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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.

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Special Emphasis Issue

This is another in the series of first-of-the-month emphasis issues. A good share of the articles in this issue were solicited and provided by Gladys Drake, president of the Women's Board. It is anticipated that women and all those interested in the work of women in the churches will appreciate this Women's Board emphasis issue—and perhaps ask for extra copies to share with friends.



Women and Conference

It is the first of June and in less than three months Seventh Day Baptist families will be trekking westward (or eastward) in more comfortable conveyances than our forefathers with Kearney, Nebraska, as their destination. A recent letter from Rev. Duane Davis, chairman of the General Conference Host Committee, gave your Women's Board some information concerning facilities available for the dinner meeting. This will be held on Thursday, August 15 at 5:30 in the afternoon in a separate area of the air-conditioned dining hall. Plans are being made for an interesting program following the dinner.

Regarding exhibits for this year! Will each society plan to send or bring at least one poster, chart or booklet which shows projects and work of your society? Also, it would be of interest if we could display samples of a clever idea that you have worked out. All such things will

give suggestions to women in other groups. Send any information or correspondence regarding exhibits to Miss Marjorie Burdick, Milton, Wis. 53563.

It is our desire that if we as women plan and work together a little more carefully; a little more lovingly; a little more faithfully—then we shall be more closely bound to one another in all those things that bring us together as Christians.

Gladys H. Drake,
President of the Women's Board.

A Call for Better Perspective

It is good to be deeply concerned about the poor people of our country. The church people must not shut their eyes to the plight of the jobless in our land. There is at present a great hue and cry for legislation to appropriate billions of dollars to create jobs and construct low-cost housing for all our pockets of poverty. Our churches are being urged—and effectively—to talk about the crisis in our nation. Many churches are aiding and abetting the poor people's march and the shantytown in Washington. This may be good, but it may not be best. There is danger of losing the proper perspective. What will the objective historians say about 1968? Are the poor poorer this year than they were a year or two ago? Does Christian concern rightly put all the emphasis on the instances of poverty in the inner city, in the deep South, or in Appalachia and thus show lack of concern for the desperate need of other nations?

Dr. Bernard M. Luben, director of the overseas broadcasting and audio-visual agency of the National Council of Churches criticizes the NCC for its over-emphasis and crash publicity on this one domestic problem. He represents the Division of Overseas Ministries and sees that this is posing a serious threat to the worldwide mission of the church. By our very nature we cannot run two crash programs at the same time. By concentrating all our attention on national problems we are losing our interest in the far greater problems in other nations.

JUNE 3, 1968

MEMORY TEXT

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Eccl. 12:14.

Dr. Luben puts it this way: "The poor people of America can march on Washington. The poor people of the rest of the world are dying at the rate of six a minute. They can't march; they can't even stand up."

The people in the pew ought to be stirred by the exhortations of their pastors and the visiting speakers. They need to be shaken out of their comfortable lethargy. But one-sided appeals are dangerous. If every local problem is blown up into a "crisis" the word will lose its meaning. Hearing and feelings too violently assaulted on smaller things will be dulled and made unresponsive to the greater needs that may come a little later. If the boy watching the sheep cries "Wolf, wolf" too many times the men of the village will not come to save the flock when the real danger appears.

It is Christian to be concerned for the poor out of love for the poor, but if our concern is born out of fear of riots, it is less Christian. If this concern for those whose income is less than \$4,000 robs us of our concern for those in other lands whose income is less than \$100 we are not living up to our profession of Christian love. Thus we must strive for proper perspective when we listen to appeals. We must urge our church leaders to keep ever before us the Great Commission while they remind us of the common needs of the poor around us.

—L. M. M.

The *Sabbath Recorder* for July 1 will contain considerable material provided by the president of General Conference. This Conference Emphasis issue will complete the cycle, which will start over again in the fall to feature two *Mission Notes* issues, the three special issues in larger quantities, and one number featuring the news and work of each of our major boards.

Seventh Day Baptist Women Around the World

The members of the Women's Board this year are working on a plan to become better acquainted with women of other Seventh Day Baptist Conferences. It is the desire of the board to share our plans and programs and to learn of the work of the women in churches elsewhere in the world.

It has been good to learn of the interest and church work of women in England, Holland, New Zealand, Africa, Burma, Jamaica, and South America. Through our missionaries in Jamaica, we hear of the interest and efforts of the women on that island. From Guyana Mrs. Bass writes, "Our conference has voted to start a Women's Board." Then she asked for program suggestions, and tells about the native women in their groups.

Bettie Pearson writes from Malawi about the women of their churches; one of their problems is the language barrier which they feel can be overcome through the help of some who do speak English. She sent names of a group of women who wish to become better acquainted through letter writing. One of these ladies is from the newly formed group in Rhodesia.

It has been good to have letters from Sister Kramer of the Seventh Day Baptist groups in Holland, to learn of their zeal and concern for our work in Guyana, and asking how they can best help.

Our first contacts with some of these women were made by the Packet Committee in 1965. You may recall that the packet of the next year had some worship services prepared by sisters in Holland, Germany and elsewhere. Letters this year show increased efforts in some groups contacted in 1965. The following excerpts from Sister Codrington are heart-warming: "I can now report that we, the Seventh Day Baptist sisters in London, have at last formed our women's group. Those of us at Mill Yard and those at the Herne Hill group have joined together in making one group. We now started with a membership of 13 and named ourselves as the Women's

Missionary Team. We are meeting on every first Monday in each month in the hall at Herne Hill where the weekly Sabbath service is kept. It is a few miles from my home but, by train and bus for many of us, we are joyfully going on. At present we are making plans how to help others in their various needs"

Then she told of their election of officers and continues, "We will be always grateful for any help or advice from you and your group, and I'll let you know we are getting on. My heart is truly thrilled with love of God through His Son Jesus to work and live for Him. On behalf of my sisters I wish God's rich blessing. Please give our greetings to all others."

The board has asked Mrs. Alton Wheeler to represent us in her contacts with the women in any of these groups where she goes with her husband. The prayer card issued this year has been sent to some, and she is taking some to Holland and Germany with translations made into their respective languages. We wish her Godspeed in her travels.

Marjorie J. Burdick, chairman,
Christian Culture and Publicity Committee.

Evangelism Meeting in Rio

The Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-21, will feature international and interracial music presentations, the chairman of the congress, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., has announced.

Directing the congregational singing will be Bill Ichter, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil who wrote the theme song for the Crusade of the Americas, "Christ the Only Hope."

The Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress is being held in connection with the Crusade of the Americas in an effort to spark lay involvement in the crusade. About 750 Baptist laymen from North, Central and South America are expected to attend.

Seventh Day Baptists will be represented by the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, who is heading up our participation in the Crusade of the Americas.

General Conference Publicity

(Third in a series)

Kearney State College

The 1968 General Conference location is Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebr., located 70 miles from the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. Kearney was selected as a Conference site due to its accessibility to East and West delegates, and offers opportunity for a large attendance from August 11-17.

The Publicity Committee thought you might enjoy a little history of our Conference - location college.

Kearney State College was founded by the State Legislature of Nebraska in January, 1903. The legislative act (House Roll No. L) appropriated \$50,000 to build a Normal School of the West in Central or Western Nebraska. On September 1, 1903, the city of Kearney was selected by the State Board of Education after 111 ballots.

The City of Kearney delivered to the state twenty acres and Green Terrace Hall at the western edge of Kearney.

Laying of the cornerstone of the first building was held on October 18, 1904.

First classes were held during the summer of 1905 in Kearney public school facilities.

The post World War II population boom resulted in a doubling in enrollment. In 1949, the Legislature authorized the granting of liberal arts degrees (B.A.) and in 1956 the first master's degrees were granted.

Dr. Milton J. Hassel, a 1941 Kearney State graduate, was chosen as fifth president of the college. Since his inauguration in 1961, enrollment has more than doubled to the present figure of 5,000, and seven residence halls and two classroom buildings have been constructed.

On October 21, 1963, the name, Kearney State College, was made official by legislative act.

Presently the campus consists of 195 acres and 26 buildings located on Highway 30 at the western edge of Kearney.

For further information, consult *The Sabbath Recorder*, or write, Mrs. Duane L. Davis, North Loup, Nebr. 68859.

Devotional Thought: Mrs. Earl Cruzan

A Goodly Woman

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow, for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

—Proverbs 31:10-31.

A woman who feareth the Lord and acknowledgeth her total dependence upon God cannot help but be known by all as a godly woman.

To Get More Out of Your Bible Reading

People read the Bible for many different reasons and in many different ways. When Pastor John Sutherland Bonnell pressed friends and parishioners to be specific about what help they received from reading the Bible, he often found them distressingly vague.

One woman said to him, "The Bible is a wonderful Book. I just wouldn't dream of commencing the day without reading a chapter."

Since it was early afternoon at this point, Pastor Bonnell asked her, "What did you get out of the chapter you read this morning?"

"Oh," she replied, "one can't read the Bible without getting a blessing from it. It is always instructing us."

"I know," Dr. Bonnell said, "but would you mind telling me what particular instruction you got today?"

She stammered about for a while, then finally admitted she couldn't recall a thing from her reading. Furthermore, she confessed that she could not recall anything from what she had read any day that week, or last. She insisted, however, that somehow she was accumulating merit by reading a chapter a day, though she didn't have the faintest idea how her reading related to daily living.

Dr. Bonnell found that this was not as unusual a situation as one might think. As a result he worked out a plan for his parishioners on "how to read the Bible."

First: Understand certain facts about the Bible. It tells about God and what He is like; about how He deals with men and women as they are, always confronting them, surprising them and demanding that they make a decision about Him and about what *their* relationship with Him is going to be. Anticipating some personal discovery can make your Bible reading an exciting adventure.

Second: Bible reading requires your full attention. Find a quiet place where you can concentrate. Before you begin to read, take a moment to empty your mind of irrelevant thoughts. Then ask

God's Holy Spirit to open your eyes to new truth and understanding.

Third: Systematic reading of the Bible is important if you are going to draw strength from it. Like food, a daily intake is recommended. Most people set aside a regular time each day for this discipline. It is also helpful to map out a Bible-reading program for the week or month or year. George Muller, famed English minister who founded orphanages in Bristol, England, made it a habit to read the Bible through four times each year. However, it is not the amount of reading, but the amount of insight and understanding which is important. Focus on one book at a time. Read it in small installments. If you feel its meaning is not clear, talk to someone else about it, then come back and read it again.

Fourth: Look patiently for a verse that you can feel to be God's "marching orders" for you for the day. Underline that verse and let it search every area of your life. (To do this, use a Bible with ordinary paper, not onionskin.) In addition, write the verse on a separate piece of paper and carry it with you through the day. It will be as a staff on your journey. In many a trying hour it will steady and inspire you.

This method prevented a young secretary from marrying the wrong man. She was engaged to a boy whom she loved but whose conduct and beliefs bothered her at times. The verse that spoke to her one morning was from Romans. *The God who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, surely He will give us everything besides!* First she pondered it, then wrote it down. She tried to shut her mind to a growing inner uneasiness about her forthcoming marriage. To break off would be painful and embarrassing. But she did break her engagement. A year later she met the right man for her.

Fifth: Commit to memory those texts which have been especially meaningful to you. These will be like stored gold, a source of strength and guidance to you just when you need them most.

A druggist joined a Bible-study class in his church. One requirement was that class members jot down and memorize the passages which most related to their everyday problems. Months later the druggist faced serious surgery.

"Lord," he prayed, "help me to get rid of fear."

Within minutes, a message from Hebrews came clearly to the forefront of his mind; a passage memorized during his Bible study, *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

His fear evaporated, and the druggist came through his surgery with no difficulty.

Sixth: Since we are bidden to love God with our minds, too, bring to the Scripture your best intellectual prowess. Read some books about the background of the Bible, its lands, its people, the best interpretations and commentaries from some of the finest Bible scholars.

But in the end, always come back to read the Bible for yourself. Make sure that one particular volume is *your* Bible. With persistence and a plan you will experience for yourself the great inspiration of this Book. For you, too, a Living Lord will step out of its pages to be your Friend and Contemporary.

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Oral Roberts in Methodist Ministry

A recent circular letter from the famed healing evangelist, Oral Roberts, tells of his having recently accepted membership and ordination in the Methodist church after being independent for twenty-one years. He speaks of it as an open door for a greater ministry. He and the local pastor who received the evangelist into his congregation both pointed out that this was no change of faith or of practice. Oral Roberts will continue his charismatic ministry but will hope to have greater acceptance of his healing ministry through this new alignment with the Methodist Church.

Historical Society Holds Annual Plainfield Meeting

By Rev. A. N. Rogers, pres.

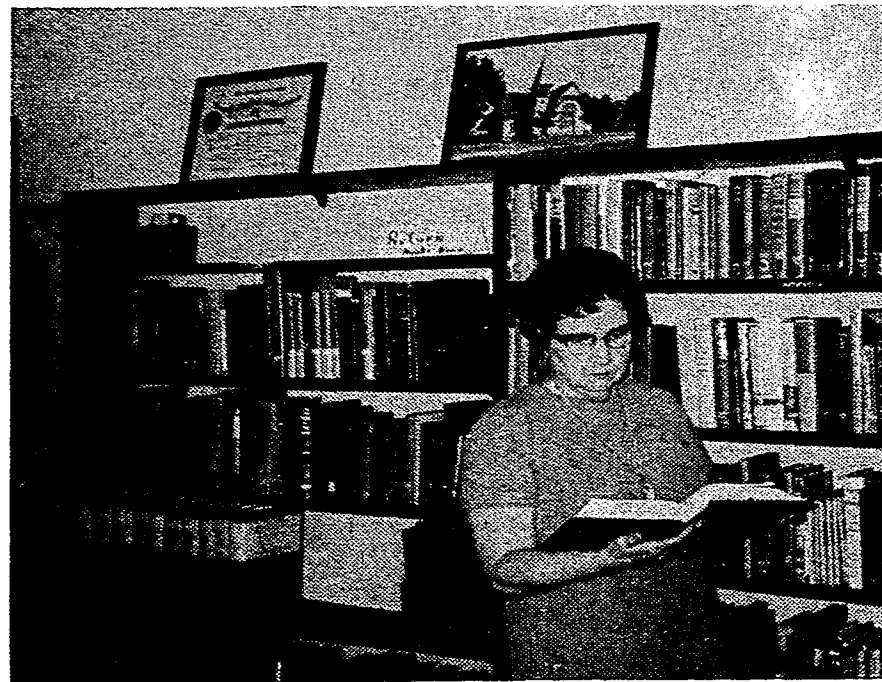
The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society held its annual review of work done or in progress on Sunday, May 19, with 39 members present or represented by proxy. The Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Richburg, N. Y., was reelected trustee for a term of five years.

Miss Evalois St. John, librarian and curator of the society's collection gave a fascinating report of her research and correspondence for the past year. Her report also included a list of accessions to the library and a summary of work done by visitors to the library. Groups from Alfred Station, N. Y., Washington, D. C., and Shiloh, N. J., and students working in the Center for Ministerial Education were among these. Extensive photocopying of the Ephrata items in our library was arranged for students, she reported.

The Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Denver, Colo., president of the society and its trustees, reported on other phases of the year's program. These included erection of roadside markers for abandoned Seventh Day Baptist cemeteries, publication of "Sam: Ward, Founding Father" by Dean Kenneth E. Smith, Milton, Wis., production of a set of color slides depicting rare items in the library collection, and progress on Vol. III, "Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America." Plans for future work were discussed.

It was voted to make historical markers available to local churches who will take responsibility for placing them at appropriate places. Resolutions of respect for L. Harrison North and B. Colwell Davis, recently deceased, were received and recorded. Plans were discussed for revision of a historical leaflet in cooperation with the American Sabbath Tract Society, and for the preparation of copy for a promotion piece currently in production in the office of the General Secretary of Conference.

Dean Victor W. Skaggs of the Center for Ministerial Education expressed appreciation for the help of the society and of Miss St. John in particular.



THE CHURCH LIBRARY

By Dora Whitford Burdick*

One of my happiest childhood memories is concerned with the library in the old Piscataway church. I, with my brothers and sisters, could hardly wait for Sabbath School to be over so that we might hurry to the shelves in one corner of the "lecture" room where the library books were stored. Picking out several books apiece, we hurried home with our treasures and our noisy household of seven children was never so quiet as those Sabbath afternoons when we all had new books to read. I have often wondered since if there were any books left for the other children in the church after the Whitford tribe had grabbed theirs.

Perhaps you will say that there is no need for a church library in this day of free public libraries, school libraries and paperback books available for a few cents, but I believe there is a definite need for church libraries even today. Every church must call upon its members to serve as leaders or teachers or at other tasks for which they have had little or no training. Where but in a church library can these people so readily find help? A church library well supplied with Bible study aids, worship and

*Dora is an active member of the Milton, Wis., church. She was a former librarian and her training is appreciated now as church librarian. She is also superintendent of the primary department of the Sabbath School.

program suggestions, denominational history, inspirational reading, and examples of Christian living as found in good biography and fiction provides enormous help for these lay leaders. A public library often does not have many of these specialized types of books which a church library can make available to its members.

A church library can and should be much more selective in its choice of books than can a public library which must cater to all tastes. A church library has the opportunity to place in the hands of its young people books that will be a challenge and inspire them, not only in their work in the church, but in their daily lives. A good novel, a well written biography gives a much better insight into what life is all about than can many lectures. The best novels give an honest picture of the world as it is with its joys and sorrows, its noble characters and those not so noble. The same is true of good biographies. When we read how Lincoln, Washington, or Franklin were unfairly judged by their contemporaries, it helps us to understand how we are misjudged.

Something should be said for the convenience of a church library. A bothersome problem which presents itself in some church activity may find a ready answer in the church library, whereas a delay in getting to other sources of help may result in no effort to find the solution. Many older people especially do not find it convenient to get to a public library. Perhaps it is too far from home, perhaps there are too many steps to climb, or perhaps even the largeness of a public library is confusing. Elderly people are more apt to go to church than anywhere else. How easy it is for them to step into a room near the sanctuary and find books waiting to be taken home and read.

Perhaps you feel that your church cannot afford a library. It doesn't need to cost much to get started. Even a few shelves put up in a corner of the basement might be a beginning. Many people will be glad to donate some of their books, even some of their most prized

ones, for so worthy a cause. Modern homes often do not have room to store a large number of books, and to share those which one has found helpful or inspiring becomes a great joy. A word of caution here. Have it understood from the beginning that your library may have to refuse a book for one of a number of reasons. Perhaps it is not suitable for a church library, perhaps it is a duplication, or perhaps it is not in good condition. Any of these reasons may make a book unacceptable.

In addition to books being donated, there are other ways a church may obtain books for its library without buying them outright. Books make a fine memorial gift. A class or group might have a moneymaking project for the purchase of books of especial interest to its particular needs. Special days give special opportunities. For example, one church invited each of its members to present a book in honor of his mother on Mother's Day. Another had the custom of each member presenting a new book on his birthday, much as the children bring a special offering to Sabbath School on their birthdays.

In order to take care of the books in a satisfactory manner, there should be a library committee to formulate policies and, if available, a librarian who has had at least some training in library procedures. A very simple system may be adopted, but books need to be arranged in some sort of order and a method developed for checking books in and out.

Church members should be kept informed as to what is available in its library and every encouragement given to induce people to read. Nothing can help a person grow to his full potential as much as the acquaintance of great books. They give a person a vision of what he may become. The church can play a tremendous part in providing the wherewithal for this kind of growth.

Get a library going in your church and keep it growing!

Kindness is a language which the blind can see and the deaf can hear.

—Fred W. Grown, The Bergen (N. J.) Citizen.

PACT

Pray for the Americas Crusade Together

Have you received the white card with blue printing known as PACT explaining the "prayer partner" plan and also the yellow card called Seventh Day Baptist "prayer fellowship"? About 2,000 of each of these were mailed out with the Newsletter to all women's societies. Both of these plans were an outgrowth of the belief that prayer is essential to genuine revival.

The disciples who walked with Jesus knew Him as a man of prayer. He taught them how to pray. He prayed for Himself, about His work, and He prayed for all Christians.

The Crusade of the Americas in Baptist churches of this hemisphere is based on the firm belief that if we are to experience spiritual renewal and if men are brought to Christ, the Holy Spirit's power will effect miracles in our lives.

I have more food than I can eat,
They die with hunger on the street.
I have more clothes than I can wear,
Their feet and legs and arms are bare.
My walls are thick and warm and dry,
Their walls are wind and rain and sky.
I have the love of noble souls,
Their lot is cold and empty bowls.
O Lord, I would remember when
Cries of the needy rise again.

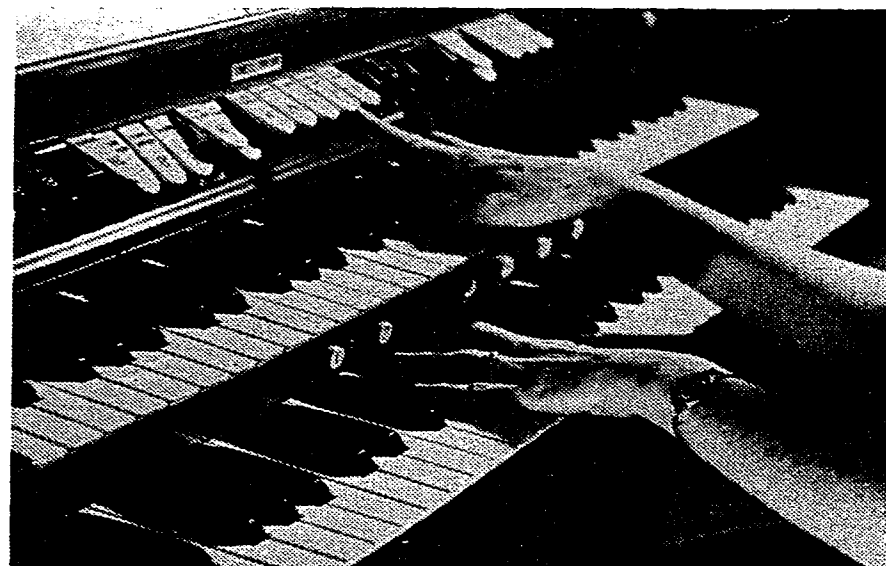
—Author unknown.

Speaking of Our Rights

Jess Moody, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach went before Palm Beach County's 1,600 striking school teachers and told them:

"You have a right to walk out. My children have a right to an education. I find it exceedingly difficult to sacrifice my children upon the altar of your right to walk out."

That wasn't all he said, "The gut issue," he said, "is American apathy, that new sickness which has seized and makes us all, not teachers only, want to quit."



Ecumenical Music

By Gladys Sutton Randolph

Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, College Edition, defines ecumenical: "of or from the whole world; universal; especially of the Christian Church as a whole." Music has often been said to be the universal language and the extent to which sacred music can be ecumenical interests me.

It has been my privilege to have had several ecumenical musical experiences the past three years and I would like to tell of some impressions I have received as a church organist in a small city, which I would never have chosen to live in if I "had my d'ruthers," as the saying goes. This is the city mentioned when Jane Addams is quoted in Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia as saying, "When I grow up, I'm going to have a big house, but I don't want it to be near other pretty houses. I'm going to live right next door to poor folks!" At six years of age she was seeing poverty for the first time, in the streets back of the factories at Freeport, near her lovely village home (and birthplace) in Cedarville, Ill. We all know something of Jane Addams' work in establishing Hull House in Chicago and of her award of a Nobel Peace Prize.

Freeport is also the setting for the second Lincoln-Douglas debate, August 28, 1858, when Lincoln said, "This government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free." There is a monument situated near the spot where the history-making debate took place, dedicated by Theodore Roosevelt in 1903.

With this background of my present environment I will attempt to convey some impressions I have gained from my musical experiences here. My first ecumenical participation was to play for a union Thanksgiving Day service, sponsored by the Freeport Council of Churches. I am organist at Faith Evangelical United Brethren church in a professional position. (By the time this is published "Faith" will be United Methodist as EUB and Methodists are merging into one denomination in order to have a more unified Christian mission in the world.) Some thirty churches choose to meet in one of the larger churches each year. "Faith" has a large sanctuary and it was chosen the first year I was organist there.

From my vantage point on the organ bench I saw one heart-warming Christian expression of ecumenicity. As the service was about to begin and the sanctuary was filled nearly to the front, I saw an usher bring several Negroes up the aisle. He was planning on seating them in the very front row, which was the only seat completely vacant. Some outstanding members of the entertaining church were seated in the second row. They motioned to the usher that they would like the Negroes to be seated with them and got up and went out into the aisle and invited the Negroes to sit with them, even though it meant a bit of crowding. I don't think the front pew was used.

My second experience was less than heart-warming. Larry, a Negro boy was asked to sing a solo in a Sunday morning service in Faith Church by the choir director, a young public school music supervisor. Since she was from the South she had asked me if I thought it was all right if he sang in this church. I was somewhat astonished by her question but quickly replied "Of course!" Perhaps she wanted to be sure, because, although Freeport has a local open housing ordinance and the schools are integrated even to the busing of children from one part of the city to another in order to have a more even distribution of blacks and whites in the various schools, most of the Negroes live on the east side of

town and seem to prefer to have their own smaller and more informal churches. She knew that Larry had a beautiful voice and could sing in public as she had heard him in school programs.

I was asked to rehearse with him late on a Sabbath afternoon, as he worked on evenings and weekends in a grocery store to earn money for his clothes and for his school books. This I agreed to do although it meant leaving early the 125th anniversary afternoon program in my own church in Milton, Wis., sixty-five miles away. My husband drove me and went in with me to listen to the rehearsal. We tried to make the sixteen-year-old Negro boy at ease when we sensed that for some reason he was very tense. We told him the "Faith" was not our church but that we knew that we all were very welcome and that his singing would be very much appreciated. He was to sing "Bless This House," a piece of music that he had sung in public before, and which he and I both knew very well, so I did not anticipate any problems. But he had them!

First of all, he could not get used to the big organ sound. It seemed to terrify him, although I did not play loudly—just loud enough for him to hear the pitch and to get support from the accompaniment. We tried various stops on the organ and also had him stand in different places on the rostrum. Nothing seemed to work. He was not used to singing with an organ and it seemed to confuse him, so we suggested he sing with the piano. This seemed to please him, and as he could stand close to the piano, he gained confidence. The rehearsal then went all right.

Larry has a very rich, deep voice and sang beautifully for just me and my husband in the large, empty sanctuary.

But Sunday morning was a different story! He started his solo but did not get very far, when suddenly he stopped singing and bolted for the nearest door. I finished playing the solo and had to return to the organ bench to play for the rest of the service. The choir director was nonplussed; the boy had made other public appearances without difficulty. We

learned later that he had gone to his car and cried like a child. I will never know why he was so terrified but I am afraid it was because race riots were rampant in other cities in the U.S.A. There had even been threats of teen-age "rumbles" in the very city where Abe Lincoln had made the famous statement, which preceded his becoming the "Great Emancipator"! Also, I learned later through a Negro lady, who cleaned my hospital room every day while I was a patient recently, that Larry lived in the part of town that Jane Addams found deplorable years ago. It still is. I told the cleaning lady to tell Larry that we wanted him to sing again sometime at "Faith." (I didn't tell her he had "bolted" and run; I merely told her that I had played for him.)

My third and quite recent ecumenical experience was during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity sponsored by the National and World Councils of Churches.

Union services of prayer and preaching were held each afternoon at 5:15 for Catholics and Protestants in Freeport churches. If the service was in a Protestant church, a Catholic priest preached; if in a Catholic church, a Protestant minister preached. All sang and prayed together. The last of the series was held in the large E. U. B. church. I was asked to play a prelude, postlude, silent prayer meditative music, and two hymns.

A spirit of Christian unity (not necessarily church union) must exist if the world is to be brought to the realization of one God and Father of us all. While remaining true to one distinctive truth that I believe in, the seventh-day Sabbath, I can participate in ecumenical efforts for Christianity and for God through music which does not differentiate between colors, creeds or economic status. As a member of American Guild of Organists I will endeavor to live up to its motto, "Soli Deo Gloria" (to God alone, the glory). In July I go as a delegate to the A.G.O. National Convention in Colorado. Organists of many denominations will be there, sharing in many events. Several ecumenical services are planned. Another experience!

SCSC

A vivid word picture of the Summer Christian Service Corps is not easy, even after four years. "Christian growth through service" perhaps says it best—not phenomenal changes in church membership but spiritual growth in those who dedicate their summer to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Only God can truly evaluate their service in the contacts they made with children and adults.

These things we know: During the past four years thirty-two young people of college age have served our churches during the summer months. Of this number, seven have given two summers and two have extended their service for an entire year. They have come from eighteen of our churches, with North Loup furnishing six, Milton four, Riverside three, Syracuse, Berlin, Westerly, and Dodge Center each sending two, the others one. At least three are entering ministerial training and a few others are considering full-time Christian service.

Designed to help local church workers reach definite goals, the SCSC program uses young people who work under the direction of the pastor or other appointed leader. It has been observed that where adequate planning has been done and local workers also are available to help, much more is accomplished. Types of projects are geared to the needs of churches and their plans for outreach. These have included visitation surveys, teaching in a Vacation Church School, leading youth recreation programs, assisting with church services and work projects, taking part in Bible study groups, taping radio programs and writing articles for newspapers, helping in camp work, leading prayer or song services, giving messages for children during regular church services, and visiting nursing homes and hospitals.

Pastors in nearly every instance have praised the accomplishments of SCSC teams, feeling that often doors have opened to them through these young people. One team involved last summer in visitation-survey work was described in this way: "The team was one of the

most energetic pair of young men I have ever seen. They had a great desire to be doing something for the Lord, and did not like to waste any time that could be used profitably in His service. Seventeen hundred families have been contacted, many of which show promise of being more or less interested in coming to church." Another wrote, "There isn't room on this page or time in an hour to tell of the way our church has been blessed by this summer's events. There have been a number led to consider their failure to really know God and to commit their life to Christ. Many of us are thrilled and excited by the use of our own people with the corps team. About ten individuals have been involved in the calling mission and so successful has it been that we plan to incorporate the calling effort into our quarterly program."

In one church where there was a teen-time recreation program each evening the pastor wrote, "The team was most cooperative and enthusiastic. Their warmth, friendship, and love toward the youth reaped much for the Lord. They contacted new families, enlisting new youth for the Vacation Bible School. Several youth made decisions for Christ. Several new youth started attending Sabbath School and church. We have established a friendship of concern for the families in the neighborhood." Another team was described as "conscientious and energetic. They met people well and appear to have won the respect of those they visited. Young people will be young people, but these seemed to remember they belonged to the Lord."

How can one fail to be encouraged by the evidence that our capable young people are willing and eager to share their joy in Christ with others in this troubled world?

Lucile Todd, chairman,
Christian Social Relations Committee

The late Mahatma Gandhi once said, "There are so many hungry people in the world that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Christ the Only Hope



With the theme of the Crusade of the Americas, "Christ the Only Hope," ringing in his mind and heart the Rev. Leon R. Lawton will fly southward to attend a great assembly of Baptist church leaders of the northern and southern hemispheres to be held at Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in July, 1968. Further plans will be made to involve all Baptist churches including Seventh Day Baptists of this continent in a concerted evangelistic thrust in 1969.

Pastor Lawton will take the opportunity to visit Seventh Day Baptists of Guyana, Brazil and Mexico while he is on this thirty day visit southward. A busy schedule of visits is being worked out with the leaders of our sister conferences of Guyana, Brazil and Mexico.

The funds to cover Pastor Lawton's expenses have been contributed by interested friends across our country. Plane reservations are now made and confirmed.

Present route and flight plans are listed briefly so that those who are interested and concerned may hold Brother Lawton up in our prayers. It is expected that he will depart from Kennedy Airport in New York on Thursday, June 27, and will stop off at Georgetown, Guyana, for a few days. He is scheduled to arrive at Sao Paulo on Friday, July 5, and will be meeting COTA appointments and visiting Seventh Day Baptist leaders and churches in Brazil until July 24.

On the return trip Brother Lawton will plan to stop down in Mexico City, visiting Pastor Camacho and Seventh Day Baptist churches, July 24-27. It is expected that he will travel from Mexico City to New York on July 27, arriving back at point of departure in time to stay within the 30 day excursion requirements. It is hoped that he may be

able to stay overnight at Plainfield and then drive to Westerly in time for the quarterly Missionary Board meeting on Sunday, July 28. It is a full and strenuous schedule and we will follow our Seventh Day Baptist representative with our love and prayers.

Pastor Lawton has been asked to represent the Missionary Board, carrying letters of greetings to sister conferences and to present a report upon his return of his experiences and suggestions regarding mission needs and opportunities for service.

He also represents the General Conference, which group approved Seventh Day Baptist participation in the Crusade of the Americas program last August. He will represent the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptists as he makes this multi-purpose visit and he will also encourage participation in the Prayer Partner plan promoted by the Women's Board. For these and other reasons all Seventh Day Baptists will be following Brother Lawton with our interest and prayers.

Youth . . .

The Bible

1 Peter 2:2

The Bible is a must in every home. This seems to be the general consensus these days. The question is why is it a must? Is it merely traditional to keep the old family Bible on display?

There is the story about the day the minister visited a family. The mother said to her little boy, "Go get the Book Mother loves so well." The boy came back with the Sears-Roebuck catalogue.

Sometimes children have not learned that the Bible is a "readable" book. Many Bibles are kept dusted out of respect, rather than use. God reveals His word through the words of the Bible. There is a message for all of us, if we will but seek it.

(Pat Williams, Lincoln, Nebr.)

MINISTERS CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR

The Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church will host the biennial Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference from April 30 to May 6, 1969.

The secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has been named by the board's Higher Education Committee to be the director of the conference.

As plans are, there will be two main topics under discussion: "Sabbathism, Past and Present" and "Proclaiming the Gospel." The Rev. Herbert Saunders, pastor of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church will be the lecturer on the first subject. Further announcements will be forthcoming as the program develops.

Our churches are urged to give support to their ministers' attendance.

GUYANA YOUTH CAMP

An announcement sent to our office from the Rev. Leroy Bass, missionary to Guyana, tells of "our second, bigger, better youth camp." The camp will be held August 12-August 19 and is open to youngsters from 12 to 21. Classes will be led by Brother Leyland Bowen and Brother Jacob Tyrrell, and Sister Inez Peters will cook. Mr. Bass will direct. He adds to the announcement, "We are hopefully expecting 40-50 campers this year."

CHRISTIAN WRITERS CONFERENCE

The 1968 Christian Writers and Editors Conference will be held at the Green Lake, Wisconsin, American Baptist Assembly, July 6-13, 1968. Any person who is interested in Christian writing can profit very much from attending. Those interested may write the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803 for information.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 15, 1968

FAITH AND WORKS

Lesson Scripture: James 2:14-26.

Review of Journal

The following review of the March-April, 1968, issue of the "International Journal of Religious Education" was written by Mary Clare, director of Christian education of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

We insist on the right of man to choose for himself. How will this God given privilege be used? "The Operating Image of Man" by Rolfe Hunt reports radio controlled impulses directing the actions of animals which suggests that human social action might be the result of electrical waves.

Dr. Sarah Little in "Youth, World and Church" reemphasizes that youth want to be recognized as part of the church, ready to accept responsibilities and put their Christianity to work.

The "Use of Puppets" by Hope E. Davis tells how puppets are used informally as well as in planned plays. They are useful for the teaching of all ages to create and expand lessons.

Eleanor S. Morrison in "On Being Responsibly Negative" reminds parents that it is necessary for limits to be set on a child's actions. Some "No's" must be passed around and by accepting the "No's" as well as the "Yes's" one becomes a responsible citizen.

Do you agree that teaching table graces can be teaching dogma, not gratitude? "Gratitude and the Small Child" suggests good ways to use Church School time for methods of teaching and expressing gratitude.

Our neighbors in Hornell, N.Y., had a rewarding experience in ecumenical dialogue — discussing Christian faiths, likenesses and differences. They discovered a common mission in deeper Christian unity. Dr. Richard Hasler tells about it in "The Adventure in Ecumenical Dialogue."

The Rev. Richard Deems tells of seven lessons he learned while conducting a series of informal discussions with the youth of his church. By reading "An Experiment in Youth Ministry" youth and adults will find answers to some of our problems.

In "A-V's for Sharing" Vida Syfert explains how this form of sharing became

a real community service in Decatur, Ill. Evaluation of current audio-visuals helps us to know what films we wish to see.

"What's Happening?" gives capsule reports of activities planned for the summer.

In "Let Me Read It" Katherine McLandress Tobey suggests it is better to read and study for yourself than to have it read to you.

We suggest that you can keep in touch with thinking on current problems by reading some of the books reviewed in the book section.

LET'S THINK IT OVER**Why Boys Are Girls**

Some of us have wondered why boys are making such an effort to look like girls and girls to look like boys. There are evidences, of course, that those who go to extremes in clothing and hair styling to create this confusion do not really forget what sex they are. We get the feeling that they may make as light of sex relations as they do of physical appearance.

Be that as it may, word now comes by way of adult interpreters that there is a basic and supposedly good reason for the boys to be girls and girls to be boys. A Baptist youth resolution is to be discussed at the American Baptist Convention in Boston May 29 - June 2. We quote from ABNS:

"When delegates meet here in the War Memorial Auditorium, May 29 - June 2, they will vote on the youth resolution presented by the Resolutions Committee, as well as on a number of other statements on our current problems.

"The youth resolution points out that young people are asking valid questions, rejecting status symbols and material possessions, and erasing the outward appearances of sex and class difference perhaps in order to say to adults that persons should be accepted as themselves, without regard to sex, race, culture or religion."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J.—We were happy to act as hosts in some measure to the Eastern Area Spiritual Retreat for Seventh Day Baptist ministers. It was held at Jersey Oaks, our church-owned camp just a few miles from the church. The ladies of the Shiloh and Marlboro churches cooked the noon and evening meals for the twenty-four ministers who attended. Our pastor prepared the breakfasts for the week-long retreat April 29 - May 6. The pastors, denominational secretaries and others expressed appreciation for the nourishing physical and edifying spiritual food in their daily bill of fare.

Our church held special services May 3 and 4 to dedicate its new educational building. Rev. Rex Zwiebel, secretary of the denomination's Board of Christian Education, brought the dedicatory message, and Rev. Charles Bond, pastor, conducted the formal act of dedication.

Some other highlights of the services were special anthems from the three choirs: junior, youth, and senior; a history of the Session Room by Mrs. Bert Sheppard; a history of the development of our Sabbath School, by Mrs. Melvin Dickinson and Mrs. Daniel Davis; recognition of the oldest and youngest members, also the ministers who had gone out from Shiloh; an outstanding sermon, "A Certain Kind of Church," by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary; an act of presentation, by Howard LeRoy Davis, architect, William Richardson, Building Committee chairman, and William Fogg, church moderator. The Rev. Leon M. Maltby gave the dedicatory prayer.

The completion of this educational building marks another major construction effort. It is the fifth edifice built by the church of Shiloh during its 231 years of history, 1737-1968.

This present structure, which was completed early this year, provides the church members with three buildings to carry on their evangelistic and educational program.

—Correspondent.

The Sabbath Recorder

Texas Students Against Discrimination

Some 1,300 Texas Baptist college students have pledged themselves to work to eliminate "every trace of racial discrimination in our Baptist Student Unions, sororities, fraternities, and clubs, as well as in matters of student housing and employment."

The pledge was made in a strongly worded statement on racial problems which was approved unanimously at the annual Leadership Training Conference of the Texas Baptist Student Union on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University.

Their statement, backed up by a \$600 offering, reads (in part) as follows:

"A succession of tragic events have focused attention on the great gap between the races of this nation. While it is true that some steps forward have been taken by men of good will and noble purpose, it has become evident that most of us have failed to respond to the need for significant and clearly-defined action in the betterment of race relations. It is clear that new intensity of dedication resulting in fresh approaches and departures from existing attitudes and actions is urgently in order.

"We will make personal sacrifices and engage in collective action to express our commitment to lessening racial tension and to contributing to racial harmony. We pray that all Baptists in the state will join us.

"We will involve ourselves in an aggressive program of witnessing to bring students of all races to a knowledge of Jesus Christ and to enlist them in the fellowship and service of our churches. We will pursue this role in the Crusade of the Americas, a hemispheric evangelistic campaign in 1969."

Church Participation In Anti-Poverty Program

The Rev. Harold K. Schulz, director of the National Council's Anti-Poverty Program was asked: "In view of the increasing involvement of the denominations and church councils in various programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity, would you explain how they can accept government funds without breaching church-state separation?"

Here is his answer in part. "The danger of having to compromise on principles is the central issue in regard to church programs receiving funds. It is my feeling that at any point where a principle cannot be upheld, then public funds must be refused. However, it is also my feeling that most church anti-poverty programs have maintained their integrity very well.

"The major reason I believe that churches *should* accept Federal funds to administer anti-poverty programs is that I believe they can faithfully carry out the principles on which the Office of Economic Opportunity was originally based. Churches also have the facilities and human resources necessary to run good programs. Although churches certainly are not free from the self-interest of some other institutions, my own belief is that churches are freer of political influence and the desire for personal gain than some other agencies which have conducted OEO programs.

"Finally, it is my contention that the complete separation of church and state is actually an unfaithful position. The church should work alongside the state for the development of a just society. It should always stand apart in order to judge when it is necessary, but it should be prepared to utilize whatever power and resources are available to it to better serve the needs of all men."



Father's Day

A good father teaches his young son to develop the skill of handling the ball and playing the game. He buys him the baseball glove and the Junior League outfit to go with it. But a fellow needs practice with his understanding father before he can take his place in the sometimes ruthless competition with the other boys. Father's paper can wait until the shadows lengthen. The wise father teaches not only sports, but by example and precept shows that the Bible, church and prayer have their place in well-ordered family life.