

The Sabbath Recorder

Accessions

DODGE CENTER, MINN.

By Baptism:
Valerie Crane

VERONA, N. Y.

By Baptism:
Janet Davis

Marriages

Larson - Payne.— Conrad M. Larson, son of Mrs. Virginia Larson of Morris, Minn., and Phyllis Marie Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne of Claremont, Minn., were united in marriage at the Dodge Center, Minn., Seventh Day Baptist Church, July 28, 1968, by the bride's pastor, Wayne Babcock.

Sholtz - Downey.— Gerald A. of Verona, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig L. Sholtz, and Edelgard Downey, Rome, N. Y., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Downey, were united in marriage in the Colgate Meditation Center Chapel, Hamilton, N. Y., on May 31, 1968, by the Reverends Irving G. Hill and Donald E. Richards.

Stewart - Michaels.— Dennis Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Stewart and Janell Michaels, both of Kirkwood, Mo., were united in marriage by Rev. Carlos McSparin on Aug. 18, 1968 on the shady lawn at the home of the groom's parents.

Births

Bevis.—A daughter, Laura Leigh, to John D. and Hope (Leadlay) of Birmingham, Ala., on August 13, 1968.

Mogen.— A daughter, Stacy Jane, to Roland and Barbara (Bonser) Mogen of Dodge Center, Minn., on August 10, 1968.

Obituaries

LANGWORTHY.—Marabel Palmer, daughter of Charles P. and Mabel B. Palmer, was born in Stonington, Conn., June 3, 1905, and died Aug. 15, 1968, in Westerly, R. I., after a long illness.

She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I.,

and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. She was the wife of Clifford Langworthy.

She is survived by her husband, by cousins, and by a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted jointly by Rev. Harold Crandall and Dale E. Rood. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.

—D. E. R.

STILLMAN.—Stanley C., son of Deacon O.G., and Mary Ostrander Stillman, was born in Hornellsville (later Hornell), N. Y., March 12, 1876, the youngest of four children, and died at his home in Alfred, N. Y., August 14, 1968.

On August 16, 1898, he was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Starr of Hornell. To this union were born six children, all of whom survive: Laura S. (Mrs. LeRoy Oakley) of Ellicottville, N. Y.; Frances (Mrs. George C. Rapp) of Rochester, N. Y.; Paul C. of Williamsville, N. Y.; Harold S. of Lockport, N. Y.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Warner) of Jamestown, N. Y.; and Lewis M. of Montour Falls, N. Y. There also survive eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Stillman died in 1944.

On January 25, 1948, he was united in marriage with Florence A. Rogers of Rochester, widow of Daniel B. Rogers (formerly of Alfred) who survives him. He is also survived by three stepchildren: Robert G. Rogers of Chester, Pa.; Daniel H. Rogers of Rochester; and Evelyn (Mrs. Walter Heinrich) of La Mirada, Calif. There also survive thirteen stepgrandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Stillman was a skilled cabinetmaker. He had taught woodworking in the Alfred school system and in the public schools of Plainfield, N. J. For a number of years he built and sold Alfred potter's wheels in this country and in Canada.

He took his letter from the Hornellsville Seventh Day Baptist Church to join the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 11, 1911, where he has been a faithful member.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Hurlley S. Warren, associate pastor, in the absence of his pastor, Rev. David S. Clarke. Burial was in Hope Cemetery, Hornell.

—H. S. W.



Pulpit and Yoke

The delegates at General Conference were constantly reminded that the president's theme for the year and for Conference assembled was "Yoked with Christ in Mission."

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Harmonious Conference

From verbal reports brought back from the General Conference in Nebraska and from the complete tape recording of the program and business that was conducted in the auditorium it is evident that the 1968 session was characterized by harmony to an unusual extent. Others will have to write of the harmony made by voice and instrument, which your editor has not yet been able to listen to on the tapes. He also is not qualified to comment on the afternoon discussions of the Bible studies presented every morning or important discussions of board and Commission reports.

It is understood that even in matters that might bring out considerable difference of opinion committees were harmonious. They brought back to the Conference floor far less than the usual recommendations for changes or for doing things differently in the year ahead—this in spite of the fact that the committees had a large number of alert young people assigned to them.

Nothing really controversial was discussed on the floor of Conference. No doctrinal decisions were called for. No policies unacceptable to the delegates were proposed. The business was conducted without the occasional parliamentary tangles of some previous years; President Clarke was able to keep procedures, motions and amendments well in mind. There was harmony in the lengthy business sessions of the last three days. The longest discussions were about the proposed new set of bylaws for General Conference and Commission. Much of the discussion proved unnecessary when it was ruled that Conference was only refining the first reading of the bylaws to get the amendments ready for possible action next year. The discussion was helpful and brought out some interesting points.

An additional bylaw proposal to spell out to some extent the relation between Conference and the agencies was proposed by A. N. Rogers. Commission had purposely only noted the existence and purposes of the independently incorporated societies. The proposal of Mr. Rogers was discussed and generally ac-

cepted. Some objection was raised to some of the provisions. For instance, it called for Conference approval of the trustees or directors elected by the societies or boards at their annual corporate meetings. At present Conference only accepts (or adds to) the nominations. There is a difference. One society president noted that approval by Conference would come eleven months after their election in September, when they were ready for possible reelection. These and other items that may need reconsideration will be discussed at the 1969 Conference at Nyack, N. Y. One rather important matter was left undecided by the parliamentarians. Since amendments must be presented at one Conference to be acted upon by the next, can substantial changes to the present proposals be suggested next year and voted at the same Conference? It will be interesting to see which opinion prevails.

Sensitive in His Service

There are so many applications of the new Conference theme chosen by President Bond and outlined in his acceptance or inaugural message of the last night of Conference, which was printed in the September 2 issue of your denominational organ. If you haven't read that message carefully, do so; everybody is talking about it. We were able to have it before Conference, ready to publish in the first issue after the stimulating meetings at Kearney.

It takes a little time, as it did for the president and your editor, to get into the groove of thinking as to how we can be more "Sensitive in His Service," but it pays to try. It is a good theme.

One application of the theme was suggested in a sermon by Oral Roberts written in racially segregated South Africa after a visit to Israel. He was more conscious than usual of the long history of Jew hating and Negro repression and discrimination in our country and others. The words that caught my eye followed a statement about the hatred in Germany for the Nazi generals marching by in a parade after the war. The onlookers

wanted to attack them in their resplendent uniforms; "But," says Mr. Roberts, "as the line filed by, the crowd was moved to silence as the wounded and bleeding foot soldiers stumbled by. Some had lost limbs, and were on crutches; others were heavily bandaged." Mr. Roberts adds this significant remark: "The people on the streets then realized you can hate a person when he's afar off, when you don't know him in his suffering and need. But when you see a person close up, with the same aspirations you have, then you have a different feeling. You confront him as you are and as he is, one of God's creations."

Hatred is more easily generated for that which, as Oral Roberts says, is afar off. Sensitivity comes when the far away comes near and we are forced to see people as they are. Well do some of the older generation remember the hate propaganda against the Japanese as a race during World War II. That was the way war bonds were sold and men were induced to enlist.

Returning from Japan your editor, then an Army chaplain, went into a barber shop where he saw a three-inch blazing lapel button such as were commonly sold as emblems of patriotism. I read, "Open Season on Japs." It was with some restraint that the returning chaplain remarked to the proprietor of the shop, "It is my understanding that the hunting season on Japanese is closed." The war continued in the United States long after it had been forgotten by the men who fought the Japanese.

The occupying forces in Japan were encouraged by General MacArthur to meet the people, to fraternize with them. Quickly we found that the Japanese people had no hatred; they wanted to be friends. They couldn't understand why the soldiers carried rifles when they walked the streets (discontinued after the first few days in Yokohama, a city that had been almost totally destroyed in one bombing raid). We found the people just like ourselves, the same family love, the same problems. We

noted that there were almost no men of military age who came back from their country's war. Families had lost heavily. Our hearts went out to the well disciplined children, the amazingly courteous women folk and the common people. A "race" that had been hated afar off or in the heat of battle became people to be loved when, as Oral Roberts said, we got next to them. This is in line with our new Conference-year theme "Sensitive in His Service."

There are numerous other applications more familiar, if we think about it, than these military examples. How often do people in the local church misunderstand the leadership of our major denominational boards far off in Plainfield, N. J., Westerly, R. I., or Alfred Station, N. Y.? The Commission, the Conference office, the stewardship chairman, are far off. They are not always understood or appreciated. The same goes for the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* and the president of Conference. All these are excluded from the "we" of the local church and termed the "they." These leaders try their best to be sensitive to the heartbeat in the local church but do not always achieve it—just the same as the local pastor doesn't always speak of the greatest spiritual needs of his people on Sabbath morning. He may be looking at some spot high on the balcony as well as speaking over the heads of the people.

When denominational leaders become known as persons through their visits to the churches or through acquaintance at General Conference, it becomes possible for the people to become sensitive—if they really have a desire to do so. Perhaps this is a little of what Leland Bond, our layman president this year, hopes we will be thinking about and praying about. In his Conference address he tells how he had an experience during the year of his vice-presidency that has made him a new man. He has become sensitive and he calls on all of us to make this a year of sensitivity.

MEMORY TEXT

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters (Proverbs 25: 13).

Starvation in Biafra, Africa

The figures on the number of people starving in the surrounded secessionist country of Eastern Nigeria in that war torn, shrinking area has varied greatly. We intended to publish the figure of 6,000 a few weeks ago. We changed it to 1 to 3,000. The latest figures published in releases from Church World Service (August 31) are way up, 6,000 children dying every day because food could not be flown in. Other sources give the total as 9,000. How long can this continue? Agreement has finally been reached (Sept. 5) to allow Red Cross planes to land. The Biafrans fear that they will all be massacred if the Nigerian forces conquer their remaining territory. Ironically, a ship load of ammunition for Nigeria (from England) had also thousands of Bibles for Biafra. The ammunition, of course, will be delivered the way ammunition is usually delivered from one side in civil war to the other. The Bibles will not. It would have been better to send the Bibles to the non-Christian Nigerian forces.

GENERAL CONFERENCE



Retiring President Clarke (R) presents gavel to President Bond.

Time to Talk Turkey About OWM Giving

Committee of the Committed Corner

Dear Committee Members,

The figures are all in now. The special Conference offering and the August receipts, plus the ten previous months of this budget year, are all on the books. So you can see that we still have 16% or \$20,194.72 to raise.

There's no use making comparisons with how much we gave last year, or how much more we will have to give next year. Our job as Stewardship Committee is to examine the resources and commitment of ourselves and others and find out why and where we are short.

Remember, if you are concerned about our Seventh Day Baptist work and witness for God, you have been appointed a member of the Stewardship Committee! A Committee of the Committed. I congratulate you for that which has been done, but remember, we aren't through yet!

Striving to be *Sensitive in His Service*,
Paul B. Osborn, Chairman,
Stewardship Committee of the Committed.

Current Giving, Undesignated for OWM

This is the money that you send through your church treasurer to Our World Mission each month, thus it is called "current giving."

The term "undesignated" means that it should be divided among all boards and agencies, and this is how it is divided.

Current Giving, Designated for OWM

Some people give to a specific board or project. They may send it directly to the board or agency involved, or send through OWM treasurer, who forwards specific gifts 100% to their destination.

Budget Promotion Chairman

GENERAL CONFERENCE



Conference in session in big auditorium.

Quick Conference Action on Relief of Starving Biafrans

The World Council of Churches from its Geneva office sent a telegram to our General Conference which was phoned from Plainfield to Kearney. It urged individual giving to bring food to civilians in secessionist Biafra (E. Nigeria) where children and adults without protein in their diet (cut off from the sea) were dying at the rate of 3,000 per day. The Conference was urged also to appeal to our government to do all in its power through proper channels to see that a relief route by air or land was opened up through the area controlled by the government of Nigeria.

During Conference the Commission met and framed the following resolution, which has gotten out as soon as possible to the churches. The resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS we feel a compulsion as Christians to give out of our abundance to relieve the suffering of our less fortunate brothers,

The Commission recommends that delegates to these General Conference sessions call upon their home churches to participate with them by contributing at least the cost of one dinner per member to the Church World Service for Biafran Starvation Relief. This should be done by Labor Day 1968.

Further, the Commission recommends that the General Conference urge the United States Ambassador to the United Nations to press for earliest possible action by that body in breaking the Biafran blockade of relief supplies.

**Monday Evening Message
by Rev. Van Horn Is Unique**

Ministers preparing messages for General Conference sometimes throw away their manuscripts and start over. Rev. Kenneth Van Horn of Little Rock, Ark., told the audience at Kearney, Nebr., that when he read over his finished sermon late at night he was not at all satisfied with it. Sitting at his typewriter after midnight the following message came to him in verse form. It was greatly appreciated at Conference and we are glad to share it with our readers.

"Take My Yoke upon You"

"Take my yoke upon you,"
I heard the Master say.
"Gladly, Lord, I'll lend you a hand
Any day.
I'm not afraid of work
Without play.
Here, let's get started
Without delay."

"Are you as ready as you think you are?"
He said to me.
"I'm more ready now than later, or
As I'll ever be."
His face grew sad: eyes, dimmed with
He could see (tears;
I didn't know what it was all about, and
There was just too much of me.

"You're trusting too much in your own
He gently said. (strength,"
"Let me share your burden and guide
Through sin's web." (your feet
Though exhausted and numb from the
And nearly dead, (labor,
I struggled madly onward through the
By Satan fed. (mire

My will will not be broken:
O foolish pride;
My head will not be bowed
Whate'er betide.
I'll work for Him the way I will,
Nought else beside.
I'm not afraid of what may come:
O foolish pride.

Chafing harshly we went my way
The Kingdom's work to do;
He bore the load with me without com-
All the way through. (plaint

Wildly, with sheer abandon, I forged on,
He came along too.
You see we were yoked together
His work to do.

I pulled Him this way, and then that,
He, not holding back.
Of stumbling blocks and rocks and
blind alleys there was no lack.
Blindly, I led onward to the end of day
Not turning back.
I was tired; So was He, I fear;
He took up all the slack.

He suggested that we do the work His
"O no!" said I. (way:
"My way, or not at all within this yoke,"
Still my cry.
With bowed head, with a sorrowful look,
Not asking why,
He shouldered the yoke on His scarred
Still willing to die. (back

In sheer desperation for lost souls
I wrought;
He tried to tell me that they were
Already bought,
By His own blood, and sweat, and tears,
And return, life's battle fought.
And all must be willing by faith and love
To be yoked on the spot.

Well! A glimmer of light, from Him who
Is the Light,
Broke in upon my conscience and in
On my sight.
My heart nearly breaking for my
Headstrong flight,
I gave my heart truly to Him to direct
Through my night.

O what wonderful lessons I learned when
At His side
Yoked closely, warmly, and lovingly
All time to abide. (through
He guided my feet and directed
The flowing tide
Of my life, possessions, and time; and
Did not deride.

The galled sores became instantly healed
And removed.
The blinders on my eyes were cast aside
By His love.
Into my heart flowed a calmness and a
From above, (peace

And now yoked together with Him, I'm
By His love. (guided

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of
The best: (me"
To do justly, and to love mercy
At His behest,
And to walk humbly and lovingly with
Is no jest. (my God
To "Be transformed and renewed in spirit
and mind" is to find rest.

O, I would that all people were
Willing to hear
The voice of the Lord Jesus Christ
One's cross to bear; (saying
For the cross and the yoke of wood made
Will the flesh tear,
But, also, through them is the power of
To heal by His care. (God

We walk in the yoke together,
The Lord and I.
The yoke is easy, the burden is light
When the Lord is nigh.
I know not how His designs for His work
for us are made nor ask I why,
To walk with Him is rest, indeed:
No need to sigh.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

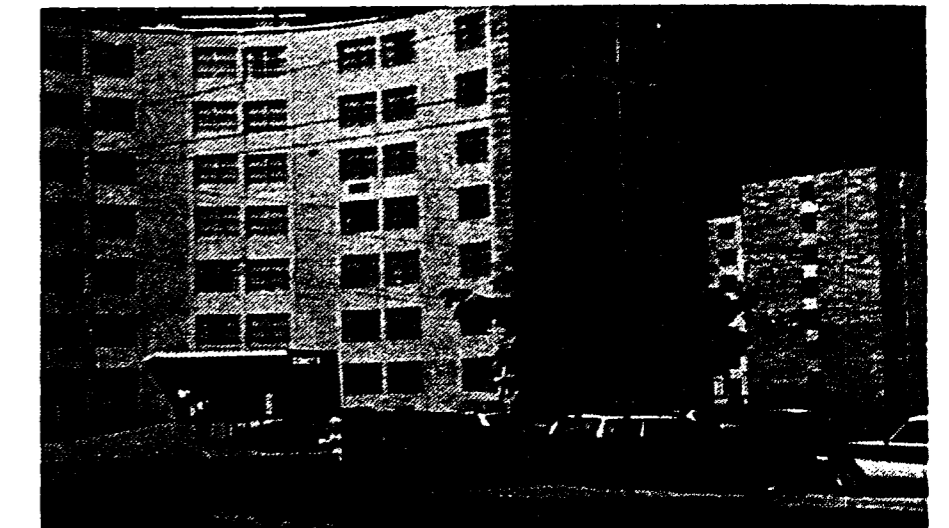
How Many at Conference?

On Friday afternoon the Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Registered delegates	315
Official churches represented	48
Ministers & pastors present	29
Number in Jr. Conference	24
Number in Primary Conference	12
Campers at Youth Pre-Con	84
Staff at Youth Pre-Con	14
Campers at Young Adult Pre-Con	24
Staff at Young Adult Pre-Con	9
Total number of staff & campers at retreats	131
Total number registered for Conference	516

It is estimated that there were over 600 present Sabbath day.

Conference Scenes, Kearney, Nebr.



Conference delegates take over dormitory.



Registration with a smile.



Bell ringers find the way to worship experiences.

Vietnam and Labor Day

On the Labor Day weekend we killed ten times as many of our own people in highway accidents as our adversaries in Vietnam killed during the same period. Perhaps we should encourage some anti-Labor Day demonstrations in Chicago and every other city.

GUYANA — 1968

By Mrs. Don Clare, Alfred, N. Y.

Family and friends gave me a good send-off from Rochester on Wednesday, July 17. The plane was one hour late and, because of the lateness of the hour of arriving in New York, I found it difficult to get transportation from Kennedy Airport to the International Hotel. However, it was worth the effort when the Missionary Board's orchid arrived in the morning and Harriet Saunders called to wish me a good trip.

It was dark by the time I arrived in Georgetown (darkness comes so quickly in the tropics), and as soon as I was through customs, seven Guyanese welcomed me and took charge of my luggage. They are very proud of their city and showed me many things on the way to the house. This was my first experience riding with right hand drive. That, with the poor road conditions and two roadblocks, complete with armed soldiers, made this a most interesting introduction to Guyana.

Across the road from the Bases is a rather long building which belongs to the Catholic Church which faces on the next block. Friday morning I realized that small children were going to school there. A visit proved most interesting. About fifty children from ages three to seven were seated on long benches and all but the youngest ones had long tables on which they were writing. The class seemed to be divided into four groups with three teachers. The youngest group sat quietly at benches playing with sticks or just sitting. (I am impressed with the capacity of the small children of this country to just sit.)

The other groups were doing sums, the beginners using slates and chalk while the others were writing in copybooks. Both their numbers and letters were beautifully made—much better than we expect of the youngsters of that age here. They learned to read by rote and we could hear them reciting vowels, etc., in unison over at the house.

Students of all ages wear uniforms,

apparently color by grade rather than by school. These children wore blue jumpers (shorts) and white blouses. Older ones wear red, green or brown jumpers or trousers with white blouses or shirts.

I learned that only one of the teachers in the school had had any training and that the parents had to pay tuition for the children to attend.

Later I was told that the state is discouraging that type of school and, since 1962, has been building schools and setting higher standards for teachers, although they are permitted to teach for a few years before they go to school for formal training.

Friday afternoon when we went into town on business, one of the first things I saw upon entering a bank was the name plate of one of the tellers, it being *Sherry Butts*. (I was later to find *Ruby Clark* in Dartmouth.)

Sabbath day Pastor Bass and I went to Parika, he to preach and teach the young adult class and I to teach the primary class. After Sabbath School we went to Sister Tyrrell's for lunch where she immediately handed me a picture of Dr. Ben Crandall. She was deeply saddened by the news of his passing.

Later, at the church service I had the sense of another memorial service for Dr. Ben when we played a tape of Gene Van Horn and Nellie Parry singing "The Lord's Prayer" and Pastor Clarke's remarks concerning Dr. Ben.

Sunday afternoon seven people came to the opening session of the Georgetown Institute. That evening about fifty came to the regular meeting, at which time we showed the first training film. At that meeting I was presented with an arm bouquet of red and white flowers.

The rest of the meetings were increasingly well attended, twenty-five attending the final ones. At the close of the Thursday afternoon session seventeen of us piled into the van and went to the Botanical Garden to hear the Police Band in concert. They were quite good and we taped some of their selections. As an added attraction, some of the ladies took me to the zoo where we

saw several animals not usually shown in our zoos. On the way home we toured the seawall and saw work being done on it. I was disappointed not to be able to go swimming but the water is not inviting because so much silt is brought down the rivers. The water is brown for miles out to sea.

Friday we went to Dartmouth. I rode the narrow gauge railroad from Vander Hoop to Parika. My seatmate was a pleasant young girl who could tell me the names of the birds and flowers we saw along the way. At Dartmouth four girls had cleaned the church and were waiting for us. Deacon and Sister Scipio were most cordial and kind.

We had an especially interesting hour and a half when we went to the home of an East Indian girl who is attending the Christian Endeavor at Dartmouth. Hers was one of the few houses which was not built on pilings. The inside was papered with newspaper and there were many pictures and statues of their gods on the walls. These people were delightful to talk with and told us many things about their religion. The father is a fisherman and works from four in the afternoon until seven in the morning. He uses a net or seine to catch crabs and fish which are sold from house to house in town.

We started for home Friday morning at two-thirty in the morning in order to catch the four-thirty river steamer out of Adventure. The sunrise was beautiful but the rest of the beauty of the river was lost on us as we went back to the car and slept most of the way to Parika.

Sabbath day was pleasant. After dinner we went to the promenade gardens and enjoyed seeing unusual trees and flowers. We were surprised to find roses, zinnias, and New York asters along with the exotic tropical flowers.

Saturday night I was honored by a party given by the Women's Fellowship of the Georgetown church. We had a program of slides and singing, gifts and delicious supper.

Sunday morning fifteen persons went to the airport to see me off. The trip

home was uneventful except that Kennedy Airport was tied up so that we circled for almost three hours before we could put down. That made me four hours late because we were late leaving Georgetown and had to put down in Bermuda to get extra fuel in anticipation of the delay at Kennedy. The plane out of Kennedy was two hours late so I was able to get on that and got into Rochester about one o'clock to be met by family and friends, arriving home at 3:30 a.m.

This was a most exciting and rewarding experience and I am most grateful to those who, by gifts of money and loaning of equipment, made my way easier. My prayer is that those attending the institutes learned from me as much as I learned from them and that we may continue building for the greater glory of God.

Also, this is to gratefully acknowledge the valuable assistance given by Rev. Rex Zwiebel, secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. He was a most helpful consultant in preparation for the teacher training services in Guyana.

(A later article written by Mrs. Clare will tell of her work as a "Teacher of Teachers" in Guyana.— E. T. H.)

Worldwide Communion Sabbath

The first Sabbath in October (Oct. 5, 1968) is the time when all Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships are encouraged to participate in Worldwide Communion observance. This might well be the occasion for a roll call service with emphasis on "every member present or accounted for."

The churches might lay plans for a Homecoming Day on this first Sabbath of October, extending an invitation to nonresident members to return for the day or to write a letter to be read at the time of preparation for commemorating the Lord's Supper.

All Seventh Day Baptist churches are urged to make this Sabbath a very meaningful Communion observance, strengthening the ties that bind us to one another and to Christ.

Sing-out Songfest

Thursday evening of General Conference as reported by Phil Osborn and Laura Lee Bond in the young people's daily mimeographed paper the "Conference Crier."

Joe Babcock, Special Feature

Last night the Cushing Coliseum was rocked with sound. No, it wasn't a bomb, but a group of talented Seventh Day Baptists having a great time in song.

The master of ceremonies, Mynor Soper, introduced a fine quartet. This group which was billed as "Three Hits and a Miss" consisted of Phil Rood, Doug Burdick, Steve Crouch, and Debbie Randolph. They sang "Now the Day Is Over" and "Lovely Night."

Next came Jenny Wells, singing one of her original compositions. This thought-provoking number was entitled "He Is My Strength." Shelley Austin and Faye Bond followed Jenny. They sang "Sounds of Silence" which was, as Pastor Soper called it, "a commentary on modern life."

After "Sounds of Silence" came another commentary entitled "Eleanor Rigby," sung by Kris Maxson. Then Rex and Linda Davis sang "Bamboo." The Bell Choir showed us their great talent again at the bells as they played "Greensleeves" followed by a choral arrangement of "Born Free." Linda Greene then beautifully sang her own song "As Does the Day."

The well-known quartet composed of Justin Camenga, Frank Green, Herb Saunders, and Paul Green did a great arrangement of "Ride the Chariot," and "Poor Lonesome Cowboy." After an introduction that misled poor Joe Babcock to think he was to come to the stage, Barbara North sang "Catch the Wind."

The next group in this great evening of entertainment was a trio composed of Jennie Wells, Alice Rood, and Debbie Randolph who sang the well-known gospel hymn "How Great Thou Art." Mynor Soper introduced Debbie Randolph again as she sang her own composition "Of You." We were a bit reminded of the Von Trapp family in

"The Sound of Music" as the Soper family sang "Heaven Came Down." The theme song from "The Restless Ones" was sung by the trio of Linda Greene, Faye Bond, and Loretta Langworthy.

The Bell Choir returned to play "If Thou Wert Near." This was followed by Maris Cox who sang "Greensleeves." She also was joined by Jerry Van Horn as they sang "Polly Von."

A quintet which was formed as a result of group reports at Young Adult Pre-Con sang "The Times, They Are a Changing." This quintet is composed of Debbie Randolph, Phil Rood, Cindy Rogers, Jane Harris, and Craig Prophet. The family again entered the scene as Jennie and Geneva Wells sang their own original "There'll Come a Day."

The quartet of Justin Camenga, Frank Green, Herb Saunders, and Paul Green again hammed it up as they sang "My Coney Island Baby."

In tribute to his wife, Marion, Pastor Soper sang as a real cowboy the ballad "Rocky Mountain Gal."

The special feature, the one we had been waiting for, was a great climax to the show. Joe Babcock, country and western singer and guitar player, first sang his own composition "Wash My Hands in Muddy Water," then the beautiful, familiar song "You'll Never Walk Alone." He planned to end the program then, but he was asked to sing "I Believe." It was really a moving song that makes us all remember the beauty of the song. The grand finale of the program was when the rest of the evening's performers joined Joe Babcock in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Pastor Soper did a great job in arranging and MC'ing this "Sing Out." We really want to commend him for all he has done.

(There is a good possibility that the American Sabbath Tract Society will decide to make a disc record of this high quality program to offer at cost to our people. The Radio TV Committee would produce it.)

Phil Osborn
Laura Lee Bond

My Impressions of Conference at Kearney

By Sharon Austin
Dodge Center, Minn.

This evening I feel a drive to share with other Seventh Day Baptist young adults my experiences of this year's General Conference at Kearney State College in Nebraska. This year, for the first time, I became interested in what makes us tick. I became interested in the operations and functions of our annual Conferences that keep us going year around. I thought that maybe I should look farther than the meals, gossip sessions, late hours both morning and night, and youth activities to behind the scenes. I decided that I should attempt to discover how I could become a part of this big operation.

I was privileged to be a member of the Nominations Committee, an action committee. This helped to spark my interest in the functioning of Conference. I looked forward to the committee meetings which began at 8:30 in the morning. In it we discussed a countless number of dedicated personalities of our denomination for the positions to be filled. I heard the qualities and abilities of each one discussed. Then, I could go to the business meetings to see these men and women, and hear them express their views and reactions to the matters at hand.

By participating in my committee, I was allowed to voice my thoughts, to actually represent my age group in a way I never had before. By attending the business meetings, I was able to see results of our deliberations. At first I was quite shocked at the feelings of anticipation I had for each new business session to begin—this feeling was extremely new to someone who usually attends church and business meetings only because her parents do or for the youth activities afterward. Then to add to my amazement, I found I was looking forward to the evening worship services. Each speaker captured my interest because through my committee I had

learned more about him. By listening to what he had to say, I could associate my impressions with opinions I had heard expressed by others and formulate an overall attitude. Then, I could report back to the committee meetings and help either to nominate or reject him for whichever office he was being considered. I felt important in my newly accepted responsibility.

I believe that my main incentive for writing is to excite other young adults into becoming interested participants in the actual business of keeping our denomination moving forward. I only wish I had not waited so long to develop a desire to start helping in the operations of the organization to which I claim membership.

Editor's note:

Sharon's father recently retired from the Army as Lieutenant Colonel after more than 20 years of active duty. The last few years the family spent in Germany, which explains why Sharon had not always been taken to General Conference. The family always kept close contact with Mrs. Austin's (now also Mr. Austin's) home church. They have lived in many parts of continental U.S.A. and quite a few foreign countries.

Fair Booth in Kansas

A new booth, designed by John Wheeler and built by Winston and a small crew of dedicated volunteers, is being used this summer. The theme is, "Where Do You Stand?"

The booth features a massive rustic pillar with the words Seventh Day Baptist on it. This is set in a limestone base and set off by a green leaf plant. The back of the booth has a shelf for literature and a higher shelf for the rear view projector which shows gospel stories.

This booth was at Wyandotte County Fair, August 15-17, and Atchison County Fair, August 20-23. Over 3000 tracts and special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* have gone from the booth.

The booth is scheduled next for display at the Mid-America Fair in Topeka, September 6-11.

—The (Nortonville) Messenger

SCSC Team Tells of Its Work

Team Cheerful

Team Cheerful was composed of Laura Lee Bond, Cathy Clarke, Jane Harris, Butch Keown, and Alice Rood. Three of us worked the full six weeks in Plainfield, N. J., and the other two spent four weeks in Plainfield and two weeks in Westerly, R. I.

The project in Plainfield was certainly a thrilling and worthwhile one. Pastor Herb Saunders was an enthusiastic and busy project director who had us working for the Lord as much as possible. There were many exciting experiences as we visited in New Jersey, New York City, and Long Island. We found many people on Long Island who were interested in starting a Sabbath School in that area. (Of course we cannot be sure it will materialize.)

The Lord was continually giving us the strength and guidance that we so needed as we went calling on many different types of people in such scattered areas. There were so many highlights that it's impossible to pick out the best. Some of them might include a lady in Long Island who said she would be willing to drive 60 miles for Sabbath School or fellowship if one were started; a lady whose enthusiasm inspired us greatly and who wants now a subscription to the *Sabbath Recorder* immediately and is interested in young people; a young (Negro) lady who has now started attending the Plainfield church with her children; a lady who was so skeptical about our coming, but after we started talking, said God must have sent us to answer her many questions about the Sabbath.

There are just so many experiences that this summer has brought that a whole newspaper could not contain all the wonderful blessings our Lord has given us this summer. May His name be praised!

Jane Harris
Laura Lee Bond
In the Conference *Crier*

Wednesday Evening Worship At General Conference

The youth Pre-Con choir opened the worship service with an ensemble of numbers which included the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," "Two Wings," "He's Everything to Me," and a "Life Worth Living." A small group of the Pre-Connors sang "There Is a Balm in Gilead" accompanied by the Bell Choir. Maris Cox sang a solo "All My Trials." Rev. Alton Wheeler gave the opening prayer and that was followed by the Scripture reading from Luke 4:16-30 and Acts 4:32-35. Following his reading of the Scripture, Pastor Glen Warner gave the evening message.

He opened the sermon by reminding the congregation of Jesus' return to Nazareth. He feels that "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" demands Christian action.

He pointed out that we must learn to identify ourselves with the world. He feels that we as S.D.B.'s should reach out into the world and help those who are in need. He said that our mission would come clear as we do this. We need to find the mission that goes along with identifying with the world. Jesus Christ will show us this mission. Pastor Warner told us there can be a spontaneous enthusiasm generated in the church as we learn to identify with the world and as we find our mission we will gain a harmony in our lives. As we learn to work and as we find rest for our lives we will become what we should be and that is a church. When we can do God's work in God's world as a church we will be fulfilling God's plans for us. He reminded us that the Lord never asks us to do anything we are unable to do.

We closed with a hymn and benediction and then the Conference choir sang an inspiring choral benediction.

Rick Thorngate
In the Conference *Crier*

Sabbath School Evangelism

As a part of the "Facing Frontiers with Faith," and in cooperation with the "Crusade of the Americas," the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is sponsoring a program of outreach for the coming year. An explanation of the entire program has been sent in the Facing Frontiers packet to each of our churches and fellowships.

In each packet is an enrollment card that may be sent to the board asking for a participation covenant poster to be displayed in a prominent position on the church's bulletin board. We urge every Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath School to cooperate in this all-encompassing program. Here is a chance to do something in a well defined way.

Recognition will be given at General Conference to those Sabbath Schools who have made substantial progress.

If your enrollment card has been lost, or misplaced, write to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803, and indicate your intention of cooperating in this program, and we will send you a participation covenant. Now is the time to enter.

Statistics

If someone in your church has not sent in the reports regarding statistics for Sabbath School, Vacation Church School, camping, and Youth Fellowships, we ask that it be done as soon as possible. If you do not find the questionnaires, simply turn to the 1967 *Yearbook*, and send in the information as it is shown regarding the above operations. Send them to the address in the above article.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 28, 1968

LIVING IN HOPE

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-2, 8-11;
Luke 2:25-26

SEPTEMBER 16, 1968

Annual Women's Board Dinner Held August 15

The women's banquet was held Thursday evening in a private dining room off the main dining area with nearly 150 women attending. The tables were very attractively decorated with plastic bags of famous North Loup popcorn tied with bright colored ribbons. Members of the Women's Board who were present were seated at the head table along with Mrs. Alton Wheeler, our speaker for the occasion. Mrs. Gladys Drake, president of the Women's Board, presided. A ladies' trio composed of Mrs. M. Goodrich, Mrs. J. Abel, and Mrs. D. Monk from North Loup sang three numbers; "Do You Wonder?" "So Send I You," and "How Rich I Am." They were accompanied by Jane Harris on the piano.

Mrs. Madeline Randolph made the annual presentation of the Robe of Achievement to Rev. Elizabeth Fitz Randolph. Mrs. Frances Clarke accepted and modeled it for Miss Randolph who could not be present.

A love offering of \$132.06 was taken for Mr. Dzumani of Malawi to help meet expenses for nurse's training in England. A request from Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick estimated his expenses to be approximately \$500.

The annual meeting of the Women's Board followed with the election of the following officers: president—Mrs. Arthur Drake, vice-president—Mrs. Charles Saunders, recording secretary—Mrs. Addison Appel, corresponding secretary—Mrs. Oscar Hartman, treasurer—Mrs. Harold Baum, editor of women's page in *Sabbath Recorder*—Mrs. Earl Cruzan, editor of *Newsletter*—Mrs. Roger Burdick.

Mrs. Alton Wheeler illustrated her talk with slides which were taken on the recent trip of General Secretary and Mrs. Wheeler to Europe this summer. Following this most interesting and informative talk, we adjourned our meeting to go to the evening worship service.

Two Reports of Thursday Evening Worship
From the Conference Crier

Rev. Everett T. Harris of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church led the worship service. The theme was "My Yoke Is Easy" Mr. Harris chose for his responsive reading the beatitudes for the "Poise of His Yoke." These beatitudes were based on Jesus' words. "For my yoke is easy" Following the responsive reading the congregation said a unison prayer.

Then Mr. Harris led the congregation in a second responsive reading, using the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians, taken from the *Good News for Modern Man* version of the Bible. The Conference choir then sang another inspiring song, which filled us all with God's Spirit. After the second number the Rev. Charles Bond, pastor of the Shiloh church, spoke on "The Poise of His Yoke, My Yoke Is Easy" Mankind is meant for yoking. Pastor Bond used illustrations about Art Linkletter and a guarantee income to make his points clearer. He then asked the question "Does the Government owe everyone a living?" We need to have equal opportunities, to take care of the sick and starving. He then used II Thessalonians 3:10 from *Good News for Modern Man*. This was done to illustrate point two. He then said the yoke is needed. One of the fundamental needs of nature is the need to be needed.

The third point was that Jesus made the yoke to fit the individual. Jesus worked in a carpenter's shop and probably made yokes.

The fourth point was that the yoke was made to steady men. Pastor Bond used the illustration of parents working with children. The Scripture he used was I Cor. 3:9. God helps to steady us.

The fifth point was that Jesus was at peace because He took His strides with centuries instead of hours. The final point was that we were not intended to bear the yoke alone. The Scripture was Matt. 28:20. The closing hymn, was "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Bob Harris

The Thursday evening worship service opened with music by the Young Adult Pre-Con choir. Special music came in the form of a quartet which included Debby Randolph, Steve Crouch, Doug Burdick, and Phil Rood. Other special music was presented by a girls' trio. The choir also sang a "fourth verse" to the Young People's Rally Song.

Rev. Everett Harris, from Westerly, R. I., led the congregation in worship. The Conference choir provided music throughout the service.

The Rev. Charles Bond, pastor of the Shiloh church, was the speaker. He used "The Yoke Is Easy" as his topic. The Scripture was "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Too often we forget that Jesus was just as human as we are. He had every feeling we have. He lived in a neighborhood just as we do.

Man belongs to the animal kingdom and so even man was born to wear a yoke. Jesus carried His heavy yoke so easily that He became known as the man with the easy yoke.

The point was made that everyone is called to bear the yoke. A man is not a man unless he is pulling his share on the yoke. Whenever we feel that we are needed, the burden of the yoke becomes easier to bear. Man was made for yoking and he can't find true happiness until he becomes yoked with Christ. Jesus will mold the yoke to fit the man, if the man is willing. Jesus recognizes the individual and his particular burden. Every man must find the yoke that he is best prepared to labor under for the Master. The yoke that will make our lives steadier was also made to steady the man. Christ provides the yoke that will make our lives steadier. It will mean nothing to be yoked unless we walk in stride with the Master. The yoke rests easily upon our shoulders because we were never intended to bear the yoke alone. The yoke was made for two. We are one and Christ is the other and most important. Christ said, "Lo, I am with you always."

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OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for August 1968

	Treasurer's		Boards' 11 mos.	Treasurer's		Boards' 11 mos.
	August	11 mos.		August	11 mos.	
Adams Center \$	92.58	932.10				
Albion	102.06	737.39				
Alfred	880.20	5,967.97				
Alfred Station	99.59	2,420.69	50.00			
Algiers						
Assn. & Groups	113.00	1,112.33	981.48			
Battle Creek	1,215.18	4,841.45	123.00			
Bay Area		465.00				
Berlin	271.00	1,546.45				
Boulder	339.22	1,107.00	125.00			
Brookfield, 1st.	19.00	826.25				
Brookfield, 2nd	59.00	905.46				
Buffalo	75.00	500.00	10.00			
Chicago	200.00	1,547.50				
Daytona Beach	286.00	1,456.25				
Denver	735.70	2,875.06	100.00			
DeRuyter	97.00	746.00	20.25			
Dodge Center	502.60	1,968.00	5.00			
Edinburg						
Farina	146.95	583.06				
Fouke	141.60	241.60	9.10			
Hammond	5.00	37.26				
Hebron	172.50	947.75				
Hopkinton, 1st.	231.00	2,578.15	25.00			
Hopkinton, 2nd	37.00	198.20	250.00			
Houston	20.00	268.89				
Independence	93.40	804.10	15.00			
Individuals	1,941.23	2,679.23	42.00			
Irvington	50.00	1,361.50	200.00			
Jackson Center		500.00				
Kansas City	25.00	438.50				
Little Genesee	213.09	1,720.71	30.00			
Little Rock	60.00	262.72				
Los Angeles	1,268.00	4,383.00	85.00			
Lost Creek	300.00	1,907.61				
Marlboro		3,309.47	55.00			
Metairie	25.00	25.00				
Middle Island	50.00	575.00				
Milton	2,320.32	10,307.39		482.68		
Milton Junction	142.50	1,010.95		55.00		
New Auburn	170.27	577.27				
North Loup	610.90	2,420.90		119.18		
Nortonville	182.50	2,198.72		100.00		
Old Stonefort	46.00	352.00		25.00		
Paint Rock	111.92	505.14				
Pawcatuck	693.47	5,411.50		117.20		
Plainfield	110.00	3,612.96		41.00		
Putnam County						
Richburg	146.00	1,101.31		14.25		
Ritchie	35.00	343.93				
Riverside	1,558.28	6,116.43				
Roanoke		6.00				
Rockville	69.25	361.36		30.00		
Salem	310.50	2,194.91				
Salemville	63.73	434.82		12.00		
Schenectady	36.00	203.13				
Seattle	94.50	94.50				
Shiloh	1,368.28	6,931.96		149.60		
Syracuse	130.00	221.00				
Texarkana	25.00	25.00				
Trustees of Gen. Conf.		190.40				
Verona	204.25	2,078.44				
Walworth	75.00	995.86		25.00		
Washington	195.00	730.00				
Washington, People's		105.00				
Waterford	150.67	1,209.36		5.00		
White Cloud		589.65				
Yonah Mt.						
Totals	\$18,716.24	\$103,106.54	\$3,301.74			
Non-budget	219.63					
Total to Disburse	\$18,935.87					

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,828.70
Historical Society	18.82
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund)	943.59
Ministerial Education	1,786.35
Missionary Society	8,890.68
Tract Society	2,869.99
Trustees of General Conference	103.51
Women's Society	363.86
World Fellowship & Service	540.37
General Conference	1,590.00
Total Disbursements	\$18,935.87

S U M M A R Y

1967-1968 Budget	\$126,603.00
Receipts for 11 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$103,106.54
Boards	3,301.74
	106,408.28
Amount needed in September	\$ 20,194.72
Percentage of year elapsed	91.67%
Percentage of budget raised	84%

Gordon L. Sanford
OWM Treasurer

August 31, 1968

The Sabbath Recorder

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.— Communion Sabbath was observed April 6th. Just before the Communion service there was a short service dedicating a cross to the church in memory of Clarence and Bernice Olsbye. It is interesting to note that the two children of this family, and two of the grandchildren were present.

June 15th Rev. Leon Lawton had charge of the church service. Four of the SCSC young people were also present to worship with us.

During June our church was the center of a ten-day training course for the SCSC members, with Rev. Leon Lawton and Rev. Alton Wheeler as teachers. Well planned and delicious hot meals were brought in at noon and night by the Milton church women. The Junction Ladies Aid served the meals. We considered it a privilege to help even in a small way.

Miss Nellie Freeborn has presented two beautiful planters to the church in memory of her mother who passed away this spring.

—Correspondent

VERONA, N. Y.— A unique baptismal service was held near Verona, N. Y., on August 6.

About a dozen cars met at the church, then followed in procession over the highway, through a cornfield, to the grassy bank along Fish Creek. While the sun sank low on the horizon, casing its hues in the sky, some fifty persons gathered at the riverside. The pastor brought a brief meditation recalling how John baptized in the River Jordan, and how God placed his personal stamp of approval on the baptism of Jesus.

The placid surface of the water was

broken as the pastor proceeded toward the middle of the stream. He in turn was followed by Deacon Craig Sholtz, leading his granddaughter, Carol. During this time the strains of melody were heard from those singing from the shore. After Carol gave witness to her Christian faith she was baptized and her grandfather helped her to shore. Another deacon, LaVerne Davis, brought his granddaughter, Janet, into the water. She too gave witness to her faith and was baptized.

The pastor pronounced the benediction. Congratulations and good wishes were exchanged. But the group was slow to break up and return to their cars and homes. God was near the "fellowship sweet." The song, "He's Everything to Me" seemed to express the attitude of hearts who shared in this inspiring service.

—D. E. R.

Obituaries

HICKOX.— Dr. Charles Frederick, son of Frederick and Addy (Maxson) Hickox, was born in Westerly, R. I., Jan. 1, 1878, and died at the Elms Nursing Home in Westerly, May 18, 1968.

On his mother's side he was a descendent of the Rev. John Maxson, Sr., who was born in 1638 in Newport and is recognized, according to histories, as the "first white child born on the Island of Rhode Island."

He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where he also earned his dental degree. He practiced dentistry in Philadelphia for a number of years before returning to Westerly. He was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly which he attended very faithfully every Sabbath as long as health permitted.

Mr. Hickox married Ann Lenhard who survives him. Other survivors are their one son, Charles F. Hickox, Jr., of Waterville, Me.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor emeritus, the Rev. Harold R. Crandall and his pastor, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis.

—S. K. D.



Nixon Attends Graham Crusade

Richard Nixon, aspirant to the Presidency of the United States and a long-time personal friend of evangelist Billy Graham, attended the concluding Pittsburgh Crusade meeting and is shown with the evangelist shaking hands with wheelchair patients just before Mr. Graham went to the platform. It is reported that 2,278 persons responded to the evangelist's appeal to "accept Christ." There were some 44,500 in attendance. Mr. Nixon is reported to have said that it was one of the most moving religious experiences of his life. Mr. Graham attended both the Republican and Democratic conventions because he feels that this is an important year in American history. At the Pittsburgh meeting a telegram was read from Hubert H. Humphrey.