

prised by a visit from Chaplain Leonard Melton, his wife and three children. They made contacts by phone with many old friends in the New Orleans area then drove to Hammond and spent the day.

Chaplain Melton returned from Vietnam August 13 and went to Florida to get his family. They were enroute to his new assignment in Texas.

—Correspondent.

Accessions

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y.

By Baptism:

Garry Traver
Lisa Cudahy
Sandy Reynolds

HEBRON, PA.

By Baptism:

Charles Hemphill

Marriages

Furniss-Morgan.—David L. Furniss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Furniss of West Collingswood, N. J., and Diane M. Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Morgan of Morrisville, Pa., were united in marriage at Morrisville, Sept. 1, 1967, by the uncle of the groom, Rev. Auley Parvin.

Koli-Abelmann.—Stephen Esah Koli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Efram Esah Koli of Senchi Ferry, Ghana, West Africa, and Peggy Sue Abelmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abelmann of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage at the University Presbyterian Church of Madison, Wis., on August 27, 1967, by the Rev. James Jondrow.

Stow-Peterson.—William C. Stow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Stow of Phoenixville, Pa., and Carol Louise Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Peterson of Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage Sept. 9, 1967, at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor John A. Conrod, the bride's minister, officiating. They will be residing in Spring City, Pa., where the groom is employed.

Vanderslice-Randolph.—Robert E. Vanderslice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Vanderslice of Bridgeton, N. J.; and Kathleen L. Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Randolph of Hopewell, N. J., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, September 2, 1967, by the pastor of the bride, Rev. Charles H. Bond.

Obituaries

MILLS.—Annette S. Kenyon, daughter of George T. and Sarah Edwards Kenyon was born in Hopkinton, R. I., Oct. 26, 1882, and died at Hopkinton, Aug. 24, 1967.

Early in life she became a member of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was a loyal and faithful member throughout her long life.

Her husband, G. Arthur Mills, preceded her in death. Surviving are two daughters, Donna (Mrs. Edwin C. James) of Hopkinton and Ruth (Mrs. Dana Prescott), of Woodville; three sons, George D., of Cranston, Arthur and Douglas D., both of Hopkinton. She also leaves seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at the Avery Funeral Home, Hope Valley, with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway. Her cousin, the Rev. Harold R. Crandall, officiated.

—H. R. C.

SMITH.—Carrie, daughter of Hiram and Flora Green Palmiter, was born Feb. 13, 1879 at Verona, N. Y., and died July 9, 1967, at Milton, Wis. In September 1906 she married T. Stuart Smith, who died July 23, 1943.

She accepted Christ, was baptized and joined the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. She served her Lord in many ways and was ordained as a deaconess.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Flora) Babcock, Milton, Wis., Mrs. George (Ann) Davis, Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. John (Agnes) Marquart, Huntington, L. I.; one son, Allison, of Verona, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Leila Franklin, Battle Creek, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Donald E. Richards at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 15. She was buried in Rathbunville Cemetery, Churchville.

—D. E. R.

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THE FIELD IS THE WORLD

Her finger on the tiny country to which she felt called, a missionary nurse, like many before her and others following her, illustrates the theme of this combined issue of the SABBATH RECORDER and MISSION NOTES which has much material about Malawi. It is ours to sow the seed; God gives the increase.

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EDITORIAL

"In the Interest of Seventh Day Baptist Missions"

Although you may not immediately recognize *Mission Notes* in its form this issue, we want to assure you that it is, as always, being published "In the Interest of Seventh Day Baptist Missions." For fifteen years, this has been the aim of this publication. Its content continues to be personal accounts from mission fields, reports of work being done, and human interest stories and pictures to inform and inspire the reader, and to challenge to a vital support of our missions, materially and in prayer.

Printing *Mission Notes* as a special issue of *The Sabbath Recorder* is an effort toward more efficiency, obtaining wider coverage, and reducing mailing costs. In the past, editorial work in preparing copy has been done on the East Coast. It was then sent to the printer on the West Coast. Following printing, it was sent to the Riverside church where folding and assembling was done by members. Finally, the Los Angeles church took over the duty of addressing and mailing. Unavoidably, snags have developed, with long delays ensuing between editing, or printing, and arrival in the homes of readers.

This issue is being printed at the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House at Plainfield, New Jersey, and mailed directly from there.

Tentative plans are to print just two issues a year, instead of our traditional four issues, but each issue will be able to carry more material, due to more compact set type in place of typing.

Your comments on the new plan are invited.

Meanwhile, let us pray for missions, and especially that God will lead Seventh Day Baptists in their efforts so that they will be a vital part of His plan for proclaiming the gospel to all the world.

—E. F. W.

China

A Letter from the Past



Seventh Day Baptists did pioneer mission work in China in the middle of the past century. In 1924 war ravaged the work in Liu-ho as shown here. World War II brought the Japanese invasion and more destruction (now being paid for). Communism halted all mission work.

A part of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions Interests at General Conference at Grand Rapids in August reads:

"We commend the Missionary Society for their continuing efforts to maintain contact with our Christian brethren in China.

"We urge Seventh Day Baptists to take the initiative in sharing with the Missionary Society any pertinent information regarding the whereabouts of Chinese Seventh Day Baptists in various parts of the world.

"We call attention to this appeal in the Missionary Society report on China: 'Let us continue to remember our Chinese brethren in prayer, especially on such occasions as World Wide Communion and on the World Day of Prayer.'

"We commend the action of the Missionary Society in using indemnity funds received from the Japanese Government for mission property destroyed in the 1936-37 invasion of China, for the purchase of mission property at Kitty, Georgetown, Guyana."

Although news of fellow Seventh Day Baptists in China has been suppressed



Dr. Esther Pan, later killed, is shown here in her student days. We pray for China.

for several years, they were on our minds. Once the most numerous body of Seventh Day Baptists in the world, the present condition of the majority of these believers is at present unknown. It is the heartfelt aim of Seventh Day Baptists everywhere to remember and to pray for them.

Therefore, a letter written by Dr. Esther Pan in the *China Bulletin* No. 16, April 15, 1939, is printed. Experiencing at that time the Japanese invasion, she was later to face and to die under Communist oppression. (See "Tribute to Dr. Esther Pan" in the *Sabbath Recorder*, Nov. 30, 1964).

Our ties with the past in China seem all the more real as we see funds once invested in the Lord's work there now making possible an expanded effort in Guyana through the purchase of the Straker property.

The book *China Letters*, by Dr. Rosa Palmberg (medical missionary to China, 1894-1940) is recommended reading for more information on the China field and its workers.

(See letter on next page)

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April 15, 1939

Dear Friends:

The other day I was asked to write something for the Bulletin which I was very glad to do. It brings back all the good and happy memories of my stay in America. Although that was nearly a decade ago, yet it seems like yesterday. Oh how I wish that some day we might gather together again!

During the last ten years many changes have taken place. Numbers of my high school friends here are now mothers of two, three or four children each. Maybe it is the same with my school friends in America. The changes in myself are also very great—from a proud little high school graduate to a green, meek intern. It seems that the more I study the less I know.

The first year after I came back I rested, for I was not very well. The next year I took charge of Dr. Palmberg's industrial work while she was taking her furlough. In January, 1931, I entered Shanghai Baptist College. There I took a half year general work and two years pre-medical. There were eight girls and twenty boys in our class.

In 1933 I entered the Women's Christian Medical College which is across the street from Grace School. This school is connected with a union mission hospital, Margaret Williamson Hospital, which has the best obstetrical department of any hospital in China.

On account of the present invasion, both college and hospital had to be moved into the French Concession of Shanghai. The hospital has had to be reduced from 250 to 100 beds but still has the usual departments of any general hospital. The war has affected the work of the hospital a great deal because the very wealthy people have mostly left Shanghai and the others have been reduced almost to the refugee class. There are still great numbers of the people who are compelled by their poverty to stay in the Japanese occupied places and their condition is pitiful. Many are sick, due to lack of proper food and clothing and proper sanitary conditions.

We had twenty-seven medical students this year. The first year's studies are very difficult but also very interesting, especially anatomy.

Time flies so fast! Soon our four years were past. Last July we started as interns. Intern life is very different from that of a student. Sometimes we have to work twenty-four hours. Our internship is divided into four services. We are supposed to work three months in each department. At first we worked one month in each, so that we could get acquainted with all of the departments. Later I had a month in St. Luke's No.2, a large refugee hospital, to supplement my surgery experience, and two months in a new obstetrical hospital which we have started downtown. Now I am back in Margaret Williamson Hospital, working in the obstetrical and pediatric departments. At this time most of the cases are pneumonia and bronchitis. The mortality is very high. In the medical department there have been many cases of nutritional deficiency such as beriberi. The treatment for these is very expensive and must be long continued. The vitamin drugs are so high priced that the drain upon the hospital finances is very heavy. But after we have kept the patients for a few months we feel that they are our friends and hate to turn them out.

Tonight I am at home, very happy that I shall not be called for twenty-four hours. Almost every night I have three or four calls for admissions or treatments and often have very little sleep at night. I shall finish next June but hope to have one more year in some good hospital to get further training.

I wish I knew what my American friends have been doing since we separated. I want to send my greetings to you all. I hope you will all pray for China in her time of crisis and for me that I may have a life of worthwhile service.

Sincerely yours,
Esther Pan.

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Guyana

Growing Emphasis on Youth

"We held an emphasis on youth this year, inviting each church to send three of its thoughtful young people. One of the actions of Conference was to form a Conference-wide youth organization."



Missionary Leroy Bass baptizing in the river at Dartmouth village.

So wrote Missionary Leroy Bass concerning action in the Guyana Conference this year.

He continues: "Since we had our first camp last April, the young people have been more eager to meet one another and have rallies or other gatherings. We are beginning to prepare our youth for leadership tomorrow."

Former missionary to Guyana, the Rev. Leland Davis, gave a vivid picture of the key importance of work among the youth. He cited their increasing numbers, influence and responsiveness to the gospel.

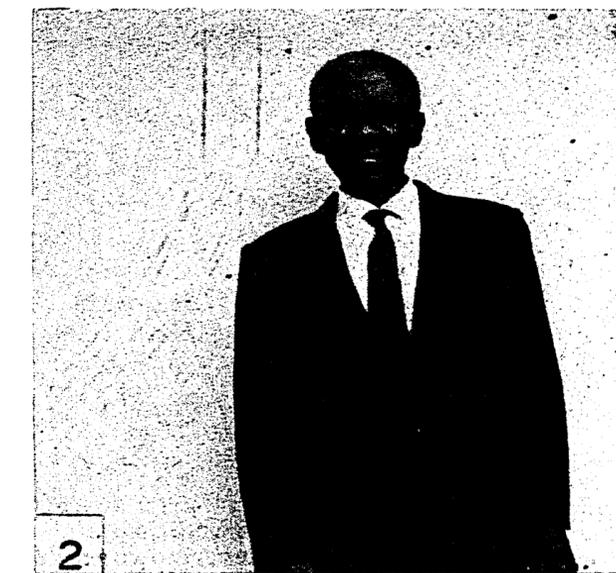
Impressed with the bright prospects in this field, the Foreign Missions Interests Committee of General Conference meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., submitted the following recommendation: "That the Missionary Society study the possibility of establishing a position of youth worker in the Guyana field on a permanent basis, with a view to sending a person to serve in this capacity during the next fiscal

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FACES FAMILIAR IN GUYANA



Sister Inez Peters, a very able Georgetown woman worker. Here she is on Wednesday conducting the Wednesday Bible Club at the Mission. Pastor Bass remarks, "She deeply loves the Lord's work."



Deacon Joseph Scipio, leader at the Dartmouth Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Bass says of him, "He is a man, who when he is conducting a service, causes me to drink deeply of the Spirit. He also has the gift of prayer that touches the heart."

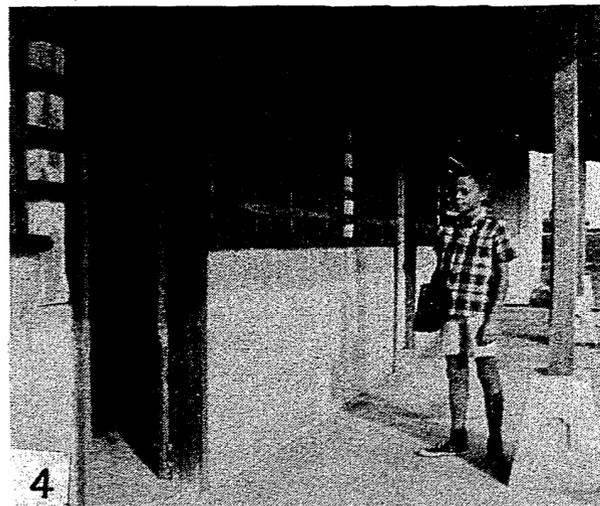
year (1968-69)." This resolution was passed.

Let us unite in prayer for the fulfillment of this need for a trained full-time youth worker in the Guyana field.

Missionary Life at Georgetown, Guyana



A missionary wife, Marjorie Bass, in her kitchen. The refrigerator is a Westinghouse electric, purchased when the Davises were here.



Gordon Bass, age 10, about to enter his fifth grade classroom at the temporary quarters of the new American school in Georgetown, called Demerara Christian Academy.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION SCHEDULED

The Northern Association, comprised of the Battle Creek and White Cloud, Mich., and the Jackson Center, O., churches holds its fall meeting at White Cloud, October 13, 14. Rev. Earl Cruzan of Milton, Wis., will be the guest speaker. Also on the program will be a service commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the White Cloud church's joining the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Central Association to Meet

The Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches will hold its Annual Meeting on October 13, 14, and 15, with the DeRuyter church. The theme will be "Laborers Together with Christ," based on 2 Timothy 2:15. The meeting Friday evening will begin at eight o'clock with a Covenant and Communion service planned by the host pastor. The Sabbath morning worship service will begin at eleven o'clock, continuing with services throughout the day and Sunday. We welcome all who can meet with us.

—Mrs. Wendell Burdick,
corresponding secretary.

Western Association

Western Association (western New York and northern Pennsylvania churches) will hold its one-day fall session with the Richburg, N. Y., church on Sabbath Day, October 14.

Pacific Coast Association

Plans have been made for the fall meeting of the Pacific Coast Association at the Los Angeles church, 4976 N. Figueroa Street, the third weekend of October. After association, the new field representative, Glen Warner, and his wife will move to Seattle, Washington, to consolidate Seventh Day Baptist interest in that area.

Mid-Continent Association

The regular annual meeting of the Mid-Continent Association, comprised of Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska churches, will meet with the Nortonville, Kans., church October 6, 7, 8 under the presidency of Philip Burrows of Kansas City.

Yearly Meetings

There are two "Yearly Meetings" each fall within the area of the Eastern Association. These fall gatherings are the oldest such meetings in the denomination, being older than any of the associations. The New England Yearly Meeting this year is with the Pawcatuck church at Westerly, R. I., on October 7. The New Jersey and Eastern New York meeting is with the Marlboro, N. J., church on October 13 and 14.

Jamaica

A Forward Look in Jamaica

Missionary Society Secretary Everett T. Harris spoke of "Hopes and Dreams" at General Conference this year. Ambitious plans were envisioned for Jamaica, and some of them are given in substance below.



The Font Hill church in the mountains of eastern Jamaica is one that has been completely rebuilt.

Repair and renovation of Crandall High School building at 29 Charles Street, Kingston, are projected. Plans already underway to remove the old inside stairway and to build a safer stairway to the second floor on the outside of the building provide for additional library space. We dream of improving the library through appraisal of all old books, securing of new, well-illustrated books of the right reading level, and more time for actual use of the library.

There is a hope that Crandall High School can be upgraded to a Junior College, as Courtland Davis has urged. Rising educational standards and increasing adequacy of government sponsored secondary schools appear to make this forward step necessary.

There is also the very real possibility that a large vacant lot behind the Crandall High property can be secured to provide a better environment and more adequate recreation facilities for students.

A need is felt for a coordinator of the

work of the Jamaica conference, to encourage and unify the work of the churches.

Financial assistance is needed for the board and lodging costs of a few Seventh Day Baptist students who come from rural church areas to Kingston for schooling. OWM-giving already provides twenty scholarships, but these students are also in urgent need for help with board and lodging costs.

Reflections on Journey Through Jamaica

By Conference Secretary
Alton L. Wheeler

Down in the beautiful Caribbean Sea, and less than two hours of air flight time to the southeast of Miami, Florida, is the colorful and intriguing island of Jamaica. Compared by some to a huge turtle basking in the tropical turquoise waters, this island measures some 145 miles in length (east and west) and fifty miles in width. Blue Mountain, forming the back, rises majestically some 7,400 feet above the level of the sea.

In March of this year (1967), it was the privilege of the general secretary to serve as American Released Worker in behalf of the Missionary Board (USA), accompanied by his wife, Ethel, and their son, Douglas, who formed a trio as "Ambassadors for Christ," as well as representatives of the sister conference from this country.

During their seventeen-day stay, they joined the Rev. Joseph A. Samuels, corresponding secretary of the Jamaican conference, accompanied by his dedicated wife, Joyce, and a number of other spiritual leaders of the respective circuits visited, in conducting services in some twenty-one churches and missions. On the long weekend of March 23-27, some thirty-one leaders attended the Area Spiritual Retreat held at Maiden Hall for worship, Bible study, prayer, planning, and Christian fellowship. The following are a few candid observations made of the Island from a visitor's panoramic point of view.

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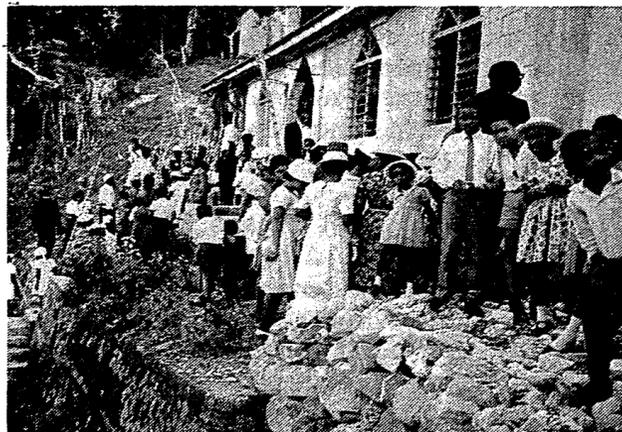
**Jamaica People and Places
City and Country**



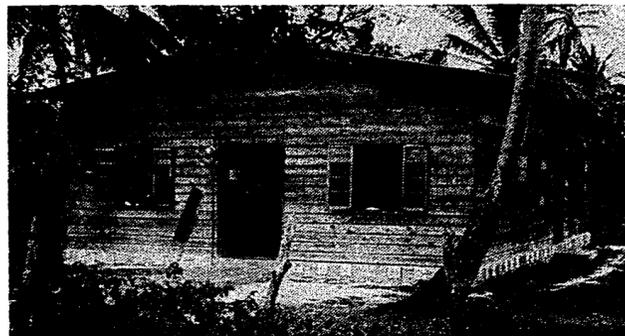
Congregation leaving Kingston church.



Junior Choir Sabbath afternoon at Mountain View.



200 people attend a Harvest Service at Higintown church on a Sunday afternoon.



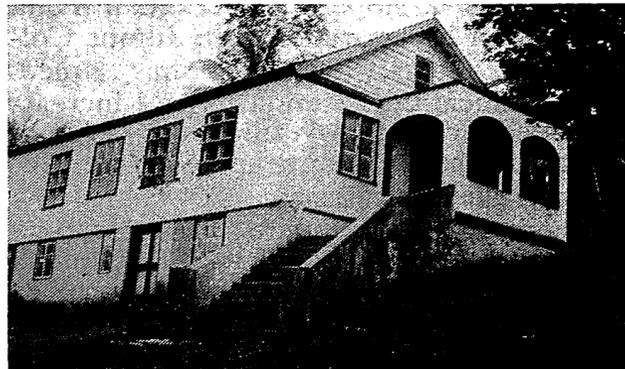
Deeside church building as it looked in 1965.



Mrs. Jennings and Iris Maltby in sugar cane in Maroon country.



Planning Commission on a hillside near Higintown.



Bowensville church building.

Reflections on Journey Through Jamaica

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L: Blue Mountain — R: Coker



"Almost every church building is in the process of construction, expansion, or renovation."

Especially during the past decade, Jamaica has been involved in a dramatic era of political, economic, industrial, educational, sociological, and religious transition. The visitor is amazed as he jostles along in a Volkswagen Van through congested towns and cities as well as through hilly rural areas to note fantastic evidence of the "turtle" island stirring restlessly in the Caribbean waters. From picturesque Hardware Gap he looks down upon Kingston, the capital, to note several sizable tracts of houses in several areas; he is told of the new harbor being constructed there and sees gigantic warehouses and piers being completed. He notes a number of very new and ornately designed and painted stucco houses even in remote rural areas nestled between those of less elaborate structure. The poorly maintained highways serve the startling combination of many automobiles, buses and trucks as well as pedestrians, livestock, and chickens; and tractors and trailers are in some areas replacing donkeys and two-wheeled carts. Nearly every family seems to own at least one attractively designed transistor radio.

At the present time there are over one thousand Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica as members of some twenty-one churches, five branch groups and eight missions. The island is divided into six circuits and is currently served by five

ordained pastors, some twenty lay leaders in local parishes, and others who have been ordained as members of the diaconate. Several youth testified that they had felt the call of the Lord to train and to serve as pastors or as missionaries in one way or other. Almost all leaders are being encouraged to continue to improve their dedicated talents through additional education, and courses on several levels are very much needed.

It was noted that almost every church building is in the process of construction, expansion or renovation. The Albion Mount and Tydixon sanctuaries are being "surrounded" by extended walls to make for larger structures to accommodate their growing numbers. The Mountain View Church is looking forward to installation of windows, doors and additional pews. Several others have just recently been electrically wired.

Indeed, Jamaica has become involved in a dramatic and challenging transition. The conference is seeking to become increasingly indigenous, yet in many ways it continues to need, solicit and appreciate counsel of leadership, grants of monies, and intercessory prayers of others. May we continue to assure the brethren there that we shall continue in prayer, word and deed as "laborers together with God."

Malawi

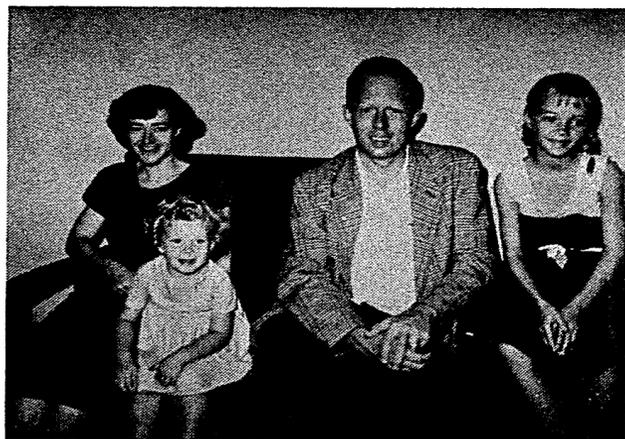
Expanding Educational Opportunities

Mrs. Victor Burdick has in a recent communication expressed gratitude for improving educational opportunities for workers in several fields in Malawi. "It is encouraging for the work of the Lord to see workers being trained. For many years we have struggled with the problem of further education than we have here at Makapwa, training in specialized fields. It seems that all at once many of the pieces worked with over the years are falling into place. We praise our Father for these opportunities. We pray that this training will be used to His honor and glory, to the advancement of Seventh Day Baptists here in Malawi."

Let's look at some of the fields of service and personnel being trained specifically for them.

Pearsons Back in Malawi

Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson arrived at Blantyre on August 29 and



Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson, Joanna and Debbie.

are settled in their new home provided, in part, by contributions of Seventh Day Baptists in America through the purchase of "bricks" at one dollar each.

The Victor Burdicks, anticipating their arrival and moving into "Blantyre House," commented: "It was less than a year ago, Conference-time at Redlands, that the people of U.S.A. voted to raise \$10,000 towards a house for them in Blantyre. Now the house is finished, and it is very nice indeed. We wish all who helped to build it, brick by brick, could come to Open House. . . ."

Final plans are now being made for his new work as Director of Christian Education.

Higher Education for Pastors

Two students in pastoral training courses at the Likubula Bible Institute at Blantyre, Malawi, have written of their studies there. The Rev. Robert Barr, who originated and operates the institute, has been associated in various ways with our missionaries in Malawi, and relations are most friendly. The Rev. David Pearson will give additional courses in Seventh Day Baptist doctrine and other special subjects at our own training center in Blantyre.



Watson Mataka, left, and Stanley Muhezewa, Seventh Day Baptist ministerial students at Likubula Bible Institute. Mr. Mataka has a wife and five children. His school expenses are being paid by the Central Africa Conference. However, one of the families in the Bay Area Fellowship, California, has generously offered to support Mrs. Mataka and the five children during the absence of the father. Mr. Muhezewa is single.

The accounts of our two students follow.

By Stanley Muhezewa

A three-year course is provided to men who are preparing to become full-time pastors. This course is at Likubula, Blantyre, Malawi. It is an interdenominational Bible Institute.

The course provides the following subjects: Doctrine, Church History, Bible Survey, and the Study of the Epistles of John, all taught by Mr. J. Thorne. Mr. Barr, the principal, teaches Homiletics. Mrs. Thorne teaches the Book of Deuteronomy, Christian Education, and the History of Religion of Israel. Mrs. Barr teaches English and Music.

I am very glad to be in this school. The subjects which I am learning are very helpful to me. I thank the Lord for His mercy to show me His way. I was unsaved, I was in the darkness, now I am saved, I am in the light. I think it is a call of God to His work for me.

Now I ask all believers in Seventh Day Baptist Churches to pray for me until I complete the course.

II

By Watson Mataka

A three-year course is offered to men who are preparing to become full-time workers. This course is being run at Likubula Bible Institute, Blantyre, Africa.

The course consists of the following subjects: Doctrine, Church History, Bible Survey, the Study of the Epistles of John, History and Religion of Israel, Christian Education, the study of the Book of Deuteronomy, Homiletics, Music, English and Practical Work on sermons in the open air.

The staff members are as follows: Rev. R. E. Barr, Principal of the School; Mr. J. Thorne, tutor; Mrs. Thorne, tutor; Mrs. Barr, tutor; and Mr. Chitonya, tutor.

We learn new and interesting things every day, with a written test every week.

Students from different denominations are admitted to this course. It is an interesting thing to meet brethren from different parts of the country. This gives



Watson Mataka, ministerial student at new training school, his wife and children.

a picture of our final fellowship that we are going to have with saved believers from various parts of the world when Jesus comes for the second time, when He will make us stand facing the glorious throne of God.

For a long time I have been thinking about this school and preparing for it as I noticed the need of the unsaved world which I should serve through God's whispering. We are beginning to see greater need than before as we study God's Word at this training. I hope that God will use me as His "good news" carrier as much as He pleases after this course, for I am not of my own, but redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary. I need to proclaim to others that they, too, might be saved. I hope that the Lord is calling more people to do His work.

I thank the Lord for this big privilege. I thank the Central Africa Conference and its leaders for making it possible for me to enter the training. I thank the fellow believers in America for their courageous words and actions regarding our course here in Africa.

May I end my writing with a word of asking the Seventh Day Baptist believers in all parts of the world to pray for us for good results of our school.

Training as Male Nurse

Makapwa Station looks forward to having a state certified male nurse to aid in medical services. This hope is expressed in word received from Mrs. Victor Burdick (Beth) as follows:

We have written before about Mr. Dzumani, and how we hoped he might



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dzumani following their wedding on January 8, 1967. She is the former Miss Eneress Nkumba. The Rev. Otrain Manan officiated.

be accepted into a school of nursing in Scotland. However this did not work out. But he is training as a hospital assistant at Malamulo Mission. He entered late into the course, and those in charge were afraid he would not be able to catch up in his work. However he not only caught up, but passed the probation period at the top of his class! For this we praise the Lord. He had expected to be separated from his new bride for three years, had he gone overseas. Now they are together. The Lord worked things out so that she found a teaching position in a school close to Malamulo, although the school year was already in progress. So we see the hand of the Lord working in many ways, smoothing out the hard places.

Not so long ago, Victor and I had left the children at school and were on the way to Blantyre. Although Victor was busy with the driving, dodging the many people on bicycles, chickens, dogs, etc., I had time to watch those we passed. We approached an African couple walk-

ing along together, the man carrying something in his hand. Now this is something to catch one's eye, in a land where the man strides on ahead with nothing but his cane or umbrella, while the woman labors along behind with all the load. Seeing who they were I told Victor that we had just passed the Dzumanis. We stopped and found out they had the day off and were doing some shopping in Cholo. They seemed so happy together, and with their respective work and studies. May the Lord continue to be with them.

Training Christian Writers

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following article illustrates the principle set forth in Ecclesiastes 11:1, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." For several years Seventh Day Baptists have contributed to the support of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the World Council of Churches, commonly abbreviated to Lit-Lit. Your editor is a delegate to this committee's meetings. This organization is dedicated to the training of native writers to produce Christian literature for their own people. Now we are directly receiving benefits from its program as Fedson Makatanje, a Makapwa student, is receiving training in writing at the Africa Literature Centre, Kitwe, Zambia. That is why we are printing this article written by Mr. Makatanje which was included in materials for Fifth Sabbath Missions Emphasis already sent to the churches.

"Africa needs writers, writers need training; Africa Literature Centre," are the words written on the poster. With the words there is a picture of a young man reading a book, and other books lying around him. This poster was painted by Ramsis Botros, an African Literature Centre art student who comes from Egypt, and the poster hangs on the wall inside the writers' classroom.

The Africa Literature Centre is training Christians who want to serve God and man through the written word. The courses are run at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation near Kitwe, Zambia. Students who come for these courses are from different parts of Africa, like Malawi, Rhodesia, Lesotho, Kenya, South Sudan,

the Congo and Zambia. Most of these students are sent by their churches, just as I have been sent by the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Malawi.

Basic instruction in journalism and creative writing is given by instructors who are professionally trained, e.g. Mr. Norman Hart who is instructing the English speaking journalism class and Mr. Olivier Dubuis who is instructing the French speaking class. I hope many people know what is meant by journalism, yet I feel I need to say a little about the meaning of journalism in case some do not know it. Journalism is the factual reporting of current events and commenting upon those events from a Christian point of view. This training helps to prepare reporters and editors for service on Christian and secular newspapers and magazines. A good example is Mr. Tensesie Chisanga, a former student who is now serving as editor of *Kuunika*, a Christian newspaper published by the Mkhoma C.C.A.P. Synod press near Lilongwe in Malawi. Some of the former students are working for national daily newspapers; for example Mr. Chao C. Daka is a reporter on the *Zambia Mail*.

The courses at the Africa Literature Centre are usually three to four months long; but students are asked to stay on for ten months to prepare them for different responsibilities they will be holding when they go back to their churches. Three students have been graduated this year already after the four-months course; they are Mr. Samuel Waku of the Church of God in Kenya, who is going to work for the church literature programme in his country, Mr. Enok de Garang of South Sudan, who has now joined the staff of the Africa Literature Centre, and Mr. Lyson Kamanga of Zambia, who is hoping to work for a Zambian national newspaper as a reporter.

Three other students are staying for ten months to concentrate especially on the editorial side. These students are Mr. Isaac Serutla of Lesotho, Miss Dorcas Chinopfukutwa of Rhodesia and myself. Mr. Serutla may in future work for a Christian newspaper called *Leselinyana* in Lesotho. This paper is published by

the Lesotho Evangelical Church. Miss Chinopfukutwa is going to work with a Christian newspaper called *Umbowo* which is published by the Methodist Church of Rhodesia. What, then am I going to do since the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Malawi has no newspaper or magazine? Where am I going to work? Well, I am going to continue writing Sabbath School lessons for the children, and with the little knowledge of running a newspaper I have attained here, I hope the Lord will help me to start a Seventh Day Baptist church newspaper or magazine.

I have realized that many people do not know that there is a Seventh Day Baptist church, because I have met people asking me which church I belong to. When I tell them, they say, "Seventh Day Baptist? We have never heard of this church before."

I think, therefore, that starting of a newspaper or magazine will help many people know this church and her beliefs, and reinforce other churches which already have newspapers or magazines in spreading the gospel widely to people who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Yet, starting a newspaper needs much time and money to be put into the project. Where can such money be found? If it is the will of God that His message be preached to people through the written word in a church newspaper or magazine, this big and difficult question of money will be answered.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES

September 19, 1967

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Gifts received	27.00
Received from cancelled stamps	5.00

Balance on hand	\$52.73
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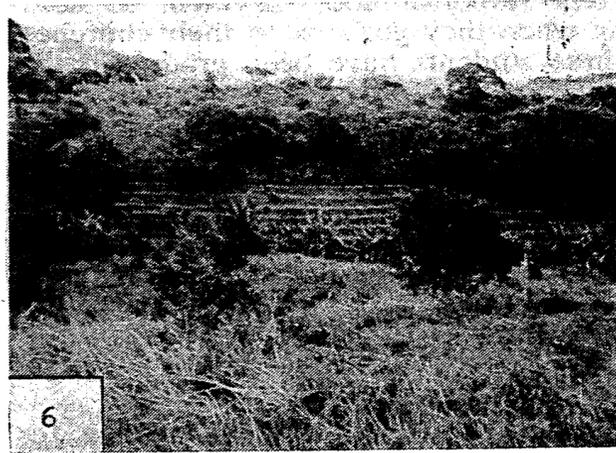
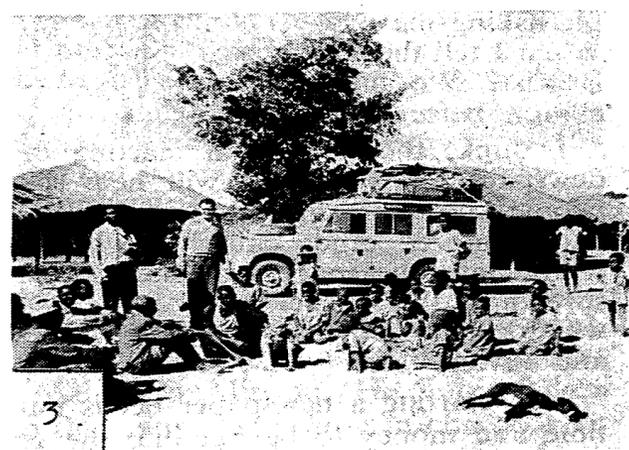
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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 14, 1967

JESUS CHRIST

SCENES IN MALAWI



1—Sabbath School at the Makapwa Church. Vicky Burdick in the front. 2—One means of transportation seen in the North Country. 3—Arriving at a village in the North for a service. 4—A grass and pole pulpit. A family trio is singing. 5—Pastor Muzumara baptizing candidates. 6—Lord's Acre project in Ugumara. Terraces are for coffee bushes and banana trees.

Vicky, Joanie and Mark at Greenacres

By Mrs. Victor Burdick
(Especially for children)

Education of one's children seems to be a topic of conversation that is gotten around to sooner or later during any visit in our part of the world. The solutions to this problem vary greatly. Many



Left to right: Mark and Vicky Burdick; Jackie (cared for by Sarah Becker and the mission); and Joanie Burdick.

of the parents here were children during the Second World War. They had been sent to England before the war began, often at the early age of six, seven, or eight. Then the war came, and many didn't see their parents again for nine or ten years. Parents were hard to remember by the children, and the parents were shocked to find their little ones grown. So with that experience, many are looking for a way to educate their children close to home.

Certainly to us it seemed an answer to prayer to learn of the opening of Greenacres School in Cholo, January, 1966. The parents of Cholo had joined together to run the school. We were happy to join the Association, for our older son Vicky was 5½, and ready for school.

Now we are well into the second year. Vicky is in Standard II, Joanie in Preparatory Class, and Mark in the Nursery. So far the school goes only through Standard II, so it means Vicky must go on to Blantyre next year. But we are happy

to say he will live with the Pearsons, and come home each weekend. Often we stop to thank our Heavenly Father for the school.

Perhaps you could spend the day here at Makapwa, and see what it is like to go to school. Daddy and Mommy get up at 5:15 a.m. After lunches are fixed, and breakfast ready, they wake up the children, if they haven't awakened by themselves by 5:40. We have breakfast. Then into school uniforms for Vicky and Joanie. A white and green check shirt and grey pants (short) for Vicky, and Joanie has the same color blouse, with a grey pinafore. Dressed, then time for hair combing and brushing. Now all ready, we gather together for our morning worship. Daddy reads a Bible story, we sing, and have prayer. Then we put the children's "knapsacks" on their backs, Mommy is kissed bye-bye. Daddy puts Mark on his shoulders, for it is a long way to the garage. Vicky is usually in front as they leave, then Daddy carrying Mark, with his other hand full of things, and Joanie by his side, or a little behind. Off the path down the hill in front of the house they go, usually right at 6:30 a.m. If it is raining, or has been during the night, Mommy hears, "We might be back soon, we might not make it up the hill," this usually from Mark. (However they usually make it, even in the muddy weather, perhaps getting stuck now and then.) About eight minutes after leaving the house Mommy hears the Land Rover as they go up the steep hill by the garage, up and around the hills, until they get "on top" about three miles away. The first stop is Lujenda Estate, nine miles from Makapwa. On Mondays, alternate Thursdays, and Fridays it is our turn to go to Cholo with our children and two girls from Lujenda. The other days we go just to Lujenda, and they take our children along with theirs to school. Off from Lujenda they go to Cholo, and usually are on time, if not early, for school at 7:30 a.m. Vicky and Joanie go into their room where they are taught by Mrs. Pillans, Mark to the nursery. His teacher is Mrs. Dawson. And so the hours pass.

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WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

Prayer Suggestions for the First Half of October

By Marjorie Burdick

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

—James 5:16 (KJV).

As we enter the month of October, there are special things to place on our Prayer Calendar. In addition to other prayer thoughts, the weekends for us should bring prayers of thanksgiving and petition. October 6-8 is the Semiannual Meeting at New Auburn, Wis. Others will trek to our church there to join those from Minnesota and northern Wisconsin in this meeting when Pastor Edward Sutton is to be ordained.

The following weekend there will be those who join with the friends of the Northern Association when the Seventh Day Baptists of Michigan and Ohio gather in White Cloud. Pray for these gatherings that they feel God's presence and guidance.

During these two weeks may we bring into our prayers those of our ministers and missionaries who have retired. Pray for these men and women and their continued interest and work in our churches. Especially remember those who are widows. May they be blessed in memories of their service in Christ's name. (The 1966 Yearbook pages 20 and 3-g will refresh your memory with names of these dear ones.)

Other Comments on the New Mission Notes

Just what the financial status, and therefore the financial needs, of *Mission Notes* will be in the future is not fully clear at this time. It is hoped that the actual cost of total production—special-

ly of mailing costs—will be lowered considerably. We hope that readers will continue to think of it as a publication "supported by the prayers and gifts of readers." Such support may be required by the Post Office in order to maintain the second class mail privileges of *The Sabbath Recorder*.

A treasurer's report appears in this issue, and accounting of funds received and disbursed will continue.

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All funds received will go toward missionary interests.

—E. F. W.

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Our Missionaries. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis and Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills in Jamaica; Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Bass and family in Guyana; Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick and family at Makapwa Mission, and Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and family in Blantyre, Malawi.

Our Native Workers, not only in these mission fields, but Seventh Day Baptist leaders in Mexico, Brazil, Burma, Nigeria, Korea, and other areas of other Seventh Day Baptist interest.

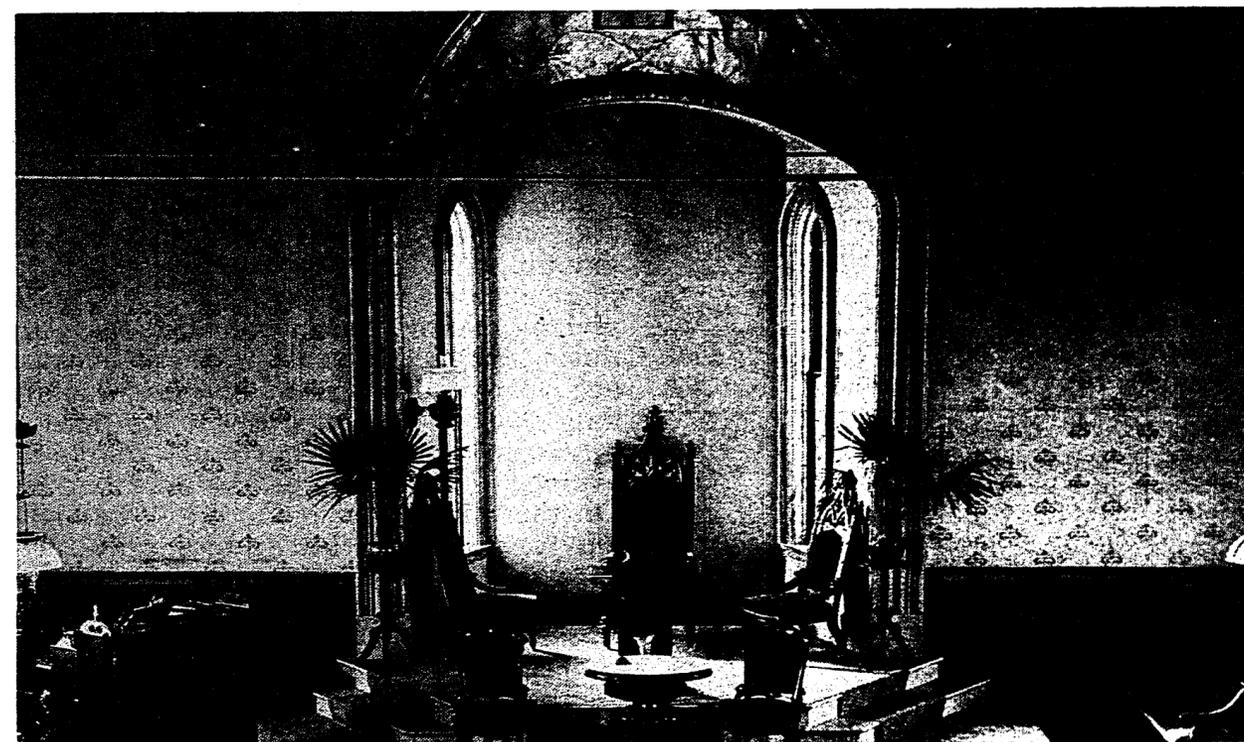
Our Christian Brothers in China, many of whom have suffered great persecution.

Fellow Seventh Day Baptists in England and Europe.

Native Workers Preparing for Service in the ministry and other specialized fields.

Personnel and Means to expand our ministry in present missionary fields.

The progress of Christian missions especially in Asia and behind the Iron Curtain.



Beautiful Churches of Yesteryear

Some of our churches still retain the beautiful pulpit furniture which our forefathers purchased with hard earned money to grace the sanctuaries that they erected for the preaching of the gospel to the unsaved and the edification of the body of Christ. There is something good here, a suggestion of devotion and of reverence for the house of God. It is a stirring picture with the light streaming in from window across the steps that lead to the great Bible on the relatively small pulpit and falling upon the little bell on the round table which was used in the Sabbath School. Our eyes lift to painted Bible high in the gilded arch. We note also the symbolical living palms and the unusual shape of the platform. We date the photograph by the hanging lamps trimmed and polished for evening services. Can anyone identify the church from this picture recently acquired by the Historical Society?