

# The Sabbath Recorder

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**KANSAS CITY, MO.**—The church property now has a new sidewalk, thanks to the work of the men of the church. Other cement work has been done in preparation for a hall and classrooms.

Sabbath Rally Day was postponed till the 25th of May—the last Sabbath that Ken Chroniger, student, would be bringing the message. A student pastor, Sam Studer, will come about June 1.

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**—The Greater Los Angeles Massed Choir Festival was held May 5 in the First Baptist Church. It was a great occasion for the biggest (in area) city in the United States. Of special interest to Seventh Day Baptists is the fact that Miss Lois Wells, choir director of our church, conducted a concert of sacred music as a part of the Choir Festival.

—From a church bulletin.

**RICHBURG, N. Y.**—During the paneling of our church sanctuary we are holding our services in the church social room. We have a good attendance at our worship services.

The young people of the church had charge of the morning service on April 20 when the pastor and family were at Plainfield, N. J. April 27 was pulpit exchange Sabbath. Pastor Dickinson spoke at the Buffalo church and the Rev. Rex Zwiebel of Alfred Station was guest speaker at the Richburg church.

Pastor Dickinson attended the Spiritual Retreat at Jersey Oaks Camp in New Jersey April 30 to May 7. Our morning service was by the laymen of the church. Leaders were Deacon Jesse Burdick, Mrs. William Davidson, and Robert Stohr.

Our Ladies Aid Society meets the third Tuesday of each month for a 6:30 p.m. dinner followed by a program arranged by the Women's Board.

—Correspondent.

## Accessions

ALFRED STATION, N. Y.

By Baptism:

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## Obituaries

**BURDICK.**—Mrs. Beulah A., daughter of the late Edgar O. and Emily Sherburne Burdick, was born in Walworth, Wis., May 23, 1878, and died at the home of her son, Dr. H. Laurence Burdick, in Milton, Wis., April 21, 1968.

She was married to Harvey L. Burdick, Dec. 3, 1900. Her husband died in 1945. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. LeRoy (Dorothy) Rasmussen of Milton; three sons, George E. of Cohoes, N. Y., Ralph W. of Edgerton, Wis., and Dr. H. Laurence of Milton, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; also a sister, Mrs. Flora Johnson, Milton.

Funeral services were held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating. Burial was in Milton Cemetery.

—E. C.

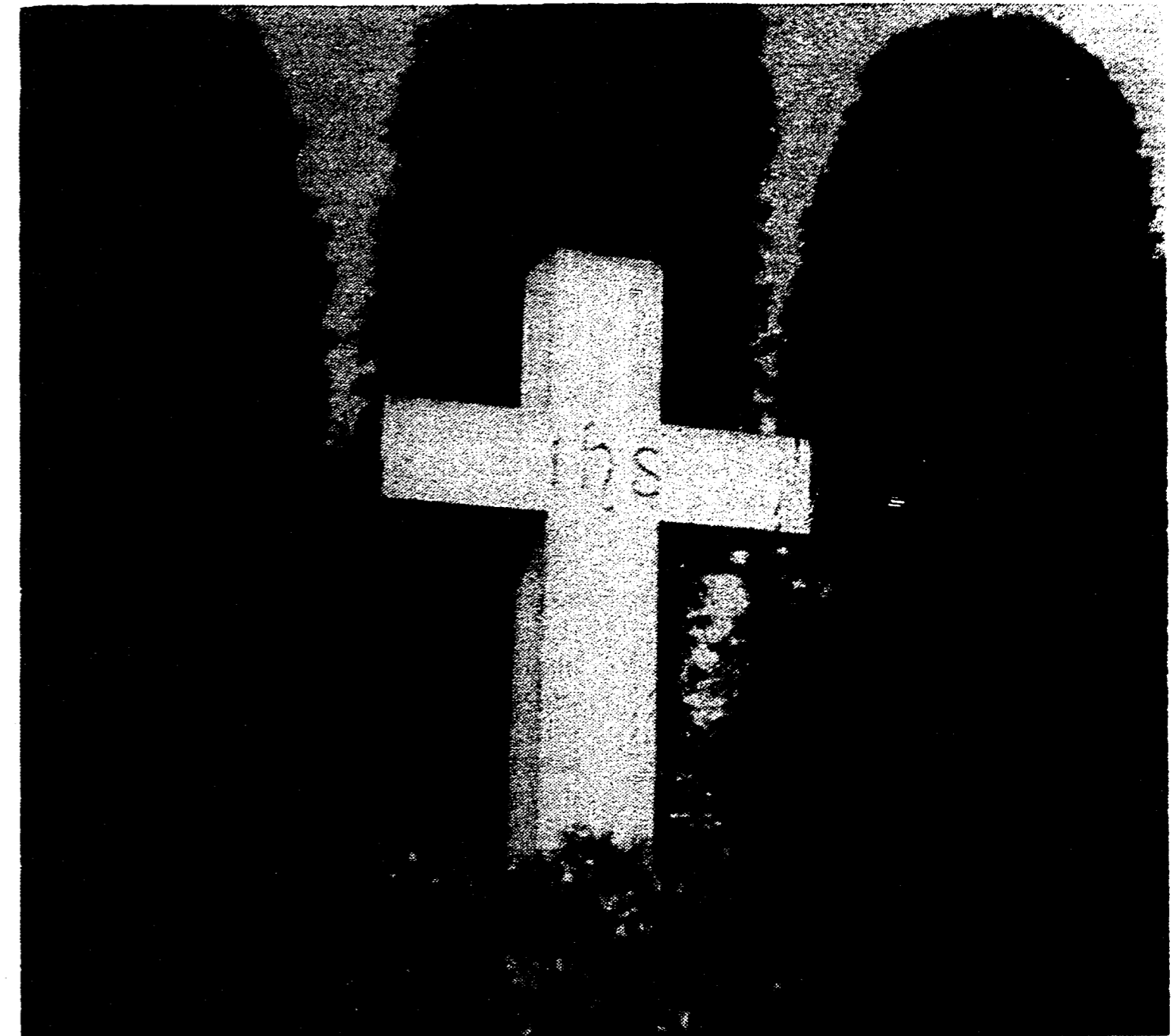
**HURLEY.**—Orville A., son of Lewis and Sylvia Hurley, was born in a sod house at North Loup, Nebr., Nov. 22, 1873, and died at Edgerton, Wis., March 6, 1968.

When he was a year old his family moved to Welton, Iowa. He was married there to Mary Schrader, Jan. 23, 1895. She died May 31, 1928. The following year Orville came to Wisconsin where he continued his employment as a carpenter and a farmer. He was a member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Illa Wenzel, and a son, Lester, both of Janesville, nine grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Services were held Friday evening, March 8, at Albrecht Funeral Home in Milton Junction with Rev. Carroll L. Hill officiating. Graveside services and burial were at Welton, Iowa, the following day.

—C. L. H.



### The Symbol of Christian Faith

The cross in its many sizes, materials and locations is the finest symbol of Christian faith. Its use in church architecture and public places is on the increase among Protestants. The cross hewn out of marble or granite against an evergreen background in a memorial park well signifies the central facts of our faith, that Christ died for our sins, and that He alone, having victory over death, ever lives to show that we through Him have everlasting life in our Father's house in that better land.

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## Negro Evangelism Materials

Are special printed materials needed for evangelistic work among Negroes? Up to the present it has been assumed that there was no such need. Are we not all alike before God? Isn't Christ the same for white and black, yellow and brown? The answer has to be affirmative. The Ethiopian eunuch was converted by the white man, Philip, by the use of the Jewish book of Isaiah. Sin and salvation know no color lines. There is, of course, need for salvation literature in the native language of the reader. That is why the Bible is translated into 1,100 languages. But should we produce tracts in English written by Negroes and illustrated with dark faces in order to gain better acceptance among this race? The American Tract Society thinks the time is right for a special type of Negro evangelism and is embarking on it. It will be tried on a large scale in Newark, N. J.)

This great tract society has established a department of Negro evangelism and is calling on the Christian community to order the materials and to support the work financially. The full color leaflet announcing this new work says: "Under the direction of outstanding Negro Christians, backed by a special staff at our headquarters in Oradell, N. J., we are responding to the challenges of today's explosive situation by producing tracts for the Negro community that meet the issues head-on and present Christ as the only answer . . . . Most Negro Christians will agree that much of the regular American Tract Society literature is suitable for distribution among the Negro community. However, most Negro Christians will also agree that the increasing desire for identity makes it imperative that Gospel tracts be printed and published by and for the Negro."

The above reasoning may be correct. On the chance that more people can be won to Christ by this approach through their own race the project should be supported and the literature ordered for use in predominantly Negro communities. The gospel is the same for all but we must become "all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9:22). If the funds come in as expected there will soon be available for use this summer full color tracts, book-

marks, Tracards and postcards. The selection will include personal testimonies, women's tracts, sports tracts, children's messages and general evangelistic tracts. They may be ordered at nominal cost from A.T.S. Division of Negro Evangelism, 660 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, N. J. 07649.

## Senior Citizens Month

Memorial Day is well recognized, but not as appropriately as it ought to be. The use that most of us make of the holiday has little relation to the patriotic purpose for which it was set aside. The month of May ends with what has long been called Decoration Day, which may be the reason that May is now designated as Senior Citizens Month.

It is well that we pause to honor not only those who have gone on before but also those who are in their golden years. Thanks to the advances of medical science and the added economic security for older folks the number of senior citizens is larger than before. Churches and government are constantly doing more for those advanced in years. With good health guaranteed in old age there is a vast reservoir of labor for the cause of Christ in this expanding age group of church members.

Another way of looking at Senior Citizens Month is to note the connection with the Veterans Administration. There are at present 2.1 million veterans over 65 years of age. Paul M. Nugent of the New Jersey V. A. office, calling attention to this special month, notes that in twenty-five years the United States will have nearly 10 million veterans over 65. These and the non-veterans should be saluted because of the enormous contribution they make to the well-being of the nation. Medical science and government research can add years to the life of senior citizens; the church must awaken to the fact that it can add life to their years. Let's give the members in their golden years more golden opportunities for Christian service. They can be the evangelists to people of their age and younger.

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## More Dedicated Service

It would be wrong to imply that dedicated service for the cause of Seventh Day Baptists must be rendered at the denominational headquarters in Plainfield, New Jersey. However, much such service is needed there and is rendered there. It should not go unnoticed. There have been two cases recently of young men who have labored hard with no reward other than the inner satisfaction coming from contributing something of self to a good cause.

When a soldier has a few days leave, what does he do with his time? John Wheelock of San Bernardino, Calif., a member of the Riverside church, is in the Signal Corps of the Army and was stationed for a number of weeks at Fort Monmouth, N. J. With the help of friends he was able to spend most of his week-ends at Plainfield, which is more than an hour's drive from his base. When he had a few days leave just before completing his course he came again to Plainfield and gave those days to physical labor for the Tract Society and its publishing house. He did a little electrical and carpentry work and then ventured on one of the tasks at the print shop that has been crying for attention for months and years. The publishing house is almost all windows, having nearly 600 panes, 14"x24", in the upper level and 283 in the basement. Many of these large window panes had cracks or holes in them, accumulated through the years and more recently. John Wheelock, a soldier on leave, undertook to remove and replace some of the glass on both levels—a tedious job, but one that needed doing and was much appreciated.

Philip Van Horn, a college student of North Loup, Nebr., was visiting in Plainfield for a week or more. He, too, found many things to do, some for the Conference office assisting Peggy Williams and some for the publishing house. One much appreciated task was a thorough cleanup around the outside of the big building next to the basement windows. Another was the removal of excess business records.

Operating a publishing house of this size without the benefit of paying commercial work requires dedicated service for maintenance. The list of things yet to be done is long. Some tasks are undertaken by denominational employees in off-duty hours, but every bit of labor contributed by visitors helps. It is work that benefits the whole denomination.

### Church Bulletins

Among Seventh Day Baptists there is much individuality both as to the order of church services and as to the content and color of the church bulletins. Usually the churches follow the lead of the pastor in these matters, but church committees often have their own ideas about the worship service and the church bulletin. In fact, some of the smaller churches may decide that there is not enough value in a weekly bulletin to justify the time and cost.

Speaking of bulletins, there has been a gradual tendency toward more color and better quality of paper and mimeographing. Many of the churches buy their bulletin covers in order to get something more attractive. Uniformity comes only at times when covers are furnished by a denominational agency to all churches, as for Sabbath Rally Day.

There is a healthy difference of opinion as to the purpose of the bulletin. Is it primarily for the worshippers, to avoid announcements, to incorporate various kinds of congregational responses, and to make the Sabbath morning service more worshipful? Or is it primarily a newsheet to bind the resident and non-resident members closer together in the work of the church? Both purposes are generally legitimate, and many pastors strive for a suitable combination of the two. The utilitarian or outreach purpose has special merit in the building of the congregation. Pastors of new churches and growing churches seem to think this way. For instance, the newest church bulletin is that of the Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church. The pastor has many things to say to his larger parish as well as to the 20-30 members present. He has no bulletin cover but uses all

four pages of his neatly typed bulletin for program and announcements of church work. The cost is also considerably less that way.

### What Are Students Thinking?

One way to tell what college students are thinking is to conduct an accurate survey. But what survey can reveal what all students are thinking? The writers of lesson helps for young people need to know the attitudes of their prospective pupils in order to help them to solve their problems in the light of the Bible.

Recently the student department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention conducted a survey in 62 of their schools with a random selection of students to be interviewed. The survey was to collect data on church participation, doctrines, moral questions, etc. Some of the results are of general interest although Southern Baptist students may not be representative of average young people in non-denominational schools. Here are some of the results:

Approximately 40 percent of the Baptist students believe that a sincere person of any religion will go to heaven. Only 11 percent, however, believed that all who live a good moral life will go to heaven; while 10 percent believe there is no hell or eternal punishment.

Answers to moral questions in the survey revealed that two-thirds of the students believe that all sexual intercourse before marriage is wrong. Some 72 percent of the freshmen agreed it was wrong. Only 55.4 percent of the graduate students had the same belief. Almost three-fourths of the students expect their life partner to be morally and sexually pure.

On the question of moderate social drinking, 32 percent of the students approved, while 10 percent were undecided. One-fourth of the freshmen stated that they approved while 52.7 percent of the graduate class approved.

As in many surveys, the students were not quite consistent in their answers.

### The Work of the American Bible Society

A digest of the report of the Rev. Paul L. Maxson, Seventh Day Baptist representative to the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society.

An understandable reading of the Bible is the ultimate goal of the Bible societies of the world. The strategy of distributing the Word to all men everywhere to possess, to read, and to hear the wonderful words of God in the tongues wherein they were born is a colossal task. Last year nearly 100,000,000 copies were distributed, yet we have 40,000,000 new adult literates to be reckoned with each passing year.

While we recognize that the world is becoming literate as never before, it is equally true that dependence is too often on more passive media of communication rather than the active process of reading. To be God's Word for a new age, the Book for new readers, the Book requires first of all the scientific preparation of new and revised translations within the grasp of the different types of new readers to whom we must speak. For the reader to desire to continue his reading the vocabulary must be within the grasp of understanding and the style must be appealing. To accomplish this goal the Advisory Council encourages the program of Translators' Institutes and the publication of the series of helps designed for translators' use.

Millions of copies of the Scriptures are being distributed nationally to rehabilitation centers of the great cities, to rural areas, to college and university campuses, to boys' and girls' camps, to migrant workers' camps, to hospitals, to prisons, and to men in the service, to speak of a few areas. Aware that there are countless thousands still without "the Book" the Advisory Council has recommended certain priorities for the Society. Among those priorities are included the establishment of curriculum coordinators in supporting churches, experimentation and testing English editions with aids and study helps, exploring new Scripture

### MEMORY TEXT

When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou has vowed. Eccles. 5:4.

formats for special programs of community involvement in the inner city, and Bible readings for children and for children with exceptional problems.

Suggestions for securing funds for this great work included special consideration by denominations for additional gifts to the Society, the underwriting of certain projects by denominational groups, and the communication to denominations and to Christian people in local communities concerning the immediacy of the projects, and means by which support might be given to the African Advance Program by denominations, groups and individuals.

In fulfilling its task the ABS takes its place along with thirty-four other Bible societies around the world. The Advisory Council, at its most recent meeting, affirmed its belief in the historic Bible Society commitment: that its single purpose, the wider distribution of the Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment, provides the best vehicle for promotion of the cause of the Bible. To this end the Council reaffirmed its action of 1966 in welcoming the cooperation of all groups interested in the wider distribution of the Holy Scriptures on the basis of the Bible Society's established policies and practices. The Council further encouraged the Society to explore the possibility of developing, with the United Bible Societies, a common date for Worldwide Bible Reading.

Of the total budget of \$7,400,000 the goal for the churches in 1968 is \$1,500,000. All denominations are called upon to increase their financial support to this strategic agency. It is hoped that Seventh Day Baptists, through special offerings and designated gifts, can contribute at least \$500.

—Council on Ecumenical Affairs.

## Sabbathkeeping Minister States His Convictions

For some months the Rev. Hollis S. Howard of Dallas, Texas, has been in correspondence with the secretary of the Tract Society. He has read our literature, purchased our books, subscribed to our paper, and sought new experiences in the Christian life. In February it was arranged for Secretary Rex Zwiebel to confer with him. This minister has not sought a pastorate among us, but he has put into a letter some of his convictions about preaching. Part of that letter is printed here as a challenge to churches and pastors.

These are my viewpoints and beliefs. I consider the "Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists" an accurate and practical description of the will of God in our time. On some points I would be more specific. I believe in the full Bible message, that all sixty-six books are true and meaningful for our time, and that God has provided us with modern translations of His Word that we may really understand. I believe the pastor's duty is to present this truth in all matters, regardless of whose toes he may have to step on. In matters of general or legislative interest, his only legitimate use of the pulpit is to state "thus saith the Lord," Baptists being intelligent enough to vote or take whatever steps the situation calls for. If he doesn't know "what saith the Lord," he belongs on his knees until he does know. His salary and living expenses are paid by the church so that he can have this time to spend on his knees. I believe that the man who preaches the Word of God and only the Word of God will preach to a full church. People come to church for a word from the Throne. If they get it they come back; if they don't they drift on. For other information, this country prints thousands of papers, magazines and books on every subject of interest to man. For God's house, the people have a right to expect to hear God's news for them. Jesus says, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Here and there is a church which does have its doors open and people crowding inside. Why? Pep talks? No! Solid meals of God's food, platters heaped up by the Holy Spirit. Their broken bodies and

spirits healed, their hearts filled with hope, their heads filled with the knowledge that really frees men from Satan's enslavement, the keys to prosperity that unlock the riches of the universe. "All the gold and silver, and the cattle on a thousand hills are mine," says the Lord. This vast and uncountable wealth is to feed and clothe and house God's children. That they are living in want of *anything* is Satan's work. That they should "put up with things" is one of the most monstrous lies he has ever told, and that Christian people should actually believe that this is God's will shows how close he is to fully corrupting even the elect. But things don't have to be this way. God spoke through Joshua's last speech, "Choose this day whom you will serve," and no writer has contradicted him.

Moreover, people go where things happen. Everywhere Jesus spoke, and everywhere Peter spoke, and everywhere Paul spoke, things happened. Three-quarters of the gospels are taken up with accounts of Jesus' healing. And then he sent his followers out to the entire world, telling them they would do even greater things than he did. People were healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. God says, "I am the Lord, your healer." Where His healing power is released, His glory shines forth. The person healed may well be like the blind lad, who, though he knew nothing about Jesus, said, "One thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." Where these things happen, the people come. And the word gets around fast. "The promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him." So said Peter about the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost; and the holy record goes on to say that about three thousand souls were added that day. This is the power of God.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 8, 1968

### THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Lesson Scripture: Job 38:1-7, 31-33.

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## PENTECOST

The liturgical churches and some of the free churches make almost as much of Pentecost as of Easter. (It comes fifty days after Easter, June 2, this year.) It is customary for the presidents of the World Council of Churches to make a Pentecost proclamation, which is printed on bulletin covers for use in the cooperating WCC churches. The message, of course, emphasizes the Holy Spirit at work in our troubled world. Three paragraphs from these prominent churchmen are quoted:

The Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches will meet this summer at Uppsala, Sweden, July 4-20. Its theme will be the triumphant promise, "Behold I make all things new" (Rev. 5:21). As presidents of the World Council of Churches, on this day of Pentecost, we ask you to pray with us for the Spirit of God, who alone can make things new.

We thank God, too, that we have seen the Spirit of God at work in the world, renewing society from within and transforming the relationships of men and of nations. The spirit who makes all things new is active today in the common effort of men for justice and for peace, for education and for development. He is active as well in all scientific and technological advance insofar as it enables us to begin to supply the material needs of men and thus prepare the ground for a world community.

We call you, therefore, the people of God, to pray for the renewal and unity of the Church, and also for the renewal and unity of the world. Our task is not only to pray. In Ezekiel's message the transformation of society was to be the evidence of conversion. If God has given us a new heart and a new spirit, he expects of us prayers in our churches and deeds in the world. Let this day of Pentecost be a day of renewal of our personal life; but let it also be a day of commitment for each congregation of God's people to loving and practical action for the renewal of society.

Scripture has been described as deep enough for an elephant to swim in and shallow enough for a lamb to wade in.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTER

By Victor W. Skaggs, dean

One copy of *Study Opportunities for Ministers, January 1968 to January 1969* has been sent to each active pastor in the Seventh Day Baptist churches in the United States. The Council on Ministerial Education, along with similar groups in many denominations, is thoroughly convinced of the great importance of continuing education. Many pastors are equally concerned since they see the possibilities of doing more effective work for Christ and His Church if the additional education they long for becomes an actuality. Churches are urged to provide time and some funds to enable their pastors to make use of the opportunities which surround them. Information and some supplemental funds are available on application to the office of the dean, Seventh Day Baptist Building, Center for Ministerial Education, Box 868, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

### Pacific Coast Visitation

The Pacific Coast is a vast area and has become larger for Seventh Day Baptist work with the new centers as far north as Washington and as far south as San Diego. The Rev. Glen Warner, reelected coordinating field pastor for the Pacific Coast Association, is about to make an extended visitation trip to contact lone-Sabbathkeepers between Washington and Southern California. He has a partial list of interested persons. It cannot be complete, for new people are moving to the Coast constantly. It would be a shame if friends that could be visited in the name of Christ were missed along the route.

This is an appeal for you to notify Pastor Warner of any friends, relatives, church members or unconverted people who might be helped by a pastoral call. Since the trip is to be made in early June this letter writing is urgent. The address is 24207 98th St. South, Kent, Wash. 98031.



## love letters from a college girl

Hi,

How's life? I've been thinking a lot about you lately, so I decided it was time I shared some things that are on my heart.

It seems to me that knowing Christ personally makes my life more exciting every day. I've been a Christian since I accepted Christ when I was eleven years old, but I didn't understand how to have a consistent Christian life, doing all the things that I'd been taught God wanted me to do.

Sometimes I felt it just wasn't as much fun to be a Christian as to be a non-Christian. I was really under the law, as Paul says in the New Testament. The harder one tries to keep the law, the less he actually succeeds.

But now I've learned something about the "Whyness" of the whole universe—it's really pretty simple. Someone told me that God loves me, but I really didn't see it until I went on the Geology Spring Field Trip during the recent quarter break at the university.

Sleeping out on the ground under the stars or being able to see a hundred miles from a mountain top made it so obvious to me that the physical universe is an expression of God's love for us. Its beauty demonstrates His greatness, complexity, and concern for detail. And when we continue to look at the physical from this perspective, it is also obvious that the physical attributes of our bodies and our mental capabilities are expressions of His love for us. They are just gifts from Him.

But what is the greatest expression of His love for us? — Jesus Christ! The New Testament says that He bore in His own body the responsibility for everything about us that is evil. Well, if He

did that, then we must be absolved of that responsibility. Hey, that's pretty great, isn't it? All we have to do is just *admit* that this is how the whole universe is set up. He tells us this in John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

This reference suggests something else. To be the son of God is not an incident or event in our lives, but a continuing relationship with Him. The obvious question then is, how does it work? What are the dynamics of that relationship? In Proverbs 3:6 it was probably Solomon who said, "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." Does He ask us to honor, worship, commemorate, or obey Him? No, He just asks us to admit that He is responsible for us—just acknowledge Him, agree with Him in everything we do and He will guide our actions.

If He loves us this much, He certainly must want the very best for us, and because He sees the plan of time better than we do, He is infinitely more capable of giving us the best of life. He has even promised us in Luke 12:31 that if we seek the Kingdom of God, "all these things shall be added unto you." This promise is even more clearly stated in John 10:10 where Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." To be sure, His plan includes eternal life, but here He promises us a full and meaningful life right now on earth.

How can the Christian life possibly be dull or difficult if we really understand what God had in mind when He sent Jesus Christ to communicate to us God's love and plan for us? How can we pos-

sibly be slaves to the law when the Christian life consists of just responding to His love?

The most beautiful and comprehensive definition of love ever written characterizes perfectly God's relationship to us. It says, "Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful, nor proud, never haughty nor selfish nor rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him and always stand your ground in defending him. All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever."

You may recognize that quotation as being a paraphrase from I Corinthians 13. It describes the love that we as humans seek in our relationships with other people—especially a marriage partner. Can you see then, how human love is just a reflection of God's love for us? God's unconditional acceptance of us is really a creative kind of love. He accepts us just as we are and hopes all things, and believes all things. How can we help but respond, and in responding, grow?

We can share God's love with others by accepting them the way God accepts us, unconditionally. By not demanding that others do or be anything for us, we lose our self-seeking. We actually lose ourselves to become part of something that is greater than the sum of its parts—God's family.

I write this to you because I love you and because it's great to know that you will understand what I mean.

Remember me to God,

Janie

NOTE: Look for another "love letter" of a different sort week after next. Janie has promised to keep them coming. Comments on this new feature are solicited.

### Preview of WCC Assembly

A vivid preview of what will be the most widely representative gathering of churchmen in the long history of the ecumenical movement — this year's Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, Sweden, July 4-19, was presented at the three-day annual meeting of the U. S. Conference for the World Council. Attended by some 200 Protestant and Orthodox leaders from 28 American denominations, sessions were held at The Inn at Buck Hill Falls, April 24-26.

U. S. delegates to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Uppsala, Sweden, this summer were warned against being too negative about their country's policy in Vietnam when they are abroad. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, the first general secretary and now consultant to the WCC Secretariat, addressed a meeting on April 25 of the U. S. Conference of the World Council at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

"It is not good for the ecumenical situation," he said, "that participants from any country should use an international meeting to carry on systematic propaganda against their own country. It doesn't help reconciliation."

Noting the general criticism among U. S. churchmen of the Administration's Vietnam policy, Dr. Visser 't Hooft continued: "You are not doing your job if you do not try to make people understand why your government follows these policies."

Some 2,250 persons are expected to be present at Uppsala, including 880 delegates from the 232 member churches of the WCC of the Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican, and Old Catholic communions. Among the delegates will be 180 from the United States and Canada, as well as youth participants, fraternal delegates, delegated observers including Roman Catholics, advisers, and official guests.

With such a relatively small number from the U. S. many large denominations will have only one or two official delegates. Seventh Day Baptists will be represented in the deliberations by the general secretary, Rev. Alton Wheeler.

### Guyana Youth Camp

(Copy of letter sent to all Seventh Day Baptist young people in Guyana as they prepare for their second youth camping experience.)

#### Hello Campers!

It's about that time again! Camp with all its fun, food, inspiration, and fellowship!

Here is good news for you: Camper's fees are less this year, and every camper is going to have a Camper's Do-it Book for Bible class, with outdoor activities and unusual projects that link nature with Bible lesson themes, a different kind of Bible class—one you'll long remember. Younger campers will have separate books and their own class teacher who is Bro. Leyland Bowen. Yes, Bro. Bowen is joining our camp this year, and the book theme will be "Heroes, Every One!" This is for the younger age campers.

For the older campers, the book theme is: "Mr. Teen-ager Faces Christian Living." Bro. Jacob Tyrrell is returning to camp this year to conduct this class.

More good news! Camp is going to be on the Essequibo Coast, Mainstay Government Camp, on the shores of beautiful and sandy Lake Mainstay, with its clear water—and warm, too. Plenty of swimming there! And you should see the new buildings going up at camp. Mr. Vibert Charles will be our official lifeguard.

We expect to have three cooks this year, headed by Sister Inez Peters, also Sister May Tobin as 2nd cook, and Miss Carmelita John as assistant cook. So you will have plenty of good food coming into your dish.

And Pastor Bass, our missionary supervisor, will be camp director.

Besides Bible class we already mentioned, we will have lots of swimming, also hikes, filmshows, games and recreation, alone-with-God periods, vespers, campfire, and our famous camper-committee teams that put fun into work!

You can see that we are striving in all our activities to please our Lord and Savior whom we want to be amongst us

most of all. (What would camp be without Christ?) So our purpose is to draw nearer to Him. Also you really do want to make new friends, too; who doesn't?

#### Ethics:

Some activities which we as Christians will not allow are smoking, dancing, foul language, and any unfavorable behavior.

We urge you to help make this an exciting and Christ-honoring camp.

Three Cheers for a Good Time! ! !

Camp Dates: August 12 to 19; from Monday to Monday.

Camp Ages: 12-21. The 12th birthday must be reached by August.

Camp Fee: Only \$7.75 this year. \$1.00 deposit is required with application form.

### Progress Report from Rev. David Pearson

Mr. Lameck M. Vumah of Salisbury, Rhodesia has returned to Malawi for another visit with Seventh Day Baptists of Makapwa and at Blantyre. The account of Mr. Vumah's first visit and his letter of greeting may be found in the *Sabbath Recorder* issue of April 8, 1968.

Director of Christian Education and Evangelism, Rev. David Pearson, has written under date of May 7, 1968, "Mr. Vumah is again with us visiting churches in the South with Pastor O. Manan. We called him back to Malawi to attend the Ministerial Refresher Course, soon to be held at Makapwa. Mr. Makatanje and Doctor Burdick will be teaching the first week, and Pastor Manan and I will take the second week. Classes are to begin on May 14."

Pastor Pearson comments on the possibility of calling Mr. Vumah to ordination at the close of this preparatory period if God would lead the African brethren to do so. He writes, "Mr. Vumah has had two years of ministerial training with the Baptists of Rhodesia . . . A leader is needed in Rhodesia to baptize and hold together the fledgling organization."

It is noted that the trustees of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists will consider at their June

18-19 meeting the possibility of their backing and support to this newest group of Seventh Day Baptists in their neighboring country of Rhodesia. This is how the message of Christ should be shed abroad, from one mission field to another.

### Return to Rome Urged

In a printed letter addressed to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference a very earnest Roman Catholic layman, Felice Morello of Torino, Italy, urges all denominations to return to Rome and recognize the Pope as their spiritual leader.

The letter, postmarked April 18, states that it was sent to kings, queens, ambassadors, newspapers, universities and to the heads of most denominations in about sixty-seven countries. Although the writer asserts that he alone is responsible for the contents it must be assumed that such a widely circulated tract must have the blessing of the Catholic Church. Since we need to understand what Catholics mean by ecumenism a few quotations in context are included here.

"The Roman Catholic Church is the true Church founded by Jesus Christ. This church has all the marks (one, sainted, catholic, apostolic) that prove it to be divine, and is the only one among all the other Christian Churches which gives an infallible security and reliability of faith and credibility . . . ."

" . . . Therefore the Unity of all Christians will come true only if the Protestant and Orthodox Churches return to the Roman Catholic Church from which they have broken off . . . ."

"Of course, returning to Rome, you may keep your liturgy and your way of praying, but you have to obey to the Vicar of Christ on earth, on which Jesus has founded His Church (Thou art Peter . . .) if you want to obey to Christ . . ."

"The Protestants and the Orthodoxes have to remedy the rebellion and the insubordination of Photius, Luther, Calvin, Henry VIII, while the Catholics have to remedy the corruption, the

simony, the concubinage, etc., which were in the Roman Catholic Church and which have been one of the causes of the rebellions and heresies.

"The Roman Catholic Church by the voice of its Sovereign Pontiff has apologized to the Protestants and to the Orthodoxes for the harm which has been done during the centuries by its members. . . ."

"My dear brothers, I beg you down on my knees and with the tears in my eyes to return to Rome; to Rome no longer as the centre of the papal temporal power but to Rome merely spiritual and seat of the Successor of St. Peter whom Jesus has established visible chief of His Church (Thou art Peter . . . .)."

### ALFRED

Heavy trees weighted shallow soil  
When keepers of the Seventh Day,  
Abused by keepers of the First,  
Left Rhode Island for the toil  
Of travel to hostile hills to pray  
And rest on Yahweh's Sabbath.

A scornful valley yielded  
Tightened fingers only after  
Unrelenting pressure kept on  
Pulling them apart;  
The trees the hill-hand squeezed  
Were gradually pried loose  
When days  
Were tumbled into months of labors  
As houses, found in sinews of the pine  
Plotted blocks for neighbors.

Six solid days of mixing soul with sweat  
Does not set up a Michelangelo  
But Alfred has been sculptured nonetheless;  
The valley holds a statue lying down  
To test the strain of those first toilsome  
years  
And resting, nests the growth of present  
Pleasant life.

Myron K. Sibley 3/20/68

Note: Dr. Sibley, former chaplain of Alfred University and now professor of philosophy, wrote this poem which has special interest to Sabbathkeepers and people who appreciate the village of Alfred. Sent by Mrs. H. O. Burdick, correspondent, it is used with the author's permission.

## The God Mockers— Not Alone Guilty

By Barbara Danzeisen  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

(This editorial was printed Dec. 14, 1967, in the following Philadelphia area newspapers: MAYFAIR TIMES, NORTHEAST TIMES, CASTOR TIMES, SUBURBAN TIMES, and FRANKFORD TIMES. Barbara Danzeisen won first place in the individual section of the 1968 Christian Youth Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.)

Many people feel that the present generation has less respect for God than any before it. All around us is heard the cry of disbelief and the statement that "God is dead." But is it possible that these disbelievers lost contact with God only because we who claim to worship have lost contact with Him? If each of us could stop judging others and take a close look at how we as individuals have been worshiping God, we would find the guilt of mocking Him as heavy on our shoulders as on those who are outwardly rebelling.

It is true that many people attend worship but the mockery lies in the attitude which we take towards it. Do we attend services or worship? In fact, what is worship and why worship?

The key to a really meaningful worship service is based on a personal relationship with God; a relationship through which the human recognizes himself not only as God's creation, but also as having the possibility of becoming His child, and as His child one who is willing and anxious to praise and glorify his Father in Heaven. Furthermore, worship should keep this relationship growing and flourishing, no matter how strong or weak it was originally. This is extremely important, for in a world of hate, jealousy, and immorality, there is nothing easier for man than to forget God and live selfishly.

It is important to remember that neither God or man can ever be the sole participant in a worship service. It is through dialogue between them that the ultimate type of worship is obtained.

This dialogue is carried out through the various parts of a worship service.

First, God has provided man with a door through which he may speak with Him—prayer. Prayer is essential! It is the only way in which man can communicate with God, recognizing his shortcomings, confessing his sins, asking forgiveness, and receiving strength and guidance.

God has also given Himself a way to reach man—His Holy Word. The leader of the worship service, your rabbi, minister, or priest, gives instruction in God's work, explaining what He expects from and gives to those of His children who are faithful. The result of this instruction is the knowledge of God's will. The following of this instruction is spiritual growth and maturity which becomes stronger as learning is followed by obedience. From a greater knowledge of God, we also obtain the strength and faith we need just to live as God would have us live.

This leads to the third area of the worship service — fulfilling God's commandments. There is also the opportunity to return a portion of what He has given us in order to further his kingdom. Adoring and praising God through prayer or songs is as important a part in worship as the sermon. Thus the entire service is a way in which God draws us to Him, to encourage and reassure us. Then we can face the world unafraid to truly live, unburdened by the worries of ordinary man.

It should be understood that worship supplies strength for living every hour of life to its full extent. With strength comes the ability to help a world which is desperately in need of help, witnessing to the boundless love of God for every individual. Perhaps helping others in this way is the most rewarding and important part of worship. Because of this, religion cannot be left on the steps of the church only to be picked up again when returning the next week, for a once a week worship is not true religion.

No one can fully understand worship after reading an article such as this, but once he has read, he must follow up his

reading by acting—for only through the personal experience of worship can the question of "why worship" be answered.

Are you looking for happiness for the present and hope for the future? Perhaps you can find your answer at your church or synagogue this week.

## Is Your Church Burning?

"Is Your Church Burning?" is a special kind of a process filmstrip. Its purpose is not merely to tell a story or provide information in relation to the crisis in the nation, but to be part of a process in which the leadership and the participation of the viewing group are engaged in the learning process of responding to this crisis.

The filmstrip has four parts. Part One affirms that there is a crisis in the nation; a movement toward two separate and unequal societies which endangers the safety and freedom of all citizens, no matter what their color. Included is a set of completion questions each of which is immediately followed by the proper answer.

Part Two offers additional information about the degree to which we have already toward two separate and unequal societies. Invisible, but real, chains in the form of structures of society act subtly to perpetuate the separate and unequal society.

Part Three consists of the voices of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., along with Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois, Whitney Young, and James Baldwin.

Part Four is a summary section leading the group into further discussion. In addition, the reverse side of the phonograph record contains four *Statements on the Crisis in the Nation*.

This filmstrip was produced as a result of a special emergency order of the National Council of Churches' General Board, providing for special attention and study in the National Emergency. Other materials have been produced, including *Crisis in America: Hope Through Action*, 25 cents, and *Why Black Power?* 95 cents, both from Friendship Press. Filmstrip and record available at \$7.50.

## Your Tract or Your Life

Some of us can remember back when the holdup man supposedly accosted his victim with the words, "Your money or your life." There are now more modern expressions among gangsters to obtain the same results. Over in the Congo, according to the story reproduced below, a distributor of gospel tracts might be threatened with "Your tract or your life."

David H. Wilson, a surgeon under appointment of the (British) Baptist Missionary Society, and other staffers from a missionary-operated hospital in Kimpese, Republic of Congo, make a regular journey to other communities in the Kimpese area.

On each trip they take along tracts and Scripture portions to pass out.

They were on a trip one day when they came to a roadblock in the highway, manned by Congolese soldiers. "It must have been a camouflage exercise," Dr. Wilson recalled, "because the soldier approaching me was dressed like a bush. Except that poking out of the bush was a submachinegun.

"As this walking bush approached the car, I lowered my window and smiled to look as pleasant as possible considering the gun he was carrying," the missionary surgeon continued.

The soldier thrust the machinegun across the window frame into the automobile and growled at me with a demanding voice, "Give me the book of God!" This is what the people had begun to call the tracts and Scriptures the missionaries handed out.

"Forced at gunpoint to spread the word of God!" is the way Dr. Wilson himself concluded this narrative about missionary life in the Congo. (EBPS).

## RECORDER COMMENT

I am glad to renew my subscription because it keeps me in touch with my denomination. I enjoy the news from the various churches, and the work being done by the different departments. Also the inspiring articles challenge me towards pursuing a better and more active life.

—Greenwood, Ind.

## LET'S THINK IT OVER

### Dr. King's Life

The unfortunate and sudden death of our brother in Christ, Dr. Martin Luther King, has shocked all segments of America. Our present situation is the poorer for his death, but America's future is the richer for his life.

The depth of animosity with which some economic and social elements responded to Dr. King's unyielding demands for an equal acceptance of the Negro in the life and activities of the nation has placed his name in that long list of the prophets and martyrs who have lived and died for a noble cause. In a deeply significant sense his death completes his life.

Many have not yet understood the importance of Dr. King's nonviolent approach to injustices. His death could help loosen the bonds of self-interest which have excluded so many from the opportunities to participate in the democratic process and in the benefits of the nation's productive power. His death may also refresh our mutual awareness across racial and economic lines that the Christian Church has a bias in favor of the weak and needy.

C. Emanuel Carlson,  
executive director of the  
Baptist Joint Committee  
on Public Affairs.

### North Vietnam Aid Denied

An interreligious organization of clergymen, formed to channel American relief contributions to war victims in both North and South Vietnam, has experienced its first legal snag with the U. S. government.

The American Clergymen's Committee for Vietnamese War Relief, was turned down by the Treasury and State departments when it sought to secure licenses for grants to relief efforts in Vietnam. Aid to the North was cited in the U. S. refusal.

The 80-member committee includes the deans of Harvard and Princeton divinity schools, bishops, church executives, theologians and church relief officials.

Among the co-chairmen is Dr. Edwin

T. Dahlberg, former president of the National Council of Churches.

The amount of money involved was \$39,000. It had been collected through a drive by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. This organization could not secure a license to distribute the funds in the forbidden areas and then turned the money over to the new clergy committee. Dr. Dahlberg said that \$26,000 was earmarked either for North Vietnam or the NLV (Viet Cong) and \$13,000 for relief in areas controlled by the South Vietnam government.

Dr. Dahlberg contends that it is not treason "to heal the wounded and aid victims shattered by our bombs unless Jesus counseled treason when he said to love our enemies."

The government response to this argument is not available. It might be argued that Jesus was talking about personal enemies rather than international affairs and that He did not say to love your enemies twice as much as your friends.

### Color Doesn't Matter

At Baylor University in Waco, Texas, it can be said that color doesn't matter, for people are people. That is what Mrs. Vivienne Malone Mays says. She is one of thirty-seven Negroes on a campus of 6,500 students and the only Negro professor. She has an earned doctorate from the University of Texas. In an interview she was asked how it felt to be thus alone on the faculty. She says students are the same regardless of their color. Her students say the same thing about professors. Both agree that "People are people."

### Southwestern Association

Additional information about the Southwestern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches is now at hand. The churches will meet with the Metairie, La., church June 14-16. The theme will be "Wake Up and Live." The Scripture suggested is 1 Tim. 1:6-10.

Announcement of the meetings of most of the Associations was printed in the issue of April 29.

### Pacific Pines Camp

#### Gives Choice to Intermediates

The Church Chimes of the Riverside, Calif., church gives dates and program emphases for the four camp periods in June and July. This camp has always invited many children and young people who are not from Seventh Day Baptist families. These youth, especially in junior high group (intermediate), have differing interests. The following notice may be of interest to campers and camp leaders across the nation.

All of the camps promise to be interesting and exciting, but we would call special attention to changes in the Intermediate Camp which we think will make it better. Each Intermediate camper will be expected to attend two class periods, but he will have choices from which to select the classes he wishes to attend. There will be three Bible classes from which each camper will select one class. He will select one of the following: "How to Study the Bible," "How Jesus Christ Affects Our Lives—Studies in 1 John," "Sabbath Lessons from the Bible." There will be two discussion type Christian Life Classes from which he will select one, "Christian Life Vocations" and "Christian Life Problems."

The traditional "rest" period after lunch will be replaced by a Christian reading period with suggested helpful reading materials. It is hoped that at another point there may be a variety of "interest groups" from which each camper would select an interest of his own choice.

### S. D. B.'s WANTED

We would like to contact anyone with Seventh Day Baptist background, separated from a Seventh Day Baptist community, with view to taking employment near Boulder, Colorado. Many large employers such as IBM, Beechcraft, Ball Bros., and Dow Chemical are training men as employees and paying good wages. This is a chance for young folks, especially graduates.

For further information write: Paul Hummel, 3902 N. 63rd St., Boulder, Colo. 80302, or Mrs. Jane Bottoms, 1118 Ravenwood Road, Boulder, Colo. 80302.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.— Pacific Pines Camp—one of the two oldest church-owned camps has been served all these years with folding organs. The following item appears in the May 11 church bulletin: "The special committee, appointed to investigate and secure a suitable organ to replace the worn-out folding organ at camp, has purchased a portable Thomas electric organ. \$331.00 has been contributed toward this instrument."

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.— Friday night, April 5, our annual Candlelight Communion was held around the tables, and personal testimonies and greetings were heard from absent members as well as those present. Attendance was almost as good as usual in spite of the unrest in the city caused by the death of Dr. Martin Luther King the night before.

Pastor Fatato spent a busy Friday hurriedly organizing a community memorial service to Dr. King, which was held in our church in place of our regular morning worship Sabbath, April 6. Negro ministers from sister churches in the community conducted the service and preached, as did our own pastor, and one of the Negro choirs sang two numbers in addition to an anthem by our choir. Present were about fifty Negroes including those who are regular members of our church, several other ministers, and white laymen of the Christian and Jewish faith. We were a little startled at first to hear the spontaneous "Amen's" and "Yes, Lord," but soon our differences were forgotten and it was a time of real brotherhood and fellowship between the races. Many remarked that we should worship together more often.

Sunday night, April 7, at our quarterly church business meeting we heard reports that both our church and Sabbath School attendance were up slightly over the same period last year. Our Monday afternoon neighborhood Bible Club, started by Miss Connie Coon, is carrying on. The Thursday afternoon and evening use of our recreation center by neighborhood youth (mostly Negro) is increasing and more laymen are involved



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as supervisors. A college age discussion group has been started in the Lansing area to include those attending Michigan State University, as well as those from Battle Creek, who drive up for the meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fetherston are the advisors. Meetings have been held the first Sabbath afternoon of the month at the home of Mrs. Charles Parrott in Williamstown.

The pastor's report showed so many activities it would be impossible to list them all here.

Our church entertained Northern Association April 19 and 20. Rev. Orville Babcock, now a public school teacher in White Cloud, brought the excellent message Sabbath morning. On Sabbath eve Dr. and Mrs. Ward Maxson showed slides of his former medical work with the Indians on a reservation in Arizona. Sabbath noon at the fellowship dinner Mrs. Fatato was presented with a large decorated cake in honor of her graduation from Western Michigan University. Freda expects to teach business courses in an area high school next year.

—Correspondent.

## A Member of All Churches?

Dr. Robert C. Dodds, director of ecumenical affairs for the National Council of Churches, addressing a gathering at John Carroll University, a Jesuit school at Cleveland, Ohio, proposed what he calls "general" church membership by which a member of one church would belong to all. "Thus, if you should become a member of the Methodist Church, you would become simultaneously a fully eligible member of the AME Zion Church and the Roman Catholic Church and the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church."

He concedes that there would be opposition and some "regional and ideological" holdouts to such a plan.

## Obituaries

**DE PEW.**—Mrs. Donna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellbridge Jacques, was born at Little Genesee, N. Y., May 2, 1887, and died at Cuba, N. Y., May 4, 1968.

Mrs. DePew was a life-long member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Genesee. She was married December 31, 1912 to Clifford DePew who preceded her in death.

She is survived by two children—Harriet Burrows of Kansas City, Mo., and William DePew of Latham, N. Y. There are two grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Harold King, and Secretary Rex E. Zwiebel in the Little Genesee, N. Y. church. Interment was made in the Little Genesee cemetery. —R. E. Z.

**MOULTON.**—Shirley A., son of Orrin L. and Carrie Idelle Crandall Moulton, was born in Dodge Center, Minn., Jan. 22, 1894 and died in the hospital in Sayre, Okla., April 29, 1968 following an extended illness.

In 1901 the family moved to Gentry, Ark., and in 1908 to Sayre, Okla. He was a member of the Buffalo Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers. Surviving are one brother, Archie of De Ruyter, N. Y., and one sister, Mrs. Roy Harkins of Sayre. Interment was in the Sayre Doxie Cemetery. —A. D. M.

**STILLMAN.**—Walter R., son of Anson P. and Adelia Maxson Stillman, was born April 17, 1872 in Illinois and died May 13, 1968, at Jefferson County Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

He was baptized and joined the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church March 1, 1884. At the time of his death he had been a member of the church for 84 years.

He married Eleanore Babcock in October of 1903, and the couple lived in Nortonville most of their lives. Soon after the death of his wife in 1957 Mr. Stillman took up residence in The Elms nursing home in Winchester.

There were no children, but he is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and friends, who all remember the twinkle in his eye that belied his apparent aloofness from religion.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Paul B. Osborn. Interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery. —P. B. O.



## Women's Board Works for the Lord

The national Women's Board of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, located in the Milton, Wisconsin, area, is a hard working board. Under the direction of their president, Mrs. Arthur Drake, they meet each month to plan projects and to discuss progress. Only part of the members are included in this picture. They are, left to right: Mrs. Don Gray, Mrs. Oscar Hartman, Mrs. L. L. Loofboro, Mrs. Russel Maxson, Mrs. Earl Cruzan, Mrs. Arthur Drake, Mrs. Ralph Green, Marjorie Burdick, Mabel West.