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OWM NEWSHEET

Seventh Day Baptist churches will receive a new edition of the OWM Newsheet beginning in December, 1967.

The denominational Planning Committee has authorized the Publicity Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education to edit and publish the newsheet as a bulletin insert as has been done in the past.

Denominational boards and the Conference office will furnish terse, informational articles for the publication.

It will be mimeographed in Alfred Station and mailed from there in quantities as desired by our local churches. Each church is asked to indicate how many bulletin insert newsheets can be used.

The OWM Newsheet is a vehicle of our Frontiers of Faith program, and is designed to give an account of work being done as well as the need for support.

NOTICE

A special meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held at 2:00 p.m., December 10, 1967, at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, New Jersey, to consider a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Article III, Section 1: "The Annual Meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held on the third first-day of the week in September, (proposed addition) or in conjunction with the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, convened, at a place and hour to be named by the Board of Trustees. Special meetings of the corporation may be called at any time by the Board of Trustees."

Wayne C. Maxson,
Recording Secretary.

Coming Convention of Inter-Varsity at Urbana

The last great missionary convention of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) was held at Urbana, Ill., during Christmas vacation in 1964. It is time for another at the same place this year, December 27-31. Seventh Day Baptists had an active worker at the convention three years ago. She felt as one expressed it, when the bus-loads of students, (thousands of them) physically exhausted but spiritually renewed, pulled away from the University of Illinois, "Seeing God work in the lives of students is the best Christmas present I ever had."

Similar experiences are expected this year—if a full quota of students find it possible to attend. Some need scholarships, which IVCF hopes to offer.

Inter-Varsity's aims are the convention's aims: to introduce students to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to help them become disciples and Christian leaders and find their places in the world mission of the Church.

Previous missionary conventions have resulted in students' catching the missionary vision and volunteering for the far-flung fields where they now serve.

Accessions

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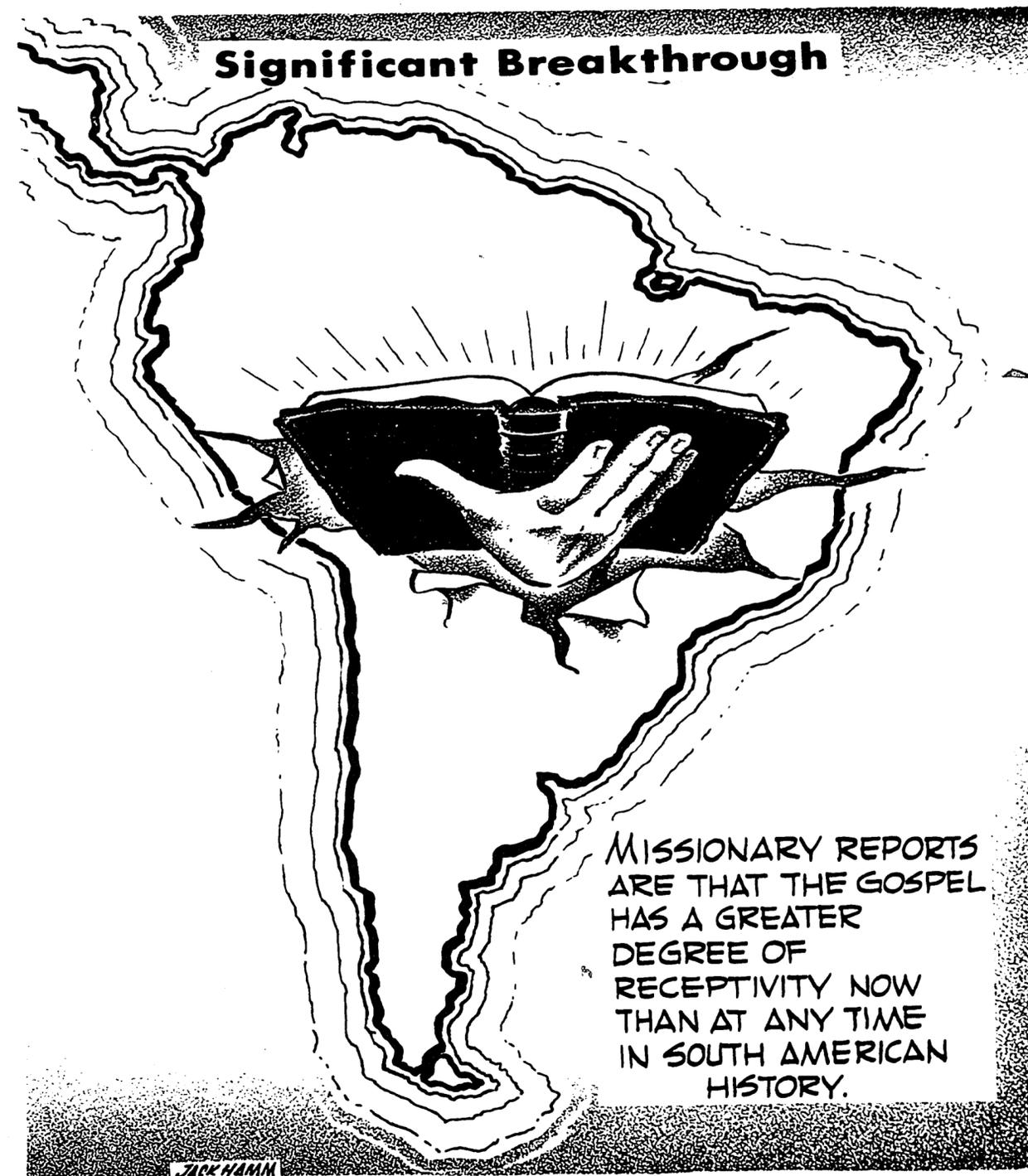
Miss Joyce Lee Hays

Mrs. Irene Hartman Alvarez

Births

Bond.— A daughter, Camille Cathleen, to Clifford and Carol (Wheeler) Bond of Kansas City, Mo., October 13, 1967.

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Popularity Polls

A young man in the US Air Force Academy wrote a letter to the editor of the Milton (Wis.) *Courier*. He took issue with another letter to the editor in which the writer had maintained that 99% of the American people are unaware of why we are in Vietnam. His own simple explanation of why we are there was: "We are over there to preclude the communists from coming here." It is not our purpose to enter into debate with either writer but to comment on the next statement of the Air Force student. He continued, "You should be more concerned with our survival than our popularity."

The rather prevalent idea of determining national policy by popularity polls is something that ought to be challenged, whether it is Vietnam or some other subject. The President's popularity has slipped, we are told. Regardless of the rightness or wrongness of his foreign or domestic policy (which can be judged more accurately five or ten years from now than from the present high-fee vocalizations) we ought to admire the President for not showing weakness in the face of opposition. He has ridden some high crests of popularity when espousing vast give-away programs. Now that he is in the trough of the wave struggling to keep his head above water it is good to see him accept the challenge of the lonely way — as so many chief executives before him have had to do.

But again, it is not our purpose to praise the President, but to call attention to our own tendency to espouse the popular cause and drift with the crowd. Popularity is such a fickle reed to lean upon. It can change almost overnight. Most of us are not willing to get out in front and pull the chariot of truth and righteousness; we are more anxious to jump on the tail gate of the bandwagon of self-interest for a free ride.

Unfortunately this is pretty true of church people, even when they think they are championing some cause. Sober evaluation might reveal the fact that they are, as the Bible says, "blown about by every wind of doctrine." They are not sufficiently grounded in the fundamental doctrines which are the main theme of

the Scriptures. Therefore they latch onto every new theory, every modern version or interpretation that suits their fancy. They sense a trend and side with it, not stopping to "test the spirits whether they be of God," as the Scripture says in another place.

Realizing, for example, that some religious leaders have probably neglected the fruits of the Spirit as applied to social issues they take the other extreme and neglect salvation itself. If social action becomes popular, they are all for social action. Some think this is taking the hard road, but not necessarily so. Jesus did not say so but clearly stated that the popular way was not the highest way. By His life and death He showed how to put first things first. He did not come primarily as a social reformer but to save us from our sins. He did a lot of healing, but He came, not to extend physical life, but to impart spiritual life. That new life will seek to bring new life to others and will also result in healing physical and social diseases. Let us be like the Master — who never sought to ride the popularity crests.

Mission Emphasis Issue

This is the first of a series of first-of-the-month emphasis issues of the *Sabbath Recorder*. They will be easily recognized by the fact that they are printed in blue. A good share of the material in this issue is provided by the secretary of the Missionary Board. He has not just a department but the major emphasis, although the regular editor is responsible for the whole issue. This presentation of up-to-date mission field news in larger quantity is a plus benefit to subscribers.

The first issue of January will emphasize the work of the Tract Board. On the first Monday of February comes the special issue, edited this time by the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. In March the Board of Christian Education will provide extra material for its emphasis issue. In April there will be another combined *Sabbath Recorder* and *Mission Notes* such as was sent out in October. The remainder of

the series, which is expected to be repeated each year will be announced later. Tell your friends about the good things to come as well as the good things you have been reading in our denominational weekly.

Compounding Our Problems

Many of the solutions of our social and economic problems which we enact into law at the instigation of labor unions and other organized pressure groups create problems as well as solve them. It is not always easy to foresee from a single point of view what hardships may result to others when we get legislation passed that would seem to benefit a large percent of the working class.

We protect American labor by cutting off the influx of seasonal labor from Jamaica, Mexico, and other countries to the south. We call this a step forward, but thousands and thousands of families from these other countries lose their homes or sink deeper into poverty when we deny them life sustaining work. Meanwhile the farmers and fruit growers cannot harvest their crops because Americans are not willing or not able to do this kind of work in a satisfactory manner.

We pass a much-heralded minimum wage law which may be all right in certain industrial areas but works a great hardship in other areas like the deep South. The Mississippi Delta situation has been much in the news for two or three years. The National Council of Churches has sponsored a somewhat controversial Delta Ministry to work with the poor and dispossessed Negroes of southern Mississippi. From the NCC comes this disturbing observation by way of a news release.

Introduction this year of the federal minimum wage has increased the number of unemployed agriculture workers to a new high. In August, traditionally a month of high employment for seasonal labor, 13,000 persons were added to food assistance programs in Mississippi. Observers close to the situation indicate that the number of unemployed families without incomes will steadily increase through the winter.

When the minimum wage is arbitrarily placed so high that farmers cannot pay it, the result is that they do not hire, and thousands have no income at all. Thus we move ever closer to a welfare state and support these people with the inefficient bureaucratic administration of government dole or we appeal to the conscience of benevolent people to fill the gap. We have willfully created perhaps as many problems as we have solved by our supposedly good laws.

What does the Christian do? In the first place, he tries to avoid being drawn into self-interest legislation. In the second place, he does his best to respond to the needs of people no matter what caused them.

Missionary Book

"Another Hand on Mine"

The life story of Dr. Carl Becker up to 1965 is told in a gripping way by William J. Petersen in a 228 page McGraw-Hill book that lists at \$5.50. It is the story of a Pennsylvania boy with total resources of \$125, who in 1916 told the Lord that if He would let him get a medical education he would do anything for Him. Carl did not know the difficulties that lay ahead of him in medical school. Neither did he know of "another hand" that was to be laid on his in the midst of a successful practice—a hand that would lead him to 35 years of medical missionary work under the Africa Inland Mission in the dense forests of the Congo at a salary of \$60 to \$80 per month.

There had to be "another hand on mine" to treat 1,000 patients a day, to establish a leper community of 10,000, to come through tribal wars and rebellions, to raise up large churches, to develop new procedures for leprosy and to perform delicate operations for which he had not been trained. This book about the amazing love, energy and ability of Dr. Becker thrills and challenges any reader who is sympathetic with the cause of Christian missions. The accomplishments of Carl Becker rival those of Albert Schweitzer and surpass them in leprosy work and several other areas. He sought

no acclaim for himself but those whom he served and taught to walk the Christian way and to serve their fellow men gave him such respect as no others had in Congo's troubled times of recent years. With him evangelism and medicine went hand in hand. He was able to train natives as competent assistants in both.

One of his African nurses said of him, "Dr. Becker wasn't just interested in converting people; he wanted to take them beyond conversion. He came to help free the Christian from the shackles of the old life, even more than to convert them. He took them a step further" (p. 147). His hospitals were models of cleanliness and efficiency and he was always changing procedures if he was convinced that new methods were better. On one occasion he said, "I'd be a fool to attempt some of these operations if I didn't know there was another hand on mine as I operate." —L. M. M.

Give a Yearlong Gift

If you could read all the appreciative letters or hear from the lips of readers how much benefit they get from the *Sabbath Recorder* you would think of some relative or friend who ought to be getting these benefits but is not on the mailing list.

There are two ways you can help get the *Sabbath Recorder* into more homes. One is to talk it up; emphasize the positive; persuade your friends that they should subscribe and can easily afford to do so. Tell them that if they are interested in Seventh Day Baptists and the cause they represent they cannot afford to be without the paper that gives the news and promotes the program. The other thing you can do is to give several subscriptions to friends or relatives. The price has not gone up although the costs are on the increase. For \$4 you can make a whole family happy each week of the year. Student and servicemen subscriptions may be sent for \$1.00. What an opportunity!

When the Lights Came On

By Dr. Victor H. Burdick

An air of mournfulness seems to surround us, as the wind sighs high up in the tree tops, and every now and then comes down to earth in a mighty gust, scattering leaves helter-skelter along its path. For you see, not only are our seasons opposite here, but even the pattern of them seems different. This is like fall. Many of the trees are losing their leaves, while others, like the citrus and mango, are putting out new ones. The hills are no longer green, but a dull brownness covers them now. But our winter has just passed. The trees are preparing for the rains which soon are due. Then the hills will break forth in a variety of color, and farther to the north of the land you might well imagine you were in Michigan with winter coming, forgetting it was Malawi with summer at the door.

Yes, it would be easy to follow the mood of the wind. We could let our minds dwell upon what seem to be recent misfortunes. Loss of money through robbery; cameras, either lost or stolen; the water pump breaking down when water seems so necessary; the diesel engine no longer doing its part to provide light and power. But the sighing of the wind will help to bring the thundercaps that make a beautiful sight against the blue-blue sky. And the rains will come, bringing forth new life. The dullness that now seems everywhere will change into beauty; greens, reds, purples, will blend themselves together to bring rest to

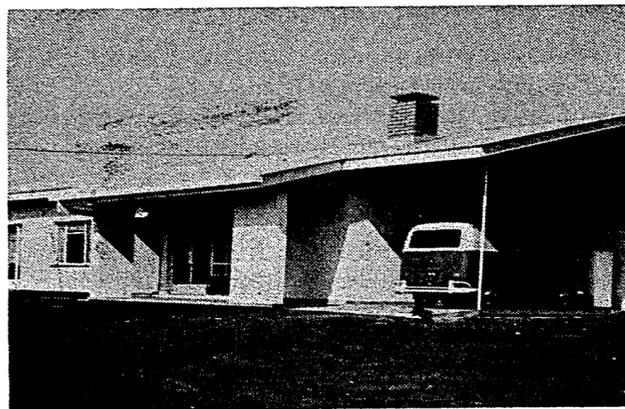
weary eyes. He brings beauty out of drabness. He is the Living Water, the Giver of Everlasting Life. Might not the cares nor the pleasures of this life obscure our sight of things above, nor rob us of our fellowship with Christ.

This seems to have been a year of increased effort among our churches here. Most of this has been planned by Pastor Manan and others of our church leaders. Special efforts, associational meetings in the different regions, led up to our General Conference held at Makapwa, September 12-16. But it has not ended; we are happy to say that special efforts are still going on. Pastor Manan has exchanged the Conference Volkswagen Sedan for our small Land Rover, to better stand the Malawi roads. He and others are out in various churches now for a three - week period of evangelistic services. The day after these services finish, David Pearson will start on a visit to the central and northern churches, taking with him a number of our pastors.

The David Pearson family have been back in Malawi more than a month now. It is good to have them, although distance prevents our seeing them very often. They spent five days and four nights with us here at Makapwa during our Conference time. Pastor Manan was the Conference Chairman (the title President is reserved for use by President Banda alone). A member of a newly formed group from the Southern Region plays an accordion, and this was a great addition to Conference music. We had a good Conference, and it is encouraging to see the people learning to take care of



The Pearson family arrive at Blantyre, Malawi, to occupy their new house, use the new car, and to be welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Burdick (right).



Another view of Blantyre House showing entrance and carport.

the Conference business. This is something new to the Conference at large. In years gone by the business was done by the Conference Committee.

David has paid us a second visit. Sunday, in answer to Victor's "plea for help," David came bringing his tools and past knowledge of dealing with our diesel engine-generator combination, with him. Sunday was spent in "looking into" the engine that wasn't working. They decided it would be best to set up the second engine that came as a gift from the States some years ago, instead of trying to repair the first one at this time. So Monday was spent moving this very heavy tractor type (without wheels) engine-generator off its concrete mount, and moving the second one onto the concrete blocks. This took well into the late afternoon. Tuesday was spent putting back parts that had been "borrowed" over the years, tightening loose parts, and all the other things involved. About 4:00 p.m. the "lights went on again, all over Makapwa."

We ask your prayers for the work in Malawi. Might Christ so live in each of our lives, that His light might shine forth to those in need about us.

MEMORY TEXT

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. Acts 16:9.

Crandall High Student Needs

In addition to the scholarship aid to students at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, there has become increasingly evident a need for help on board and lodging expenses for some of the students. Why should this be so? Why has this need become more pressing now than in other years? This question was put to former Principal Courtland V. Davis and his answer is enlightening.

Mr. Davis has written, "With the increasing urbanization of the area in which Crandall is located the matter of the cost of board and room for students is becoming almost crucial in many cases. Our students from the rural parts of the island find that the possibility of staying with relatives or friends in town (a practice much in use in bygone days) is drying up, not because of any lack of willingness on the part of the townspeople, but simply because every bite of food has to be paid for and every usable foot of room is taken due to the ever increasing cost of living and the fact that the town is so crowded that no open spaces are available. Our newspaper even tells of drives by the police to stop the sleeping on the streets and in store entrances.

The contributions for board and lodging which have been received are greatly appreciated by every youngster who has been helped by them—and of course, even more so by the parents of such students, some of whom even yet cannot understand why living in town should cost so much more than it does in the country where they are.

"Please extend the thanks of all of us to those who have contributed or will contribute for this purpose."

It should be noted that when Mr. Davis was in this country on furlough visit this last summer he mentioned the pressing need for "board and lodging assistance of prospective ministerial and/or teacher students." An amount was placed in the Missionary Board's budget for 1968 to help meet this need and was noted with approval at General Conference. The contributions may be sent through OWM giving or directly to the Missionary Board.

CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS ORGANIZATION STRENGTHENED

Seventy-five Baptist leaders from 27 countries attended a meeting of the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas in Louisville, Ky., July 24-28. It was the second annual meeting of this committee (the first was held in Cali, Colombia, last year).

The Crusade of the Americas, a collective evangelistic thrust by Baptists of the western hemisphere, was proposed by Dr. Rubens Lopes, Brazilian Baptist statesman, in 1965, when a nationwide crusade in Brazil was at its summit. At that time he was president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention; now he is president of the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas. The gigantic evangelistic effort is to culminate in 1969, with 1970 to be a year of follow-up in conserving results.

The purposes of the Crusade of the Americas were set forth last year in the Central Coordinating Committee's Cali meeting. They are (1) deepening the spiritual life within churches, homes, and individual Christians, (2) evangelizing the American continents, and (3) establishing moral and spiritual bases for the betterment of mankind's economic, social and physical welfare.

In the opening session of the Louisville meeting, several messengers from Baptist conventions asked for the privilege of cooperating in the Crusade. They were joyously received. (Seventh Day Baptists were represented at this meeting by Director of Evangelism Leon R. Lawton.)

The Central Committee rescinded the Crusade bylaw which limited invitation to participate in the Crusade to Baptist bodies affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. John H. McCombe, Jr., of the American Bible Society, announced a recent decision of the society to donate a half million portions of the Bible to the Crusade (half in Spanish and half in Portuguese) and to make available in four languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French) — and at low

cost—whatever publications of the Bible Society may be desired.

Churches are to be encouraged to use a laymen's committee to serve as front-line commanders during the Crusade, it being understood that churches with men's organizations will work through the existing channels to plan and intensify the work of reaching people for Christ.

In adopting the report of its subcommittee on spiritual preparation, the Central Committee of the Crusade recommended that the second Sunday in January of 1968, 1969, and 1970 be made an intercontinental day of prayer by all churches cooperating in Baptist bodies participating in the Crusade. The report also provided for the preparation of a number of pamphlets for use by churches and individuals.

The Central Committee adopted a budget of \$117,803 for 1968. It emphasized the importance of every church of every convention participating in the Crusade to contribute to the cost of the Crusade. Hope was expressed that each church will give at least \$2.50 per year.

The business of the five-day meeting was interspersed with inspiration — the singing of the Crusade hymn in the four official languages of the Crusade, the asides affectionately tucked in by Dr. Lopes (We have not come together to solve problems but to find the secret of unity through the Holy Spirit), and a full evening when a local Baptist church (Negro) furnished preacher and music, before the entire assembly knelt for a long period of prayer.

The directory council of the Central Coordinating Committee will meet in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 8-9, 1968. The Central Coordinating Committee will meet in Sao Paulo, July 11-13, 1968.

The Hard Ones

The hardest people to convert are those with a little bit of religion—just enough to inoculate them against the real thing.

—Billy Graham.

Seventh Day Baptist Congregations in Brazil



Seventh Day Baptist congregation at Porto Uniao. The Rev. Serafin Rojas is in the second row, the second from the left.



One of the Seventh Day Baptist groups near Curitiba. It consisted of thirty members.

A little over a year ago, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seager, traveling through South America, visited several Seventh Day Baptist groups and individuals in Brazil. His impressions on those contacts reflect confidence in the future of those churches. We quote in part from an account of their visit.

"It was a thrill to see the warmth and enthusiasm of the people (in Brazil) and of the two former priests who seem to be doing such splendid work. The Rev. Antonio Barrera is working under great difficulty at Sao Paulo. The small group meets in a room in the home of one of

the members. He and his young wife and two children eke out an existence on contributions from the small group and from contributions of a friend in America. He is especially anxious that they have a small church building of their own. . . .

"There were two or three from another group we have outside Sao Paulo whom I met at the service. They are at too great a distance to combine. . . . As you well know, most of our church membership is in southern Brazil. When Mr. Barrera, Mr. Ferrero, and I arrived in Curitiba Friday night, the Rev. Serafin

An Interview Regarding The Crusade of the Americas

(Following is a portion of the script of a radio interview regarding the Crusade of the Americas which took place on October 21, 1967, between the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, Seventh Day Baptist representative on a Regional Planning Committee for the Crusade of the Americas, and Pastor Clifford Bond, pastor of the Kansas City Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

Pastor Clifford Bond: What exactly is this Crusade of the Americas?

Rev. Leon R. Lawton: The Crusade of the Americas is a simultaneous evangelistic effort, gathering together the twenty-five million Baptists of North and Central and South America to proclaim "Christ, the Only Hope." This evangelistic effort began originally in Brazil where in 1965 they had a national evangelistic thrust. Then the leaders of this movement came to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Miami Beach and challenged Baptists of the whole hemisphere to plan ahead. In Brazil they planned ahead a year and a half to two years for their meetings. Recently I was privileged to gather with representatives from almost every nation in the western hemisphere at Louisville, Kentucky, where we began to lay plans for this Crusade of the Americas.

Pastor Clifford Bond: How is this Crusade of the Americas program differ-

ent from some other programs which we have seen in this country and elsewhere?

Rev. Leon R. Lawton: The emphasis is on the individual. It gets right down to where people are, at the grass roots in the local church. It is not a crusade of conferences or conventions or denominations, but it's a crusade of local churches as they join with one another across national boundaries in the whole hemisphere to proclaim "Christ, the Only Hope." The reason for their joining together is so that they can use the mass media—TV, press, radio. But they are not relying on these. These are only means to awaken the peoples of this hemisphere to this fact—that the Baptists in their local churches, the Baptists with whom they work, with whom they live, are interested in sharing with them the message that "Christ Is the Only Hope."

Pastor Clifford Bond: In other words, this is not a super church effort. This is an individual effort with many individuals working together for this end. Is that true?

Rev. Leon R. Lawton: Yes. One of the things that I discovered at the meeting in Louisville was how our brethren in South America witness to their communities as individuals and as local congregations. They have parades. They carry banners. They gather the people together. It is not a protest rally or a protest

Rojas was so glad to see us. He immediately got out his large map of Brazil and tried so hard to make me understand in Portuguese and Spanish what great opportunities we have with so many small groups scattered all over southern Brazil and even in Argentina. As I remember, there are about twenty isolated groups some distance from Curitiba, and three groups nearby, referred to as One, Two, and Three Neighbors. There are only three Seventh Day Baptist ministers in Brazil. . . .

"The group at Curitiba has several solid-core members. Many are of German stock, stable, hard-working people.

In the group, there is a dentist, an airline employee, and a professor of music at the University of Curitiba. . . .

"Mr. Rojas estimates that there are about a thousand Seventh Day Baptists in Brazil, mostly in small scattered groups, but all with real promise of development if leadership can be provided. . . ."

The Baptist Crusade of the Americas, in which Seventh Day Baptists are cooperating, should offer Seventh Day Baptists in the United States the opportunity of closer fellowship with their brothers in Brazil, Mexico, and others in this hemisphere. Even as we anticipate this, let us uphold them in our love and prayers.

march, but it's a march of proclamation. They do this in order to help the people to see the message they are proclaiming, which is "Christ, the only Hope."

Pastor Clifford Bond: Then you would say that personal, person-to-person witnessing is the major emphasis?

Rev. Leon R. Lawton: Yes. That is why the theme will ring out not only over the air and on TV, but in posters and signboards, and from all sides; the theme, "Christ, the only Hope." The Crusade of the Americas is attempting to get every Christian to witness concerning Christ. It is a call to Bible reading to hear what God will yet speak to the people of North and Central and South America and to the islands in this decade of the 60's. It is a call to personal commitment, to work and witness, and to the proclamation of the gospel for the glory of God. Yes, it is really carrying out the message of the early apostles. Remember, they expressed it in Acts 4:12, "For there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved"; "Christ, the only Hope."

Pastor Clifford Bond: In other words, you do not believe that a person can be saved, that a person can be changed by merely having contact with a church? You feel, and these people in the Crusade of the Americas feel, that a person must meet this Jesus Christ as a real Person rather than just know Him through church affiliation?

Rev. Leon R. Lawton: Yes, Christ is the only hope! Not church. Not good morals. Not good doctrine. But Christ is the One that is to be exalted. It is through Him that salvation comes. There is "no other name."

Pastor Clifford Bond: I remember during the summer that when the Summer Christian Service Corps workers were going from door to door they had a religious survey. One of the questions on this survey was, "Have you had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ?" The fellows that were working with this canvas of this neighborhood noticed that many people, when they heard this question, didn't know at all what they meant. And they had to ask the question of these

two fellows, "What do you mean by a personal encounter? What is a personal encounter with Christ?"

Rev. Leon R. Lawton: Well, that's very simple to understand and explain. You ask any young couple that has recently been to the altar, "Are you married?" You will certainly not get a "hope so" or a "think so" answer. Of course they know whether they are married or not. Why? Because there was a time in their experience when they stood up before witnesses and they said, "I do!" From that moment on they were husband and wife. This is all it means to commit our lives to Jesus Christ. It is to understand His love and provision for us through His death upon the cross, and His resurrection to live within our lives. Simply, for us to believe this and say to Him, "Yes, I do open the door, I do accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior." For the person who has said "I do" to Jesus Christ, there can be no doubt. There can be no uncertainty, any more than husband and wife can be uncertain about whether or not they are really married. Praise God that we can know in whom we have believed, and we can be persuaded that He is able to keep the life we have committed unto Him against that day, or in that day of coming judgment when Christ comes again. Thank God that we can join with Paul in this great affirmation! —we who have said, sincerely, openly, and completely, "I do!"

Director of Evangelism Works Two Weeks in Nebraska

Our director of evangelism, the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, spent fifteen days in October, in Nebraska, at the request of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church's Evangelism Committee.

Coming from the sessions of the Mid-Continent Association at Nortonville, Kansas, where he had also assisted the Nortonville and Kansas City, Mo., churches with their radio program outreach, and preparing for the literature booth at the American Royal Livestock Show, Pastor Lawton arrived in Nebras-

ka on October 13. Sabbath Day, October 14, he preached for the congregation at North Loup and led in an afternoon workshop discussion on witness and outreach. Interest in possible outreach in Nebraska has been growing, so Pastor Lawton was asked to help the North Loup church measure and evaluate possible areas of evangelistic growth.

In three trips from North Loup with the Missionary Society's Volkswagen, Pastor Lawton and Pastor Duane L. Davis of North Loup, traveled about 2,700 miles within the state of Nebraska. Thirty-eight homes were visited across the state from north to south and east to west, contacting members of Seventh Day Baptist churches who are non-resident members at North Loup and elsewhere, and other Sabbathkeepers, as known, scattered across the state. *Sabbath Recorders* and tracts were left in every home. There were Scripture reading and prayer in each place. When opportunity presented itself, spiritual counseling was done.

The third Sabbath of October was spent in the area of Ogallala and Arthur where we met with the Arthur, Nebr., United Seventh Day Brethren church and several Seventh Day Baptist people. A Sabbath Eve prayer meeting and Bible study was held at Ogallala in a home, with eighteen present. All day services were conducted by the two pastors in the chapel at Arthur, with a wonderful fellowship with the people there. Thirty-two attended the services. Plans for closer fellowship and spiritual encouragement between the Arthur and North Loup people are being made. They are about two hundred miles apart.

The following week was largely devoted to calls in the eastern part of Nebraska, with a gathering of North Loup youth, who attend the University of Nebraska and are working, held with the pastors at Lincoln, and a home meeting in Omaha where mission slides of Mexico and Jamaica were shown by Pastor Lawton. On Sabbath Day, October 28, the director of evangelism and

twelve North Loup people journeyed one hundred miles north to the sand-hills town of Bassett, where a Sabbath service was held, with Sabbath School and worship led by Pastor Lawton. Twelve local people attended. Interest was shown in conducting regular Sabbath School and perhaps monthly services with leadership from North Loup helping. Mrs. Elmer Andersen (the former Theona Rasmussen) of Johnstown, Nebr., a member at North Loup, and several who formerly attended another Sabbathkeeping group now extinct in the area, form the nucleus of this possible new branch work from North Loup.

On the night after Sabbath, October 28, Pastor Lawton completed his busy stay in Nebraska with an "open meeting" of the North Loup church's Evangelism Committee. He presented to the group a report of his work and made five recommendations to the Evangelism Committee for follow-up and evangelistic outreach. His suggestions included: planning regular monthly visits to help our brethren in the Arthur-Ogallala area; establishing the work at Bassett; encouraging our people in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney and Chadron areas to begin Growth-by-Groups Bible studies, possibly leading to an enlarged witness, for Sabbath worship, study and fellowship on the Sabbath; a plan for a regular visit to lone - Sabbathkeepers from the North Loup pastor; and increased survey and contact of those without a vital spiritual experience in the local North Loup community.

The North Loup church, with some help from the Mid-Continent Association Missionary-Evangelism Committee, took care of the expenses of the director of evangelism while in Nebraska. Appreciation is expressed by the North Loup church for Pastor Leon Lawton's help and encouragement, and to the Missionary Society for approving his visit to Nebraska.

"For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out" (Ezek. 34:11).

Planning Committee Has Week-Long Session

Without well-laid program planning there can be no effective, concerted action to advance the cause of Christ as represented by the Seventh Day Baptists of America. This is the philosophy that lies back of calling together twice a year in week-long sessions the secretaries of the major boards that are charged with the above-mentioned work.

The Planning Committee, which includes the president and vice-president of Conference and is chaired by the general secretary, met in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield from Sunday afternoon, November 12, to Friday noon, further to develop its plans for growth and to implement plans already under way. The president of the Women's Board was unable to be present. (The vice-president will attend the next meeting.) It was the first intensive meeting of leaders since the August meeting of General Conference. Another such meeting will follow the midyear meeting of Commission and will be held at the same place in March.

It is necessary to see where we have been and how far we have come before attempting to map out a program for the current year and the years to come.

This was done in the early stages of the meetings by a review of the minutes, by an evaluation of the progress already made in "Facing Frontiers with Faith," and by checking on the written reports of boards and agencies since the last meeting. There was much to show that real progress had been made in many areas, although shortage of funds had hampered somewhat the vital work of nearly all. Some of the program of advance endorsed by General Conference was found to be inadequately funded. The Planning Committee in coordinating the work of the boards had to decide which things could be done and which could not.

The five-man committee called in the dean of ministerial training for his contribution to future planning and had the

services of the director of evangelism for two and a half days. The evaluation of program promotion brought out some strengths and some weaknesses so far in the five-year emphasis on Facing Frontiers with Faith. Year II seems to be well launched, with a continuing flow of materials from the Conference office and from the boards to the churches and people. Whether or not too much had been sent out was one of the questions raised and thoughtfully discussed. The adequacy of the central mailing equipment has perhaps caused some loss of identity of the envelopes received by local leaders. On the other hand, it was felt that very little of what went out from the Conference office or in behalf of the agencies could have been profitably omitted. We have a work to do as a people and we must as churches and leaders give attention to the details of it if there is to be real advance.

Much time was given to the growing program of dedicated service by the young and the increasing opportunities that may open for older people to serve where they are or to voluntarily change their location to make use of their special abilities in the Lord's work. The committee felt that in the coming years there could be increasingly effective implementation of the COME portion of Facing Frontiers with Faith ("Come over into Macedonia and help us"). The report on what summer dedicated service training and work have already done for the life of our denomination was brought out. The hope for the future was stressed in the potential upsurge of young people looking toward the ministry. Extended dedicated service on the part of three was charted for months ahead.

Growing out of the blessings of training for summer service there was a call for similar training for laymen. A tentative schedule for one such training school was set up for the Memorial Day weekend at Lewis Camp, R. I.

Not all of the coordinating or advance planning decided upon during the week can be announced at one time effectively. Much will be put into effect when further

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Gleanings from Our Church Papers

"Several individuals signed up to help in our Sabbath School when the call was made a few weeks ago. The Board of Education will be working this afternoon on assignments as the Sabbath School will be somewhat reorganized when we move into the new Educational Building. . . ." — Shiloh Church, Nov. 11, 1967.

"Sabbath School workers meeting — next Sabbath with a dish-to-pass dinner. All are invited to attend and participate in these meetings." "Thank you — for your faithful support of our S.D.B.Y.F. car wash last Sunday. We made \$33." — Pawcatuck, Nov. 11.

"Sabbath School teachers and workers, please, meet in the fellowship hall Monday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. You will meet briefly in a large group and then will meet with your department superintendents." — Riverside, Nov. 11.

These announcements show that these churches are moving ahead with their Christian education program. How about your's? Do you have in mind the goals of the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Cross Certificates? Working towards these goals

work is done by members of the committee and the time is right for launching the program. Year III of Facing Frontiers will be publicized with packet material sent out next June. The new emphasis then will be on strengthening our General Conference and our agencies. Also there will be a stronger-than-ever effort to get all of our people to move beyond the discussion stage of evangelism into result-producing work.

Our director of evangelism, fresh from a meeting of leaders of the Crusade of the Americas in Chicago, outlined the plans for making a concerted impact on this country by preparation in 1968 and culmination of efforts in 1969. This will be geared to our own denominational outreach program. The committee after

will help your educational program whether or not you win a certificate. Write to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education for information. That's Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803.

Helping Hand

The Publications Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is making a serious study of General Conference recommendation to advertise the *Helping Hand*. Inquiries are being made as to advertising space in leading religious magazines.

We recommend to Seventh Day Baptist churches that maximum use be made of the quarterly. The following suggestions for additional use include: 1) See that Seventh Day Baptist students away from home have a copy for personal study; 2) Send copies to non-resident members of the church; 3) Send subscriptions to servicemen; 4) Give a copy to a shut-in, whether the person is a member of the church or not; 5) Furnish them to nursing homes and correctional institutions; and 6) Give samples to neighboring churches with the suggestion that the teacher and pupils might like

some discussion endorsed the Missionary Board suggestion that funds be sought to send our director of evangelism to Brazil next July to meet with Seventh Day Baptist leaders there and participate in the work of the Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas. It is hoped that our churches there can be helped in the evangelistic thrust of the Crusade in Brazil, where it is likely to be very effective.

The week of deliberation, coordination, and advance planning ended with several hours given to creative thinking on how to evangelize more effectively and how to relate ourselves better to the crying social issues of our day at the local level and through cooperative interdenominational agencies.

to use them as resource material for the international lessons.

A minister from another denomination came to the secretary's office last week and confided that his denomination did not have a Bible School help that equalled our *Helping Hand*. He said that his Bible School class used it regularly.

We think that we have a quarterly that is of top quality, and we offer it to anyone without apology.

We solicit everyone's aid to promote greater use of the *Helping Hand*.

Male Names

According to Hal Boyle's column of November 8, 1967, the most popular male names at the turn of the century were, in order, John, William, Charles, George, Joseph, Edward, James, Louis, Francis, and Samuel.

Today the top favorites are Michael, John, Robert, David, Stephen, Anthony, William, Joseph, Thomas, and Christopher.

In 1900 four of the names could be found in the Bible.

Today six may be found there, and the name, Christopher, is closely related to the name of Jesus.

We wonder if parents are more acquainted with names in the Bible, and choose them because they are therein, if they just like the name, or if they use a name because it is the name of a family ancestor.

Primary Conference

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Dorothy Saunders of Boulder, Colo., will direct Primary Conference at General Conference next August in Kearney, Nebr. Primary Conference is for youngsters, ages 6-8 years, and is designed for study, fellowship, and adventure. Kids like Primary Conference.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 16, 1967
THE SACRAMENTS:
THE LORD'S SUPPER

YOUth

Please Don't Limit God

By Harold King*

Many people today seem to limit God. By this I mean that they seem to think of Him as a little old man sitting on a throne in a faraway place called heaven. They seem to feel that God is too busy to care about what they do. These people are trying to limit God who has no limits. Just what is God really like? How can He be watching over everything that is happening all the time?

The biggest help in trying to explain what God is really like comes from the Bible. John 4:24 says, "God is a spirit." Not a spirit like a ghost, but a spirit in the sense that He can be everywhere at once. He is much like the air around us—everywhere we go. This may be very hard to understand, but, like many other things, we will not know how this is done until we come face to face with God someday in heaven. Until that day comes, we must have faith and remember that all things are possible with God.

Please don't limit God!

*Harold is from North Loup, Nebr., and is on extended dedicated service, headquartered at Plainfield, N. J. At present he is serving the church at Little Genesee, N. Y., for several weeks.

Jamaica C. E.

The Christian Endeavor movement on the island of Jamaica is not new. In fact, it is nearing its seventy-fifth birthday. To celebrate the diamond jubilee of C. E. organization in Jamaica plans are being made by the World's Christian Endeavor Union to hold the fifth Area I Conference there August 8-11, 1968. The meetings of the island convention and the area conference will be held concurrently at East Queen St. Baptist Church and its new George Lisle Education Center in Kingston.

Seventh Day Baptist churches in Jamaica are part of the Jamaica C. E. Convention. Some have quite active local societies. The upper age limit is not closely drawn in Kingston C. E. participation.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

The True Gifts

Something from the packet for December—taken from a Christmas card.

"Faith, hope, and love—these are the true gifts of Christmas — gifts without price, but enough for all, just for the wanting and the praying for . . ."

Why not use the worship service from the packet this month? It was prepared by the Dodge Center society and I am sure you will find it very inspirational. Or perhaps there are other things in the packet for December which you are planning to use; all of it has a message of Christmas.

Worthwhile Reading

What are you reading that's worth the time it takes? We submit a list that we think you will find of value. Search your nearest library to see what it can offer.

What could be more suitable than an inspirational book for Christmas giving? Don't forget that a book placed in your church or city library can be enjoyed by many.

Titles preceded by an asterisk* may be obtained in paperback copies.

**Good News for Modern Man* — American Bible Society.

Your God Is Too Small—J. B. Phillips.

Diary of Private Prayer — John Baillie.

**The Cross and the Switchblade*—David Wilkerson.

Try Giving Yourself Away — David Dunn.

The Company of the Committed — Elton Trueblood.

**Are You Running with Me, Jesus?* — Malcolm Boyd.

Beyond Our Selves — Catherine Marshall.

World Aflame — Billy Graham.

Know Your Bible? — Amos Wells.

**Living Letters* — Kenneth Taylor.

**Living Gospels* — Kenneth Taylor.

**The Gospel According to Peanuts* — Robert Short.

Adventures in Insight — Harold E. Kohn.

**Twelve Angels from Hell*—David Wilkerson.

Barriers to Christian Belief — A. Leonard Griffith.

Letters to Karen — Charlie W. Shedd.
Lift Up Your Hearts — Walter Russell Bowie.

God, Our Contemporary — J. B. Phillips.

But God Can — Robert V. Ozmert.

Prayers — Michel Quoist.

Christ's Witchdoctor—Homer E. Dowdy.

Stay Alive All Your Life — Norman Vincent Peale.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, WIS.— Several memorials have been received by the church during the past year which have enriched the service of our church. As a memorial to Sylvia Burdick the sanctuary was carpeted with a lovely red and black flecked carpet; as a memorial to Ross Coon identical carpeting was placed on the stairway leading to the balcony. These add greatly to the beauty of the sanctuary and the quiet of worship. A repository for our *Book of Remembrance* has been received as a memorial to Leland Hulctt. This matches the furnishings of the church and gives opportunity for the review of the memorials received. A complete set of *Interpreter's Bible* and *The Interpreter's Bible Dictionary* have been added to our library as a memorial to Mrs. Gertrude Stewart. Two more memorial funds are on hand: Dr. Milton D. Davis, who was taken from us suddenly in July, and Mrs. Annie (George) Stevens. Appropriate memorials will be chosen in consultation with the families.

A cover has been placed over the outside stairwell on the west side of the church giving protection from the weather especially in the winter months. This has been covered with an imitation stone finish which blends very nicely with the stone work of the church.

Dennis Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shaw, received his God and Country Award in Scouting at the church services on November 4. Dennis has been

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working on this award for better than two years. This is the first God and Country Award given in the Milton church.

The Women's Circle has been busy with its work meeting and birthday tea each month. The annual turkey supper was served to nearly 500 people on November 7. The Kum Dubble group packed boxes of candy and cookies and sent them to our servicemen on November 5.

A large group from the Men's Fellowship toured Burdick Corporation on November 15. Thirty young people and their sponsors from the Stennett and High School Fellowships attended a Retreat at New Auburn on the weekend of September 22 - 24. The Bell Choir has given a number of concerts this fall and has several more scheduled.

At the budget meeting held on November 12, a budget of \$17,620 was adopted. This reflects a 5% increase in pastor's salary, an item of \$50 for pastoral education, an increase in the salaries of the custodian and the organist, and the beginning of a ten-year budget item to care for extensive repair to the organ which is scheduled for the summer of 1968. The painting of the trim on the church and the painting of the parsonage are also included in this budget. Giving toward Our World Mission is over and above this. The Stewardship Committee challenged the church with a goal of \$10,000 for the year 1967.

RECORDER Comment

I am a member of the First Hopkinton church at Ashaway, R. I. I am unable to attend church; the Recorder helps to keep me informed.

—Mystic, Conn.

Accessions

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

By Letter:

Mr. Alfred Fisher
Mrs. Alfred (Melva) Fisher

By Testimony:

Mr. Jewell Oliver
Mrs. Jewell (Beuna) Oliver

By Baptism:

Jeffrey Monroe
Dianne Seager
Karen Seager
Katherine Babcock

MILTON, WIS.

By Letter:

George H. Stevens from the Mill Yard Church, England. Nov. 17, 1967.

Obituaries

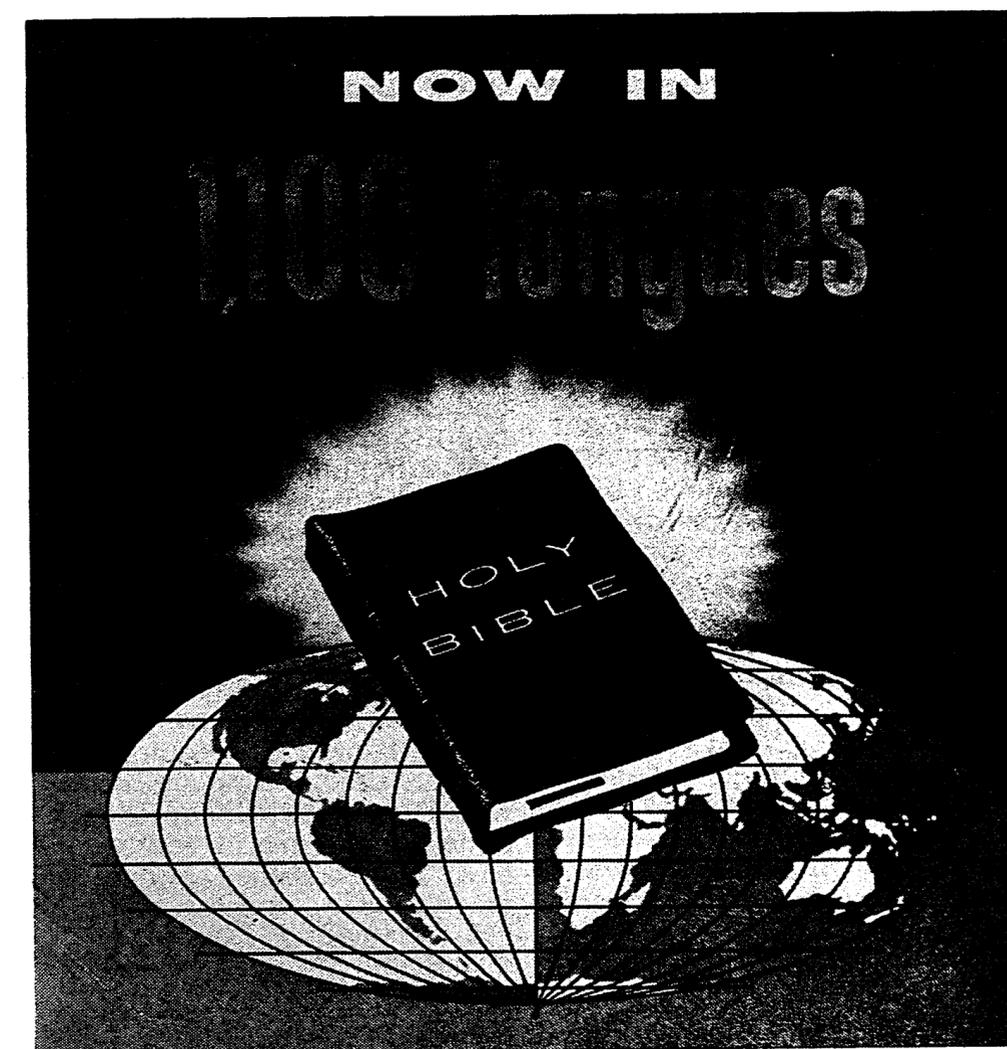
MAIN.—Edith Rebecca, daughter of Russel J. and Anna Maxson, was born April 21, 1877, in Farina, Ill., and died in the Putnam County Memorial Hospital, Palatka, Fla., Nov. 3, 1967.

She was baptized and joined the Gentry, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church, later moving her membership to the Alfred, N. Y., church. She was married to Daniel C. Main, who died in 1935. She spent much time after the death of her husband in serving others, her family, and acquaintances, in times of illness or other needs.

Mrs. Main is survived by two sons, George Main, of Pomona Park, Fla., Daniel C. Main, of Adelphi, Md.; one daughter, Dorothy Johnson of Pomona Park; one brother, George Maxson of Riverside, Calif.; four sisters, Susan Patterson, Denver, Colo., Ora Lowell and Myrtle Ricketts of Gentry, Ark., and Ethel Eyerly of North Loup, Nebr.; 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted at the graveside in Arlington National Cemetery, Nov. 7, 1967, by the pastor of the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church, Delmer E. Van Horn.

—D. E. V. H.



The Bible's Day

Every day should be Bible day for the Christian; reading the Word of God daily plants portions of the revealed will of God in our minds and hearts. There is value also in proclaiming one day a year as the Bible's day and on that day making contributions to the American Bible Society, the greatest single organization on earth promoting the distribution and reading of the Word of God.