

# The Sabbath Recorder

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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—E. F. W.

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*Fellow Seventh Day Baptists in England and Europe.*

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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?

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## A Day's Wage for Christ

Seventh Day Baptists were given a challenge to raise the remaining twenty-five percent of the OWM budget in the last month of the Conference year. Giving had lagged in the months prior to August. The larger contributions to the total work that month were not sufficient to bring the giving up to the goal. Letters went out to all members, and churches laid stress on an extra gift on September 23 equivalent to one day's income. If this were done by all, it would probably balance the budget in spite of the very large amount needed. Loyal supporters of the work are waiting with anticipation for the word from the OWM treasurer as to the response to that appeal. It will be published as soon as possible, probably in the October 16 issue.

What is to be expected? First of all, it is reasonably certain that not everyone would be inclined or would feel able to add to his regular contributions an amount equal to one day's pay for this one cause. It would mean in many cases giving far more than what has been given during the whole year. In fact, the average yearly contribution of most denominations (our own well down the line) to missionary causes is not much above the average daily wage of the membership. On the other hand, many have undoubtedly responded in full to the appeal. The success or failure of our work depends on how high the percentage was. There is reason to believe that the dollar response when tabulated will be quite encouraging. The boards and agencies that were unable to pay their bills or undertake the work they were commissioned to do will certainly be thankful for the good response.

One church—one of the smallest in our Conference—was not content with the individual response to the letters; the members voted on September 30 to take from their treasury \$400 of the \$500 that was on hand, hoping that members would restore much of it in the weeks to come.

Another possibility always follows a special appeal. Quite a few members stretch themselves for the one week and fall down the next. This is probably in-

evitable, the economic situation being as it is with most families. There was strong urging to make this giving "over and above—a sacrifice." The purpose will not be fully accomplished if we do not quickly recover from this extra giving and start regular giving at a higher rate than before. One church, noted for its steady monthly contributions is known to have had an OWM offering of over \$300 on September 23 and about \$10 on September 30. This church will doubtless come back to normal for the month of October. What is the pattern of giving in your church? Better, how do you respond to the continuing need of the Lord's work? Are you bearing up your end of the yoke in accordance with the Conference theme?

## The Roots of Riots

"Why did it happen here?" is a question asked over and over by responsible people in riot-torn model cities. Convincing answers have been hard to find. It can be said that with all the progress in good housing and equal job opportunity for qualified workers there has remained much excuse for frustration on the part of Negroes. Cities could do more and should. However, this does not establish the roots of riots, nor will the more that is done keep them from occurring again.

There have been detailed studies made of the rioting in the Watts area of Los Angeles and the more recent serious burning and looting in Detroit. On the basis of these studies the *Detroit Free Press* notes that there was no relationship found between education and rioting nor between poverty and rioting. The paper makes the two following comments.

"Rioters were to be found in about the same proportions across all income brackets. There was no pattern to directly link rioting and low income. Those with incomes under \$2,000 . . . showed no more tendency to riot than those earning \$10,000 and up."

"One thing was found that clearly sets the riot participant apart from his fellow Negroes: a distinctive set of attitudes.

These attitudes suggest alienation—not only from whites but from other Negroes. . . . Rioters tend to be angry with people around them—including other Negroes."

A *Moody Monthly* editorial declares that the real roots lie much deeper and adds:

The plain unvarnished truth is that the U. S. has largely lost its ability to produce people of self-restraint and moral strength. This is less than surprising in view of our willingness to set aside the Bible and its teachings as basic to human conduct. No nation can edge God out of its corporate and personal life—as we have largely done—without the ceiling falling in.

This is not just moralizing. It makes more sense than that other kind of self-whipping that we have heard so much. Improving social conditions often leave the heart completely untouched. Give-away programs are as likely to destroy true manhood as to build it up. There is little basic difference between white student revolt and Negro looting. Civil rights are only slightly related to what has happened. Somehow we must get the love of Christ into the hearts of the young, whatever their color. Only thus can be removed the roots of riots.

## Painting the Church on Sunday

Seventh Day Baptist church buildings are often deserted on that day of the week that churches of other denominations have their doors wide open with people coming and going. Perhaps we miss opportunities of talking with people who have time to stop and ask questions. Should our city churches in particular make an effort to have some visible activity on Sunday so that folks could observe and take note of the fact that the church is not dead?

This thought is brought to mind by an announcement in the Sabbath bulletin of the Battle Creek church stating that there would be a work being starting at nine o'clock the next morning. What was the work? Painting the outside of the church. Since it is a brick building it is only the trim that needs painting, which could be done without much equipment or noise. Perhaps some people, even in a city as

Sabbath conscious as Battle Creek, would be surprised to see people hanging on the eaves and working around the window frames instead of being dressed in their best and filing in and out of the front door. Just a glance at the bulletin board or a little inquiry would set their minds at rest—or perhaps make them wonder what their own basis was for attempting to keep Sunday instead of the Sabbath sacred.

Other city churches have scheduled Sunday work bees for painting the parsonage next door or for major maintenance work on the church building. Willing workmen have to be enlisted when they have free time, and time devoted to improving the church property is money saved for the more spiritual aspects of the ministry of the church. Not to be overlooked as a benefit from "painting the church on Sunday" is the comradeship developed in working together, the opportunity for worthwhile conversations among ourselves as we labor together. Here is a type of group dedicated service that is easier to give than the more lonely individual type.

Get some good projects. Stick to them until completed. Give labor; get a blessing; paint the church on Sunday.

### Good Things to Come

These are interesting days for *Recorder* readers—so many new and interesting things coming up that it is necessary to remind ourselves of what to expect next.

The issue of October 23 or 30 will have four pages in the middle which will be in the nature of a dedicated service folder prepared by the director of evangelism at the suggestion of the Planning Committee. It will be informative and promotional, for use during the 1967-68 Conference year. Short and longer-term dedicated service, particularly by young people, is one of the most promising developments for the present life and future growth of our churches.

The first issue of November is the fall special issue, edited this time by the accomplished Carolyn Gray, until recently the president of the Women's Board.

### MEMORY TEXT

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. Habakkuk 3:2b.

Please note that all special issues, November, February, and May, are scheduled now for the first rather than the second Mondays. Orders for these (on which the size of the print order is based) must therefore be submitted earlier, else orders cannot be filled. Mrs. Gray has an unusually good array of articles—almost all written by young women who have had unusual Christian service opportunities. These are presented under the heading of "Prayer Action." Individuals and churches will want to make plans to distribute this issue widely along with informational and Sabbath tracts.

December will have its special emphasis. More than half of the first issue (printed in blue) will be prepared under the direction of Missionary Secretary Everett T. Harris, stressing present and future missionary work.

In January the Tract Board will supply a considerable amount of material for the first issue of the month.

It is not possible as yet to make any announcement about increasing the number of copies on these first-of-the-month board emphasis issues. The Tract Board is working on the Conference suggestion that this be done. For the present there is no change other than the merging of the *Mission Notes* and *Recorder* mailing lists twice a year.

In an early issue will appear the first of a regular feature which may be entitled *YOUth*. These brief items are prepared largely by young people and are intended as devotional thoughts for youth. It has been several years since we have had such a department. See further announcement.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 21, 1967

THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE SABBATH RECORDER



## Conference President's Column

### Facing Frontiers of '67-68 with Faith

To start the 1967-68 "Facing Frontiers with Faith" program, the Planning Committee suggests American Seventh Day Baptists share together in worship the Proclamation and Prayer "Yoked in Mission" on Sabbath, October 14, 1967. Some churches may find it better to use the Proclamation at another date, and we fully appreciate local schedule needs and encourage adaptation in method and time of use.

If the "Proclamation—Yoked in Mission" can help you to find Christ the designer and dreamer of your fondest local church or Association hopes for achievement, use it worshipfully in the opening weeks of the new World Mission year. If your congregation can more unitedly throw off the self-styled yokes assumed for progress which actually displace Christ's yoke, then use this Proclamation to affirm your acceptance of the Savior's burden-bearing tool.

If the Proclamation can unify your congregation in appreciation that severally and jointly they are very practically "Christ's hands and feet" carrying His Good News into their worlds, then include it as a dedicatory element near the close of your October 14 Sabbath worship service.

If the Proclamation doesn't fit into the Laymen's Sabbath ideas you have for October 14, use it the following week or on October 28. But it does seem particularly well-suited for Laymen's Sabbath, harmonizing with the theme "Christ's Ambassadors" and such seed thoughts as these taken from the manual: "As we move into these frontiers as Christian

ambassadors — as explorers and penetrators for the Faith—we are not given a detailed map to follow but rather a compass, the life and way of the One who says, "Follow me!" And "The laity are not helpers of the clergy so the clergy can do their job, but the clergy are the helpers of the whole people of God so that the laity can be the church."

We would express appreciation to the American Lutheran Church for original materials and Rev. Leon Lawton for introducing and initially adapting them. Also, we thank Duane Lawton, his son, for volunteer work actually printing the leaflets. "Routine" matters of linotyping, packaging and mailing are no less appreciated as the Conference team at 510 Watchung, Plainfield, works.

### Last Week's Issue

You who are regular subscribers noticed that last week's issue was different. It was printed in blue ink, for one thing. It is anticipated that the first issue of each month during the current year will be in this same ink or (in the case of special issues in November, February and May) will have some other use of color. This is an added service which, we trust, will make you want to encourage others to subscribe at the continuing low rate of \$4.00.

The other thing you noticed about the October 2 issue was that it was called *Mission Notes* as well as *Sabbath Recorder*. This is the beginning of a venture of combining two publications for greater efficiency and freshness. Never before has the widely circulated *Mission Notes* been able to present up-to-date material or include announcements for the immediate future. There will be another such issue the first of April. With the much appreciated help of Rev. Leon Lawton it was possible to integrate the two mailing lists and to send the issue out on time to over 400 more addresses. Please pray for this new venture, for which there are no additional funds available as yet to meet the extra publication costs.



**Peggy Williams**  
**Dedicates**  
**Talent**

The fourth week of August, two young people arrived at the General Conference headquarters in Plainfield, N. J., to offer one year in "Dedicated Service." Dedication has been defined as "the act or rite of dedicating to a sacred use; also, a setting aside for any particular purpose." This is precisely what Miss Peggy Williams and Mr. Harold King both are doing as they join several regular staff members, offering their services wherever and whenever needed so long as they may serve to the glory of the Lord. (Reflections of Harold King's varied activities will be shared in a second article in a series to be presented in the next issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*.)

Peggy Williams, a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Loup, Nebraska, attended the Grand Island School of Business after graduation from high school, and for the past year was employed as a secretary by an insurance company in Lincoln, Nebraska. She felt led of the Lord, therefore, to dedicate her secretarial skill to the Office of General Conference where she finds, along with others there, that she is a "laborer together with God" rather than an employee in a religious enterprise.

In May of this year when she submitted her dedicated service application, she testified, in part, "My life has had very little meaning or purpose. I want to count for Christ! He has been more than good to me and now I feel it is my turn to do something for His glory. I feel that a chance like this, to give a year to the service of Christ and His Church, is one I cannot afford to pass by. This to me is not just one year but the beginning of a lifetime of service to God. I trust that

if it is God's will I might dedicate the year of 1967-68 to the work of my Lord."

Having completed one month of such service, Peggy volunteers the assurance that she is experiencing a very gratifying satisfaction as she becomes increasingly involved in and informed about the Kingdom work.

Her work includes far more than doing stenographic work, answering the telephone, and assuming numerous responsibilities in the Conference office while the general secretary is doing field work; for the denominational building, including the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House, is coming more and more to be a place where frequent planning sessions are held, programs of various types are developed, endeavors of the several boards and agencies are coordinated, and where a centralized mailing service is operated. Also, with increasing frequency she helps to spread the welcoming mat for those who come either as dedicated workers for shorter spans of time or as visitors.

Peggy is proving herself to be most welcome to the hearts and homes of others at headquarters and in the church. She is coming to be known for her congenial attitude, her professional image and her spiritual zeal. On weekends she has taken advantage of opportunities to help man the booth at the New York State Fair, to visit in Salem and Lost Creek, West Virginia, and to attend a youth retreat in central New York. She has also very willingly accepted the invitation to serve as a Sabbath school teacher in the Plainfield church. This is to her all a part of the gratifying fulfillment of "Dedicated Service."

—A. L. W.

**RECORDER Comment**

Enclosed is a check for four dollars to renew my subscription to the *Sabbath Recorder* one year.

Even if I could neither read nor write, I would still feel guilty not to subscribe for my denominational magazine. It is always very welcome.

Yours for progress in the Lord's work.

—De Ruyter, N. Y.

**Church Peace in War Zone**

By an Army Captain

Captain Charles B. Moore, a soldier since he enlisted at the age of 16 nearly 20 years ago, in a recent letter to his wife, and three daughters, wrote about chapel services in Vietnam where he is stationed:

"War does not stop for God; but soldiers do.

"Church services are held whenever and wherever possible. Fixed schedules are the exception, not the rule. The house of God is transit in Vietnam. It may be a reasonably comfortable building, as in the major headquarters areas; a rainy, soggy tent; or, in forward combat areas, just an open field. But services are held, and under the circumstances, are outstanding.

"The old saying, 'There are no atheists in foxholes' is misleading. It implies men become Christians through fear of death. Soldier Christians respect death—they do not fear it.

"Church attendance is not required in Vietnam; encouraged, yes, but not mandatory. Soldiers go because they want to go. Some who would like to go cannot. Such is war. All, however, have access to a chaplain—a preacher just like preachers everywhere — a little younger perhaps, but still a preacher who knows his calling.

"The congregations in Vietnam would be strange to Christian communities back home. Their Sunday best is a pair of jungle fatigues and muddy combat boots. Colonels share hymnals with privates, a Southern white blends his voice in harmony with a Negro.

"A teenage PFC (private first class) is at first hesitant about bringing his rifle, grenades and other weapons of war into even a temporary house of God. The chaplain's helmet, its white cross visible, is nearby in case it is needed.

"No choir leads the singing, just husky, off-key, male voices singing of God. The organist, on his small suitcase-like machine, leads the singing of Battle Hymn of the Republic, and Onward Christian Soldiers.

"The chaplain offers a period of silent

prayer. A hardened veteran ponders war and death. A younger soldier tries to hide his tears as he thinks of home.

"The collection plate may be a basket, a pan, or even a steel helmet. The men know the Army pays the cost of the chapels, yet they want to give anyway. One man shares his stewardship—his last 50 cents — with a friend who has none.

"The sermon is appropriate: 'Can a Christian Be a Soldier?' The chaplain then challenges: 'Can a Soldier Be a Christian?'

"For most, the service ends too soon. They reluctantly file out. Some go back to their typewriters, some back to preparing food and many go back to the uncertainties of combat."

**The Purpose of Defeat**

By Paul S. Burdick

*If this plan or this undertaking is of men, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God (Acts 5:38,39).*

Gamaliel was wiser than some of the Sanhedrin who opposed Peter and the other apostles in their preaching.

The church sometimes meets with forces bent on destroying it. But if these forces be of men, they will fail. If they come from the hand of God to correct and purify the church, they must do their work as instruments of God until their work is done.

The synagogue church needed this cleansing, and it was partly accomplished, but "a hardening has come in part upon the part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, and so all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:25, 26).

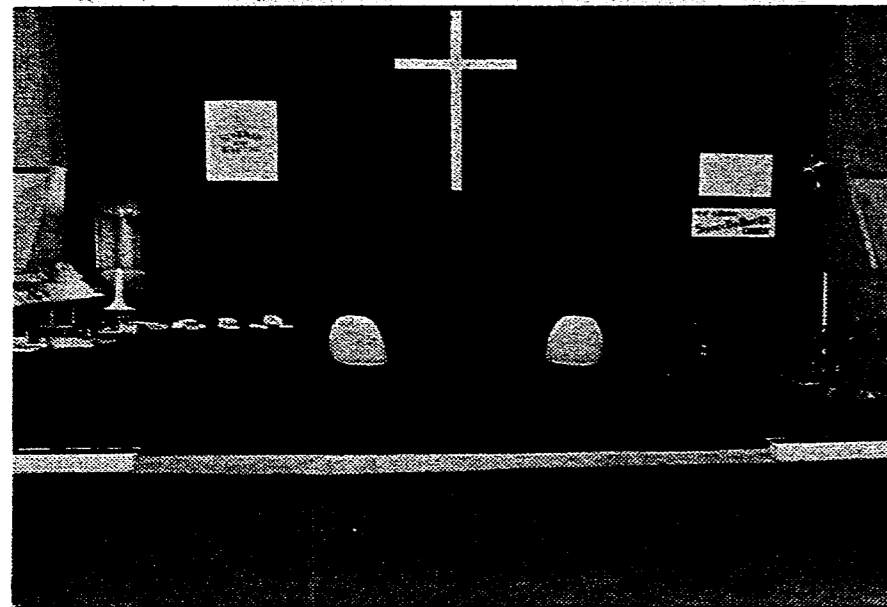
The Church of the Middle Ages needed such a cleansing, and the preaching of Savonarola and John Huss seemed to it to be a destructive force, but the burning of those two martyrs at the stake only hastened the cleansing work until the Reformation under Martin Luther

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## North Central Association Maintains Booth at Fair

By Pastor Ed Sutton

The North Central Association had a fair booth again this year at Chippewa Falls, Wis., August 1-6. The success we felt with the 1966 booth ministry prompted us to rent a larger booth, (9' x 12') this year. We were located in



the same place in the Industrial Arts Building as last year, but the larger booth centered us better with the walkways through the building, and provided better dimensions and location to decorate in an attractive way. (The picture included with this article will illustrate this point. It was a booth to enter rather than a counter of literature to serve large crowds.)

With the larger area we changed our layout to include both a distribution-discussion center, and a rest area. We were astonished to discover how many persons used the new rest area after acquiring our literature, and how many expressed appreciation for the area even when they didn't acquire our materials. Many wonderful and rewarding discussions developed. Many of the articles used in the booth to give the rest area an outdoor look attracted much attention and provided many opportunities to witness also. One such conversation piece we used was a big old pine stump. It is surprising how many folks collect driftwood, unique tree limbs, and other articles of wood.

This year we cannot boast of any new record as far as pieces of literature dis-

tributed is concerned. Last year we handed out over 4,000 pieces, this year only 1,940. One thing worthy of noting however, is the fact that of the 1,900 pieces, 425 were New Testaments or portions of New Testament Scriptures, and one complete Bible. This is the direction we hope to go in the future. We noted what interest there was and geared our distribution to the need—most folks want to know more about Seventh Day Baptists. Of course there were potential "Christians" seeking other materials, but more and more we realize people honestly want to know who we are. Some pass us by one or two years, but, finding us still there a third or fourth year, stop in. We are "regulars"—folks look for us when they come to the fair now! Then too, we realize folks are still hungry for the Scriptures — especially new translations — which are "readable and understandable" without a minister sitting there to interpret it all to them. We noted more Bible reading in homes. Nearly 300 persons signed up for our daily drawing of the American Bible Society "Today's English Version" New Testaments. Many expressed a deep interest after pursuing the pages of the texts.

Every name entered in the Bible drawing box will receive a letter from us in which we will express our appreciation for their visit to our booth; which will also include a tract or two, and an American Bible Society R.S.V., "Luke's Gospel." We want to continue our ministry beyond the initial contact. There are at least a dozen persons in the immediate area who expressed interest in our work at New Auburn who will receive personal contact.

As was the case last year, our most rewarding experiences were with those who worked other booths in the same building. The dance studio was not represented this year — with their girls in skimpy costume—but in their place were "beatnik" type representatives of "End the war in Viet-Nam" aspect of our society. The vacuum cleaner and household appliance salesman who was next to us last year was not present, but in his place was a man selling portable bars for living

room drinking convenience! The "relaxing-chair" company was back, but managed by different persons—one of whom came from London, England, and who was a winner of one of the T. E. V. New Testaments. When I personally presented it to him, I found that he knew where our church in London was and cheerfully volunteered to go and "greet the brethren for us" when he returns later this fall. Our encyclopedia salesman was again our neighbor. He greeted us the first day with: "Hey pastor, I just got a great idea for your booth next year! Say! You've changed things . . . looks great! Just left another fair where a church had a booth. The pastor had his young people in the booth in the evenings. They had two teams and were having a Bible quiz of some sort. People really stopped by!" Yes — the "rockhounds" were back, and just as regular visitors by our booth as the year before. The man still drinks heavily, but seemed to seek from us and our Christ, some assurance that there was still hope for him. He and his wife had tears in their eyes the night the fair closed. The young carnival worker we referred to in last year's "Fair Impressions" (Dec. 13, 1966, *Sabbath Recorder*) did not show up this year. We can hope he did return home and find fulfillment of his hopes and aspirations. In his place we experienced a contact with another person working with the "carny." This time a sweet woman in her 40's who was a Christian—a Methodist from the South—who had recently lost her husband and been left in a state of financial insecurity. She was forced by circumstances to begin living with her sister and brother-in-law who worked with the "carny." They were not Christians and ridiculed this Christian lady constantly for her effort to live her faith. She stopped by our booth many times during the week taking literature daily saying it was surely good to have "decent literature to read." She will be leaving her sister this winter when the "carny" winters-over in Florida. I gave her the address of our Daytona Beach church, and one never knows what that might mean to her later!

We had broader participation in manning the booth this year. Dodge Center had workers at the booth two days and one night, Milton was represented, and more persons were involved from New Auburn this year.

We are already thinking about next year's booth work, and we haven't even completed all we want to do yet from this year's work. What are our thoughts for next year's booth?

1) We hope we can work out a plan to use our young people's groups in a musical program during the fair in the evenings.

2) Following through on the encyclopedia salesman friend's idea, we may work out a "Bible Tic-Tac-Toe board with lights and switches so that the "X's" and "O's" can be lighted.

These are but an indication of the kinds of thinking we are doing for next year. People want action, free shows, and worthwhile things. As representatives of a living Christ, we are confident we can provide all these things. But we shall not for a moment consider doing away with the personal contact aspect of our witness. This is, indeed, the most rewarding aspect of the work. Examples of this can be seen as we reflect briefly on some of the encounters we had. There were the two young ladies (18 years of age) who had but recently given their lives for Christ's work and who were preparing themselves in all that they did to serve as missionaries "to Americans." They had noticed our church booth amidst all the other things in the building and stopped by to learn who we were. Then there was the Southern Baptist gentleman and his family who were vacationing in "wet, wet Wisconsin" who stopped by to learn what the views of "Adventists" were on this drinking business in Wisconsin! In the hour and a half he was there he learned much more than he came seeking I'm sure!

The witness of our booth reaches far beyond the two closest towns! The

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### Review of Jamaica Conference

(Taken from corresponding secretary's circular of August, 1967).

Through the kindness of Rev. Joe A. Samuels, corresponding secretary of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference who supplied this office with a report of the 1967 Jamaica Conference session, it is possible to note some of the highlights of these meetings. Pastor Samuels wrote concerning the four page circular, "not official minutes, only edited report."

The Jamaica Conference was held July 25-31, 1967 with the Albion Mt. Seventh Day Baptist Church, Albion Mt., St. Mary, with Bro. Vernon O. Burke serving as president. The Conference theme was, "Witnessing for God," taken from Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Conference began with the registering of delegates, officers and visitors. Conference officers in attendance were: President V. O. Burke; vice-president, student pastor V. Smith; corresponding secretary, Joe A. Samuels; assistant corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. J. Pottinger; acting recording secretary, Mrs. Joyce Samuels; treasurer, Benjamin Samuels; Women's Board representative, Mrs. K. Durant; auditor, Deacon J. Johnson. A retired worker who has served since the beginning of Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica, Sister Emily Smikle, was also in attendance.

Early in the meetings it is reported that "All stood with bowed heads in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to the passing of Sister B. Smellie, wife of Rev. Charles Smellie, the first Jamaican ordained minister for Seventh Day Baptists."

In the report of the Board of Christian Education it was noted that Brother N. Harley had been elected to membership on the Crandall High School Board to succeed Bro. H. Condison who had left the Island for Canada. Another mat-

ter of particular interest was the report that "three younger men are preparing for the ministry by completing work in Crandall High under the guidance of Principal N. D. Mills and Pastor J. Samuels.

The treasurer's and auditor's reports showed a Conference deficit of approximately \$840. A cryptic note added, "If things continue this way the Conference will cease to exist simply because we do not all bear our share of the burden." Later on, during Conference, plans were made to improve the financial situation. It is confidently expected that another year will present a more encouraging picture.

The Women's Board report mentioned their "Bring and Buy Day" and churches participating were thanked for their cooperation. All churches were urged to support the Conference Building Fund for helping the churches complete their houses of worship. Work was concentrated on the Albion Mt., and Tydixon churches during the past year.

The Executive Committee of Conference reported that the Released Worker from the States in 1967, Rev. Alton Wheeler, had been requested to return in 1968, "in that we would like the Rev. Mr. Wheeler to carry out the plans which he suggested while he was here. . . ." It is understood that Secretary Wheeler is making his schedule of anticipated services so as to be able to visit Jamaica in 1968.

The Executive Committee's recommendation to hold the 1968 Conference session with the Wakefield Seventh Day Baptist Church was approved. The Niagara Seventh Day Baptist Church, newly organized, was recognized and congratulations extended "to the pastor and people of this group for this newly acquired status."

From the workers report it is noted that "132 were added to the churches by baptism and testimony during the Conference year as compared to 55 last year. Let us continue to pray for all our workers that God might endue with power from on high as they seek to extend His Kingdom here on earth. Re-

member too, prayer alone won't do it. They need your financial support and cooperation."

In the election of officers for the new year Rev. Nathan B. Thompson, pastor of the Albion Mt., Bowensville and Waterford Churches, was chosen as president. The outgoing president, Bro. V. O. Burke was given a purse as an expression of appreciation and love "as he will be leaving the island shortly for the United States."

### Missionary's Address

Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson are now living in what contributors to the project like to call "The Blantyre House." The street address does not matter unless you are planning to visit them. They share a post office box with Rev. Otrain Manan. Write to:

Rev. and Mrs. David C. Pearson  
Blantyre Seventh Day Baptist Station  
P. O. Box 337  
Blantyre, Malawi, C. Africa

### Docking the Preacher's Pay

It is interesting to observe the salary statistics of professional people in a recent issue of Kiplinger's *Changing Times*. Ministers have an interesting salary curve according to age. Starting at \$4,875 from twenty-five to thirty-four, they go up to \$5,625 between thirty-five and forty-four. Then between forty-five and fifty-four they drop a little to \$5,590. Between fifty-five and sixty-four they drop back to \$5,000, according to these statistics. Almost all other professions listed continue to increase until the fourth age bracket. College professors and instructors apparently do not grow old; their highest salary comes between fifty-five and sixty-four. Dentists drop off in the third bracket. Editors and reporters start at \$7,750 and increase to \$10,850 in the oldest age bracket. Elementary and secondary school teachers drop off slightly in salary between the ages of fifty-five and sixty-four.

### Selections from THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society Held September 10, 1857

(Note: Two copies of the 15th Annual Report of the Missionary Society were supplied by a Missionary Board member, Mrs. Tacy Crandall Saretzki, daughter of the late Herbert and Amelia Crandall of Ashaway, R. I.)

"The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society convened for its fifteenth annual meeting at Plainfield, N. J., on Fifth day, September 10, 1857 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M. . . .

"The Society convened agreeable to adjournment and the meeting was opened with prayer by A. B. Burdick." After hearing a statement by the president, the treasurer's report, a report of the Executive Board, the Nominating Committee's report and a report of a resolutions committee, the meeting was adjourned . . . "to meet with the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in Alfred, Allegany County, N. Y., on the fifth day of the week before the second Sabbath of September, 1858."\*

From the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Executive Board are gleaned these interesting items:

"The whole amount received by the treasurer from all sources and for all purposes is \$2,169.41."

"Remittances are sent semi-annually to our foreign missionaries (in China and Palestine). Our home missionaries are paid quarterly, on the presentation of their quarterly reports."

"The Board has relied generally upon the free will offerings of the churches for the means of sustaining their operations during the past year."

\* Explanatory Note: At this time the Missionary Board was acting under incorporation laws of New York State which act of incorporation allowed for annual meetings of the Society to be held outside the state. When, in 1880, the Missionary Society was incorporated in the State of Rhode Island the laws of this state required that the annual meetings of non-profit organizations be held in the state. This law was amended in 1965 to permit non-profit organizations to hold their annual meetings outside the state of Rhode Island.—E.T.H.

### New Haven Churchmen Ask "Why Did It Happen?"

Members of the clergy in New Haven, Conn., who served as best they could during the recent riots, moderating disputes and reconciling antagonists, now are asking why it happened. Reports from the New Haven Council of Churches indicate that on many occasions they were successful in calming angry groups and on one occasion of preventing a number of tear gas shells from being lobbed into a Negro housing project where the residents inside "were becoming infuriated."

"Many times," says the Council's report, "the clergy were able to calm groups of young people and to provide a 'presence' which encouraged both police and residents to behave with greater moderation."

Willie, now 17, is regarded as one "reason" why it happened. Living with his mother and five other children in a two-room flat renting for \$140 a month, he started school as a bright-eyed youngster but quit at 13 with nobody caring whether he did or not. He has never known his father. Willie's first contact with the police was during the riots when he threw a brick through a store window. "Society is now telling Willie he must be punished for his crime," says the report. "Willie doesn't say it, but he wonders who's going to pay for the past 17 years."

During the tense four nights, the switchboard of the New Haven Council office flashed constantly as weary Night Watch volunteers took the calls. The office served as a communication center coordinating the efforts of the Negro and white clergy who were walking the streets in the troubled areas. During the first 24 hours alone, more than 100 calls were logged. Now the Council's work, as part of the Metropolitan Mission Development Team, made up of heads of church agencies, is being devoted to analyzing what happened and laying plans to meet both future short and long-range needs of the city's poor.

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education was held in Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17.

The annual report of the Board of Directors was accepted.

Directors were elected as follows: Mrs. Agnes C. Bond, Harold O. Burdick, David S. Clarke, Ben R. Crandall, Burton B. Crandall, E. Wayne Cruzan, Althea Greene, Kenneth E. Kenyon, Mrs. Dora D. Norwood, Mrs. Gordon Ogden, all of Alfred, N. Y.; Ernest K. Bee Jr., Mrs. Ernest K. Bee Jr., Mrs. Madge Sutton, Rex E. Zwiebel, all of Alfred Station, N. Y.; Mrs. Mae R. Lewis, A. Lyle Sutton, Hurley S. Warren, all of Almond, N. Y.; Warren F. Brannon, Freeville, N. Y.; John M. Reynolds, David Sanford, Mark Sanford, all of Little Genesee, N. Y.; C. Harmon Dickinson, Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, L. Maurice McCrea, Onnalee Saunders, C. Robert Stohr, all of Richburg, N. Y.; Nancy Cruzan, Rochester, N. Y.; Don G. Stearns and Mrs. Don G. Stearns of Shinglehouse, Pa.; and Richard Horwood, Farnham, N. Y.

After lengthy discussion concerning the place and time of future meetings of the corporation, the meeting was adjourned to the call of the Board of Directors.

The following officers were elected at a called meeting of the Board of Directors after the adjournment of the corporation: president, Ernest K. Bee Jr., vice-president, Burton B. Crandall; recording secretary, Mae R. Lewis; treasurer, L. Maurice McCrea; executive and corresponding secretary, Rex E. Zwiebel.

### New SDBYF Officers

The following persons were elected at the Pre-Con Retreats to fill the offices of the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship:

Deborah Fitz Randolph — president  
Patricia Williams — vice-president  
Kerry Fuller — secretary  
Phillip Van Horn — treasurer  
Deborah lives in Boulder, Colo.; the others in or near North Loup, Nebr.

### Washington Church Holds Retreat

By Rua Van Horn

A retreat may have one of several purposes. For members of the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church there were three: enrichment of spiritual life, intensive study of approaches in personal witnessing, and planning of the work of the church for the months ahead.

A total of twenty-four persons met at the Jersey Oaks Camp near Shiloh, N. J., from Sabbath eve, September 22, through the following Sunday afternoon. A Sabbath welcoming service around the fireplace in the main lodge stimulated a glow of fellowship and prepared us for a more reverent observance of the Sabbath. This was a prelude to the evening devotions. The Sabbath morning worship service was led by John Camenga, one of the divinity students, who was a welcome visitor.

Intensive personal witnessing classes were led by Pastor Delmer Van Horn assisted by Dale Rood, also a divinity student at Crozer Seminary. Each session included a presentation to assist individuals in preparing for more effective work in personal witnessing. The presentation was followed by discussions and specific assignments in preparation for the next class session.

There were four planning sessions in which members of the group under the leadership of the pastor worked on a proposed program of work for the months ahead. An effort was made to evaluate present activities, problems and needs as the basis for identifying desirable emphasis for the work of the different committees and for the church as a whole. Time did not make possible the projection of plans for as far into the future as had been hoped but some time was needed for relaxation and enjoyment of the good meals. The two days did make possible personal enrichments and more clearly defined needs and purposes. There were also the rewards of fellowship. A similar retreat is anticipated for next year.

We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. —Psalm 55:14.

### New Filmstrips Available

What is the Baptist Crusade of the Americas which culminates in 1969 and which Seventh Day Baptists have recently joined? If you and your church want to be informed and challenged take notice that there is a free filmstrip program with an accompanying disc recording. Our denomination has six copies of this program —enough to serve that many churches at the same time. The Tract Society is handling the booking through its filmstrip library at Plainfield, N. J. (P. O. Box 868). With growing Seventh Day Baptist interest in Mexico, Brazil and Argentina we have a stake in this all-out effort of the Crusade of the Americas to sow seed and reap a harvest in the American countries to the south of us.

### Statement of Belief

How is the supply in your church of "Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists"? Another edition (the 17th) of 10,000 has just been printed. Sabbath School classes may want to have extra copies of this pamphlet as they study our beliefs again this quarter.

It is sometimes helpful in sharpening our thinking about what we believe to make comparisons with the beliefs of other denominations that have similarities and differences. A new edition of "Seventh Day Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists Compared" is also just off the press.

### Churches Aiding Mideast War Victims

Refugees and other war victims in the Middle East are now being helped, irrespective of their nationality or religion, by churches and their agencies through programs financed by funds contributed to the World Council of Churches.

Six airlifts of emergency supplies for refugees have been made by member churches and agencies of the World Council and the Lutheran World Federation. Germany, in response to the WCC's appeal, has helped to set up a refugee camp for 5,000 persons by sending 500

tents, each for ten persons . . . to Merka, in East Jordan, as well as 17 bales of clothing and large quantities of blankets, sheets, towels, cooking equipment, and tools.

Church World Service, New York, dispatched four tons of milk powder for East Jordan, five tons of cheese, 39 tents, 365 bales of blankets and clothing, as well as medicines, soap, baby food, tea, and layettes.

Denmark airlifted 1,000 blankets, 1,800 tins of fish, and three tons of milk powder for Syria via the Red Crescent, and the Netherlands dispatched, in the same way, 3,000 blankets and 5½ tons of tinned fish. Eleven tons of food, blankets and cooking equipment have gone from Sweden to Amman also by air through LWF.

Church agencies in Germany have also sent \$5,000 worth of medicines by air to Cairo, and a first shipment by sea of food is going from New York for refugees in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the River Jordan.

### The Purpose of Defeat

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brought about a redeeming work in all its branches.

When the combination of church and state in England attempted to suppress the Puritan movement, a great movement of migration brought thousands to the New World to found a free church on these shores. Then when Massachusetts Colony tried to silence Roger Williams and the Baptist movement, a new church was born, standing for freedom of conscience and separation of church and state. These Baptist principles have been written into the Federal Constitution and into most if not all the constitutions of the states.

Thus many of the forces which seem about to overwhelm the Church may be only God's way of bringing the Church to repentance and a correction of evils that have crept in to nullify its witness. We must then wait upon God for a clearer vision of what His purpose for the

Church is, and how He may be using these opposing forces to lead us to repentance and renewal.

Has the Church of today come to depend too much upon the secular arm of government to protect and advance its interests? Do we regard Communism as the great enemy of the Church, and hope that somehow our governmental forces will be able to stem the tide so that Christianity will be saved from its enemies? If so, we are depending upon a false hope. Christianity has never been advanced truly by a partnership with the forces of destruction. Rather the opposite. The true Church has more often advanced through opposition and hardship to become a renewed, repentant and chastened body, "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing" (Eph. 5:27).

### Association Maintains Booth

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Northern Wisconsin Fair is the second largest in the state. Among the names we have are people from ten states, and cities all over Wisconsin. Our personal contacts with people yielded witness from as far south as North Carolina and Florida; as far west as Texas; as far north as Canada; and as far east as the New England states.

If your Association hasn't begun work in your area in fairs, you are indeed missing one of the greatest outreach potentials available to you. The advantages are: 1) you reach a greater number of people in a shorter time and with less expense than by radio or T.V.; 2) there is greater chance for personal witness; 3) there is a great opportunity to be accepted as a church "in the world"—since a booth is "plopped down" in the middle of a real "cross section of life"! (It is interesting to reflect back on the many comments made about our booth being so close to the "portable bar salesman." I countered with: "we're dealing with two different kinds of spirits!")

It takes time and hard work to make a fair booth successful! There is no limit to what it can become, if one remembers it is God's witness! We know people are

beginning to look for us year after year now, and our continued presence is encouraging other denominations to do more through this medium.

We will be looking forward to hearing more about *your* work at fairs via the *Recorder* next year. Don't be afraid to launch out into this medium of communications. God has a wonderful way of working with *anything* dedicated to doing His will and work. In the meantime pray for our continued growth and success.

### Salem, W. Va., Church Has Busy Fall Schedule

September was a month of fall activities, including the organization on September 16 of "Growth by Groups," welcoming college students, faculty, etc.

October calls for a first venture in what some other churches have found very helpful, a camping retreat for church people of all ages, October 6-8. This tentative program under the chairmanship of Mrs. Fred Spencer would involve program planning for the months ahead.

A significant event scheduled for October 14 is the Church Homecoming, coincident with the Salem College Homecoming weekend. The occasion is the 175th anniversary of the organization of the Seventh Day Baptist church at Salem.

Other October events of special interest involving Salem people include the Southeastern Association Youth Retreat, October 20-22, at Lost Creek and a meeting of the West Virginia churches at Salem on Sabbath, October 28.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RICHBURG, N. Y.— Our members were busy for several months redecorating the parsonage in preparation for our new pastor, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, and family who took up residence in the parsonage in July. We appreciate having a resident pastor after more than a year of supply pastors.

Miss Fawzia Drake spent her summer vacation with the SCSC. She is now attending Salem College.

Our church was well represented at Conference at Grand Rapids, Mich. There were ten in attendance.

The Ladies Aid Society meets once each month. At our last meeting Mrs. Dickinson gave a talk on Women's Work at Conference. Pastor Dickinson told us about the Seventh Day Baptist booth at the New York State Fair at Syracuse.

One of our members, Mrs. Paul Baker, has been hospitalized for eight weeks and is now being cared for in a nursing home in Wellsville.

—Correspondent.

DENVER, COLO.—There has been an awakening, a quickening of conscience in Denver church. At a meeting of the Kum Doble group of young people the latter part of May, a down-to-earth, heart-to-heart discussion took place. It was a sharing of what each felt his duty to his church and how far short he was in his commitment.

There were several fields within the total church program where a greater involvement was needed. This group prescribed several basic *musts* and later presented them to the church with the expressed wish that all members of the congregation join in carrying out these endeavors: 1, Put forth a greater effort to support the church financially with tithing. 2, Make a more conscientious effort to make Sabbath school and church a more vital part of our fellowship. 3, Offer service on a rotating system of teaching in Sabbath school. 4, Pledge our support for a five-year program to build a sanctuary which will satisfy the needs of our congregation. A list of the names of the individuals and families endorsing the above was added to the commitment and other names have been since added. The desire of this group has seemed to permeate the whole church.

The treasurer reports that church finances are on the upgrade, possibly due to the greater involvement pledges. A meeting of enthusiastic Sabbath school teachers recently made plans for the next quarter's lessons. The new Building Fund Committee chairman is making a plea for two long-range giving purposes, eliminating the present indebtedness and secur-



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ing pledges for the new sanctuary. The Planning Committee has begun working out an agreement with architects for a sanctuary.

A planning conference was held August 26-27. At the Sabbath morning service excerpts from the best of the Conference sermons were read with reports by delegates in the afternoon. On Sunday after a pit-barbecue chicken dinner in the spacious churchyard the planning conference under the trees continued with a preview of the year's planned activities.

After the summer's rest the choir has resumed its very inspiring help in the church service. The Youth Fellowship has plans for a busy year. The organized Sabbath school classes, Blanche Sutton, Friendly, and Kum Duple, fill a needed place in our growing city. The Ladies' Aid has assumed an additional task this year, a "projects aid" day. The regular monthly meetings continue with devotions, a study on some timely subject, and business. The group is a member of the "Church Women United" of Denver. Several are continuing in the "Read the Bible Through" program. After a good missionary sermon by our pastor, the "One Day's Wage" envelopes really bulged. It should shame us as a denomination if we fail to raise our total OWM budget.

Our Rocky Mt. camp is always a place of inspiration and though enjoyed by several groups this summer, we wish that camping experiences might be engaged in more often by a larger number. We never go often enough, nor do we stay long long enough in our beloved mountains.

Let us always remember that those who "wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . . they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

—Correspondent

## Obituaries

**SAWNER.**— Minnie Williams, daughter of George and Estella Hall Williams, was born in 1887 in West Edmeston, N. Y., and died July 18, 1967 in Rochester, N. Y., where she had lived with her daughter for several years.

In 1912 she married E. Adelbert Corbin who died in 1927. She was also preceeded in death by her second husband, Lewis Sawner, in 1951. She was a member of the First Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by a brother, Roger Williams of Brookfield, two sons, Ellison Corbin of Bronx, N. Y., and Victor Corbin of Chenango Forks, N. Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Tschudy of Rochester, N. Y.; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist church by Pastor Leon R. Lawton with interment in the Brookfield Cemetery.

—L. R. L.

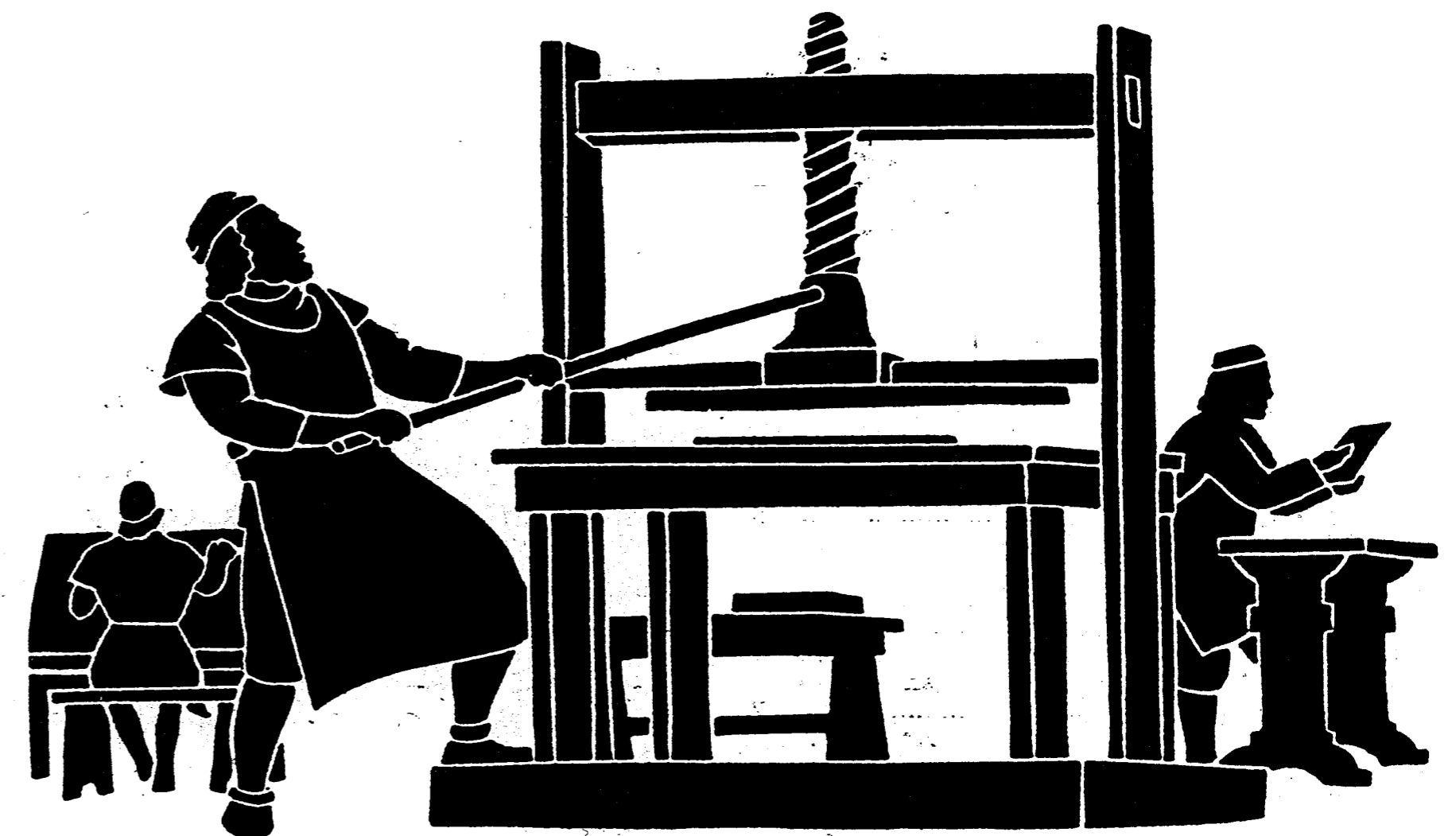
**WORDEN.**— Ivalou Maxson, daughter of Erastus and Mandana Maine Maxson, was born June 5, 1879, near Brookfield, N. Y. and died at her home in Brookfield, May 17, 1967.

She was married to Lynn A. Worden in 1897. For several years they resided in Plainfield, N.J., when he was publishing house manager and printed THE SABBATH RECORDER. Most of their years were spent in Brookfield where he operated The Brookfield Courier Press until his death in 1958. She was a member of the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist church.

They had four children—Dean M. and Mrs. John (Dana) Grantier of Brookfield and Mrs. Ross C. (Marion) Thoms of Fitchburg, Mass., who survive. A daughter, Dorothy Bonafield died in 1960. Other survivors include ten grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the home with a former pastor, the Rev. Theodore Conklin and Pastor Leon R. Lawton officiating. Burial was in the Brookfield Cemetery.

—L. R. L.



## PUBLISHING THE WORD

The printing presses which were first used to print the Bible were a great advance over the previous methods of providing Bibles. These simple presses were largely responsible for the much needed Protestant Reformation. By them the precious Word was made available to the people in their own or in ancient languages. These presses, supplied with hand-set type and operated slowly by hand are a far cry from our modern automatic machinery, but the printing principle has not changed. Even in our day there is a call for the same devotion and consecration if the printed page is to be provided for those who need it. It is a cooperative venture in which we can all share as we do the work or provide the funds for those who are trained for their specialized tasks.