

The Sabbath Recorder

Leaders Discuss Meaning of Evangelism

Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Church leaders met at the University of Notre Dame, June 11 to 16, to discuss the meaning of evangelism to the 29 denominations represented at the gathering.

A speaker concerned with the relationship of evangelism to culture was a New York psychiatrist, Dr. Ernest van den Haag. In the attempts to make religion relevant to modern man, Dr. van den Haag believes, contemporary theologians have distorted and watered down religion. "A truly religious man could never worry about God's relevance to man," he said, "he could only wonder about whether men are willing to lead lives relevant to God, lives that may lead to salvation."

A spokesman for conservative, evangelical Protestantism, Dr. David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary, urged liberal Christians—the dominant group at the colloquium—to keep open minds with respect to evangelical views and not to close the door on such discussion. He said evangelicals at this juncture are open to serious discussion of theology with liberal Christians. Dr. Hubbard acknowledged that evangelicals are moving toward greater concern for social action, but cautioned against equating social action with evangelism.

—Religious Newsweekly.

Marriages

Campbell-Barney—Merrilyn Campbell of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist church, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell of Alfred, was united in marriage on Sabbath, April 29, 1967, with Capt. James Robert Barney, U. S. Air Force, at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico.

Mogen-Bonser.—Ronald Mogen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Mogen of Byron, Minn., and Barbara Bonser, daughter of George Bonser of Byron and Alice Bonser of Dodge Center, Minn., were united in marriage, June 29, 1967 in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dodge Center, by Wayne Babcock, pastor of the bride.

Births

Ebersole.—A daughter, Amy Ruth, to William and Mary (Connelly) Ebersole of Roaring Spring, Pa., February 17, 1967.

Greene.—A daughter, Alesia Charlotte, to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Greene of Chester, Minn., on June 16, 1967.

Robinette.—A daughter, Cheryl Li, to Mr. and Mrs. David Robinette of Pittsburg, Calif., May 29, 1967.

Obituaries

WHEATON.—Coit L. Wheaton, son of Leman and Ida Burdick Wheaton, was born at Livonia, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1897, and died in North Hornell, N. Y., June 22, 1967.

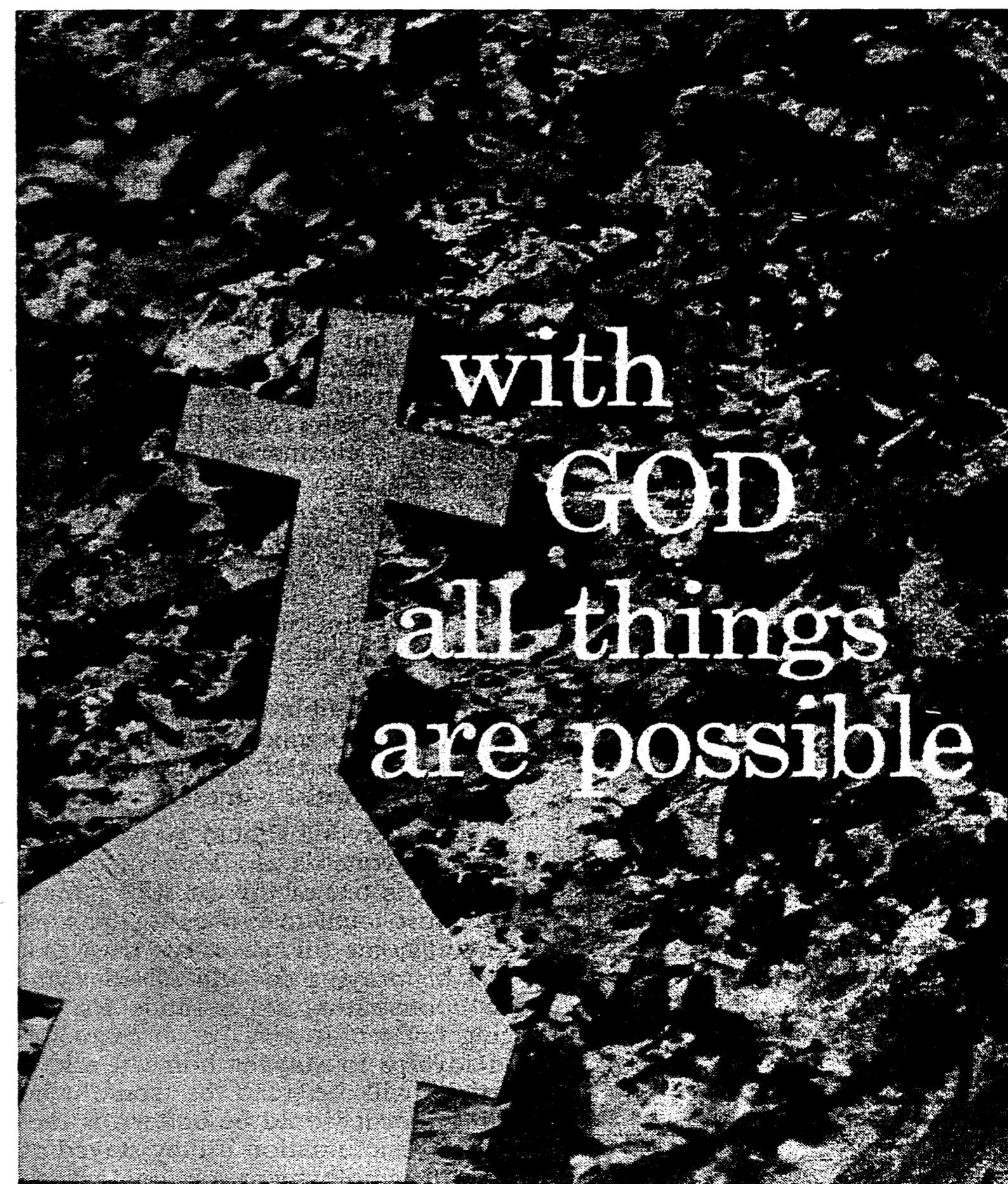
When a young boy he came with his family to Alfred to live. On June 23, 1915, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Mae Button of Hornell. From 1927 to 1962 he conducted an insurance agency in Hornell and then in Alfred.

At about fourteen years of age, he was baptized by the Rev. William L. Burdick and joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. After his marriage, while the family lived in Canisteo, N. Y., he joined the Presbyterian church there, but rejoined at Alfred later and served as church trustee for a term. He was a life member of the University Lodge No. 944, F. & A. M.

He is survived by his wife and a brother, Charles, of Alfred Station. Their daughter, Shirley Mae, died on June 23, 1951.

A memorial service was conducted at the Landon Funeral Home in Hornell by Associate Pastor Hurley S. Warren and Pastor David S. Clarke. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

—D. S. C.



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To Go or Not To Go

Shall we all go to Conference at Grand Rapids? The president and the Publicity Committee are doing a splendid job of making the 1967 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference session sound like a must. There are many reasons for attending this year above all other years.

The location is central, the weather is likely to be ideal in Michigan, vacation attractions are good, and the program as planned is somewhat unique. Quite a number of people should be able to attend this year who do not regularly get to the annual gathering of our people. We would add our voice to the publicity. Michigan is especially attractive to the editor, who served as pastor of one of the host churches (White Cloud) for about four years.

We have titled our article "To Go or Not To Go." Can anything be said on the negative side without seeming to be disloyal? I think so. Is Conference your 1967 vacation? It would be far better if more of our people gave thought to the deeper satisfactions of a vacation that included attendance at all the meetings of General Conference. Furthermore, it is probably a cheaper vacation than many of us might plan. But if you are thinking of going to Grand Rapids exclusively in terms of a vacation, some of you may want to think again. Can a person thinking in those terms contribute his best to the serious business of Conference? This is primarily the business meeting of a denomination. It is also a planning session, a time of stimulation for the work of the Lord. It is planned for those who have a concern for the extension of the Seventh Day Baptist witness.

Not everyone should go to Conference; not everyone is thinking of going. For some it is out of the question. Some who are most loyal to our cause may elect to stay at home this year. We trust that they will be praying for the sessions and will be contributing extra funds for the lagging budget. It may be an extra measure of loyalty to stay at home. Perhaps this article will be read by some who will think that it would be better for the work of the denomination if they stayed at their gainful employment or conserved their

income in order to make a contribution to Our World Mission comparable to the extra expense of a trip to Grand Rapids.

We are not trying to tell people what they should do about vacation or how much they should give in August to the denominational work. Each must decide these things for himself. Worthy of careful thought is this question of giving. Will your trip to Conference this year or any year so deplete your funds that you will give less to OWM than your monthly average? If so, you would want to weigh carefully whether or not your presence there is important enough to overbalance that drop in giving. In other words, if we cannot both give and go it might be better not to go. Of course, most people can do both. Some will give more because they attended. We have been known to raise \$25,000 during Conference. The people who attend are often able to give more than they had planned on. Facetiously, we might warn people not to go to Conference if they are unwilling to be moved by the presentation of a great work and a crying need to contribute sacrificially to that work.

Is Your Visibility Low?

A press release of the Committee for Economic Development discusses findings on the need for a sweeping renovation of state governments. Midway through the nine-page report there is an interesting observation about state legislators.

The CED study finds that the "visibility" of state legislators is "remarkably low." Far fewer citizens can name their state representatives than their Congressman or city councilmen, says the report.

It is not our purpose to comment on the need for state government reorganization or to discuss the inefficiencies resulting from this "remarkably low visibility," but it is, indeed, an intriguing term which could be applied to other situations. What is it that hinders the effectiveness of the Christian witness in our churches? Could it not well be called the low visibility of those who profess to be followers of

MEMORY TEXT

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day. Psalm 42:4.

Christ? How many people see us? How many know that we consider ourselves to be divinely commissioned to carry on the work of our King in this earthly kingdom? Do people know that we are committed to keeping the Sabbath day holy? If we are witnesses, why are we not more witnessed? Certainly the believers of the First Century were seen — when it meant imprisonment and even death. Their visibility was not low, but high. They were seen at temple gates, in the forum, on the streets, in the desert, on the ships and in the palaces of governors. They made it a point to be seen and heard. The Apostle Paul could speak of many who were living epistles "known and read by all men" (2 Cor. 3:2).

When we are willing to overcome our "remarkably low visibility" and make the necessary effort to be seen as representatives of our Lord, our church will move forward. Let us boldly say, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

Keeping the Commandments

Homer A. Tomlinson, 74-year-old bishop of the Church of God (Pentecostal) and self-styled "King of All Nations of Men in Righteousness," with robe and crown, plans to seat himself on his portable throne near the Tomb of David in Jerusalem on October 6 to begin his "Reign with Jesus on the throne of David." His declared kingship in past years does not seem to have gotten him into trouble with regularly constituted civil administrations. He does not consider his claims presumptuous. He professes to believe that what he is doing is in obedience to the command of Jesus to "occupy till I come," at which time, if he is still living, he would cast his

Sabbath Recorders in August

The schedule of publication in August will be slightly different this year. Instead of printing on alternate weeks we will publish the first two weeks and omit the last two. This change will allow the men in the shop to take their vacations. Material for the two August issues should be sent in early.

Correction

Word has come from the Salemville, Pa., church that there was an error in reporting the high school graduates in the June 5 issue. Patrick Crawford was a junior this year rather than a senior.

crown at Jesus' feet. If he dies before Jesus comes, he has his successors picked out for two generations—Bishop Voy Bullen and his wife Betty and their 18-year-old son Carlton.

Why do we mention this publicity-seeking "king"? Just because of one significant claim that he makes. He affirms that he is entitled to reign with Jesus, "seeing that he undertakes to keep all the commandments of Jesus." Two things may be said about that claim. First, it is no more than every Christian vows to do when he confesses Christ in baptism and asks for membership in a Christian church. On the other hand, we have yet to find the man who perfectly keeps all of the commandments of Jesus and of His Father. It is either made too easy or too hard, depending on the way you look at it. Some of us who have studied the commandments of Jesus and His attitude toward the Ten Commandments, "One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled," would be inclined to remind Bishop Tomlinson that his neglect of the Sabbath should bar him from sitting with Jesus on the throne of David.

There is indeed a promise that the re-deemed will sit on a throne judging the twelve tribes of Israel. If this is figurative language, no man does well to crown himself king. If there is anything literal about it, certainly the time of reigning is not yet, nor is it ours to choose.

Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park

Hyde Park is in the Paddington district of London, one of the more expensive areas, where hotel prices are unusually high. The park covers a wide expanse, extending for miles along a residential and business area. It is reached by several subway systems including the Circle Line. Speakers' corner, near Marble Gate, is a favorite place especially on Sabbath afternoon and evening where people resort to listen to or to participate in the discussions led by those who think they have something to say or who just enjoy trying to get people to listen to them. Anything can happen here.

A few of our Seventh Day Baptist church members enjoy visiting Speakers' Corner nearly every week during the summer. Your editor and his wife took occasion to walk through the park and listen to a few of the speakers trying to hold a crowd of 20 to 250 people. A week or two later another speaker came to the corner. The picture and caption below show what happens when one of the world's six most popular men sets up a stand on Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park.



SPEAKERS' CORNER— Billy Graham is shown speaking to 12,000 people at Speakers' Corner in London's Hyde Park on Saturday afternoon. The evangelist said he had been speaking at "the corner" since his first trip to England in 1946. The crowd Saturday was a smashing contrast with the 10 or 15 people who heard him here 20 years ago. Dr. Graham closed his All Britain Crusade at Earls Court Arena, and in 45 other British cities, Saturday night after more than 1 million people heard him in nine days. (Crusade Information Services Photo by Russ Busby).

RETIREMENT AGE?

Somehow or other, as we get older, work seems a lot less fun, and fun seems a lot more work." —Rex Goldthorpe, Cuba City (Wis.) Tri-City Press.

General Conference Publicity

(Thirteenth in a series)

An Afternoon for Sightseeing

Our Conference president, Dr. May, has informed us that his program calls for an afternoon of free time on Wednesday, August 16. We know some of you will look forward to this time as an opportunity to just rest or visit on the campus, but others will be glad to have a chance to do some sight-seeing. The young people have already arranged to have a beach party on the shores of Lake Michigan and will travel in two buses, one owned by the Battle Creek church and the other by Miss Connie Coon. This is the only transportation which will be officially furnished for the afternoon, but we are sure many people will be willing to share their cars with others who do not have one. A plan for organizing this will be announced at Conference.

There is a wide variety of activities available in the area and we will mention only a few.

In the Grand Rapids area:

1. Gypsum mine tour. Guided hour-long trips eighty-five feet underground to see the fascinating rock formations and how gypsum was mined more than a half century ago. Temperature 50° year around (Adults \$1.00).

2. John Ball Park Zoological Gardens. All kinds of wildlife, plus the Children's Zoo, tropical exhibit, and aquarium (Free).

3. The Baker Museum and Craft Shop—exemplary of Grand Rapids, "The Furniture City." See rare old documentary furniture, some pre-Christian, and tools that made them, plus a complete old time cabinet shop (50¢).

4. The Public Museum and Gas Light Village. The museum is especially noted for its collection of American costumes, Indian lore, and archaeology. The village consists of many authentically outfitted buildings of the "Gay 90's" (Free).

5. Woodland Cars of Yesteryear Museum. Antique and classic cars, clothes,

traction engines, toys, dolls, and buggies (Adults 50¢).

6. Plant tours available: Corduroy Rubber Co., Amway Corp., Heckman Furniture Co., Fisher Body Plant, Wolverine Shoe Co., Grand Rapids Press, and WOOD-TV.

About thirty minutes drive from Conference is Holland State Park on Lake Michigan. Also at Holland is the only authentic Dutch windmill in the U. S. On Windmill Island Park stands the 200-year-old, sixty-ton mill with eighty-foot wings, moved from Rotterdam by special permission of the Netherlands government (Adults \$1.00). While in Holland you may also visit a wooden shoe factory and see the process from logs to finished wooden shoes, or visit the Dutch Village with its gardens, picturesque buildings, and market place.

At Grand Haven is another Lake Michigan State Park and dunes rides are available nearby. This is also the location of the world's largest musical fountain, which features concerts in light, water and sound. If you are one who can't go to bed after the Conference evening program, you will just about have time to make the nightly 10 p.m. program here.

At Saugatuck you may take a boat trip on the stern-wheeler "Island Queen," or climb "Old Baldy," one of the largest sand dunes.

Muskegon, also about forty-five minutes from Grand Rapids, offers many parks along the Lake Michigan shore and a twenty-mile lake shore drive which is famous for its scenic beauty. Deer Park, with over 100 tame deer and a miniature train ride, will delight the children.

Either White Cloud or Battle Creek could be visited on Wednesday afternoon. For points of interest in these places, see the *Sabbath Recorders* for March 13 and 27.

Some pray for sun, and some pray for rain and sometimes both together; Let's pray for sunshine in our hearts, and then forget the weather.

TWO BURDENS

By Rev. David Pearson

Burden of a Pastor

Oh, for a church

whose members possess an ever-expanding love
and devotion to Jesus Christ;
carry grave concern for the world's utter hopelessness, whose optimism rests only in Christ;
"love to tell the story," by means of living, praying, giving, and telling;
live godly lives at home, school, and church,
whose chief joys are "other worldly";
practice personal and family devotions;
are not blinded by past achievement nor self-satisfaction;
meet regularly in ever-increasing numbers for worship, prayer, and study;
desire the preaching of God's Word in truth
and plainness, even when it hurts;
listen expectantly to a sermon until its end,
regardless of the time factor;
welcome into fellowship those of other races
and differing social standing;
believe in and keep holy and wholly, the Seventh Day Sabbath of Christ and the Bible.

The Victims

A New Film

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 315 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016, announces the release of a significant documentary film on prejudice, *The Victims*, featuring the distinguished psychiatrist and author, Dr. Benjamin Spock, who diagnoses the causes of prejudice and exposes the different sources that infect the child as he matures.

Negro mothers voice the pain they experience when their children are tormented because they are black.

A teen-ager recalls the degradation she felt in high school when classmates re-

Burden of a Church

Oh, for a pastor

whose life is lived in total fellowship and absolute commitment to Jesus Christ;
who is prepared in heart and mind;
who is never satisfied with the "status quo,"
ever striving for greater spiritual achievements;
whose desire to preach transcends all earthly desires;
who preaches as a "dying man to dying men,"
as if each sermon were his last;
whose message is biblical, urgent, sound and true to the faith,
savoring of the First Century,
and anointed by the Holy Ghost;
who preaches the holiness of God,
the sinfulness of man,
and the saviorhood of Jesus Christ;
whose life is a witness to his message;
who cares not for the praise and blame of men.

Oh, for such men!

God give us such. Amen.

fused to associate with her because she is Jewish.

A young man tells of being denied membership in a social club because he is Italian.

The Victims has been called "the definitive film on prejudice," as it focuses on all forms of this highly contagious disease. Rarely does one film serve as an education tool for all audiences. But *The Victims* is said to be such a film. Students — from junior high school through college—teachers, and parents will be awakened to the vital role they can play in curing the virus of prejudice.

For information about rental of this 52-minute 16mm film write to the address given above.

Ministerial Education Council

By Rev. Earl Cruzan, Chairman

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministerial Education met in the Milton Church July 5 and 6 with all Council members and Dean Victor W. Skaggs present. The Council is instructed by General Conference to make plans for the education of the Seventh Day Baptist ministry.

The Center program, with Victor W. Skaggs as dean, has been operating from the Denominational Building in Plainfield for four full years. The first student under the program was graduated and has now served one year in the pastorate. The program is proving valuable in giving students opportunities in practical aspects of the ministry through the monthly week-end conferences held in Plainfield during the school year. This also affords them an opportunity to share with one another in a way which creates friendship and understanding of one another. This is important to the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. There is opportunity for wives and families to learn to know each other. Some instruction is offered to the wives of the students. The Summer Institute provides opportunity for the Seventh Day Baptist studies needed by our ministers and required for accreditation. Their academic acceptance by seminaries in which our students are enrolled indicates the quality of these courses. Students other than those in the Center Program are invited to attend these Institutes and are assisted financially to do so. Pastors who have not had these courses may also attend. A limited number (annually) of pastors who would like to renew these studies may avail themselves of the opportunity upon application. Courses are also being prepared for use as correspondence courses with the first lessons to be available in September.

The Council received the report of the dean and discussed items coming out of it and gave direction to the dean in planning his work for the coming year. The report of the treasurer was approved as was the financial statement of the Center

funds administered by Dean Skaggs. Both sets of books have been audited. Recommendations for financial assistance to three students—John Conrod, John Camenga and Dale Rood were presented and approved for 1967-68.

Recruitment of students has taken the dean to the college campuses of Alfred, Salem and Milton and also into Nebraska this year. An increased interest in the ministry is indicated by the number of prospective students in the next few years. The financial needs of the Council program will be greater with the larger number of students involved.

The continuing education of our ministers was discussed and plans laid for the promoting of continued studies with provision for some financial assistance in this regard.

Consideration was given to participation on the Conference program. Dean Skaggs was delegated as the representative of the Council for the Conference Interest Committee on Ministerial Education, and Council Chairman Cruzan as the council's representative in liaison with commission.

The Council would advise our churches of the wisdom of an annual review of licenses granted to members.

Appreciation was expressed to Miss Florence Bowden and to the Plainfield Women's Society for their generous assistance in instruction and the entertainment of students and their families involved in the Center Educational Program.

The current officers were reelected with power granted to the chairman to fill any vacancy among the officers as needed. Chairman, Earl Cruzan, treasurer, J. Leland Skaggs, secretary, Don Sanford.

Excessive speed is the number one highway killer, according to a report from The Travelers Insurance Companies. Last year excessive speed was involved in more than 18,000 fatalities on America's highways.

This Godless Age

By Charles J. Bachman

"If any one is ashamed of me and mine in this wicked and godless age, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father and of the holy angels" (Mark 8:38 New English Bible).

It is appalling, and yet prophetic fulfillment, that we have become so intellectual that we no longer need God. We not only are confronted with the outright rejection of God, but also the doubtings of religious people, supposed leaders in the churches, who have become so suddenly intellectual as to question "if" and "who" and "where" is God. The joy of the old fashioned gospel that brought men so close to the very presence of God, is now relegated to those who are "ignorant" or "passe." How often the gospel of salvation is replaced with the "new social gospel." After all, was not our Savior the greatest psychologist; did He not understand the social need of His day, and did He not attack the problem with His power?

Our Savior was, indeed, the greatest psychologist this world has ever seen. And why not? Did He not take part in man's creation, and having made man, why should it be thought strange that He understood His creatures and their needs. And evidently man's greatest need was a true knowledge of God. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (2 Cor. 5:19).

At the very foundation of all our needs, spiritual, physical, or social, is this "reconciling" of ourselves to God. We must first believe that "He is." Instead we hear so much of the philosophy that "all things continue as they were" (2 Pet. 3:4). All about us is this new form of existentialism, permeating all religious thought, urging conformity to this new found freedom from God. It drives God into the outer reaches of space so far removed from us that we no longer need know that He lives, loves, cares, and in the combination of all three, extends His loving arms, outstretched, waiting to receive us and redeem us from ourselves.

All of our effort to help ourselves is much like trying to stave off a flood with a sponge. If we were truly "reconciled" to God; if we believed all the Bible reveals about Him; if we were even half the good Christians we think we are, then there would be no need for the new social gospel, and its sponge-like activities. If we were filled with the Spirit of God, exuberating with His love, all men would be our brothers. There would be no separating of peoples. In this oneness the gospel would prove itself! The truth about ourselves is the opposite. We are not Christian; we do not know God; we build walls of separation within our own societies and are very class conscious. Yet we have the audacious nerve to believe that our greater intelligence is bringing about a better society. The course of our greater intelligence is a reverting one, backward, not forward!

In order to go forward, we must conform more and more to the will of God. He is the source of all life, wisdom, and matter. In the eternity of His Being is the answer to every unsolved problem.

One of the most evident problems of concern today is our youth. Taking this as an example, why are our youth the way they are? Because we the older generation have made them that way. Why are the youth called the "lost generation" in the eyes of the church? Because people of the older generation are half-hearted in their expression of belief in God. Their deeds for Him are not an example to the youth.

Why are our youth so immoral? Because the older generation refused to accept the teachings of God concerning morality. Why do our youth sit around bemoaning the fact that there is no future? Because we of the older, delinquent, generation have given them no future to look forward to. By denying the power and presence of God in their own lives, the older generation has failed in its teaching and example to give the youth any hope for the future.

Of what avail is all our profession, all our concern, all our super knowledge, if by the lack of faith in God the great Creator, we daily take backward steps

into the oblivion of the darkening religious jungle?

Surely we are a part of that "wicked and godless age." It matters not if our church memberships are up, our attendance is up. The great and most important question is this—is our belief and faith in God growing more each day? The question is in order to every minister, or so-called minister, of the gospel. The question is, what is your relationship to God; how much do you believe; what kind of an example do you set; can we see Christ in you, our minister, and if not, why not; are you still reaching out as Christ did to reconcile men to their God? If not, why not? The same questions apply to every professing church member. No one who professes the name of Christ is free from the responsibility to not only believe, but also to speak and do that revealed will of God. If we honestly and truly *did* the will of God, we would not be "wicked" nor "godless."

How the heart of God must ache! He loved us so much He was willing to give His Son to die in order that we might be reconciled to Him. And despite this sacrifice, each generation finds us wandering farther away, dropping farther back into oblivion, deeper into the spiritual darkness that surrounds those who depart from His very presence. And departing we surely are. Despite all our ambitions and goals, and professions and intelligence, we are more and more retrogressing instead of progressing spiritually. Surely "too much knowledge" is driving us mad with problems we are unable to solve. Whereas, the simple solution is truly "simple" for He says, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). So very simple is the solution to the problems of the world. The only obstacle to this solution is we—ourselves, and our opinion of ourselves.

May you whose hearts ache for this "godless age," take consolation in the knowledge that God's heart also aches, and He stands ready to understand and comfort *you*. "Come unto me," He says, "and I will give you rest."

First Mideast War Relief

Church representatives journeyed to Kennedy Airport June 23 to see off an emergency shipment of aid to victims of the Mideast fighting. Church World Service, acting in response to a call from the World Council of Churches, chartered a cargo plane and dispatched ten tons of vital materials to Amman, Jordan. Shipment included tents, vitamins, powdered milk, blankets and clothing. CWS is seeking \$1,000,000 to alleviate suffering in the areas affected by the fighting.



Those pictured here are representatives of at least six denominations.

The CWS Clothing Appeal seeks to collect 5 million pounds of lightweight clothing and blankets this year. It operates ten Clothing Centers and a fleet of trucks which make the rounds of clothing depots at least twice a year. The Centers and the trucks are maintained for Church World Service by the Brethren Service Commission.

CWS Clothing Centers will no longer issue receipts for clothing or send individual receipts and reminders on poundage money after September 1, 1967.

Denominational tabulation was discontinued earlier this year.

Church World Service will continue to request 10¢ per pound of contributed clothing to cover costs of handling and processing.

This would be a fine old world if all men showed as much patience all the time as they do when waiting for a fish to bite.

A Family Letter from Makapwa

(This is a portion of letter dated June 15, 1967, written by Mrs. Victor Burdick to her family and friends in America.)

Today is a day to be inside; there is a cold wind and mist outside. So I guess that winter time for us here is on the way. It has been lovely here until yesterday, even on the rather warm side, up to 90 on Monday afternoon. Tuesday was a lovely day, for which we were grateful, for that was the day we had chosen for Vicky's birthday party. We had his class here for a picnic. There were eighteen children, and Mrs. Lyon from Lajenda Estate came. We used the new Conference Room, decorated it, and borrowed the long table that was once in the print shop and is now used in the Domestic Science Department. Eighteen chairs just fit around it, so it worked out very nicely. Victor had some games for them and took them all on a walk, to see the river and play on the rocks, and a train came about the time they got back to the school, which was a treat to some.

18th June. How the time has slipped by. We had a very critical patient, a woman with typhoid fever. She has required a lot of care, but the Lord has been good to her, and she is improving with each day. We are all rather sore at this time from injections for typhoid, all except Vicky who had a booster last February. All staff taking care of her have been injected also.

Mark's birthday has come and gone. After the excitement of Vicky's party three days before, we had a quiet affair for him. After school Friday the three of them rode to Blantyre with Mrs. Pillans where Victor met them. They ate out, went to see Saint Andrews School in Blantyre, and ended up visiting the West-ers. (I had planned on going, but stayed because of the woman mentioned above.) Then we had Mark's cake when they returned and a couple of presents from the children, for he had been in the process of opening his other things for a number of days.

Well, our hopes for a piano have vanished. A letter came the other day from the World Council of Churches, saying that the pianos weren't available to them after all. We don't know the entire story, but the Insurance Company either changed its mind, or perhaps the Baldwin Company hadn't their permission, but anyway the pianos are being auctioned off in the States instead. So now the World Council of Churches is left with the work of returning the money to the various people. Guess it was too good to be true anyway.

This letter is getting done rather piece meal. It is Tuesday now. Victor has gone to Blantyre to attend to some legal papers about the Blantyre House that the Missionary Board wanted by the 1st of July. Mark is taking a late morning nap, and I must be cooking dinner (lunch) soon.

We found an ad for a used boy's 20" bicycle for sale on the bulletin board in the Co-op where we buy our groceries. It was a family in Mlanje selling it, and after a phone call we found it was still for sale. So yesterday someone coming from Mlanje brought the bicycle to one of the estates near Cholo and Victor picked it up when bringing the children home. So Vicky got his belated birthday present.

Our weather has warmed up some since this letter was started, enough so that one afternoon Joanie wanted to go in swimming. So she did, though not for very long. Hasn't asked to go again, however.

Well, the dinner is still waiting, and I wanted to bake a pineapple up-side-down cake, so guess I will finish for this time.

We thank all who have written, it always adds to the day when we have letters from the States.

"Only a program designed to detect, restrain and rehabilitate the alcoholic driver will protect us from the inevitabilities which are now mislabeled accidents."

—Dr. Melvin L. Selzer
University of Michigan

The Red Light

(By Rev. Ralph Hays, pastor of Adams Center - Syracuse Churches.)

The red light means someone is calling the special phone number that starts the tape recorder for a private devotion. We call it Dial-A-Prayer. On April 5, 1967, the Adams Center church put in a phone system to reach into six communities, to the area within the limits of toll-free calls. Anyone calling the Dial-A-Prayer number can hear a two minute message, the number being put in the local newspaper each week, free of charge. The results, seen in the number of calls it has attracted, give us a warm feeling of satisfaction for its worth. Sometimes, as many as 300 calls are answered in one day! It is helping to meet a need in our community. At first, the response of the church was, can we afford it? - at \$22.00 per month. Now, the response is, how did we ever get along without it? You might try it. Call station to station 3-4703 in Adams Center, New York.

Deacon George Crandall 1888-1967

George V. Crandall was a grandson of Rev. James R. Irish, D.D., and a son of George Nicholas and Miranda F. (Irish) Crandall of Hopkinton, R. I. Baptized by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton in October 1909, he became a member of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was called to the diaconate and ordained in 1929. "Brought up in the church," he was faithful in attendance and in the activities of the church throughout his life. For many years he was the efficient moderator of the church.

More than half of George V's life was spent on the farm, near Wyoming, R. I., in the town of Hopkinton where he was born. He served the U. S. Department of Agriculture for twenty-five years, with his office in Wakefield and had his home there.

A member of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, he served as president four years

until illness forced his retirement from the position which he had filled with honor.

Mr. Crandall and Abbie Elizabeth Tucker were married December 21, 1910. After her death he was united in marriage with her sister, Mary Alice Tucker. He is survived by his wife, a son George Donald of Forth Worth, Texas, and by five daughters: Marion, Mrs. William Maloney of Branford, Conn.; Katherine, Mrs. Alfred Gadrow and Ruth, Mrs. Raymond Szymkowicz, both of Wakefield; Hope, Mrs. Harlen Stanley of Narragansett, R., I. and Nancy, Mrs. Edward B. Coulter of Port Clinton, Ohio. He also leaves 14 grandchildren.

The funeral, the Rev. Everett T. Harris and the Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiating, was held at Avery's in Wakefield, March 29. Burial was in the Rockville Cemetery.

H. R. C.

Secondhand Religion

Congressmen sometimes have a handed down religion but none of their own, which is also true of many who never get into public life.

Back in 1832 Senator Henry Clay was fearful of the "Asiatic cholera" and proposed a resolution to appoint a joint committee of Congress to request the President to recommend a day "of public humiliation, prayer and fasting." He wanted "fervent supplications to Almighty God" that "He will avert from (this nation) the Asiatic scourge." But Senator Clay was no model churchman. His honesty required him to explain, "I am a member of no religious sect. I am not a professor of religion." He said he respected the religion of his father, so he now sponsored a resolution for prayer! How typical! Those who know religion simply as heritage may well move in its favor through government. Clay's resolution lost, for some dared to vote against "God."

—C. Emanuel Carlson.

Tract Board Considers Year's Work

On Sunday afternoon, July 9, some twenty members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society, along with two or three visitors, gathered in the Board Room of the headquarters building at Plainfield for the important quarterly meeting which, among other things, could consider the reports making up the annual statement to General Conference. Rev. and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, both involved in important committees, drove back from their new pastorate in western New York state to participate in the meeting. Carlton W. Wilson, a faithful member from Philadelphia, died suddenly a few days before the meeting.

The work of the board for the past quarter was reviewed in detail through reports of committees and officers and action taken to further the work in the next quarter. The editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* told of the good response to solicited articles for special emphasis issues and included a report of his 30-day vacation trip to Europe, with its educational opportunities. The corresponding secretary noted a larger number of letters than usual and a tract distribution of over 20,000 (higher than other quarters). The Sabbath Promotion Committee noted the good response to the Sabbath Rally Day material sent out and the new calls for assistance in advertising and in renting booths at state and local fairs—calls that will tax the funds available for such work. The Audio-Visual Aids Committee has on hand as a gift of the American Bible Society a large number of Finger-Fono machines and Bible records, about two-thirds of which will be sent to Malawi in cooperation with the Missionary Board and the rest reserved for possible use in Jamaica and Guyana. This and the filmstrip ministry will draw heavily on the budget in the months ahead although expenses up to the present have been less than usual.

The status of the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House was reported by the

Supervisory Committee. The report was good. Deadlines for regular publications such as the *Sabbath Recorder* have been met. The *Helping Hand* printing is months ahead of previous deadlines. The committee notes that at the present the income from denominational work done is somewhat above the amount spent in operating the print shop. A good degree of efficiency has been maintained, thanks partly to dedicated service and extra time contributed by denominational workers in the front office.

A major item of repair was voted by a special meeting of the board in June. There had been trouble during the winter with the big furnace that heated the publishing house. Heating engineers reported that the two buildings could be heated more efficiently with one new furnace. With the cooperation of the trustees of General Conference (responsible for the Seventh Day Baptist Building) and the Memorial Board, a new furnace is being installed at a cost of about \$6,000. This progress was reported at the July 9 meeting, following a meeting of the Memorial Board that morning. (The Memorial Fund is providing for the new heating equipment.)

The four-hour meeting of the board showed that the general work of the Society is moving forward and that its service to the world-wide work of Seventh Day Baptists may be expected to be pushed forward with vigor. The publication of tracts has kept ahead of distribution and will be increased to meet future needs.

Conference Choir Rehearsal

The Conference choir director, Miss Lois Wells, who submitted the music notice found in the July 10 issue, wants the prospective choir members to know that there will be a preliminary rehearsal on Sunday evening, August 13 from 6:30 to 8:00. Those who have sung under the direction of Lois Wells in previous years agree that it is a tremendous experience and that rehearsals are really important.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Leadership Development

Leadership Development and the Workers' Conference by Mary Alice Douty Edwards is a comprehensive look at the whole field of development, enlistment, and training of leaders in Christian Education.

Published May 8, 1967 by Abingdon Press, the book contains 224 pages and sells for \$4.50.

In Part I, the author sets forth a philosophy of leadership development and offers suggestions for recruitment of new leaders, leadership training classes, and other aspects of leadership education. Part II gives plans and ideas for ten workers' conferences which may be adapted to the needs of any local church.

Dr. Edwards looks on leadership in the church as a response to the gospel, the right and joy of every Christian. She emphasizes leadership functions on a broad range within groups as well as official administrative leadership.

Leadership Development and the Workers' Conference will be of great help to local committees of Christian education.

Family Book List

(The Committee on Family Life of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education offers you the following list of books that you might purchase for your home or church library.)

CHILDREN:

The Broken Vase, by P. P. Meek. John Knox Press, \$1.45.

Let's Be Friends, by Bernice Bryant. Children's Press, Inc., \$2.50.

The Lord's Prayer, Mary Alice Jones Rand McNally, \$2.00.

No Fighting, No Biting! by E. H. Minarik. Harper, Row. \$1.95.

Martin Luther King: The Peaceful Warrior, by E. T. Clayton. Prentiss Hall, \$3.50.

People of the Way, by Edith J. Agnew. Westminster Press. \$1.25.

The Quarreling Book, by Charlotte Zolotow. Harper and Row, \$1.95.

Growing Up In the Family, Eleanor and Truman Morrison. United Church Press, \$1.95.

The Bobby Richardson Story, by Bobby Richardson. Revell Co., \$3.95; paper, 60¢.

Why Am I Here? Where Am I Going? by Letha Scanzoni. Revell Co., \$2.95; paper, \$1.00.

—Hearthstone Magazine, July-August, 1967.

YOUTH

The first issue of *YOUTH* has been published. *YOUTH* is a bi-monthly publication for the young people and interested adults. It is printed FOR our youth and written BY our youth. Misses Nancy Brannon and Andrea Crandall are the editors.

YOUTH is a day-by-day devotional booklet to be used by the youth of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination for developing the devotional life, for a consciousness of other Seventh Day Baptist youth who are uniting in this endeavor, and as an avenue of self-expression of devotional thought.

Assistance is given by leaders and ministers in writing articles for selected time periods. Articles come from all over the earth.

Miss Nancy Brannon, R #1, Freeville, N. Y. 13268, will accept devotional thoughts, poems, or short stories for consideration and use in *YOUTH*.

If you have not had access to a copy, write Miss Brannon.

Youth Pre-Con Registrations

Registrations for Pre-Con are coming in. As of July 10, 46 pre-registrations had been received for girls and 60 is the total which can be accommodated. There is still room for 23 boys.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 5, 1967

THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD
Lesson Scripture: Acts 17:22-31.

Plight of Jews in Arab Lands

(Submitted by Rex Zwiebel)

Morris B. Abram, President of the American Jewish Committee, said on June 23 that among the innocent victims of the current crisis in the Middle East are thousands of Jews living in the Arab countries, whose plight has ranged from harassment to death.

Mr. Abram's comment accompanied the issuance by the committee of a country-by-country summary of the situation among approximately 100,000 Jews in the United Arab Republic, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Syria, Algeria, Lebanon, Aden, and Iraq.

Mr. Abram added that the committee had brought the plight of the Jews of North Africa to the attention of such international bodies as the International Red Cross, and that investigations were under way.

The Jewish population of Egypt is about 2,500, with an estimated 1,500 in Cairo and 1,000 in Alexandria. Many are stateless. The Jewish community is currently in a state of terror.

According to reports from the American Jewish Committee's European Office, *The New York Times* of June 14 and 15, 1967, and other reliable sources, about 600 Jews have been jailed in the Abouzabel prison near Cairo and the La Barrage prison near Alexandria.

Most Jews taken into custody were beaten; one man had both hands broken. For at least two days, they received only crusts of bread in the Cairo jail; in Alexandria no food at all.

In Libya the situation of the Jew is said to be very grave.

According to the Italian newspaper, *Corriere della Sera*, June, 1967, 16 Jews in Tripoli were thrown to their death from rooftops and balconies and a Jewish bus driver was burned to death in his bus.

Virtually all the Jewish shops in Tripoli were burned and looted. Thereafter, mobs set fire to Jewish apartments.

It is estimated that there are still some 4,000 Jews in Syria.

According to a report published in the June 9, 1967, issue of *Adalet* (Ankara, Turkey), 200 Jews in Kameshli (Qamishli), Syria, were detained and 57 were killed by mobs, mainly of young Syrians, who attacked them.

The survey states that the plight of the Jews in some other Arab countries is very bad; in some not so bad.

2,000 at C. E. Convention

"Jesus Christ demands and Jesus Christ has a right to be Master and Lord of every life," declared Rev. F. Rupert Gibson of Belfast, Northern Ireland, when he addressed delegates at the opening session of the 49th International Christian Endeavor Convention at Detroit, July 3.

In his keynote message Mr. Gibson, who is vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and superintendent of the Irish Mission of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, lifted up the new biennial theme of the movement, "Jesus Christ Is Lord." More than two thousand delegates participated in the convention sessions, which were held at Cobo Hall.

Speaking of the new theme, Mr. Gibson said, "It matters not whether a man is an Episcopalian, or a Methodist, or a Presbyterian, or a Baptist. What really matters is whether he is established in the Rock which is Jesus Christ. This is the true Church and herein lies the unity of the Church."

A special feature of the Friday evening session, July 7, was the presentation of International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation to Jerome Hines, world renowned Metropolitan Opera basso. Mr. Hines addressed the delegates that evening.

"After all, if the church is not to act as a troubled conscience, who will? If the church remains silent in the face of war and poverty and injustice, who will speak?"—Sen. C. H. Percy (R., Ill.)

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SALEMVILLE, PA.— The Salemville church has been so busy the past several months that we haven't had time to report any news.

There has been a good deal of sickness but our attendance has kept up very well.

Pastor John A. Conrod served our church once a month until the close of the seminary year. He, with his wife and sons, made the trip from Philadelphia. The Sabbaths that Pastor Conrod was not with us, some laymen or an organization had charge of worship services.

We have remodeled our sanctuary, paneling the sides, constructing a suspended ceiling, and adding a vestibule. The pews were shortened to add side aisles. Much credit is due to the trustees for getting behind the job and shoving the work along. Other members have assisted. You could see women and little girls with paint brushes doing their bit. The new carpet was donated by a faithful church member and his wife.

During the remodeling we met in the annex of our church. While the painting was in progress we met in the church of the Brethren one Sabbath and with the members of the Brick Church another. The members of the Brick Church met with us two Sabbaths during the winter.

The Live Branch Class of the Sabbath School is active. They have sponsored a sale and several socials.

At Pastor and Mrs. Conrod's last Sabbath with us (May 13), he held a Rededication Service which was very touching. In closing each one took a step forward to the front of the church and rededicated his life to being a better Christian and to better serving the church. The church presented a blanket to the Conrod family as a going-away gift and the Conrod family presented to the church a beautiful set of flower vases.

We are planning a joint missioner meeting with the Brick Church in the future. The Rev. David Pearson will be the guest speaker.

Pastor and Mrs. John Camenga of Salem College are located in the parsonage

for the summer months. On May 30, the two Seventh Day Baptist churches honored the high school graduates with a banquet at the Fire Hall at Loysburg. The Rev. Charles Graffius was master of ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rice entertained the group.

The Women's Society meets once a month in different homes. They have donated some money for the remodeling of the church.

Pastor and Mrs. Camenga treated the youth fellowship to a weiner roast on the parsonage lawn Saturday evening, June 10, with eighteen enjoying the evening.

Since the treasury of the church was low in funds from the remodeling project, the youth fellowship decided to help pay their way to Camp Shellyville, W. Va. A car wash on June 9 and a bake sale on June 14 provided enough to pay their way to camp. Nine from our church and eight from the Seventh Day Baptist Brick Church attended. Mrs. Lois Fletcher and Mrs. Camenga were counselors; Mrs. Robert Kagarise assisted with the cooking; Robert Kagarise was manager and handyman, and Pastor Camenga had charge of the vesper and campfire services.

We are looking forward to entertaining the Southeastern Association in 1968 with Mrs. Lois Fletcher as moderator.

—Correspondent.

FARINA, ILL.—Former pastor Wayne Maxson on vacation from his library work at Temple University spent a few days here in mid-June and visited some of our shut-in members. Pastor Carlos McSparin of the Old Stone Fort Church has assisted in some of our services. Deacon Stanley Crandall and Deaconess Alta Diss were named by our church to sit on the ordination council for Pastor McSparin at Stonefort July 8. He was asked to conduct the communion service at Farina the Sabbath following his ordination. The semiannual business meeting was scheduled for the afternoon of July 15, following a basket lunch.

—Gleaned from "Heart and Mind" the Farina Church quarterly Newsletter.

The Sabbath Recorder

SECOND HOPKINTON, R. I.— The meeting house has been freshly painted white with green shutters by Kenneth Kenyon and his son John from Alfred, N. Y. We are especially grateful to have the painting done at this time because four SCSC workers are conducting Vacation Bible School at our church from July 5 through July 14. The team began on June 26 a week of visitation throughout Hopkinton village and they report a warm reception with about thirty children interested in attending Bible School.

Sabbath, July 1, we not only had our wonderful SCSC workers plus local visitors at our service, but we also were privileged to have Missionary Pearson and his family with us. Pastor Pearson opened his message with an appeal for young men to enter the ministry. "Some people drive around in Fords and Chevrolets," he said, "but why not have the best?—Be a preacher!" He cited the experiences of two African nationals to illustrate what Christianity has accomplished in Africa and why Christianity is needed in Africa: "An African Christian rescued from a crocodile-infested river a man who was attempting to kill him—that's what Christianity can do! . . . One of our own Seventh Day Baptist African leaders narrowly escaped being framed as an evil witch by followers of witchcraft. . . . The need for Christianity is still great in Africa!" After the service, the church folk and visitors enjoyed a picnic supper.

In June, the ministers' association of three neighboring towns sponsored a church census. Our church is the only one in the village, and Mrs. Lawrence Kenyon was in charge of the census for Hopkinton village. The workers found the visiting very satisfying, and were surprised to find so many un-

churched families in Hopkinton. We are hopeful that this summer's SCSC work will stimulate continuing response to our church from the villagers. We are thankful that our sister churches as Westerly and Ashaway have made it possible for these dedicated and enthusiastic young people to help us at Second Hopkinton.

—Correspondent.

NOTICE:

The Milton church will make the facilities of Camp Wakonda available to Seventh Day Baptists traveling to and from General Conference the weeks of August 7 and 20. Persons desiring to avail themselves of these facilities should contact Truman G. Lippincott, 121 Dunn St., Milton, Wis. 53563

Accessions

MILTON, WIS.

By Letter:

Don Sanford
Ihou (Mrs. Don) Sanford
Donna Sanford
Douglas Sanford
Dean Sanford

Marriages

Marzahl-Smitley.—Leslie D. Marzahl son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Marzahl of Milton, Wis., and Virginia Beth Smitley, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Smitley of Milton, were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton on June 24, 1967, by Rev. Earl Cruzan.

Obituaries

CRANDALL.—George Vincent, son of George Nicholas and Miranda F. (Irish) Crandall, was born in the town of Hopkinton, R. I., April 10, 1888. He died at Wakefield, R. I., March 26, 1967. (A more extended obituary of Deacon Crandall appears elsewhere in this issue).



A Scene from Israel

As the world struggles with the new problems of the Middle East Israel throws open the doors to tourists who may now visit all the places held sacred by Jews and Christians. This view is of the Ramla Tower near Tel Aviv.