

# The Sabbath Recorder

mon, saying that we must remember where we stand if we are to be "Yoked in Mission by Christ" and with each other. After dinner the committee on Sabbath School and Church relationship presented its report and recommendations, and a discussion by the membership followed.

Members who bring their lunch have been meeting at the parsonage after church and sharing their meal and their fellowship. On March 9 a surprise dinner was held at the parsonage for Senior Deacon Frank Langworthy on his eighty-ninth birthday. At least thirty were present.

The Commission and Planning Committee meetings brought a number of visitors on March 16 and 23, including the Rev. Paul Osborn, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, Leland Bond, Dr. Lewis May, the Rev. and Mrs. Everett Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Osborn. Other recent visitors have been Johannes Farenhorst of the Netherlands, the Rev. Vernon Burke, formerly of Jamaica, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Saunders, John Wheelock, Miss Nancy Brannon, Lance and Lori Osborn, and Howard Meldrim.

Bible study on the book of Hebrews is conducted by the pastor each Friday evening following the Youth Fellowship meeting. The Women's Society and Pro-Con Group continue to hold monthly meetings at the homes of members.

—Correspondent.

## Correct Addresses Please

May we again remind our subscribers that any delay in sending address changes causes problems. For one thing, it may mean that all our effort to provide you with fresh program news of your denomination is wasted for the weeks lost. On the other hand, failure to notify us is now much more costly than it used to be. Every time your *Sabbath Recorder*

is not delivered it costs us 10 cents in postage-due notices. This can amount to almost one fourth of the total amount we spend for postage in a given week. It is wasted money, benefiting no one and not helping us to make corrections. Please notify us in advance of any changes in address. Most people do. Get on the team!

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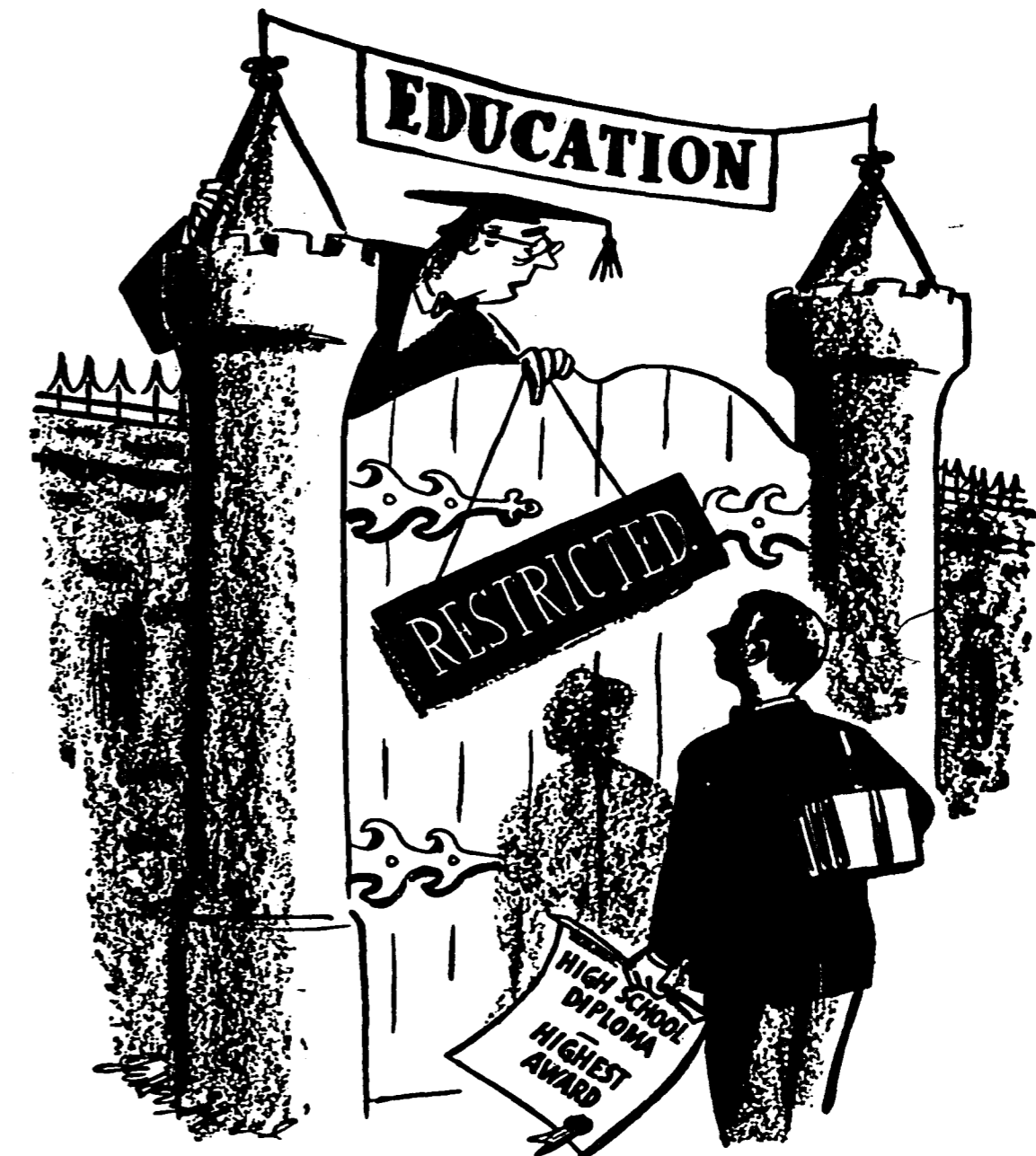
Johnson.—To Paul A. and Emma (Burdick) Johnson of Groton, Conn., a daughter Teresa Marie (adopted), born Oct. 10, 1966.

## Obituaries

EVERY.—Mrs. Evelyn Greene, daughter of E. DeChois and Hanna Horton Greene, was born at Adams Center, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1907, and died in a Watertown, N. Y., hospital March 20, 1968.

Evelyn was baptized and joined the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1921. She prepared herself for the teaching profession and taught school in Port Jervis and in northern New York. She was married to DeWitt E. Avery at Port Jervis Aug. 24, 1931. They made their home in Syracuse. Her husband died at an early age and she returned to Adams Center to continue her teaching in the high school.

Mrs. Avery is survived by: two sons, David E., of Adams Center and Robert S. of Rome; a daughter Diane (Mrs. Frederick) Knapp of Adams Center; ten grandchildren; a brother, Gerald, of Adams Center; a sister, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Chauncey) Reed, of her home town; and her parents. Funeral services were conducted March 23 at the Carpenter-Stoodley Funeral Home, Belleville, N. Y., with Rev. Ralph Hays of her home church and Rev. William Burton of Adams cooperating in the service. Interment was in the Adams Center Union Cemetery. —R. L. H.



"You'll have to wait, son, till we  
check on your race and religion!"

## LET IT BE NO LONGER TRUE

The conscience of our nation has been stirred. Congress has passed the long-pending civil rights bill. Churches once clinging to segregation practices are seeing the inconsistency of this position. Open housing, equal job opportunity, adequate education are on the way. Now if people of all races will endeavor to earn the love and respect that Christianity teaches us to have for each other we can be happy.

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## Crusade Without Discrimination

Baptists of several conventions including the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference are now tooling up for the greatest hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort ever undertaken. In the Crusade of the Americas each convention will work as it has opportunity but all will be somewhat interdependent for the publicity that will help it to succeed. The program was sparked by the Southern Baptists who have a strong work throughout Latin America.

A searching question has come up to plague the conscience of Southern Baptists and others. When we talk of hemisphere evangelism, do we mean all the people of this hemisphere or just certain kinds and colors? The Rev. Lewis Rhodes, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., has an implied criticism of his denomination when he accuses the churches of selective evangelism. His own church is in the South where segregation feeling still runs strong. He preaches against any segregated evangelism. Appearing before the 250 participants in a Christian Citizenship seminar sponsored by his denomination he urged the leaders "to turn their backs upon selective evangelism in the approaching Crusade of the Americas and open the doors of their churches to all groups for attendance, conversion, baptism and church membership." Dr. Rhodes predicted that a new day would dawn if Crusade leaders would say to churches, "We want your cooperation without discrimination and segregation."

We who live in predominantly white neighborhoods have a tendency to say that such words do not apply to us. We profess to be free from discrimination in our church life. We magnanimously accept Negro visitors or even members. But if our community was 60% non-white would we enthusiastically try to evangelize the community and gladly accept the God-given results of that evangelization? It would change the character of the local church and would affect its social life. It would put us to the test to determine whether we love the church as a company of the redeemed or because it is a stratified social club.

Would we be willing to face the problems of strong infusion of color into our

fellowship? Maybe this is a hypothetical case. Most of the churches do not have to face it and can thus hold onto their cherished sentiments of nondiscrimination. We do, however, encounter some other tests which we have not so far passed with flying colors. Our churches pride themselves in being middle class churches. A few have been in times past somewhat "highbrow" according to our fellow citizens. We have been a little reluctant to energetically evangelize the poor, the uneducated and the socially unfit. What would it do to our public image if we had a number of uncouth people in the congregation—a number from Southern Europe, for example.

Should we make an effort to bring into our churches those in a low income bracket who could not adequately support the church and who might even need some financial help from fellow church members? Dare we really face up to the question of what the church is for and for whom it exists?

It doesn't take much pondering or Bible study to make us aware that the New Testament Church (which we claim to take as our pattern) was composed of black and white, Jew and gentile, rich and poor. All nationalities and all social levels were in the same local church. Their love for the Lord and for the gospel of salvation wiped out all social barriers and made them one in Christ. They had some lessons to learn about discrimination, but they learned them. The Crusade of the Americas, if it becomes for us a real crusade of evangelism, will bring us together in a fellowship that rises above all color and class.

## Powell or King?

On April 3, the day before the killing of Martin Luther King, the American Baptist News Service sent out a press release stating that two American Baptist ministers, Powell and King, were at odds on the future of the Negro situation in this country. Adam Clayton Powell, disqualified playboy Congressman of Bimini returned to speak at his 13,000-member Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem.

APRIL 22, 1968

## MEMORY TEXT

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. Hosea 6:1.

He told his audience, "The white man is finished." He also said, "Although I don't call for violence or riots, the day of Martin Luther King has come to an end."

Whether or not either of these predictions comes true remains to be seen. When Dr. King was asked to comment on Powell's remarks he absolutely refused to be drawn into "any public or private debate with Mr. Powell." But he reaffirmed his commitment to non-violence and added, "I think the vast majority of Negroes think that way."

In the light of what has happened, the racist slaying of Martin Luther King, (with the unprecedented honors paid him) and the return of Adam Clayton Powell to his pleasure-surrounded retreat of Bimini, the American public ought to be able to better evaluate the two men. There were some opponents of Dr. King who could not think of him as a minister; they were wont to call him some pretty hard names. But by comparison—well, there is no comparison. How the program and the practices of Adam Clayton Powell fit with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is hard to imagine.

As to the future, who can tell what it will bring? If the memory of Dr. King is really honored the white majority and the Negro minority of our nation will do some heart searching. On the one hand, the Christian principle of equal rights and equal opportunity will be lived out more consistently. On the other side, Negro people will show themselves worthy of being counted as respectable citizens. They will repudiate the leadership that calls for guns, riots and burning. They will forget the "Whitey" epithets, the "Black Power" organizations, and work for a stable society based on Christian principles rather than on pagan anarchist practices.

### Crash Study Program

The president of the National Council of Churches, Arthur S. Flemming, carrying out the February action of the General Board, is urging all churches to more or less discard the adult Sunday School teaching material prepared for April, May, and June and to substitute a crash study and action program to meet the issue of racial injustice in a "head-on confrontation." The crisis emphasis has been designated a priority by NCC equal to that of the peace program launched earlier. That peace program, Dr. Flemming noted in his press conference, has been calling for immediate cessation of U. S. bombing of North Vietnam since 1965.

Some denominations which normally emphasize long-term planning of curriculum have gone along with this suggestion of scrapping the lessons of the current quarter in the adult department and using the hastily prepared study books on the urban crisis. The American Baptists have gone a step farther by suggesting that their youth department also change to this crisis study. Dr. Harold W. Richardson, executive secretary of the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication, states in his letter, "This is not business as usual. Government, social, and educational leaders are warning us of the potential crisis threatening us again. It is a very real danger that will conceivably mean for many of us losses in property and perhaps even in lives. The emergency will involve all of us in conscience as Christians and in citizenship as Americans."

Whether or not the discarding of most of the Bible study lesson material for the current quarter (when the quarter is already well under way) will prove to have been wise remains to be seen. The new materials, as noted elsewhere, have been hastily prepared by National Council staff. Will they adequately take the place of the lessons so carefully prepared before the NCC launched on this crisis program? Time will tell.

Religious and political leaders a month or two ago were expressing grave concern over "the long hot summer." They

wanted to avoid a recurrence in greater intensity of what happened last summer. Little did they know that the most prominent civil rights leader would be murdered on the fourth of April or that the civil rights — open housing — legislation which they championed would be signed into law on April 11. They could not have predicted that the riots they hoped to avoid by the crisis study—action program would have swept the nation in early April rather than in "the long hot summer."

It is true that much remains to be done to remove the basic causes of civil unrest in our cities. Christians, above all others, must take these things to heart. If our attitudes have been wrong we must search our souls, make changes and make amends. Certainly the Bible has much to say about the need for new hearts and for social justice. There is quite a possibility, however, that in this crash study we will be putting more emphasis on society and political panaceas than on the word of God and the message of regeneration.

May God grant us the grace and wisdom needed for this hour. There is a call for the leaders of the church to be "prophetic" — to speak to the present age on the issues of the age. Let us remember that prophetic utterances of old time came from those who had received the prophetic gift by the Holy Spirit. The prophets did not speak until God spoke to them. When they spoke their message was from God, about God, and applicable to the present and future. Time proved the correctness of their emphasis. How wonderful it would be if we who are being exhorted to study the present crisis could be given the ability to look at the situation from the standpoint of God ten years from now or a generation in the future. This is not possible, but thinking about it may help us to keep our balance and "put first things first."

Life with a capital L is the way some people are saying they found through their experience at the Sermons from Science Pavilion at Montreal last summer.

### Justice for All in a Disordered Society

If there is anyone who ought to be in a position to speak of "Justice for All" it should be the Attorney General of the United States. That position is now held by a former Dallas attorney, the Honorable Ramsey Clark. This 40-year-old lawyer has also had occasion to gather considerable information about our "Disordered Society." When he spoke to some 250 churchmen in the great hall of the Justice Department, he had some uncomfortable facts and some reassuring words. Some of his remarks to the participants in the Baptist seminar on Christian citizenship may well be shared with our readers from the notes taken by the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

We live in turbulent times. The turbulence is far greater in other countries than our own. Part of the disorder of our society is due to crime. We are aware of the fact of crime. What is crime? The criminal act is an act in disregard of the rights of others. An evaluation of the extent of crime in our country is important because it measures the character of a people. If it is widespread in relation to population it indicates that something has happened to our character. Any crime within a country is intolerable, but the existence of some crime does not justify panic.

Attorney General Clark pointed out that there were more drug addicts in the United States in 1900 than there are now. As for riots, we have had far more serious ones in the past than last summer. Wildly irrational and devastating as are our current riots, they have not been as destructive of life as those farther back in our history. For instance, in 1863 there was a riot growing out of racial hatred. In a New York riot 2,000 people were killed. By comparison, all the race riots of the past few years have brought death to less than 200. There was a rebellion in the area of the nation's capital which gave rise to the creation of the District of Columbia—for the protection of the residents. In contrast with the riots in other countries directed against people,

ours have been directed much more against property.

What causes riots? Some would say that it is permissiveness in our families. Certainly we have had a great deal more of this in the past generation. One trembles to think what may happen if permissiveness in family and church grows as rapidly in the next two generations as in the last two. The home and the church are not insisting on the moral standards that they once held high. Mr. Clark pointed out, however, that permissiveness cannot be the only reason for the increase of riots. Permissiveness is not characteristic of Japan, where parental control is very strong. But Japan has had worse riots than we have. They have been riots against people, against the police in particular, which is more serious. We have lost only ten law men.

How about crime on the streets? We hear much about mugging and violent crime in public places—about armed robberies. The Attorney General gave a figure of \$7.4 million lost by armed robbery in the past few years. This, he claimed, was not nearly as serious a reflection on the character of our people as the \$70 million lost in the same period by embezzlement. The banks do not publicize these losses, for obvious reasons.

The greatest plague of our nation is organized crime. White collar crime costs more than all others. Bribery, rackets, gambling, loan sharks—these are the great dangers. Organized crime is known to the police for the simple reason that it has to seek customers and therefore cannot be hid. The real solution lies with the citizens. If the public refused to gamble organized crime would wither and die. This is where Christian citizenship comes in. We might as well recognize that there are underworld characters back of almost every pin ball gambling machine, every form of public gambling. We support organized crime if we indulge in these things.

What can we do to curb organized crime? We can and must support and encourage our law enforcement agencies. Organized crime cannot flourish in a community until it has neutralized local

government. This is done in various ways. We must do our part in maintaining social stability. It is not easy in a country that is becoming increasingly urban. In 1900 the United States was 20% urban; now it is 80%, and the trend is increasing. With it come problems.

Mr. Clark pointed out three things that citizens can do to create stability. (1) Support the agencies of criminal justice, particularly the under-paid, under-staffed, under-trained police department. Better men will be attracted to the police force if they are better paid. They must also be integrated into the community, knowing the people they serve and protect. (2) We must do more in corrections and rehabilitation. Murders cannot be prevented by police when 30% of them are within families and 45% are between people who know each other. In such cases our obligation is to avoid the attitudes that lead to crime and the correction of those who engage in it. The figures show that four out of five crimes are committed by people who have a criminal record. This shows that we have not done too good a job of rehabilitation in our penal institutions. (3) The third area of work is with youth. Adult crime is on the decrease in our nation. Youth crime is increasing. Sixty-four percent of car thefts are by youths under 18. One half of the crimes against property are also by kids under 18. Christian citizens must support programs that do something to deter crime among youth.

These three things, says Attorney General Clark, call for the full support of our citizens. We must act boldly and now if we are to have stability in our society.

—L. M. M.

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Annual Corporate Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held Sunday morning, May 19, 1968, at 11 o'clock, in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

All those interested in the work of the Society are invited to attend.

Albert N. Rogers, president,  
Frederik J. Bakker, secretary.

#### Editor Calls for Change in Vietnam Policy

An American Baptist editor suggests that United States forces in Vietnam withdraw to a workable perimeter, set up an effective land reform and pacification program, call the hand of the corrupt Saigon government, and set a realistic schedule for the withdrawal of U. S. troops.

Writing in an editorial to appear in the April issue of *Crusader*, Editor Paul C. Allen says that the situation is such in Vietnam that we should admit that "we are stumped, stalemated, and desperately in need of new" and workable solutions.

He asks "why not withdraw forces to a perimeter around Saigon, the Mekong Delta, and the populous coast—a perimeter which we could hold against either attack or infiltration—and then set to work within it on a truly effective land reform and pacification program?"

Next, "why not call the hand of a clique-ridden and corrupt Saigon government, demanding either a total 'about face' on its part or threatening a total withdrawal on ours?"

And then, said Mr. Allen, "Why not set a realistic schedule of our withdrawal—say 100,000 troops a year—with the challenge to the South Vietnamese to take up the slack or suffer the consequences?"

Mr. Allen believes that if militant communism can be held behind an Asian "Checkpoint Charlie," then "that continent's menacing giants may well in time become respectable members of the family of nations."

"But now," the editorial continues, "in the first war in history that can be watched in our living rooms over a bag of potato chips, we are frustrated and divided. 'More of the same' will probably not do. What we desperately need are new ideas which offer at least some hope of reaching the essential core of our goal, i.e., protection against forceful takeover of the undeveloped, the unprotected and the unwary nations of Southeast Asia."

The editorial concludes—"When and if we allow the communists to take over in South Vietnam, we must either pro-

vide a 'Formosa' to which thousands of non-communists can flee or be prepared to stomach blood-letting of huge proportions."

#### Carry Your Bible



Some of us are pretty careless about the Bible. We forget to carry it with us. We neglect to draw from it the daily nourishment that it alone can supply. The bulk of a Testament in our pockets or the weight of it in a handbag may keep us from the habit of having it handy whenever we have moments to spare in our frightfully busy and hectic days. After all, we can just as well wait until we can settle into an easy chair in front of the fireplace or the TV screen where we can doff our shoes and dig our toes into the soft rug. The trouble is that the comfortable time supposedly reserved gets used all too often for something else.

Now over in Vietnam it is different. The young men who know the value of the Bible carry it wherever they go. Take, for instance, Pfc. Richard E. Ferris, who gives his home address as Mount Pleasant, Mich. He is an A.R. man with "M" Co., 3rd Bn, 4th Regiment. Loaded with the usual survival equipment, including steel helmet and heavy rifle, he had been hiking for three hours when he flopped down on the ground for a little rest. It was an opportune time to pull out his New Testament and read from the Gospel of Matthew. In Vietnam you may have little better sense of what is important to carry and to read. You take time for the Word of God and feel the touch of the Master's hand on you.

#### Television for God

There is a relatively new organization designed to bring something new and good to color TV. It is called Television for God. It comes with a double appeal, an appeal to the viewers who will have an opportunity to see half hour productions in color that will be both entertaining and good, and an appeal for funds to produce these high quality programs. Here is a little of the story.

Television for God is a non-profit, non-denominational corporation, chartered in the State of Nebraska for the purpose of producing religious-based, God-honoring television programs to guide people toward sound convictions.

It is organized to use the tools and techniques of television to produce and make available to television stations across the country effective, audience-captivating, professional quality color films based upon the teachings of the Holy Bible, which will appeal to all classes of viewers and alert all to the need for up-grading much of our present television programming.

These films of high moral, patriotic, and religious impact must be "entertaining" and at the same time convey a message to the viewer with an offer of personal help if he so desires.

The work of Television for God consists of two equally important phases. Part 1. The production of the films. Part 2. Carrying out the "on-going" program to insure continuous full usage of the films by making copies available for showings to high school and college students, church groups, service clubs and other organizations. It is estimated each film series will be viewed by approximately 30 million people. Films will be shown during "prime time" (6 to 10 p.m.) to assure exposure to the largest possible audiences.

Contributions to Television for God are tax deductible up to the maximum allowable under law.

Each 30-minute film will cost about \$55,000 to produce. The full cost for each film plus the "on-going" use in colleges and churches will be about \$100,000.

### The Genesis Story Today

(By Fedson Makatanje, journalist for the church, Makapwa S.D.B. Station.)

*What can a Christian with a modern scientific understanding of the world learn from Genesis I?*

There are many Christians in the world today who are educated so much that they have studied the earth and how it came into being. They have studied the moon, stars, sun, and planets like Jupiter, Mars, and Mercury. They have studied how plants, animals, and men came into being. And they have found out that it took thousands or millions of years for all these to come into being.

When these educated Christians read Genesis 1, they become confused and ask many questions about the creation story. They ask questions about it because the writer of this chapter has put in order the way the earth and things which are in it came to be. He has started with God separating darkness and the light, followed by dry land appearing; the earth producing plants; the appearing of the stars, moon, and sun in the sky; the appearing of animals and birds; and finally the creation of man who was given authority over all the creatures of the earth.

But the problem is that people do not know which account is right or wrong and which one to follow or not to, because the account of how the earth and things that are in it came into being according to science is different from the account of how the earth and things in it came into being according to Genesis chapter one.

It is obvious that no one knows of the beginning. The scientists who try to prove how the earth came to be were not there when the earth came to be. The writer of Genesis was not there when the earth and all these things came to be. The fact is that Genesis was not written by a scientist. It should not be accepted as a scientific statement, but it is a declaration of faith in God the almighty. The writer shows us the tremendous power and purpose of God in His creation.

What then, can people of today learn from this chapter? They will learn that God has a purpose for everything he has created. Everything is very good to Him and even to each one of us. The universe, the sky, the seas, the creatures, and the flowers are really wonderful, and above all, the person's own life which reflects God's infinite goodness and love, is also marvelous.

### The Missioner Program

The "Missioner" program is a phase of Seventh Day Baptist Dedicated Service which particularly seeks to offer the laity an opportunity to volunteer their special talents to God through our churches. At the inception of the "Missioner" program it was thought of as an outgrowth of the five-year "Lay Development Program." It calls for "lay volunteers."

A list of names of those willing to serve if requested to do so has been offered each year to the churches. Since many Seventh Day Baptist ministers offered their time and talents the list of names was extended to include them also. Still a later development was the call to include laymen who would be willing to offer some portion of their "professional" talents (such as carpentry, cabinet making, plumbing, printing, masonry, etc.). At the same time there was still expressed the need for volunteers who would prefer to take part in a more spiritually centered ministry (such as speaking, singing, music directing, Bible study, teaching, visitation, etc.).

An appeal will soon be going to Missionary Keyworkers and other church leaders requesting help in enlarging the list of names of missioners to be offered to the churches this year. Only a few responses have been received to date.

We know that our church members, laity and pastors, are hard pressed to meet the regular everyday requirements of life. The request to serve as a missioner in the 1968-69 Facing Frontiers with Faith program is an "over and above" matter. Still, we are offering you again the opportunity to volunteer.

We especially need those who will help

prepare the way for the Crusade of Americas program in 1969. With other Baptists in the hemisphere, Seventh Day Baptists are joined in the Crusade of the Americas — a thrust in witnessing and evangelism in 1968-70. We are asking that you become actively involved in this work. Missioners can and will play a vital part as local churches seek leadership for special evangelistic meetings—speakers, musicians, personal work teachers, etc.

### Another Fellowship Becomes a Church

The Hammond, La., Westside Fellowship, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Adolph Showers for a number of years, was organized into a church April 6, 1968. The meeting on that date was promoted by all the other churches of Louisiana — Metairie, Hammond, and Algiers, churches that sent representatives to assist in the organization.

On this Sabbath afternoon, Bro. Adolph Showers opened the meeting with prayer. After a period of hymn singing, Rev. H. Earl De Land took charge. Jack Hays was chosen moderator and Moses Washington, Jr., of the local fellowship was named clerk. The group carefully followed established Seventh Day Baptist procedure in changing from a fellowship to a church. A constitution and bylaws, patterned after the relatively new Buffalo, N. Y. church, were adopted.

Eleven people signed the covenant as charter members. Officers were elected, with Bro. Showers holding the offices of moderator and treasurer. The secretary is Gloria Jean Washington. The new church will seek recognition by General Conference next August.

It will be recalled that there has been a building program going on in recent months. The small but adequate edifice as it neared completion was pictured in an earlier issue. The fellowship has been in existence since 1957. The pastor was ordained during the Southwestern Association in 1956. The new church will be called the Westside Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hammond to distinguish it from the Hammond Seventh Day Baptist Church.

## Youth . . .

### A Christian's Obligation

For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God (Rom. 10:3).

A short time ago I was asked if I believed that there were three days and three nights following Christ's crucifixion before His resurrection, and if so, when was Christ crucified. I had to admit my ignorance on the subject.

Shortly following this incident I found the above verse. For the first time, I realized my obligation as a Christian to read all of the Bible and be somewhat familiar with it so as to have a better knowledge of God's Word and plan for me. Romans 10:3 says that if I am ignorant of God's righteous nature (simply by not reading His Word), then I have not completely given myself to the Lord. Christianity involves complete surrender of one's life to Christ.

In Revelation 3:16, Christ was speaking to complacent "Christians" when He said, "Since you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I intend to spit you out of my mouth" (Phillips). That's pretty plain! God doesn't want good-intentioned people who go to church one day a week and are willing to serve Him some day in the future. He wants all of us or none of us now!

### Prayer—

*Dear Father, help me to remember that I have an obligation as a Christian to read and understand my Bible. Pinch and threaten me when I become lax and complacent about spiritual things. Give me opportunities each day so that I can practice my Christianity. Amen.*

Nancy Brannon.

The gift of the Sabbath is an expression of our heavenly Father's love. True spiritual Sabbathkeeping is an expression of our love to God. God speaks to us from week to week through the holy Sabbath Day. We answer Him back in the way we keep it.

—A. J. C. Bond.

**Crisis in America**

It behooves every Christian in the United States to do all he can to turn our nation back to rational thinking and action, particularly in the face of promised disorders this coming summer.

Your Board of Christian Education urges each Seventh Day Baptist to become informed and involved. We must learn the facts and then set out by word and deed to help remedy the causes for distrust and hate. We are cooperating with the National Council of Churches of Christ in urging our people to participate in suggested study courses during the next three months. One book which we think all should study immediately is *Crisis in America: Hope Through Action*. Although hastily written, it is fundamentally basic in thought and is designed to stimulate the student into positive action.

Also listed in the book is a bibliography of material to further inform and lead to judicious and responsible action.

Order your copies of *Crisis in America: Hope Through Action* at 25¢ a copy from Department of Publication, Room 736, NCC, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.

We believe the crisis to be serious enough to recommend that our Sabbath Schools use this book and other material for this period, if no other time for study can be found.

In any case, start now!

**Youth Work Committee**

The Youth Work Committee in a recent meeting dealt with the following subjects: The editor of the *Beacon* is leaving the Alfred community when she graduates in the spring. Expressions of gratitude for the ability and loyalty of Miss Althea Greene were expressed. We wish her continued success.

The publishing of the *Beacon* has been offered to one of our church youth fellowships for a one-year period.

It was voted that, due to the high cost of the packets for National Youth Week, October 27-November 3, that we not

send out packets for use at that time. We will have suggestions to make, however, and we hope that all of our churches will give the youth a chance to be heard that week.

It was noted that the president of the National SDBYF, Miss Debbie Randolph, is spearheading a drive to raise money for a youth field worker. (A call has been sent to a potential candidate.)

Rules and regulations for young people attending General Conference, sent by the Commission to the Youth Work Committee, were discussed and adopted.

It was voted that we ask a Jamaican Seventh Day Baptist youth to represent us at the Fifth Area Conference of the World Christian Endeavor, August 8-11, 1968.

Progress reports were made concerning Youth Pre-Con Retreat and the Exchange Camper Program.

**Additional Camp Dates**

The Southeastern Association's Camp Joy will be held at a camp near Salemville, Pa., June 23-30.

Camp directors are reminded to gather together display material to be viewed at General Conference at Kearney. While we will not limit, with intent, the amount of space that any director may use, we suggest that you plan for an area containing 12 square feet.

**Race Relations**

"If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?" (James 2:15-16).

These words of James are vital for today. For too long we have been saying the words of brotherhood without turning these words into acts. Words without action become only a hollow mockery. If James were speaking to us today he might say thus:

"If you say to persons of minority groups, such as Negroes, Orientals, Mexicans, and white people as far as the total earth population, et cetera, 'Become better educated,' but give schools in the

areas where they live the poorest teachers and the least attention, and resist the integration of schools, what does it profit?"

"If you say to persons of minority groups, 'Live in better homes,' but refuse to sell your house without regard to the race of the buyer and resist a family of another race moving into your neighborhood or your apartment building, what does it profit?"

"If you say to persons of minority groups, 'Take initiative and lift yourselves up,' but refuse to hire them except in menial jobs, or to promote them on the basis of qualification, or refuse to work with them in the office or shop, what does it profit?"

"If you say, 'I love my neighbor as myself,' but have no concern for the discrimination and injustice your neighbor faces in housing, employment, education, and recreation, do your words really have any meaning?"

—Elizabeth Miller.

**Baptist World Congress**

The next Baptist World Congress will be in Tokyo, Japan, in 1970. It would be well if several Seventh Day Baptists found it possible to attend. We were represented by one person at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960, and by quite a few at Miami Beach in 1965. At the latter place, the American Sabbath Tract Society sponsored a large, well-patronized literature booth. Our membership in the Baptist World Alliance makes it possible and appropriate for us to make ourselves better known by such booths.

Although the Tokyo Congress in 1970 seems quite far in the future for detailed plans, consideration is already being given to the location of the 1975 Congress. Stockholm, Sweden, is bidding for it. The decision will not be made before 1970. If the Congress should go to Sweden, it would be the second time. It was held there in 1923. The World Congress has not been held in Europe since 1955 when it was in London.

In the middle year, between these Congresses, the Youth Congress is held. Thousands of Baptist youth will gather at Bern, Switzerland, this summer.

**Bible Reading Guide for 1968**

**M A Y**

<i>Luke</i>	<i>Luke</i>
1 — 16:14-31	17 — 23:44-56
2 — 17: 1-19	18 — 24: 1-12
3 — 17:20-37	<i>Luke</i>
4 — 18: 1-17	19 — 24:13-35
<i>Luke</i>	20 — 24:36-53
5 — 18:18-43	<i>John</i>
6 — 19: 1-27	21 — 1: 1-18
7 — 19:28-48	22 — 1:19-34
8 — 20: 1-18	23 — 1:35-51
9 — 20:19-47	24 — 2: 1-22
10 — 21: 1-19	25 — 2:23-3:21
11 — 21:20-38	<i>John</i>
<i>Luke</i>	26 — 3:22-36
12 — 22: 1-30	27 — 4: 1-26
13 — 22:31-46	28 — 4:27-54
14 — 22:47-71	29 — 5: 1-29
15 — 23: 1-25	30 — 5:30-47
16 — 23:26-43	31 — 6: 1-21

Read the passage through. Then read over these suggested questions and seek answers from that passage. You might wish to keep a loose-leaf notebook with your daily notes on each passage.

**BIBLE PASSAGE STUDY**

Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Verses: \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the people involved? Key verse to me: \_\_\_\_\_

What does the passage say? \_\_\_\_\_

Application for my life: \_\_\_\_\_

A thought to share with others today: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: (Things I don't understand, warnings, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

for May 4, 1968

THE WISDOM OF SELF-CONTROL

Lesson Scripture: Prov. 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-35.

## Christians Dedicated to a Purpose

By Loretta Langworthy

(One of the messages given on Youth Sabbath at Dodge Center, Minn.)

As Christians of the world in the twentieth century, it is our obligation to be a personal witness of the Lord. We must, in our daily lives, be a living example of a free and overflowing life with Jesus Christ as our guide. We *must* be dedicated to this purpose.

### *Youths Make Churches Active*

In several ways the older generation looks down on the younger generation of today as being evil, as being a threat to society, and as being a bad example of the future citizens of the United States. They look at the teens who live in a different world by the use of LSD, STP, and other drugs. They observe those who go out on the town and get drunk just for something to do. They print headlines and write magazine articles on the hippies and the way they live. Yes, these are examples of the evils and filth in our society. But Christianity still has a power in our country. If we, as Christians, will realize our responsibility and our obligation to God and our fellowmen, we will gain *more* power and, through our faith in God, be able to help the younger generation and the older generation alike.

Let's take a closer look at a few of the so-called "pastimes" of our society. For example—drugs. What is the real purpose of drugs, and why do people resort to using them? Actually, aren't they just looking for something which is unknown to them; a power that is greater than they are? Why couldn't this greater power be replaced by God? It is our job to introduce God and His power to these addicts.

If any of you have ever read *The Cross and the Switchblade* you would understand more clearly that knowing God becomes a much more wonderful experience to these teens than the effect of drugs. David Wilkerson, the author of the book, introduced Jesus Christ into the lives of teens who were members of street gangs in the slums of New York City. Many of them became Christians and helped him organize rallies and a teen center to help these gang members

and win them to Christ. Some of us may not have the ability or the calling to work wonders as David Wilkerson did, but we must be prepared for whatever job God has planned for us and so be ready to step in line and follow through with this calling.

As young boys and girls we learned many things from our church and family. We attended Bible School during the summer. Our Sabbath School class was the place where we always got to learn a new memory verse and hear stories about Daniel, Moses, David, and Noah. Later we were told about Jesus as a baby and how He preached in the temple when He was only twelve years old. We were taught how to pray; first it was only a little prayer that we said the same way every night. But one night it had meaning. After that we began to think of our own things to say. It was wonderful to know that someone whom you could not see could hear your prayers and make you feel good all over.

As we grew older we became members of the Junior C. E., and then Y. F., where we took our turns presenting a lesson to the rest of the group. We also had our first experience as an officer in a church organization.

Daily devotions began to have more meaning in our lives from day to day. It was fun reading something from the Bible and thinking about it all through the day. Bible study and Prayer Meeting help us to understand the Bible better and to feel closer to God through prayer.

Although we now have reached our teens, we are not through studying and learning. On the contrary, we have just begun. But now we must put our knowledge to use.

We are now at the age when we begin to take on more responsibility. We must venture into the world. Several of us may go on to get more education. Some may get jobs and start earning their own income. Others may serve in the armed forces. These are all responsibilities in our society, but we also have responsibilities as Christians in the church.

Now is the time when we must take it upon ourselves to study and learn as

much as possible. In our classes at school we may learn a little from class discussions and lectures. But where would we be if no one studied his lessons ahead of time? We certainly wouldn't learn very much. The same is true in our Christian study. Sure, we could come to church every week, sing songs, and listen to the sermon. But we wouldn't acquire much knowledge unless we studied the Bible for ourselves.

Every half hour on KAUS Austin Radio, before they broadcast the news, they make the statement, "The informed citizen is the cornerstone of democracy." This statement could also be applied to our Christian lives, "The informed Christian is the cornerstone of Christianity." But this can be true only if we study God's word and let Christ work through us to reach others. We must then apply the knowledge we have acquired and also our personal experiences to begin our work as active Christians in the church (read Matthew 5:13-16).

More and more the church is emphasizing youth. The youth are making up quite a large part of the membership of the church. As an example, we can look back to last week's service. With so many of the youth gone to the retreat in Milton the sanctuary was pretty empty. We are also now beginning to take a more active part in the church. We are filling many of the offices and are taking more part in the business of the church. But these are not the only obligations we have.

Through the churches we will begin working on a more nation-wide basis. Through dedicated service we have an opportunity to reach those who are lost. Many of us have already had experiences in taking part in activities which are dedicated to this purpose. During the summer at least half of our youth group worked with the Summer Christian Service Corps team. This was a great experience for all of us. It was a thrill to be serving the Lord in this way. Last year a few members of our youth group had the opportunity to counsel at the Billy Graham movies, "The Restless Ones" and "For Pete's Sake." It was a great challenge to speak to strangers and bring them to the Lord.

There are great opportunities in store for us this year and in years to come. Several of us will be attending camp and some may be counselors. This is a great opportunity for us to work with other Christian young people and get ideas from them which can be brought back home to be used to better our own community. Retreats will continue to inspire us during the year and refuel us for another session of working for Christ.

As youths of the church we must be active. We must be dedicated to the purpose of reaching those who are lost, by learning, loving, and living.

## Rioting in Washington

On the weekend of April 6 while the nation was paying respect to Martin Luther King and showing great concern for the cause which he represented, riots broke out in the nation's capital reducing whole blocks to smoldering rubble. The fire bombing was doubtless the work of relatively few irresponsible citizens who do not represent the majority of law-abiding citizens. The fires and disturbances came close to government buildings and churches.

It is reported that the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church which holds its services in the National Baptist Church at Columbia Road and 16th St. N. W. found it unwise to attempt a church service just two blocks from the burning and rioting. The Sabbath morning service was held at the parsonage in Laurel, Md., on April 6.

The former place of worship of the Washington congregation, the Baptist Building at 1626 16th St. N. W., was also very close to the troubled area. Baptist Press reports as follows:

Fires raged within two blocks of the Baptist Building that houses the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance during the recent rioting in the nation's capital following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Store windows were smashed by looters within a block, but no damage was

done to the Baptist Building or to churches in the city.

Across the city where the offices of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs are located two blocks from the U. S. Capitol, smoke from the inner city engulfed Capitol Hill.

On the Friday afternoon following the assassination as the city began to burn and as widespread looting ran rampant, most government offices as well as those of the Baptist Building and the Baptist Joint Committee closed two hours early. Traffic jammed the streets almost to a standstill.

The curfew imposed on the District of Columbia closed churches on Sunday night and caused a meeting of the executive Board of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention to be postponed a week.

Churches were opened for refugees from their burning homes and as distribution centers for food, clothing and medical supplies.

The National Baptist Memorial Church and the Calvary Baptist Church were in the heart of the riot-torn areas. National Church in cooperation with a Methodist, Presbyterian and Unitarian Church already were engaged in a project to minister to spiritual and physical needs in the inner city.

#### Growth by Groups

The program of Bible study "Growth by Groups" which was widely used last year as one means of "Facing Frontiers with Faith" is as valuable this year as last and some of our churches have just come to the decision to start a number of these Bible study groups.

To properly start such a program a church should use the filmstrip available from the American Sabbath Tract Society on a loan basis. Before the program is fully launched the full set of materials at \$3.50 per person should be ordered, since each participant is expected to be a group leader on occasion and the notebooks are important to the success of the study. Orders are to be sent (on approval if necessary) to Christian Outreach, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19006.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J.—Our church has had an active program so far this year and plans for still further activity are in the making. We observed Youth Sabbath on February 3 with the following young people taking prominent parts in the service: Jonathan Davis, Barbara Branch, Howard Hiles, Christine Ayars, Sharon Cobb, Roy Hiles, Sally Hurley, Jeanne Lawrence and David Ayars.

The spiritual highlight began during the March 1-10 missionary services when we joined with the Shiloh church to hear Pastor Leon Lawton. It continued through the baptismal service for our three new members.

There were several enjoyable meals recently at the church. The annual church dinner was held January 7 in conjunction with our annual business meeting. The Ladies' Aid sponsored a Mother-and-Daughter Banquet, February 18, which featured a program centering upon the various stages of a woman's life. The Senior Christian Endeavor planned and prepared a very interesting "penny-a-pound" spaghetti supper on April 7. Those who weren't willing to be weighed paid a fee of \$2.

For the past several months the Shiloh church has been sharing its student assistant with our church and as a result we have come to desire a student assistant of our own. We are pleased to receive word from Russell Johnson of his acceptance to be our student assistant next fall. He will be attending Eastern Baptist Seminary, the same seminary which our pastor is now attending.

We are looking forward to hosting Eastern Association May 24-26 and are now planning the program around the theme: "Lord, Increase our Faith."

—Correspondent.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—The "Crusade of the Americas" filmstrip was shown on January 13 following our monthly fellowship meal. We presented our Guyana Mission program on March 9 and of the 35 people in attendance, nearly half of them were visitors.

Two teens made first-time decisions

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

## OUR WORLD MISSION

### OWM Budget Receipts for March 1968

	Treasurer's		Boards'		March	6 mos.	6 mos.
	March	6 mos.	6 mos.		Treasurer's	Boards'	
Adams Center ..\$	156.00	501.00					
Albion .....		352.52					
Alfred .....	454.90	2,643.17					
Alfred Station ..		1,360.10					
Algiers .....							
Assn. & Groups	30.00	350.43	\$420.13				
Battle Creek ....	457.86	2,422.34	60.00				
Bay Area .....		125.00					
Berlin .....	147.00	785.39					
Boulder .....	64.63	406.64	25.00				
Brookfield, 1st ..	190.00	602.25					
Brookfield, 2nd..	614.00	734.25					
Buffalo .....	200.00	415.00					
Chicago .....	12.50	410.00					
Daytona Beach..	100.00	765.25					
Denver .....	270.33	1,216.80					
DeRuyter .....	35.00	207.00					
Dodge Center ..	145.06	673.43					
Edinburg .....							
Farina .....		274.03					
Fouke .....		55.00					
Hammond .....		32.26					
Hebron .....	60.00	370.25					
Hopkinton, 1st..	205.50	1,266.35					
Hopkinton, 2nd	12.00	63.20	150.00				
Houston .....		94.89					
Independence ..	148.25	447.40	15.00				
Individuals .....	80.00	496.00					
Irvington .....		611.50	200.00				
Jackson Center..		500.00					
Kansas City .....	103.50	278.50					
Little Genesee ..	124.00	752.65	15.00				
Little Rock .....	24.66	115.91					
Los Angeles ....	350.00	2,065.00	55.00				
Lost Creek .....	170.00	891.61					
Marlboro .....	309.66	1,959.39					
Memorial Fund							
Metairie .....							
Middle Island ..	57.00	321.00					
Milton .....	804.98	4,365.65					75.00
Milton Junction	98.95	496.30					30.00
New Auburn ....	33.80	194.80					
North Loup .....	210.00	1,010.00					69.18
Nortonville .....	196.50	806.93					50.00
Old Stonefort ..	23.50	141.50					
Paint Rock .....	45.00	220.00					
Pawcatuck .....	499.57	3,119.72					117.20
Plainfield .....	439.78	1,728.65					41.00
Putnam County							
Richburg .....	230.75	590.31					
Ritchie .....	38.00	231.50					
Riverside .....	996.58	3,063.29					
Roanoke .....		6.00					
Rockville .....	20.50	111.36					
Salem .....	272.00	896.91					
Salemville .....	40.00	251.09					6.00
Schenectady .....	27.00	120.53					
Shiloh .....		3,181.08					49.60
Syracuse .....		20.00					
Texarkana .....							
Trustees of							
Gen. Conf. ..							
Verona .....	341.95	988.13					
Walworth .....	162.50	604.00					
Washington ....	100.00	265.00					
Washington,							
People's .....	15.00	105.00					
Waterford .....	120.10	645.61					
White Cloud ....	54.52	256.40					
Yonah Mt. ....							
Totals	\$9,292.83	\$47,985.27	\$1,378.11				
Non-Budget	250.00						
	\$9,542.83						

#### MARCH DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 650.79
Historical Society .....	6.70
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund)..	685.03
Ministerial Education .....	640.72
Missionary Society .....	4,294.59
Tract Society .....	1,034.68
Trustees of Gen. Conf. .....	36.84
Women's Society .....	288.09
World Fellowship & Service .....	255.39
General Conference .....	1,590.00
S.D.B. World Federation .....	35.00
Washington S.D.B. Church .....	25.00
	\$9,542.83

#### S U M M A R Y

1967-1968 Budget .....	\$126,603.00
Receipts for 6 months:	
OWM Treasurer .....	\$47,985.27
Boards .....	1,378.11
	49,363.38
Amount due in 6 months .....	\$ 77,239.62
Needed per month .....	12,873.27
Percentage of year elapsed .....	50%
Percentage of Budget raised .....	38.99%

Gordon L. Sanford  
OWM Treasurer

March 31, 1968



# The Sabbath Recorder

for Christ on March 29 at the conclusion of the gospel filmstrip, "What Will You Do with Jesus?" Teens gather every Sabbath Eve at the church for fellowship and inspiration. At the weekly Bible Club led by Mrs. Gertrude Davis, three children recently gave their lives to Christ for salvation. The attendance throughout the winter at the club averaged seventeen. On Youth Sabbath, seven teens contributed their talents by singing, reading Scriptures, receiving offering, and giving the children's talk. Since then the children's talk has become a regular feature of the Sabbath service.

Adults packed and shipped over one hundred pounds of clothing to our Jamaican mission. A small reading library has recently been started as a result of the efforts of Ronald Davis who contributed a number of Christian books while he was home over the Christmas holiday.

As volunteer chaplain the pastor ministered to some seventy patients during one week at Ellis hospital. For the most part, the patients were those who had no church affiliation or were too far out of town for their own pastor to pay them frequent visits.

—From a quarterly report.

## No Tears at This Grave

There is usually more weeping at the grave than at the funeral, for the parting is sad. In Hengelo, Holland, there was a funeral and a burial where there were no tears shed. A newly-converted Spanish citizen asked his pastor, Jose Parraga, to conduct a funeral and burial for three corpses—three religious statues which he wanted interred five feet deep in his garden. Along with the statues he wanted to bury a package of tobacco to symbolize the fact that he had given up smoking. The service in the garden was attended by the man and his wife and their three children.

## Believes in Church-State Separation

Dick H. Hall, Jr., former vice-president for development of Atlanta Baptist College who resigned in protest over the school's decision to accept federal aid, has been elected southern regional director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

The new POAU executive will help organize local chapters of the national organization, work with young people interested in church-state affairs, and enlist financial support for the organization. His interest in POAU did not begin with his resignation in protest. He has been national vice-president of Americans United since 1960.

In his resignation as development officer for the proposed new Atlanta Baptist College, Hall said that he had supported the principle of separation of church and state through all of his ministry. "To be of further use to the college I would be compelled to compromise very deep convictions. This I cannot do."

## Obituaries

**FURROW.**—Pearl J., son of Alfred and Armin-da Reaves Furrow, was born in Garwin, Iowa, Aug. 7, 1878, and died in Mercy Hospital, Davenport, Iowa, March 24, 1968.

He was married to Myrtle Van Horn Dec. 31, 1901, in Welton, Iowa. In early manhood he joined the Welton Seventh Day Baptist Church and transferred his membership to the Albion, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church in later life.

He is survived by: his wife Myrtle of Delmar; two sons, Raymond L. of Delmar and Roy A. of Albuquerque, N. M.; 5 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and a sister Myrtle.

Funeral services were conducted from the Carson Funeral Home, Maquoketa, Iowa, by his pastor, the Rev. A. A. Appel, assisted by the Rev. Fred Pierce, of the Delmar Methodist Church, and interment was in the Welton Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. —A. A. A.



## Unfolding a Dead Sea Scroll

Israel's 20th anniversary is being celebrated on May 2. The Old Testament Scriptures were authenticated by the Dead Sea Scrolls twenty-one years ago. The Temple Scroll, longer even than the Isaiah Scroll, came into the hands of Israel last June. The exterior, damaged by 2000 years, is being unfolded by Professor Biberkrant, world renowned expert. It yields much valuable information, though it is not Scripture.