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Obituaries

CARPENTER.— Stelle Harriet, daughter of Nathan D. and Minnie McLearn Maxon, was born in Walworth, Wis., Aug. 26, 1886, and died July 24, 1966, in Los Angeles, Calif.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Walworth from 1902 until 1916, in Battle Creek from 1916 to 1953, and in Los Angeles until her death.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Walters, Edgerton, Miss Harriet Carpenter, San Jose, Calif.; a son, Harold Walters, Burbank, Calif.; a brother, Dr. Earl Maxon, Western Springs, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Hoy, Chicago, and Mrs. Rhue Osborn, Las Vegas, Nev.; a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church Oct. 29, with her pastor officiating. Burial services for her cremated remains were held Oct. 20, at the Walworth Cemetery with Rev. A. A. Appel of

the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church officiating.
—M. G. S.

CRANDALL.— Oliver Lyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Crandall, was born in Walworth, Wis., Feb. 13, 1899, and died Sept. 17, 1966, in El Monte, Calif.

He attended Milton College and was graduated from Kalamazoo State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, Mich. For many years he worked at the Battle Creek Sanatorium as a lab technician.

He married to Carrie Bestol of Marshall, Mich., who preceded him in death. The couple moved to El Monte, Calif. He worked at the White Memorial Hospital until his retirement.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Arthur Rohweder, Janesville, Wis.; also six nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Simons Mortuary Chapel, Riverside, Calif., with his pastor officiating. Burial was in Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside.
—M. G. S.

HURLEY.— Rev. Loyal F., son of Theodore S. and Alta Mae Van Horn Hurley, was born at Garwin, Iowa, Aug. 23, 1886, and died in an automobile accident in Maryland while returning to his home in Adams Center, N. Y., July 24, 1967.

He is survived by: his two adopted children, Mrs. Curtis (Miriam) Charles of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Mack (Juanita) Ballard of St. Helens, Ore.; a brother Frank of Milton, Wis., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Adams Center church with the Rev. Delmer Van Horn and the Rev. Ralph Hays officiating. (A tribute appears on page 14 of this issue.)

LOFTIS.— Clara, daughter of I. J., and Anna Scriven, was born June 13, 1879, in New York state and died April 27, 1967, in Hermosa Beach, Calif.

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

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

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



Conference Program Personalities

President Lewis H. V. May, M.D. (at the right) arranged the program of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference held August 14-19 at Calvin Collège, Grand Rapids, Mich. He remains on the Commission one more year to preserve continuity. Beside him is Rev. Hugh Vernon White, theologian, lecturer, who spoke every day. Second from the left is Rev. Wayne R. Rood, Professor of Religious Education at Pacific School of Religion who was the daily worship leader, youth discussion leader and stage manager. On the left is Rev. Albert N. Rogers, song leader (Precentor) who had several other responsibilities.

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Whither Bound?

Contradictory trends in the government's attitude toward the support of religion cannot help but leave the average person a bit bewildered and the well informed champions of separation of church and state more than a little frustrated.

What did the Supreme Court say about prayer and Bible reading in state supported schools? Some people think the court only banned required prayer and Bible reading. Dr. Clyde Taylor in *Action* says that the court went much further, saying in effect, "If it's religious it is wrong." This is correct. Bible reading as a religious act in public schools has been declared unconstitutional. Students may pray privately and classes may study the Bible as literature. There ought not to be any further confusion about this.

The confusion and consternation come when certain states (New York in particular) move toward wiping out the distinctions between private and public schools, making the state pay the costs of parochial schools either by meeting student tuition or by direct payment to the sectarian schools. This in effect allows Bible reading, prayer and compulsory sectarian instruction in some tax-supported schools while it is unconstitutional in other tax-supported schools. Quite naturally the question arises, "Whither bound?"

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United cries out against this New York action that pays the cost of all education, public and private. In the paragraphs below he suggests also that this new capitulation to church pressure stems from the current ecumenical mood. This is a turn of events that many did not anticipate in the present climate of Catholic-Protestant dialogue. Listen to the cry of Dr. Archer, who is working so hard to keep the country from going past the point of no return in giving public assistance to denominational schools and colleges.

"The decisions of a committee of the New York Constitutional Convention to scuttle that state's constitutional protection against the tax for religion is a disgraceful capitulation to clerical pressure.

Apparently, New York taxpayers are now to be saddled with the cost of sectarian schools 94 per cent of which are Roman Catholic.

"History records many examples of people who were deprived of their freedom by force. Here the people seem prepared to give up their freedom without a struggle. In the current ecumenical mood they are being mesmerized into acquiescence. It seems incredible that this cynical plot should succeed. How ironical it is that Catholic leaders should now seek to expunge the very provision which in the past protected them from having to pay taxes for Protestant indoctrination in the schools. They seek its deletion so that they may compel Protestants to pay for Catholic indoctrination.

"If this plot succeeds our citizens will suffer a severe curtailment of their religious freedom. Indeed, the separation of church and state itself hangs in the balance, gravely jeopardized by churchmen who want the taxpayers to pay their bills."

Impressions of Conference

Dr. Lewis H. V. May, who brought his presidency to culmination with the August 14-19 session of General Conference at Grand Rapids, had emphasized during the year the theme "Open Your Hearts, Loving." This theme dominated the annual gathering from beginning to end and was demonstrated in a president-sponsored show of brotherly affection after the final benediction.

People felt that it had been a good Conference, both in the unique aspects of the program and the free, but orderly conducting of the business. There were some complicated procedural problems where two or more committees were making recommendations relative to the same report, but the president got the Conference through them in an admirably unruffled manner. Seldom has there been need for so many standing votes, but the delegates seemed well satisfied

with the handling and with the outcome of some fairly close decisions.

The 1967 session of Conference was unique in many ways. Not everybody was satisfied with the president's decision to have all the evening messages and the Sabbath morning sermon presented by one man, Dr. Hugh Vernon White, a veteran theologian of 76 who was on the staff of the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, Calif., for many years. Whether or not they approved the plan, or agreed with all the theological positions of the speaker, your editor believes that the majority of the delegates were stimulated by the deep thinking called for by the lectures of a man who had come to new convictions about important doctrinal questions late in life. Folks were impressed with his sincerity, his humility, his perceptiveness, his high view of God and the supernatural. Ministers, in particular, who had him in an encounter group each day, got to probe the reasons for the positions he held. He exemplified in a remarkable degree the Christian love around which the theme was built.

Probably the most unique thing about the program was what President May called the encounter groups. All delegates and visitors were assigned to some twenty-five small groups, remaining in the same discussion group throughout the week. There will be an article on this aspect of Conference by another writer. These groups had no relation to the committee structure for handling the business, which was about the same as usual. Words of approval were heard on the experiences of the encounter groups.

The president tried a new experiment in the presentation of the work of our major denominational boards and agencies. Ordinarily the Missionary, Tract, Christian Education and Women's Boards are given time as needed to present their past and ongoing work each on a different day. This year President May moderated on Monday afternoon a ninety-minute panel in which these four boards and the Ministerial Training Center presented first their projects for the year and later their needs. This made a

short, but unified, presentation of the greater part of our denominational outreach. On Thursday the same or other representatives of these boards and agencies were again called to the platform to present their dreams for the future in a one-hour presentation moderated by General Secretary Wheeler. The only written presentation, that of the Women's Board, may appear in a later issue of this periodical.

Several other things about Conference were different this year. Perhaps most noteworthy was the continuity of worship leadership and the smaller number of people involved in that leadership. Dr. Wayne Rood of the Berkeley School of Religion led a thirty-minute worship period at nine o'clock each morning which was almost entirely composed of Scripture reading, done in a dramatic way. Perhaps we can have a separate article on this later. It drew an unusually large attendance each day. Almost everyone, it seemed, was there. Contributing to the punctual and large attendance was the processional of the Boulder Bell Ringers, a group of eight brightly robed young folks with handbells who gathered up a considerable following as they proceeded from the dining hall to the platform of the auditorium under the direction of Mrs. Elmo F. Randolph. The interesting story of their origin, training and concert tour of churches will be told later.

With a flair for the new and the dramatic, Dr. May arranged for the presentation on several evenings of some unusual dramatic readings, scriptural and contemporary, in the worship period. Articles emphasizing how similar things might be done in local churches (as some of these were) have been promised for these pages.

The "Love Feast" announced for the supper hour on Sabbath Eve was something quite new and unexpected. Advertised as a family hour, the families were seated at the large round tables instead of picking up their food in the cafeteria lines. The food brought to the tables and passed around was similar to that served

at a Jewish passover supper. There was a platter of sliced roast lamb, a plate with two flat discs of unleavened bread, a bowl of dried fruit (raisins, dates, and figs). Also on the table were glasses of grape juice and a dish of olives and celery. This was the somewhat frugal meal. The program at the dinner hour included an emphasis on our family and denominational heritage and a tribute to Rev. Loyal F. Hurley by Rev. Albert Rogers (which had previously been sent to the *Sabbath Recorder* for publication).

Space fails us to tell in this one article of the other unusual features of this year's Conference program. The highlights of the business and the changes in next year's budget will be told. Pictures were taken by Fred Ayars with a press camera and a few by the editor with his Polaroid to preserve some of the things that can be presented to our readers in visual form.

Conference in Brief, Very Brief

Attendance was good. Registration of delegates and visitors up to the time the Credentials Committee reported on Friday was 499, which was swelled to 538 the next day. Sabbath morning attendance was probably above 600. The morning offering for Our World Mission was \$2,167 (including \$290 from Women's Board sales at Conference). It was reported on Sabbath night that special offerings from the churches reported by mail and phone were \$1,938 and pledges \$1,484, making a total reported for the day of \$5,589.

Rev. David S. Clarke, as expected, was elevated from first vice-president to president. Other nominations brought the election of Leland Bond as first vice-president and member of Commission. The other new member of Commission is the Rev. Paul B. Osborn. The new president announced as the theme for 1967-68, "Yoked in Mission" as we "Face Frontiers with Faith."

Pictures, stories, and program reports will be featured in the next few issues of the *Recorder*.

Church Camping

We do not have a comprehensive story of Seventh Day Baptist youth camps for the summer of 1967. Some of the statistics will appear later in the *Yearbook*. It can safely be affirmed that few denominations were earlier in the provision of camp facilities than ours. Few, if any, have had as high a percentage of children and youth enrolled in their own camping programs as we have had this year. Thus it can be said that we are investing our money and the talents of our church, association, board, and Conference leadership in the training of youth for service. This has been a good year, we believe, for Seventh Day Baptist church camping.

Some of our camps have served youth who have little opportunity to mingle with young folks of other churches. This is true of many camps and particularly true of Camp Joy in West Virginia. An effort was made to get some of the underprivileged youth from the Crites Mountain Mission to the camp which was held at the 4-H campground at Shelby, W. Va. The accompanying pictures of a vesper service at the camp show youth con-



ducting a vesper service—characteristic of most camps—and Clifford Beebe, one of our older pastors and summer pastor of the Crites Mountain Mission, talking to a group of young folks at a vesper service. Camp Joy had an attractive poster at Conference with pictures showing some of the activities. The pictures are from that poster. They illustrate all Seventh Day Baptist camping of the East, the West, the North and South, and the middle country. Later there will be a story of the Pre-Con youth camp and the larger-than-usual Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat.

A Tribute of Love

"If I speak with the eloquence of men and of angels, but have no love I become no more than blaring brass or crashing cymbal. If I have the gift of foretelling the future and hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but the very secrets of God, and if I also have that absolute faith which can move mountains, but have no love I amount to nothing at all. If I dispose of all that I possess, yes, even if I give my own body to be burned, but have no love, I achieve precisely nothing."

This points up the centrality of love in Christ and in the Christian faith. Yet we, having eyes see not, and hearing hear not, neither do we understand. Dr. Pete May has also pointed up the centrality of Christian love in this year past by his theme, by his insistence on personal experience in encounter groups, by personal example, and by precedent in his farewell to Conference 1967. We love you too, Pete May. Continue to help us to love our Lord, each other, the unloveable.

Father God, help us to love and to share Your love in all that we do. In the name of Jesus we ask it. Amen.

Ray R. Froding.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 16, 1967

ACTING ON FAITH IN CRISIS

Lesson Scripture: Acts 27: 21-26, 33-38.

Conference Involves Eating

When people write about Conference they do not often say much about what happened three times a day, every day—eating together. Calvin College has a spacious cafeteria-style dining room very conveniently located. Delegates enjoyed their meals because the food was good and there was ample opportunity for choice of table companions. The dining room was well patronized. A majority of the delegates appeared to have meal tickets for the week. Our own people, mostly connected with the host churches, checked the tickets and took the cash for meals bought on a day-by-day basis.



When this picture was snapped most of the people had already entered the dining room. Don and Carolyn Gray with the wheelchair bring up the rear. Mrs. Gray found the rented wheelchair more convenient for the distances between buildings.



Ernest Bond, recording secretary, who spent long hours typing up Conference minutes is shown here in a happy mood with his wife and daughter-in-law Susan Davis Bond. Susie's husband barely shows beside her. He felt that

the Lord's hand must have been in his last-minute opportunity to get a furlough at Conference time. Others in the picture may be recognized by some.



It was family night at the cafeteria. The editor hadn't intended to print this picture of his relatives who were at Conference and at his family table, but it seems to be made up. Most of these young folks had never been at Conference and were thrilled with the experience. In the group are Mrs. Maltby, Mrs. Shippee (a niece) from Adams Center, N. Y., with two of her children, also Beatrice Maltby, another niece, from Adams Center and her twin sister's daughter (extreme right). Three other young folks from the Alfred Station church who came from Scio, N. Y., are grandchildren of the editor's mother's sister.

Annual Meetings

Annual Meeting of Missionary Society

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church at Westerly, R. I., Sept. 17, at 2 p.m.

Annual Meeting of Tract Society

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society and the quarterly meeting of its Board of Trustees will meet in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., Sunday, September 17, at 2 p.m.

Board of Christian Education

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held on September 17, 1967, in the Parish House of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. All qualified members of the corporation are urged to attend.

She thanks God that He has been able to use her in the winning of souls

First Results in Soul Winning

By Evelyn Gibson, Riverside, Calif.

My life has been changed as, for the first time, I have begun to experience results from my witness for Christ. I am glad to give my testimony for the benefit of readers of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

I was born into a Christian home where God's Word was diligently taught, and at a very early age I learned of God's love and became aware of my personal need to invite Jesus into my life, which I did.

In the years that have followed I loved to talk about Christ among Christians, but I didn't know how to share Him with other friends and I didn't want to be offensive.

In February I heard Dr. William R. Bright speak at a leadership training session about witnessing. He said he had rarely seen anyone reject Jesus when presented properly. He made it sound so easy and natural to share Christ that I could hardly wait to try it. I wrote to Dr. Bright's office at Campus Crusade for Christ for some of the materials which he described, and in the reply came a folder telling about their Lay Institutes for Evangelism. When my husband, Norm, saw the folder, he said, "Sure, Honey, you deserve a vacation. Go ahead and register. I'll see that the children are cared for."

I took a week off and arrived at Arrowhead Springs. What an enlightening thing it was to see God use our inexperienced fumbings to bring people to trust Christ! I learned that the Holy Spirit within provides power to witness, and I asked Him to fill me to bear fruit for His glory. I thank God for teaching me that when we abide in Him and obey, He will produce the fruit.

The first day I returned to work, three secretaries prayed to receive Christ in the ladies' lounge, the next day another. The next day a systems engineering manager, then two more managers, then two male administrative specialists, made decisions, and so it goes. Because of the

MEMORY TEXT

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever. Psalm 125:2.

interest of some of these employees, we have begun meeting in an unused portion of the office building for Bible study during the lunch hour on Thursdays—an unheard-of thing to be doing in a sophisticated office such as ours!

Our two daughters became anxious to begin Bible study for others their age, so we now have a Good News Club in our home every Thursday evening. Twenty-one bubbly children are enrolled, with an average attendance of sixteen each week.

Christians everywhere, in response to Christ's command, have a sincere desire to share their faith with others. The reason most Christians do not do so is that they do not know *how*. Thousands of Christians have become vital, dynamic and fruitful for Christ as a result of the training provided by Campus Crusade for Christ.

I am thrilled that Al and Kathy Van Dyk of Campus Crusade for Christ agreed to direct an institute at our beloved Pacific Pines Camp over the Labor Day weekend. In addition to the Van Dyks other Campus Crusade for Christ staff members promised to share in this weekend institute. Churches in many parts of the country have experienced phenomenal growth an spiritual blessings as a result of similar institutes.

Planned Parenthood

For the first time in its history the Southern Baptist Convention at its 1967 meeting adopted a resolution on planned parenthood. It commended "judicious use of medically approved methods of planned parenthood to those married couples who desire it and the dissemination of planned parenthood information."

NOTE: This was considerably less pointed than action taken by the American Baptist women who started a drive to buy anti-conception devices for the women of India.

DEDICATED SERVICE PROGRAM

What was the highlight of Conference program? To that question there would be several answers. Certainly one that would receive many votes for top place was the presentation at 2:30 Thursday afternoon by the young people who were involved in dedicated service projects during the summer. Rev. Leon R. Lawton, director of evangelism introduced Becky Butts who then explained the training and team division and called on a representative from each team. We reproduce here part of what she said, the statement of two representatives and the closing prayer.

Said Becky: "What we'll present this afternoon is just a brief experience from each team.

"We met in Salem, West Virginia, in June and began a week's training. There we were blessed by the fellowship of the Salem people and pastor. We were also inspired by five wonderful speakers in chapel.

"When the time came to name the teams, we ran into a brick wall and just began to name them A-B-C-D. This wasn't really too inspiring. Finally we came up with naming the teams with assets or feelings of Christians and decided on: Team *Able, Blessed, Charity, Devout, Earnest, Faith, Grace, Hope, and Inspiration.*"

Sharon Fish of Team Charity

I'm Sharon Fish. Our team was called Charity. Larry Brannon was our captain. We worked in Dodge Center, Minn., this summer. I'm going to tell you about one particular experience we had which seemed to be the most worthwhile of the whole summer and also one of the most heartbreaking.

It was our very first day of calling in West Concord, which is a small community about ten miles or so from Dodge Center. We were pretty discouraged. It was the end of the day and we had knocked on dozens of doors with very little or no results whatsoever. We were about ready to pack up our traps and take off for home. We saw one last

farm house out in the country and we said, "Oh well, we might as well stop and give it a try; it can't hurt anything."

We knocked on this door. A young woman came to the door—invited us in. She said they had just moved from West Virginia a couple of weeks before, had not made many friends yet, had not had any opportunity to meet their neighbors and were just hungry for company. The Darbys had three young boys ages eight, nine and ten and eleven-month-old twins, a boy and a girl. We talked to them and discovered that they weren't too interested in church. They'd had their fill of hypocritical people in churches they had been to before who judged them and wouldn't accept them for what they were, trying to make them into something they wanted them to be.

So we left the door open, or rather, they left the door open for us to come back. We made several return visits—about four or five. We never got around to the subject of religion too much but we felt that in them we had found some friends. We invited their young son to Primary Camp. He had a wonderful time.

Two weeks later—this was our fifth week of calling—we received a telephone call that night from the Darby family saying their young son, the eleven-month-old boy, had just died suddenly; would we please come out to see them. We came out, not knowing what to expect, hoping perhaps that we could give them some words of encouragement or could comfort them in their sorrow. We found that this was a pretty impossible job to do, but we did go, we were there. When they needed us we came, we kind of figured that if we hadn't made that first contact—that contact that we really didn't want to make at all they would have had no one to turn to.

I've found the hardest job I've ever tackled was trying to explain the meaning of life and death and God and suffering to an eleven-year-old boy, who was bitter toward the world and toward God. From this experience I know I've

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MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Pearsons Depart for Blantyre

Following a flight schedule which may be noted in the August 7 issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*, the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and two daughters departed from Kennedy Airport, New York, to London, enroute to Malawi, Africa, on Monday evening, August 21. Their expected time of arrival at Chileka Airport, Blantyre, was Tuesday, August 29.

They were entertained at the home of Secretary Everett T. Harris on a weekend before Conference while attending a special meeting of the African Interests and Executive Committees. Farewells to the Pearsons were expressed at that time as it was anticipated that many Missionary Board leaders would not return from Conference in time to bid them farewell at the New York airport.

Facing Frontiers with Faith

What did we hope to accomplish when we launched the five year Lay Development Program in 1959 at Salem, W. Va., during Conference of that year? As we think back over original aims we may find some help in assessing the results of this program in our churches and in carrying forward the best results into the present five year denominational program, "Facing Frontiers With Faith."

One primary hope and goal was to enlist greater participation by the laity of the churches in the planning and work of the local church. We hoped for growth in grace and knowledge and witnessing power on the part of every member of our churches. And we hoped for growth in the number of churches of our faith in this country and increased membership in the churches.

Did we achieve some measure of success? Or are we to consider the five year Lay Development Program a failure? It can be answered with certainty that even though no spectacular growth resulted numerically, still there was spiritual growth. Dr. Duncan D. MacBryde writes of the place and work of the earnest, witnessing lay members of our churches

that they are "like a spear thrust into the world." The church needs to "sharpen" that spear.

The effort to enlist and develop lay leadership was realized in many churches. This aim was never motivated by any thought of the pastors or ministers shifting their responsibilities to others. Rather, it was motivated by the realization that ministers just cannot do the work of Christ alone in any community, they must have the help of a concerned and informed laity. We are a "priesthood of believers" and our strength lies in a strong and believing laity each one of whom can and will give a strong witness to our common faith.

We may smile over the old story of a pastor who called on a layman to offer prayer and the layman replied, "Pray yourself, that's what we pay you for." But the story should make us sad and not happy. It is a tragic thing when the church can only look to the pastor to offer prayer, especially in the Sabbath School hour which was originally and still should be a layman's organization.

It was the hope then to draw out latent lay leadership in a dozen or more different ways and put more church members to work in our churches. We urged our pastors to remember that it is far better for the ongoing kingdom to put ten men to work than for him to try to do the work of ten men.

Three aspects of the program as it was first presented will be mentioned and will help to decide whether or not the effort was worthwhile.

1) Every church was urged to plan ahead its church program for at least one year. This included building a church calendar, with each church organization telling what its part would be in the total program of the church.

A weekend retreat or at least a special Sabbath afternoon was urged to be taken as a time for planning deliberately and prayerfully together the church program for coming months. Most Seventh Day Baptist churches are now doing this.

2) Another emphasis was upon deepening and enriching the spiritual life of

each church member. A personal growth covenant card was presented to each one to check at the beginning of the year and again at the end of the year. Many tried with God's help to grow: by reading the Bible daily and following daily devotional practices in the home, by attending church and Sabbath School regularly and taking some active part in the work of the church, to seek to win others to Christ, by showing real concern for others, by earning the right to speak for Christ, by being willing and ready to speak for Him.

How can anyone assess growth in this matter? A tree adds a new ring of growth every year of its life. When it ceases to grow it is dead. As individual Christians and as churches of whom Christ is the Head we earnestly seek to grow. Quietly, prayerfully and thoroughly we must study into this matter and resolve to go about those spiritual pursuits that will aid in our spiritual growth.

3) A final emphasis will be mentioned: that of holding "workshop" sessions at the church during several succeeding weeks. These were to be study and discussion sessions, with all church members encouraged to attend. It was urged that these workshop meetings carry through four sessions with a fifth session to be a church business meeting, to consider the "findings" of the previous meetings and to act on any recommendations which might have grown out of the deliberate and prayerful considerations of the church as a group.

In other words, it was urged that these workshop sessions be undertaken in deep and almost desperate earnestness as we considered how we can do a more effective job of being a church of Jesus Christ in today's world. We did not propose that we come together to drink coffee and "talk a good battle." But rather, to wake up to our living vital responsibilities as Christ's men and women in our communities.

Was it all worthwhile? The story is told of the military commander on the field who sent back word to headquarters, "Forces here are strong enough to hold the line but not strong enough to go

forward." Too often this has been the case in our churches and we have been satisfied with it.

If the five year plan for developing lay leadership was not fully effective, it was not because the goals we set were not high and worthy. Now we have another opportunity to move forward under the five year banner, "Facing Frontiers with Faith." We pray earnestly that God will move the hearts of all Seventh Day Baptists to take a more active part in this program, building on that which has gone before.

Protestants Urged to View Africa TV Special September 10

American Protestants established their solid interest in Africa more than a century ago by sending missionaries and monies. Unfortunately, the 100 year old image of Africa has not kept up with its changes.

ABC-TV seeks to dispel some misconceptions about the former Dark Continent in a four hour special scheduled for 7 to 11 p.m., on September 10. This is more than the usual picture of Africa's lions, jungles and dancing tribesmen. Its four hours include hard news and presentation of controversial questions.

ABC devoted more than a year to filming and researching the documentary and has hired actor Gregory Peck to narrate the special. Commentator Howard K. Smith will report on politics.

Preservation of continuity insists the program be presented in its lengthy entirety. It has already been re-scheduled in four hour-long broadcasts at 9:30 a.m., on Sept. 19 and 26, and Oct. 3 and 10.

Should church groups decide to study Africa, the DOM Promotion Section has Africa Fact Sheets prepared on Congo, Nigeria, Tanzania, Burundi, Rhodesia, Zambia, Malawi, South Africa, Ghana and Mozambique. These may be secured from Division of Overseas Ministries, Room 630, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

More Humane Abortion Laws

(From Marriage and Family Life NEWSLETTER — NCC)

Christians are showing increased concern for the more than one million women each year who are forced by our archaic laws to seek illegal abortions.

During the current year, more than a dozen states have considered reforms. The New York State Council of Churches was active, but unsuccessful in supporting the reform bill in that state. Colorado's legislature recently passed a bill providing broader grounds for legal therapeutic abortions.

The American Baptist Convention, meeting in Pittsburgh in May, adopted the following resolution:

"Recognizing the widespread practice of illegal abortion, with its attendant physical dangers and mental anguish, and recognizing that our laws concerning abortion are now being reconsidered in many states and are being confronted by the many moral, social, legal and theological dilemmas, we therefore request that:

- (a) local churches initiate immediate and thorough study of this issue;
- (b) ministerial groups engage in serious study guided by medical, sociological and theological authorities; and
- (c) the Division of Christian Social Concern make available resource materials to assist all study groups.

We further request that:

(a) churches of the American Baptist Convention support legislation in their states to make abortion legal in cases of rape, incest, mental incompetence, or where there is danger to the health of the mother,

(b) findings of local churches, ministerial groups, and other study groups be forwarded to the 1968 Resolutions Committee for their use in formulating a more definitive statement on this subject."

Other national denominations are considering similar resolutions at their forthcoming meetings.

More Community Cooperation In Sex Education

One of the growing trends among the churches is to cooperate with other community agencies, especially the schools, in the development of comprehensive programs of sex education for both parents and youth.

Rather than duplicate each other's efforts and subject matter until the young people begin to feel that it is a "rehash of old stuff," more and more churches are basing their efforts as a supplement and extension of the basic information, including social values, presented by the schools. A recent program at the Congregational Church in Rockville Centre, New York, included a talk by the Chairman of Health Education at the High School to both parents and youth.

Materials Available on Request

From Commission on Family Life, NCC, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y. 10027, the following two items are available free (please send 10¢ each for postage) upon application to this office:

Preparatory Materials on Sex, Marriage and Family prepared for the NCC General Assembly — including a community case study, a survey of typical pastoral counseling situation and an address on sex standards by Dr. Hartz.

The Development of a Family Ministry in the Caribbean by Mary and Harold Brinig. A report of the many projects that have developed throughout the Caribbean area as the result of the Family Life Leadership Training Seminars to which several of our North American leaders have volunteered their services.

FLASH— We have just learned of a good bargain. *Family Life Plays*, formerly list priced at \$6.95 may now be ordered at \$4.00 from Mental Health Materials Center, 104 E. 25th St., New York, N. Y. 10010. This volume contains twelve one-act plays by Nora Stirling on family situations. Excellent parent education material.

Prayer Calendar Suggestions

By Marjorie Burdick

(Written at Conference early on Sunday morning as many were leaving the grounds—a whisper here and there, a song in the air from the voice of a young man and the full moon glowing overhead.)

Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is our joy in the Lord. Praise Him for the spirit of agape love felt by those who were together during the week. Give thanks for the women who could attend—for their cooperation in the various activities. We remember those who had leadership in the many activities—many appearing on programs and in the Conference staffing, and those behind the scenes. We rejoice in the thoughts and prayers of those who could not come.

Join with us in giving thanks for the seven women of the Buffalo Tri-C Women's Society and their idea of helping through donations of items to sell for O.W.M. They contributed much that brought money and suggestions from what they and others gave. This was a success with much over \$300 being realized for O.W.M.

Give thanks for the report of good work of the past year, and for the women of Conference who "Opened Their Hearts, Loving" in their study and recommendations.

Join in the spirit of our wonderful heritage of song as we were greeted with "Good Sabbath" from the Sabbath Eve Love Feast through the joys of the Sabbath spent together in worship and fellowship on the beautiful rolling campus of Calvin College.

Let's Do Something about Drink

We have blamed bad tires and passed laws against them; we blame poor highway design, and try to do something about it; we blame faulty engineering and try to pass laws against that; but the one big, known quantity about traffic accidents that we know about and have failed to mention is the presence of a drinking driver or pedestrian. About that, we have done nothing. We seem unwilling even to mention it," says Senator Wayne Morse.

Something Special

Two of the ladies at Conference are "something special" not only to their closest relatives and friends, but to many others as well. Mrs. Don (Carolyn) Gray and Miss Mabel West are special for different reasons. In this picture they have one thing in common, transporta-



tion by wheelchair. Mrs. Gray (left) does not normally use this type of conveyance. She has traveled quite widely in recent years in connection with her duties as president of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society and delegate to a number of interchurch conventions. Miss West, our oldest China Missionary, came late to this General Conference, but she came, as she has so many times before with the help of loyal friends. The picture was taken at the back of the auditorium, following a worship service.

Mrs. Gray gave a Women's Board message on the Conference program. Miss West is a former recipient of the Robe of Achievement.

California Bibleless

According to statistics forty per cent of the people of California are without usable Bibles. This would seem to make the state a prime home mission field. So think the Southern Baptists who are planning a 1968 evangelistic crusade which will require \$300,000 and will aim to distribute two million copies of the Gospel of John. The plan is similar to the highly successful effort in the Orient in 1963. It calls for forty central crusades and 1,000 local church revivals.

A Man Called Loyal

By Albert N. Rogers

(A tribute to Rev. Loyal F. Hurley)

The Church Invisible became more incandescent, and the Church Temporal a good deal less so, on July 24th with a tragic highway accident which claimed the life of one of God's ministers, Loyal F. Hurley.

He was born in Iowa where the tall corn grows, and he stood tall and rode tall in the saddle. He had baseball fingers as long as he lived from the semi-pro ball he played as a young fellow. He loved to race horses and carried over some of this love into driving his cars in each of the forty-eight states. He loved other things too, like strong drink and chewing tobacco, but gave these up when he was converted in an Iowa revival.

Then began the struggle for the education he had thrown away idly in earlier years. He milked Jersey cows to pay part of his expenses and those of his family. He learned to study with the same enthusiasm formerly expressed in more active ways. He learned patience and self-control with the same discipline he had mastered as an athlete and a stockman. He learned to suffer and endure with families in the churches he pastored, and with his own family. I think his voice will always be remembered for the depth of understanding and sympathy it conveyed—a mellow blending of rich humor, tears and deep faith.

So it was that college students confided in him and quartets sang better with him than they dreamed they could; and many who had been hurt smiled through their private tears because he grasped their hand and prayed with them. A motion picture star brought him her doubts and fears and he fanned the flame of her faltering faith. Men of consequence made long journeys to talk with him seek his counsel. The comradeship of his years is suggested in one of his last letters to Colorado: "Tell P. H. I hate him all I can, just as he does me." (They were bosom friends.) No one was more welcome in a thousand

Seventh Day Baptist homes than Loyal Hurley.

Bible teaching and word study became the passion of his later life, and the uniqueness of his method and position made him welcome on both sides of several theological controversies. Both Fundamentalists and Modernists claimed him in the civil war of the spirit which raged in the twenties and later, and it is fitting that he consented to write the history struggle for Vol. III of *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe & America*, now in process. A generation of seminary students owes him more than they can ever pay from his teaching at Alfred and his evangelism field trips taken with them.

The integrity of his life and the alertness of his mind together made him one of the great preachers of our denomination. As long as strength was given him, he was in demand. Year after year the General Conference was stirred by his sounding the trumpet in vital preaching, and church after church was warmed and healed in his preaching missions. Call after call for his ministry went to him, many of which he felt led of the Spirit to decline. It was a great gospel he preached, the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Our spirit's home, the Church, has ways of preserving and keeping these precious things. We shall hear him in her hymns, and peep over his shoulder as we read her Scriptures. We follow his footprints—large ones—as we go to find a potential brother in some insecure citizen of this world. We breathe deeply to match his long strides across states and communities on an urgent mission. His Father has given him rest, and raised up monuments to goodness and commitment in countless lives by his influence. We ought to be no less loyal.

One in every three arrests in the United States is for drunkenness, and if arrests for related offenses such as drunken driving and disorderly conduct stemming from drinking were included, the figure would be much higher. —Sen. Wayne Morse.

Dedicated Service Program

(Continued from page 8)

gained an awful lot. The Darby family went back to West Virginia the next morning—back to Mrs. Darby's folks. We were disappointed naturally because we felt that in them we'd found some real friends. They're still close friends but we felt that perhaps we could have helped them even more than we did. But we will keep in touch with them.

They called on us that night and we think, too, that they called on God. Through this experience I recognize the meaning of life. That life is people needing people and it is up to us to solve that need. We don't receive anything in return from it but joy in serving Christ. (Sharon is a newcomer to SCSC, not a member of our church.)

Sam Studer of Team Blessed

My name is Sam Studer. (Sam is a recent convert, a new member of the Adams Center, N. Y. church). The other co-captain of our team in Kansas City, Mo., was Dick Burdick. We worked in Kansas City for six weeks doing door to door visitation. Our main objective, of course, was sowing seed for our Lord. We knocked on doors and got quite a variety of experiences of rejection or of acceptance.

Right now I'd like to read a kind of an experience, because we did a radio program over Kansas City's Christian Voice. This was a challenge to the people, we hope. It follows in part:

"Oddly enough some of our most startling experiences as members of the Summer Christian Service Corps come from the mouths of children. We were led to a variety of people with a variety of excuses as to why the wonderful life found in our Lord Jesus Christ isn't as vital as it should be. But one little boy we talked to surely had the right answer for many who have something less than the dynamic Christian life. When we asked this little fellow if he went to church, he replied quite emphatically, 'No I don't go to church. I go to kindergarten.'"

"How many of you listening right now are still in kindergarten as far as your Christian life is concerned? The Bible says, 'When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things.' Have you been born again into a growing fruitful life? Or were you just born?"

This was the little program we offered over KCCV and I hope that it will carry some little message.

Closing Moments

What can you say after spending a summer like this as we have done but, "Thank you, Lord"? What can you say but, "Now what"? As we close our little time now I'd like us to enter into prayer to search our hearts as to where we are going. Because you know what He can do for you and know that He keeps His promises.

Let us pray.

Our most gracious heavenly Father, we thank You full heartedly, truthfully, and with all our hearts for the precious pearls that have been placed within our lives, that we may share. We thank You that we may love all the wonderful things that have happened to us this summer. Our lives are not the same as they were before, because of this summer. So now, Lord, we ask Thy guidance. We know we can do nothing without Your guidance. One can be the most wonderful person in the world, but without You there is no meaning at all for this. We pray for Thy guidance, Lord. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

NCC General Board at Atlanta

World hunger, the churches' role in the Middle East crisis and an appraisal of explosive issues in international affairs are on the agenda of the National Council of Churches General Board at its fall business meeting here Sept. 14-15.

The Board is also scheduled to consider a policy statement on "withholding consumer patronage to secure justice." The statement had been debated by the Board at several previous meetings over the last two years, but was tabled each

time for reconsideration and rewriting by a special committee.

Seventh Day Baptists will be represented by General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler. The Board is the interim policy-making body of the Council, meeting three times a year between general assemblies which convene every third year.

In a sense, Moses might be considered the first labor organizer, and in his discussions with Pharaoh of Egypt, he was the first to engage in the collective bargaining process. —Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

HAMMOND, LA.— The Sabbath eve Bible study mentioned in our last news report as having been started by request has met with great approval. So far we have had a wonderful turn-out each Friday night.

Mrs. Lela Coalwell has transferred her residence and membership from Metairie to Hammond recently.

ASHAWAY, R. I.— Our church seems to have a full and active program. Our last news item was in March. In April Pastor Wheeler and family were at Nortonville, Kans., where they visited his mother; he also attended the ministers conference in North Loup. At a Sabbath morning service in May the fifteen members of the Christian Life class were taken into church membership. Present on that occasion were General Secretary Alton Wheeler, also Miss Andrea Crandall, a dedicated Christian Service worker.

Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson with their two daughters were present July 1. He brought the message of the morning. Also bringing the message July 22 was Harold King, one of the SCSC working in Hopkinton City area.

Ruth and Helen Wheeler have been in Alabama doing Christian Service work in the Paint Rock church.

Our Christian Endeavor now has three groups, Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. Two of our boys, Richard and Walter Johnson, attended the International C. E. Convention in Detroit. Community Vacation Bible School was held in

our church July 10-14 with a good attendance.

After a busy but gratifying year, the Ladies' Aid held their July meeting—a picnic supper—at the home of Mrs. Julian Crandall. There was a large attendance.

—Correspondent.

NORTONVILLE, KANS.—Sabbath Rally Day was observed May 19th with special emphasis during morning worship services on the theme "Sharing God's Love and Sharing God's Sabbath" being given in the special music, hymns, and the sermon "Is the Sabbath Relevant for Christians?" Statements of faith were given by baptismal candidates with opportunity for re-affirmation of faith by all.

Several of our church families joined with the Kansas City church for their Annual Sabbath School Picnic at Swope Park on June 18.

We have been blessed and privileged to meet and enjoy the fellowship with five members of the SCSC. On June 24 Pat Williams, Becky Butts and Larry Brannon joined with us as we observed "a Day of Dedicated Service." Audio-visual equipment given in memory of Deacon and Mrs. Asa Prentice by family and friends was dedicated during the morning services. Pictures of the past program activities and workers of SCSC were shown using the new equipment. Reports of planning activities for 1967 and the testimonies of the group were inspirational to us all.

Again on July 15 Sam Studer and Dick Burdick were with us and brought us a message of God's Holy Day and a glimpse of their visitation and Christian witnessing in their work in Kansas City.

During the past months Pastor Osborn has been bringing us a very interesting series of messages from John. We have learned much about the problems faced by the Master and His chosen ones during his last days on earth. Some of the sermon topics have been: "Christ's Prayer for Christians," "Events at Supper," "Questions at Supper," "Journey to a Small Hill," "How's your Faith?" and "Epilogue—and Peter."

—Correspondent.

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Accessions

HAMMOND, LA.

By Letter:

Mrs. Lela Coalwell

MARLBORO, N. J.

By Letter:

John A. Conrod
Mrs. Joyce L. Conrod

RICHBURG, N. Y.

By Letter:

Rev. and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson
Loisanna Dickinson

Births

Davis.—A daughter, Rebecca Lee, to Rolland and Norma (Polinoski) Davis of North Loup, Nebraska, on July 29, 1967.

Hays.—A daughter, Jennifer Linda, to Jack and Linda (Bingham) Hays of Harvey, La., on July 27, 1967.

Loper.—A daughter, Dori Ann, to Joseph and Carol (Harris) Loper of Shiloh, N. J., on April 29, 1967.

Williams.—A daughter, Yvonne Estelle, to John and Eulala (Davis) Williams of Deepwater, N. J., on March 23, 1967.

Zincke.—A daughter, Kimberly M., to Mr. and Mrs. Milo Zincke of Dodge Center, Minn., on July 14, 1967.

Obituaries

BENTLEY.—Arlie C., son of Caleb and Emma Whitford Bentley, was born in Berlin, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1875, and died at the Hoosick Falls Health Center, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., May 24, 1967.

Mr. Bentley lived on Century Farm, just south of Berlin Village, which has been continuously operated by his family since 1769. He joined the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church June 3, 1893 and remained a very active member. He also served as a trustee for more than thirty years. He was on the Board of Education and served as its president. He married Emma Vars June 1, 1897. She died March 1, 1917. To this union were born two daughters, one of whom died in infancy. Miss Marion Bentley of New York City survives.

He married Eva Satterlee March 16, 1918, who died Feb. 6, 1965. To this union was born one son, W. Robert, who survives him. Also surviving is a granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Paul L. Maxson, at Berlin. Burial was in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.

—P. L. M.

DAVIS.—Daniel Webster, son of Daniel W. and Sarah (Hoffman) Davis was born Dec. 22, 1872, in Pardee, Kans., and died Aug. 21, at Underwood Memorial Hospital, Woodbury, N. J.

Mr. Davis was educated at Alfred and Rutgers Universities. He taught in the schools of Cumberland, Salem and Gloucester counties of New Jersey, and in 1905 went to Pitman as principal where he taught 36 years, retiring in 1941 as superintendent of schools.

He, along with 48 others, was baptized at Shiloh, N. J., Jan. 26, 1889, and has been an active member of the church for 78 years. For many years he taught the Brotherhood Sabbath School Class retiring from this post at the age of 92.

Mr. Davis married Rena Randolph in 1901 and Reba (nee Maine) in 1949. Besides his wife, Mr. Davis is survived by four sons, Meredith and Raymond of Pitman; Robert of Miami, Fla., and Elton of McLean, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Elsie Davis Haines, Burlington, N. J.; two stepchildren, Claude Maine, Pawcatuck, Conn., and Mrs. Hilda Maine Harrison, Westerly, R. I.; 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh and burial was in the church cemetery.

—C. H. B.

HUBBARD.—Dorothy P., daughter of William C. and Mabel Potter Hubbard, was born at Cleveland, Ohio, July 7, 1895, and died in a nursing home at Plainfield, N. J., Aug. 19, 1967.

A life-long resident of Plainfield, Miss Hubbard joined the Seventh Day Baptist church of that city at an early age. She was faithful to many of the appointments of the church as long as health permitted. She had been in the nursing home only a few months. There are no close relatives surviving. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Leon M. Maltby, and burial was in the family plot in Hillside Cemetery.

—L. M. M.



CONFERENCE BELL RINGERS LEAD THE WAY

One of the most pleasant experiences of Conference delegates at Grand Rapids, August 14-19, was to fall in line behind this group of young bell ringers in the daily processional across the Calvin College campus to the auditorium for the scriptural morning worship service led by Dr. Wayne Rood. The leader, Mrs. Elmo F. Randolph, follows her eight well trained young folks from Boulder, Colo.