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mothers was offered by Donna James, and hymns in praise of mothers were sung.

During the week Pastor Bond had mailed over twenty-five beautifully printed programs to families in the village and we are thankful for the nice response.

The evening following the Mother's Day service, a reception in honor of Pastor Clifford Bond and his family was held at the Rockville parish hall. About sixty attended to extend greetings and to offer gratitude that the Lord has sent us such a dedicated family.

—Correspondent.

Take Him at His Word

We take God's word (copies are easy to get), but do we take God at His word? His promises can be claimed today.

Accessions

ALFRED STATION, N. J.

By Baptism:

Christian Reid Mattison
Kevin Neil Palmiter

By Letter:

Jane Elaine Lewis
Mark D. Lewis
Nelson W. Snyder

Births

Bidwell.—A son, Richard Paul, to Gary and Elizabeth (Dickinson) Bidwell of Shiloh, N. J., on May 19, 1968.

Brannon.—Norma Jean, daughter of Homer and Neoma (Morgan) Brannon, of North Loup, Nebr., was born at St. Paul, Nebr., on March 22, 1968.

Dixon.—A son, Sean Alan, to Richard and Kathy (Hurley) Dixon of Bridgeton, N. J. on March 16, 1968.

Obituaries

BABCOCK.—Edwin J., son of Edwin J. and Jessie True Babcock, was born at North Loup, Nebr., in 1896, and died Jan. 28, 1968, at Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Edwin's parents and grandparents were pioneer founders of the Seventh Day Baptist settlement in the North Loup valley, his grandfather, Elder Oscar W. Babcock, being the first pastor there. He became a member of the North Loup church in his youth. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Engineering and was a planning and research engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Roads for 30 years, retiring in 1965. The Babcocks made their home in Lincoln, Nebr., and were spending the winter in Florida, when his death occurred.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Babcock, Lincoln, Nebr.; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Wedd, Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. James Wharton, Cocoa Beach, Fla.; on brother Arthur Babcock, Omaha, Nebr.; and several grandchildren. (One brother was the late Oscar T. Babcock, former registrar at Milton College.)

Memorial services were held in Florida.

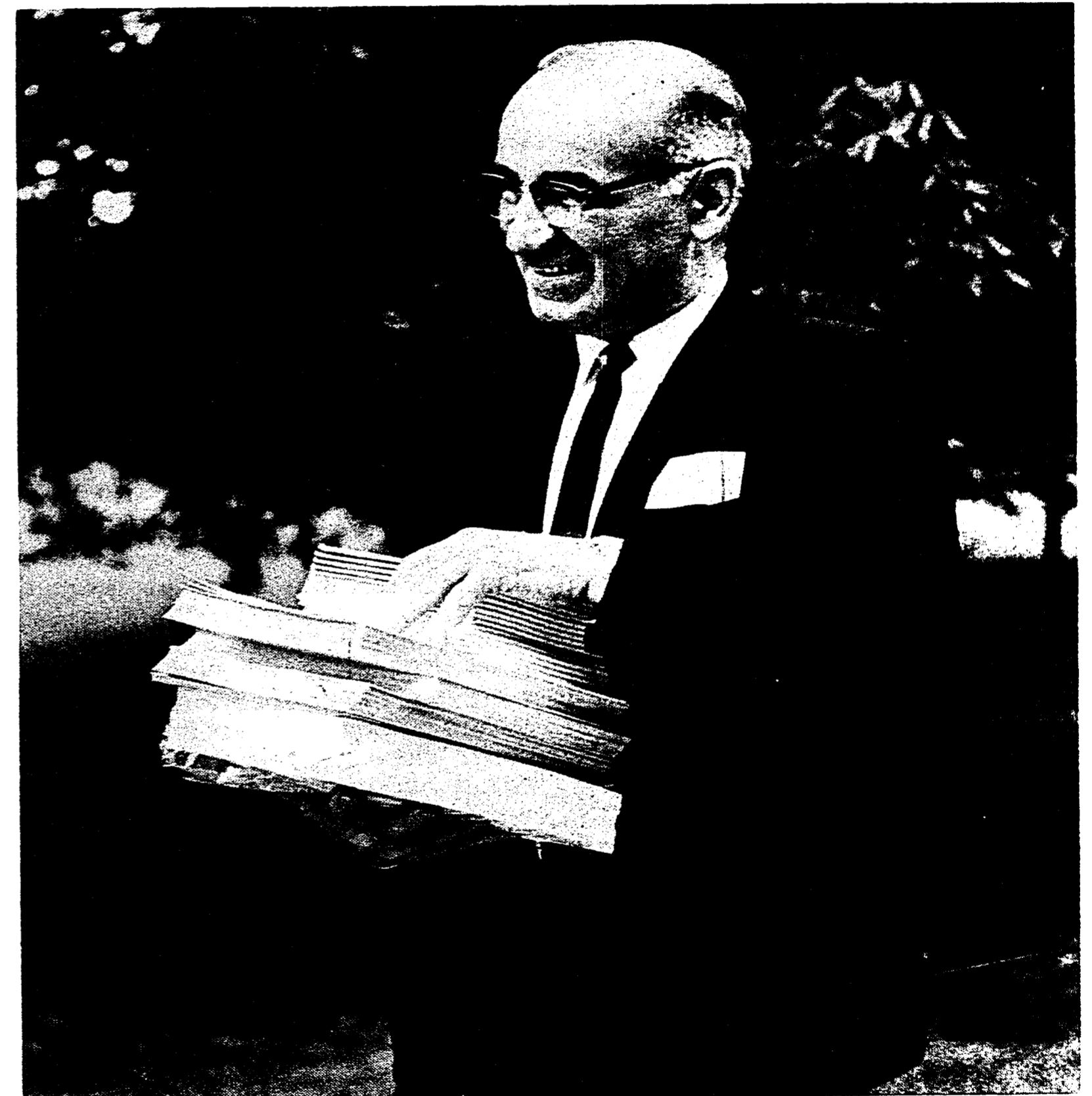
—D. L. D.

GRANT.—Mrs. Harriet, daughter of Leroy and Rosanna Pearce Skaggs, was born in Christian County, Mo., Oct. 26, 1880 and died at Caravilla Retirement Home, Janesville, Wis., May 26, 1968.

She was married to Edgar F. Grant June 2, 1901, who preceded her in death March 19, 1945. They moved to the Milton area in 1919 and made their home there since that time. Five children survive her: Dr. Claude S. Grant of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Lloyd (Mary) Burdick of Bloomington, Minn.; Mrs. George (Helen) Michel of Marion, Iowa; Mrs. Howard (Ida) Looftoro of Fort Atkinson, Wis.; and Mrs. Bernard (Ella) Ter Maath of San Antonio, Tex., also 18 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted May 28 from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan, with burial in Milton Cemetery.

—E. C.



Honoring Our Graduates

Handing out diplomas and honors for special achievements is the joy that comes to the president or principal at the end of the school year. Present on such occasions are parents and well-wishers. The church also has a vital interest in graduates, for the church teaches the message that links the past and present with the future. "I am come," said Christ, "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

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Salute to Graduates

Recognition of the progress and achievements of our young people in high school and college is best given locally by the churches that have concerned themselves with the scholastic and spiritual development of these young people. Churches are doing a good job of this sort of encouragement.

The *Sabbath Recorder*, which is a force for binding together our people by gathering up the news of all the churches and encouraging spiritual growth, would like to express the hearty salute of the whole denomination to the graduates and those who have earned advanced degrees. Information is not available for all. It is hoped that most of those who leave the area of their home church will be followed up consistently by their church and by the church nearest to their new place of student or business residence. Let us all work together on this.

June Must Be Better

Faith is a more Christian word than optimism; it implies a more firm foundation. When one looks at the figures of OWM giving on page 15 of this issue, he may choose between pessimism, optimism and faith. There are grounds for all three.

It would be easy enough to conclude from the lack of substantial gain in contributions over previous months that Seventh Day Baptists are not going to come close to raising their denominational budget this year. Really, it doesn't look too good that our total giving in May was about the same as in April, and only half what is now needed in June and the remaining months. The budget could have been raised with \$10,000 each month, but every month we are below that figure we fall back in percentages.

We can endeavor to be optimists in this matter. There are doubtlessly some encouraging aspects to these figures. We could say that June would have to be better because May was low.

Faith is the word that fits. There is reason to have faith in our people; they have come through with double giving sometimes in the past when the need was great and the appeal was strong.

But faith that rests in people rather than God may not be essentially different from "blind" optimism. Let us have faith in God! Let us trust that He will lay the needs of our hearts and impel us to bring in the tithes and the offerings. Letters have gone out. God may be speaking to us through these letters and through the emphasis on making June OWM Month. If we trust God and act upon that trust June can be the first of those four \$15,000 months needed to take care of the work that the Lord calls us to do through our boards and agencies.

Do Conversions Last?

There is reason to think that the conversions of some people who come forward to profess acceptance of Christ in mass evangelism meetings do not stick. It is natural to discount the supernatural in these conversion experiences. We see enough of failure in keeping good resolutions to justify some of the skepticism that is expressed both outside and inside the church. It is common to think that if there is any emotion involved in a response to an evangelistic invitation the lasting quality of the profession is in doubt. It would be more in accord with the working of the Holy Spirit to take the opposite view, namely that if a person repents and turns over his life to Christ without emotion, the experience lacks that which makes for permanence.

There is an interesting example of the lasting quality of conversions experienced under the preaching of Dr. Billy Graham. He conducted a crusade in Oregon in 1950 in a wooden tabernacle constructed for the purpose which seated 1,200. His early campaigns were probably more spectacular (if such a term can be applied) and emotional than his more recent ones. The 1968 Crusade in Oregon, in a sense, took over where the previous one eighteen years ago left off. The following has come from Oregon.

"A prominent business man who is vice-chairman of the campaign was converted in 1950. The treasurer of the

Crusade in 1963 made his decision in 1950. When Mr. Graham on one occasion asked how many people 'came to Christ in 1950,' scores of hands were raised all over the audience—many of them were counselors, ushers, and members of the choir, 18 years later."

The State of Oregon has been the scene of two campaigns, one political, to determine who should be nominated for President, the other spiritual, to choose the King. The choice of over 7,000 people in the Graham campaign is likely to be more lasting than the other choices.

Do conversions last? Yes, if they are genuine, if the Holy Spirit has worked in the heart. We should have seen enough of such transformation of lives to say with firmness that we believe in the supernatural — that Christ can change hearts and habits and keep them changed.

Prayer and Action

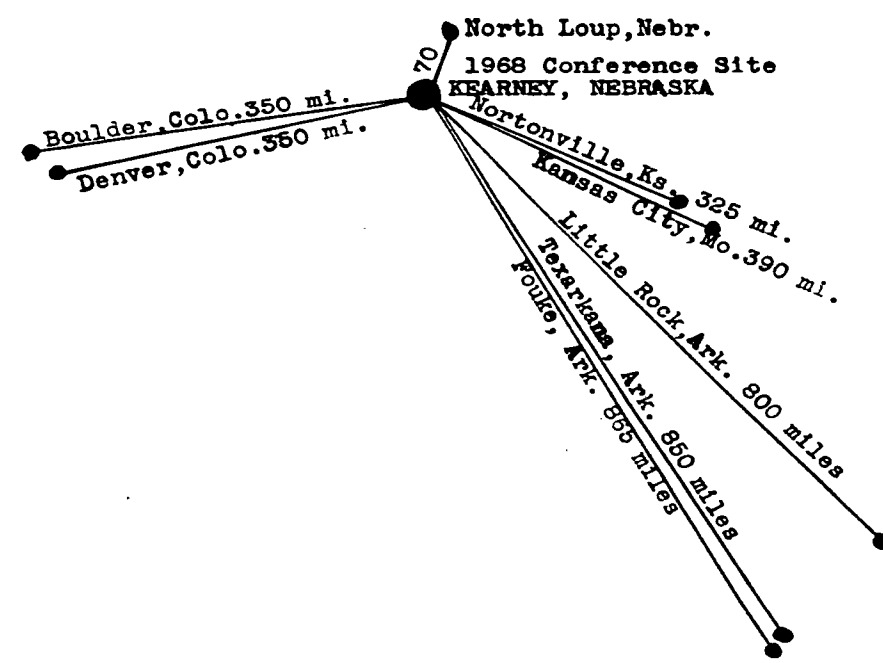
In August 1967 President Johnson issued a call to prayer for "order and reconciliation among men." At the same time he insisted that action must accompany prayer. He emphasized, "Let there be no mistake about it, the looting, arson, plunder and pillage which have occurred are not part of a civil rights protest That is crime, and crime must be dealt with forcefully, swiftly, certainly—under the law."

Violence of the sort mentioned by the President did not wait for another long hot summer but was triggered by the death of Martin Luther King and lesser incidents. Certainly good Christian people in increasing numbers from both North and South have been praying about this situation with some evidence of answers to prayer. The action on the part of the government has not come up to what the President promised. It has, even in the nation's Capital as elsewhere, been sometimes vacillating, slow, indecisive, not forceful, swift, certain. We need more prayer for reconciliation among men; we need more forceful restraint of lawlessness.

JUNE 17, 1968

All Roads

Lead to General Conference at Kearney, Nebraska



Everyone from the various churches wants to arrive in time to attend the opening reception for honored guests on Sunday evening, August 11. This is the fifth year for these gatherings and they have already become a meaningful tradition of Christian fellowship for Seventh Day Baptists. In order to arrive in time, those who come from more remote areas can plan to spend the Sabbath before Conference worshiping with one of our churches nearer Kearney.

Those coming from a westerly direction will be welcomed at the Boulder or Denver, Colo., churches. Delegates from the East can make visits at North Loup, Nebr., where the Commission, the Planning Committee and Young Adult Retreats will be holding their pre-conference sessions. Or they will find the people at Nortonville, Kans., a most hospitable group. Some may want to visit the youngest church in the midwest at Kansas City, Mo., for the Sabbath. Those from the "deep South" might plan stopovers at Little Rock, Fouke, or Texarkana, Ark., then possibly on to Kansas City, on to Nortonville and all meet at Kearney.

Many delegates make their Conference trip a time to visit friends and relatives in another part of the country. If you are unfamiliar with the Seventh Day Baptist people of the central part of the

United States, you, too, will find a friendly welcome. Write to the church if you would like information about nearby camping facilities or motels in proximity to the church's location; or where needed, the church may be able to help you find hospitality in homes—as far as the room goes! For information, here are names and addresses of each church, and someone to contact in advance, for those who would like them.

ARKANSAS—

- Fouke
Rev. Ralph M. Soper
Fouke, Ark. 71837
Phone (501) 653-3364
- Little Rock (801 N. Polk St.)
Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn
1008 N. Polk St.
Little Rock, Ark. 72205
Phone (501) 666-1314
- Texarkana, (200 Pleasant St.)
Clerk: Miss Caroline Crow
108 Mason, Texarkana, Ark. 75501
Phone (214) 792-6540

COLORADO—

- Boulder, (9th & Arapahoe)
Rev. Elmo FitzRandolph
1648 Ninth St.
Boulder, Colo. 80302
Phone (303) 442-4944
- Denver, (2301 Wadsworth Blvd.)
Rev. Albert N. Rogers
2301 Wadsworth Blvd.
Denver, Colo. 80215
Phone (303) 233-0121

KANSAS—

- Nortonville, (On U. S. 159)
Rev. Paul B. Osborn
Nortonville, Kans. 66060
Phone (913) 886-6236

MISSOURI—

- Kansas City, (2049 Oakley)
Clerk: Mrs. Philip Burrows
5008 Osage Ave.
Kansas City, Mo. 64133
Phone (816) 456-4497

NEBRASKA—

- North Loup, (A St. off N-11)
Rev. Duane L. Davis
North Loup, Nebr. 68859
Phone (308) 496-3530

A Future for Youth

Sometimes we are discouraged with an America which falls so far short of what it ought to be, and this might well be one of those times. Misunderstanding and violence abound. Churches are unwilling or unable to do as much as they ought in fostering better understanding or creating opportunities for members of minority groups. Against their dark background it is interesting to see brighter pictures coming into focus.

In the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church is Brenda L. Smith, a member of the Negro race, who, according to her



pastor, has done much to help the Negro and white races to understand each other in the Battle Creek church and community. This year she has been enrolled as a freshman in Kellogg Community College. Two months ago Brenda was chosen and crowned Miss Kellogg Community College. The crowning in the accompanying picture was at the hands of last year's holder of that honor, Renee S. Tameris. Brenda is a daughter of Daniel Smith, a successful dentist of the city.

There is no need to be discouraged

about America and the work of our churches if we can multiply such situations. Conversion, the Christian life, and church responsibility are for all segments of the community. National or racial backgrounds should not, and in most cases do not, hinder young people from reaching their full potential in civic, church and college life.

College Degrees

The future for college graduates is not always certain. Many of the men must look forward to a period of military obligation, active or reserve.

Jan Maddox of the Riverside, Calif., church was graduated in January from La Sierra College as a premed student majoring in chemistry. He was drafted in March.

The North Loup, Nebr., church has two students graduating from the University of Nebraska, Allan Cox with a music major, and Phillip Van Horn, majoring in anthropology. Phil would like further work in oceanology but expects military service and is looking forward to marriage this summer.

Cynthia Rogers, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Rogers, graduated on the dean's list from the University of Denver on June 7.

Allan Maltby of Plainfield follows up his B.A. from Salem College with a Master's degree in business administration at Wagner College. Work toward the advanced degree was partially sponsored by the Ford Motor Co.

There are at least five Seventh Day Baptist graduates from Milton College, some local and some from other churches. Russell Johnson (Kansas City) and Alan Crouch are interested in Christian service and further training toward it. Alan will be in Crozer Seminary next fall. Russell goes to Eastern Baptist Seminary. Others connected with the Milton church are James Skaggs, Melvin Stephan and Dianne Lippincott Merchant, David Applegate, Peggy Abelman Koli, Gary Hess, and in nursing, Janette Heinig.

Althea Greene of Berlin, N. Y., graduates from Alfred University. She marries

Dale Rood soon after graduation and serves with him at Westerly, R. I., during the summer.

Cynthia Butts of Alfred graduates from Alfred University with a major in math. Her plans are not known to the writer.

Philip S. Bond, son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bond, was graduated from Salem College, May 19. He plans to teach school next year, probably in New Jersey.

High School Honor Graduates

The students who graduate from high school with honors have already demonstrated a purpose in life that will further manifest itself as they enter and complete their college training. In our educational system honors more frequently go to the students with average ability who apply themselves than to the fewer in number gifted children. Thus those who are at the top of the class merit the recognition and the scholarships given them. The church follows them with interest and challenges them to serve the Lord.

The Alfred-Almond Central School which our Alfred and Alfred Station youth attend named five seniors for the "Who's Who" listing this spring. Among them are Seventh Day Baptists George Clare, valedictorian, and Dennis Butts, salutatorian. George intends to enter Cornell University College of Engineering in the fall. Dennis has been accepted both at Alfred and Rochester Universities.

At Nortonville, Kans., Philip Osborn, (son of the pastor), finished high school with numerous honors. He is reported as wanting to attend King's College in New York, a Christian college that has graduated several Seventh Day Baptist students.

At the North Loup-Scotia high school Bernard Keown was valedictorian of his class. He is in SCSC this summer and is looking forward forward to college in the fall, probably the University of Nebraska.

College-Bound Graduates

There are not many Seventh Day Baptist graduates who do not go on to college or some other kind of advanced schooling, it appears. Here are a few of the names that have been picked up. Sorry not to have more.

Daniel Armstrong of the Plainfield area goes to Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia. Barbara North of Plainfield has chosen Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.

Robert Harris of the Shiloh church, after a summer in SCSC, plans to attend Salem College. Donna Harris of Shiloh looks forward to college in the fall. Another Shiloh member, Robert Fogg, plans on study at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Eugene Palmer, Jr., and Gregg Kinney of Rockville, R. I., look toward college, the former at the University of Rhode Island, the latter at Milton College.

At Ashaway David Brayman graduates and has been accepted at DeVries Electrical School in Chicago. Brenda Perrin, another Ashaway member is planning on college in the fall. Other Ashaway graduates are Richard Lewis and Susan Weber.

Daytona Beach mentions the graduation of the pastor's daughter, Laura Jean Van Horn. Her college plans are not learned.

From Salemville, Pa., there are two graduates with unannounced plans, Sherman Guyer and Patrick Crawford.

The Paint Rock, Ala., church, according to a church bulletin, has three graduates, Marcus Allen, Rodney Butler, and Carolyn Sutton.

The Milton, Wis., church bulletin for June 8 lists the following graduates: Ann Williams, Alice Rood, Jonathan Cruzan, Warren Loofboro, Greg Scholl, Roberta Lewis, Scott Shadel, and Nancy Thorngate.

Latest word from Riverside, Calif., via the June 8 bulletin mentions recognition for graduating seniors in both church and Sabbath School on June 15. Names are not listed.

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Visiting West Virginia Churches

By Secretary Everett T. Harris

The secretary of the Missionary Society considered it a privilege and an opportunity for service to speak to the West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist churches on Sabbath day, June 1. The West Virginia hills seemed never so green and beautiful as on that Sabbath morning at Lost Creek.

The people gathered, the choir sang inspiringly and Pastor Francis Saunders gave an illustrated message to the boys and girls on the subject "Hold On," using various sized and shaped hammers to drive home his points. Then the secretary was called on to speak. His theme was "Strengthening the Church" as he spoke to an attentive and appreciative audience, made up of attendants from the Salem, Ritchie and Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist churches. The Crites Mountain Fellowship was also represented in the audience.

Following a delicious "covered dish" dinner an informal afternoon service was held in the church, at which time the secretary presented Seventh Day Baptist missionary interests at home and abroad. This was followed by a question and answer period with good interest expressed.

On the previous evening (Sabbath Eve) a very enjoyable time was had as the secretary showed slides to a group of the young people gathered at the Lost Creek church. He considers the visit to the West Virginia churches very worthwhile, one enjoyable part of the visit being the opportunity to renew friendship with former Conference Secretary Harley Bond in whose home he was entertained. It was also his privilege to travel part way home with Conference President-elect Leland Bond who happened to be traveling on the same plane from Clarksburg to Washington, D. C. All in all, it was a packed full enjoyable weekend and one that the secretary hopes may be used to advance the work of our Lord.

MEMORY TEXT

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. —2 Cor. 4:18.

A Report on Ministerial Training at Blantyre, Malawi

By Rev. David C. Pearson

We are privileged to have five Seventh Day Baptist students enrolled at Likubula Bible Institute this year. These five represent one-third of the student body. Hopefully two or three more will be accepted in 1969. The course of study offered is of three years' duration.

The Blantyre Namiwawa property is now equipped to accommodate up to six students. The classroom doubles as an office for the director of Christian Education and Evangelism. It is equipped with desk, table and chairs, filing cabinet, chalk board, storage space, and ample shelving with approximately 400 volumes and pamphlets.

From March 31 to April 17 a course was offered in Seventh Day Baptist Church History. Five students were present, eating and sleeping at the center. Something like forty percent of the time was spent on our own Seventh Day Baptist history in Malawi. This was of special interest to the African students and the teacher as well.

More recently a refresher course of two weeks' duration convened at Makapwa. The student body consisted of some twenty-five preachers—ordained and unordained—possibly the largest body of its kind to meet in the history of the mission. Dr. Burdick and Messrs. Makatanje and Sankhulani taught during the first week, and Pastors Manan and Pearson during the second. Classes were taught in "The Role of the Minister," "Evangelism," "Writing," "Health," and "The Person of Christ."

There is the possibility that a similar type course will be offered to some of the leaders in the Northern Region later this year.

A Memorial to Robert F. Kennedy

By Rev. Herbert E. Saunders

A sermon preached at the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church on the day of his funeral, June 8, 1968.

Once again the horrifying familiar sound of gunshots has ended the life of one of God's most creative and alive human creatures. Once again the sickening drone of jet engines has brought home the body of one who was felled by the insanity of a man holding a weapon of violence. Once again we feel the horror of sorrow and national disgrace and experience the almost unrealistic days of national mourning. Once again the widow stands straight and tall amid the weeping faces of those who feel the hurt that has come to still another family. Once again the evidence of man's inhumanity to man has been dramatically seen and felt, and prayers for the salvation of our nation are being uttered. Once again children are left fatherless and the hearts of fathers and mothers and other children of all ages are praying that the emptiness that floods these days may be dispelled by God's love.

It is so easy as we sit around our television sets watching in silence the all-too-familiar sight of a funeral cortege to decry the situation that brings our nation to such experiences. It is so easy as we remember November of 1963 and April of 1968 to find pessimism about our national future wending its way into our spiritual fiber. It is so easy to say we are decaying when we think of the possibilities which have been destroyed by the insanity of a single moment and wonder what the next few days, weeks, months and years hold for us and for all mankind. It is so easy to cry out with some about the evils which seem to permeate our society and blame all men for what has happened. Certainly we are all guilty of the attitudes and lack of concern that allow such things to happen, but we cannot allow ourselves to become so guilt-ridden that we harbor thoughts of destruction and resign ourselves to ultimate failure and irrevocable decline.

If there is anything that Senator Robert Francis Kennedy would have wanted

us to do, it would be to dedicate ourselves to the high ideals of our spiritual heritage, both as individual Christians and as a nation. He would want us to build a better tomorrow for our children and his children. He would want us to realize the tremendous potential of all our people, and consecrate ourselves to the fulfillment of purposes far beyond anything we could imagine and presently understand. If there is one eulogy and memorial which would honor the name of Robert F. Kennedy it would be to build a better tomorrow for his ten children and the one which is still unborn. For all of us who have children—and for those of us who are children—no fitting memorial to the lives of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and now Robert F. Kennedy could be as perfect as the building of a future of hope and freedom for their children, and ours. For the family of Bobby Kennedy our sympathies go out today, and our prayer is that his wife and children, and the rest of the Kennedy family may receive God's comforting blessing.

But what about us—what about the children that are left—what about the future? There are so many things that must be done.

For Kathleen Kennedy, the eldest of the Kennedy children at seventeen, and named for Bobby Kennedy's sister who was killed in an airplane crash, let us move forward to dispel the hatred that breeds violence—the kind of violence that killed her father. There is in our society today a certain hardness toward violence. Perhaps the continual television coverage of the war in Vietnam has hardened us to the real tragedy of man's inhumanity to man. Somehow, either by the deep concerns of our hearts or the growth in love and understanding, we need to shake this overemphasis on violence and tragedy. We need to build up the attitude of love, to remember Jesus' words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and thy neighbor as thyself." If we could begin to love our neighbors, whom Jesus indicated were all men, as ourselves, how much greater would be our desire for their welfare. My friends, a positive

memorial to Kathleen's father would be to build a nation and a world centered on the value of human life and abhorred by the indiscriminate appeal to violence and hatred.

For Joseph Kennedy, age sixteen, and named for Bobby's brother Joseph, who was killed in a mission of World War II, and who now finds himself the man of the Kennedy household, *let us dedicate ourselves to the bringing of peace and brotherhood among nations, and an end to the tragedy of war* that took the life of his uncle. Senator Kennedy believed that we ought to make an honorable peace in Vietnam and, whether or not we agree with his policy in this regard, all of us, as Christians, must do our part to see that war becomes a thing of the past. Nation has risen up against nation too often. Bitterness and national hatreds have become too real and too dangerous for our twentieth century world. We are constantly threatened by the prospect of nuclear war, and certainly all the hearts of all people, the world over, cry out for some solution to the dangerous road we are taking. It will not be long before Joseph and other young men his age the nation over will be faced with the prospect of having to engage in the defense of our nation. Why can we not dedicate ourselves to the achievement of peace and national brotherhood that would require such a commitment? Jesus once said, "love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that despitefully use you and persecute you." A living tribute to men of peace is peace—and for Joseph's sake, let us achieve it.

For Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., named after his father and who at the age of fourteen looks so much like his wonderful mother, *let us consecrate ourselves to concern for the poverty stricken*. Let us not become so engrossed in our prosperity that we become apathetic toward the plight of our brothers. There are so many fourteen-year-old youngsters who do not have even enough to eat, and it is no wonder that they turn to delinquency and hatred. Bobby, Jr., is fortunate, but like all others his age, unless we

become concerned about the plight of those who have nothing, we may find him and all others his age suffering the tragedy of national destruction. It is when we become so prosperous that we fail to see the situation of the unfortunate that we destroy ourselves. As Christians we are called to "be our brother's keeper." Remember how Jesus said, "if ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brothers, ye have done it unto me." What have we done for Jesus lately? For Bobby Kennedy, Jr., and other youngsters his age, let us realize our collective responsibility to dispel hunger and poverty in America and throughout the world.

For David Kennedy, who at twelve is fast becoming a teen-ager, *let us dedicate ourselves to the destruction of hatred and bitterness that leads to discrimination, bigotry, misunderstanding and suspicion*. Percy Sutton, Manhattan Borough president, walked the streets of Harlem day before yesterday and heard the repeated cry, "Why, when someone wants to help us, is he killed?" No wonder there is misunderstanding and suspicion. Somehow, in the course of the next few months and years, our nation is going to have to come to grips with this national problem. We are segmenting our society because we refuse to live together as brothers. Attitudes must change. Actions must change. Concerns must change. David and others his age are entering the period of real understanding and they are confused—they cannot understand why we are so far apart simply because of racial differences. Let us change that confusion into concern and build a better tomorrow for these youngsters based on equality not only of human value but of opportunity and justice.

For Mary Courtney Kennedy, age eleven, *let us build a world centered on honesty, integrity and proper actions*. It is tragic to see youngsters of this age attempting to get what they want without proper concern for what is right, but more tragic to see parents who offer such actions as examples for their children. I attended a Yankee baseball game

the other day and saw youngsters who had paid for reserved or bleacher seats overriding the rules of the stadium and sitting in box seats, swearing at those stadium officers who sent them back to their proper seats. Such attitudes about values and honesty come from parents. And, my friends, we need to build a tomorrow based on the integrity of an individual's actions and attitudes. How can we expect to dispel all the hatred and bitterness when there are those who in selfishness and dishonesty refuse to abide by God's laws? Our children look up to us for examples and if we are dishonest, how can we expect them to be otherwise? For children such as Courtney let us instill such attitudes of honesty and integrity in our own lives and the life of our nation.

For Michael Kennedy, age ten, *let us build a society that values family life and the sanctity of marriage.* Certainly there is evidence of the joy of family solidarity in the Kennedy family, and yet these relationships have been interrupted twice by the wild insanity of an assassin. Perhaps if we could somehow realize that family life is so important for a growing creative society, we would not be plagued by the tragedy of the last few days. Young people, especially, need to recognize just how much family life means, but parents are the ones responsible for developing such attitudes. If we are to live as a family of Americans, loving one another in brotherly love, showing one another the respect that each human individual deserves, we need to develop this kind of relationship, starting with our own families. True family solidarity begins with the sanctity of marriage and its permanency—and it develops into relationships that are lasting and loving. For the sake of Michael and other ten-year-olds let us realize our responsibilities to our own families and the family of humanity.

For Mary Kerry Kennedy, who at age eight has seen what violence can do, *let us build the kind of society that praises accomplishment and effort.* At the baseball game the other day the fans made it a point to "boo" anyone that did not

come up to their expectations. What kind of society are we if we ridicule and laugh at—boo or heckle—one who is sincerely trying to do his or her job, even if they fail? It is time we realized that not all of us are perfect—that we all have faults that make it impossible for us to really be the kind of people we ought or want to be. It is time we built a society of cooperation and co-effort to bring about success for everyone and strengthen our society by encouragement and mutual support, rather than destroying our society through ridicule and harassment. For Kerry and those her age, let us pray for a spirit of appreciation for success.

For Christopher Kennedy, who at age four probably does not fully realize the enormity of the sorrow his family is experiencing, *let us shed the religious apathy that embraces our society.* The Kennedy family is deeply religious—perhaps that is why they can bear the fact of tragic death so well. But what about the majority of our people in America? We say we are a nation "under God" but we fail to move the world and we prove our religious apathy and unconcern by breeding an atmosphere that can find expression through assassination. We need, as a memorial to Robert F. Kennedy, to have a rebirth of religious fervor—fervor that finds its true colors in personal involvement in doing God's will and bringing others into a relationship with Christ. We need to respect each other's religious views and build a nation which, indeed, can be said to be "under God," and God alone. We need to do this for young children like Christopher.

For Matthew Maxwell Taylor Kennedy, who is age three, *we need to build a tomorrow that is based on morality and decency.* Children cannot grow up to be decent, worthwhile citizens of our nation if their minds are corrupted by the immorality of previous generations. What some are suggesting as the "new morality" is nothing other than the old immorality, and it can destroy the fiber of our nation and destroy individuals.

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Beacon Editor

Here is a letter that the editor of the Beacon sent to all pastors. We share it with you in the hope that all Sabbath Recorder readers will also become Beacon readers.

Dear Pastor,

Editorship of the *Beacon* has just changed hands and in an attempt to promote this publication, which should be very important to each Seventh Day Baptist young person, extra copies of the newest issue are being sent to each church. Will you please see that these are distributed among the young people and/or other interested people in your congregation?

I feel that the *Beacon* is our best means of outreach to the youth of our denomination and hope that you, as pastor, will help to encourage participation of all youth in your church in National SDBYF membership, and of interested persons in *Beacon* subscriptions.

Individual copies of the *Beacon* are sent to all members of the National SDBYF. Others may subscribe for the price of \$1.00 per year. Subscription orders may be sent to Mr. Lyle Sutton, Almond, N. Y. 14804, or to me, Jane Harris, R.D. 1, Bridgeton, N. J. 08302.

Thank you for your cooperation in this effort, and if you have any suggestions in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jane Harris,
Editor.

Central Association Camp

Camp Harmony, the Central New York Association youth camp, will be held this year at the same convenient location as last year, the Free Methodist Camp Grounds within the village limits of Adams Center. The dates are July 1-7, including Independence Day. The theme, appropriate for the dates will be "Let Freedom Ring," with the emphasis, of course, on the freedom enjoyed by those whom Christ has set free. The camp fee is \$15. The instruction and leadership listed in the publicity is as follows:

Group I—"Principles of Christian Living" and "What We Believe"—Pastor Hays.

Group II—"God's Hand Seen in Nature" and "Our Heritage and History"—Pastor Swing.

Group III—"Speaking for Christ" and "Making God's Sabbath Meaningful"—Pastor Richards.

A Beacon Agent in Every Church

The new editor of The Beacon, Jane Harris, writes about the establishment and responsibilities of a Beacon agent.

I. Elect an agent as a regular officer of youth group (or Sabbath School if no youth group) annually.

II. Submit name and address of the agent immediately to Miss Jane Harris, R.D. 1, Bridgeton, N. J. 08302.

III. Responsibilities of agent:

A. Inform Jane of the number of copies of *Beacon* needed (\$1.00 subscription price per year).

B. Distribute *Beacons* to home group. Be sure that each member receives one.

C. Submit and collect articles and pictures for *Beacon* from your own youth group every two months; send to editor by the 15th of that month.

D. Keep in contact with Lone-Sabbathkeepers in area, getting articles from them and seeing that they get copies of *Beacon*.

E. Keep eyes open for feature articles.

IV. If your church youth are small in number we still wish you to have a *Beacon* agent. This allows you a way to keep in contact with other churches, and a way for them to know about you. There are also many adults in your church who enjoy reading the *Beacon*.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 29, 1968

PATIENCE AND PRAYER

Lesson Scripture: James 5:7-16.

Honoring Our Graduates

Some of our churches have for many years followed a practice of honoring their graduates in a special way. For instance, Los Angeles has a semiformal banquet for them. Others do the same. It makes a good substitute for school banquets or other celebrations that may be at a time or of a character not consistent with our church standards.

It is noted in the Los Angeles bulletin for June 1 that the banquet would be held that night in Fellowship Hall: "First of all we will enjoy a delightful meal planned and prepared by The Builders. Our own trio will provide music for our dining enjoyment. Mrs. Betty Arthur will impart to us some of her enthusiasm for the Lord in word and song. Then we will thrill to the dynamic witness for Christ in the two Billy Graham films: 'Triumph at Tokyo' and 'Billy Graham in Alabama.' Come and share in the food, fellowship and blessing."

Those who planned this program honored the graduates for their significant achievements and challenged them to spiritual endeavors yet before them.

A Good Time at Fort Lauderdale

Here are the comments of a college student in the East as written at Fort Lauderdale during Easter vacation.

"I did not come to Fort Lauderdale with IVCF. I hitchhiked down with four other fellows and we were split up on the way. I arrived with plans to really live it up.

"I can see now that it was the Lord's leading that I didn't find my buddies. Instead I met some really on the ball Inter-Varsity kids. They impressed me and challenged me. I am a Christian but have never done anything with my life. I didn't know Christians could have such good times . . . especially in witnessing. I didn't lead anyone to Christ, but I spoke to several kids and I can't believe the joy and challenge in this. I thank the Lord for bringing me here because I had a great time and I pray that the Lord will continue to use me and that I will grow in Him."

—Involved.

Demonstrating Students

A group of students who went early from North Carolina to the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston in order to demonstrate at the Pastor's Conference were welcomed. These students wanted to see more involvement in social issues but described their march as "a non-disruptive silent vigil carrying placards." They did not want to be considered beatnik types.

Pastors and other leaders listened sympathetically and encouraged the students. One student leader, Roger Sharpe, who had criticized the church, later stated:

"Maybe there is hope for our nation, our world . . . Above the smoke of our burning cities, beyond the hate of our human hearts, across the chasm of our divided, disordered society, I do see hope, for I see a cross that still stands in the smoldering ruins of our generation.

"We must not, and will not fiddle while America burns."

Good Student Fails

It's too bad. Jim had it made. Personality, initiative, a college degree with honors. Success and the "good life" were his for the asking.

Now look at him. Back-packing across some jungle river. Giving his life to a tribe of pre-literate Indians barely out of the stone age. Painstakingly creating a written language from an unintelligible babble of sounds. Working night and day translating the pages of the New Testament. Exposing the senselessness of superstition and ignorance. Relieving pain and introducing the possibility of health. Building a bridge of love and understanding to an alienated and neglected people.

And to think . . . Jim could have been a success.

The above advertisement—a strange kind of ad which goes on to ask if there are any bright young students interested in this kind of failure or success for themselves. They are urged to get in touch with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Box 1960, Santa Ana, Calif.

Youth . . .

TIME OUT

Young people want action—exciting action—action which produces results in their studies, work, or pleasures. Young people like sound—much sound—sound with rhythm—even sound combined with action. All this is natural with most young people—this was true with us, who are now less young, when we were among the youth.

In the midst of all this action and sound, young people, and older, need also provide time for silence—time to tune one's inner spirit with the Spirit of God. In the experience of Elijah (1 Kings 19), after the wind, the earthquake, and the fire, he heard "a still small voice" (verses 11, 12). The psalmist quotes God as saying, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: 10).

Whether one is young, or less young, or reaching the golden seniority of life, each of us needs the quiet experience of the presence of God. It is with such "tuning in" of our spirits with God's Spirit that we can best strengthen ourselves to rightly use the action and sound which is so much the part of life.

(Trevah R. Sutton, El Paso, Texas)

Promising Young Person Wanted

Last summer the secretary-editor received a personal letter of Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United, 1633 Massachusetts Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, asking for the name of a promising young man who might like to work for POAU. The opportunity might still be open as the letter indicates.

"If you should run across some high school boy or girl who is needy, does not smoke or drink, is in the upper one-third of his or her class in high school, and has promise of being a fine Christian citizen or leader, let me have his or her name. I might be able to help this young person in the future. Our slate is set for this year, but it is not as easy as one might think to find a person who meets all of these qualifications."

Some Students Give, Others Demand

We have two kinds of college students in the United States, the committed Christians and the non-Christians. There is another distinction illustrated by what happened at the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) convention last December. There were about 9,000 college students and other eligible young people at that missionary convention. Their attitude was evidenced by their contributions to missionary work which totalled over \$92,000—better than \$10 each in cash or pledges.

The students creating disturbances in many universities and colleges do not have the attitude of giving but of demanding. Someone has pointedly remarked that the payment of tuition fees by the student does not convey title to the buildings of the institution. Fortunately there are in most of the universities chapters of IVCF. The Christian commitment of these students may be a contributing factor to the manifest loyalty to Christian standards of a high percentage of the students.

1968 Lewis Camp

Not all the ideas for conducting successful church camps have been tried. The leaders in New England in making plans for Junior and Senior programs at Lewis Camp have announced something new and interesting.

The camp facilities have not been used to full capacity in some recent years, partly due to the establishing of a second camp within the Eastern Association in South Jersey. This year Lewis Camp will take care of two camping programs at the same time, Junior and Senior. This sounds like a wise economy of facilities, cooks, and other staff. The two groups can be kept separate most of the time. The enthusiasm of greater numbers may add to the enjoyment. Camp leaders may give one week easier than two and can then devote their time to other church extension work. Possibly some other Association may find this plan workable.

Graham on Kennedy

Learning of the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy at 4 a.m., Billy Graham said he spent several hours in meditation and prayer. A portion of the statement he made that morning follows:

"Unless the nation turns to God and has a moral and spiritual bath, I think American democracy is in deep peril because the people are going to demand law and order above everything else."

Dr. Graham said he feels law and order is going to be the number one issue in the 1968 presidential campaign and he added, "The candidate who best convinces the public that he can bring about law and order is going to be elected."

A Memorial to Robert F. Kennedy

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Walk down 42nd street in New York City sometime—make a visit to a corner newsstand sometime — watch the commercials on television with a critical eye sometime. What can be seen is indeed shocking to any decent human being. What builds great nations and nations that continue to be great is the moral framework upon which they exist, and we need to build such a base for the generation of three-year-olds like Matthew now—in this day.

For Douglas Harriman Kennedy who just this March was one year old, *let us build a new "birth of freedom," based on individual responsibility.* Freedom cannot long last if those who desire it fail to live up to its responsibilities. Dissenters who disobey laws and turn to anarchy, whether they be at Columbia University, or at Berkeley, or at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, or outside a motel in Memphis, Tenn., or at the School Book Depository in Dallas, cannot achieve freedom by avoiding responsibility. The American dream can never be realized without the knowledge that one must submit to a higher power than himself—a higher power that demands one fulfill a certain responsibility. We all have "absolute freedom"—we can do as we please. But we can never be

really free as individuals and as a people until we recognize the awesome responsibilities that such freedom requires. Douglas Kennedy does not know it, but he lives in a nation that is supposedly dedicated to freedom—let's not allow him to be rudely shaken when he comes to the age of understanding by finding out that freedom has been lost.

And finally, for the one still unborn and unnamed—the child whose father will never hold him—*let us dedicate ourselves to bringing peace, brotherhood and love the world over.* All that we have prayed for this past week must ultimately come to us as a responsibility, and if we are to have peace and brotherhood and love we must offer ourselves, as did Robert F. Kennedy, to the proclamation of our faith and our dream. Fear must be dispelled. Hatred must vanish. Greed and selfishness must give way to concern and giving. Wars must cease. Apathy must turn into zeal for truth and purpose. Discrimination, misunderstanding, and suspicion must change to cooperation, understanding, and mutual respect and trust. Honesty and integrity must become the pattern of our lives. Families must be united and creative. Sincere effort must be praised and cooperation must become the accepted practice. Religious fervor must take over from religious apathy. Immorality must give way to decency and moral judgment. And, above all, freedom must find its true colors in the lives of responsible individuals dedicated to equality and success for all. May our prayers for the Kennedy family this day be translated into action which will make us mindful of our individual responsibility to make our world a better place for our children to live—and their children after them.

President on Prayer

"We cannot know what tomorrow will bring. We can know that to meet its challenges and to withstand its assaults, America never stands taller than when her people go to their knees."

—President Johnson at the 1968 annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for May 1968

	Treasurer's		Boards'			Treasurer's		Boards'	
	May	8 mos.	8 mos.	8 mos.		May	8 mos.	8 mos.	8 mos.
Adams Center ..\$	193.00	694.00			Middle Island ..	51.00	431.00		
Albion	49.76	565.80			Milton	785.27	6,294.91	75.00	
Alfred		3,020.22			Milton Junction ..	58.00	630.60	55.00	
Alfred Station ..	124.00	1,783.10			New Auburn		238.60		
Algiers					North Loup	400.00	1,410.00	69.18	
Assn. & Groups ..	321.50	701.93	420.13		Nortonville	503.50	1,426.93	75.00	
Battle Creek		2,731.67	60.00		Old Stonefort ..	15.00	225.00		
Bay Area		340.00			Paint Rock	56.40	364.53		
Berlin	133.00	1,016.52			Pawcatuck	1,065.54	4,185.26	117.20	
Boulder	53.38	558.40	25.00		Plainfield		2,138.14	41.00	
Brookfield 1st ..	70.00	672.25			Putnam County ..				
Brookfield 2nd..	62.50	796.75			Richburg	46.00	705.81		
Buffalo		415.00			Ritchie	57.43	288.93		
Chicago	12.50	422.50			Riverside	498.28	3,561.57		
Daytona Beach..	200.00	965.25			Roanoke		6.00		
Denver	259.70	1,645.10			Rockville	60.00	187.06		
DeRuyter	137.00	389.00			Salem	100.00	1,296.91		
Dodge Center ..		934.19			Salemville	40.00	331.09	6.00	
Edinburg					Schenectady		132.53		
Farina	16.25	297.78			Shiloh	481.65	4,243.43	49.60	
Fouke		55.00			Syracuse		47.00		
Hammond		32.26			Texarkana				
Hebron		440.25			Trustees of				
Hopkinton, 1st..		1,395.35			Gen. Conf. ..	190.40	190.40		
Hopkinton, 2nd ..		75.20	150.00		Verona	288.12	1,459.75		
Houston		159.89			Walworth	106.86	710.86		
Independence ..		499.70	15.00		Washington		450.00		
Individuals	30.00	616.00			Washington				
Irvington		1,311.50	200.00		People's		105.00		
Jackson Center..		500.00			Waterford	88.30	852.96		
Kansas City		328.50			White Cloud	112.24	441.25		
Little Genesee ..	136.85	1,033.97	20.00		Yonah Mt.				
Little Rock	32.52	177.21							
Los Angeles,	350.00	2,765.00	70.00		Totals	\$7,484.61	\$63,203.13	\$1,448.11	
Losk Creek		891.61			Non-Budget	145.00			
Marlboro	298.66	2,616.71			Total Receipts ..	\$7,629.61			
Memorial Fund ..									
Metairie									

MAY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 588.87
Historical Society	6.06
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund) ..	502.71
Ministerial Education	575.23
Missionary Society	3,141.68
Tract Society	919.16
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	33.33
Women's Society	117.17
World Fellowship & Service	95.40
General Conference	1,590.00
S. D. B. World Federation	60.00

Total Disbursements\$7,629.61

S U M M A R Y

1967-1968 Budget	\$126,603.00
Receipts for 8 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$63,203.13
Boards	1,448.11
	64,651.24
Amount due in 4 months	\$ 61,951.76
Needed per month	15,487.94
Percentage of year elapsed.....	66.66%
Percentage of budget raised	51.06%

Gordon L. Sanford
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LET'S THINK IT OVER

Looking Back

In the light of the present pressure on Congress to do something about poverty and hunger in our nation it is interesting to look back to the first of August last year. The news was then commenting that the U. S. Senate had moved with great haste to pass unanimously a bill to provide food and medical services on an emergency basis "to prevent human suffering or loss of life." This action, the release goes on to say, was a quick response to reports that there are people in the United States who simply do not have enough to eat and cannot get the medical attention they need.

The bill thus unanimously passed called for \$75 million in the next two years. Poverty and sickness have not significantly increased since last August, but publicity of their existence has been greatly expanded. The pressure on Congress has now increased. The needs spoken of are astronomical by comparison. Some leaders, in spite of what has been voted in intervening months, are calling for upwards of \$4 billion. Wherever the proper balance in federal expenditures is, it should be diligently sought by those who have the good of our nation and of the world at heart. Stampeding is a tactic for dumb cattle, not intelligent congressmen.

"The road to pure doctrine cannot be driven over corpses." So writes Hans Kung, Catholic Swiss theologian, in a chapter on treatment of heretics. Nothing has hurt the Church and its unity so much as the lack of love shown in its violent treatment of heretics, he says.

Bible Reading Guide

JULY

	<i>Acts</i>	16 - 13: 1-12
1 -	1:12-2:13	17 - 13:13-52
2 -	2:14-47	18 - 14
3 -	3	19 - 15
4 -	4	20 - 16
5 -	5	<i>Acts</i>
6 -	6	21 - 17
		22 - 18
7 -	7: 1-53	23 - 19: 1-20
8 -	7:54-8:25	24 - 19:21-41
9 -	8:26-40	25 - 20: 1-16
10 -	9: 1-19	26 - 20:17-38
11 -	9:20-43	27 - 21: 1-36
12 -	10: 1-33	<i>Acts</i>
13 -	10:34-48	28 - 21:37-22:29
	<i>Acts</i>	29 - 22:30-23:35
14 -	11	30 - 24
15 -	12	31 - 25

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

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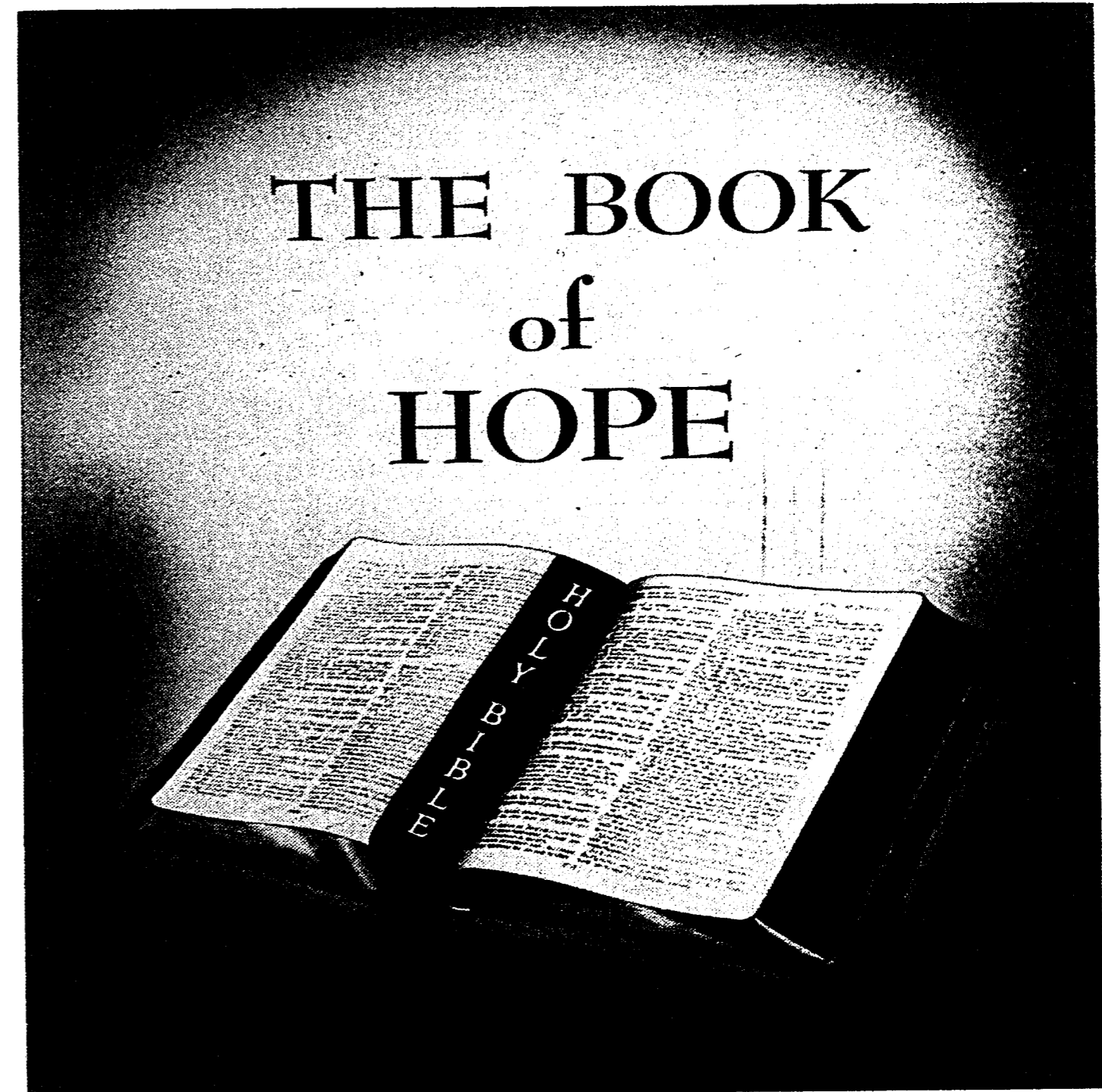
NEW AUBURN, WIS.

By Baptism:

Brent Perry
 Amy Nelson
 Debbie North
 William Mares
 Judy Mares
 Susie Mares
 Joe Mares

Obituaries

Churchward-Claussen.—Alton G. Churchward to Esther L. Claussen on Sabbath Day, May 11, 1968, at New Auburn, Wis.



Our Hope Is from the Book of Hope

Vacation Bible Schools begin. High school and older folks dedicate a portion of their summer to implanting the Word of hope in the plastic minds of children. Summer Christian Service Corps workers of college age, fresh from a training session, fan out across the nation to challenge other young people and adults with the message of hope from the Book. Summer church camp programs are ready. All are inspired by and seek to inspire others with the only hope for a troubled land and troubled world—the hope in Christ that we learn from "The Book of Hope."