

# The Sabbath Recorder

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## 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.

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## Democratic Procedure

Church delegates returning home from General Conference on August 20 after six days of considering reports and acting on items of new business should be thankfully aware that not everything is "cut and dried." The democratic principle is preserved in large measure; the voice of the people rules.

We have a duly elected body called the Commission to which we look for most of the items of new business, changes in structure, procedure, etc. This body of six members has considerable continuity since there are only two new members each year and the chairman is normally the one who has been on the longest. They are chosen for their ability and their knowledge of denominational affairs. Furthermore they have two week-long meetings within a Conference year, thus giving them far more time to discuss vital or pressing matters than the church delegates.

Naturally the voice of Commission merits the respect of delegates. It could be assumed that the Committee on Reference and Counsel, appointed from delegates by the Conference president to consider the Commission's recommendations (among other things), would politely agree with the better informed Commission. Likewise, it might be expected that the Conference delegates would rubber-stamp those recommendations when they were brought to the floor late in the week.

Such assumptions and expectations cannot be counted on. The Committee on Reference and Counsel, with about twenty-five members, urged that two or three recommendations of Commission not be adopted. It was then up to the delegates present and voting to decide whether to follow Commission or the temporary committee or to take some other action that might be somewhere between the two.

The issues at stake were not of earth-shaking importance; they were not doctrinal. How the vote came out is not so important—or so it seems to this writer. What is important is that the democratic principle is at work; business is not often

"railroaded" through. Some will be of the opinion that our freedom is as much a freedom to make mistakes as to make wise decisions. Some of us are of the opinion that there would have been more unanimity between the agencies and the people (counting Commission as one of the agencies) if there had been more advance briefing or explanation to the Conference Interests Committee chairmen.

The Commission has proved its worth over the many years that it has been in existence. It is not always right; no one should expect it to be. Neither is it often wrong when it makes recommendations of policy or procedure on matters which have been thoroughly considered in two or more week-long meetings. The members, fortunately, take with good grace the reversals that sometimes come by Conference vote.

There is another saving grace, if we can use a good theological term for matters below the level of theology. It is that nothing is permanent about Commission opinion or Conference voting. We forget quickly, and some of the things decided one way in 1967 may be decided quite another way in 1968 or a few years hence. If we made some ill considered decisions they can be reconsidered. As a matter of fact, Conference in the same session at Grand Rapids wanted to change at the end of the week one or two decisions that had been made earlier in the week.

The questions sometimes facing a denomination in its annual gathering are matters of the content of its faith—what we stand for. At other times the emphasis is less on what we are to proclaim and more on how we can best proclaim what we have determined we ought to present forcefully and lovingly to the world about us. The Conference just ended found unanimity in stressing this second emphasis. We are in a program of trying to move forward in evangelism and in the social aspects of the gospel. Both Commission and the Planning Committee are giving much attention to this. It is hoped that communication between agencies and people will continue to be effec-

## MEMORY TEXT

Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. —Psa. 148:12, 13.

tive so that unity of effort may be engendered and sustained.

We do not want to remain small. We want to be so true to the gospel that, like the early church, the Lord will add daily to our numbers "such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). It was a small church of which this was said—a church that was noted for its democratic principles as well as for its zeal. We want to grow and at the same time hold high the principles that are easier to maintain in a small organization. Let us never yield to the temptation to over centralization to achieve efficiency at the cost of Spirit-directed individuality.

## The Rights of Minorities

No Christians ought to neglect the rights of minorities. Seventh Day Baptists in particular should be conscious of the plight and the right of minorities to full equality under law. Our Sabbath-keeping makes us a small minority in the social order and we sometimes feel the pressure of it. We also observe that another Sabbathkeeping denomination has far outstripped ours in size, thus leaving us in a minority among Sabbathkeepers. Occasionally we feel a bit uncomfortable when the general public can't remember that we are Baptists who differ from other Baptists only in contending for the sacredness of the Bible Sabbath. Accustomed as we are to taking philosophically being treated as a small minority we should champion the cause of other minorities—if we are convinced that they have a cause.

The migrant farm workers of California have been very much in the religious and secular news during the past year, so much so that some of us have been led to think that vast numbers of Mex-



ican nationals were being victimized by unscrupulous growers and being denied the educational, economic and social privileges that ought to be provided for them by law. Great inter-church organizations have possibly made the issue of discriminatory practices bigger than it actually is. Granted that when a principle is at stake the relative size of the minority, large or small, is not the important consideration. Figures released by the Council of California Growers make us wonder if the need justifies the massive appeal for help. They say that migrants represent a relatively small segment of the agricultural work force.

The number of workers hired on California farms at the end of May, according to the California Department of Employment was 227,300 and only 14,000 of these were from out of state.

On the same date, it was estimated that approximately 19,400 California residents had traveled from their homes to other parts of the state for farm employment.

At the same time there were 193,900 working on farms in the communities where they make their homes.

In many cases people choose to be underprivileged minorities. There are probably hundreds of thousands of Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Jamaicans, and others in low-income countries who remain in abject poverty because they cannot gain entrance to the United States and become migrant farm workers. With the relatively high wages and other advantages of such work they could buy homes and lift their families from poverty. So the picture has more than one side to it. Granted that they should have every possible advantage if they do succeed in gaining entrance to our country; granted that living conditions should be well supervised. All rights, religious, political, and economic must be carefully guarded, for there are always some who will trample them underfoot. But let us not make mountains out of molehills or cry "Wolf, Wolf," when the animal seen is not that large.

There are many great causes often espoused by small minorities, just as there are many small causes publicized by large minorities or majorities. If we are to use our time and efforts to the full, let us first be sure that the cause is good. As a negative example we can point to the fact that in the recent Negro rioting a good rain cooled the ardor of the youthful rioters in a number of cities. It would not have done so if their cause was so great. Religious liberty, separation of church and state, abiding by the expressed will of God (e. g. Sabbathkeeping)—these are challenging causes. These are worthy of a minority stand.

**General Chairman**



Ted Fetherston, a man prominent in his home church at Battle Creek, has not been pictured quite as often as his wife Doris who was the executive secretary of General Conference for several years, a member of Commission, and Conference president in 1965. This year Mr. Fetherston was general chairman of the host committee of Conference and had much to do in supervising the details of housing and feeding. His wife was his helper, especially in handling the money and meal tickets at the cafeteria where they were pictured with the money tray after everyone else had eaten. Doris takes on another denominational task this year as she assumes editorship of the 1966-67 *Yearbook*.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. — Psalm 69:5.

### Commission Statement on Annual Board/Society Meetings Being Held at Conference

(Presented by George Parrish during discussion of this matter on the floor of Conference).

Historically our incorporated Board and Societies had three very vital ties with the people who are those bodies.

1) Local churches had their own local societies which were integrally connected with the denominational organ.

2) Funds were solicited personally and directly from individuals and churches for a particular organization which provided: a) opportunity to meet with a representative of the organization face to face, b) a personal tie—"where your treasure is, there your heart is also."

3) Society meetings were held in conjunction with the meetings of General Conference.

All three of these life sustaining ties have been severed in the course of time which tends to make many Seventh Day Baptists feel detached and thereby only passively interested in their societies.

The number of words that are spoken or written on a subject are not the determining factor in communicating with individuals. If that were so, the purpose and intent of this proposal would have been manifestly clear upon completion of the structure studies. We do not communicate fully until the idea conceived and expressed in writing or speaking becomes meaningful in the experience of the hearer. "Involvement" is a term that has taken on increased meaning in our day. Nothing speaks so clearly and authoritatively as actual involvement in a thing. No teacher is as effective as experience. When a person has actually participated in a meeting as a member of the body that is meeting, there will naturally be: a) an awareness that he is a part of the body; b) an interest that could not be shared by one who is not; c) an understanding and concern only possible to one who is himself personally involved.

It is recognized that at present the society meetings are rather perfunctory, but this need not be. In line with regular

corporation practices for stockholder meetings the following is a suggested procedure.

The meeting might be held late in the week after the respective interest committee had examined the report and the report was ready for presentation, adoption and such action as may be desired and necessary.

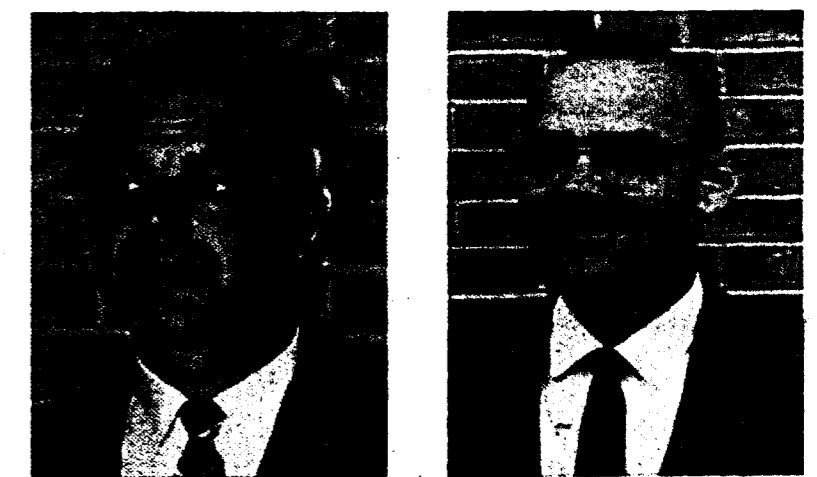
1) The president or chairman of the board would call the meeting to order. The report would be presented and discussed and acted upon in accordance with the recommendations of the interest committee.

2) The board, through its designated representative would present future plans and dreams and outline financial needs for the work contemplated. This presentation might well be done with charts, graph pictures, aids, etc. In any event it should be presented in an interesting, enthusiastic manner that will generate interest and involvement on the part of members.

3) The society would then elect the board of directors to serve for the ensuing year.

4) Adjourn the meeting.

This need not be a long process. It could be done in approximately the same time it now takes to receive and act upon the interest committee report, plus a customary board program when the board generally tells of its future plans anyway. The process of electing the Board of Directors would take a very few minutes.



**New Commission Members**

Leland Bond of the Lost Creek church (who has an article in this issue) and the Rev. Paul Osborn, pastor at Nortonville are the new members on Commission, serving three years.

## STEWARDSHIP

### A God-given Privilege and Obligation

By A. Baungaard Thomsen,  
Copenhagen, Denmark

I would like to tell you about a family I knew. This family did not make much money and it was difficult to save aside anything. However, the family wanted to buy some new furniture very much, so it carefully put aside some funds from its income regularly.

Now, the Baptist church to which it belonged was engaged in a campaign for money for missionary work in Africa and other countries. "Should we give our furniture savings to the missionary offering?" this family wondered.

And so they did. Naturally, they had to start saving all over again for their new furniture—and eventually they had enough to buy it. Their sacrificial giving of the furniture money to the Lord was in obedience to His Word, and while it meant doing without a much-desired material possession for a time, it reaped spiritual blessings of far greater value.

The attitude of this family, as seen in their willingness to forego the long-sought furniture in order to give the money for missions, had a lasting impact on their children.

In fact, their happy family life could be attributed to this readiness to seek and obey God's will even when it meant sacrifice. Incidentally, this family reaped the additional blessing of seeing all the children come to personal commitment to Christ!

Then there is the farm family I also was acquainted with as a minister. I used to say they were poor on money but rich in children. The family was quite large, and it was a Christian family in another Baptist church. This family was saving money for a new roof on the house. But the house of God where they worshiped also needed some building funds, and this family gave what it had accumulated for its own roof to the church building fund.

When the church people passed the altar table to lay their money on it for the building offering, quite a few were astonished to see this family put 18 pieces of paper money with the figure "100" on them on the table. They knew how long it had taken the farm family to save so much.

Again, this family had to wait another while for its own roof, but it, too, saw all the children make their professions of faith, one after the other.

To me, these families illustrate what it means to obey God's call to be good stewards of what He has given us. We are promised to receive blessings, but these may not necessarily be material blessings. God does not promise us everything we want, but He does promise us everything we need.

We should invite all Christians to prove God's Word at this point.

Yet too many ministers have not preached on the matter of stewardship. Most seminaries also fail to teach the students about this aspect of preaching.

Why is this subject of stewardship neglected? Are the professors and teachers themselves aware of its importance? Do the pastors recognize the essentials of regular giving, and not only regular giving, but tithing as well?

Our church members, as spiritual children, need to be taught to grow as Christians, which includes learning to give, first of all systematically, and then sacrificially. Did not Jesus teach us in the Sermon on the Mount: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God"? Did He not also say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"? I am afraid we are prone to forget that.

By systematic giving, I mean this. When you get your income, the first thing you do that week or that month is to set aside what belongs to the Lord, before you come to other spending.

One man said, "I must pay my debts to people before I give to the Lord." The trouble with that approach is that he seldom gave to the Lord, but he always had debts.

We must teach our young people, especially, the vital need and great blessing of regularly giving to the Lord. One young student struggled to meet the expenses of his education. I knew he had previously given 15 per cent to the Lord's work.

As a pastor, I once asked him: "Are you still giving 15 per cent to the church?" He flashed a big smile. "Certainly," he answered. "I could not afford not to give that!" I will always remember that answer.

There is a word of warning in this matter of why we give to the Lord. I do not give to God because I expect Him to give me back twice as much. I give because I love Him. This must be our motive for giving.

For example, I do not give to my children for their education just because I expect to get back something from them, but instead, because I love them!

Giving must not be thought of as "doing business" with God.

I was brought up in churches that did not teach or preach stewardship, nor did I learn about it in the seminary. In the early years of my pastoral work, I learned not only about stewardship but about giving a tithe to the Lord.

Since then, I have given not only a tithe but an offering beyond the tithe. This came about as a result of my studying the Bible to see what it really did say about giving.

I never try to give church members the impression that tithing is a law, but rather it is a privilege. In the Old Testament, they not only tithed but they gave much more to God.

While I did not find any command in the New Testament to tithe, I feel we who are under the new covenant of grace have a greater obligation to tithe than did the Jewish people of the Old Testament.

I am also afraid that many churches today will never become self-supporting partly because new members are not taught the blessing of giving. (EBPS)

## SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS Reading Through the Bible in 1967

"THIRTY MINUTES A DAY  
WITH THE WORD"

Watch this column for monthly schedule

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### Governor of Texas:

Communism was built on the theory that through collectivism a people could accomplish whatever they wanted in a godless society. Yet even the Communists are finding that this isn't the answer and isn't going to be. . . . Our nation has to reflect the conscience of its people, the dedication of its people, the faith of its people . . . or it reflects nothing except raw power predicated on military and economic might alone. . . .

We have proved, and are still proving, that a society based upon freedom, initiative and self-government is the answer to human dreams for progress and dignity.

—Dateline.



### Bleak Life Lighted by Love

(Taken from a "Christian Mission Digest," 1967-68, a publication of the Division of Overseas Ministries.)

Jamaica has a picturesque postcard setting, nestled into an area about the size of Connecticut. Coral reefs ring the island and the emerald-blue sea washes tourist-filled beaches.

But an island can't eat a beautiful picture. The capital and port city of Kingston reflects the contrasts of this small nation of less than two million people, seeking stability and progress where affluence and poverty exist side by side. In the northern section of the city, well manicured lawns surround upperclass homes. In western Kingston, 200,000 people live in hovels of cardboard and rusted metal sheets.

Operation Friendship is working in this depressed area to build a truly human society in a four-square-mile slum. It was here on February 21, 1967, that the Island's first general election was held since it became independent in 1962.

Operation Friendship is a joint venture of churches, business and government among the tens of thousands of unemployed who have not benefited from Jamaica's growing prosperity. Started by a Methodist deaconess in 1958, it now includes specific social projects: health and dental clinics, a day nursery and infant center, adult education, housecraft training, youth work, annual scholarships for high school students. It is staffed by volunteers whose understanding and initiative unlock endless riches waiting within young imaginations.

In the slums of western Kingston, a house seven feet square may be home for a man, his woman and numerous children. The floor is bare earth. Cardboard cartons laid on it provide a bed for the whole family. One pit latrine is shared by 100 persons, one water tap by as many as 2,000.

The Rev. William Blake, executive secretary of Operation Friendship, re-

flected, "Adults are happily surprised to find our people taking such a continued interest in them. Often a friendly smile from a teacher invites the words they have longed to speak. A teacher is a friend, an interested neighbor, a person who hears what is screamed from the hovels."

"If we reject the disadvantaged," asserts Minister of Development and Welfare Edgar Seaga, "all of Jamaica shall be responsible for his disillusionment."

Operation Friendship is bringing profound changes in western Kingston. The bleak life there is lighted now by love.

—From an article by Ernest Boynton.

### Dr. Victor Burdick Writes

Under date of August 24, 1967, Dr. Victor Burdick has written of various matters of interest. A portion of his letter is shared:

Well, the time is short now before the Pearsons will arrive. We have arranged their furniture in the new home at Blantyre roughly for them, so they can find a place to sleep the first night without too much trouble. We will leave one of our house workers with them for the first week to help out until they can get settled and make their own arrangements.

I am here at Cholo this morning waiting at the court for a discussion of the boy Jackie whom Miss Sarah Becker kept for some time. He was given over to the guardianship of one of staff families when Sarah left. That family has since broken up, Jack going with the man. Now the real father wants Jack, in Salisbury, Rhodesia . . . it will have to be settled through the court.

From Cholo I go by bus to Blantyre today to pick up the Land Rover.

Another matter: When we sent Mr. Makatanje to Zambia (Kitwe Writing Center) for the writer's course, Mr. Mazingah had been under the impression that Christian Council would pay tuition. This was a mistake—they had not agreed to pay. We were foolish not to have cleared this before sending him. Anyway

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### 1967 Youth Pre-Con Retreat

By Rev. Earl Cruzan, director

On August 9, 1967, seventy-seven Seventh Day Baptist young people from across our land gathered at Barry 4-H Camp, near Hastings, Mich., for the annual Pre-Con Retreat under the direction of the Rev. Earl Cruzan of Milton, Wis.

The theme for the retreat was "Live Up to Your Calling." The theme verse was from Eph. 4:24, "Put on the fresh clothes of the new life" (Phillips). Our calling is to be Christian—to follow Christ. The Rev. Duane Davis of North Loup, Nebr. presented "Beliefs that Matter" in the Bible study. He dealt with matters which are fundamental to our faith and our relationship to God. Director of evangelism Leon Lawton, of Brookfield, N. Y., taught a class on "Clean White Clothes." In this as well as in the discussions and other activities of the retreat, we were facing the question: Does what I believe make a difference in how I act? Eight discussion groups shared in their thinking and in questions each day. The Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Burdick of El Cerrito, Calif., directed the music and prepared for a musical presentation for one evening of General Conference. They also made use of the guitar and flute players in the group for this program.

Miss Joyce Sholtz of Verona, N. Y., was worship leader, giving direction to vesper services and the Sabbath morning church service. Miss Connie Coon of

Ashaway, R. I., and Michigan, brought recreation equipment and gave direction to the recreation other than the swimming which was under the supervision of the lifeguards employed by the camp. Pastor Edward Sutton of New Auburn, Wis., directed the camp fire programs and brought the Sabbath morning message.

Mrs. Edward Rood of Milton, Wis., and Mrs. Dean Payne of Dodge Center, Minn., served as girls' counselors and assisted in many ways. Mrs. Earl Cruzan served as assistant to the director, as camp nurse, and gave considerable assistance in the kitchen. All staff members served as counselors in the dorms. A dedicated staff working well together did much to make the Pre-Con Retreat a worthwhile experience. Several special evening programs were presented. On Thursday Nancy Cruzan and Larry Brannon came over from Young Adult Retreat at Camp Holston and presented the SCSC and Dedicated Service. Many questions were asked and a large number of the young people indicated a personal interest in serving in this way at some time. On Friday Dean Victor W. Skaggs presented church related vocations and answered questions in regard to vocational plans. Sabbath night Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary, presented the second year of Facing Frontiers with Faith. Real interest was evidenced in all three areas and would indicate that our young people are concerned with the witness

for Christ which we have to offer as Seventh Day Baptists. Mrs. Rosemary Roelly of Bellevue, Mich., served efficiently as business manager and for two nights as girls' counselor.

### Christian Education Week

For the first time this year, Protestant churches across the United States will observe the annual emphasis on Christian Education during any week in September which they choose.

No special September dates have been set as they used to be. The week-long emphasis will therefore fall in churches in each town and city at a time best suited to the needs of the denominations or cooperating congregations.

The 1967 theme is "Empowered to Witness."

The official message for the week was prepared for use by all denominations wishing to utilize it by Dr. Howard M. Ham of Nashville, Tenn.

In the message, Dr. Ham declares that the opportunity for Christian teaching is unlimited and calls on church members to serve as "powerful communicators" of the Christian message.

### Program Materials Available

Miss Betty Martin, Director of the Women's Division of the Institute of Life Insurance, 277 Park Ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10017 has announced the availability of a series of booklets, filmstrips and other visual materials for program planning and discussion of matters relating to women's wealth and employment, money management for newly marrieds and families, retirement and health and life insurance. Write her at the above address for a sample packet of the materials.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 23, 1967

CHRISTIAN WITNESS CONTINUES

Lesson Scriptures: Acts 28:23-31.



### Expounding the Scriptures

Dr. Hugh Vernon White in the midst of one of his evening lectures at General Conference. His thought-provoking lectures or sermons were on the following topics: "God Creates," Monday evening; "Divine Sovereignty," Tuesday; "A New Creation," Wednesday; "Life Everlasting," Thursday; "The Beatitudes," Sabbath morning.

### 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.

### The Miracle at Lost Creek

Portions of the remarks of Leland Bond at the parsonage mortgage-burning ceremony.

Today we are witnessing the results of a real miracle at Lost Creek, W. Va. Thanks be to God for our wonderful new parsonage, which today we make our own by the burning of the mortgage.



Miracles are not necessarily instantaneous, nor do they always just appear to happen. I believe that this miracle has been in the making for many years. Just how many years is hard to tell. I remember many of the old members saying, "How nice it would be to have a new brick parsonage on this location."

To many of us this is the third parsonage for our church. Some remember the big two-story house in Lost Creek and the families that occupied it, such as the H. C. Van Horns and the Eli Loofboros. Others remember our last parsonage and the Suttons, the Marion Van Horns, the Zwiebels, and the Davises. Many happy and not so happy days are associated with these memories, and to many of us they mean so very much because this was all part of shaping our lives and those of our families.

Almost a generation ago, some of our parents and some of those present today put their efforts together to build a new basement under the church. I am sure that many members were sure that it couldn't be done, but it was and we still appreciate it today. One of those members of a generation ago, Thomas Mars-

den Bond, was often heard to say, "Every generation should be a building generation." Today, we who are gathered here are thankful that we too can be a part of a building generation.

It is hard to understand sometimes how events can shape our destinies. We were so very discouraged during the long time that we were without a pastor after Duane and Kathy Davis left for service in Nebraska; yet, I have little doubt in my mind, that this beautiful new parsonage would not have been here today, had they not decided to make that move. Likely we would have made a few absolutely necessary repairs to the old parsonage and gone about our activities, not too concerned.

It was at a business meeting on October 18, 1963, that the first consideration was given to the possible selling of the parsonage, but it was in April of 1964 before any real action was taken, when a committee was appointed to see about selling the old parsonage at a price of \$8,500. In July of 1964 a building committee, consisting of Leland Bond, Chairman, Paul Sleeth, Khale Bond, Lela Gerstner, and Lotta Bond was named. With a figure set by the church at \$15,000 they set out to see what could be done.

On October 3, 1964, the committee presented their report. They were able to present a plan that fell within the price range, but with the rising costs of construction they felt it necessary to present other plans which were more expensive. It was a pleasant surprise when the church accepted the most expensive plan which was this three-bedroom brick home with a full basement, at a figure of \$18,830.

This was the beginning of a series of problems, anticipated and otherwise. Construction was scheduled to start in March and word was received that we were to have our new pastor arriving from California the first of February. Provisions had to be made for them along with their furniture and personal goods. We were so thankful for their willingness to live in an apartment in Clarksburg until the house could be completed.



As with all building projects, contractors do not always begin or complete work at appointed times, and our case was no exception. It was not until June 1965, that work really got underway.

On July 5, 1965, the first payment was made to the contractor, and just two years later on July 14, 1967, the final payment was made which cleared all obligations for our lovely parsonage.

It is not easy to recognize everyone that has had a hand in the instigation and completion of this project. There have been many, many uncounted hours of actual labor donated in such projects as installing a water and sewage disposal system, landscaping and seeding the lawn. Young people, retired people, members, non-members—all have had a part in this building program. Little children have even saved and given their pennies. The Lord's Acre projects were helpful.

Total cost for the completed parsonage which included the house, stoned driveway, water system, septic tank and drainage field, grass seed and fertilizer, interest, legal fees and rent for the pastor and his family while the house was being completed amounted to \$25,352.47. This figure does not include an amount that we cannot estimate, which was donated by Ed Van Horn for the purchase and installation of a completed water system for both the church and the parsonage. This figure also does not include a figure for a canopy and railings presented to the church by the family of Erlo Kennedy. Nor does it include \$2,000 worth of new furniture presented and paid for by the Ladies Aid Society of the church.

Finally, we must not overlook the fact that in all our efforts the Lord has been good to us. He is the one that has provided us with all of these good things of life. This project has helped us to grow closer together. Through the trials that have been ours in this project we are refined and blessed. We are so very, very thankful for the wonderful folks in this small rural church. May God continue to bless our miracle!

## New Church Building Takes Shape



The Hammond, La., Westside Fellowship, pastored by the Rev. Adolph Showers, several years ago lost by fire the building in which its services were held. Soon afterwards a fund was started with contributions from various church groups to build a modest church house on ground donated by Mr. Showers. The dream of a suitable building for the small congregation is becoming a reality this year, partly through the work and counseling of the Rev. Earl DeLand who now lives in Hammond and pastors the other Hammond church as well as the Metairie, La., congregation.

Mr. DeLand, who furnished the pictures included here, writes under date of August 24 that he was asked to send a report on the progress in the work of the church being built by Bro. Showers. (The man standing inside the building appears to be Bro. Showers in working clothes.) At the time of writing the little white church was being wired. It was expected that it would be used for services

very soon, even though it was not yet entirely finished on the inside.

Bro. Showers wishes to thank all those who have sent gifts to him for this purpose and appreciates the interest being shown. He is looking forward to the dedication of this building for the service of the Lord and asks people to pray for the continued work there.

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

### Dr. Victor Burdick Writes

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we received a bill for £218 for his board and tuition for the year. When we wrote asking them to have him leave in the middle of the course, to save us half the expense, they wrote back saying they would apply a £75 scholarship if we let him stay, because he's doing so well. This leaves us to pay £143 which we are doing £20 per month. Do you think of any way whereby we might regain some of this £143?

### Seventh Day Baptist Week of Prayer

The devotional material for the Seventh Day Baptist Week of Prayer to be held the first full week in January (Jan. 7-13, 1968) is being prepared by Rev. Joe A. Samuels of Jamaica assisted by Rev. Leon R. Lawton, director of evangelism. This worldwide observance of a Week of Prayer by Seventh Day Baptists is sponsored by the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptists.

It is hoped that observance of this Week of Prayer by Seventh Day Baptist churches around the world and by individual Seventh Day Baptists in their homes will strengthen the bonds of fellowship in Christ that bind us to one another and to Him. It will serve as a prayer reminder so that all of us can join together in supplication to God that He will meet the special needs of each of our peoples around the world.

### Beginnings at Birmingham

A talented and energetic young couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Bevis of Birmingham, Ala., have been advertising, visiting and working toward the establishment of a Seventh Day Baptist group in the area of that city. Director of Evangelism Leon R. Lawton, who was attending interdenominational meetings in the South, helped with their first meeting shortly before Conference. There is further news of the group told by Mr. Bevis in a recent letter as follows.

"Yesterday, Sabbath, August 12, we were privileged to have Rev. David Pearson and family speak to our group here on his work in Africa. We had an attendance of 18 at this meeting.

"The members of the Paint Rock church have agreed to send a representative down when we have a meeting to help us with the service. We were glad that some were able to come yesterday. We are hoping that they will be able to find a minister and that he could come to Birmingham once a month and conduct services here. We have some new interests which seem to be more substantial than some of our other interests have proven to be.

"Sometimes it seems easy to get discouraged, but I believe if we keep on working we will see some results. We will have another ad in the papers this month. So we hope to get more interests to visit. Several people to whom I have sent the *Recorder* are reading it, and have expressed their interest in it to me."

### From Culture to Christ

Floy Valentine, head of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, contended there is "a strong stream of guilt among Southern Baptists" for not accepting Negroes into their churches.

"Thank God there are evidences of progress as we move away from culture (in the South) towards Christ."

"At the heart of the Christian gospel is respect for every person regardless of class, race or economic standing," he said at a press conference.

### SBC President Sees No Merger With Other Faiths

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention says that he does not foresee a day when Southern Baptists would be organically involved in mergers with other Christian groups, including other Baptists and evangelicals.

H. Franklin Paschall, president of the 10.9 million-member denomination, said in a press conference moments after his election to a second term, that when denominations merge, the institutional machinery is further complicated.

He observed, however, that Baptists are more and more becoming involved in a "oneness in spirit" with other Christians on a local level.

Paschall said that when high-echelon mergers are discussed on a national level, often there is no true ecumenicity (unity) because the people at the grass-roots level may be farther apart than the high-echelon leaders on the national level.

"Ecumenicity is best on the local level," said Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn.

"I can hold dialogue as an individual with anybody, and enjoy doing so," said Paschall. "But I do not agree that in dialogue we must always be prepared to change, because there are some things that should not be changed."



**Conference Campground**

The parking lot next to the auditorium at Calvin College was equipped with electrical outlets for camper convenience. There were more than a dozen campers. Above is the Rev. Leon Lawton's Volkswagen with lean-to tent.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

### Prayer Suggestions for Women

By Marjorie Burdick

Let us remember the boys and girls and the young people as they start their year of schooling. May they be guided and helped to give of their best in their studies.

Pray for the boards and societies as they hold their meetings and begin to formulate their work for the year.

Particularly remember the new officers of the Women's Board: Mrs. Addison Appel, who is to be the recording secretary; Mrs. Earl Cruzan, editor of the Women's Page of the *Sabbath Recorder*, a new board member; and Mrs. Charles Williams, who will edit the *Newsletter*.

Let us rejoice in the successful work of the year under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Whitford.

Pray for a year of united work and devotion to the cause of Christ under the leadership of the Women's Board and Mrs. Arthur Drake, our new president.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**SECOND HOPKINTON, R. I.**—The first dedication service ever to be held at Second Hopkinton was conducted by our supply pastor, Rev. Edgar Wheeler on August 12 with the six children of William and Caroline Maggs being dedicated to a Christian upbringing.

Words cannot express the atmosphere of hopefulness in our church since the Summer Christian Service Corps workers were with us. Two Sabbaths after the young people completed visitation and Vacation Bible School, several new children attended Sabbath School. Later, one of our regular children beamed: "Vacation Bible School was a success, wasn't it!"

Yes, tremendously successful! From a first day enrollment of twenty-three to a total enrollment of fifty-four!

Donna Joubert and Sharon Smith who assisted the S.C.S.C. are now giving in-

valuable help with the Sabbath School classes. And Kathy Kenyon from the Westerly church is helping us organize a new Intermediate class.

We are grateful for the vision of the Women's Board and for the efforts of all who have made the S.C.S.C. possible. The Rev. S. K. Davis family of Westerly who hosted the S.C.S.C. and Rev. Edgar Wheeler of Ashaway who supervised the visitation and V. B. S. merit our enthusiastic thanks. Jinx Kuehn and her mother made the long trip from Connecticut to help, too. It was Mrs. Kuehn, who first suggested that the S.C.S.C. come to Hopkinton! Local members, Donna James (in spite of a seriously ill mother) and Ruth Kenyon (who gave up vacation time), provided transportation to Bible School for Hopkinton and Rockville children.

We realize the need for a full-time pastor and we are discussing with Rockville members the prospect of again calling a pastor to serve our two churches.

—Correspondent.

**WESTERLY, R. I.**—The young adult group of the Pawcatuck church was interested in finding a project which would express their concern for the church and their desire to be helpful. They made the suggestion that they paint the exterior of the parsonage. When the offer was accepted, the paint was furnished by the church. This then involved much scraping and some minor repairs to outside trim and other parts. The project has now been most satisfactorily completed—even to a red front door flanked by boxes of red geraniums—under the enthusiastic leadership of James Hayes and hard work on his part as well as that of many others. The church people are very pleased, grateful, and proud of the result.

A children's program, as the morning service, was presented on Sabbath July 13, at the close of a very successful Vacation Bible School. The junior choir led by Mrs. Denison Barber was one of the features and the singing was pleasing to all. A junior camp at Lewis Camp was held the following week and a service held at the camp on Sabbath afternoon.

A team of four SCSC members worked in the vicinity of the Second Hopkinton Church for three weeks. One week was spent in calling, two weeks in Daily Vacation Bible School and a week of follow-up by one member of the team. This was a joint project of the Pawcatuck, First and Second Hopkinton churches. The young people were housed and fed in Westerly.

Pastor Kenneth Davis was accompanied by his family to Nashville, Tenn., where he participated in a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, thence to Michigan where he attended the meeting of the Commission at Battle Creek and Conference at Grand Rapids. A Boy Scout troop sponsored by the church has recently been camping on Lake Sebago in Maine. One of the features of their trip was a visit to a paper mill.

—Correspondent.

**MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.**—Rev. and Mrs. John F. Randolph, who served this church for eighteen years, 1926-1944, came back to the Milton-Milton Junction area in 1952, when Mr. Randolph retired from the active pastorate at Berea, W. Va. Their life here has been full and rich. On June 24 friends and relatives joined them in an advance celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary at our church. They were married August 17, 1907.

The celebration included a meal served by the Ladies Aid of the church. All of their four children were able to be present, together with eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The *Milton Courier* carried a good picture of the happy couple who have reached a milestone of matrimony and service to the Lord that relatively few people are privileged to attain.

Pastor Randolph in his younger days, before graduation from Alfred College in 1921, taught in the Fouke, Ark., school from 1907-'10 and again from 1912-'16. He pastored only four churches in his long, active ministry, Friendship and De Ruyter besides the two mentioned above.

—From newspaper and other sources.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Marriages

**Cruzan-Campbell.**—David Cruzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cruzan of Bridgeton, N. J., and Joan Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell also of Bridgeton, were united in marriage July 22, 1967, at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Bond officiating and Pastor John A. Conrod assisting.

**Field-Wright.**—Robert Lee Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle E. Field, of Milton Junction, Wis., and Jean Ellen Wright, daughter of Mrs. Edward J. Wright, of the same village, were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton Junction on Sabbath afternoon, July 1, 1967, by Rev. A. A. Appel.

**Katz-Marsden.**—Thomas Benjamin Katz, son of Mrs. Ruth Rubitsky, Edgerton, Wis., and Laurel Evelyn Marsden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden of Albion were united in marriage in the bride's home Sabbath afternoon, June 17, 1967, by the Rev. A. A. Appel.

**Traver-Creel.**—Airman 1/C Douglas A. Traver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Traver, Bolivar, N. Y., and Miss Lynna Pearl Creel, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Edwin Creel, San Angelo, Tex., were united in marriage August 4, 1967, at the home of the bride's parents, the pastor of the bride officiating.

## Obituaries

**ATKINSON.**—Mrs. Violet, daughter of Floyd and Ella Peet was born May 13, 1905 and died June 4, 1967, in Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre, Pa.

She was married to George W. Atkinson, Sr., Sept. 3, 1924, at Jamestown. He passed away Sept. 24, 1957. She lived all her life in Potter County, Pa.

She was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hebron and also a member of Hebron Grange.

Surviving are: four daughters, Mrs. Wilma A. Webster, Austin, Pa.; Mrs. Berna A. Phillips of Fort Myers, Fla.; Mrs. Donna A. Grant of Alhambra, Calif.; and Mrs. Elsie A. Deitrick of Coudersport, Pa.; one son, George W. Atkinson, Jr., Columbia City, Ind.; eight grand-

children and one great-grandchild; her mother Mrs. Ella Everett Peet Wilcox of Coudersport; a brother Robert H. Peet of Coudersport, and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Allen of Ocala, Fla.

The funeral service was held June 7 at the First Hebron church with Herbert E. Saunders officiating with burial in the Hebron Cemetery by the church. —H. E. S.

**KROMAN.**—Addie Mae, was born August 27, 1889, in Kentucky, and died on July 17, 1966, at Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Funeral services were held in Los Angeles with her pastor officiating. Burial was in Rose Hills Memorial Park.

—M. G. S.

**WILSON.**—Ella Crumb, daughter of Frank Arlington and Etta West Crumb, was born in Alfred, N. Y., June 11, 1891, and died at Bethesda Community Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1967.

She was baptized by Pastor Lester C. Randolph, and joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church Dec. 11, 1902.

Miss Crumb was graduated from Alfred Academy in 1909 and from Alfred University in 1913. She taught French and German in the high schools of Dunkirk, Salamanca, and Newark (all in New York State).

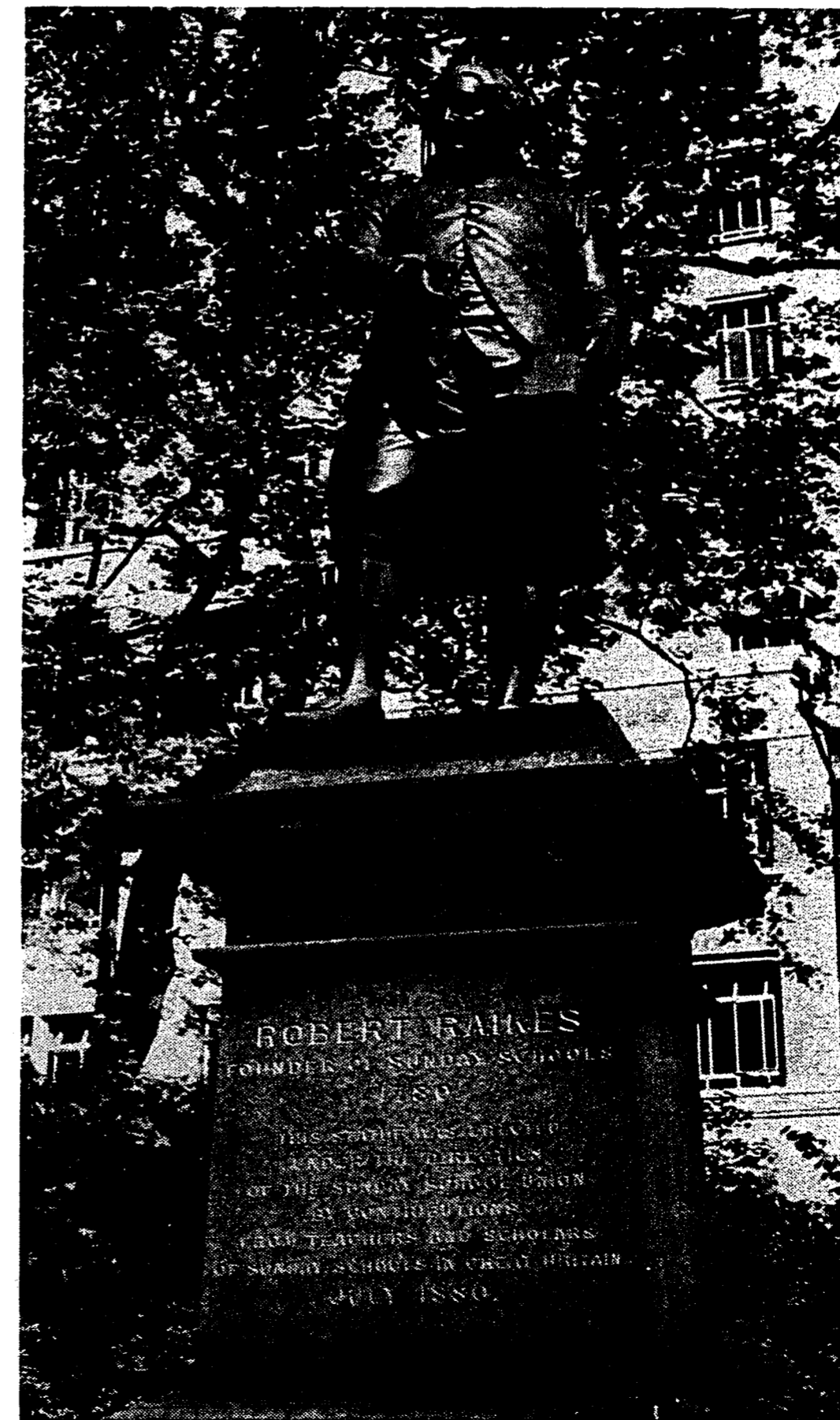
On April 24, 1919, at Alfred, Miss Crumb was united in marriage with Donald E. Wilson of Wellsville. They lived the major portion of their active life in Pittsford, N. Y., where he taught in the public schools.

Following Mr. Wilson's retirement, they moved to her family home in Alfred. Here Mrs. Wilson resumed an active relationship in the Alfred church, having served on the Board of Trustees. She had been a member of the Committee on Memorials since its organization in 1961. She also belonged to several community organizations. The offering plates now in use in the Alfred church are a gift from her in memory of her father and mother.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Joanne Sculli of Brockport, N. Y.; one son, Richard M. Wilson, of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; four grandchildren; a number of nephews, nieces and cousins.

A memorial service was conducted by her pastor Aug. 28, 1967, and burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

—D. S. C.



The Robert Raikes monument in London commemorates the vision and work of the philanthropic editor of the **GLOUCESTER JOURNAL** who in 1780 gathered some of the poor children of the city into rooms of a private house for "their Sunday instruction in reading and in the elementary truths of religion." This is reputedly the origin of the modern Sunday school. One may read the story of Robert Raikes in Volume I of **SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS IN EUROPE AND AMERICA**. There also one may read the interesting story of a Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath school forty years earlier at Ephrata, Pa. (page 271). It was organized by Ludwig Hocker, and his daughter Maria was probably the first female Sabbath school teacher of whom we have any record. Regardless of who was first, Christian education in the church has grown. We seek to foster it by the observance of Christian Education Week.