

share their experiences together for half an hour.

Over the New Year's weekend the Youth Fellowship enjoyed a spiritual retreat with the theme "How To Be a Christian and Have Fun" at Pacific Pines Camp, where they had snow to add to their mountaintop experience. Later in January they arranged for a bake sale.

General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler, our former pastor, was with us during the week of February 8-16 meeting with committees of the church in the interest of the "Facing Frontiers with Faith" emphasis. He preached on Sabbath morning on the subject "Faith Without Works Is Fruitless." Following the annual birthday dinner on February 11, Secretary Wheeler showed slides which he had taken in Jamaica last March. All were impressed by the work of the leaders and laymen on that island.

Several from our church attended the B.R.A.S.S. (Berdoo-Riverside Area Sunday Schools) Christian Leadership Training Institute in Riverside for four Monday evenings in February.

Our church has a booth in the Orange Show in San Bernardino, March 7-17. The Missions-Evangelism Committee is working on the project—a real project requiring many people for long hours.

Pastor Burdick has been preaching a series of sermons from the Book of Hebrews, as suggested by the Conference president. The series will continue through May 4.

On Youth Sabbath the young people had charge of the Sabbath worship service, while the pastor was in attendance at the ministers retreat in Berkeley.

On Sabbath, March 2, while pastor was attending the organization of the Seattle church, our speaker was from the "Cam-

pus Crusade for Christ" group. He gave us a challenging commentary on the trend of our modern age.

The church has been conducting a paper drive, the money received to be used for the Pacific Coast project in Seattle.

The Publicity Committee of our church has made arrangements for a five-minute radio program which will emphasize Bible reading.

—Correspondent.

We adults spend far too much time preparing the path for our youth and far too little preparing our youth for the path.

—The Reporter, Shiloh, N. J.

Obituaries

SAUNDERS.— Winnie C. Saunders, daughter of Will H. and Rhoda (Ellis) Crandall was born in New Auburn, Wis., July 26, 1884, and died Feb. 11, 1968, in Villa Pueblo Nursing Home in Tucson, Ariz., after a long illness.

The family moved to Dodge Center, Minn. While there she was baptized by the Rev. Lester C. Randolph and joined the Seventh Day Baptist church. She was very active both in church work and in civic activities. It was while she was in high school that she first exhibited the ability to write poetry. She graduated from high school and taught in rural schools. When the family moved to Milton, Wis., she attended Milton College. She was married Aug. 18, 1909, to A. B. Saunders who was a lumber dealer in Milton until 1930, when they moved to Janesville, Wis. They moved to Tucson in 1953 to be near their daughter.

Survivors are: a daughter, Mrs. Robert E. Lange, Tucson; a son, Truman A. Saunders, Hales Corners, Wis.; a sister, Mrs. Paul Crandall, Riverside, Calif.; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Tucson Memorial Park East Lawn next to her husband, who died Aug. 25, 1962.

—Mrs. Paul Crandall.

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IN THE INTEREST OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONS



Missions Building One Great Fellowship

Pictured above are delegates to the CoWoCo meeting at Salem, West Virginia, at which the plans for the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptists were made. Left to right, front row: Otrain Manan of Malawi; Johannes Bahlke, of Germany; James McGeachy of England. Left to right, back row; G. Zijlstra of Holland; Joe A. Samuels of Jamaica; Jacob Tyrrell of Guyana; Naval Harley of Jamaica. Plans are under way for delegates of the World Federation to meet in conjunction with General Conference in the New England area in 1971.

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Power in Our Hands

Acknowledging the inadequacy of his natural endowments for his calling to evangelize the Gentiles, an early evangelist, Paul, cites his real source of confidence. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh; (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

The Church's efforts to evangelize the world impress the natural mind as being rather puny. In number, personnel directly involved in world outreach with the gospel are unimpressive. All the foreign missionaries of all the churches in the world would total only a few thousand. And what are a few thousand among the

world's teeming millions of population?

When it comes to material resources, missions generally find themselves limited. This, in turn, limits personnel who may be sent and curtails expenditures for needed equipment.

Nor can we escape the human element. Most of our representatives in this endeavor will not only freely admit their physical and mental limitations, but their spiritual weaknesses as well. Many times, these factors are all too evident to suit us.

Now, if we consider the number of Seventh Day Baptists involved in this effort—two couples in Jamaica, a couple and family in Guyana, two families in Malawi, along with no more than a handful of local leaders in these fields and others, such as Burma, Brazil and Mexico—we may be impressed that they hardly constitute the proverbial "drop in the bucket."

And yet this is only a part of the story. The fruits of the labors of our missionaries are all out of proportion to the number who have shouldered the work.

The real secret of effectiveness lies in the soundness of the work we set out to do and the resources of Him with whom we are allied. We serve God in His purpose to seek the hearts of all the world through the gospel of His Son. Our power is that granted by God. It is "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, . . ."

The history of Christian missions is that of one or a few in the name of Christ going into strange places, against formidable odds, into awesome darkness, against deeply entrenched superstition and human perversity—and in sowing the seed of the gospel which has taken root to the glory of God. Adoniram Judson, pioneer missionary to Burma, labored seven years to win his first convert—but in the end he prevailed.

Our outward limitations need not be so much the cause of despair, as a reason to marvel at what God's power can do with a few and a little that are committed to Him. Our evident resources

may be unimpressive, immediate results seemingly elusive, but it is God who gives the increase in His own good time. And we labor on with our confidence "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord"—Zech. 4:6.

It behooves us who know His power to multiply what we offer in His services to faithfully give from the abundance of our hearts to His increasing work.

—E. F. W.

Catholic Priest in Baptist Pulpit

When the Rev. C. A. Roberts, pastor of the 4,400-member Baptist church of Tallahassee, Fla., had to be away for a youth engagement he invited his good friend the Rev. Lawrence Cunningham, young Catholic chaplain of the Catholic Student Center at Florida State University to be the guest speaker at the Sunday morning service with the almost unanimous approval of his Board of Deacons. It is believed that this was the first time (Oct. 16, 1966) that a Catholic priest ever occupied the pulpit of a Southern Baptist church. The response of the audience in the packed church was said to be "fabulous." The priest spoke on "Justification by Faith in Jesus Christ."

The Catholic university chaplain said that he had been listening to the televised sermons of Mr. Roberts for four or five years and had never heard the pastor say anything from the pulpit with which he did not agree wholeheartedly. In advertising the invitation to the Catholic priest the pastor said in his church bulletin that "doctrinally he is probably closer to Southern Baptists than to anyone else."

Editor's note: This breakthrough in relations between Catholics and Baptists does not mean that there is no difference between the preaching of Baptists and Catholics or that the average priest would impress a gospel-loving Protestant church if invited to preach. It does mean that there is considerable difference between priests, just as there is a wide difference between Protestant clergymen in beliefs and in the manner of speaking. It is said that this priest's style of speaking is similar to that of Billy Graham. The pastor knew whom he was inviting and was confident that it would bring his people "a very delightful experience."

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President's Column

Yokes for Firewood

Do you have yokes on your life that ought to be burned up, so you can put on Christ's yoke? Are there attachments you need to eliminate from your life? Have you made commitments that prevent your loyalty to Christ—your full loyalty?

Psychologists affirm the harnessing of wills, emotions, personalities to institutions, images, thought or action patterns, and social pressures. These burdens were familiar to Jesus, perhaps in other terms, and He speaks to us as clearly as to His First Century followers, in effect: "Take my yoke upon you, get the feel of My work, pull with Me—but first take off these other priorities."

Throughout our Seventh Day Baptist Conference I would ask individuals, families, churches and auxiliaries, associations and agencies to discover the burnable yokes, and to burn them up so Christ's yoke may be worn.

Are you yoked to institutions (formal and informal) that deny Christ's spirit? Burn up that yoke and "take Christ's yoke, learn of Him" even in organizations where bad customs seem to dominate. Those customs will yield to Christ's spirit, and you may help renew the group if you're yoked with Christ.

Are you yoked to an image of personal or group success which prevents Jesus' attitudes from guiding your planning? Burn up that yoke, and take Christ's yoke! Vitalize a finer sensitivity to what God wants accomplished in the world. After all, God is our Father who gave us the Word, His Son, the Perfect Goodness imagined for us!

Are you for your church committees, for instance, yoked to social pressures for status which deny Christ's direction or powerful presence in social change? Burn up that yoke and take Christ's yoke! Reform, by the spirit of Jesus, the driving hungers that dominate the talk of the town, the social gatherings, the personal planning of so many of your neighbors.

Malachi 3:1-6 tells where to get fire to start burning those unwanted yokes!

Our American Team in Jamaica



Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills



Mr. and Mrs. Courtland V. Davis

Letter from Martha Mills

"Tomorrow Neal is to go to Luna to preach and he is expected to take our new Crandall High School quartet to sing. I'll remain in Kingston to save room in the car. I'm needed here to play for the choir and to teach a class anyhow. Last Sabbath, I gained a new godchild and attended her dedication at Mountain View, while Neal preached at White Hall.

"Do your young people have any games or handcraft ideas that the Crandall High students could use in meetings?"

Pastor Joe Samuels of Jamaica, W. I. sees



Hope Overshadowing

Difficulties

"We are anxiously looking forward to the visit of our very beloved Secretary Alton Wheeler and wife to our Island . . . Only last week I conferred with the Conference president about drafting a schedule for their visit, and he plans to have it done this week. . . ."

The proposed schedule for the Wheelers follows:

Friday, April 5 — Arrival in Kingston.

Sabbath, April 6 — Bring the morning message at Kingston. Meet the Sabbath School teachers of the circuit at 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 7 — Meet the Sabbath School teachers of Manchester Circuit at Blue Mountain at 10 a.m. Attend dedication of the new church building at Jackson Town in the evening.

Monday, April 8 — Meet the Sabbath School teachers of Trelawny Circuit at Wakefield at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9, to Sunday, April 14— Participate in the Ministers' Annual Retreat at Maiden Hall.

Monday, April 15 — Meet the Sabbath School teachers at St. Mary Circuit at Bowensville.

Tuesday, April 16 — Free time.

Wednesday, April 17 — Meet the Sabbath School teachers of St. Thomas Circuit at Font Hill at 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 18 — Meet the Sabbath School teachers of St. Ann Circuit at Higgin Town at 10 a.m.

Friday, April 19 — At the Conference office.

Sabbath, April 20 — Attend the church of their choice.

Sunday, April 21 — Departure.

Pastor Samuels comments also on hardships being experienced in the Jamaica churches.

" . . . We are endeavoring to hold things together despite the terrible odds which are against us. Our pastors are sacrificing now almost to their blood to keep the work going. The circuits continue to report baptismal services held, and of many being added to the churches. There are also reports of some being dropped from membership. The ever-continuing flow of migrants to Britain, the U.S.A., and Canada is sapping the vitality of our churches, as many who have left us are from the cream of the crop. However, rather than being discouraged and faint in heart, it becomes a challenge to us. We trust that as these leave our shores they will bear witness of Christ our risen Lord, wherever they take up their new abode.

"There is a sharp rise in the cost of living here. Starting as of last year, it has gone up over 33%. Then with the devaluation of the Jamaican pound it has climbed to a new record height. I am afraid of the backlash. Already our workers, who have been on full-time employment with the Conference, which itself is in a financial hole, are feeling the pinch severely. . . . Our daily paper this morning carries the news that gasoline, tires, and engine oil are all up in price. Gasoline is 55 cents a gallon. Household and canned goods are all marked up. . . ."

"Shortage of workers continues to be another of our many problems. I am praying that many more of our young men will consider going into the Christian ministry. On the twenty-seventh of November last, three young men, Joel Roberts, Vincent Smith, and Alan Chambers as students, with three tutors, Pas-

tors Joe A. Samuels and Neal D. Mills and Mrs. Olga Bennett, commenced the three-year course of study set up by the Board of Christian Education for the training of local pastors. The classes met in an unoccupied room of Crandall High School and ran for two weeks. Although the course is a three-year one, the classes will meet only once each quarter, for a two-week period. The men then return home to their duties there. . . . A room in the cottage (former headmaster's residence) was set up as a dormitory for the students while they were in the city. For this we are grateful to Rev. Neal Mills."

From Pastor Samuels' letter we also hear good news concerning the Davises: "The Davises continue to be very active in the work here. Courtland serves on a number of boards and committees, giving wise counsel and suggestions from his wealth of experience. Sister Davis is as busy as a bee. We certainly thank God for giving them health and strength. I am sure that they would appreciate your prayers."

So we see that today, as in the early Church, the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, souls are won, and the church grows through much tribulation. Yet in it all, God is faithful in His promise through Christ: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). Now as then, the concern of the faithful Christian is that Christ be preached (Phil. 1:18) at whatever cost. The Apostle Paul's appeal for prayer is that of Christian workers today:

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith (2 Thess. 3:1, 2).

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 13, 1968

OUR RESPONSE TO

THE RISEN LORD

Lesson Scripture: John 20:19-21.

Crisis in the Cities

By Paul B. Osborn (for Commission)

The sign read, "If you can keep your head when everyone else is losing his, perhaps you just don't understand the situation."

The President's Commission brought a report fixing blame and setting costs of the riots last summer — and predicted another "long hot summer."

The National Council of Churches has established an "Investment Program for Ghetto Redevelopment" and is operating it on a cash basis, hoping to start building programs before next summer.

But Seventh Day Baptist resources are not sufficient to make significant contributions to building programs. What can we do? And do we really believe something should be done? Perhaps we can sit idly by and do nothing, but it would probably prove that we "just don't understand the situation."

There is another way to attack the problem of unrest, but it is harder. This is to minister to the men and their spiritual need, and not just to construct physical buildings in which to put the men. However, it is one thing to say, "Building programs are not the answer," and quite another thing to say, "I will show Christ's love by my work."

So what must we do? Our boards and agencies do not have resources to develop massive spiritual renewal programs. We just haven't given them that kind of support. But we can look around and find where we need to work and witness, to love and labor, to sweat and share. And then, we can turn to our boards and holler for help! Perhaps we may have to switch some of our programs, maybe even all of them. But unless each church and individual Christian is sincerely looking for a way to let the love of Christ flow through them in witness, then there is no need for our agencies to develop programs and plans which will lack for personal attention.

Part of the restlessness around us is due to the fact that too few people seem to be concerned with poverty and hate. The church has been accused of this.

Another sign reads, "Are you helping, or are you part of the problem?"

Missionary Leroy Bass of Guyana, S. A.

Reviews the Past - Dreams of the Future

Hello, fellow Seventh Day Baptists in America! Your missionary in Guyana, South America, sends a cheerful smile to you in the abounding grace and faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are eager to hear more about your mission work in this bright little country of Guyana, and I have many things I am eager to tell you.



The Leroy Bass family (1966 photo)

Early in January I made the trip to our country church at Dartmouth Village up on the Atlantic coast and spent Wednesday through Sabbath with our people, married one young couple (my second wedding in Guyana), counseled them, preached, visited, and called for a young people's meeting on Saturday night. The rain held off the day of the wedding, but the next day it rained hard all day, and I was forced to stay home with Deacon Scipio. On Sabbath, I preached using a flip-over chart, "Story of Tom and Eva," which is really the story of salvation, and I am grateful to God for one decision by a 21-year-old youth at the close.

In the evening at the youth meeting, we played a Bible game, and I gave a talk on the value of purity in preparation for a future happy marriage. Early Sunday morning, I returned to Georgetown so that I could continue my work on our house next door that we purchased

from Mr. Eric Straker. I have built new kitchen counters and cupboards, painted the whole kitchen with two coats of paint, installed plumbing for the washing machine and installed five electric lights to replace some removed by the former owner, plus a number of other small jobs. I have had one young man, Vibert Charles, assisting me with some of the painting. My work next door will be finished and we will have moved over by the time you read this.

Then we have plans to convert the present mission house into a chapel for our Georgetown church. We will remove the partitions to make a large open area to put the pews in. When this is done, we shall have a dedication service and start a nightly evangelistic crusade. Please remember these things in prayer to our Heavenly Father.

Our work on Wakenaam Island in the Essequibo River mouth is suffering a slump for lack of strong leadership, so the Lord is guiding us to send one of our young men from Georgetown, who is aspiring to the ministry, to go over for one or more months and build up a new young people's work. He is Sam Peters, age 20, and we believe he will be able to do this. He and I are leaving town this Friday, January 26, and I will spend the weekend there and then leave Brother Peters, returning later to see how he is getting along. He wants to attend Jamaica Theological Seminary beginning with the September term this year. Last Sabbath we had a special service for Brother Peters as I presented him with what we call an "Exhorter's License."

I am happy to tell you that one of our American churches is now sponsoring new children's Sabbath School materials from Scripture Press, and this is really a dream come true. We are so thankful to have these materials supplied for our boys and girls and youth.

Several churches are sending us their extra take-home-papers, like "Straight," "Counselor," "Primary Days," "Three

and Fours," "The Sabbath Visitor," and others.

Our Guyanese young people are looking forward to our second Seventh Day Baptist Youth Camp to be held in August, 1968. We have hopes of renting a new government campsite up on the Essequibo Coast where there is a beautiful lake, called Lake Mainstay.

Since it was voted at our last Conference to form a Women's Board, two of our churches have begun a women's work, at Bona Ventura and at Georgetown. We are looking for the other churches to do likewise this year. The potential of a women's work is being realized. Our Georgetown women decided to meet fortnightly.

Just this week, on January 22, the new term of Guyana Bible College opened. Jacob Tyrrell, Leyland Bowen, and Randolph Williams are attending. This term I am making it a personal project to support these lay leaders by paying the small costs involved. One of these men comes in from the country and stays with us at the Mission two nights a week, with Marjorie giving him meals.

Jacob Tyrrell is expecting to graduate this term, and thus become our first Seventh Day Baptist graduate from this school. It is likely that he may then become pastor of one of our country churches. In anticipation of his move, he is giving driving lessons to Vibert Charles, an efficient and responsible young man who was mentioned before, so that I will have someone to help me with mission driving here. Marjorie is also taking driving lessons again.

Sister Inez Peters put on a Christmas program using her Wednesday Bible children, then the following week she treated these youngsters to a nice party. More recently, one of our sisters has moved from Dartmouth to Georgetown, and she has just started a Wednesday Bible Club in her house over on the other side of the city. She also has the children come again on Sabbath morning for a second story time. A few children and one mother are now accompanying her to our Sabbath services.

During the past year, we have granted to five of our lay leaders their first "Minister's License," and we are making plans to hold two-week training institutes for these men at our Mission headquarters from time to time, at least two such institutes a year.

At the village of Uitvlugt, not far from Georgetown, we have a definite interest in restoring Seventh Day Baptist work. Several years ago, we had a church there, but it became defunct when former Pastor Trotman was dismissed from the ministry. . . . Several of the old members are wanting to reopen the witness of Seventh Day Baptists. So on the first Sabbath of 1968, my family and I went over to them, and in one of the homes we conducted our first service for them. There were nineteen children and ten adults present; this was a time of good fellowship getting acquainted and in the ministry of God's Word. We are now endeavoring by God's grace to rebuild this old work by sending someone to conduct services for the present on every other Sabbath.

I have a dream that I now want to share with all my fellow Seventh Day Baptists; something I would like to see become a reality in the not-far-distant future. This is the need for a consecrated, missionary-minded medical doctor. I really feel that having a missionary doctor in Guyana going on itinerant trips to the churches with the missionary supervisor, together making a medical-evangelistic team for the glory of Christ's church, will mean a tremendous boost to our work. Picture the total church-building as a temporary day-time clinic, ministering to the sick who come to the house of God for relief from suffering, receiving "anointing oil" for healing in the Lord, and the missionary speaking to the patients and praying with them, just as you might well imagine Jesus Himself would if He were here physically. The doctor might also be able to give some practical health lectures to a congregation, with this followed by an evangelistic message, perhaps often with magic lantern pictures.

Yes, friends, I see tremendous possibilities in having such a team as this,

and what a drawing card it would be to point sinners to Christ, and also to better health practices. This will be a great service, not only for God, but for the kingdom of men in this sin-cursed and sick world. Medical services are badly needed in Guyana; this is a most opportune time to fill this need with Christian missionary doctors.

With all my heart I want to urge my brethren in America and elsewhere to seek now to meet this challenging need just as quickly as possible. Please consider this a genuine and urgent call for help. In Jesus' dear name, I consider this call for a Seventh Day Baptist doctor our most urgent and pressing need in Guyana. Earthly time is almost finished. Let us reap a great harvest for the return of Jesus our King, coming in power and glory.

Marjorie Bass comments on

Nature, Customs, and Family Activities

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In a letter written last March, Marjorie (Mrs. Leroy) Bass comments on the migration of wrens, among other birds, that spend the summers in the United States and the winters in South America. "Our wrens have left. Since sometime in February I have neither heard nor seen them. It is such a wonder to think of those tiny birds traveling that long distance which we covered in a jet."

Speaking of dress, she says: "The women (and men) are quite clothes conscious. The women dress in the latest style. . . . They all make their own clothes, or have them made, as there are very few ready-made dresses in the stores. There are all kinds of yard goods for sale—many from the U. S., such as Dan River. Most of the men have their clothes tailor-made. Leroy recently had a pair of trousers made by a tailor who is one of the lay leaders in our church."

In the observance of Easter, Good Friday is emphasized. Marjorie says: "They

(the Christians) most all go to church and wear mourning colors—black, white, and mauve. . . . Easter Monday is a great day for flying kites. They have many-colored fancy ones—smaller than ours."

Modes of travel in outlying areas are described in her account of a trip by Pastor Bass. "Leroy went way up on the Pomeroon River. At Charity, the road ended and from there all traveling is done by boat. There they do not have roads of any kind. But the houses, churches, etc., are along the river. All the people have canoes and are at home on the water—even groups of small children paddling their own little boats to school."

A hazard of prolonged visitations of outlying areas is impure drinking water that often causes illness. Our missionaries carry pills to counteract impurities, but even yet often fall ill.

Those who are not native to the area find the high humidity and heat quite oppressive. Pastor Bass comments: "The climate is difficult, so that it is impossible to get an American day's work in."

The growth and progress of the Bass children appears in Marjorie's recent comment: "The children are getting on well at school—Clifford in first grade, Vivian in second, and Gordon in sixth."

On the Fourth of July last, the Bass family went to a picnic for all Americans in Guyana, sponsored by the American Embassy. "It was good to see so many Americans—perhaps a hundred or so," Marjorie remarks.

Pastor Bass comments on the developing cultural arts in Guyana. He says: "Guyana recently had its first live classical concert with the visit of the *Deutsche Bachsolisten* (German Bach Soloists); twelve strings with oboe and flute. Beautiful! Marjorie and I went."

So life goes on for our missionary family in Guyana. Surroundings may at first seem strange, but as servants of Christ and His Church, our missionaries become a part of the people whom they serve.

MALAWI WORK VISUALIZED



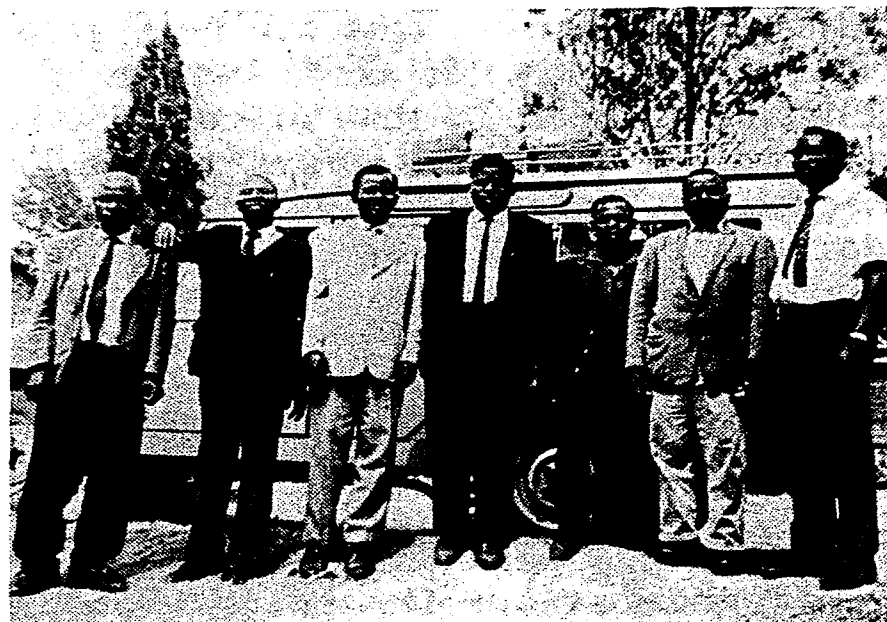
Leaders on the speaker's platform during a business session of the Southwestern Association. The speaker is Pastor Otrain Manan. He is emphasizing the importance of giving for the Lord's work.



A group of pastors and preachers with Chief Nang'ombe of Mphangala Village (fourth from left in the second row).



The Blantyre Seventh Day Baptist group.



From left to right: Pastor L. Nothale, Pastor C. Nangazi, Preacher L. Kawere, and Mr. Y. Kadumbo, the driver hired for this trip. This group has just returned from an evangelistic trip to the Central Churches for twenty-three days.



A recently formed group of Seventh Day Baptists on the day that they opened their new church. This is one of three groups that have recently become Seventh Day Baptists.



Standard 1 and 2 classes at Makapwa F. P. School, accompanied by their Domestic Science class, Miss C. Kabowa.

Everyday Life with the Burdicks in Malawi

(Quotations from recent letters)

"A sixth of the school year has passed. Vicky seems to have settled down to his new way of life, living with the Pearsons and going to school in Blantyre. We usually take him to Gotha Tea Estate near Cholo on Sunday afternoons, and he rides to Blantyre with the Lockingtons. He would rather that we took him, and this seems to be the hardest thing for him to adjust to. . . .

"We have two more cases of typhoid fever. The last one ran a temperature of 106.4. Both are doing well at present.

"We wrote that we were doing some remodeling of the kitchen and bathroom. The bathroom is finished now. We have put in our own version of a hot water heater, made from an old water tank for a diesel engine. We put up a stationary tub for rinsing clothes, so now washing time is much more pleasant. No more lifting water buckets, heating water on a smoky stove, and all such things as before. Just turn on the tap, and out comes the hot water—old business to you, but rather a luxury to us at this time. The ceiling is now being put up in the kitchen. Then I will paint, and we can move in. Where the kitchen was the darkest room in the house, it will now be about the lightest.

"The Board of Trustees will have their quarterly meeting this coming Monday. So David (Pearson) will be spending a day or two with us, depending on how long meetings last.

"Our weather continues to change rather frequently. Right now, it is cool. We had rain most of the night Sunday. So Monday Victor used the Land Rover (with 4-wheel drive) to go into Blantyre for a medical meeting. . . ."

The foregoing excerpts, from letters written by Victor and Beth Burdick in Makapwa Mission to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Burdick of Waterford, Conn., help us to see something of their everyday activities in addition to their medical missionary work. In this busy life they need the prayers of all Christians here at home.

"Moni" from Pastor Manan

Moni (Hello) from Pastor Otrain Manan to Secretary Everett Harris of the Missionary Society carries good tidings from Malawi.

We hear good news of the Pearsons and the new mission in Blantyre:

The Pearsons were warmly welcomed back to Malawi. We are working hand-in-hand here in the city of Blantyre, promoting our new mission to the glory of God through the name of our Lord Jesus.

There is good news concerning a new convert:

Brother George P. Nontikwa is still with us and is still very faithful to his convictions on the true Sabbath day and baptism which God authorized His people to observe, through His Holy Book, the Bible. It brought Mr. Nontikwa a great joy when he discovered the true Sabbath and baptism and became a Seventh Day Baptist. . . . He is very eager to tell others of these newly found truths.

Finally, there is good news concerning young men preparing for the ministry in Malawi:

Brother Nontikwa is one of the already accepted Seventh Day Baptist students by the Likubula Bible Institute for the next school year, to begin in January. I hope he will do well in his Bible studies, as he is already very studious. Two of our students for Bible School in 1968 are accepted, and the principal has written me and told me personally that the school may accept two more of our students. This means that we shall probably have four new students at Likubula next year.

"We are laborers together with God," the Apostle Paul assures the Christians at Corinth (I Cor. 3:9). Therefore we are thankful together with all who are progressing in the work of the Lord—and we should uphold one another in prayer.

Central Africa Conference

Pastor L. Mungoni, Conference Vice-Director for 1967, has been named Director of Conference for the year 1968. Mr. W. Mataka, a Bible student at Likubula Bible Institute, was appointed Vice-Director.

A Routine Day in African Life

(From "Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Stories," by Joan and Beth).

Boswell's mother has risen early to begin her day's activities even before he starts for school. Mother has taken her hoe, and along with Father and the younger children of the family, has gone to the garden to hoe the weeds from the corn crop. Boswell has a sister of about six months of age who cannot walk yet. Mother puts Feriya (baby sister's name) onto her back and wraps her skirt about her when she dresses, binding the child to her back where she will stay most of the day while Mother is in the garden working.

The family works in the garden until about 10:00 in the morning, at which time the sun is quite hot. They return home and will not return to the garden until evening time when it is cooler. Mother prepares the food for lunch.

She takes her big wooden mortar, puts it on her head, and, carrying a large wooden pole over her shoulder, goes down to the riverside. Here she pounds her corn into flour. Before she begins her pounding, she removes part of her outer clothing and lays the baby down in a sheltered place. (Note: Since these stories were published in 1959, many of the Africans have begun taking their corn to small mills where for a small fee they can have it ground.) She washes her clothes in the river upon a rock and spreads them in the sun to dry. By the time the corn is pounded to flour, the clothes are dry, so she dresses in the clean clothing with the baby bound inside and returns up the hill to her thatched home. Mother then goes to a little garden spot close by and picks the tender leaves of the pumpkin vine, along with some blossoms and a few pumpkins about the size of eggs, puts them in a basket, and when it is full, she puts it on her head and returns to the village.

Now it is time to cook the meal. She starts a fire outside between three stones, using a few branches that she has gathered as she returned from hoeing in the garden. A clay pot with a little water in it is used for cooking the vegetables. She adds to this a little handful of rock

salt and a little bit of peanut oil. This cooks until very well done. This is removed from the fire and set aside. Next, Mother puts a larger clay pot about two-thirds full of water on the fire. When this is hot, she takes an eighteen-inch stick and brings her basket of corn flour to the fire. With the stick in her right hand and a handful of flour in the left, she slowly drops the flour into the water and stirs constantly. When it is about as thick as we would make cornmeal porridge, she allows it to boil slowly for about five or ten minutes. When that is well done, she again stirs with the stick and adds more flour until it is so thick that she can't stir it any longer. Then she brings a big enamel basin, like a dish pan, and pours this thick mixture into it. She gets a smaller basin and pours the vegetables into this. Covering each one with a second basin, she carries the food on her head to the porch of their home.

The porch has only a dirt floor, so she goes into the house and brings out a reed mat which they use for sleeping, and spreads it on the floor. In the middle of the mat she sets the kettles of food.

By this time, Boswell has arrived from school; Father has come from the river where he was fishing or cutting reeds for mats; sister and brother have finished playing, and they all gather around the two big dishes of food on the mat. Mother brings a third basin filled with water at this time, passes it around, and each one of the family washes his hands. There is no towel for drying them.

This is a Christian home, so a blessing is said, and then the family begins its meal. There are no forks nor spoons, no individual plates nor glasses; so instead each one uses his fingers and reaches into the common dish in the middle. They take a small handful of this thick cornmeal porridge, form it into a ball, and then dip this into the vegetable dish. Mother has placed a gourd full of water nearby from which they all take turns drinking.

When the meal is finished, Mother again passes the basin full of water, and each member of the family washes his hands.

During the afternoon, the members of

the family take a nap, or perhaps Boswell might spend the time studying, because when the sun goes down he has no light by which to study.

Later in the afternoon, the family goes to the garden again to cultivate the corn or to plant beans in the rows between the corn. The people keep their gardens very fine, for if they do not raise the food they need, they would be faced with starvation.

About sundown they return to their home, and while Mother is preparing the evening meal (which is the same as the noon meal), Father sits nearby sewing the reeds together to make a mat. Boswell is ironing his clothing for school for the next day. This would be short khaki trousers and green short-sleeved shirt. He puts coals from the fire that Mother is using for cooking into the iron.

Following the meal, the family gathers around the open fire with some of the other people in the village, and by the light of the fire, Boswell reads from the Chinyanga Bible. They also sing hymns in their native language.

Soon after it is dark, all the family go into the one-room home in which they live, put down their mats on the floor; each one wraps a blanket around himself and lies down to sleep. They must arise early the next day.



The three happy faced children in the above picture are the two daughters and son of Rev. Otrain B. Manan, pastor of the Blantyre Seventh Day Baptist Church. Their names are (L-R) Joyce, Leandert and Eunice. (The youngest son, 8 month old Otrain, is not shown.)

Africa Conference Trustees

This is a brief review of the minutes of the December 18-19, 1967 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, just received at our office. The minutes were taken in Chinyanja language by Pastor O. B. Manan, secretary, and later translated into English by Rev. David Pearson, as previously reported. This meeting was held at Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Station and is the second meeting of the trustees since the Conference was incorporated. They had previously met in September 1967 and the proceedings were reported in last week's *Recorder*. It is felt that some matters of special interest from these more recent minutes will help Seventh Day Baptists to keep informed.

Pastor L. Nothale, chairman of the trustees, presided and opened the meeting by reading John 15:1-6. This was followed by prayer by Mrs. H. J. Mwango. Others present were: Pastors L. Kawere, H. J. Mwango, David C. Pearson, O. B. Manan (secretary), Dr. Victor H. Burdick (treasurer), and F. R. Mazingah; visitors present were Pastor L. Mungoni and Pastor G. Msonkho, making a total of ten in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected in one or two small matters and were approved. The Planning Committee which had met earlier gave a report which included Treasurer V. Burdick's statements as to finances.

The minutes state, "Dr. Burdick seemed pleased that £120 were being received every month from medical fees. Though charges on medicines had been lowered, he was still taking in £120. An injection cost two shillings and six pence, but now costs only one shilling and six pence. The committee members praised the reduction in prices payable by the sick."

It was decided that student F. F. Makatanje having completed a writers' course at Kitwe, Zambia, (mentioned in last week's report) should reside at Makapwa Station and should be given employment. "His salary was set at eight pounds, ten shillings." We understand that

Mr. Makatanje has already begun work preparing Sabbath School helps and meeting other literature needs of our people.

The problem of allowing persons of good standing to borrow money to meet pressing needs was discussed. Rules and regulations were set up for such loans to be made. "Unless the need is truly urgent, requests for more than fifteen pounds shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. In cases of urgency, the Credit Committee shall be called upon to act."

F. R. Mazingah, manager of schools, reported that sixty pounds were required during 1967 to pay salaries of uncertified teachers. It was anticipated in 1968 to reduce the amount needed to forty-eight pounds, "as we hope to have a higher percentage of certified teachers, payable by government." The pressing need for a secondary school at Makapwa was presented. It was agreed that such should be established by 1969, if at all possible.

The desirability of building a house for Pastor Otrain Manan at Blantyre was brought out. The rent committee agreed that Pastor Manan ought to have electricity in his present quarters.

"Pastor David Pearson spoke regarding tracts, and showed types we might wish to produce. He told of having written Rev. L. Maltby, secretary of the Tract Society asking for a shipment of English tracts and asking if the Tract Society could undertake to print tracts for us in Nyanja. Letters have also been written to South Africa to ask regarding gospel tracts printed in Nyanja.

"In discussion it was said that tracts are wanted and should be available at all times, especially those presenting the true Sabbath."

"Refresher Course for older pastors: This was desired in 1968. Pastor Pearson was requested to plan for it and make known its date and place of meeting."

"The Director of Christian Education and Evangelism asked as to who was responsible for selecting ministerial students. It was pointed out that this is one of the duties of the Committee of Christian Education and Evangelism. Pastors of prospective students should make rec-

ommendations to this committee. Pastor Pearson explained that he is meeting on Sundays with our Likubula students."

"Blantyre Station: Secretary Manan spoke of the need for land, and explained that the Malawi Housing Corporation would supply us only if we were to offer some community service such as a dispensary or a hostel. It was agreed that we would put a dispensary there at Blantyre if it could be worked out. The secretary was asked to meet again with the above mentioned corporation, and state our willingness to establish a dispensary there, and to present in order our proposal to use five acres of land for dispensary, church, houses for pastor and hospital assistant, and possibly a print shop, etc. Dr. Burdick would consult with medical authorities about the establishment of a dispensary, and Pastor Pearson was asked to check on building costs in town. There is approximately £300 available for such a dispensary."

"Pastor D. Pearson stated that Pastor Manan would like to leave Malawi for further training. He desires to increase his knowledge in church administration. He is to seek the aid of the World Council of Churches. It was agreed that Pastor Manan should be allowed to go if accepted, and that he could get away perhaps late in 1969, during the last quarter of the year. This would give him time to attend to family responsibilities while his wife is taking teacher training in the Northern Region. It is proposed that while the pastor is away, his wife will teach and be in position to support their family."

"The next Board of Trustees meeting was agreed to be held at Makapwa Station on March 25, 26, of 1968."

"The meeting closed with prayer."

If it costs much to keep the Sabbath, then it becomes a surer test of our love. If the sacrifice that we make seems great, then to make it gladly measures a greater love.

—A. J. C. Bond.

To Visit Those of Like Faith in South America and Mexico

It isn't very often that funds can be found and schedules adjusted to allow one of our leaders to visit several mission fields on one extensive trip. The people of like faith in Guyana, S. A., Brazil, S. A., and Mexico have expressed delight that Rev. Leon Lawton can visit some of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in their countries during July of this year.

The occasion for this trip is a meeting (two meetings really) of the leadership of the Crusade of the Americas. Mr. Lawton is the Seventh Day Baptist representative on the committee that is planning a great evangelistic thrust in the western hemisphere with emphasis on Latin America. Since there are churches of our faith in some of these countries it was decided that if at all possible our representative should take part in this phase of the planning, as he has in the earlier meetings of the committees in this country. The meetings are to be held in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 10-19, with some days between the two meetings. A portion of the travel expenses is expected to come from funds of another Baptist denomination deeply committed to the success of this evangelistic effort of the churches in South America. Sufficient other funds have been pledged to pay for the transportation and other expenses of what has developed into a month-long mission visitation expedition, which has taken much time to arrange with the travel agencies and the leaders on the fields.

According to present plans, Mr. Lawton, who has served two terms as a mission coordinator in Jamaica, will first fly to Georgetown, Guyana, on June 28. Planes go from there to Brazil only twice a week. This will allow him six days with our churches in Guyana where Pastor Leroy Bass is the American missionary in charge of the work. He may not get to the more distant churches, but should be able to bring encouragement to several of them.

Flying down to Rio, or rather to Sao Paulo, Brazil's skyscraper city, is a long flight, as a glance at the map will show.

Arriving there on July 5, Mr. Lawton will have four or five days with our people before his first Crusade committee meeting. There is a church in Sao Paulo pastored by Antonio Barrera, one of the former Roman Catholic priests who went to Brazil from Bogota, Colombia, several years ago to become a Seventh Day Baptist minister. Fortunately he speaks English as well as his native Spanish and his adopted Portuguese.

Our representative will fly back north a short distance to Rio for a big laymen's meeting of the Crusade July 15-19. His schedule then calls for five or six days visiting churches in the southwestern part of Brazil. The headquarters church is at Curitiba. A recent letter gives the names and membership of twenty Seventh Day Baptist churches in Brazil. Total membership is said to be above 1,000. The church at Porto Unaio, south of Curitiba has recently undertaken a radio broadcast which is resulting in many calls for baptism, but seems to be beyond the financial resources of the congregation to sustain. It may be possible for Mr. Lawton to visit this church. Travel in Brazil, it must be remembered, is slow except in those areas where air transportation is available. The churches "on the frontier," as they call it, probably cannot be visited in the amount of time available.

From Brazil the visiting missionary will fly to Mexico City. There is no extra cost in returning to the U.S.A. via Mexico although it does add some to the total distance. The expected date of arrival in Mexico is about July 25. Already Brother Comacho has arranged to meet Mr. Lawton at Mexico City and help him to visit as many groups in that area as is possible in the two or three days allowed for that stopover. Word has been received of a Baptist minister at Pueblo, south of Mexico City, who has recently embraced the Sabbath. It is hoped that a visit can be made to the church at Pueblo which did not exist when Mr. Lawton and Mr. Van Horn contacted the churches of Mexico on a previous visit.

It is expected that Mr. Lawton will return to New York from Mexico City July 28, after spending five Sabbaths with churches of like faith in three Latin

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American countries. Pray for the success of this mission by the director of evangelism of our Missionary Society. Look for exciting, informative stories of these fields or Seventh Day Baptist conferences after the journey is completed. There is evidence that Latin America is now receptive to an aggressive presentation of the gospel as never before. We have a task here and a nucleus for expansion in the countries mentioned above.

—L. M. M.

GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES

Never before has it been possible to reach so many people with the gospel message.

The literacy explosion enables us to reach millions of minds with tracts and portions of the printed Word. The flood of transistor radios into almost every area of the globe gives us opportunity to capture the hearts of millions more with the simple truth of a loving and merciful Christ. Throughout a world in revolution are millions of souls open to the story of salvation.

—World Vision Frontline News

Statement of Finances

Balance on hand, Sept. 21, 1967	\$ 52.73
Gifts from individuals	16.00
Gifts from Walworth Sabbath School	40.00
From used stamps for missions	10.00
Total	\$118.73
Less bank service charges	2.00

Balance on hand, March 21, 1968

(Note: Our balance in September did not allow us to bear our financial share of the extra cost of printing and mailing the October issue of MISSION NOTES. It is anticipated that about \$100.00 of the present balance will be disbursed on issue.)

Mrs. Edgar Wheeler, treasurer.

Evangelism at Shiloh

By Lora Harris

Rev. Leon R. Lawton, a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, was the guest speaker of a "Preaching Crusade," held at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, March 1-10, 1968, sponsored by the Shiloh and Marlboro churches.

Mr. Lawton, with his broad background of experience as pastor and missionary and at present director of evangelism for Seventh Day Baptists, presented each evening and at the Sabbath morning services, some soul-searching and heart-warming messages. Many hearts and minds were moved to greater dedication to the faith we, as Christians, profess. Some were moved to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

An enlightening part of each evening's service was an answer to the questions placed in the "Question Box" and an inspiring feature was fine music with special selections with so many participating.

A reception honoring Mr. Lawton was held in the new Fellowship Hall following one of the services with the Social Committee in charge. At the close of the evening's fun, a generous love gift was presented to Mr. Lawton in appreciation of his time and effort spent here.

News from the Churches

SHILOH, N. J.— The theme, "Jesus Christ is Lord," highlighted the Youth Week program presented by the Senior Youth Fellowship for the morning worship on February 3. The speakers were Donna Harris, Robert Harris, Edward Page and Robert Fogg.

A dinner and a reception were given on February 25, 1968, honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Probasco on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. —Correspondent.



NO REASON FOR WEeping

The women at the sepulchre thought that they had reason for weeping. They had not only lost a dear friend and a great teacher but one whom they had recognized as the promised Messiah. Never had there been sorrow of heart like this. But continued weeping is possible only to those who forget the promises of God. Christ appeared to Mary and said, "Why weepest thou?" Our Lord arose, and all those who put their trust in Him know that according to His word they, too, shall rise. Faith in Christ takes away the sting of death.