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here—perhaps San Diego or Los Angeles or Riverside.

About that time I received a letter from a doctor and his wife in Phoenix who had gotten the name and address of our church in Los Angeles from the yellow pages of the phone directory. They were interested in becoming Seventh Day Baptists and wanted to know if we had a church or anyone they could fellowship with in Phoenix. I put them in contact with the Rev. Arlie Davis. He took it from there, and a small but dynamic fellowship was formed. They have since done some advertising and have had several responses.

That has been over a year ago now and they still are not large but they are encouraged. The group has even voted Mr. Davis a small monthly donation (I hesitate to call it a salary for it is much too small for that) to encourage him and show their appreciation for his labors. Basically all who are involved are supporting themselves and making whatever contribution they can to get the fellowship growing. Again the effort is small—but there are some in our Los Angeles church who can remember that it has not been but about 25 years ago that we were nearly as small as the San Diego or Phoenix fellowships.

Seattle Settlement

My vision shifted! That great light in the distant north! Ah! That is Seattle. There, very recently, a fellowship has been established under the sponsorship of the Pacific Coast Association. Pastor Glen Warner and his wife Sherry were sent there to see what they could do after reports indicated there was sufficient interest on the part of several people to warrant an attempt to get a group together there. Pastor Warner and Sherry were dedicated at the fall association meeting to this specific task. Glen is officially the Pacific Coast Association

field pastor and will be working in other areas some but his major thrust for the present is Seattle. Recently a letter from Glen tells of an attendance of 22 people at each meeting. These are comprised mostly of young families with children. Since that time another young family has moved from Riverside to join hands in helping to establish this witness for our Lord. More interest is being discovered each week. They now have assurance of a meeting place in a Baptist Church which allows them to use their facilities for a small rental. The group has elected a treasurer and is saving its money for the eventual purchase of a church property. Praise the Lord! It looks great!

I am confident that the Lord is going to make it possible for many new fellowships of Seventh Day Baptists to spring up all over the United States even as in other places in the world. More and more interest is being expressed in the Sabbath from all parts of the country. The time has come for us as a people to believe in outreach and evangelism and to set about the task of seeing to it that new groups are promoted. Some vision and maybe a little capital investment, and a lot of prayer and encouragement from you in the local church will provide the avenue through which God will bless these isolated nuclei and cause them to grow. The world needs Christ! The Sabbath is an important part of His will for His people. If you think you can not personally evangelize—then get active in getting your church to promote new fellowships. That is evangelism, too!

That is my vision which became more vivid last month on my flight back to Los Angeles which lasted only 23 minutes. I share the vision with you because I believe it is no disgrace to start small or even to fail. The only disgrace is if we don't start at all. The captain was right—it was a beautiful night for flying. The vision from up there was unlimited!

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Better Church Buildings

The year 1967 was one of the biggest for expenditure on church building projects although construction is said to be tapering off because of mounting costs. We have been spending nearly \$1 billion annually since 1960. It should be brought to our attention that this church building boom is unique to the United States. Other countries cannot build, enlarge and beautify as we have done. It is also sobering to note that all our building and all our emphasis on attractive atmosphere for worship have not resulted in any very noticeable increase in church attendance while in many poor countries that have to be content with grossly inadequate shelter-type buildings the attendance is better and the congregational heartbeat stronger.

John R. Scotford, writing on "The Aftermath of the Church Building Boom" in the December 27 issue of *Christian Century* questions the wisdom of such vast expenditures of money in these words: "They have gathered their money and put up their buildings, but the problems which plagued them in the old churches still confront them in the new. Salvation cannot be achieved through brick and mortar alone and, quite properly, questions are being raised: 'Were these vast sums spent wisely? Are there other ways in which they might have served humanity better?'"

The highly liturgical churches (Episcopal, for example) have traditionally built great cathedrals and stressed the worshipful atmosphere of high vaulted arches, magnificent windows, etc. Even to this day there are a few such cathedrals that have been under construction for forty years (like Herod's temple in Jerusalem). However, the present tendency of the Episcopal and the Catholic churches is to construct unpretentious, functional buildings where the common people can be reached. At the same time many of the denominations that previously emphasized simple buildings called meeting houses rather than churches or cathedrals have become obsessed with the idea that they must mortgage themselves for years to come in order to have elaborate sanctuaries and costly visible aids to worship. What will future historians write about

MEMORY TEXT

And Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world. —John 4:42.

the Baptists aping the Episcopalians and the liturgical churches discovering the past strength of the Baptists?

What should be the self-applied tests for church building? One test, of course, is what the congregation can afford while at the same time using its major financial and spiritual resources for the furtherance of the gospel. To neglect missionary work to pamper our own tastes for one hour a week is not only of doubtful Christian validity, it is also dangerous to our church health. Are we really beautifying our building in order to attract unconverted people? We had better face that question. Will we love our neighbors more when we have a better edifice?

We hear occasionally of churches that had started a building fund and then, seeing the desperate need on some mission field, gave away their accumulated money so that several congregations could have shelter from the rain. This may not be the thing for all to do, but the spirit is commendable.

We are reminded as we read the Scriptures that the time when the Christian Church was at its best was the time of persecution in the first and second centuries when it was impossible to have any building that could be called a church. To be sure, the Hebrew people at several times in their history had a beautiful temple (in one place only). In the dispersion they had to worship in simple synagogue structures. The Christian Church showed its virility by being quite independent of church buildings. It could be observed that decay, decadence and formalism came to the Christian Church when it was rich, protected, and free to build for show and not for need. Let there not be a repetition of this among us in the middle of the Twentieth Century.

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Let's Look at Ourselves

Most of us work for someone else. Ours is an industrialized economy in which vast numbers of people work under one management to produce some product like an automobile. There are no longer many one man or one family enterprises. Thus we have the delicate problems of paying adequate wages for work done and giving good measure of time and labor for the wages received. It comes down to the basic question of what kind of man I am, not whether I am wearing a white collar or a blue work shirt. There are good men and bad men in both the white and the blue, and there is a good deal of unnecessary distrust because of the difference in outlook.

It is often contended by the unions that better pay and better working conditions will induce a laboring man to be more productive and therefore will benefit both management and labor. A disturbing note comes from statistics released by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. They say: "During the past year, the cost of labor in manufacturing increased an average of 5 per cent, a direct reflection of sizable wage gains combined with a much lower rate of production per man-hour." That last phrase confirms what we often suspect, that the average man, who gains new benefits through strikes, develops an unhealthy attitude and frequently cheats his employer by deliberately slowing down production. It is rather rare in our current situation to find men who are willing to work up to capacity. If this be true, then it is no wonder that industry seeks to replace undependable men with dependable machines. Only thus can industry meet competition and keep inflation within bounds.

We who are Christians are on both sides—some in management, some below the management level. Wherever we are our Lord calls us to be truly Christian. More than that, He calls us to evangelize. Never has there been greater evidence of selfishness, greater need for spreading the gospel. In our day we must show that men can be more dependable than machines.

Relief Agencies

Most of us must confess that we have a bit of trouble keeping straight all the relief agencies that seem to be swamped with opportunities to serve but lacking sufficient funds to meet the need. Appeals are many. We may not always choose wisely or may possibly not give as much as we could just because we do not know which cause needs funds the most or which most nearly represents the purposes that seem most worthy and are most efficiently operated. Some large agencies that meet these qualifications are not too well-known.

Did you know, for instance, that the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals has a truly great relief program in Vietnam and in Chile has taken over virtually all Protestant relief? There it works in cooperation with the government on housing and urban revitalization, agricultural training, flood and fire control. In Korea the NAE World Relief Commission serves 40,000 meals daily to orphans and works with the government in the reclamation of 40,000 acres that will support 10,000 to 15,000 refugees.

It is reported that a substantial Thanksgiving offering from the Pentagon's Protestant Chapel was recently turned over to the Pentagon offices of Chaplain (Col.) Wayne E. Soliday for special relief work in Vietnam under this World Relief Commission. In Vietnam food and clothing are supplied. In addition a school is operated to train the refugees in preparation for the time when they can go back to their villages. Local village leadership is scarce and timid because of the terrorist activities of the Viet Cong.

DEATH TAKES L. H. NORTH

The man who spent a major portion of his life as manager of the publishing house of the American Sabbath Tract Society, found time to be secretary of the Memorial Fund, to head up ministerial retirement, to be treasurer of the Plainfield church, and to serve in many other ways, was only partially retired when he died quietly at the age of 85, January 29, after a few weeks of serious illness.

President's Column

Yoked by Christ in Mission

Themes for Conference arise from many sources and find many uses in local churches, personal hopes, and social relations, as well as unifying Conference week programs, and supplementing the denominational programs.

When Jesus, our Christ, is recorded as using a simile only once, modern man easily misjudges the importance of that symbol in Jesus' experience. The comparison of a yoke—either a one-man or two-oxen yoke—to mission and fellowship is recorded only in Matthew 11:28-30.

Knowing that Jesus grew up in a carpenter's family, we should assume His familiarity with both yoke-building and yoke-bearing. In my mind I can easily visualize Jesus frequently drawing lessons from the yoke, and stubborn hearers often passing off the lessons as "too ordinary, too demanding, too inglorious, or too everyday!"

It has been exciting for me as '68 president to see among our churches the rich and varied development of the theme "Yoked in Mission, Facing Frontiers with Faith." The depth and breadth of sermonic, program, and art development quickly testify to the yoke as a lively symbol of our Father's binding love toward men and among men, to which Jesus had a full commitment.

A development of the yoke theme was provided in the January 8 *Recorder* by the editor after kind consultation with me. Mr. Maltby effectively invites us to realize the disciplines of steady Christian mission.

Pastor Marion Van Horn overprinted (in green) his church stationery with a large yoke on the beam of which were two rings. In December, when visiting the Langworthy farmstead (with Deacon Lynn) in search of a yoke to be used at Conference, I learned two rings were used by many farmers. One ring held the tongue of the wagon or sled being hauled, giving the load direction harmonious with the path of the oxen. The other ring was

chained to the wagon to carry the power from oxen to load.

Churches and Christians need to be yoked by Christ in both direction and load-bearing. If, as the letter to the Hebrews declares, Jesus is Perfect Priest, He is reverently, lovingly, and wisely putting on us the yoke of His Father's mission.

(COMING SOON: The relation of "Hebrews" to "Yoked in Mission, Facing Frontiers.")

—David S. Clarke.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL ISSUE

The February special issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*, in two colors, was completed on time and mailed to all who ordered in advance. The theme of this issue is "Communicating the Gospel." Nearly 7,700 copies were printed. Some church leaders neglected to get their orders in before the first press run. Late orders will be filled in the order received until the small surplus is exhausted. Better hurry!

The next special issue is due the first of May with Miss Florence Bowden of Shiloh, N. J., the capable editor. The first of March, the Board of Christian Education will be emphasized in another blue ink number in our series of emphasis issues. The first of April brings a second *Mission Notes* number, which will be sent to the combined mailing list.

OUR COVER

The 1967 YEARBOOK looks different, with its emphasis on Facing Frontiers with Faith on the outside as shown on the cover of this issue. The new YEARBOOK is different in its information. It is more usable, a valuable reference book that ought to be in every Seventh Day Baptist home. It is sought after by many outside our denomination who want to know about our work and plans. It contains all the action taken by our people at Conference, reviewing past work of all boards and agencies, and planning work and structure for the frontiers ahead. At the subsidized price of \$2 it is a bargain. Order direct from the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House or through your church.

YOUTH...

What Is Worship?

It is the soul searching for its counterpart—
It is a thirsty land crying for rain.
It is a candle in the act of being kindled.
It is a drop of water in quest of the ocean.
It is a man listening through a tornado for the "still small voice."
It is a voice in the night, calling for help.
It is a sheep lost in the desert pleading for rescue.
It is the same sheep nestling in the arms of the Good Shepherd.
It is the Prodigal Son returning to his father.
It is a soul standing in awe before the mystery of the universe.
It is the poet enthralled by the beauty of the sunrise.
It is the workman pausing for a moment to listen to a strain of music.
It is a hungry heart seeking for love and understanding.
It is time flowing into eternity.
It is our little selves engulfed in the universal self.
It is a man climbing the altar stairs to God.

(Author unknown)
Rev. Everett Harris.

What's a Friend?

A friend is a close companion, a person in whom you trust, someone you respect and can ask advice from. Friends are like gloves in a snowstorm. You have them only if you make an effort to find them and buy them. Then they are no good to you unless you take them with you and use them. Without gloves, your hands get cold; without friends your heart becomes cold. They last a long time if you take good care of them and do not misuse or misplace them.

Have you bought any friends recently? If not, I have already found a real bargain for you. Christ said, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." The only price we have to pay is to obey Him. Can you afford to be without Him?
—Larry Brannon.

Good News for Modern Man

In its constant search to produce the Word of God, without notes, for people in their own language, the American Bible Society discovered a grouping of over ten million in the United States who spoke English as a "second language." The common versions did not readily convey the meaning of the message, giving real understanding that would lead to personal action in response. To meet

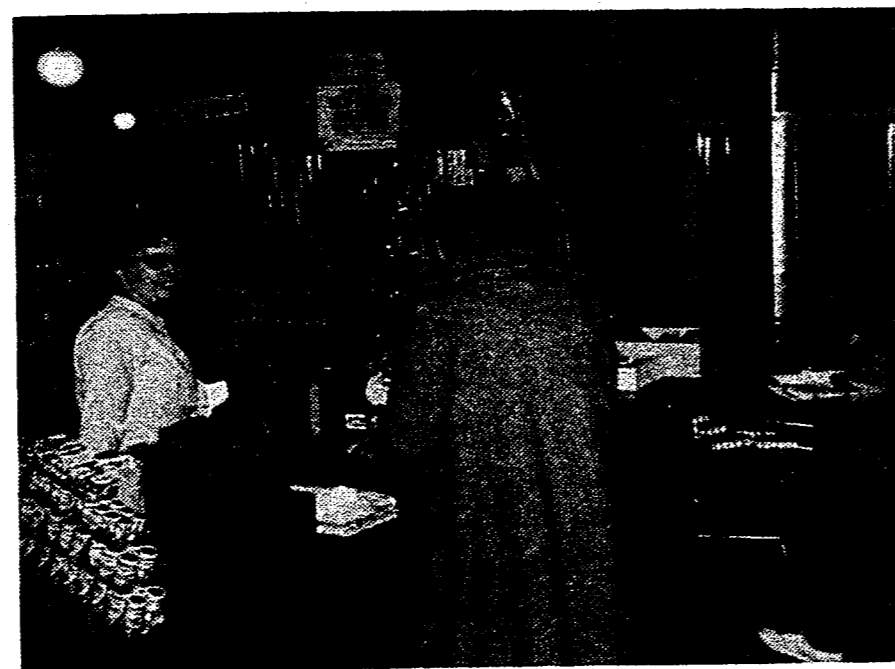


this need, Today's English Version (TEV), more commonly known as *Good News for Modern Man*, was first published in the fall of 1966. It became in one year a runaway best seller with over eight million copies in print.

Youth particularly found *Good News for Modern Man* speaking to them. The meaning of the gospel became more apparent. And, thus it was that the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship undertook the distribution, door-to-door, of Today's English Version in the days just prior to Christmas. The aim? To place in each home in Brookfield and Leonardsville a copy of the New Testament in modern speech.

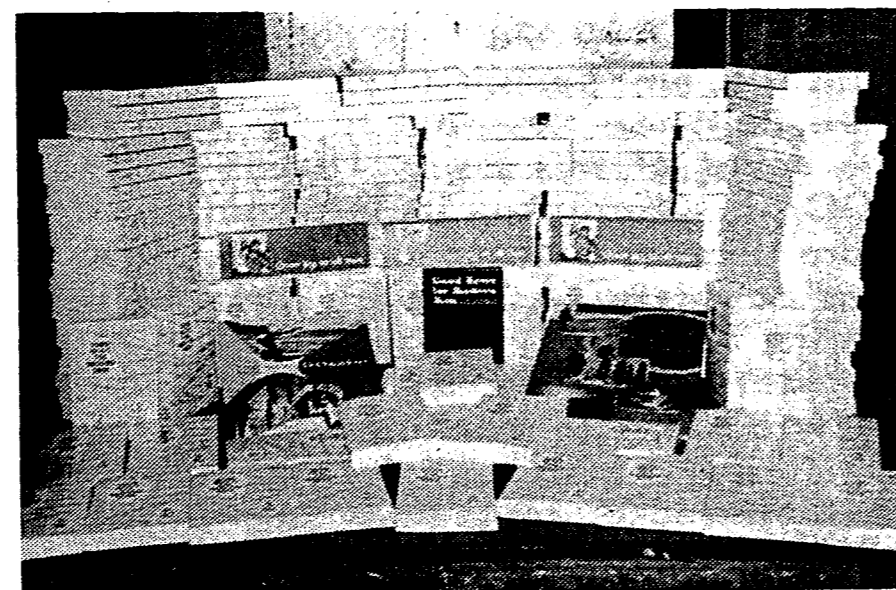
Since some people might not be open to "buying" a copy, it was decided that each home should be given one and those who desired would be asked to contribute to their expense. Also it was realized that some homes might not be open to non-Roman Catholic Testaments. It was discovered, however, that *The Illustrated New Testament*, published in magazine-like form by the Bible Society in King

James and Revised Standard Versions, was also available in the Confraternity Edition. Samples of these were shown in many homes and orders taken in place of TEV.



The country store still exists in the upstate New York village of Brookfield. It can be a center for almost everything. Noted as a place to talk over the latest local news, it can also be a center for advertising and distributing *GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN* as people gather around the warm stove. On the left is a view of the little store with customers waited on by the cooperative proprietor. On the right is a poster telling about the Bible distribution.

Articles in the local weekly — *The Brookfield Courier* — and posters in both communities announced the distribution. Special Christmas Bible Society portions were imprinted, and, along with the tract, *What and Why Are Seventh Day Baptists?* placed in each copy.



Testaments Ready to Go

More people were receptive, welcoming us into their homes and contributing generously. It is estimated that over 80%

of the homes were reached. Most of those missed were where adult members were all away working and even call-backs were not successful. Over 200 New Testaments — TEV and Illustrated — were thus distributed.

The long range, and more profound result, is yet to be seen. Will they be read? A few personal contacts encourage us. Will they be obeyed? Will the Gospel of Jesus Christ reach hearts that have yet to know His love? It will take time, and eternity, to fully answer these questions.

Yet the "seed"—the Word—has been sown. And the joy of sowing has been seen in the lives of those who thus gave of themselves, in faith, to this task. We pray fruit will be seen.

Bible reading, daily, is being encouraged through the publication of the New Testament Reading Guide in the *Courier* each week. And, as opportunity presents itself, we have a point of conversation, of inquiry, of concern, for our neighbors that have within their homes the Good News and who, we trust, may receive it within their hearts by faith as well.

—Leon R. Lawton.

Student Christian Conference

During the Christmas holidays at exactly the same time there were two national student meetings held under different auspices, with different outlook, and results that were far from the same. One was the Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois, which drew an attendance of 9,000 (mostly committed Christian students). This is reported by one of the Seventh Day Baptists in attendance, Nancy Brannon, who testifies of its life-changing effect on many.

The other was the Student Christian Conference, drawing 3,000 delegates from campuses across the country and around the world to Cleveland, Ohio. It was the first conference of the University Christian Movement, successor to the Student Christian Federation, which has met every four years. The University Christian Movement unites the former NSCF, the National Newman Student Federation,

the National Federation of Catholic College Students, and interdenominational campus ministries. It is related to the National Council of Churches.

The students were urged to participate, not just listen. This they did, according to the *Religious Newsletter* report which is captioned, "Innovations and Protest Mark Student Christian Conference." The teach-ins, the discussions, the "highly unconventional" worship services and a litany written by Leon Howell, a UCM officer, encouraged the students to some unconventional protests and demonstrations. The litany called for a congregational response:

"Help us stop the war; Help us to change our sick society. . . ." Eight students, prepared to take the consequences, turned in their draft cards at the "Vietnam Worship Service."

There were also the demonstrations—one at the Cleveland Sheraton Hotel protesting the presence of Dow Chemical representatives who were scheduled to interview students seeking jobs, a sit-in protesting use of napalm, and a march by a small group to the city Federal Building to protest the Vietnam war. In a different mood were two jazz worship services and the conference's New Year's party.

When one observer (undoubtedly over 30) called it "a hippie convention," the Rev. Eugene C. Best of the Newman Apostolate, declared: "No! These are concerned Christians." Mr. Clough agreed, calling the gathering "a cross-section of the students on our campuses today."

There are two kinds of students at our universities, as is evidenced by these two gatherings—some of those with Christian convictions are interested in protests, thousands of others are interested in carving the gospel to the far-flung mission fields.

—Editor.

God's opinion of us can't be very good, but His attitude is good—He loves us. Our attitude toward others should be love, regardless of our opinion of them.

—Ira Bond.

GOD'S MEN

From All Nations to All Nations

By Nancy Brannon

(Impressions of IVCF Missionary Convention)

Nine thousand college students, missionaries, ministers, and Christian workers from 45 countries of the world met for the Eighth Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention held December 27-31, 1967, on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana. Appropriately, the theme was "God's Men—From All Nations to All Nations." The convention is sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and is held once every three years (once a college generation) to help young people who are searching for something to find reality—in becoming disciples of Christ.

The convention schedule was extremely full, but provided a balance of biblical instruction, intellectual stimulation, and dynamic spiritual challenge so that every student, whether he came a Christian or not, could hardly escape being brought into a vital relation with God and with His purposes worldwide. Each day started in small group Bible studies in the dorms. This was followed by Dr. John Stott's daily Bible expositions on the Second Letter of Timothy. These were very stimulating and made each realize even more the *richness* of God's Word, if we are willing to dig it out. In the afternoon a panel of leading Christian men in the world today discussed some of the burning questions which the people of the world are asking about Christianity at this time.

Two of the afternoons were set aside for special elective courses on subjects like Christian anthropology, education, church development, personal and mass evangelism, journalism, linguistics, mass media, medicine, and various aspects of missions. Other lectures and sermons by missionaries and evangelists, plus a lot of singing, were squeezed into the other hours of each day. Each day was closed with the small prayer groups in the dorms.

During "spare" hours, Inter-Varsity Press had several stations set up where one could browse and buy Christian

literature, including books like *Take My Life* by Michael Griffiths and *How to Give Away Your Faith* by Paul Little, both of which have revolutionized my life. In addition there were individual exhibits representing over 100 missionary boards and agencies presenting various avenues of Christian service.

The New Year's Eve service was especially impressive when 450 young men, officers in Inter-Varsity chapters throughout the world, served Communion to the 9,000 attending the convention. The Holy Spirit was especially near in those closing moments of the convention as prayers were lifted to God in adoration and praise and in petition for the Lord's guidance in individual lives.

It is impossible to describe how one can feel unity in such a large group of unfamiliar faces, but there was! This unity was not because we were all members of the same denominational organization, but because we were all members of the Church of God, having a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and a conviction that this faith is worth sharing. Eric Fife, convention director, challenged us with these words, "Seldom have so many Christians gathered together with such a group of leaders in His Church worldwide. Our responsibility is great; our opportunity is as great as our God. Let's be ready and willing in the days of opportunity."

NEW CHURCH ON COAST

At a meeting held by common consent by the Seattle Fellowship on January 27, 1968, the following resolution was adopted: "The Sabbathkeeping Christians in the Seattle area believe the time has come to organize a church known as the 'Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church' and we proceed to organize one." The group then decided to set the date of the organization as March 2, 1968. Four committees have been established.

Seattle Fellowship Bulletin.

Pastor's address: 24207 — 98th South, Kent, Wash. 98031

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Dr. Burdick Shares Makapwa News

Dr. Victor Burdick has provided news of interesting happenings and doings at Makapwa. The following paragraphs are quoted from his letter of November 19, 1967.

"I guess we have told you about our new car which we got on the 6th of November—a Fiat 850, two-door compact. We've paid about half from our own resources, and hope the sale of our old Land Rover will cover the rest. The Fiat Agency will try to sell it, though they wouldn't take anything but a Fiat on a trade-in. The Land Rover always used a lot of gas (about 11 miles per gallon on our roads and hills), and lately has needed more repairs. We bought it for our roads in the rain, but found we often had to use the bigger Station Land Rover in the mud because the smaller one was too light. So we thought we might just as well have comfort and economy for the dry roads, and use the Station Land Rover in the rains. Trade-in is best, economically, at about 15,000 miles, and we hope now we can exchange every year or two to avoid the "old-car" repair bills. Right now, even on our roads, we're getting 35 to 40 miles a gallon with the Fiat. The Land Rover doors are undependable, and both Markie and Vicky have had tumbles out—at fairly slow speeds, however, without serious injuries, thank God.

"Our engine troubles are over for a while at least—with David's help we set up the second diesel generator in place of the first, and are trying now to supervise more closely its maintenance. The Malawi Railways, in their factory, cast a new gear for our water pump, so that is now back in operation. No evidence has been forthcoming about the safe burglary—and most likely there won't be. We had received an unexpected gift of \$500 just the day before the robbery, which was more than enough to cover the loss (about \$450).

"The Shiloh, N. J., church has sent a gift for putting a permanent roof and ceilings on our school headmaster's

house, which is underway now. We're also putting a roof over the veranda of the clinic for more 'waiting room' for patients during the rains. In spite of lowering most of our fees for individual patients, the total fees for the month remain about the same, meaning that people are paying better. It shows also in the busier clinics we have these days. When some of the other projects are completed, we want to do some remodeling of our kitchen and bathroom. The children continue to enjoy the swimming pool—more so these hot days. Even daddy has had a couple of evening dips (after the crowd has gone home).

"Our Planning (Finance) Committee met last Wednesday, going over our proposed 1968 budget, altering and adopting. We're making plans for Mr. Makatanje's return in December from the Christian Writer's course in Zambia, expecting him to produce our present literature—Sabbath School quarterlies, tracts, etc.—and to start a Newsletter. (He has returned with considerable enthusiasm gained from his experience and from the ideas presented to him in the course.) Rules for loans were studied and accepted. We're going to try to put aside most of the government medical refund money towards an exchange of the Station Land Rover for something better later on.

"I'm writing from Malamulo where I'm covering for Dr. Stecker, who needed a break and has gone to Rhodesia for 10 days. It's sort of a change for me, too—busier with more actual medical/surgical work, and with no administrative or bookkeeping responsibilities. I sleep and breakfast at Dr. Stecker's house, eat other meals around at the several missionary homes here, and buzz about on the portable motor scooter they bought to carry in their "Flying Doctor" airplane. Dr. Harvey, now widowed, returns in January, so Dr. Stecker's load will be lighter. Beth finds it easier to keep the children at Makapwa rather than to come over here, and she can take care of most problems there at Makapwa, driving out for emergencies if necessary. Some of her work is lighter

when I'm away and not doing surgery. I miss them of course, but feel obliged to help out here at Malamulo since these doctors took care of our work in my absence on furlough last year."

Christmas and Other Events at Makapwa, Malawi

Mrs. Victor Burdick has sent a copy of a letter written to "the folks." We are taking the liberty to share some of that letter with the larger family of interested loved ones and friends across the denomination.

Mrs. Burdick has written, "We had our first Christmas tree in Africa, one we bought at Sears while there (in U. S. on furlough). The children all enjoyed the tree and it was something new to our African friends, especially at night with the lights.

"The Pearsons (Pastor and Mrs. David Pearson, Deborah and Joanna) came from Blantyre to spend Christmas Day. We held a service in the church in the morning, then had dinner together at our home. . . . The afternoon was spent in leisurely visiting. When we see the Pearsons in Blantyre we are usually rushing to do the many things that seem necessary on a town trip. . . . We had a nice Christmas but the day was one of the hottest of the year, it seemed. While the older ones visited, the children kept cool by frequent trips in and out of the pool.

"School closed the 7th of December. We shopped some for Vicky's clothes for St. Andrews. (Note: This is the school in Blantyre where he is attending, as he lives with the Pearsons.) The boys wear grey shirts and shorts, grey stockings with blue stripes around the cuff, blue and white ties, blue cap, grey pullover sweater, blue blazer, and blue trunks for swimming. We are grateful he will be living with the Pearsons, more so as the day draws near. School will begin the 29th of January. Joanie will enter grade one at Cholo, Mark will continue in the Nursery. Joanie will be happy to have Mrs. Pillans back again

"We don't remember just how much we went into detail about the drugs we found were disappearing from the phar-

macy under Mr Muula's charge. After we returned we sent Mr. Muula to Tanzania for commercial school. Then after taking over his work we found a lot had gone on that wasn't right. We called him back to answer for his work in our absence. He wrote in July he was returning. Then wrote again he wasn't, and was going to Uganda. So we never heard from him again, nor did his wife or father or mother. About 8:30 p.m. the night after Christmas, at the end of a very hard storm, someone knocked at the door. Answering it, we found Mr. Muula standing there. Anyway, to shorten things—he said he had come back, for he had found no peace in his heart for some time. He came out and admitted all the things we had suspected and told other things we didn't know. This is very unusual here, and other places, too, I guess. He didn't try to excuse himself in any way—simply that he had 'gone bad,' and now had returned for whatever punishment would be his. So it was a good opportunity to show how Christ forgives us as we confess our sins. It was a happy spot in the year for us to find one who had done wrong and was ready to confess on his own."

Greatest Crusade

Dr. Billy Graham closed his All Britain Crusade July 1. It was called the most penetrating evangelistic thrust in his 20 years of crusading.

In only nine days, he had spoken to more than one million people throughout the British Isles.

Nearly 40,000 people made their decision for Christ during his Crusade which was beamed from London's Earls Court Arena to 25 major cities by closed-circuit television. Also, many joined the Crusade through sound hook-up in 19 smaller towns, along with patients in 150 hospitals, homes for the elderly and institutions for the blind.

"—I think the Crusade may have had a greater impact on Britain than any we have ever conducted," said Dr. Graham. "The vast majority of people who attended from throughout the country were young people."

Secretary's Field Trip

The executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education plans a field trip to work with Seventh Day Baptist churches in the Southwestern Association, February 17-March 3.

Attendance will be made at the annual meetings of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, in Dallas, Tex., February 11-16. Participation is planned for the secretary with the Executive Committee of the Program Board of the Division, the Program Board of the Department of Educational Development, the National Denominational Executives in Christian Education Section, and the Commission on Administration and Leadership.

1968 SDB Camp Dates

The Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church reports that its summer camps are scheduled for the following dates: Day Camp, June 17-21; Senior, June 23-30; Intermediate, June 30-July 7; Junior, July 7-14; Primary, July 14-16.

From the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church bulletin comes the statement: "Association camps are June 16-30."

"The Church Chimes," publication of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, gives Pacific Pines Camp dates: Intermediate, June 16-23; Junior, June 23-30; Primary, June 30-July 3; Senior, July 3-7.

Christian Training School

Under the sponsorship of the Central New York Association, periods of instruction called "The Christian Training School" are being held January through March.

Those on the staff include the Rev. Leon R. Lawton serving as dean and ministers of the Association — Donald Richards, Ralph Hays, and Charles Swing.

The training activity is being promoted by the Missionary Committee of the Association, Lester Meldrim, chairman.

The purpose of the school is "to prepare ourselves by group and personal study to be more effective workers and witnesses for Christ. The emphasis will be on practical application in daily life."

The plan is "to meet in classes twice each month for at least two hours for instruction, discussion and reporting on experiences in service."

Classes will be held under the general headings of "The Christian Faith" and "The Christian Training."

The fee is \$1.00 and the school will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist room in the Church Center, Syracuse, N. Y.

Courses in Battle Creek Church

"A new venture in promoting Christ through teaching to be held in the social room of the church," was announced in the January 13th bulletin of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

All of the adults and teen-agers were urged to register for the courses which will be held January 16, 23, 30 and on February 6, 13, 20.

Books for the Pre-Easter Season

The Death and Resurrection of Christ by Nathan Soderblom, Augsburg Publishing House, paper, \$1.75.

Cross Words, sermons and dramas for Lent, by W. A. Poovey, Augsburg. Paper, \$1.95.

They Met at Calvary by W. E. Sangster. Cokesbury Press, \$2.00.

The Easter Story for Children by Ralph Sockman, Cokesbury, \$2.25.

A book that will have limited use but can be used in specific instances is a new one called *Recreation for Retarded Teen-agers and Young Adults* by Bernice Wells Carlson and David R. Ginglend. "A word of caution! A program designed to amuse and entertain retardates, or to keep them busy and out of harm . . . is not enough." This book summarizes the varied needs of the maturing retardate into a philosophy of recreation which can be applied by the recreational leader, parent, volunteer, or teacher to his own situation.

Abingdon Press, \$4.95.

New Director of Church Women



Miss R. Elizabeth Johns of New York City, has been appointed Director of Communications of Church Women United — a nation-wide movement of Christian women which is related to the National Council of Churches. Miss Johns,

formerly director of publications and training of the United Church of Christ's Council for Christian Social Action, will in her new post coordinate all publication activities of Church Women United and will develop various communications projects and programs.

The appointment was announced recently by Dr. R. H. Espy, general secretary, NCC. "Her training and experience are invaluable for the post to which she is now called," Dr. Espy said.

Recently she served as co-chairman of the U. S. Conference on Church and Society held under the sponsorship of the NCC in Detroit. Previously she had taken part in National Council and World Council of Churches projects and had attended the 1966 World Council Conference on Church and Society in Geneva, Switzerland.

Miss Johns began her professional life as a Family Welfare Association case worker in Baltimore, Md. Later she served as a faculty member of Antioch College. For 17 years she was affiliated with the National Y.W.C.A.

Miss Johns has a master's degree from Mt. Holyoke. She later studied at Yale Divinity School and Union Theological Seminary. She is president of the U. S. A. section of the Pan-Pacific South East Asian Women's Association.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 24, 1968

ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD

Lesson Scripture: John 10:7-18.

Look Up and Live

From the *Church Women United* comes word of the following programs on television which we recommend for your viewing. "Inventing Our Future" LOOK UP AND LIVE on CBS TV (10:30 a.m. EST).

February 11 — Demonstration of the reasons for the present shape of city living (and cities themselves) and how some people, working together, have managed to shape some parts of cities for human ends.

February 18 — A reporting and essay on what determines present economic, social and political forces on a world scale. How can technologies be used to develop the social system best for all? What spirit will move man to survive?

The February programs on the "Look Up and Live" series show how people have met issues in specific situations with significant impact, and illustrate how the values we hold shape our actions and our institutions, and also, how changes in our values can affect both. Place these February dates on your calendar. Watch each program carefully, and discuss the issues with your family and friends.

(News of this series did not reach the Women's Page editor early enough to publicize all of the February programs).

Catholic-Baptist Meeting

Recently there was held a Washington area meeting of 51 Baptists and Catholics in the First Baptist Church of Silver Spring, Md. It was a dinner meeting to promote understanding. The Catholics attended under the sponsorship of the Ecumenical Commission of the (Catholic) Archdiocese of Washington.

A Baptist pastor and a Catholic priest spoke on "Our Common Christian Witness—in Our Lives, Our Communities, and in the World." The Catholic spokesman said, "Years ago when Baptists and Catholics got together, we hoped for tolerance. Now we seek understanding."

The Catholic quoted a Baptist declaration of faith concerning the Bible, and said, "We can accept that." The Baptist proposed that the two groups could profit by developing Bible study classes in which both participate.

Washington Youth Go North



Newest church member, Barbara Dixon, (10th Grade) writes in appreciation of their guided tour of denominational headquarters (See story in January 29 issue).

Sunday, January 21, the Washington Seventh Day Baptist group took a most interesting trip to Plainfield, N. J. Upon arriving there, we went to the Seventh Day Baptist denominational headquarters building where Miss St. John guided us through the historical exhibits. We were met at the door by Rev. Victor Skaggs, and given a guided tour through the print shop which is in the rear building. Here we met Henry Poulin, who works in the print shop. He showed us the various machines that are used in printing the *Sabbath Recorder* and other literature. Mr. Maltby editor-secretary, took us through a room where the old *Recorders* are kept.

After a bite to eat we met Pastor Herb Saunders, who is the pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Plainfield. He gave us a tour through the Plainfield Church and explained the structures and the different features which make this church excellent in its symbolism. All in all it was a most enjoyable Sunday. More churches should do this type of thing. I'm sure they would find it just as enjoyable as we did.

The Washington Seventh Day Baptist youth group, would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those that went out of their way to make our day so enlightening.

In order that husband and wife get along well together, they must adjust to each other. It's not so between God and man. God does not adjust to man; man, obedient to God, adjusts to God.

—Ira Bond.

New College Admission Policy Pioneered by Alfred University

The college applicant who falls short of requirements for admission will get a second chance to prove he can handle a four-year college course through a new program being initiated by Alfred University called Operation Opportunity.

The program reflects a growing disenchantment with the long accepted indicators of ability to succeed in college: college entrance examination board scores, scholastic aptitude test results, high school grade and rank in class. College admissions officers have been guided almost exclusively by the maximum that past performance is the best indicator of future prospects.

But the admissions director of Alfred University, Robert A. Howard, believed there was a growing need for some alternative or supplement to the screening system which has grown increasingly rigid for a generation. He and his staff drafted a proposal. The plan drew their endorsement and the blessings of University President, Dr. Leland Miles, who is convinced that an embarrassing number of college rejects will turn out to be prominent leaders in some facet of American society 20 years hence.

Through Operation Opportunity, Alfred University will provide an alternative to outright rejection of an applicant whose qualifications fall short of commonly accepted standards.

Four categories of students are viewed as prospects for Operation Opportunity. One is made up of students whose academic achievement in secondary school is far below the level of ability indicated by standardized tests. A second group includes students whose personal problems interfered with normal academic achievement. A third category is comprised of the high school "plugger" who, by great effort, produced an academic record far superior to the level anticipated on the basis of scholastic ability tests. Veterans of the armed forces, who have been absent from formal education for a period of time, represent a fourth category.

Students accepted will attend a six-week residential summer school program held on the Alfred University campus concurrent with the regular summer school. They will take two courses for academic credit. One will be Freshman English and the other will be chosen from such fields as literature, philosophy, psychology, mathematics, science, mineralogy or computer operation, depending on the field in which the student hopes to major.

The courses will be taught by Alfred University professors, the same educators who teach the freshman courses during the regular college year. The professors will be faculty members who hold the Ph.D. degree, are experienced in the courses being taught, and who are devoted to the concept and goals of Operation Opportunity.

Students who successfully complete the summer courses offered under this special program will earn a place in the freshman class which enters in September. University sponsors of the program readily admit that they do not expect all who enroll to qualify for admission. But they contend that those who do will have met the minimum standard required of regular first semester Alfred freshmen and should be able to succeed in a regular collegiate program at the University.

There will be some gain even for those who do not succeed in the Operation Opportunity program, admissions personnel contend, in that they will have stronger evidence on which to base future plans. In addition, they will have had a sample of a total collegiate experience: academic, social and cultural.

IVCF

For 20 years Inter-Varsity students have witnessed to the grace of Jesus Christ at the University of Texas. This year's students thought the group too impersonal. Forty members showed up at a meeting for those interested in leading "fel" — or fellowship — groups. The idea worked—now students are first being attracted to the small groups, and then involved in the total chapter program.

NEWS NOTES

Among the 18 representatives of the Washington, D. C., church who visited the Seventh Day Baptist Building and publishing house January 21 were several members of the Chroniger family. Another member of that family is Ken Chroniger, a student at the Baptist Bible College of Springfield, Mo. He visited the Kansas City Seventh Day Baptist Church January 20 and brought the morning message "If Christ Be Lifted Up." According to the Kansas City church bulletin, "We appreciate his taking time to come up here to worship with us and bring us a message from God's Word." It will be recalled that this church does not now have a resident pastor. Clifford Bond (student pastor) went to a Rhode Island pastorate earlier in the month.

Little Genesee has a community center across the street from the church which is often used for church sponsored activities. On Saturday evening, January 27, all the fourth through sixth grade children of the community were invited to spend two hours in fun and games. On Sunday afternoon, the 28th, all the teenagers of the community were encouraged to join in the active games like basketball and volleyball. Harold King, dedicated worker, is serving now as pastor of the church until June.

Sam Studer, one of the Summer Christian Service Corps members last year, is to serve again next summer on a different sort of team and at a designated place. According to information in a church bulletin he is to be married at the end of May. He and his wife-to-be are scheduled to serve the Kansas City church during the summer of 1968.

A notice in the printed weekly bulletin of the National Baptist Memorial Church could be titled from our point of view "Gracious Cooperation." In listing events for each day of the coming week there is one activity for the last day of the week. The announcement reads, "Saturday, January 6 — 10:00 a.m. — Seventh Day Baptist Church meets in the Chapel."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ASHAWAY, R. I.—The classroom of the graded department of Sabbath School look very attractive, having been re-decorated during the vacation in August. November 25 was Homecoming Sabbath. Pastor Wheeler recognized those who have been members fifty years and over.

A large audience enjoyed the fine Christmas program featuring music, speaking, and tableaux as planned and directed by Mrs. Dorith Crandall. They then adjourned to the Parish House where presents were distributed from the Christmas tree, and refreshments were served. The community candlelight service Christmas Eve was held in our church with a large attendance.

Mrs. Dorith Crandall entertained the Ladies' Aid Christmas party with seventeen present. The two projects were "Multiply-the-dollar," which was to be used for improvements at the Parish House, and "White Christmas Gift," which was designated for a denominational project.

The annual church meeting was held January 7 at the Parish House. This was preceded by a fellowship dinner. The same officers were reelected, and Pastor Wheeler was unanimously voted to serve us again for 1968. Attendance at both dinner and meeting was very good.

The young people of Christian Endeavor recently held a book sale which was a success. The proceeds will be used for recreational projects.

—Correspondent.

SALEMVILLE, PA.—We held our business meeting in July. Officers were elected to serve the church for another year. We called John A. Camenga to be our pastor till September 1, 1968. The Camengas moved to Chester in September where he enrolled as a freshman in Crozer Seminary. Mrs. Camenga is an assistant teacher in the public school system at Chester. We are also pleased to have them become members of our church.

The pastor has arranged a "Sabbath welcoming service" for Friday evening worship services on the one or two week-

ends the Camengas are here. The Sabbaths that the pastor is not with us some laymen or an organization have charge of the services.

The Women's Society sponsored a bake sale and festival Labor Day evening.

We observed Worldwide Communion Sabbath in October.

Our annual Harvest Home dinner was held Sabbath, November 18, at which time the church presented the pastor and his wife a box of groceries and canned goods. A fellowship dinner was held in the social room of the church December 16. A white gift offering was presented to the pastor and his wife. At the afternoon meeting the children of the Sabbath School rendered a Christmas program.

The Junior C. E. Society is held each Sabbath afternoon with Beth Boyd as leader; Ella Lippincott and Mrs. Camenga are assistants.

To add to our worship programs a Junior Choir has been organized by Mrs. Camenga, with Beth Boyd as leader. They present a number each week. When we hear them lift their voices in song and praise, we cannot help but think of the quotation: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We have purchased new hymnals. This project was financed through gifts from members and a "hoagie" sale by the Live Branch class.

The Rev. David Pearson and family were with us for the weekend of July 8 for a Missioner meeting. Several of the meetings were in the Seventh Day Baptist Brick Church. Mr. Pearson delivered the message at the summer vesper services held July 9 at the Northern Bedford County School building sponsored by the Cove ministerium. We have contributed to the Microbus for Pastor Pearson to use in Blantyre.

We were happy to have friends drop in for our worship services during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis and Pastor and Mrs. Camenga's parents from Wisconsin were among those present.

—Correspondent.

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Obituaries

AYARS.—William, son of George and Alice Jeggers Ayars, was born in Bridgeton, N. J. March 8, 1899, and died of a heart attack in the Bridgeton Hospital, Jan. 11, 1968.

Mr. Ayars was a locomotive engineer with the Central Railroad of New Jersey for 50 years, working out of the Bridgeton terminal. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers and Brearily Lodge No. 2.

Surviving are: his wife Mary Curley Ayars; a daughter, Mrs. Owen Probasco, Shiloh; three sons, George W., Bridgeton, William J., Jr., Macon, Ga., and Lt. Commander James E. Ayars, Naval Air Service, Hanover, Mass.; nine grandchildren; an aunt, Mrs. Mae Russell, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Jan. 14, from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh with the pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in the Overlook Cemetery, Bridgeton.

—C. H. B.

BOSS.—Daniel W. was born in Bronson, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1875, and died at Gerber Memorial Hospital, Dec. 23, 1967.

He came to White Cloud at age five with his parents. On April 30, 1898, he married Olive A. Branch of White Cloud. To them were born three children, one son, Newman, preceding him in death. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Blanche Gallagher of Ionia; a son, Lemuel of Kalamazoo; a brother, Ralph of Holton; two sisters, Mrs. Goldie Meacham, Lansing, and Mrs. Susan Anible, Howell, all in Michigan.

Mrs. Boss was a charter member of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church and served many years as its treasurer and many more as deacon.

Funeral services were held December 26 at the White Cloud church, conducted by his former pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock.

—O.W.B.

MAXSON.—Minnie E., daughter of David H. and Susan Gaston Jones was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., 83 years ago and died Dec. 10, 1967 at the home of a daughter in Parkersburg, W. Va.

On July 3, 1905, at Hollbrook, she was married to Elva Maxson, who died in 1953. She joined the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church

in 1910. Mrs. Maxson maintained a deep interest in the church until her death although plagued by ill health for several years.

Survivors include seven daughters: Mrs. Eva Shepler of West Union, Mrs. Elsie Bonnell of Berea, Mrs. Iris Flesher of Oxford, Mrs. Gertrude Howell of Mt. Clare, Mrs. Pearl Meeks, Parkersburg, all of W. Va., Miss Winifred Maxson and Mrs. Grace Eckman, both of Baltimore, Md.; four sons, Glen Maxson of West Union, Carleton of Parkersburg, John of Waverly and W. E. Maxson of Davis; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Price of Coudersport, Pa.; 38 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor Leslie Welch officiating. Burial was made in Pine Grove Cemetery at Berea.

—L. A. W.

WILLIAMS.—Estella Jeanette Fuller, eldest daughter of Menzo and Lizzie (Huffman) Fuller, was born at Milton, Wis., Dec. 7, 1885, and died at Ord, Nebr., Jan. 10, 1968.

She was a niece of Rev. J. L. Huffman, founder of Salem College. When she was seven, the family moved to South Dakota. She was baptized and became a member of the Smith, S. D., Seventh Day Baptist Church when she was eleven. After nine years, they moved to Gentry, Ark. It was there on September 30, 1906, she was married to Bart L. Williams, by Rev. James H. Hurley. They came to North Loup, Nebr., immediately, where they have since made their home. She joined the North Loup church by letter from Gentry April 22, 1916.

Surviving are her husband and 11 children: sons Vernon, Harold, Udell, Elwyn of North Loup; Horace of Greeley, Nebr., Lester of Grand Island, Nebr., and Carol of Ord, Nebr.; and daughters Ella (Mrs. Aubrey) Davis, North Loup; Audree (Mrs. Clair) Bunce, of Battle Creek, Mich., Delpha (Mrs. Alvin) Smith, Aurora, Nebr., and Grace (Mrs. Harwood) Rice of North Loup. There are 36 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at her home church by her pastor, Duane L. Davis, and interment was in the Hillside Cemetery of North Loup.

—D. L. D.

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Snow — Its Beauty and Challenge

"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow," is part of David's prayer in Psalm 51, the penitential psalm. The beauty of snow, which has inspired many other poets, is in its whiteness, its symbolism of purity, its covering of earth's ugly blemishes and evidences of death, its protection and enriching quality (sometimes called the poor man's fertilizer). What can be whiter than snow? The soul that is "washed in the blood of the Lamb."

Snow presents a challenge to the child with a sled, to youth who are learning to do cross-country skiing, and to those who seriously compete in the winter Olympics. Snow, indeed, presents a great challenge to those who wish to do what God at creation intended man to do with the earth—"subdue it"—till its soil, climb its mountains, glide sure-footed over its snow.