism at Berlin last fall. One of the pictures from Berlin shows him marching in the Reformation Sunday Rally with Zulu evangelist, Nicholas Benghu. In the international processions Mr. Cassidy bore the banner for all of South Africa. Not only did he represent the country, but he was asked to speak at the World Congress on the problems of South Africa. Since many of our readers have been keeping up with some of the ecumenical news relating to that country your editor feels that the views of such a man speaking from within the country will prove worthy of careful consideration. An extract from his paper, printed in the Nov.-Dec. issue of **African Enterprise Outlook**, is reproduced on another page of this issue for our enlightenment.

## A Witness in Other Lands

God has so made us that our love expands undiminished as more children come into our families. In just the same way we do not love the people of one mission field less when we extend our love to the people of other countries also. We have sent missionaries to the now familiar fields of Jamaica, W. I., Guyana, S. A., and Malawi, Africa. Their great and fruitful work of encouraging the leadership of the native churches is publicized nearly every week in our national periodical. Keyworkers in our churches keep the interest strong and the giving at a good level. We have our slide and filmstrip stories of each major field. But from time to time we need to lift up our eyes unto other fields that are ripening to the harvest, as Jesus said when He led His disciples through the land of Samaria.

What other fields show promise of harvest after seed sowing by men of like faith whom God seems to have raised up? Some of the fields are featured in this issue. Others have been brought to our attention before and will be again as information comes to hand. The purpose of telling these stories with the pictures

that are available is to broaden the scope of our love, as mentioned above. We would not detract one bit from the love of our regular work and the people whom we support there with our tithes and offerings. We would call our readers to the joy of encircling the people of Korea, Ghana, and Burma in their love—not forgetting several other lands where there is a growing witness.

### February Special Issue Coming

The month of February has many specials in the church calendar. Christian Endeavor Day comes the first weekend. Then there are Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and Brotherhood Week, along with the World Day of Prayer. Not the least of the specials for Seventh Day Baptists is the February special issue of the **Sabbath Recorder**. It is special in that it has a guest editor (Rev. Leland Davis), is printed in color, and is ordered in advance in large quantities for evangelistic distribution.

Why is February a special issue month? One reason is that it is a good month for church outreach. The other reason is one of origin. It was the second week of February 1958 when the first special issue of the present series came out under the editorship of the Rev. Loyal F. Hurley. It was strongly evangelistic, with a reproduction of Hunt's famous picture "Christ Knocking at the Door" on the cover. From that beginning, popular demand has kept this special issue project of the Tract Society alive and strong. Other months for the special issues are May and November. Editors are already laying plans for the next two before this one is printed.

Readers and distribution chairmen in the churches will please take note that the February special issue this time will be mailed near the end of the month rather than the middle. This will allow a little extra time to get those orders in. It will also allow our publishing house to concentrate on getting the **Yearbook** out—a big job of typesetting and press work, which is nearing completion.

### MEMORY TEXT

Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Exod. 31: 13.

### Bible Reading News

Each new week brings further confirmation of the belief that our people would respond to the challenge of reading the Bible through in 1967. There is evidence that many who had previously read the Bible in snatches of a few verses a day or by a program including only the most familiar chapters are now for this one year attempting to read the whole Bible systematically and together. This is a bigger challenge because it takes from fifteen to thirty minutes a day.

Pastors, committee chairmen, denominational executives and their families have done a good job of promoting this united reading program and are leading the way. When folks get together in a prayer meeting, a Sabbath School class, or on the occasion of a denominational board meeting, one of the interesting items of conversation is likely to be how far along each one is in the reading or the new insights received from the portion read during the previous week.

Just what percentage of our young people and adults have resolutely embarked on this program of getting to know the content of the whole Bible cannot be stated at this time. It would be interesting and helpful to others if pastors would try to get the figures on this for publication. A member of one good sized church says he believes that at least half the members of his church are reading the Bible through this year.

Let it be said again that it is not too late to start. Since there is value in staying together in this reading program so that the sections covered can be discussed in meetings or commented on by the pastor, it is suggested that late starters take the chapters assigned for the current month and catch up on the very in-

**Korean Seventh Day Baptist churches** are in process of organization in the area of Kwangju, capital city of Chulla Province. This young leader, Jin sung Kim, says that he has been working for the Seventh Day Baptist cause for four years. Results are now showing (Story last week).



**Kwang San Church in Kwangju, Korea, organized in October 1966.**

teresting chapters of Genesis and Exodus at a convenient time. We have heard quite a number say that it is hard to stop with just three or four chapters of Genesis at one sitting. The narrative portions come to us with new freshness and interest when read consecutively. If you have been telling Bible stories to children from some of the good Bible story books you may enjoy checking up on yourself to see whether or not you have been telling them accurately.

Reading the Bible through is a thrilling experience for first-timers and for those who have done it fifty times. Let's get with it and stay with it!

—L. M. M. for the Planning Committee.

### World Evangelism by the Printed Page

Dr. Oswald J. Smith has written, "For fifty years I have prayerfully considered the problem of how we can evangelize the world in one generation. I do not believe we can ever send out enough missionaries. But there must be a way. After travel and study in sixty-six countries I have come to this conclusion—the only way we are going to be able to carry out the Great Commission, will be by the means of the printed page. . . . The printed page is dynamite. In some areas it has taken only four cents to win a soul to Christ by means of the printed page." Dr. Smith is founder of People's Church, Toronto.



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### Burdicks' Return Welcomed

The return of Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick and family to Makapwa Station on Wednesday, January 4, brought joy to the people there. It seems also to have brought a lightened burden and relief to Mr. F. Mazingah, the superintendent of the mission station and Manager of Schools.

Mr. Mazingah has expressed the matter in such a delightful and refreshing way that his letter will be quoted just as he wrote it to the secretary of the Missionary Board.

Under date of January 11, 1967, Brother Mazingah has written:

"The very cheerful and precious family expected amongst us has now arrived. We were very happy to meet them at Chileka airport on the 4th January afternoon after several changes had been made on their trip. In spite of all the changes, we were very thrilled that they arrived safely, and even earlier than we anticipated. The scheduled time according to the Missionary Board's notice was 1:50 p.m. but they arrived at Chileka airport at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4.

"Yes, I am now very proud of my light shoulders; their coming enlightens my burdens. I thank God for their coming and that He has continuously kept us safe, cooperative, and united during their absence. May God's mercies continue.

"As for our work here, I now have no comment; it's up to them to check through and say what they feel we have done.

"I thank you very much for your pa-

tience with me, during this past and difficult time. It was indeed pleasure to learn to do such critical jobs with hardships due to ignorance, but we feel that, if there are any failures they will be first steps towards success in the future, and above all we think that the Lord was really with us, and He has greatly led us very well.

"We have now cordially received them back within our society, and are already very busy, working as Malawians and no more Americans.

"Our workers, chiefs in the villages, and every person that knew Doctor's family, are very happy that this precious family is back to live devotedly amongst us again.

"I am now ending the letter with a cordial and everlasting greeting to both you, all the board leaders, and the brethren and sisters of our faith in the States. Long life in His service is my sincere prayer for you all."

### Good News . . . Where?

(Contributed.)

I went searching. On the car radio parts of hymns were sung, with a nostalgia for what mother used to do. But my mother was not like that and no clue was given.

Announcement: "First Memorial Church is having a supper, bazaar and bake sale." Is this the modern method of feeding the hungry and clothing the needy? The food was good. The people friendly. Several dollars were left behind. Yet, could I not receive as much in any good restaurant? Of course such would not leave the satisfaction that part of my dollars would help place a new carpet in the church and buy paint for a classroom wall. But Good News? Didn't hear a thing about it there.

The cathedral was awesome. The light filtering through the colored glass really put one in a "different" world. The choral singing and the thundering notes of the organ not only kept one awake but were pleasant to the ear. The priest's words did not bring understanding for they were another language. I pondered

going to the altar rail as some did, but saw little pleasant expression on the faces of those that returned.

Driving down the road my eyes finally adjusted to one red neon light, among many. It said "Jesus Saves." The expression was most familiar. But, what did it mean? Other flashing words and signs made more sense in conveying meaning.

Our new neighbors seemed like people we would like to know. Their youngest son was soon playing with ours; they visited back and forth quite a bit. In this way I found out they went to a church. In fact there was a sign on the back of their car that spoke about some religious doctrine. We found out too that Saturday was "out" for the children to play as they went to their church that day. One night when our regular babysitter let us down we were able to call and have an older daughter come in. She did the needed work, but said little. My wife has talked to the wife on the phone a few times about the children playing together, but they have hardly met face-to-face. The husband and I have never met either. Never shaken hands.

John had only been married a few months and his wife, my sister, took his death in combat pretty hard. At the funeral parlor a minister tried to comfort, reading from the Bible and offering hope for a better world sometime. The song "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" seemed to fit in. Heard a bit about what Jesus said too. But it made little sense.

Good News? Where should I look now?

### CROP Leadership Change

CROP, the Community Food Appeal of Church World Service, has appointed the Rev. Cecil Brown as its new National Director. He succeeds the Rev. Albert W. Farmer, who has served since 1954. A native of California, Mr. Brown is the former director of the Stewardship Department, Church of God (Andersen, Ind.). He will supervise operation of the nineteen CWS field offices from CROP headquarters in Elkhart, Ind.

### DEDICATED SERVICE PROGRAM MOVES FORWARD!

From applications received, requests for application forms, and the project plans outlined by at least five of our churches, it is evident that interest in the Dedicated Service ministry is growing and the prayers of many are being answered. Yet we need to be aware of vital needs still to be met.

Some individuals were late in receiving the Seventh Day Baptist Dedicated Service folder that was to be shared by local churches with all their members. While some have met the suggested date for applications to be filed (January 15th) it may be possible that several others could not do so. It is not too late even yet! But we do ask that individuals send for and later submit their applications. A correspondence/reading/training course is to begin in early February and it is better for everyone to be in on this from the beginning.

This year, as never before, our local churches are asking for workers! To date five projects have been outlined. Workers are needed to meet the challenging outreach envisioned. Thus there are open doors for all who will to enter.

WOULD YOU—

? **Re-read** the Dedicated Service folder and consider if it be God's will for you to participate?

? **Request**, without delay, from the office of the General Conference, the application forms that are a first step on the road to Christian service and adventure?

? **Return** completed forms promptly to get in on the beginning of the course?

Remember, those who have thus given of their lives in past years have testified of the real blessing such service has brought to them. Two involved last summer have said these were the happiest weeks of their whole lives.

LRL.

## Church Groups in Ghana

The first pictures of the Seventh Day Baptist church groups and their leadership have just come to the American Sabbath Tract Society, which has been furnishing a limited amount of literature to assist the leaders in their outreach activities.

The work being done in the name of our denomination in Ghana is much newer than that of the vast country of



Nigeria, which lies to the east of it with just the narrow countries of Togo and Dahomey between, stretching north toward the desert. Ghana, formerly known as the Gold Coast, is roughly rectangular in shape with boundaries partly established by rivers flowing south to the Atlantic on each side. Our 1951 World Atlas gives the population as 4.5 million, but Mr. Ralph Cann, "organizing secretary" of Seventh Day Baptist work in that land speaks of about 7.5 million at the present time in Ghana—a country that is about 300 miles wide and

600 miles north and south. The map furnished by the church leader shows the approximate location of Ofinso where Mr. Cann centers his activity.



This group, pictured in the same location as the larger group is identified as the seven-man committee of the Kwamang-Afigya Church with Mr. Cann in the center front. Here there is evidence of young leadership. The names and duties are not given. Correspondence indicates that a number of people are involved in evangelism. There have been repeated calls for more Sabbath School helps and for someone to be sent to examine the Ghana work. Mr. Cann apparently has had considerable training in church outreach techniques in his former denominational connection. He states his hope that when someone can be sent to Ghana that they will have one or more candidates ready for ordination. There are no plans at the present time to send such a representative or to give aid other than literature. Thus the "organizing secretary" faces a big challenge in raising up indigenous churches without American sponsorship or aid. It will test the metal of which he is made and the stability of those who are converted through the efforts of those who work with him.

## First Pictures of Ghana Work

(Furnished by Ralph Cann)



The above picture, the only large group picture sent is captioned by Mr. Cann as follows: "A group photograph of the Kwamang-Afigya Seventh Day Baptist Church with the leaders from Ofinso and Kayers and the organizing secretary (Mr. Ralph Cann) seated in the middle in tie." A study of this and other pictures gives the impression that these church groups and their leaders are a composite of the culture of Ghana. Some are in western dress, particularly the organizer and some of the women. Some are in tribal costume. How much can be seen in the faces perhaps depends upon one's knowledge of Africa. It would appear that the photographer did not tell them to put on their best smiles. Perhaps economic and other problems still weigh heavy upon them even though they have professed Christianity and are counted as members of the Seventh Day Baptist church.

## Vietnam Veterans Service

A program to provide on-the-spot veterans benefits information and counseling to military personnel serving in Vietnam, even before they return to the United States, has been announced by William J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs. This program follows President Johnson's instructions to do all possible to smooth and speed the transition of armed forces personnel from military to civilian life.

Mr. Driver in his announcement said that Veterans Administration Contact representatives would be on duty in Viet-

nam before January 30th. These representatives will counsel and assist about-to-be veterans regarding the provisions of the new GI Bill and the wide range of other benefits administered by the Veterans Administration.

The information and advice provided by the Contact team will materially assist our military personnel to effect a speedy transition to civilian life and make it easier for those who wish to enroll in college or other training under the GI Bill to do so with the least possible delay following their discharge.

*A lone-Sabbathkeeper crippled with arthritis has much time to read and think. In the following article she has tried to put down in simple language the story of God's creation and redemption and the place of the Sabbath in God's plan for man.*

## FROM CREATION TO REDEMPTION

By Helen Crandall, Tucson, Ariz.

Most of you have gone into a large cave and were led through by a guide. Very soon you were introduced to a beautiful icicle-like formation called a stalactite and were told that it took millions of years to form. Maybe you thought to yourself, "He doesn't believe the Bible," as God made the earth less than six thousand years ago, according to Ussher's chronology, which is printed in many Bibles. But let's recall again those verses in Genesis and see just what it does say.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." We all know that the word "was" is past tense. So how long this earth was here, we do not know. But Bible chronology indicates that the time from Adam, the first man, has been nearly six thousand years. It sounds like God made the earth over in six days. I believe that they were days as we know now, as after each day's work He would say, "And the evening and the morning were the first day," etc. When we see a tornado or a cyclone, we can see what God can do in a matter of seconds. So why couldn't He have made the earth over in six days? Then He rested the seventh day. He made that day holy, and said that it would be a sign between Him and His people forever.

God made a beautiful garden home for Adam and Eve, where life could have been sublime, all creation living together peacefully with God Himself coming down in the cool of the evening to talk to Adam and Eve. He would explain His laws to them, and tell them about sin. All that God wanted in return was their love for Him, for them to be

obedient to Him. You know the story of how Adam and Eve sinned by eating the forbidden fruit. You have read how the devil, that old serpent, who had been an angel up in heaven, fought with God and His angels, as the devil wanted to be the ruler. As a result, God threw him down to earth. God had said to Adam and Eve, "If you eat of the forbidden fruit, you shall surely die." But the devil said to Eve, "You shall not surely die." He has continued to lead men astray ever since. As a result, Adam and Eve were banished from their beautiful garden home, and had to work very hard to make a living. Then Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. That should have brought great happiness, but again sin entered into the picture, and Cain slew Abel.

As time went on many people were born, but most of them did as they pleased. God felt sorry that He had made man, so He decided to destroy them from the face of the earth. But because of one righteous man named Noah, eight souls were saved from the destruction of the flood. The first thing that Noah did, when they were able to get out of the great boat, the ark, was to build an altar and worship God. As time went on the earth became populated again.

As we read many Bible stories we can readily see that God's blessing was only upon those who were obedient to His voice and His commandments. God continued to talk to them through His prophets and priests. But so often He would have to bring great punishment upon His chosen people because they wanted to do as their heathen neighbors, breaking His commandments by worshipping idols. To one of God's faith-

ful, Abraham, God promised an inheritance in this earth, to him and his seed forever. He repeated the promise to Isaac and renewed it again to Jacob.

The children of Israel multiplied to a great nation, even in their captivity while in Egypt. But they longed for the promised land and release from slavery. God's miracle saved Moses and trained him for the job. God guided them and protected them as Moses led them to the promised land, a land that most of them never reached.

As they were led by Moses, God fed them heavenly food each morning; but, on the seventh day, they would find no food. God tried to teach them how important it was for them to provide enough food the day before the Sabbath to last through the Sabbath. God had blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, and said that it would be a sign between Him and His people forever.

During this period of time, God wrote the Ten Commandments, "with his own finger" (Ex. 31: 18) on stone! As the people had never had them in written form before, Moses was upon the mountain for forty days and nights with God. When Moses brought down the tablets of stone on which God had written the Ten Commandments, he found that the people had melted their golden ornaments and were worshipping a golden calf made from them. Moses was really angry and threw the tablets down and broke them. As punishment for getting angry, God had Moses hew out two more tablets of stone to take up on the mountain, and God himself wrote the Commandments again (Ex. 34: 1, Deut. 10: 1-5).

Please notice that the Ten Commandments are the only part of the Bible that God did not let man write. The rest was written by holy men as they were inspired by God. The Old Testament says, "Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12: 13). But man wanted to do things his own way. God gave Moses many rules that Moses wrote in a book. They were for the purpose of trying to make the people obey the Decalogue.

The people continued to offer the blood of a lamb, as a sin offering, but it seems that their hearts weren't changed. They went right on sinning. Sin is the transgression of God's law, (1 John 3: 4) and the wages of sin is death, not only physical but spiritual. God saw that the people's hearts weren't right, so in the book of Isaiah we read about how God prophesied that He would send His only begotten Son to earth to live among men and teach them the right way of life, the way of love in our hearts for God and man. (These prophecies are surprisingly accurate with our New Testament record of Christ.)

Christ kept the Sabbath and the rest of the Ten Commandments. He taught the people that the first four show our love to God, the last six our love to man, and said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The only way that we can do this is to accept Christ as our personal Savior. He is the only mediator between God and man. We must feel sorry enough for our sins to go to Him and ask forgiveness. He will plead our case to the Heavenly Father, God, and if we are sincere about quitting the sin business, and become baptized, then Christ will send us the Holy Spirit or Comforter, to help us. If we do sin again, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ (1 John 2: 1).

We can't make it on our own; we need the Holy Spirit to help us. If we are really on God's side, our lives will produce fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Against such there is no law (Gal. 5: 22-23). In other words, if your life is led by the Spirit, you'll have love for God and man in your heart and won't be breaking the laws of God. Our country's laws are based upon the Ten Commandments, and so long as you do not break them, you are not under the law, but under grace, or free from the law. God's penalty for sin is eternal death. God's gift for obedience is eternal life.

### The Local Church Keyworker

- I. The Christian Education Keyworker ideally should be interested in all phases of Christian education.
- II. He shall endeavor to have current knowledge of trends in Christian education by:
  - A. Studying books on the subject and such magazines as the **International Journal of Religious Education**.
  - B. Becoming informed on the set up and work of:
    - a. the Christian education program of the local church including Sabbath School, Vacation Church School, camping, and youth work.
    - b. the Christian education program of the denomination by reading:
      1. the Christian Education Page in the **Sabbath Recorder**, the **Helping Hand**, the **Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls**, board reports in the **Seventh Day Baptist Yearbooks**, and other board publications.
    - c. the ecumenical movement by participation in interchurch educational activities sponsored by councils of churches, etc.
- III. The Keyworker shall:
  - A. Receive all mailings of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. (In most cases the pastor will receive a duplicate mailing.)
  - B. Assimilate the material sent and, while putting it into the hands of people who should be the most interested, will explain it and urge its use if at all possible. (For instance, Youth Week material will be given to the local youth advisor, discussed with same, and then the keyworker will do all in his power to see that definite plans are made to use it; such as, urging ordering of additional suggested material at the proper time, setting dates for its use, deciding whether to include other community youth in the week's program or not, etc.)
- IV. The keyworker might:
  - A. Keep on hand catalogs of Christian education materials.
  - B. Advise the church librarian of good books that might be purchased or borrowed.
  - C. Recommend periodicals of real worth for the library or the teachers.
  - D. Keep the church informed by:
    - a. making reports at church business meetings.
    - b. being given time to present or discuss in meetings of the local committee on Christian education, workers meetings, other.
    - c. Talking with interested individuals.
  - E. Promote sound Christian education principles and practices.

#### Youth Pre-Con Retreat

**Place:** Algonquin 4-H Camp, Barry County, Mich.

**Dates:** August 9-15, 1967.

**Director:** The Rev. Earl Cruzan, Milton, Wis.

**Sponsor:** Youth Work Committee, Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803.

**Fee and Age Limits:** To be announced.

**Facilities:** Sleeps 110 campers; has swim-

ming pool, ball courts, hiking ground, covered pavilion, camp fire area; located on the shore of a lake.

**Location:** Thirty-five miles from Grand Rapids,

Four miles from nearest hospital, Near Hastings, Mich., (which is twenty-six miles from Battle Creek).

**Additional information:** All campers must bring a certificate of good health recently acquired over a doctor's signature.

### Something New In Seminary Degrees

Ours is not the only denomination that is experimenting in new ventures in the training and accrediting of ministers. There has been a rather widespread feeling on the part of ministers and some leaders involved in their schooling that the amount of training required for a bachelor of divinity degree is not shown by the degree. After earning a bachelor of arts degree or something similar one has to go three years beyond college to get another bachelor's degree. In other areas, science, art, etc., one can get a master's degree in from one to two years of resident work, with or without a thesis.

A new pattern may be established by one of the largest theological seminaries in the United States, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Whether or not others will follow suit remains to be seen. The transition period may lead to a little confusion in evaluating masters' degrees. Some ministers will have masters' degrees with three years beyond college, others with four or five. One will need to observe carefully the name of the degree and the institution that granted it until such time as the new program is generally adopted — if that comes about. Here is the announcement, by Baptist Press about the master of divinity degree at Louisville:

Beginning this fall, the basic theology degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will be changed from bachelor of divinity to master of divinity.

The new professional degree will require three years of study beyond the bachelor's degree from a college or university and will be the platform for all graduate study at the seminary.

In the second and third years of basic study, each student may elect a "functional major," which will permit him to focus upon a specific area of the curriculum in line with his abilities and vocational plans.

In connection with the "functional major," a new field education program

will provide greater faculty counseling and guidance and the opportunity for students to gain practical experience in areas closely correlated to their academic studies.

Based on their backgrounds and academic performance, some students may qualify at the end of their first year of studies for a new accelerated master of divinity program. The accelerated track will require the same number of hours, but will provide greater opportunity for graduate-level seminar work while the student is still in the basic degree program.

Beyond the master of divinity degree, several options will be offered to graduate students. Those preparing to be pastors or chaplains would study toward the doctor of sacred theology (S.T.D.) degree. Those planning careers in research or teaching would elect the master of theology and/or the doctor of theology degrees.

Seminary officials emphasized that the master of divinity is the only master's degree approved by the American Association of Theological Schools designed to replace the bachelor of divinity as the first professional degree. The master of theology will continue to be accredited by the association only as a graduate degree beyond the master of divinity.

#### World Federation

The Nominating Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation is in action drawing up a slate of officers to be presented to the delegates from the member conferences. G. Zijlstra of Rotterdam, Holland, is the chairman of the committee. The other members are James McGeachy of London, England, and Rex Zwiebel of the United States.

#### Quote

"Any nation that can afford to make investments to put a man on the moon ought to be willing to make the investments to put a man on his feet."

—Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, in his address to the National Council of Churches of Christ's General Assembly in Miami Beach.

## Youth News

Youth Day was observed in most of our churches on February 4. It is too early at the time this issue goes to press to publish any of the details of youth participation on that date. However, at least a few churches put the young people in charge of the worship service on the first Sabbath of Youth Week rather than the second.

Battle Creek used Oliver Davis, Marjie Jones, Bob Parrish, and Sue Hentges in the leadership of the service, according to the bulletin, which listed Pat Williams as the one to bring the morning message.

The Pawcatuck Church at Westerly, R. I., celebrated Youth Day on the 28th of January and had a special youth bulletin cover for the occasion. Two young people, Ruth Harris and Elaine Kuehn, shared the sermon time with talks on "Why I Am a Christian" and "Why I Am a Baptist." Supporting roles in the ried by Rita Harrison, Rena Harrison, service other than group music were car-Debbie Davis, Nora Wilson, John Barber, and Karl Kenyon.

It is possible that some of the Christian Endeavor Day messages will be considered by the pastors as worthy of publication in the **Sabbath Recorder**.

### Fouke Church Building Renewed

By Emerald Mae Monroe

The past year has been a time of remodeling and redecorating the church building at Fouke. Early in the year it was decided that new furniture should be installed to replace the old opera seats. This meant laying a hard wood floor over the old splintery one. As the work progressed each new item made other repairs necessary.

While the sanctuary and vestibules were being renewed by the congregation, Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Soper took the decorating of the back classrooms as their personal project. From ceiling to floor and in all the corners everything necessary to brighten and strengthen their usefulness was done. Instead of dingy gray walls and ceilings, soft colors uplift

one's spirit as these rooms are used to teach our youngsters the way of life in Christ. Cupboards, chests, tables and chairs were made beautiful with paint. Windows come alive as the light filters through beautiful curtains. Floors and tabletops are made both beautiful and easily cared for with inlaid linoleum.

As the work inside of the building neared completion, it was evident that sealing the outside would help to keep the inside from water damage. Therefore the outside was both sealed and given a white paint job. As a final touch of elegance, red, deep-piled carpets and scarves and cushions were donated.

We were looking forward to entertaining the delegates to the Southwestern Association next summer as well as to a better sanctuary for our regular Sabbath services.

A special dedication service was held October 29, with friends from Little Rock and Texarkana in attendance. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

### Commentary

"God is dead."  
Ah, you have bought  
Your explanation far too cheap.  
God is not dead;  
He only seems so  
In a church that is asleep.

—Jeanette Hinds.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J.—The Ladies' Benevolent Society, in a program emphasizing the change from the old to the new year, had some interesting topics under which various members and guests gave readings, rendered musical numbers, enacted skits or sang as a group. Preceding the program was a covered dish supper attended by eighty members and their families. Nearly forty men, women and children were directly involved in it, many of them by families.

The family talent program was entitled "The Pendulum of Time." The headings dividing it into parts and sections were: Time is God's Gift to Man, Time to Read God's Word, Time to Un-

derstand Youth, Time to Read, Time to Love and Be Loved, Time to Think, Time to Appreciate Our Children, Time to Remember, Time for Fellowship, Time to Laugh, Time to Look Around, Time to be Alert, and Time to Pray. Under this last heading came New Year's prayers, read by the Junior Choir members.

—Mrs. Rex Ayars.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—In November our church emphasis was on stewardship. Pastor Fatato gave us two fine sermons on the subject, and a family night program was held with the presentation of an excellent film "Split Level Family." Flip charts had been prepared showing the work of our church in pictures and figures. This was projected on the large screen by means of an opaque projector which had been rented for the occasion. Following the meeting members of the Stewardship and Evangelism Committees divided up the list of church members who had not been present and called on them in teams of two, presenting the flip chart and explaining the program of the church. A "will endeavor" pledge card, a year's supply of weekly offering envelopes, and a prayer card were left with each family. This was the first time, in recent years anyway, that an "every member" canvas had been undertaken here, and although difficult to fully evaluate at this time, the committees thought the effort worthwhile.

As a change this year, our annual Christmas program was presented by guests, the bell ringer choir of the local Congregational church. The "White Gifts" presented were for the "Bricks for Blantyre" project, and amounted to over \$372.

At the church business meeting January 8, the Religious Education Committee announced that Miss Connie Coon had agreed to again be our pastor's summer assistant. Our representative to the Battle Creek Council of Churches reported that three from our church had assisted in the preparation of a directory of 121 local religious groups. These directories are for distribution to visitors and citizens of the area through the

Welcome Wagon, motels, hotels, and the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. LeRoy DeLand has been elected treasurer of the Council.

The trustees presented the matter of redecorating the church social room. After many years of continuous patching of the ceiling, it was voted to remove all the old plaster and start over fresh on a new foundation. This has been done by church member Arthur Dowell and son, professional plasterers, and the only cost to the church was for materials, for which we are very grateful. The side walls will soon receive a coat of cheery yellow paint to complete our "new look."

The church voted to invite the Commission to hold their pre-conference meetings in August, 1967, with us. The invitation was extended to the Commission while they were in session in Plainfield and was accepted.

—Correspondent.

### "Now I'll Read It More"

With a new subscription in his own name a son who was very close to his mother writes:

"Until a few weeks before her death, my mother read every issue of the **Recorder** from cover to cover, a long time practice. This, with correspondence from her many church friends, were her greatest sources of pleasure and interest in her later years after being physically separated from those friends. Maybe now that she isn't here to tell me about its contents I'll read it more."

—West Virginia.

### Special Issue

There may still be time for you or your church to order a supply of **Sabbath Recorders**. Our subsidized price is 10 for \$1.00, 100 for \$8.50. Your friends and neighbors should be interested in the well developed theme "Jesus Is Lord."

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 18, 1967

**God Yearns for the Lost**

Lesson Scripture: Luke 15: 11-24.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Hymn Book Request

A request has come from New Zealand to the office of General Conference for hymn books of a certain kind for use in the Seventh Day Baptist churches of New Zealand. Does any church have usable copies of **Christ in Song**? If so, please communicate with the Conference office, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

## Marriages

Jacox-Stillman.—John W. Jacox of Alfred, N. Y., and Catharine Shaw Stillman, widow of James I. Stillman of Houston, Tex., were married Oct. 29, 1966, at the home of the bride. The Right Reverend J. Milton Richardson performed the ceremony in the presence of members of both families.

## Obituaries

BOND.—Clay Dwight, stillborn on Oct. 31, 1966, was the son of Clifford and Carol Bond of Kansas City, Mo. The Rev. Paul Osborn conducted services for the parents and friends. The body was dedicated to medical research to help avoid similar sorrows to other parents.

—P. B. O.

RANDOLPH.—Mrs. Maude F., daughter of John K. and Laura Romine Musser, was born Mar. 24, 1877, in Harrison Co., W. Va., and died Dec. 3, 1966.

She lived all of her active years on her farm near Lost Creek, W. Va. She was married in 1902 to Charles F. Randolph of Lost Creek, who died in 1912. Soon after her marriage to Mr. Randolph she joined the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a loyal and devoted member as long as she lived. Funeral services were held at the church December 7, with her pastor the Rev. Francis Saunders conducting the service. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons: Jackson K. of Martinsburg, W. Va., with whom she had made

her home for several years, and Charles Birdsell of Lost Creek; three sisters: Mrs. Grace Powell of Parkersburg, Mrs. Eva Smith of Plainfield, N. J., and Mrs. Ednah Elwell of Birmingham, Ala.; one brother: Junius K. Musser of Nutter Fort, W. Va.; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. One son, Marsden Glover died in 1947.

—J. K. R.

STILLMAN.—Maude Hurley, youngest daughter of William and Celia Furrow Hurley was born near Nortonville, Kan., Sept. 6, 1879, and died Oct. 26, 1966 at her daughter's home in Sabetha, Kan.

She was married to Dennis Saunders Stillman at Nortonville, Oct. 5, 1901. Her husband died May 19, 1948. They lived on a farm on Seventh-Day Lane near where she was born. For ten years after the death of Mr. Stillman she managed the farm. She outlived by far the other eight children of her generation. To this union two children were born, Waite Perry, who died in 1929, and Margaret Cecilia, wife of Rev. Duane Ogden. They had one adopted daughter (a niece) taken into their home when only a few days old. She died at college in 1929.

Mrs. Stillman was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nortonville throughout her adult life.

Surviving, besides her daughter, are four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the church by her pastor, the Rev. Paul B. Osborn, with burial in the Nortonville Cemetery.

P. B. O.

ZEEB.—Mrs. Ernestine, was born in Germany in 1882 and died in a Maryland hospital Dec. 21, 1966.

She was baptized in the Plainfield, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist church June 25, 1949, by the pastor of the Irvington church, the Rev. John Schmid. She remained a faithful member of that German church until death, although for the past few years she resided with a son Erwin, who is employed at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

Funeral services were conducted at Livingston, N. J., where another of her children lives, by the Rev. Leon M. Maltby at the request of her pastor. She was buried next to her husband, Louis Zeeb, in the Hollywood Memorial Cemetery, Union, N. J.

—Frank Schober and L. M. M.

