

The Sabbath Recorder

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By Letter:

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Mrs. Robert (Barbara Parrott) Ellis

Obituaries

BATES.—Mrs. Margaret, daughter of Eugene and Emogene Langworthy Greene, was born Aug. 3, 1883, in the Town of Adams, N. Y., and died at the home of a son at Belleville, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1968, where she had made her home since 1955.

Margaret was a member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church for 73 years and a deaconess for 37 years. On Sept. 17, 1903, she was married to Clark A. Stoodley at the church. To this union were born two sons, who survive their mother; Ross of Belleville, and Kent of Adams Center. Her husband, a farmer near Adams Center, died Nov. 23, 1947.

Mrs. Stoodley was married Aug. 11, 1952, to Sheldon S. Bates. They lived in the village until his death in Nov. 1952.

The funeral services were conducted from the church with her pastor, the Rev. Ralph Hays, in charge. Burial was in the Adams Center Union Cemetery. —R. L. H.

MARING.—Lance Alain, infant son of Emory and Lanedda Larkin Maring, of North Loup, Nebr., was born Jan. 15, 1968 and died Jan. 16, 1968, at Ord, Nebr. Grave-side services were conducted by Pastor Duane L. Davis at the North Loup Hill-side Cemetery. —D. L. D.

MILLS.—Mrs. Bertha L., daughter of Thomas and Ettie Lummis Stewart, was born March 19, 1880, and died in the Salem County Memorial Hospital, Salem, N. J., Feb. 8, 1968.

She was a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a faithful church attendant as long as her health permitted. Her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by: a son, Stewart Mills of Salem; three daughters, Etta (Mrs. Harry) Ansink of Sarasota, Fla., Mrs. Ruth Dayton of Marlboro, and Wilberta (Mrs. Everett) Dickinson of Shiloh; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at a Salem funeral home, Sunday, Feb. 11, with burial in the Marlboro Church Cemetery with her pastor, John A. Conrod, officiating. —J. A. C.

WHITFORD.—Robert Delynn, son of Kenneth D. and Gertrude Smith Whitford, was born at Albion, Wis., Sept. 4, 1907, and died at the Stoughton hospital Jan. 13, 1968.

Robert was a lifetime resident of Albion, and a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church. He lived with his mother until her death in 1964 and enjoyed visiting friends, the elderly, and shut-ins in the village. He took a great interest in his brothers' families. He also enjoyed taking part in the activities of his church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Winston.

He is survived by four brothers: Ronald of Mayville, Charles of Milton, Wendell of Madison, and Norman of Oshkosh; and 22 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from the church by his pastor, the Rev. A. A. Appel, and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Albion. —A. A. A.

WOODCOCK.—Mrs. James (Edith Lola), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. (Lola Berry) Thayer, was born near Stacy Basin, Dec. 30, 1878, and died in a Rome, N. Y., hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Woodcock was always interested in education. After graduation from Rome Free Academy in 1897, and having earned a teacher's certificate, she started teaching school.

She was married to James Woodcock, June 10, 1903, but continued to teach and to raise her growing family. Mr. Woodcock died in June 1946, but again she returned to teaching, often tutoring students in her home.

Mrs. Woodcock became a member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church where she was active in Ladies Aid Society and in Sabbath School, maintaining an interest in her church for about seventy years. She was also active in many community organizations.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lola Geman, Rome, and Mrs. Gerald (Jean) Lyng, Webster; a sister, Mrs. William (Zilla) Vierow and a brother, Warner Thayer, both of Durhamville; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Leon R. Lawton at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, Jan. 25, 1968. Interment was in New Union Cemetery, Verona Mills. —D. E. R.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ISSUE

This is another of our first-of-the-month emphasis issues printed in blue ink to distinguish them from the regular issues. The bulk of the articles appearing here were provided by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. They tell the story of the wide-ranging work of the committees and officers. It is commended to our readers. It will add to a knowledge of the board, will describe the present and contemplated work and will encourage financial support of all boards and agencies through regular contributions to the denominational budget, OWM. No other board is quite so dependent on this regular giving, since its invested funds are relatively small.

The Perfect Law of Liberty

How can one speak of law and liberty in the same breath, or how can the Apostle James call it the perfect law (James 1:25)? Our natural inclination is to spiritualize the word "law" in this case, putting the emphasis on liberty. We think of law and liberty as being incompatible and are thus inclined to think that James must have meant the perfect principle of liberty. There is, however, good reason to think differently, taking "law" in its usual meaning as the Ten Commandment law. To take it this way is not an argument advanced by Sabbathkeepers who are sometimes accused of exalting the law at the expense of grace or liberty. Rather, it is the thoughtful interpretation given by George L. Ford in an article in *Christianity Today*, the magazine that probably has greater reading and respect on the part of Protestant clergy than any other. His article is entitled "Is the Law of Liberty Outdated?"

"Freedom," says Dr. Ford of Azusa Pacific College, "has always come through the establishment of law. Indeed, there is no freedom without law." He goes on to say, "The Ten Commandments will always be an example of liberty through law." He argues that the making and worship of the golden calf while Moses was receiving the law on Mount Sinai remains forever one of the greatest symbols of bondage to sin. The law

was a liberating rather than a binding force. He continues:

The psalmist has much to say regarding the law of God. One of the most intriguing verses I know is Psalm 19:7, "The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul." Here the liberating power of law is seen in its greatest dimensions. It reminds us that James referred to it as "the perfect law of liberty."

The author of the article establishes a case for the American principle of liberty through law, which, he asserts, is based upon the Bible teaching that the government is responsible to the people who are, in turn, responsible to God. This responsible freedom is the only kind of freedom that can endure. The sentiment expressed in the lines from "America the Beautiful" is correct, "Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in Law." The law of liberty is not outdated: "It is only through the establishment of self-control in the life of the individual that the law of liberty can be made to work in an effective way."

This perfect law of liberty, says Dr. Ford, is the opposite of a legalistic approach to Christianity. It is love, for, according to Paul in Galatians, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Gal. 5:14). This corresponds with the passage that speaks about the fruits of the Spirit "against such there is no law" and another that speaks of the law (probably Ten Commandment law) being written on our hearts.

"The law of liberty as revealed in God's Word has had a great influence in the life of America. But unfortunately there has been a serious drift from the biblical foundations of freedom that made our nation great. The influence of the church and the influence of individual Christians can be a most potent force in bringing America back to God."

Well said. These are things that we as Seventh Day Baptists have been trying to say for these many years. There is liberty in God's law. When we accept that law, rather than oppose it or side-step portions of it, we find liberty and blessing. It is restrictive to the disobedient but joy, blessing, and freedom to

the obedient. This holds true all the way from the Garden of Eden to the gates of paradise. We are conscious of this in one area that most others are not—the Fourth Commandment. In doing God's will regarding the Sabbath we find liberty in law—the whole law.

Unequal Yokes #2

By a young man happily married

I felt keenly the frustration expressed in the article, "Unequal Yokes," by a "young lady" in the January 22 *Sabbath Recorder*. I felt that she hit the proverbial nail directly on the head. Is there any greater problem facing the young person in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination today?

Who can describe the frustration which faces the Sabbathkeeping, Christian young adult when he considers marriage? Billy Graham once said, "I would rather be an unplucked jewel, than to marry the wrong person." While many single Seventh Day Baptists are living testimony to their conviction that it is better not to marry the wrong person, it seems true that most humans are more driven by their social and physical needs, than by their convictions of faith. It would be a mistake, however, to think that one male Seventh Day Baptist plus one female Seventh Day Baptist equals connubial bliss. This has been tragically demonstrated, as most of us could testify.

I do not know if the "name withheld young lady" has found a satisfactory answer to her frustration, but I applaud her willingness to publicly speak about a most important matter. I would like to see a future issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* used to cope with this and other problems facing the Seventh Day Baptist young adults. The mobility of our age could be a tremendous opportunity for new witness for Christ and the Sabbath, or it could be the death knell for our churches.

—Name Withheld.

Editor's note: Consider this a call for articles of the nature suggested. May we have your contribution by the end of April.

MARCH 4, 1968



Conference President's Column

"St."="Servant"

When Christ invited us to come, take His yoke, learn of Him and bear His lightened burdens, He anticipated servanthood to grow into loyal friendship (John 15:15 ff.), and sainthood would come as God fulfilled His good purposes in lives of those yoked by Christ. So we believe it's right to urge that "St." is a title we ought to seek. For, "St." stands for "servant" just as well as for "saint."

The "Proclamation, Yoked in Mission" used in many of our churches upon the Planning Committee's recommendation calls us (individuals, congregations, associations, Conference) to a full range of commitment to Christ's mission in the world. Have you recently renewed loyalty to the yokes offered in that folder as missions that Seventh Day Baptists could bear for Christ? Should your family, your church committee or group, restudy that "Proclamation" for projects, burdens or programs freshly described there?

The study book *Witness in the Thick of Life*, introduced in the "Facing Frontiers with Faith" program by Evangelist Leon Lawton, opens channels for servants to bear burdens that our Christ would have us carry. Several churches have used, or are now using this study. All churches are urged to consider this 5-6 session study.

After all our pastors were urged to study the American Baptist evangelism text, "Pastors for a Servant People," Pastor Clifford Hansen at Mission Farms Conference pictured Seventh Day Baptists as "A Servant People" with worldwide missions to bear. President Wayne Crandall had earlier invited an annual "Spiritual Inventory" to renew our spiritual disciplines so necessary to effective servanthood. We have suggested that

MEMORY TEXT

The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut. 6:4, 5.

Wayne's "Spiritual Inventory" booklet ought to be used weekly, since bad habits often get a running start when annual evaluation turns out to be weakly used.

A new dimension of personal encounter was marked out by Dr. Lewis May's Conference theme and program, "Open Your Heart Loving." Fulfillment of the disciples' experience in serving Christ and thus being befriended by Him appears as hearts open lovingly.

What a rich, recent heritage to help you be "St. John" or "St. Mary"!

Know Your Board of Christian Education

Your Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., is comprised of 30 members with the following officers: president, the Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr.; vice-president, Dr. Burton B. Crandall; recording secretary, Mrs. Mae R. Lewis; treasurer, L. Maurice McCrea; corresponding and executive secretary, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

The members of the board are divided into working committees which carry out the projects of the board and make reports and recommendations to the board at its quarterly meetings. The committees are: Finance, Higher Education, Publications, Youth Work, Vocational, Dedicated Service, Committee on Family Life, Nominations, and Publicity Committee.

In this special Board of Christian Education emphasis issue of *The Sabbath Recorder*, we are presenting a picture of our board and what it does for our denomination through the work of our committees and officers.

We hope this issue helps you to become better acquainted with the board's programs so that you can make fuller use of our services.

by The Publicity Committee
Marie H. Bee, chairman.



" . . . That You May Know . . ."

By the Rev.
Ernest K. Bee, Jr.,
president

The writer of the Gospel of Luke introduces his document with the recognition that "faith with understanding" is not just desirable but necessary for the Christian. An awareness of this necessity prompted churches such as Pawcatuck (Westerly) and Ashaway, R. I.; Alfred, Berlin, and Independence, N. Y.; Marlboro and Shiloh, N. J.; and Milton, Wis., among others, to begin Sabbath Schools prior to 1850. This awareness within the churches of the necessity of "faith with understanding" resulted in the organization of The Seventh Day Baptist Education Society in 1855; The Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (1872); and The Young People's Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (1889). The present Board of Christian Education was an incorporation of the three agencies mentioned and carries on their work.

Each of our churches is unique in the type of community to which it seeks to minister. This board endeavors to provide a broad variety of services through the office of Secretary Zwiebel assisted by the dedicated committee members. We offer through the personal contact of Secretary Zwiebel (hopefully in the near future through an employed youth field worker as well as the secretary) the variety of services and publications available through the board. It is hoped that the diversity of problems and opportunities in our differing church communities will be shared with Secretary Zwiebel that his approach to your church might be of the greatest benefit. It is only through his personal contact with your church, giving careful survey from as many different viewpoints as possible, that suggestions might be presented for your consideration

in improving the educational program of your church.

Though widely known to be engaged with the process of understanding our faith your Board of Christian Education is increasingly striving to cooperate with all our boards and agencies so that "faith in mission with understanding" might be known as our basic emphasis. This is not so much a shift in policy or direction (though it may lead us into new structures) but an attempt to infuse in every Seventh Day Baptist the urgency of his commission—to teach of God's love in Jesus Christ with every vehicle at his disposal including his manner of living.

Finance Committee

By H. O. Burdick, chairman

The special function of the Finance Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is to direct the investment of monies which constitute its permanent fund. Dr. Ben R. Crandall was a very effective chairman of this committee during the post-depression period when the permanent fund was in great need of rehabilitation.

The particularly arduous task this last year was the separation of those funds which had been bequeathed long years ago to Alfred University, but which were deposited with this board for administration. Slightly over 32 per cent of our total investment thus belonged to the University. This totalled over \$31,000 and the transfer has been completed. Especial credit is due L. Maurice McCrea, treasurer of the board, for his work in this transaction.

The permanent fund now being administered by the Finance Committee is largely for the benefit of the Center for Ministerial Training at Plainfield, N. J.

Another regular duty of the Finance Committee has been to help prepare the proposed budgets for the Board of Christian Education.

Youth will be interested to know that Camp Comeca, where Youth Pre-Con will be held, is pronounced Koh-Mee-Kah with the accent on the middle syllable.

Publications Committee

By E. Wayne Cruzan, chairman

The following people participate as members of the Publications Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education: the Rev. David S. Clarke, Mrs. C. H. Dickinson, Mrs. J. N. Norwood, Mrs. E. G. Ogden, John Reynolds, Miss Onnalee Saunders, Mrs. Harley Sutton, E. Wayne Cruzan as chairman, and the Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr., and the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel as ex officio members.

Responsibility for the publication of our denominational Christian education literature is the primary concern of this committee with the three major publications being *The Helping Hand*, *The Junior Quarterly*, and *The Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls*.

The problems involved in seeing that publication of *The Helping Hand* is done efficiently are more complex than they might appear to be. There is a certain amount of coordination and cooperation needed between the editor, the publishing house, and the Publications Committee. With their respective locations being Milton, Wis., Plainfield, N. J., and Alfred, N. Y., frequent and detailed communication, by mail and telephone, is necessary. Some problems that arise are difficult to discuss and solve via these means of communication. There is concern by the denomination that the cost of the quarterly be kept to a minimum and this necessitates agreement among the agencies previously listed as to number of pages in any one issue, deadline for copy to be submitted to the publishing house, and page arrangement for a particular issue. It is the responsibility of the Publications Committee to decide on the procedures to be followed and to see that they are carried out. This is no mean task. Other concerns which involve the Publications Committee are in regard to cover design and in recommendations to the board granting the editor flexibility in substituting certain areas of study for those suggested by the Uniform Series Outlines.

The Helping Hand is written and edited by the Rev. Don A. Sanford of Milton, Wis. Recently an Advisory Commit-



Don Sanford

**Editor
of the
Helping
Hand**

tee was set up to aid the editor: by reviewing editorial policies and the presentation of lessons; by making constructive criticisms of material and format in order to make the quarterly more useful, functional and attractive; and by helping to keep the editor on schedule with his writing to avoid costly delays at the publishing house and lateness in getting the quarterlies to the individual churches. Those serving on this committee are the Rev. A. Addison Appel, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, Mrs. Doris Rood, Leland Shaw, and the Rev. Kenneth Smith, all of the Milton, Wis., area. It is hoped that this committee will be of assistance to Mr. Sanford in rendering more effective the total outreach of the publication.

Acting on the recommendation of General Conference (1967), the Publications Committee is exploring possibilities to increase the sale of *The Helping Hand* within and without the denomination. Inquiries have been made as to ad space cost in leading religious magazines. Suggestions to Seventh Day Baptist churches for increased maximum use of the lesson quarterly have been sent out and include these suggestions: 1) See that Seventh Day Baptist students away from home have a copy for personal study; 2) Send copies to nonresident members of the church; 3) Send subscriptions to servicemen; 4) give a copy to a shut-in whether the person is a member of a church or not; 5) Furnish them to nursing homes and correctional institutions; and 6) Give samples to neighboring churches with the suggestion that the teachers and pupils might like to use them as resource material for the international lessons.

Miss Onnalee Saunders of Richburg, N. Y., continues to distribute *The Junior*

Quarterly. A survey conducted last year by the Publications Committee indicated lack of denominational acceptance for this publication and, since there is no other outlet for its sale and use, it was recommended to the Board of Directors and adopted that this quarterly be discontinued following the July-September 1969 quarter. Again, acting on the recommendation of General Conference (1967), copies of the present cycle of *The Junior Quarterly* will be made available for those churches wishing to use them.

The Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls is published monthly under the editorship of the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel. Mrs. Lloyd Pierce of Alfred Station, N. Y., is the circulation manager, mailing about 500 copies each month.

The Publications Committee is also responsible for the Sabbath Rally Day Sabbath School lessons and secures the persons to write lessons for Beginners, Primary, Junior, and Junior High age groups.

Other publications available through the executive secretary's office are:

You and Your Church, Seventh Day Baptist Church Membership Manual, 50 cents per copy.

Junior Mission Lessons, 25 cents per set (quarter).

The Christian Answer to Life's Urgent Problems, a leadership training manual, 15 cents a copy or ten copies for \$1.25.

World C E

The World Christian Endeavor Union will hold its fifth Christian Endeavor Conference for Area I at Kingston, Jamaica, August 8 through 11, 1968.

Area I consists of the Americas, Jamaica, the Pacific Region, and Asia with some exceptions in the latter.

The conference will be held concurrently with the 75th Diamond Jubilee, Convention of the Jamaica Christian Endeavor Union.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments.

—Prov. 3:1.

Dedicated Service Committee

By Nancy Cruzan, chairman

The Dedicated Service Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education continually strives to promote and improve the Vacation Church School/Camp dedicated service program. Advancement in this program is made possible only as new ideas arise and are investigated, weighed and measured as to good and bad points, and as to the advantages and disadvantages of proposed changes. Each Seventh Day Baptist has a responsibility in this program to contribute ideas, comments and suggestions. I welcome your thoughts, whether they be positive or negative. We like to move forward—wouldn't you like to be a contributing part of that forward movement?

Dedicated service shouldn't end in committee. Dedicated service needs to radiate across our country—to become a part of the life of *each* person (regardless of age) who truly loves the Lord and sees or feels a need to make His love known to others. There is a misconception that camp and VCS service is for "kids." This program also needs young adults and adults to teach and lead our youth. In many instances our teen-age volunteers do not meet the qualifications (mainly age) of a particular project and so the project goes unassisted. Another common misconception is that to be a dedicated worker one must go away from home. We urge all our people first to support the summer work of their home church and association even though this doesn't come under the denominational dedicated service program. Home town Vacation Church Schools and local camps give wonderful opportunities for training. Great satisfaction can be gleaned from advancements made at home.

The most important thing is not to be afraid to get involved. Quit sitting on your ideas and words—put them into action. Take a dare for Christ. Dare to become involved in *your* dedicated program!

Write for information to General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler. Send ideas and suggestions to Nancy Cruzan, 736 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y. 13210.



Executive Secretary Areas of Service

By
Rex Zwiebel

Someone has said that an executive secretary is a person who serves as an executive and is paid like a secretary. Be that as it may, the work of the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education fits into somewhat the same category as that of a local church pastor or director of Christian education. His areas of offered, or unoffered, service are limited only by time, place, and finance.

At his desk he writes, edits, and corresponds. Material is supplied weekly for the Christian education page of the *Sabbath Recorder*, and quarterly the daily Bible readings for the *Helping Hand* are written or provided for. Each month the *Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls* is edited. Daily he serves as the corresponding secretary for the board, corresponding for the board committees, supplying information and answers to requests from our churches, ordering and mailing books and varied materials to individuals, churches, and agencies. He circulates audio-visual materials, mostly filmstrips, for those who request them.

Programs for special day observance in our churches and Sabbath Schools are devised and mailed out to pastors and Christian education keyworkers at scheduled periods. As usable materials are written and accumulated, they are formed into kits and sent to our churches. While the number of mailings that go from our office varies from year to year, the average number is about nine.

Statistics related to Sabbath Schools, Vacation Church Schools, Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowships, and camps are gathered and collated for the Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook annually.

Workshops in a multitude of areas are prepared and conducted, usually at the

request of local Christian education committees. As this article is being published the secretary is working among Seventh Day Baptist churches in the southwest United States.

There are endless rounds of meetings with board committees to be attended, as well as those of the denomination and ecumenical agencies. Usually there is work for the secretary as a result of the meetings.

The executive secretary is a member of the denominational Planning Committee and serves as recording secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. He is a delegate to the newly formed Seventh Day Baptist New York State Council.

As time permits he helps with the publication of mimeographed papers that are printed on the board machine. This includes work on the *Beacon*, and at the present time, the special project of the board's Publicity Committee, the publishing of the "Our World Mission News-sheet."

Directors for children's conferences at General Conference are sought. Writers for Sabbath Rally Day Sabbath School lessons are secured and their material edited.

Ecumenically the executive secretary holds membership, representing his board and our denomination, in the Program Board of the Division of Christian Education, and its Executive Committee, of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; the Program Board of the Department of Educational Development, and its Executive Committee, of the Division of Christian Education, NCC; the Commission on Leadership and Administration of the above department; the National Denominational Executives in Christian Education; and the Baptist National Denominational Executives in Christian Education. Some work is done with the Division of Christian Education of the New York State Council of Churches. All ecumenical work is held to a minimum for obvious reasons, but as much as possible is done as Seventh Day Baptists believe in ecumenism. The present secretary has strong feelings for the

good that is being done and the great possibilities that lie in inter-church cooperation.

The support of the denomination, especially from those who are members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, undergirds any effort of the secretary. For the tremendous amount of dedicated service from all concerned he gives constant thanks to God.

The Youth Work Committee

By Althea Greene, member

Upon arrival in Alfred my freshman year I was asked to be a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education's Youth Work Committee. I had heard much about the committee at various Conferences (primarily through talk about plans for a youth field worker), yet I knew very little about its interests and activities.

Soon I realized that it was one of the hardest working committees that I had ever been a part of. I was surprised to discover many of the areas in which it was active.

The following is a brief resume of the activities which are of great importance to the Youth Work Committee. Being designed to further youth interests, this committee is instrumental in setting up the exchange camper program in which a camper from each association attends the camp of another association. Arranging a schedule for such exchanges is a long, hard process but one which proves rewarding to the youth—or so we hope.

An outgrowth of the camping program and Conference activities are the Pre-Conference Retreats. Here again our committee is at work—securing campsites and directors, determining fees, arranging publicity, etc.

Another phase of this committee's work is that of arranging for and securing a youth field worker. At the present time, we trust that we are close to securing a person for this position. Yet few people realize how much groundwork was done before reaching this stage—how we had

to determine the actual duties and purposes of such a worker.

Another phase of the Youth Work Committee is supervision of the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship—this is a result of the vacancy in the field worker position. Again, the duties and purposes of the national officers have had to be made and examined over and over. This committee also supervises the publication of *The Beacon*—the S.D.B.Y.F. magazine. Decisions have to be made as to who will publish it and how.

Several other mailings are also an outgrowth of this committee—for example the Youth Week materials in promotion of Youth Week.

The Youth Work Committee is constantly seeking to find ways in which it can improve the church's ministry to youth and youth's ministry to the church. Above all, we seek God's guidance and your prayers as we strive to share our Christ with our youth.

Support Your Board

By L. Maurice McCrea, treasurer

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., could not function were it not for financial support of the people of the denomination. Approximately 25% of the board's annual income is generated by board activity.

Seventh Day Baptists support the board in two ways: First and most desirably, by using board publications, *The Helping Hand*, *The Junior Quarterly*, *The Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls*, *You and Your Church* (a guide to church membership), *Junior Mission Lessons*, and adult education lessons. The board invests nearly 50% of its annual budget in making these Seventh Day Baptist helps available, and when subscriptions are rejected by the local churches, it doesn't mean the printer doesn't get paid, for he does. Some other part of our program, however, suffers.

Second, one third of our financial need is met through Our World Mission. The board does not receive a flat rate per month on which to plan and meet its obligations. The board receives a fixed

percentage of the OWM receipts. The board, however, has certain obligations which must be met each month, month in and month out. There are months when the OWM check will not cover the salary and expenses of our executive secretary and *Helping Hand* editor. A more regular cash flow through the OWM treasurer would help as would an increased level of giving.

It behooves each of us as individuals, churches, associations and conferences to become better acquainted with the Board of Christian Education programs so that we may partake of them to the fullest extent and support them accordingly.

Committee on Family Life

By Mrs. Frank Snyder, chairman

The Family Life Committee of the Board of Christian Education was first organized in May 1967. We have been meeting bimonthly since the date of organization, with a total of five meetings thus far. The committee includes Mrs. Frank Snyder, chairman, and Burton Crandall from the Alfred church; Mrs. Madge Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cruzan and the Rev. Ernest Bee (ex-officio) from the Alfred Station church; C. Harmon Dickinson from the Richburg church; and the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel (ex-officio), executive secretary of the board.

The primary purpose of this committee is to recommend specific items of interest, including informative articles relating to family life problems, and to promote an active interest for family life within the church. We are striving to develop and present useful suggestions for the churches to utilize appropriately.

One of our first projects was to compile a list of ideas for family-type socials. We corresponded with some of the churches known to be active in this area and received some new ideas to add to the varied suggestions of the committee members. This list will be enclosed in a mailing to each church for Family Week in May 1968.

"Thoughts for Food" is a project we are presently developing for family meal-time thought and conversation, to ini-

tiate discussion and create a better understanding within the family regarding various topics associated with daily living.

Family Week is May 5 - 12, 1968, with the theme "Strong Families, Strong Community." At the present time we are in the process of compiling a packet to be sent to each church, with material and various suggestions for use in Family Week. This will include a suggested worship service, a sermon outline, a list of daily "Thoughts for Food," and ideas for family socials, plus a pamphlet on marriage which is available and might be used in preparation for a panel discussion. We are in hopes that this packet will be helpful in planning the special services for Family Week.

The committee is open to requests and suggestions for ways in which they might be of assistance to the churches. Any such correspondence may be sent to the chairman at Box 1191, Alfred, N. Y. 14802.

Christian Writers and Editors' Conference

The 1968 Christian Writers and Editors' Conference will be held at the American Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wis., July 6-13. Outstanding writers, editors, and educators headline a challenging program. The fee is \$20 plus board and room.

Any Seventh Day Baptist, who has a bent for writing, either religious or secular articles, would profit much by attending the conference.

Having attended two sessions in past years, the editor of this page highly recommends attendance. The program is educational, stimulating, and refreshing. The conference grounds are inspirational. If you can write anywhere you can write at Green Lake. Write our office, S.D.B. Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803, for information.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 16, 1968

THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HELPER

Lesson Scripture: John 14:15-26.



Committee on Higher Education

By

Burton B. Crandall, chairman

The Committee on Higher Education of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has been working in several areas. Requests were received from several churches for instructional material which could be used by college or young married age groups in either Sabbath School or night meetings. The executive secretary sent lists of possible study guides and booklets which might be used. Mrs. Dora Norwood prepared a study on the Education of Adults which was adapted from a book prepared by another denomination. This publication and the lists are available to any groups upon request.

The committee has a study on the idea and development of the church which will be available for distribution at some future date.

Material is sent out annually for the use of our churches on National Christian College Day in April. A more specific project to foster college attendance is sponsored jointly with the Vocational Committee. A list of Seventh Day Baptist high school juniors and seniors is forwarded in January to the admissions officers of the colleges in Alfred, Milton and Salem. Perhaps some of our readers would like these names sent to other institutions near our churches. If so, we would appreciate knowing about them.

We have the responsibility for the selection of a location and the planning of the programs for the ministers biennial conference. This has involved considerable time of the executive secretary and in the future the program planning will devolve more than formerly on both the secretary and the committee.

At present we are discussing ways and means of implementing the Commis-

sion's recommendation that our committee and the Council on Ministerial Education join in a reevaluation of Sabbatism in the modern world. Dean Victor W. Skaggs has agreed to compile a list of readings in the area for our use.

We note with gratitude the mimeographed material being sent out by the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders to aid the parish work of our ministers. This material is divided into eight or ten categories and is mimeographed on three-hole binder stock for easy filing and reference.

The committee solicits ideas or suggestions which it might follow to aid you or our colleges.

Vocational Committee

By Kenneth E. Kenyon, chairman

It may be old-fashioned to feel loyal to and proud of one's family, his church, and his country; but that is just what the members of the Vocational Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education are eager to promote in their work with vocations. Our committee's work will be just as effective as the vocational representatives in the churches will make it. If these people will assist our young folks in planning desirable vocations that they can enter and then locate near one of our churches, this will be an important portion of our aim. Some workers will need help in relocating where they may serve and be served in one of our churches.

On a church bulletin board appeared this message: "Our church has 167 ministers (members)." Since every member was a minister, it was his obligation and responsibility to actively and enthusiastically take the "Good News" to all he met. Our one appointed vocational representative in a church cannot do the job alone. If in your church there are ten or two hundred and ten members (ministers) and they really believe the Sabbath and our church are important, we can satisfactorily develop our vocational interests and find our church and Christian experience growing stronger year by year.

The Vocational Committee is assembling new material and revising some previously sent out for use in the

churches. Folders are being prepared and probably will reach pastors and vocational representatives in the next month or two. Until this material arrives, will you who read this start thinking of a few interesting things you can tell to a young person or to a neighbor or friend about your early memories of the church or about some faithful person who attended? Or will you tell of your hopes for the future of the church? You just might be the one to plant an idea in the minds of those who would help to make them real because they know there is someone who really cares. Will you be a minister for your church starting some time this week?

A Chat with Chet

By Chester A. Sillars

Question: What responsibility should the minister assume, or accept, in the Vacation Church School?

Answer: It is my feeling that the minister should be very much involved in the Vacation Church School. He misses a real opportunity for a fruitful ministry to three categories of his congregation if he fails to give proper attention to it.

There is a wild lot of materials being advertised for Vacation Church Schools. An alert minister looks over curriculum materials with a careful eye. He does not want materials that negate his own preaching program. He does not want to have to apologize for the use of trash in the VCS. Nor does he want to have to go around trying to repair any damage it might have done.

Therefore, the first category of people he can help is the number, large or small, of dedicated workers who serve on the faculty of the VCS. He can help them to select solid materials.

In working with these leaders he can, in a very informal way, provide helpful leadership. He will be undergirding their work. He will be teaching them as he goes over VCS materials with them. He

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will be working with them as he expects them to work with him.

He will work out a schedule whereby he can find spots in the program where he can extend his ministry to a second category. In a VCS the minister can get closer to the small children under his pastoral care than at any other time. There is an informality about the VCS that permits this. I believe a wise minister, who really wants to minister to his people, will welcome this opportunity.

I cannot stress too strongly that I feel a minister's role in caring for children may be the most important role he will have in his ministry. In this wild, out-of-control day in which we are living, children, and young people, too, need all of the guidance a minister can give them. In VCS he can get to know them. They will learn to love and trust him.

The minister will enjoy the honest comments of these children. They will speak without guile. Their frankness and simplicity will be refreshing. If he is to be a minister of Jesus Christ, he had better have room in his heart and program for little children.

He must not forget the third category of his congregation. I refer to the parents of the children. Here he will have a special reason to talk to parents. It will open doors of counseling about the children. Some children will be extra bright, some not so bright. He can help the parents as they talk about the special problems of their children. This could lead to some family counseling where homes are troubled.

A pastor's summer program is not usually quite as frantic as during the winter months. He can find time, if he wants to, for VCS. Some ministers may shy away from such a program because they do not know it. But they can learn quickly enough. It is not so involved that they need a seminar in it. Others may not be aware of the value in a VCS. Some may not like children. Some may be lazy.

It should be evident that in a two-week VCS the children may receive more hours of actual religious instruction than they receive in three quarters of regular Sab-

bath classes. This is an important consideration.

An incidental factor, but also important, is that a good VCS often serves as an evangelistic tool in recruiting new children for the church school.

It is not too early to start plans for a VCS this summer. Many communities have an ecumenical VCS, and this offers the pastors of the cooperating churches an excellent opportunity to work together for the good of all churches involved. There is action here!

Creation—Scientists Believe

For centuries, science and religion appeared to be in opposite corners, fighting to prove the validity of their contrasting beliefs.

In recent decades, both have yielded ground. Enlightened churchmen today weave accounts of scientific marvels into their sermons; scientists emphatically profess belief in a Creator and life after death.

This is a remarkable conciliation. In 1600, the Italian philosopher Bruno was burned at the stake for insisting that the earth revolved around the sun, asserting innumerable suns and infinite worlds!

Today, radio-astronomers vindicate Bruno. Astrophysicists speculate that hydrogen is continuously created in the voids of space, gathered into clouds of gas, compressed into new stars. Biochemists, manufacturing basic components of living matter, predict a day when life will be created in a test tube.

Where does this leave the biblical Creator of heaven and earth? Right where He always has been, contend university scientists. Alfred's among them.

Prying into the secrets of nature does not tear down religious beliefs. Quite the contrary, by their own word, most scientists are persuaded—through their own work—that God exists as the Grand Architect of a universal design.

They now offer proof that creation was planned orbital movement of bodies around a magnetic center inside the atom, in the solar system, in our own galaxy, in all other known galaxies of the universe.

There was a definite design, they say, from the smallest thing to the largest, and a design calls for a Designer. Mathematicians calculate that any chance theory of creation would require almost 20 billion years more than the estimated age of the earth.

Skeptics ask how God created something (matter) out of nothing. Yet, an instrument of science, the atom smasher, shows that mass, something tangible, is obtained from energy, something intangible.

After nearly 400 years of doubt, scientists, by and on the large, are the most devout worshipers of all. They best understand the problems involved in God's handiwork.

—Alfred University Reporter.

Sermons from Science Pavilion to Open Again

When Expo '67 at Montreal closed last fall the Sermons from Science Pavilion was not torn down. The loyal Christians supporting the program were happy that they did not have to raise funds for demolition in addition to meeting the remainder of the building and operational costs. Now the mayor of Montreal and interested people throughout Canada have appealed to the directors of Sermons from Science to open the pavilion again next summer. How strange! How unprecedented!

Can the religious, evangelistic program of the exposition go on successfully after most of the exposition with its great attractions has vanished? The pressure or the leading was so strong that the directors, in a January meeting, decided to accept the challenge and to work toward a new program. There were many assurances of help from individuals and the city. Christians everywhere should rejoice and thank God that this tremendous work will go on another year along with the continuing, systematic follow-up of decisions made by thousands during 1967. The directors are aware of the hurdles ahead but are confident that they can be taken in stride; the opportunity of witnessing is too great; they must finish the course.

The Cross Through the Scriptures

(a book by F. J. Huegel)

This 192-page Zondervan book (list \$2.95, Club price \$1.19) is true to its title, but what commends it and makes it warm, rewarding reading is the way the author shows how the cross permeates the Old and New Testaments. His insights, his interpretations are delightful to one who likes to see something new in fairly familiar passages and a thoughtful pulling together of similar passages. The book could well be read for daily devotions since its fifty-one chapters average only three and a half pages. It has four parts: (1) "The Cross in the Old Testament," (2) "The Cross in the Mind of Jesus," (3) "The Cross in the Epistles," and (4) "The Cross in the Apocalypse." The few hours it takes to read this book are hours well spent.

The appreciation of the centrality of the cross grows as one reads. Space does not permit a suitable resume or quotations. Just a sentence may set one thinking. "In a sense we must begin at the cross and read backwards," he says, in relation to the cross in the mind of Jesus. In almost every chapter the author makes some brief reference to modern attitudes before going on to discuss the selected passage. The more one reads, the more he feels that he would like to meet this deeply spiritual author who was for 25 years a missionary in Mexico, was a chaplain in World War I, and is now "actively" retired. He has written several other popular books.

—L. M. M.

Dodge Center History

Interested in the history of the Seventh Day Baptist church of Dodge Center, Minn.? Every long-established church has friends scattered far and wide. Readers might be doing some of the friends of Dodge Center a real service by reminding them that an up-to-date history of that church is just off the press. A notice in the weekly bulletin says that this book is available at \$1.50 and can be purchased from Mrs. Arthur Payne.

Vietnam Relief Needs

With a critical refugee population almost beyond control before the Vietcong urban invasions, 43,000 more homeless have been added to areas in which church volunteers are serving, James McCracken, executive director of Church World Service reports.

A call is being issued for an immediate \$50,000 from U. S. Protestant churches for emergency assistance to the newly created refugees in that war torn country.

Church World Service had previously pledged \$400,000 in 1968 towards Vietnam refugee aid through the Vietnam Christian Service, Lutheran World Relief and the Mennonite Central Committee. The extra funds will be added to the CWS contribution during 1968, Mr. MacCracken pointed out.

By the end of the current year, CWS will have contributed over \$1,000,000 in cash and material goods to the refugees in Vietnam. Meanwhile, the World Council of Churches will seek an additional refugee emergency fund over \$500,000 to help meet the current refugee upsurge in Vietnam.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J.—At the annual meeting the pastor and principal officers of the church were reelected. Some changes were made in committee structure and personnel. The major committees are Advisory (pastor and deacons), Executive (officers and chairmen of committees), Evangelism, Finance, Christian Education and Music. The new member of the board is Duane Cruzan.

—Correspondent.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y.—The annual meeting of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church was held Sunday Feb. 3, following a fellowship dinner at noon.

We are thankful for the spiritual leadership and inspiration of Rev. and Mrs. Leon Lawton and family in our church and community.

The First and Second Brookfield churches, who worship together and meet alternately in Brookfield and Leonards-

ville, have organized so that offices are filled without overlapping of duties.

Last summer we appreciated the work of three SCSC members, Harold King, Fawzia Drake, and Susan Bond, who spent three weeks in Leonardsville and Brookfield. During Pastor Lawton's absence in October Harold King returned for the month as student pastor. Our prayers go with him in his plans for the future.

The Youth Fellowship meets Friday night for devotions, followed by a half hour Bible study based on daily New Testament readings. Everyone is invited to this service.

This was the group that carried out the Bible distribution program in Brookfield and Leonardsville, giving out about 200 copies of the New Testament "Good News for Modern Man." Donations for these just about met the cost.

Mr. Lawton served as acting clerk of the Constitutional Assembly for the S. D. B. State Council (N.Y.S.) publishing the proposed constitution and corresponding with church clerks and pastors.

Our Women's Missionary Aid Society has been active and helpful with church expenses, although circumstances make it difficult to get members together for monthly meetings.

We plan to use the study book *Witness in the Thick of Life* in the near future.

—Correspondent.

NEW AUBURN, WIS.—As our church continues "Facing Frontiers with Faith," we are striving to accomplish the work God would have us do to make Him better known in our community and surrounding area.

Knowing how very much we enjoy hearing about the work of our sister churches, we desire to share with them some of our activities.

We were pleased to have an opportunity to participate in an evening of fellowship in one of our neighboring towns (25 miles away in Chippewa Falls) where Rev. David Wilkerson, author of *The Cross and the Switchblade* and several other books, was a speaker. We found that arrangements could be made to have

representatives from the work being done by Rev. Wilkerson show a film portraying the work being done and the needs that are still real in such centers as New York and other metropolitan areas. We had the opportunity to entertain Rev. and Mrs. David Patterson, associates of Mr. Wilkerson, in New Auburn, December 2. They brought a film entitled "Youth in a Fix" which illustrated clearly the work being done by Teen Challenge which is the name of David Wilkerson's center in New York. Our church procured the use of the New Auburn Elementary School gym and invited the churches of our community and nearby towns to share in an evening of enlightenment. We had articles about the evening activity in the newspapers of the area. Approximately 250 persons attended, of which about 150 were young people.

Our Christmas program, held on Sabbath Eve, December 22, was very successful. Our preschool through junior high children showed their ability to memorize Scriptures and to sing songs of Christmas joy. The church choir sang two Christmas anthems. Pastor Sutton presented a filmstrip which gave the background of Christmas carols and hymns, many of which were sung by the congregation.

Our annual church business meeting was held on January 14, after the traditional fellowship meal at noon. Many items of business were discussed, the following being important ones: 1) the church's first budget; 2) the Northern Wisconsin Fair booth work; 3) hopes for a good representation from New Auburn at Conference next August; 4) hosting the North Central Association in 1969; 5) following through on getting Pastor Sutton accredited with the General Conference; 6) election of officers.

Oh yes! On Sabbath night, Jan. 13, our church hosted a singspiration at which at least five churches had participants. Eighteen special numbers were offered to give praise to God. Several hymns were sung congregationally. All in all it was a very wonderful evening, with about 150 persons attending.

Some of the current activities are: joint Lenten services February 27 through

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April 9 with the New Auburn Evangelical United Brethren Church, joint World Day of Prayer services with the New Auburn churches, the winter Youth Retreat to be held in Milton, planning sessions for our Community Bible School, Bible School and church camp.

We would appreciate your continued prayer with and for us as we continue our efforts to "be about our Father's business."

—Correspondent.

Accessions

SECOND BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

By Baptism:

Mrs. James (Linda) Palmer
Orland Weidman

WASHINGTON, D. C.

By Baptism:

Barbara Dixon

Obituaries

THORNGATE.—Ernest E., was born Sept 15, 1902, at Laurel, Nebr., and died July 22, 1967, in the Lakeview General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. He had been in failing health for some time but only seriously ill for three weeks.

At the age of two he was adopted from the Nebraska Children's Home Society by Herbert and Eva (Mattison) Thorngate of North Loup, Nebr. When he was nineteen years old he was baptized and joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. Later the family moved to Battle Creek. There he served as a trustee from 1954-1957 and in later years as head usher. For a number of years he operated his own automobile repair business.

On Dec. 22, 1924, he was married to Leona G. Davis, who survives. Others surviving him are: three sons, A. Keith, Battle Creek, Dale D. of the United States Army, Ft. Bragg, N. C., and Wendell L., Kalamazoo, Mich.; a sister Mrs. Lee (Vesta) Farley, Redlands, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Eugene Fatato, Battle Creek, with interment in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens.

—E. N. F.

SULLIVAN.—Helen Mae, daughter of Charles B. and Lula Carpenter Ellis, was born in Stephentown, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1906, and died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1967.

A retired school teacher, Mrs. Sullivan was a member of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, joining by letter May 6, 1936. She remained active in all the church affairs. She also served in the capacity of trustee for many years.

She was married twice. Her first husband was Elmer M. Stuart, and her second husband was Charles Sullivan.

She is survived by: one son, Elmer M. Stuart, Jr., of Stephentown; a granddaughter, Carol, and a grandson, Alan; a brother, Delmar B. Ellis, also of Stephentown.

The funeral services were conducted in Stephentown by the Rev. Leland Davis of the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church in the absence of her own pastor. Burial was in the Cemetery of the Evergreens, New Lebanon, N. Y.

—P. L. M.

WINGATE.—Ray Winthrop, was born Oct. 26, 1886 in Lawrence, Mass., and died Feb. 14, 1968 at Hornell, N. Y.

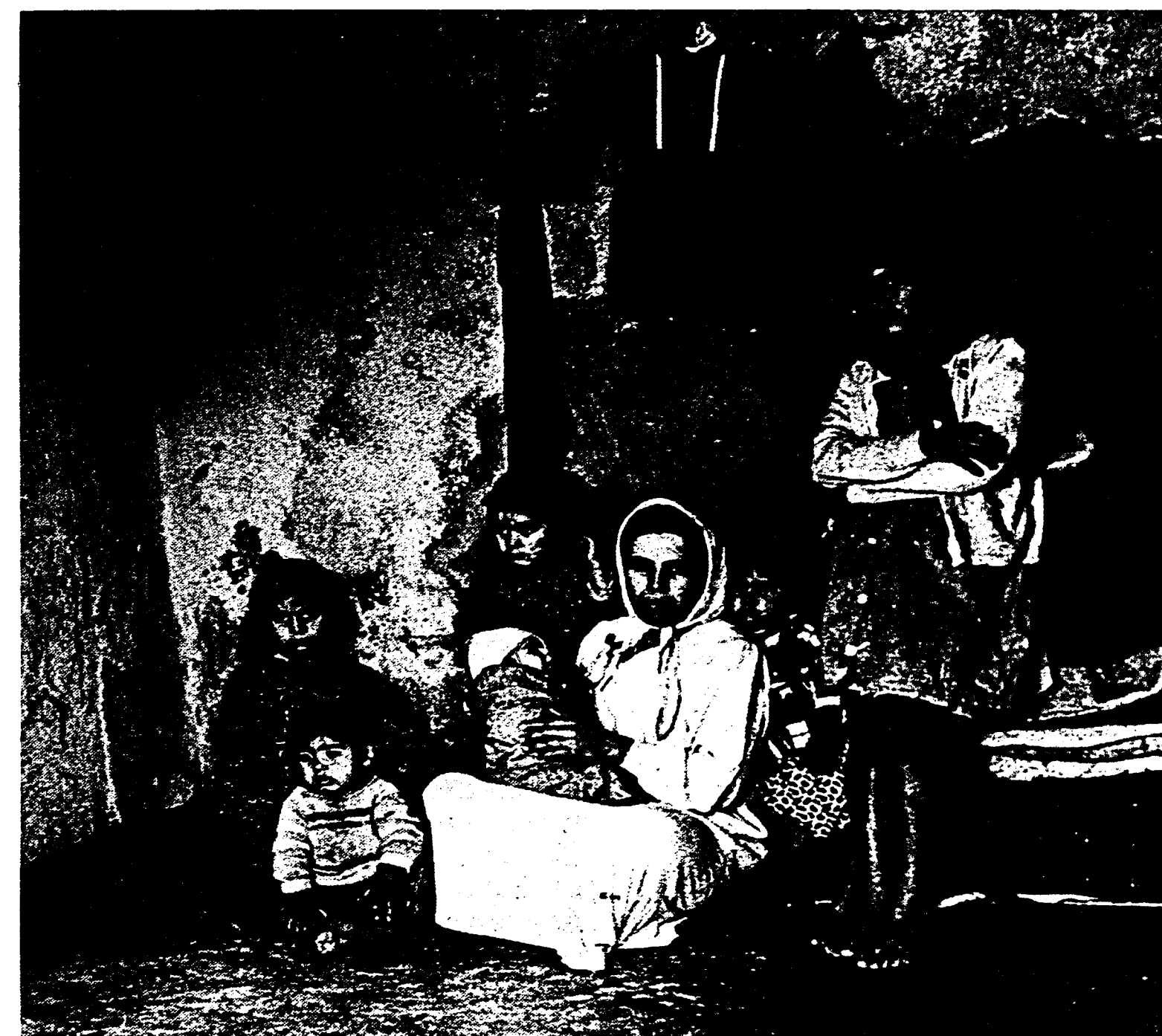
Mr. Wingate came to Alfred University as Professor of Music in 1912. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, he also studied at Eastman School of Music and the Royal College in London. After 25 years as music department chairman, he was appointed carillonneur for the Boothe C. Davis Memorial Carillon at Alfred. In 1941 the University bestowed the honorary Doctor of Music degree. Active in the Guild of Carillonneurs, he performed on many U. S. and European instruments and was guild president in 1947-48.

Dr. Wingate was organist and choir director of his church, (Alfred Seventh Day Baptist) for almost a quarter century.

His wife, Margaret Merrill Wingate, died in 1964. Their daughter, Mrs. Daniel (Margaret) Rase of Alfred; two grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Milton Brown of DeLand, Fla.; and nieces and nephews survive.

A memorial service was conducted Feb. 16, 1968 in his church with Dr. Melvin LeMon, present University music department chairman and church organist, at the console. Pastor David Clarke presided. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

—D. S. C.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Church World Service, the relief arm of the National Council of Churches sponsors each year in March what is called "One Great Hour of Sharing." The culmination of this nation-wide appeal for the needy of the world comes this year on March 24. Perhaps never have there been so many displaced people dependent on what others can do to feed, clothe and house them. Christian people are urged to give in community-wide programs across denominational and all other lines. The milk of human kindness must flow freely. Church World Service is one of the channels.