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thought to be good for persons suffering from anemia; many mothers feel that milk causes diarrhea in their children; greens are thought to be good only for animals, such as rabbits. A child's first feedings begin in the first year and consist of weak puddings and rice soup, low in protein, high in carbohydrates, but this is all the family can afford. A great deal of soup is eaten and for some reason it is felt that the bone is better than the meat because it puts fat on the soup, so often the meat is given to the dogs.

Project HOPE's public health teams, consisting of physicians, dentists, nurses and dietitians, working with the Colombian personnel are studying these problems, helping to set up educational programs for improving knowledge of nutritional value of foods and sanitation measures.

Project HOPE is the main project of the People-to-People Health Organization, the letters HOPE standing for Health Opportunities for People Everywhere. The ship, a reconverted World War II Navy Hospital ship is now equipped as a teaching, training hospital that has made six voyages to countries of three different continents. We are not here to project our culture on the people of these countries. The main objective of Project HOPE is to teach, study and exchange ideas and concepts of medicine, as well as treat patients under existing conditions of the country in an attempt to alleviate some of the present health problems.

The program also gives the opportunity to exchange cultural concepts for better understanding and improved relationships between peoples of the countries participating.

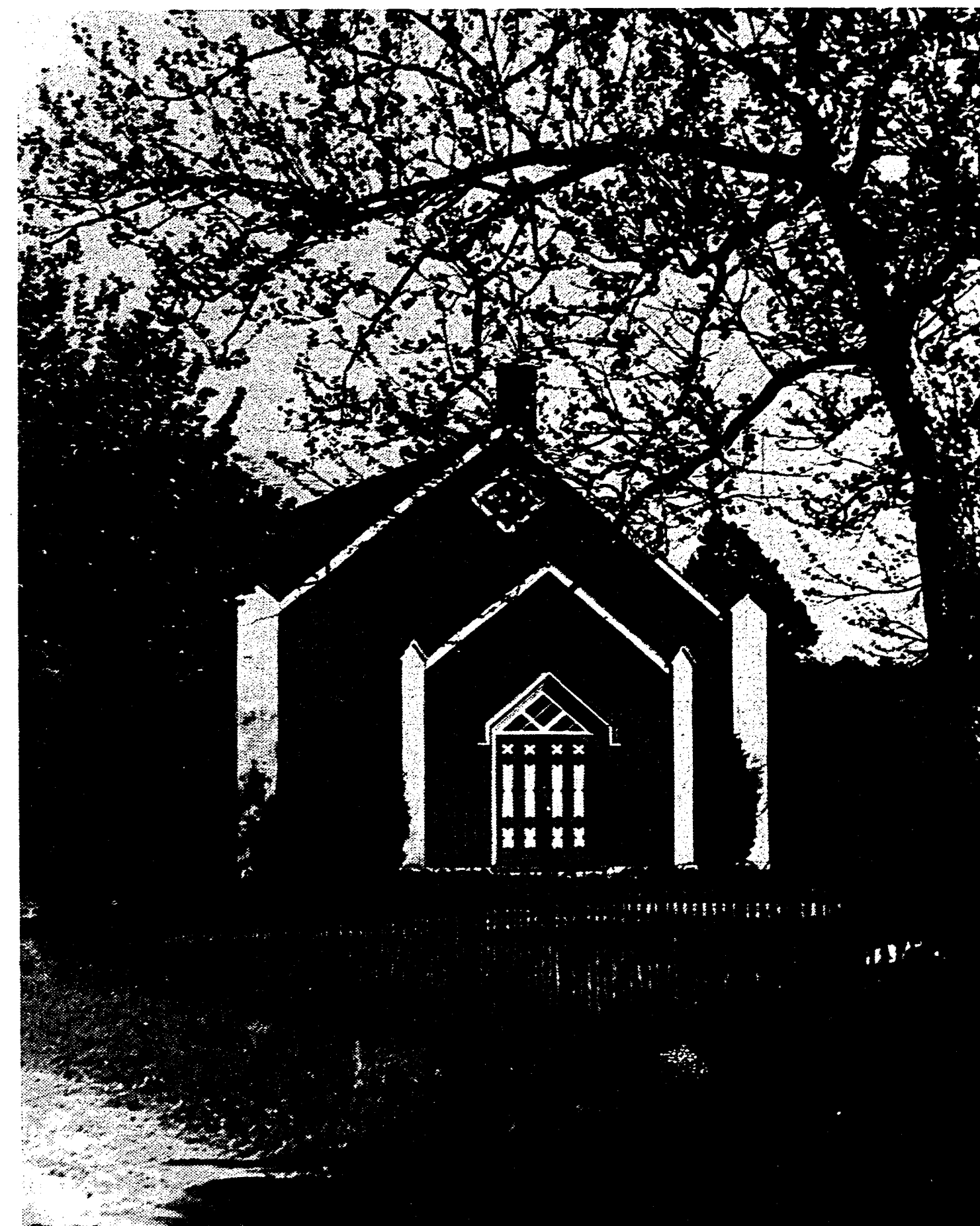
A Prayer for Amateurs

**O impartial God,
Grant we may all
Gain consciousness
Immediately
Of the staggering confidence
Christ had in His friends.
We marvel that
In a world of Greek scholarship
Jesus went down to the sea
To get His men.
In a church grown professional,
Help us to remember
Peter and John;
Teach us how to pray,
Not for specialists but for soldiers,
For saints rather than experts.**

**O God, we could use good men,
Men of good will,
Better than degrees and decorations.
We are low on patience,
Understanding, and tenderness —
We need men who will dare
To identify with Christ over Aristotle;
Men who seek not merely for knowledge
But for righteousness.
Send us some such amateurs
So that the ministry of a Master
To the sick,
The outcast,
The stranger,
The least of these,
And the little children,
May be remembered and obeyed.
Amen.**

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Country Church on a Busy Highway

Marlboro, N. J. See story on page 8

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Life in the Heavens

Out yonder in the heavens, far beyond our own solar system with its planets, there are other systems, for every distant star is a sun radiating heat and light, and there might be countless planets at the proper distance from their suns to produce earthlike conditions of stable orbit, a day-night cycle, and an atmosphere capable of sustaining plant and animal life. The astronomers tell us that there are 100 billion stars in our galaxy and that there are 100 billion galaxies. Such numbers are beyond imagination. The round numbers suggest that they haven't been actually counted.

The soft landing of a Russian space vehicle on Venus recently and the fly-by of a U. S. satellite the same day provide the occasion for fresh newspaper articles about a long-discussed question of life on other planets. The radio messages now available from Venus confirm the long-held scientific observation that Venus is too close to the sun and therefore too hot to sustain life. It is also pretty well agreed that life does not exist on Mars, the most likely planet besides our earth in this solar system.

The *National Observer*, in a lengthy article stating many facts about the stars and the tools now available for listening for possible messages or sending such messages, makes some assumptions that appear to be less than scientific. For instance, the writer argues from the negative to the positive in this fashion: Venus does not have life because conditions are not right, but if earthlike conditions exist somewhere else, including "a geological history long enough to permit evolution to occur . . . then intelligent life not only can but will evolve."

That argument makes a longer jump than is justifiable from the known facts. The assumption that intelligent life on this planet results from an unaided process of evolution is still theory and not fact, and apparently no nearer fact than it was two generations ago. To say that like conditions elsewhere are bound to produce "men" with radios is to say that there is no God, no intelligent will, back of this well-ordered universe. It substitutes time for God and makes matter automatically give rise to a being which is supreme over matter—man. Some of

us have trouble enough having faith in a Creator God who is also Father and Judge; we cannot achieve that degree of faith that would put an impersonal "Father Time" in the place of God.

We should have no objection to guessing that there may be life on other planets hundreds of light years away from us. Of course it is possible. Religious people of the most conservative type have long theorized that Earth is God's showplace or experimental ground where sin was allowed to enter and to be dealt with. This, too, is theory. The reasonable thing for the believer to say is that the existence of intelligent beings on other planets is not to be assumed as due to impersonal force but to the will of God.

The article mentioned above is very illuminating in its description of the modern scientific apparatus that could be used to listen for messages from outer space and the possibility of decoding such messages. We could well agree that twentieth century man ought to keep on working on such equipment and listening, even though two-way communication would require several life spans. More important to most of us is the fact that we can have instant communication with the Author of all things, the God who is concerned with us and the destiny of those we love.

Catholic Bishop Attends Reformation Day Service

The two principals at a Reformation Day service on October 29 at Worcester, Mass., were Catholic Bishop Bernard Flanagan of that city and the Rev. Theodore Ferris, Episcopal rector of Trinity Church in Boston. In setting up this unique participation the Committee on Ecumenical Affairs of the Worcester Area Council of Churches was trying to keep up its reputation for making Worcester an ecumenical city, it is reported. They wanted the commemoration of the Wittenberg event to be less formal than simply with scholarly presentations.

It is natural to wonder what prompted the Catholic bishop to join in the commemoration of the event which led to

the Protestant Reformation. Some of us have long contended that, painful as it was to the Catholic Church to be split wide open, it was the best thing that ever happened to the Catholic Church, for it started a movement of purification and provided, in effect, a second political party to halt corruption. We do not hear very many Catholics giving a loud amen to our well reasoned contention. Could it be that Bishop Flanagan agrees that the Reformation was good for his church? If so, the reports of his reason for accepting the invitation to participate do not say so. His sharing of the platform is less significant than would first appear. He did not commit himself to approving the work of Martin Luther but was thinking of future cooperation and dreaming of the ultimate reunion of the Catholic and Protestant folds. He acknowledged "the great differences which still separate us" and declared "we come together, not so much to mark a day long past in history as to record our gratitude for the new mood which now marks our relationships."

East and West Reunion?

Newspapers, radio and television on October 27 carried the story of the historic meeting of Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople. It had been many, many centuries since the head of the Eastern Orthodox Church had visited the head of the Roman Catholic Church in Rome. Pictures showed them in warm embrace on the steps of St. Peter's Cathedral. The stories stressed the warmth of their talks and the exchange of gifts. There was speculation that this meeting was a long step towards reunion of the two great divisions of the ancient church. To the average layman it would appear that they are enough alike so that neither side would have to give up a great deal to heal the age-old schism.

From Rome the Patriarch went on to Geneva to visit the offices of the World Council of Churches on November 6. There he received all the honors of a high dignitary and gave a formal address to the staff of WCC. During his four-day stay, there were several other scheduled

events connected with the essentially Protestant Council. His purpose in going to Geneva was to confer with Dr. Blake, general secretary, and staff members.

It is to be noted that the Eastern Orthodox Churches were among the founders of the World Council of Churches and have participated actively in its deliberations and programs.

One of the main thrusts of the WCC is to promote not only unity but organic church union among its member churches and those beyond its membership. Thus the question arises more pointedly than on previous occasions as to what would happen to the WCC if a reunion of the Roman and the Eastern Church should come before some of the other talked-of unions of some Protestant bodies and the Eastern Church. Would those two united bodies, so different in outlook, emphasis and practice from Protestant churches, be drawn into the WCC or would they go their separate way except for some cooperative social programs? Would such a union be good or bad? Would we then be on the way to the "super church" which some people see predicted in Bible prophecy and which they fear?

Guest Editorial

Missions or Peace Corps

By Rev Francis W. Hensley
Pastor First Baptist Church
Wallingford, Conn.

By no means do we want to downgrade the Peace Corps, which we regard as one of our government's more promising foreign policy innovations of recent years. To keep the record straight, however, we present certain cost comparisons between the first year of operation of the Peace Corps and the previous year of our American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. At that period 400 Peace Corps volunteers were trained and maintained on a "subsistence" basis at an annual cost of \$40,000,000. Our foreign missionary personnel, numbering 374, serving in 10 countries on full salary (including travel, housing, medical expenses, educational grants, pensions, etc.) required a budget (1961) of \$3,345,583.

MEMORY TEXT

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

—Isaiah 54:8.

Several observations come to mind. First, we cannot resist the temptation to point out what a bargain is the missionary service to which the late Wendell Willkie referred a few years ago as a tremendous reservoir of international goodwill. . . .

We are constrained to comment on the matter of personnel. Why do so many of our churches' able and idealistic young people reject church vocations in favor of such secular pursuits as the Peace Corps? Are short-term commitments with less permanent insecurity more attractive in a materialistic age? Do they hesitate to invest more time in academic preparation? Have they bought the contemporary line in some pseudo-sophisticated circles that the Church's answers are irrelevant? Do they prefer operations with less restrictive moral guidelines? The churches, at the grassroots, need to wrestle with these questions. Many sources of information indicate that their reservoirs of leadership are not being replenished.

Note:—Rev. Francis Hensley was leader of the section to which your editor was assigned at the Religious Liberty Conference in Washington, Oct. 4-6. In giving permission (Oct. 30) to use this material from his parish paper Dr. Hensley noted that he had excised one item from the SABBATH RECORDER given to him at Washington to use as a sermon starter.

War on Poverty Costs

Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, speaking to 200 Baptists assembled for the Religious Liberty Conference upheld the "War on Poverty" and the U. S. involvement in the Vietnam war, stating that we can carry through on both. The present cost figures, according to Mr. Humphrey, are \$26 billion to fight poverty at home and \$22½ billion to fight the war in Vietnam.

Edward Sutton Ordained at New Auburn, Wis., Oct. 7

By Suzanna Pederson

The ordination service began at 2:30 Sabbath afternoon. Moderator for the afternoon was Loyal Pederson of the New Auburn church who announced the opening hymn and offered prayer. The New Auburn choir presented the anthem, "He Answers Prayer." Mr. Pederson then introduced Dean Victor Skaggs who presided over the ordination service.

Dean Skaggs called the ordaining council together. Members were: Rev. Earl Cruzan and Rev. Don Sanford of the Milton church; Thelma Wright and Leland Shaw of the Milton Junction church; Rev. and Mrs. Addison Appel of the Albion church; Marguerite Clapper and Claston Bond of the Dodge Center church; and Alton Churchward and Loyal Pederson of the New Auburn church. Those seated by the attending body were: Don Gray, field coordinator of the Association; Mrs. Elma Matson, representing the Northern Association; and Rev. Carlos McSparin of Stonefort. Suzanna Pederson was elected clerk for the proceedings.

Dean Skaggs introduced the candidate. Pastor Sutton gave a warm and satisfying account of his early life and his calling into the ministry. He presented an accurate account of his beliefs. He humbly stated that he has not yet arrived but that he is becoming. This is the hope in the life of a Christian—that there is always room to grow deeper in a relationship with God. Our aim is that our faith should not become static; we have to keep it active and growing.

Pastor Sutton's life has been one dedicated to God. He is a fine young minister with potential to become one of the greatest. He has been with the New Auburn church almost 16 months and we have come to love him and his family.

It is a responsibility of the church to contribute to the goal and growth of its minister—just as the minister contributes to his church. It is a sharing process and the most wonderful in all the earth because the result is fruit-bearing expe-



Edward Sutton and Dean Victor Skaggs

riences for both in the Kingdom of God. We are thankful in being blessed with our young Pastor Ed. We grow spiritually from the experiences of his lifetime—and we pray that we, likewise may be a blessing to him.

Pastor Sutton was ordained by unanimous vote of the council.

The Charge to the Church was given by a former pastor of the New Auburn church, Rev. Don Sanford, now of Milton. The Charge to the Candidate was given by Rev. Addison Appel of the Milton Junction and Albion churches.

The ordained ministers present gathered for the laying on of hands. Dean Skaggs brought us in unity before our Father in the prayer of consecration. The Spirit of God filled the hearts of the people, and Pastor Sutton reached another milestone in his life as he became Reverend Edward Sutton.

Rev. and Mrs. Sutton were presented flowers by the president of the church, Mr. Rodney North.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly ordained minister.

Americans spend annually \$84 billion for food, \$61 billion for cars, \$20 million more for dog food than for missions.

Dedicated to the One I Love

By Harold King

The lights in the huge auditorium are turned down low. The audience is filled with excitement and anticipation. Suddenly four young pop-rock singers run out onto the stage and start singing a song entitled "Dedicated to the One I Love." The crowd goes wild and girls scream and faint.

About one year ago the song "Dedicated to the One I Love" was considered by most of the teenagers as the coolest thing in music. It told of a person's dedication and loneliness for someone he loved.

While it was impressing teenagers as a wonderful song of love I found a deeper meaning in it than I'm sure the recording artist meant for it to have. It brought to my mind a passage from the Bible, from the 22nd chapter of Matthew. In verse 37 of that chapter we find that the reply Jesus gives to the question of what is the greatest commandment is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

That song and Bible passage got me to thinking and is one of the reasons I am giving a year of dedicated service to the Lord.

If we are to love God then we must be dedicated to Him. I ask myself the question, "Do I love the Lord enough to dedicate myself to Him? Am I dedicated to the One I love?" These are questions that we should all ask ourselves. Are you young people willing to dedicate a summer or a year to the Lord? Do you love God enough to do nothing else for a period of time but to work for the Lord? What about you older people? Are you willing to dedicate yourselves to the Lord and do all that you can to help out? Have you been taking an active part in your local church's work? There is a job for all of us, no matter how young or old we may be, in the Lord's work. Our general secretary tells us that we are at the crossroads as Seventh Day Baptists. What we do within the next few years will either make or break our denomination. Will we be able to say that we are, "Dedicated to the One I Love"?

Up-to-the-Minute News

As of the date of this issue two meetings of considerable significance to Seventh Day Baptists are in session, the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society in New York and the Planning Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in Plainfield, N. J.

The Planning Committee holds its week-long meetings to develop program plans for the years immediately ahead in "Facing Frontiers with Faith." It is a strenuous schedule of discussion, working out details, and coordinating the outreach work of all boards and agencies. The prayer support of all our people needs to be felt by the members of this top-level committee as they work.

The Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, one of the most widely representative groups draws 250 or more people from most of the denominations of the United States to New York at Bible Society expense to map out the world-wide work of the Society, to determine just how much should be attempted in the way of Bible distribution. Seventh Day Baptists have a part in these major decisions as they listen to the reports, view the needs and add their voices to the advice on budget and other matters. No one who has been invited to participate in the Advisory Council meetings wants to miss if it is possible to attend. To be a part of the largest national Bible Society in the world is to be a part of a great work — one that is dear to the cause of Seventh Day Baptists and has contributed so much to the effectiveness of our work at home and abroad. Rev. Paul Maxson is at present our elected representative.

CORRECTION:

In the special issue (Nov. 6) the credit line under "These are your women, World!" at the top of page 4 should read Jean (not John) Ohman. Please make this correction in your mind and perhaps on copies given to people familiar with the *YWCA Magazine*.

Central N. Y. Association Reports Good Meeting

By Mrs. R. Wendell Burdick

The 128th session of the Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches convened in De Ruyter October 13 through 15. The theme carried out through the meetings was "Workers Together with Christ," with special emphasis on strengthening the Association and churches.

The Friday evening service opened with an organ and piano duet "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Elna Phillips, moderator of the host church, gave the welcome, and Calvin Whitford, vice-moderator of the Association, responded. A vocal duet, "Lord, Send Me There," by Larry Brannon and Bryan Burdick of the Syracuse church proved to be a wonderful message in song.

Rev. Ralph Hays spoke on "The Reality of Christianity." He said Christianity is real because Christ is real. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10). "When we see Jesus," he said, "it will be the high point in the reality of Christianity." This meditation was followed by a very inspiring candlelight covenant and communion service in charge of Rev. Charles Swing and Ralph Hays.

The Sabbath morning sermon was given by Rev. Francis Saunders, delegate from the Southeastern Association. He used the Association theme as his topic. General Secretary Alton Wheeler has pointed out that Seventh Day Baptists are at the crossroads. Mr. Saunders likened the church to a creaking ox cart on a twentieth century highway. He said that if we are to be effective laborers for the Kingdom of God, we must do our best to please God. Can a Christian's response be any less than to work together with Christ in order to please God? We try to adjust the Word of God to fit our lives and do not work together for the glory of God. "Try to handle the message of

truth so that you will never be ashamed," he quoted.

Edna Ruth Richards, ventriloquist, and "Sarah Beth" gave the children's sermon. They talked about the "fish stories" in the Bible and explained the "fishing for men" through the use of some paper sacks. You cannot give out what you do not have.

The singspiration is always popular in our Association, and this time it was led by Maurice Warner of Verona. Rev. and Mrs. Saunders sang a beautiful new song, "He Touched Me," as a duet. This was followed by a workshop on "Strengthening Our Churches and Association," conducted by Rev. Don Richards. In this he used delegates Rev. Rex Zwiebel from Western Association and Gordon Kilts from Eastern Association. The workshop began with the history of the founding of the churches in America and then took it even further back to those in Ephesus. The purposes of organizing associations were discussed and then the objects of having them today; also the projects currently being undertaken by the Central Association and the evaluation of such projects.

Following the supper hour, Dean Victor Skaggs gave a very interesting and informative talk on our heritage in the Bible, the history of the different versions and why we have so many. He strongly advised that in our "study to show ourselves approved" we use several translations to make God's meaning clearer.

Sunday was given over mostly to the business of the Association, one of the highlights being a tribute to the memory of Rev. Loyal Hurley, prepared by Dean Skaggs. He indeed was a "workman who needed not to be ashamed." Devotions were prepared by Harold King, dedicated worker, serving in the Brookfield and Leonardsville area for the month of October, and Mildred Scriven of the Adams Center church. There was music by a boys' quartet consisting of Larry Brannon and Bryan Burdick, Robert Wheeler and Richard Burdick; and a solo by Sherri Shippee of Adams Center.

We felt this was indeed a weekend of rich fellowship and that we had been "Workers Together with Christ."

Harvest Home at Marlboro

The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York churches, one of the oldest fellowship meetings of Seventh Day Baptist churches in America was held with the Marlboro church October 13 and 14. It was an extra special Sabbath for the local congregation since it was also the annual Harvest Home celebration.

The Harvest Home event drew to the old home church quite a number of folks who might not have come to a Yearly Meeting in South Jersey but who made an effort to come from considerable distances in New Jersey and neighboring states for the covenant and communion services, the fellowship and the worship. It was a time of remembering former days and of seeing the progress of the church—one of the few churches that preserves a country flavor by keeping its meeting house painted red.

The years have brought some changes in the congregation, as is natural. Quite a few of the members have been seen at church regularly or at these annual homecomings for forty or fifty years and more. But some familiar faces of faithful workers are missing each year. There are, however, third and fourth generations of children in good numbers. This was evidenced by the fact that the Saturday night hayride to Jersey Oaks Camp drew forty-five young people from the several churches represented at the Yearly Meeting.

All guests were constantly reminded of the harvest aspect of the weekend meetings by the beautiful arrangement of colorful farm produce and canned food that stretched across the front of the auditorium. Noteworthy was the prize-winning pumpkin grown by Mary Jane Campbell of the local church, a pumpkin said to weigh 85 pounds. The Scripture and songs were chosen in part to express thanks for bountiful gifts of God, and to call people to enter the harvest fields in evangelistic outreach.

Two well-planned hymn sings made the full church resound in praise. On Sabbath Eve, Betty Cobb of the local church led the hymnspiration time before the

short sermon by the Rev. Charles Bond of Shiloh. On Sabbath night Dale Rood, new theological student at Crozer Seminary, led another song service which included the experiences of the writers of the gospel songs that led to the writing of the songs used.

Because this was a homecoming service as well as the Yearly Meeting the Marlboro people wanted to observe communion in the afternoon, using the deacons of the visiting churches who were present. A very effective choral reading, prepared by the pastor, John Conrod, brought the full scriptural background of the Lord's Supper to mind. The readers remained in place until after the elements had been served and concluded the service with the forward-looking Scriptures, "till I come."

The Sabbath morning service featured a missionary sermon by the Rev. Leland Davis, pastor of the Schenectady, N. Y., church on the theme "White unto Harvest." He brought illustrations from the Guyana field and from the summer and fall work in the neighborhood of his church. The attendance of 235 was more than the sanctuary could hold. Quite a number of local people listened over the amplifying system in the basement, where dinner and supper were served to all who wished to stay.

Besides the members of the two neighboring churches, Marlboro and Shiloh, there were good delegations from Plainfield and from Berlin, N. Y. There were also guests from Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Florida. The Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Burke, formerly from Jamaica, now New York, were among the visitors. It was a happy, challenging gathering.

—Editor.

To Minister or Administer

"Government is concerned with symptoms; churches are concerned with disease. Government seeks to change man by changing his environment; churches seek to change man by changing his heart. Government administers; churches minister."

Another Youth Retreat Held in Northern Wisconsin

By Pastor Ed Sutton

The Norwesco Girl Scout Camp, ten miles east of New Auburn, Wis., was again this fall the site of a Seventh Day Baptist retreat for southern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and northern Wisconsin Youth the weekend of September 22-24. There were over 80 young people and staff! The Milton area youth chartered a bus and about 30 came from there alone. The Dodge Center folks came by car, but arrived much earlier than the year before. The New Auburn youth invited their friends from another Sabbathkeeping group, the Tillinghost Church of God Seventh-Day, who enjoy fellowship with Seventh Day Baptist youth.

Sabbath eve was spent getting people "settled in," but there was a time of singing and a fellowship circle.

Sabbath morning after breakfast, the whole group went to the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church. After the worship service, there was a Sabbath School class conducted by Pastor Ed Sutton. *The Helping Hand* was the text used, and the lesson stimulated good discussion. After Sabbath School there was a fellowship meal. In addition to the youth and staff from the other Seventh Day Baptist churches, who were guests at the meal, there was a friend of Pastor Ed's, Father Jim Lane from Chippewa Falls, Wis., and three young people who came with him. Father Lane of the Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa was the guest speaker during the afternoon program at the camp and retreat.

At 2:30 p.m. the young people had returned to camp, changed back into their "camp clothes" and were ready to hear from Father Lane and his friends. Their program consisted of sharing their impressions of an interchange program which took place between Negro families in Chicago and Caucasian families in the Chippewa Falls area. This involved young people, (among whom were the three who were with Father Lane) going to Chicago to live with Negro families for two weeks.

Then, later in the summer, Negro young people from Chicago came to Chippewa Falls.

After the presentations made by the three young people with Father Lane, the youth attending the retreat asked questions. It was a very invigorating, stimulating, and challenging experience for all. Originally Father Lane and friends had intended to stay only as long as it took to make their presentation, but there was such good dialogue and interchange of fellowship that they made arrangement by phone to stay on in camp! They ate supper with us and took part in our Sabbath Closing Vesper service before leaving. The youth who took part in that experience with Father Lane are still talking about how good it had been to get to know a Catholic priest, and to know that there were programs being attempted to break down the barrier that exists between Negro and Caucasian people. Incidentally, the young people who were with Father Lane were Protestants.

After the Sabbath Closing Vesper there was a time of singing and fellowship followed by a viewing of the movie entitled "No Man Is an Island" which followed up the afternoon presentation with a continued challenge to us to "open our hearts loving—toward everyone."

Sunday morning after breakfast there was a devotional followed by the final fellowship circle.

The age span this year extended from junior high to college age. This is quite a wide span for which to provide a full, yet not too full schedule of events. Some suggested that this year's schedule was not as satisfying as was last year's, but there was nothing but high praise for the Sabbath afternoon program and the follow-up movie. There was a moonlight hike, which indeed was one of the first such hikes where the moon was actually brilliant enough so that the name was not a misnomer! But, there was complaint that the moonlight hike is overused. Some suggested we find another activity than the night hike to fill the late Sabbath night hours.

Alma Hunt, A Pleasing President

By Mrs. Charles Saunders

It was the good fortune of the ladies at Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich., this year, to have as their guest speaker, Miss Alma Hunt. She told of her experiences in traveling to other countries, inspiring us with her gracious manner and easy delivery. She is a person very dedicated to her work, who loves to meet new friends and is interested in the differences and thoughts of others.



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The North American Baptist Women's Union will be meeting in Washington, D. C., November 16 - 18 with Miss Hunt presiding. Miss Hunt was elected in 1965 as acting president taking the place of her friend, Mrs. William McMurry, who died that year. She is a resident of Birmingham, Ala., has been executive secretary of the Women's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention since 1948. Previously she was Dean of Women at William Jewell College, a Baptist School in Liberty, Mo. She is a native of Virginia.

Working beyond her own convention Miss Hunt served for twelve years on the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department. She is a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the BWA Commission on Missions and Evangelism. She is the author of two books and has traveled in Europe, Africa, and the Near East.

Miss Hunt, in her pleasing southern accent, spoke at our Conference of her travels in foreign lands where language presents a problem, but stated that Christianity, friendship and love of God are clearly shown, even without words.

Another highlight of the Women's Society luncheon was the announcement

A Thank Offering by Thanksgiving

To show our thankfulness for dedicated persons, such as the Pearsons who go to a foreign country for us, may we strive to finish paying for the car for their use by having each woman give a quarter for this cause by Thanksgiving.

We request that each woman give her quarter to her local society treasurer who will send the total amount to the treasurer of the Women's Board. How thankful are we?

that the "Robe of Achievement" would be presented to Miss Evalois St. John at a later date since she could not be present at this meeting. Miss St. John is librarian of the Historical Society in Plainfield, N. J. While the robe was modeled by another, Mrs. Arthur Drake read a tribute to her which was written by her niece, Mrs. Albert Rogers.

Mrs. Charles Whitford, president, presided at the luncheon. A thank you and much praise go to Mrs. DeLand and the Battle Creek Ladies Aid for their time and thought in making the 1967 Women's Society luncheon a big success.

At the annual meeting held at this time the following officers were elected for the coming year: president — Mrs. Arthur Drake; vice-president — Mrs. Charles Saunders; recording secretary—Mrs. Addison Appel, corresponding secretary—Mrs. Oscar Hartman, treasurer—Mrs. Harold Baum, editor of the Women's Page in the *Sabbath Recorder*—Mrs. Earl Cruzan; editor of the Newsletter—Mrs. Charles Williams. Twenty-two other members make up the Women's Board.

Note:— At the meeting of the North American Baptist Women's Union in Washington, November 16-18, our national Women's Society will be represented and will have Seventh Day Baptist publications available for distribution. The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Washington has been asked to provide volunteers at the Sheraton Park Hotel to help with the registration of delegates each day.

Ministerial Training Center a Progress Report from Blantyre

By Rev. David Pearson,

Director of Christian Education and Evangelism

Two months have passed since the Pearsons returned to the Republic of Malawi. The work of the Director of Christian Education and Evangelism is new and scarcely begun. It has great potential, exceeding in magnitude the human limitations of the director.

Appreciation is expressed for the lovely home provided in Namiwawa, a newly developed suburb of Blantyre. The elevation of approximately 4,000 feet provides an atmosphere more similar to home in the United States, and is more conducive to healthful living. Lovely scenery is near at hand including the Kirk Mountain Range.

The master bedroom (12' x 15') of the long, low-lying dwelling is used as an office. An abundance of light is admitted through large, impressive windows.

Additional furnishings are required in both home and office, and time will see these needs met. Shelving is needed in the office to accommodate the books which will form the library of our Blantyre Seventh Day Baptist Station. Some eighty of these volumes were given by the late Rev. Loyal Hurley, about two months before he died. It was in June of the current year that he graciously allowed the writer to select from his shelves books which would be of value to the ministry at Blantyre.

Likubula Bible Institute is about a fifteen minute walk from our new Seventh Day Baptist center, and may also be reached by car with a choice of two roads, one smoother but less direct. Visits to Likubula have been made, and an invitation to speak at their chapel service has been accepted.

Conversations have been held with our two Likubula students, Mr. Stanley Muhezewa and Mr. Watson Mataka. Plans call for meeting with these men weekly when possible. Visits to Seventh Day Baptist churches are made together

in the Microbus, provided by the ladies of our Women's Society and other contributors. On these visits practical assignments are carried out, and experience is gained as the actual witness is also given.

Another phase of the training of our men is the attendance at ecumenical gatherings, such as the annual Keswick Convention, the annual Week of Prayer, or the Temperance Conference recently held. It is a treasured experience to meet with Christians of other fellowships, to sense something of their inner spirit, and to learn from their verbal utterances. It is hoped that our witness will be such that others will take knowledge that we too have been with Jesus.

It is anticipated that two more Seventh Day Baptist students will be accepted for enrollment at Likubula in January of 1968, bringing the total to four who will be studying for our ministry under the auspices of our own Central Africa Conference.

Your Blantyre representative to the people of Malawi will appreciate your intercession on his behalf, that he may be enabled to meet successfully the ever approaching tasks which confront him.

The work here is "our" work in which you continually share. It gives great pride to say it is also the work of Christ. To Him be the glory, "great things He hath done." Great things He shall do!

Sabbath Emphasis Calendars

The Bible Sabbath Association, with its offices at Fairview, Okla., publishes in attractive form a many-featured calendar with the Sabbath, rather than Sunday, printed in red. Lawrence Burrell, the secretary-treasurer, wants our readers to be reminded that another such calendar for 1968 can now be ordered at the usual price of 25 cents. Quite a few of our churches have previously made these Sabbath calendars available to their people. The Bible Sabbath Association was started by a Seventh Day Baptist and several of our people are on the Board of Directors.

Technology and Human Values

For two days it was the privilege of the secretary of the Board of Christian Education to meet with other national denominational secretaries and hear and study presentations on the subject, "Technology and Human Values."

Papers were presented by leading thinkers and students on what technology is and how it is, and will be, affecting our lives, and whether or not it will affect our forms of religion.

A conclusive answer is that it is affecting us and our religion and it will in many instances in the future.

Technology has made vast strides in recent years, and the future accomplishments expected are astounding. Man has come to the place where he, through the use of computers, can design almost anything—one speaker left out the word "almost," in his first statement, but later assured us that there were limitations. However, through computers policies can be designed, and when used by a highly creative person, through the simulation of reality, can give a quite accurate picture of how the dreams of leaders can be realized.

Technology affects social engineering by presenting knowledge to apply for the good of human welfare. (It can also be used for the debasement of human welfare.) An example of how social engineering technology works is the simulated forecast outcome of the elections as presented on television long before the votes are all cast or counted.

Biological engineering is the deliberate manipulation of persons and environments. Agents have been produced that stimulate memory, and affect alertness. Suspended animation will soon be possible. Soon a couple will be able to choose the sex of a child. Children will get a better start in physical life through uteral stimulation. We'll be able to replace vital organs. (It will soon be possible for a person to have so many organs of other persons that he won't know who he is.) Children will be created without a mother or a father.

Yesterday most of the development in

technology had to do with the extension of the body, now it is working on the extension of the brain.

We know that most of our problems can be solved, but the big question is, how? Will all of mankind benefit? What will we do with human values? Will they have to bow down to that which is physical?

Technology is a way of life. Will our response that Jesus Christ is the Way of life take precedence?

Do we need to take a thorough look at our doctrine? What does it say in an age when God has enabled man to accomplish so much that our forefathers thought was in the hand of God alone?

Is not the criterion the worth and dignity of the human being? Is not the great affirmation that love should be the motivation for all technology; humble, kindly applied, respectful love? To teach this is the duty of the church in any form of society. Nothing else is so important.

I have been able to include in this report but a small part of the challenging ideas that were presented at the meeting. I was frightened, cheered, weakened, challenged, and strengthened. What must we do as the Church of Jesus Christ?

Henry Clark in his paper "Human Values and Advancing Technology" which appears in the study booklet, *Human Values on the Spaceship Earth*, summarizes his thinking thus: ". . . to respond intelligently and faithfully to the challenge of advancing technology, the Christian Church must clarify, interpret, and make alterations in its doctrines, its liturgical forms, its ethical forms, its ethical teachings, and its institutional structures.

. . . The most important changes in society demand courageous and imaginative changes in theology and ethics—and because of the marvelous breadth of the Judeo-Christian tradition, radical changes can be made in religious thought and practice without endangering that which is essential to the tradition. We cannot prove that God is alive, and (fortunately) we no longer have to interpret His will for man in narrow, frozen, legalistic terms. But if, as we believe, God lives and continues His activity as Cre-

ator, Judge, and Redeemer, we need not fear that He will be overwhelmed by change or lost in it. We need only be ever alert to the opportunities which He has given us to participate in His action in history, so that we may do our part in the realization of His purposes on this earth."

The church must evaluate changes and it must criticize them. Most of all, it must influence them where it can. Christian education must take into consideration not only the pronouncements of the prophet and seer but those of the technician as well.

May I leave you with a statement given by Roger Shinn, a professor from Union Theological Seminary, that challenges the thinking of the church and all technology: "All are sick but only the poor feel the pain."

Shoddy Christian Education

The following quotation from Robert Vancil's book, *ON THE WAY*, was printed in the church bulletin of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church.

"The making of disciples is the mission of the church whether at home or abroad. Teaching and preaching have been the two main human endeavors to make disciples of the nations. The church school should not be thought of as a separate institution complementing the larger organization known as the church. Rather, the school is the church at study. As the churches become more successful in enlisting new members, the number of casualties amid the converts has caused serious concern among most careful observers. The flow into the front door has been encouraging, but the loss out the back way indicates that something is seriously lacking. Indeed, it appears that a small dose of the live virus of the Christian faith gives permanent immunization against a real infection of the faith. Certainly no program can guarantee that losses and lapses will not occur. Jesus Himself had defection amid the masses and even within the intimate circle. This however, should be no excuse for shoddiness in Christian education."

Leadership Training

Seventeen Sabbath School teachers and church leaders of the Western Association of Seventh Day Baptists attended leadership sessions at a training school arranged by the Allegany County Council of Churches in Wellsville, New York. Twelve of the seventeen were from the Alfred Station church where the Sabbath School is attempting to earn the Gold Cross Certificate of Achievement offered by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.

Two Seventh Day Baptists were on the staff of the school.

At one of the sessions a program was presented by the Rhythm Choir of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

We follow with great interest the progress of the building of a Christian Education extension of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. It won't be long until it will be ready for use.

CORRECTION — *Sabbath Recorder*, October 16, 1967, page 10, line 12, first column: the word "contents" should be "contests," making it read: "The contests may be worked out by the group."

Causes of Church Discord

In an address to church musicians on staff relationships, James L. Pleitz, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., said over-specialization causes a lot of sour notes in churches. Church musicians, like other staff members, need to be versatile and willing to tackle other jobs outside their respective fields.

The reason a lot of our churches have bogged down is because of laziness, Pleitz contended. "Hard work will keep down a lot of discord."

One of the main reasons for discord among church staff members can be traced to someone wanting to be number one, Pleitz added. He reminded that real greatness never hurt anyone but the desire for a false type of greatness has caused untold confusion and strife in churches.

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A Devotional Thought

By Nancy Jane Batten, Alfred University

The past week, for me, has unfolded many beautiful and meaningful phrases of God's Word. One section in Philipians 4:4-7 means a great deal to me. It expresses, as only Paul could, the sincere love for God and His Son, Jesus Christ, which every Christian strives to express.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

That peace which passes all understanding is a beautiful, satisfying feeling.

Reformation Day Shadow

The cradle of the Reformation, Wittenberg, lies in East Germany. Part of the celebration of the 450th anniversary of Luther's mailing of the 95 theses on the church door was to have been a widely representative gathering of church people at Wittenberg. The World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches planned to send representatives and had requested visas long in advance. The East German Government almost at the last minute denied them visas without explanation. This cast a shadow over the celebrations as noted in a joint statement from the heads of these church bodies. They said in part:

"The Reformation, which started in Wittenberg, is an event that concerns the whole Church of Christ in all countries. By restricting international representation, the government authorities in the GDR have cast a shadow over the observances."

Ashaway in the News

Ask even a resident of the little state of Rhode Island what he knows about Ashaway and, unless he is a fisherman who has used Ashaway line, you are likely to draw a blank. The village, just a few miles from Westerly, is not too well known. Of course it is known to Seventh Day Baptists because, constituted in 1708, it is the oldest of our living churches and has had about the largest number of baptisms during the past twelve months. Ashaway is now in the national news and should become a common name to those interested in Boy Scout news.

Ashaway Boy Scout Troop 32 has been selected as the best grange-sponsored Scout troop in America, according to a large item in the *Westerly Sun* of October 19. It was ranked first among 1000 such troops.

Sponsored by Ashaway Grange No. 50, it achieved its rating through performances in community service projects, camping skills, organization of a highly trained rescue unit composed of the older scouts, and winning the National Camping Award every year since it was formed.

One of the most significant factors about Troop 32, according to Philip E. Tracey, South County District Scout Executive, is that it has seven active Eagle Scouts, including one who has attained his Silver Palm and four others who have attained either their Bronze or Gold Palms.

In addition to the community service projects, the troop camps out at least once a month with several canoe trips a year. "This is a real outdoor troop which excels in really roughing it; no stoves, no ice chest, no camping in the middle of town—these scouts are real outdoor-men," Tracey noted.

The troop has 35 boys. Whether or not there are Seventh Day Baptist boys in it at the present time is not known. Our church at Westerly sponsors a troop.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BERLIN, N. Y.—A colorful autumn is now (Oct. 21) waning into a golden haze over the hills around Berlin. The harvests are in and we are again reminded of the wonderful and merciful provisions God has blessed us with—in the field, the home, and in the church. A year filled with blessing is evident, not only in the physical plant of the church, but in the spiritual realm as well.

In May we enjoyed being host to the Eastern Association. Those were days filled with hustle and bustle—painting, and laying new carpeting, making the inside neat and tranquil. After weeks of rain and gloom, the sun appeared to make the weekend beautiful. But even more shining and beautiful was the fellowship we so much enjoyed and the spiritual impact of the meetings.

After a busy summer, with Conference over, we once more settled into our routine church activities and full choir. We now feel a keen sense of loss with our young people, who are especially active in the church and choir, back in college.

On October 7, we held our annual church and society meeting after our monthly fellowship supper. Elected were Howard Ellis, moderator; Arlie Greene, clerk; Paul Cushman and Arlie Greene, trustees; Paul Cushman, organist and choir director; Ruth Ellis, stewardship chairman; Ruby Maxson, vocational correspondent; W. Robert Bentley, treasurer; and Myrtle Cushman, *Recorder* correspondent. Pastor Paul Maxson was again unanimously called to serve us, as he has faithfully done for twenty-seven years.

October 14 was Laymen's Sabbath at our church in the absence of our pastor who attended Yearly Meeting at Marlboro. Conducting the service was Arlie Greene, with Paul Cushman (an electrical engineer) bringing the message, "Christianity in a Scientific World." He pointed out the historical positions of the past—that for centuries people thought of science and religion as being incompatible—and also observed that this is no longer the case. Authoritarian religious

creeds and deterministic scientific beliefs have fallen in the face of scientific advance. Now it is recognized that many of the goals and methods of Christianity are similar.

Attending Yearly Meeting October 14 were Pastor and Mrs. Maxson; Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Ellis with Robert, Ruth, and Sandra Ellis, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stuart; and Wesley Greene and Jon Cushman. We look forward to being the host of Yearly Meeting next year.

We have added to our number of services recently with a Wednesday evening meeting for discussion and prayer. It is proving to be a blessing to a number of people.

—Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y.—As in other college towns, Alfred and its Seventh Day Baptist church picks up momentum when the schools open in the fall. At a dinner and planning session in September at Camp Harley Sutton the church looked forward as the calendar for the year was constructed, and backward as Conference delegates reported their impressions of the fruitful days at Grand Rapids. The church year began formally on October 7 with World Wide Communion and letters from non-resident members, followed by an all-church supper Oct. 8 where 25 college student guests were introduced. Later, at the annual business meeting, reports were made, problems discussed, plans made and the following officers elected: Dr. Willard Sutton, president; Stanley Butts, vice-president; Dr. Paul Saunders, clerk; Miss Jean Loofboro, assistant clerk; Mrs. Robert Place, treasurer; Mrs. Leon Bassett, assistant treasurer; and M. Elwood Kenyon, auditor.

PATRIOTIC PRAYING

The patriotic prayers of the people of God encompass the world with its diversity of peoples and problems. We may not know all the answers but we can go out in divine empathy to all mankind, and through mankind to relieve the waiting, groaning universe that awaits the showing of the sons of God.

—C. Emanuel Carlson.

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Violent Nonviolence

H. Rap Brown, new head of SNCC, which is neither "student," "nonviolent," nor "coordinating" anything often succeeds in stirring up conflagrations. He strikes matches in tinderbox situations, caring nothing for the losses. Society should find some way of keeping the matches away from the boys who play with them.

Marriages

Waite - Arnold.— James Loren Waite, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Waite of Hopkinton, R. I., and Gayle Elizabeth Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arnold of North Stonington, Ct., were united in marriage on October 21, 1967, in the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway, R. I., by the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler.

Van Horn - Redland.— L. Milton Van Horn of Milton, Wis., and Miss Ruth Redland, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Redland of Kerrville, Texas, were united in marriage September 22 at St. Augustine's by the Sea Episcopal Church of Santa Monica, Calif., with Rev. Robert E. Haggard officiating.

Obituaries

LOFTIS.— Clara, daughter of I. J. and Anna Scriven, was born June 18, 1879, in New York state and died April 27, 1967, in Hermosa Beach, Calif.

She was baptized by Rev. A. H. Lewis and joined the Plainfield, N. J. church where her membership remained until her death.

For many years she resided in California near other members of her family. She is survived by: one sister, Mrs. Florence Munro; two brothers, Walter and Elmer Scriven; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Church of the Hills and interment was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills, Calif.

—M. G. S.

RAINEAR.— James Elbert, son of James R. and Lucy West Rainear was born near Shiloh in 1882 and died October 24, 1967.

He was married to Myrtie Raisinger Rainear Jan. 9, 1902, and farmed on the edge of Shiloh for 61 years.

Mr. Rainear was a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was a prominent man in community affairs.

Surviving in addition to his wife are: four sons, LeRoy F., Hopewell Township; Edward R., Orelan, Pa.; Lester, Pennsville, and Herbert, Millville; a daughter, Mrs. Jonathan Davis, Shiloh; 15 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John A. Conrod of the Marlboro Church in the absence of his pastor, the Rev. Charles Bond. Interment was at the Fernwood Cemetery.

—J. A. C.

REEFMAN.— Mrs. Jennie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bowman, was born in Michigan, June 6, 1875, and died at the home of her daughter Minnie in Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 26, 1967.

She moved to Fremont with her parents as a young girl, and married Bert Reefman Jan. 28, 1894. Mr. Reefman died in 1945.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in White Cloud, Mich.

Funeral services were held from the Crandell & Ensing funeral home in Fremont with Elder William Draper of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Muskegon officiating.

Surviving are: one son, Darrell, of Ocala, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Dora Siems of Battle Creek and Miss Minnie Reefman, with whom she made her home; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Bowman of Muskegon.

SWIGER.— Paul B., son of Ottis F. and Mary Witter Swiger, was born Dec. 9, 1910, at Salem, W. Va., and died while visiting his son at Santa Maria, Calif., Sept. 17, 1967.

Mr. Swiger, a resident of Mannington, was a veteran of World War II and was retired from the West Virginia State Police. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Salem.

He is survived by: his wife, Pauline Williams Swiger; two children, Paul W., Santa Maria, Calif., and Mrs. Janet Sue Hayes, Mannington; his mother, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three brothers, A. M. (Del), Salem, Sam W., Mount Dora, Fla., and Ottis F. II, Milwaukee, Wis.; and one sister, Mrs. Helen Coll, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. Paul Green at the Huey Funeral Home, Mannington. Interment was in the K. of P. Memorial Park, Salem.

—J. P. G.

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