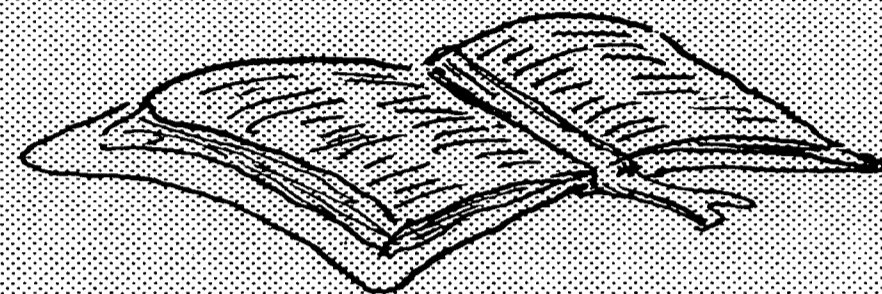


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MEET THE CHALLENGE



God Shows Us the Way

Confessing Christ: Jesus Christ said, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32, 33).

Good Thoughts: Now we are told, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

Wisdom: "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be . . . the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in place of them that make peace" (James 3:10, 17, 18).

Witness: "Every tree is known by his own fruit. . . . A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:44, 45).

Love: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

Forgiveness: "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matt. 18:21, 22).

Eternal Life: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

Rewards: "If a man love me, he will keep my words . . . the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things . . . Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:23, 26, 27).

Albyn Mackintosh

^I
Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

^{II}
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

^{III}
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

^{IV}
Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor

thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

^V
Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

^{VI}
Thou shalt not kill.

^{VII}
Thou shalt not commit adultery.

^{VIII}
Thou shalt not steal.

^{IX}
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

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Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

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How to Quell Riots

We would rather discuss some other aspect of combatting social disorders than the quelling of riots when they occur. It would be far better if we could prescribe some medicine that would heal the social sickness before it erupted on the skin of society. There is a spiritual solution which, unfortunately, is not easy to apply to a whole community on a moment's notice. If we could make Christians out of all the people who might be involved in a riot or in sowing seeds of riot, then we would never have to worry about stopping riots. This is the solution that the church must work on with more vigor than in the past. When hearts are filled with love rather than hate, property and life will not be wantonly destroyed. The gospel does change hearts.

Christian citizens, along with those who are not Christians, are urged to express themselves effectively on the subject of how to stop riots. Some government and religious leaders seem to think that a vast expenditure of money to create a greater degree of economic equality of black and white will solve our problems. Past experience does not very clearly indicate this. The relation between looting and need seems to be more superficial than real. Window smashing, arson, and looting are acts committed as often by well-employed as by unemployed. This was shown again in the recent trouble in Washington, D. C. A senator commenting on this in the presence of some 135 editors of religious journals noted that the average weekly income of the looters who were apprehended was \$75. The problem was not empty pockets but empty or perverted hearts—an extension of that sickness which impels people to try to get something for nothing.

No one can predict where the next riots will break out. Cities whose officials thought that they had made great progress in righting the inequities and the wrongs, have been struck. There is no certainty that explosions can be avoided in the cities where the Negroes are generally well-employed and well-housed. It takes only a spark. As James says, "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth" (James 3:5).

It seems that somebody has to give consideration to how to quell riots when they start. There is strong debate between governors and mayors as to how much and what kind of force should be used. Is there a distinctly Christian position to take? Difference of opinion exists among good Christians, as might be expected. The Scriptures are against anarchy and for law and order. A pretty strong case can be made from the New Testament for the use of whatever force is necessary to protect the life and property of citizens. The debate among government officials seems to hinge on whether the use of guns by law enforcement agencies will quell the riots or incite the rioters to greater violence. Some have said that if guns are used some youths and others who had no criminal intent would be injured or killed. To avoid this some have advocated a wider use of mob-dispersing ammunition such as tear gas and paralyzing agents that would temporarily incapacitate the offenders. This would seem to be more Christian and would enable the law enforcement men to protect society.

Some Christian leaders are opposed to even this much force. The National Council of Churches in a release to the religious press urges the study of the booklet *Crises in America: Hope Through Action*. The release lists various kinds of action suggested in the booklet. Among the seven suggested actions is, "Opposing actively aggressive military preparation for riots and the use of paralyzing drugs to quell mobs."

As a commentary on this suggestion we might quote the Negro taxi driver who took your editor across Washington to the bus station. He felt badly about the recent disturbances in his city. The officials made the mistake of not calling the National Guard soon enough, he said. It seemed to be his opinion that the terrible damage could have been averted if the unlawful use of force by mob action had been quickly countered with a strong show of lawful force.

If the Christian by his conversion comes to believe in moral law he also comes to believe in upholding civil law.

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He does not advocate ruthless use of force, but he has to advocate whatever use of force is needed to guarantee peace and security. If there are quelling agents that are more effective and more humane than bullets let them be used with our blessing.

Italian Revival

What makes revival services successful? Good publicity, strong preaching, and the presence of the faithful. Perhaps the last is more important than the first. The evangelistic outreach of a local church is likely to be in direct relation to the enthusiasm of the members, shown by their attendance at the extra services scheduled. So it was in Italy where the very small minority of Baptists decided it was time their message was heard throughout the land. The church people were faithful.

In the Garbatella Baptist Church at Rome, 49 of the 51 members of the church attended the services. (The other two were ill.) At one service, the number of non-members present was 57. At the close of the week of services, 10 persons professed faith in Christ.

Protestantism is not popular in Rome, where a visitor feels that a good share of the people he sees are in clerical garb or nun's habit, and where Baptist or other Protestant churches are hard to find. The minority of Baptists in Italy is as small as the minority of Sabbath-keeping Baptists in the United States. Sometimes minorities can conduct a better revival and do a better job of evangelism than majorities. They are more conscious of the distinctives of their message. Being unpopular, they put forth more effort to show love. Their very existence requires a higher degree of loyalty than is evident in the popular church.

Successful revival depends on loyal attendance, but the results come from the working of the Holy Spirit as people and preachers bear witness to the saving grace of Christ. This productive witness is written as well as spoken. The successful revival in Italy was due in large

measure to the fact that in the previous two years the Italian Baptist Publishing House in Rome had printed thirty-nine pieces of literature for a total of 1,134,150 copies. This literature was used by the faithful members. Lasting results come from the wide distribution of Scripture filled tracts. We can best prepare for revivals by circulating our literature with vigor and enthusiasm.

How They Give

What accounts for the difference in per capita giving among the denominations? Is it just program promotion or emphasis on the obligation to tithe? Is it the emphasis on mission fields? Is it a generally accepted feeling of having an important truth—a real mission? Is there much better giving in churches with strong theological beliefs? Do the churches that maintain the highest moral standards or insist on conservative social practices put more money into their work?

The answers to these or other questions that could be posed are not readily apparent in every case when one looks at the giving statistics of various denominations. An acquaintance with the different branches of Methodism might suggest some answers. Why, for instance, is the 1966 per capita giving of Methodists \$39.82 and the giving of Wesleyan Methodists \$312.65?

Note the names of the other churches that are in the highest bracket of total giving: Seventh Day Adventists \$304.38, Berean Fundamental Church \$255.82, Evangelical Free Church of America \$251.00. Why is it that American Baptists give only \$73.85 and Southern Baptists \$61.16? And, while we are asking, how can we explain the fact that Seventh Day Baptists with a unique emphasis, a biblical theology, and a strong missionary program are on about the same level of giving as the two Baptist conventions that are so low?

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.
—Prov. 11:30.

MEMORY TEXT

For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. Heb. 4:4.

Sabbath Rally Day

This issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* should reach most subscribers before Sabbath Rally Day, the 18th of May. While we enjoy the rest and worship privileges of the Sabbath every week it is fitting that we set aside one day of the year to put special emphasis on the joy of Sabbathkeeping. For years and years the third Sabbath in May has been designated by our people as Sabbath Rally Day.

What is a Sabbath rally? Nothing, unless we do something about it in an organized way. It is a time to strive for a large attendance at church, a time to fill the day full of the things that will strengthen the will of our people to be faithful to the Word of God. When we have rallied our forces, somewhat like a football rally at college, we then take to the field to win a victory. A Sabbath Rally Day that does not result in action and carrying the ball to the goal is not worthy the name. We need some planning; we need some running; we need some cheering on the side lines.

If we have made a slow start; if we have not planned an effective, stimulating rally that results in carrying the Sabbath to those who need it, there is still much that we can do. A slow start is better than no start at all. If this special day with its emphasis on "Keeping the Keystone Commandment" is over and we did not get enthusiastic about our message ahead of time, we still can. After all, it is the running, not the rally, that counts. Let us run from now on.

What you are doing to win souls for Christ is of interest to others. What your church is attempting in the way of bringing the blessings of the Sabbath to your community might make good reading in the *Sabbath Recorder*. Let us have some stories. The rally may spread and increase.

President's Column

Kearney Sessions Take Shape

The national Conference meeting at Kearney (remember it's pronounced Karnee) is developing in form. The Commission has gone over the details of Conference with the president, and we look forward with even more joyful expectation to fellowship in business and worship, song and study.

Sunday night will see a reception for honored guests, and early arrivals will fellowship together with Colorado hosts. Monday morning will see the opening worship and welcoming convocation, followed immediately by Our World Mission business. A number of steps have been taken to increase the communication during business developments, both in committee and plenary sessions. These steps will be outlined in this first session.

"Interests Committees" will begin immediately to consider their areas of concern, each committee led by a chairman who has had prior appointment to allow review of his field. Business sessions will be conducted in an air-conditioned assembly hall, with audio and visual equipment to help make for full understanding.

Evening worship and meditation will bring board and Conference secretaries to places of worship leadership. The speakers are to be pastors who will speak on different parts of the theme, "Yoked in Mission." Morning and evening prayer cells will be convened in five different rooms by five different leaders, mostly laymen. Delegates are invited to join these cells for the week. Youth activities will include post-session programs arranged by the national SDBYF officers.

We are happy to announce that some 15 different church and civic agencies are to be visited on Wednesday afternoon. Delegates will sign up for one of these visits on their arrival at Kearney State College. After the informative ventures, staff members will be hosted for dinner and the evening program. A special message on Christian Mission in

the World will be given by the pastor of the new Seattle church, Glen Warner.

Are you and your family planning on going to Kearney? Please do!

—David S. Clarke

General Conference Publicity

(First in a series)

General Conference this year will be held on the campus of Kearney State College, in Kearney, Nebraska. The dates are August 11-17, 1968. The college is located on US 30, the "Lincoln Highway" and just off Interstate 80. It is on the edge of a small city of 16,000 which was located along the old Oregon Trail in pioneer days. In addition to its excellent highways, Kearney is served by the Union Pacific Railroad's mainline, the transcontinental Greyhound and Trailways busses and by the Frontier Airlines. Seventy miles south of our North Loup, Nebr. church, it is also about 350 miles from Nortonville, Kans., and our Boulder and Denver, Colo., churches.

Hosts for Conference this year are Seventh Day Baptists in Arkansas-Kansas-Missouri-Nebraska, one of the eight geographic areas set up in 1960 for entertaining Conference. Kearney was chosen for 1968's site because of its desirable geographic location and accessibility, and because it is near enough to one of our churches to make arrangements feasible. Kearney's location, exactly halfway between the Atlantic and Pacific has given it the nickname, the "Mid-Way City." This should help Seventh Day Baptists make 1968 a record attendance year for 1968 Conference in Mid-Way America.

In future articles we shall be telling you about Conference costs, facilities and the area. Those wishing for information sent to them may contact their church clerks after June 1st, or write direct to the Conference Registration Committee, Mrs. Duane L. Davis, chairman, Box #128, North Loup, Nebr. 68859.

WHY I KEEP THE KEYSTONE COMMANDMENT

By Beverly Kilts*

(A prize-winning essay for Sabbath Rally Day)

To me, the *fact* of God's command to keep the Sabbath Day holy is clear and undeniable. In Exodus 20:8 we are told to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." I believe that these commands are not merely suggestions of a way to do a thing; they are divine orders from God—eternal as God is eternal.

But much more than an intellectual acceptance is needed or obedience to this divine law becomes a heavy, burdensome yoke. The fact that disobedience is a sin (James 4:17) is also not enough motivation for one to keep the Sabbath.

The thing that makes obedience a delight is love. Our Savior said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Some might say that if we love Him, we can keep His commandments, if we wish; but the Lord made this matter clear when He said, "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me" (John 14:21). My love for God motivates me to respect His commands and, with such love in my heart, how can I disregard the day that He hallowed, sanctified, and blessed in the very beginning of time? The Bible tells me that the Sabbath is a sign "between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God" (Ex. 20:20). It is a constant reminder of God. To the believer it is the sign that he knows the true God who created all things and who, through Christ, redeems the sinner (Ex. 31:13).

There is another reason for my keeping the Sabbath holy. John 14:23 tells me that "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." How precious are these words and the treasure they provide — the treasure of God's presence! After a busy week, the Sab-

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bath provides for me a time of special closeness with God. It is a time away from the worries and labors of the previous days when I can renew myself both physically and spiritually. The Sabbath brings me nearer to God in heart and mind than does any other day. This is the day of rest God gives to all who "labor and are heavy laden" (Matt. 11:28, 29).

I recently read the following poem (author unknown):

I do not know how I could live
If there were not this refuge sweet,
Where I could linger at His feet
And He to me sweet healing give.

The Sabbath indeed becomes a "refuge sweet."

The peace of God is for those who obey, who listen to the Master and walk in His way.

Sabbath Essay Contest

One of the suggestions of the Sabbath Promotion Committee for the observance of Sabbath Rally Day was a nationwide essay contest on the subject, "Why I Keep the Keystone Commandment." One of the thoughts back of this suggestion was to focus attention long in advance of May 18 on our reasons for keeping the Sabbath. It would make Sabbath Rally Day more meaningful when it arrived.

It can be said that a reading of church bulletins coming to the office of the editor indicates that quite a number of pastors urged and encouraged young folks to write. Those who put thought into this subject have already received a reward, regardless of what the judges say about prizes for the best.

Missionary Work on TV

"In the Name of God," a 3M Special to be seen on ABC-TV, Monday, May 20, 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. EDT, examines the work of modern day missionaries who battle against poverty, disease and hunger among the people with whom they live and serve. The story of Protestants and Catholics shows that there has been a dramatic change in the role of missionaries in recent years.

The Seattle Story

As told by the Rev. Glen Warner, coordinating field pastor, in his first annual report to the Pacific Coast Association.

After the fall meeting of the Pacific Coast Association at Los Angeles my wife Sherry and I were sent to the state of Washington to see what could be done to draw together the growing Seventh Day Baptist interest in the general area of Seattle. The half year that has elapsed has been a wonderful period of time for us, and we daily thank the Lord for His faithfulness to us.

When we came to the area I spent several days looking for a central and suitable location where our group might worship on the Sabbath. For a time it seemed that we would be renting the Kent Presbyterian Church, but the high rent they asked, and the limited use of their building did not make it possible. Our homes were getting too small to accommodate the group. One Sabbath there were twenty-seven. After talking with pastors of several churches, Rev. Colvin Caughey of the Des Moines First Baptist Church called me and said that their church would be available to us, unlimited use each Sabbath for \$15 a week. On January 13, we held our first worship service there, with thirty-six in attendance. It is a beautiful new building, seating about 200, with full facilities. It is perfect for our group, and again, I thank the Lord for His provision for our needs.

The Baptist church also gave us their old sandwich sign board and Mrs. Marilyn Schuman has repainted it for our use. It is helpful for visitors in finding the church.

On January 27, during Sabbath School, the decision was made by the group to formally organize into a Seventh Day Baptist church on March 2. Four committees were set up that day. A Constitution Committee was asked to write up a proposed constitution, a Statement of Beliefs Committee to prepare that statement, and a Covenant Committee to prepare that one. A Credentials Committee was also formed to act as "clearing house" for letters of transfer, and letters of

Christian experience submitted by those who wished to join the new church.

On January 31, Dixie Inabnit and Nellie Jo Brissey volunteered to begin work on setting up the children's Sabbath School. After considering curricula from various sources, materials were ordered. Four classes were set up: preschool with Mrs. Brissey and Mrs. Marilyn Schuman as teachers; 1st and 2nd grades together with Mrs. Ray Boatman and Mrs. Boyd Maddox as teachers; 3rd and 4th grades together with Dick Brissey and Dixie Inabnit as teachers; and high school with Sherry Warner and myself as teachers. It would be hard to overemphasize the important influence that organizing the Sabbath School has had on our total group. In many ways, it is one of the most important things that has been done.

The six weeks leading up to the formal organization of the church were busy ones. Each of the committees had to meet and to work out their statements; each person who wanted to join the church had to write for his letter, or prepare his statement of Christian experience; and the group as a whole had to be looking over the proposed constitution, covenant, and statement of beliefs before final approval.

March 2, the appointed Sabbath for organizing the church came. It was a beautiful day, one I shall not soon forget. All the pastors were present and had a part in the worship service at 11 a.m. The organization went as planned. The constitution was adopted and the statement of belief and covenant duly agreed upon. The constituent members were enrolled, with opportunity for other names to be added to the list up to June 1.

Provision was made for the first business meeting of the church. This was held Sunday, April 7. The principal officers elected on that date are: president, Dave Inabnit, 1412 22nd N.E., Auburn; secretary, Mrs. Lois Kerwin, 4459 S. 164th St., Seattle; treasurer, Mrs. Lorene

Crouse, 29225½ W. Valley Hwy, Auburn.

Having just experienced the birth of a church it is fitting to do a little thinking about what a church is.

Pastor Oscar Burdick has made a helpful distinction regarding Seventh Day Baptist churches. He says that we are more of a "theological" church than a neighborhood one. Our congregations come together, sometimes from great distances, because of interests in common, rather than because of convenience. This is true of the Seattle area church. Families attend from Edmonds, Auburn, Kent, Tacoma, Seattle and Centralia. This kind of loyalty is a great blessing, and a great inspiration to me personally. It is an example of obedience to the Lord's commandments.

What comprises an authentic church? What are the characteristics of a work that is really of the Lord? I found myself asking these questions as we began to plan for the future. I believe that the Lord was already here, and I felt that my job as coordinating pastor was to work within His plan.

As I understand our Baptist way of doing things, it seems to me that an authentic church emerges out of the experience of the people involved rather than being some form imposed upon a group, from an outside source. We all felt a deep motivation, and our need was to find an identity, to answer the question, "Who are we?" Just as single individuals must answer the "Who am I?" question of life, so must a group, if it is to find its reason for existing. It is the search for confidence which gives more and more cohesiveness to a group. To be sure, there are temptations to settle for plastic substitutes of the real confidence. One such temptation is for a group to grow up around a personality within the group. A group needs leadership of a certain type. What is true leadership in a group of Christians? 1 Timothy 4:12 says it: "... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

A second temptation to false security in a group is that of living only on the surface. We are tempted to grow in size,

but the greatest value is in growing in depth of Christian commitment. True confidence does not come from belonging to a large group, but from being personally reconciled to God.

The third temptation is to be blindly idealistic. We need to be dreamers to some extent, and to see visions of great possibilities, but we must also admit to our humanness and great need to walk the path of obedience. I'm sure there have been days when each of us here has been most grateful for the fresh start, but we must learn that obedience is a continuing, daily walk.

Is there a basic attitude that should be kept in mind as we build for the future? I believe there is. Psalm 127 says it so well:

Except the Lord build the house,
they labor in vain that build it;
except the Lord keep the city,
the watchman waketh but in vain.

This is the source of true security, both for the individual and for a group. This is the source of growth in the truest sense of the word.

One great thing we have going for us is the belief of liberty of conscience in matters of religion. As one good friend has wisely said, "A new church is fraught with extremes, yet must live and not fear extremes. Perfect love casts out fear." As we have continued answering the question, "Who are we?" we are learning that we must be working toward this perfect love, toward that mutual trust that must come with being committed as a group to the effective living of our faith.

What is a church? It is the continuing of work that the Lord had already started here. With the exception of one week, the fellowship met in homes on the Sabbath for study and fellowship, for seven months before we arrived, and for two months after.

This report represents only the peaks of our range of experiences. The past six months have been exciting and fast-moving, and I find real promise in Philippians 1:6, "And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Why an Office in Syracuse?

By Ralph Hays

Can Seventh Day Baptists justify the expense of maintaining an office in the new Church Center Building in Syracuse, N. Y.? The question has been raised by some of our pastors in New York State—pastors who believe that our office and our use of the building for other purposes is really worth the cost. These questions were faced by the Central New York Association and the Seventh Day Baptist New York State Council before the Syracuse office was set up.

I would like to give credit to the Syracuse church for the motivation to really get into the area of church public relations. As a member of the Church Center occupancy group we Seventh Day Baptists have had six public worship services in our name in the Center. Speakers so far have been Pastor Don Richards and the writer, both holding services last fall. This spring Pastors Leon Lawton and Charles Swing each conducted a service. The fact that we are occupants led to our being responsible for the opening religious exercises of the General Assembly of the State Council on Feb. 9, 1968.

The rules of the Center state that "one representative from each office group has equal voice in the Church Management Committee." This has to do first with the care and maintenance of the Center, second with programming the use of the Center for its intended purpose. Being part of the group led to my being elected to the Business Administration Commission plus an invitation to attend the denominational leaders discussion on "Cooperative Church Planning and Missions." This gives us an opportunity to be represented in every phase of the Center. We pray to God that this opportunity will not be wasted.

The Center gives us the advantage of its entire facilities for public and private meetings. From 200 to 300 people can be accommodated. At present the Central Association is using the facilities twice a month for a teacher training and leadership training school.

Association committee meetings can be held in the Church Center at any time, a convenient meeting place. On Sunday, April 21, the Central Association New York State Fair Committee met in the Seventh Day Baptist Room and made plans for the booth to be operated in the Center of Living Building of the fair next summer.

Up to the present it has not been possible to make daily use of the office that is reserved for us. Just recently a plan was worked out by which pastors of the Association would take turns in occupying the office one day a week. The office will now be open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 4:30. We are sorry to have the office closed so much of the time, but until we can do more we are determined not to do less. In addition to the use made by the Association it is also the parish office of the local Syracuse church.

The Church Center is located at 3049 East Genesee Street. The phone number, in case anyone needs to call, is (315) 446-0235.

Our identification with other church groups in the State Council shows our concern for the issues. This, in part, justifies the expense of our office. By being consistent with the efforts of so many in the past and present we hope to do all in our power to stand for Christ and the revelation that has been given to us.

From time to time I would like to share with *Recorder* readers some of the information that comes from our connection with the Center, as well as the experiences that come from working with others.

Is it true, as some say, that our observance of Mother's Day in the past has amounted to mother worship inherited from pagan Greece? Have we made mothers into demigods one day a year by over-sentimentalizing? Perhaps the newer emphasis on Family Day is better. This is a time to emphasize full family responsibility and interdependence. Parents must be parents if they are to be worthy of honor.

Quarterly Meeting of Missionary Board

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board was held at the Pawcatuck church on Sunday afternoon, April 28th, at 2:00 p.m. with 22 members and 3 visitors present. A picture of the board members was taken by a professional photographer in front of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church preceding the meeting.

Treasurer Karl Stillman reported an all-time high for Missionary Society assets. He reported along with the secretary that the interests of the board require an ever increasing amount of work.

The secretary's report showed a busy quarter with usual office duties, speaking appointments, counseling sessions and attendance at Planning Committee meeting and a combined meeting of Commission and Planning Committee, also a meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Federation.

Material for the End of Quarter Mission Emphasis on March 30, 1968, regarding the Guyana field was mailed out from the office.

The director of evangelism, Leon Lawton, reported regarding the Area Spiritual Retreat held at Berkeley, Calif., and of contacts and visitations made en route. He served as missionary at Shiloh, N. J., for ten days in March. He continues to serve the Brookfield church as a resident minister, supplying the pulpit when his schedule allows.

Recommendations of the Executive Committee were approved by the board to:

1) Appoint the director of evangelism, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, to represent the Missionary Board at the next meeting of Planning Committee meeting jointly with Commission and also at the Pre-Conference meeting of Planning Committee.

2) Set up a policy for "Administration of the Ethel T. Stillman Fund" for rest and recreation of non-retired missionaries, both home and foreign.

3) Outline work arrangements for the services of Miss Connie Coon as "assistant in evangelism" to begin in September.

4) Set up an emergency fund in the savings department of bank or banks in Georgetown, Guyana, as an emergency fund on which our missionary may draw.

5) Accept the offer of Mrs. Mary Clare to go to Guyana for Dedicated Service as a "Teacher of Teachers" July 18 - August 4, 1968, with travel expenses to be repaid from the 1969 budget.

6) To accept Miss Velma Maxson's offer of dedicated service as a teacher at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, beginning in the fall.

7) Empower the president to appoint a committee of three to arrange for presentation of Mission Interests at Conference on Tuesday, August 13th.

The officers of the board responsible for annual reports will this year cover only eleven months in their reports (closing the year April 30, 1968) and will endeavor to have the material at the printing house on or before July 1, 1968.

The American Tropics Committee met preceding the board meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Alton L. Wheeler who reported on their recent visit to Jamaica. Secretary Wheeler was also asked to speak at the board meeting. A letter of appreciation had been received and was read from Jamaica Conference Corresponding Secretary Joe Samuels expressing their gratitude to the board for the visit of the Wheelers.

It was reported that our missionaries in Malawi now plan to purchase a new Land Rover in Blantyre rather than purchasing a Jeep Wagoneer in this country.

Also it was noted that the Division of Overseas Ministries will hold the next Assembly meetings in New Haven, Conn., November 19-22, 1968. This will be the occasion for the observance of the 75th anniversary of the Foreign Missions Conference.

Pastor Leroy Bass Reports from Guyana

"Near the end of March a twelve day trip was taken up the Essequibo Coast to Dartmouth and then on into the Pomeroon River area. We gained three new decisions in Dartmouth and a young couple accepted Christ as their Lord, the couple I married in January. Five more are preparing for baptism at Dartmouth.

"A young wife at Dartmouth who wanted to come forward for Christ was threatened by her husband never to come to church again. God will yet work to overcome in this matter. A similar situation developed in the Pomeroon but the Lord overruled and converted the husband and daughter also, so that now instead of one decision, there are three. Victory came out of apparent defeat but this came only when Deacon A. Tobin made a follow-up visit and talked to the husband. A baptismal service was conducted by Deacon Tobin (at my request), held in the Pomeroon River in front of the Bona Ventura Church. Five more are preparing for baptism there.

"On this trip I had opportunity to make my first visit to the campsite of Lake Mainstay, where we expect to hold our second youth camp in August. I found it to be a lovely lake, with a large sandy beach and a wonderful campsite, too. I can hardly wait until August which is true of the youths, also.

"On Sunday while at Dartmouth I took six of the young people for a preliminary trip to Lake Mainstay for swimming and a look at the campsite. Now these young people are in turn talking up the camp to others.

"Jesus is still the most precious name among men on earth but what perversions of Christianity there are in the world today, even as there were in ancient times. Instead of 2nd and 3rd century Gnosticism, today we have the sickly, sentimental so-called verses of 'songs' and 'poems' . . ."

Bible Reading Record

During 1967 we were all encouraged to read the Bible through. Many of you have done this and names of those who have not been included before will be included here. Some of you are the only ones from your group who accomplished this and others are one of many. Let's all try this year to read the New Testament as has been suggested. If you have not started your reading of the New Testament as yet—start now. It is never too late to start reading the Bible.

The latest names that have come to the board that we have not mentioned before are: Mrs. Edna Richards—Dorcas Society of Riverside, Calif.; Mrs. Alta Leonard and Mrs. Gertrude Brush—Missionary and Aid Society of Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Ruth Glover—Women's Society of Alfred, N. Y.; Mrs. Welles Branch, Mrs. Nettie Fowler, and Earl Babcock of White Cloud, Mich. Mrs. Charles Burdick, Milton Junction, Wis.; Mrs. Earl Cruzan—Women's Circle of Milton, Wis.; Mrs. Hattie Saunders—Edgerton, Wis. Mrs. Saunders is nearly 100 years old and lives in a trailer which is parked in her son's yard. She is an amazing lady doing her own work since she lives alone. She writes her own letters and states she enjoyed reading the Bible although it was not the first time she had read it through.

Gift Appreciated

Recently the board received a check for \$200 from the Women's Missionary Society of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Irvington, N. J. This money was earned by giving luncheons in each others' homes, inviting friends, and each giving a dollar or whatever she can afford. We felt this was worthy of mentioning since this society is small, with only eight members. They are happy to help in the Lord's work and with this thought in mind we can do much.

The 1968-1969 packet is ready for mailing and you should be receiving yours soon.

Dr. Ben "Retires"

The following is the essence of a letter written to Dr. Ben Crandall upon his retirement from active participation in the work of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education (To our knowledge Dr. Ben was the only life member of the Board and its predecessor, the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society.):

Dear Dr. Ben:

Your resignation from the board "to make room for someone younger" as you put it, was accepted today with deep regret. Our board, and the education society which preceded it, remember with humility the multitude of generous contributions of time, talent, and money that you have made down through the years. Through your example and wisdom you have inspired all of us to do better work in this little corner of God's kingdom.

Many of us remember very well the precise way you reorganized the method of handling the monies of the board as you served as treasurer. The board files still reflect the system you developed while you served as interim executive secretary. Through your services on the Finance Committee, and in a host of other ways, you have helped keep the board advancing in service to our denomination. We are most happy to give you our full support as you served as president of the General Conference.

It hasn't been too many years ago that the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society chose you as a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education to go to Jamaica and help organize a high school for boys and girls there. One of our proudest moments must have been when the school was initiated and named Crandall High School.

Boys and girls for many years will be helped in their Christian education at Camp Harley Sutton because of your thoughtful gift, recently given, to that honorable institution.

The Life Membership Certificate which you released has been sent to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. As long as people view it they will be

reminded of your intense and unflagging interest in the work of Christian education.

As we stood in prayer at the board meeting, your life of service was pictured in our minds, and we humbly thanked God for you.

Surely God has blessed our board, our church, our denomination, and our communities by sharing you with us for almost a century. We will not forget.

Truly we can say that the world is much richer because you live here. May God's choicest blessings be yours.

Most gratefully,

*The Seventh Day Baptist Board
of Christian Education.*

Camp News

From the quarterly report of the Battle Creek church we glean the following: "Camp work is progressing Camp directors are as follows: Day Camp, Louise Fick; Senior Camp, Gene Fatato; Intermediate Camp, Connie Coon; Junior Camp, Jean Albion; and Primary Camp, Ruth Bennett."

Crisis Study

For those of our churches who are willing to study the crisis that our country faces here at home, we suggest that you write to Friendship Press, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027, and ask for their brochure titled, "Resources for Churches in the National Emergency."

Quarter Change Over

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is very grateful that most of our churches use the *Helping Hand* Sabbath School quarterly. As a basis for the lessons therein, we use the Uniform Series Lesson outlines. The Committee on the Uniform Series voted in March, 1967, to start the school year beginning in 1971 on September 1 instead of October 1. On the first Sabbath in September, 1971, a new quarter's lessons will begin with the topic: The Doctrine of God. This course will continue through November when a new quarter will begin, and so on.

The decision was made after polling all the denominational users of the outlines to discover their thinking and wishes. The vote was almost unanimous for the change. A number of reasons lie behind this decision.

1. The new beginning will coincide with the public school year. An attempt was made to make such a change several years ago, but the decision was postponed.

2. This decreases the shipping congestion which comes at certain seasons of the year, particularly at Christmas.

3. A number of new denominational curricula were already moving to a change from October to September and this would fit in with that change.

4. This change will make possible a further change, if desired, eliminating dependence upon Sabbath - to - Sabbath dating of lessons, thus making for more flexibility.

YOUTH . . .

Hush! Be Quiet! Listen!

Hush! Be quiet! And listen!

Listen to the stillness, how it resounds.

'Tis silent, but far from empty it be.

Hush! Be quiet! And listen!

The night bird sings, his mate responds.

Peepers join in with sounds that pierce the night.

Frogs, crickets, they all add their meager voices.

Hush! Be quiet! And listen!

'Tis all silent now, though far from still it be.

A breath of air, the flap of wings, the splash of a frog.

The sky darkens, the thunder rolls.

Hush! Be quiet! And listen!

For thy God doth speak!

Timothy Looney,
Salem College, W. Va.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 25, 1968

JOB UNDER FIRE

Lesson Scripture: Job 2:1-10.

Example in Tract Distribution

There are some new friends of the Seventh Day Baptist cause in Grand Island, Nebr., who have been in contact with the Tract Society since March, reading with interest the literature and books ordered. They are firm believers in the Sabbath and are seeking ways of bringing this scriptural teaching to the attention of others. They testify that opportunities for Sabbath witnessing have opened up. A minister who distributes books to a large mailing list has suggested that they answer the inquiries that come in regard to the Sabbath. He himself is not yet quite committed to it.

The couple is of limited means since the husband has not yet finished his college work and is teaching in a low-paying church school. Nevertheless they are taking on a mailing program as they are able. The most recent project is mailing Sabbath literature to Protestant ministers listed in the area phone book. The literature is introduced with this note written on the tract, "Dear Pastor, won't you please prayerfully consider this truth from God's Word?" There are forty towns covered by the phone book, so it will take quite a little time as well as postage to complete this project. The wife suggested that a note in the *Sabbath Recorder* might encourage other people to undertake such a stay-at-home mission. Those who really love truth want to help others to get the blessing of that truth.

Sabbathkeeping Experience

Dear Rev. Maltby,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 22. I enjoyed reading the copy of *The Sabbath Recorder* very much. Enclosed is a check for four dollars for a year's subscription.

I am a member of the First Baptist Church of Babylon, N. Y., but I began to suspect that there was something unscriptural about keeping Sunday as the Sabbath several years ago. I began to search the Scriptures for evidence that the Sabbath was transferred to the first day of the week but I found none.

The more I search the Scriptures and the more I read good articles on both sides of the question the more I become convinced that the Ten Commandments are the rule of conduct for the Christian.

I began to search for a church which kept the Commandments of God. I went to the Seventh Day Adventist church for a few months but found I could not accept their dietary laws and their teachings about hell and about the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary. But I do desire to fellowship with a people who keep the Commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. So I looked into your denomination and I concur wholeheartedly with the "Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists" (1937).

I would be interested in having more tracts for distribution.

Deer Park, N. Y.

Trustees of Memorial Fund Meet

By Charles F. Harris

A serious group of men met on April 21, 1968, at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield. All of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Fund were present, but there was an atmosphere of sadness with the loss of L. Harrison North, secretary, and B. Colwell Davis, president.

Robert M. Coon of Bronxville, N. Y., presided and, with the help of Mrs. Gladys Poulin, bookkeeper of the Fund, had the business arranged. Elston H. Van Horn from Westerly, R. I., Clarence M. Rogers from Salem, W. Va., the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, treasurer, from Richburg, N. Y., Thurman C. Davis and Charles F. Harris from Shiloh, N. J., were all at their places. Adelbert A. Whitford, experienced member from Plainfield, completed the membership.

Resolutions of respect for B. Colwell Davis and L. Harrison North were adopted, with copies to be included in the minutes, to be sent to the Historical Society and to be included in our report to the General Conference.

Samuel C. Williams, Jr., investment counsel, made recommendations and, after much discussion, many actions were approved.

Approval was granted for the loan of \$10,000 to the Washington, D. C., church. Correspondence with the Denver, Colo., and the Dodge Center, Minn., churches was read and discussed.

An important step was taken by the board to enter into an agreement with the Plainfield Trust State National Bank to use their Custodian Account service. This agreement would be subjected to a thirty day notice for termination of this service.

The constitution of the Memorial Fund requires that a majority of the Board of Trustees reside in New Jersey. Many capable people in our denomination were being considered but two men from New Jersey were elected, Frederik J. Bakker, attorney at law, and a resident of Plainfield, and Owen H. Probasco, computer programmer and a resident in the Shiloh area. Mr. Bakker is a deacon in his church, past president of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society, and an officer in the Historical Society. Mr. Probasco is also a deacon, is first vice-president of the Tract Board, and has held an office as a vice-president of our General Conference.

Clarence M. Rogers was elected president and Charles F. Harris secretary of the Board. Mr. Harris was named a vice-president and Mr. Bakker the assistant secretary. Mr. Van Horn and Mr. Harris were added to the Ministerial Retirement Committee. Mr. Bakker was made chairman of the Auditing Committee, and Mr. Probasco was added to the Finance Committee.

Your Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund covet the prayers of our people, and we welcome your suggestions as we accept the added responsibilities placed upon us.

Our Sabbaths dawn with the setting sun, and can not be hastened or stayed by the will or act of man. The one who loves God with a true and holy love, will welcome the Sabbath Day, and will prepare to use to the full its sacred privileges.

—A. J. C. Bond.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED, N. Y.—The W.C.T.U. held its annual essay contest—this year on "Tobacco and Health"—and the three first prizes (from three different sixth grades) were from our baptismal class—Amy Tuttle, Sandy Snyder and David Snyder. Evan Butts won a second prize.

—Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—We have a good group of young people here. Some live many miles from the church so it is not possible for them to get to church every Sabbath. Once a quarter the pastor plans a youth retreat. Parents make efforts to get their young folks here for the weekend. At the last retreat they held a car wash to help raise money for their camp expenses in June. They also are taking orders for address labels.

Easter morning, following the sunrise service at the Bandshell, a pancake breakfast was prepared and served to about fifty people in our social hall by the men of our Church Aid.

We enjoyed the first Sabbath School picnic of the season April 21 at Tomoka State Park with thirty members present. We enjoyed the good fellowship as well as the picnic lunch.

There has been much illness among our members this winter. We shall miss Mabel Todd from our midst. She departed this life March 14. We were also saddened by the passing of Mabel Main on April 17.

A very impressive service was conducted for the ordination of William Heinig, Jr., as deacon, April 27.

Our pastor is attending the Area Spiritual Life Retreat in Shiloh this week.

Baptismal services are planned for Sabbath Rally Day. There are several who are considering church membership.

We are looking forward to the coming of the SCSC team in June.

For the information of those who do not receive our "Sentinel," our Church Aid has been busy with its usual work of making lap quilts for patients in convalescent homes and clothing for "Head Start" program. We also are making articles for a bazaar to be held some time

in the future. Several leprosy bandages have been knitted and cancer badges made.

Our church attendance has not been quite as large this winter as last but we believe the work of the church has gone forward with as much zeal as before.

—Correspondent.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Our moderator, Mrs. Iris Maltby, presided over our 130th annual meeting April 7 at 2:00 p.m. Several important recommendations of the Committee on Church Structure, headed by the Rev. Victor Skaggs, were adopted: (1) It was voted to make the Sabbath School an auxiliary organization of the church rather than a separate organization. (2) A Pastoral-Church Relations Committee was formed, with two members elected by the church and one appointed by the pastor. (3) It was voted to have a Coordinating Council consisting of the moderator, the church clerk, a trustee, the Sabbath School superintendent, the pastor, and the chairmen of the five regular committees. (4) A Constitutional Committee of seven members was named to prepare a job analysis for the officers and committees and to recommend revisions in our constitution and bylaws.

The Evangelism and Christian Education Committees in cooperation with Pastor Saunders had arranged for a team of four Summer Christian Service Corps members to teach in the Cooperative Vacation Church School June 24-July 3 and to carry out an extended visitation program after that. The Christian Education Committee had helped to improve the work of the Sabbath School, but more improvements, such as an adequate library, and long-range planning were called for.

The Fellowship Committee had charge of five dinners and had served refreshments at two receptions and on two other occasions. The Publications Committee had provided attractive new bulletin covers and had overseen the typing of the bulletin each week, which represented many hours of dedicated service.

The Youth Fellowship reported several fund raising projects. They had giv-

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en \$10 to help a Jamaican attend a youth camp.

Pastor Saunders' mimeographed report consisted of an impressive list of activities during his five months of service. He had begun to serve as chairman of the 1969 Conference Host Committee and is head of the Vacation Church School Committee. He planned to direct the work of the SCSC in Plainfield and to be director of the Senior Camp at Jersey Oaks.

A local budget of \$14,585 and a goal of \$4,700 for Our World Mission were adopted.

Our new treasurer is Charles North and our new moderator, William Armstrong. Mrs. Barbara Saunders was elected assistant organist and chorister, and she is also the new Sabbath School superintendent.

—Correspondent.

"Suppose the whole world goes to smash! God can make another one."

—Luther.

Obituaries

MAIN.—Mrs. Mabel D., daughter of John T. and Mary Davis Dixon and the wife of the late George A. Main, was born in Shiloh, N. J., May 1, 1882, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rex Ayars, Shiloh, April 16, 1968.

Mrs. Main was a lover of music and spent much of her life teaching in this field.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh and faithfully attended the services as long as her health permitted. She had returned to Shiloh after the death of her husband.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Rex Ayars, Shiloh, and Mrs. Alton Wheeler, Plainfield; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh on Sabbath afternoon, April 27. The ashes were interred in the church cemetery.

—C. H. B.

TODD.—Mabel L., daughter of Sherman and Evaline Rogers Langworthy, was born in Brookfield, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1883, and died March 14, 1968, in Ormond Beach Memorial Hospital, Fla.

In 1905 she married Orlo Perry. To this union two children were born. Mr. Perry died in 1955.

On Oct. 9, 1959, she married Clark Todd in Milton, Wis. The couple made their home in Ormond Beach, Fla., but visited their children and friends in central New York and southern Wisconsin each summer.

Mrs. Todd was a member of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, and an associate member of the Daytona Beach (Fla.) church. She sought to express her Christian faith in an enthusiastic manner wherever she lived.

Surviving besides her husband are one son, Alfred L. Perry of Holley, N. Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Eudora) Greene of Unadilla Forks, N. Y.; and one sister, Mrs. Devillo (Marletta) Frair of Oneida, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Donald E. Richards at the Campbell-Dean Funeral Home, Oneida, on March 19. Interment was in the New Union Cemetery of Verona Mills, Verona, N. Y.

—D. E. R.

VAN HORN.—Kathryn B. Stout, daughter of Mortimer W. and Byrd Lawrence Stout, was born April 10, 1889 at Rockford, W. Va., and died at Union Protestant Hospital, Clarksburg, W. Va., March 27, 1968.

In January of 1908 she was married to Harvey O. Van Horn, Sr.

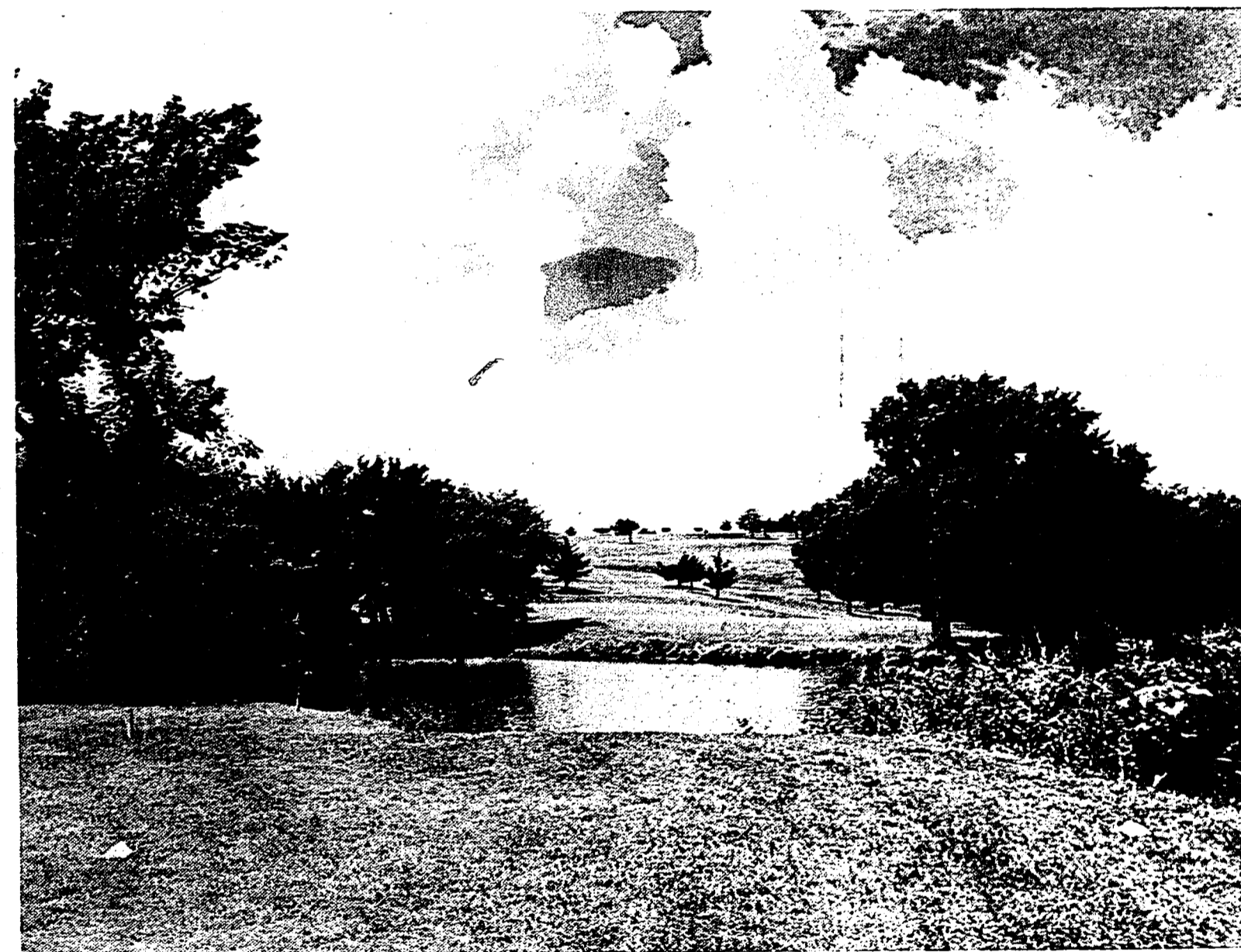
Surviving are three sons, Edward S. of Clarksburg, W. Va., Harvey O. Jr., Morgantown, W. Va., and Lewis of Moundsville, W. Va.; three daughters, Leola Bond, Camp Hill, Pa., Betty Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va., and Lela Gerstner of Weston, W. Va.; one sister, Mrs. S. G. Kennedy of Lost Creek; 26 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, one sister, and four brothers.

She was a long-time member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Ladies Aid Society.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Francis D. Saunders, and interment was in the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.

—F. D. S.



Going to General Conference?

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will be held in Nebraska this year. The adequate facilities of the state college at Kearney have been secured for our use. Nebraska is not advertised as the most attractive vacation land, but it has beauty as well as productivity. Just outside of Kearney are many beauty spots such as this lake-bordered golf course and country club. Our people in Nebraska are urging us to make plans now for the largest attendance ever.