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and how much he already loved being there with them, and Mr. . . . Dad Franklin's words came back to him, "It makes all the rest of the week mean much more."

Weeks went by, and more and more Fred felt as if these people were real family to him. He knew that they felt the same way about him, and happiness grew in the boy as the Franklins opened their hearts, loving, to him.

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Seventh Day Baptist, and recently turned down a much larger salary in order to stay near his church. There is a doctor who tithes strictly the income from his practice and gives over and above what he feels God requires. There is a building supply traffic manager who gives regularly of time and income besides paying a large debt of honor incurred during lean years gone by. There are Civil Service workers who carry heavy loads of stewardship and faithful counsel and encouragement. There is a computer analyst and programmer who watches the hummingbirds when he is physically unable to attend our Sabbath services, and frequently telephones the pastor from his office to discuss church business procedures. There is an accountant who lives with almost constant pain in his body and gives substantially for our building program while also financing a daughter's college education. There are several families who have been kept together by Sabbath loyalty despite the stresses of mixed-shift jobs. There is a man who is patient with his children more than many because his own childhood was unhappy and be-

cause the church accepted him as he is. These are but a few of the stalwarts close by, and any reader can find others by avoiding the myopia of familiarity. (See the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education's booklet, "Loyal Seventh Day Baptists Who Have Achieved Successful Careers" by Kenneth E. Kenyon.)

John Noble tells in his book, "I Found God in Soviet Russia," how faith and prayer, the faithfulness of others, and the long-awaited efforts of the U. S. State Department sustained him in horrible trials and finally obtained his release from a Siberian prison work camp. To be a Christian worthy of the name is never easy, and we should not feel defeated or inferior that it is hard to be a Seventh Day Baptist. The woman at the well had reason to doubt her worth, but Jesus commended to her the practice of sincere and systematic worship of the Holy God. She could not erase completely the damaged lives she had touched but she could accept the better way, the purer motives, the eternal life that begins in any moment when we are identified with Almighty God. Surrounded as our generation is today by pagan influences, the same potential she had is offered to us.

In his monumental book, "Spiritual Sabbathism," A. H. Lewis summarized his thesis in the closing paragraph: "True spiritual Sabbathism is calm and everlasting life in the midst of time and earthly incompleteness . . . it is a man's point of contact and communion with God. That is the path of hope, the road to victory; spiritual victory." This is worship in spirit and truth.



## Pursuit of Peace

On Veterans Day our thoughts turned again to a longing for and a stronger effort in the pursuit of peace. There had been hope of progress in the Paris peace talks a week before the election—hope that appeared to have little substance due to the hard stand taken by North Vietnam, the Vietcong delegation, and the fearful leadership of Vietnam. The tired dove of peace battles the adverse winds with faltering wings. We do not know what can be salvaged by human ingenuity in the struggle for an honorable peace in the small wars of Vietnam and Nigeria or in the greater ideological confrontation of East and West.

With widely differing political and religious standards man finds lasting peace extremely illusive even when pursued with apparent earnestness. We who are Christians are buoyed up by that inner peace "that passeth understanding" promised by our Lord. The promises of the Bible are more personal than national or international. We are assured of ultimate universal peace at the return of the Prince of Peace and we who have found peace with God are charged to live peaceably with all men. We are impelled to do all we can to strengthen the pinions of the heaven-sent dove of peace.

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## Special Sensitivity

Our new Conference president made his theme for the year "Sensitive in His Service" live for us in his inaugural address the closing night of Conference (See *Sabbath Recorder* of September 2). It is surprising how many references to various aspects of sensitivity one can find in contemporary books and religious articles in magazines when he is alert to that theme.

Raymond Lindquist, pastor of the famed Hollywood Presbyterian Church, has written an outstanding, stimulating book *Notes for Living* in which a number of his 132 "notes" speak of sensitivity. He asks a question on page 219 about whether there can be in our lives "anything special." He answers it by saying that when we are put into a special relationship with God, "There is, for example, a special sensitivity toward people."

This thought can be expanded if we pause to meditate a little as this reader, staying home from church at the doctor's suggestion, did. The Christian cannot read the New Testament and not be struck by the fact that Christ was sensitive to people and that following Him in our new relationship to God calls for a heightened sensitivity to people. Selfishness, selfcenteredness, must be replaced by thoughtfulness, concern and loving deeds. Furthermore, this sensitivity, which nearly all people have to some extent, has to expand as we follow the teachings and example of our Lord. It must not be limited by church walls, city limits, national boundaries, the Atlantic "river" or the expanse of the Pacific.

Church people are likely, by the very nature of their special fellowship, to manifest a sensitivity to a rather small circle of friends. It often looks as if many people come to church on Sabbath morning more to see their friends than to learn more about that Friend "who sticketh closer than a brother." Jesus had something to say about such churchgoers. As one version renders it, "And if you salute your friends only, what is there special about this?" There is nothing wrong about having close friends and greeting them with warmth when we have

## MEMORY TEXT

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:11.

been separated from them for a time. But it must not stop there. Cliques within the church or friendships limited to a small congregation are not consistent with the sensitivity to people that should be ours as Christians.

We are touched by the repeated reminders of the starvation of the women and children of Eastern Nigeria (Biafra). It is good that our people became sensitive enough so that we gave over \$500 in August and September through CWS for this great need. It may not be quite so good that the worldwide work of CWS so far through 1968 has drawn from us only \$284. Our sensitivity to the spiritual needs of people, expressed in supporting the distribution of Scriptures through the American Bible Society, would appear to be very dull. Figures from our General Conference office credit us with only \$50 so far in 1968. We have shown an interest in the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation (a potentially great organization) of only \$10.80. The work of the NCC hasn't touched us, in very sensitive spots (\$44) from January through September. The story is much the same for WCC (\$65).

Is being sensitive a matter of temporary feeling or is it a continuing attitude that expresses itself in purposeful action and sustained giving? Can we honestly say that when we have shown lack of sensitivity for one need, we have shown greater sensitivity for what we considered a greater need? If we have not sat at the feet of Jesus like Mary, "who hath chosen the better part," have we busied ourselves in the kitchen like Martha to feed the hungry? Is it possible that we have done neither very commendably?

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## Elemental Musings

Throughout the ages men have spoken of air and water, and perhaps land, as the elements. Though we have come to use the term "elements" in the more restricted chemical sense of basic metals or elements it is still common practice for a mariner in a small craft to speak of the elements being against him when there is a storm at sea.

I was reading the other day the message of Dr. Jackson, long-time president of the National Baptist Convention, a message delivered to some 15,000 Convention delegates (mostly preachers) gathered in Atlanta. It was a sort of "state of the nation" address. He said that many think the great American ship of state is sinking. He went on to illustrate the loss of respect and the intimidation of public officials with this word picture: "When the water of the ocean begins to flow into the ship faster than it can be pumped out, and the down pull of the sea seems to match the forward push of the engines of the ship, it is an indication that the ocean liner is sinking." Later in his message he optimistically suggested several ways out of our national problems.

Quite apart from the context of Dr. Jackson's messages, this reference to the down pull of the sea set in motion some elemental musings. This element, water, is normally not the enemy but the friend of the seafaring man. The lighter element, air, and the heavier element, water, interact to make it possible for man to

## Courtland V. Davis

Word has been received from Jamaica of the death of Courtland V. Davis who has given many years of service to Crandall High School and the general Seventh Day Baptist work on the island. He had been having some heart trouble and died October 29. The three children flew to Kingston the next day to be with their mother. It is understood that Mrs. Davis plans to stay in Jamaica (where her many services to Crandall High School are much needed) for the remainder of the school year.

ride across the ocean in his boat. The sea does not really put the ship down; it thrusts it up and carries it on the surface so long as there is sufficient air inside the boat below the surface level of the water. It is the weight of the ship that makes it sink when water gets inside and replaces the air. Man, himself, without his boat falling into the water, is thrust up to the surface because of the air in his body. The elements are friendly. Properly used, they bear us up.

Man is essentially a land-based creature, walking upright over the uneven surface of the continents. For thousands of years he has understood how to make boats and sail the seas. It was not until more recent years that he was able to master air dynamics and mount sufficient compact power on wings to carry him safely through the lighter element air. We never cease to wonder and marvel at this, now commonplace, achievement. When we stop and muse upon it, we realize that air, through which we may fall to our destruction without wings, parachutes or balloons, is really a supporting element. With power to create an airflow over wings a vacuum is created and the air pushes a heavy craft upward in response to the controls. We rightly speak of being airborne when our wheels leave the ground.

Long, long ago the psalmist prophetically spoke of one whom the angels would bear up "lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." The Bible from the very beginning, and much more clearly in the New Testament, seems to say that earth-bound man could aspire to be something other than earthbound. It was not just mastery over the elements that could be his, but with divine help he could ascend to heaven like the angels. Our real home is not here. The Apostle Paul, who had experienced, as he said, being caught up into the third heaven, writes to the believers that they are already freed in a measure from the shackles of earth and are "seated with Him in the heavenlies." What is imperfect and occasional in our Christian experience of exaltation will later become perfect. The navigation of water, air and space—even to the moon and back

—does not satisfy our God-given aspirations. What we look forward to is not flight to the hostile, cold moon but to the throne of God where eternal joys await us.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

### Would Rather Be a Preacher

New York City has been having its troubles lately with policemen, firemen and garbage collectors refusing to render the full service expected of them unless they get more liberal contracts than already agreed upon by their union representatives. To the person living outside the metropolitan area it would seem that they already have a good thing going in salaries, wages and fringe benefits.

Take the case of the garbage collectors. Perhaps they need more money to live in New York; you can't blame them for trying to get all they can. A Baptist editor, Rev. Norman DePuy, has noted the comparison between garbage collectors and Baptist preachers in regard to salaries. The men who collect the garbage already receive several thousand dollars more per year than the men who dispense the gospel from the pulpits. Only the executive secretary of the American Baptist Convention gets more money than the garbage men's union is asking for the rank and file members.

But it isn't the preachers (some of whom live in New York) who are striking for more pay. Perhaps the ministers' salaries are not what they ought to be in any denomination. They are, however, nearly twice as high as they used to be. Preachers get along. They don't have to spend their money for alcohol and tobacco or at the race tracks. Their children are better educated than those of the garbage collector who earns several thousands more. When it comes right down to it there aren't many pulpits vacated so that the minister can join the garbage collectors' union. Most ministers, called of God, would say, "I'd rather be a preacher."

Mr. DePuy concludes his editorial by stating, "The really dreadful thing in all of this is the sneaking suspicion that

## General Secretary to Visit Jamaica

As the general secretary continues on a multi-purpose mission visiting churches and working with leaders in West Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Florida, arrangements have been confirmed for him to confer and to labor with conference leaders in Jamaica. Accordingly, he plans to fly to Kingston from Daytona Beach, Florida, on November 12.

At the request of the Planning Commission of the Jamaica Conference, his activities will include assisting in drafting a new constitution for their conference; helping standardize the duties of the president, the recently initiated office of general secretary, and other officers; assisting the Planning Commission in considering further reorganization of the conference boards; and meeting with the Ministerial Council to help in taking steps toward its establishment.

As an outgrowth of the teachers' seminars conducted in the six circuits of Jamaica last April, Secretary Wheeler will confer with the conference's Board of Christian Education and the Christian Education Committee as they proceed to introduce and to adapt unified lesson materials in the Sabbath Schools throughout the island. Such materials are being introduced the first of January 1969.

Time will be devoted also toward ministering to our American missionaries as they continue in their labor of love. Deep regret and sincere condolence are being expressed on having received word of the recent death of Courtland V. Davis. He with his devoted wife, Frankie, had been generously offering dedicated service to the Lord there following his previous terminating of his role as headmaster of Crandall High School in Kingston.

—Alton L. Wheeler

many people in our churches would be quite satisfied with any kind of preaching—even if the garbage men did the preaching—just so long as the preacher does not expect to get paid garbage men's wages."

## Specific Plan for Union by 1969 Goal of COCU

The Consultation on Church Union (COCU) meeting recently at Dayton, O., called for formulation of a specific plan of union for ten Protestant denominations, possibly by 1969 but no later than 1970.

The action represents a major step forward in efforts to produce a single church from the 10 communions.

Many said they feel little additional progress can be made in union deliberations until a specific proposal is before them for consideration.

During the meeting the Consultation heard reports from four commissions dealing with procedures for uniting (1) the memberships and (2) the ordained ministries of the participating churches, (3) reaction to the previously adopted principles of church union and guidelines, and (4) the structure of the provisional governing council.

The plenary session finally agreed to amend one report to recognize "the principle that the creeds are for the guidance of the members of the church and are to be used persuasively and not coercively."

Nine delegates from each of the following ten communions attended the Consultation: African Methodist Episcopal Church, AME Zion Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern), United Presbyterian Church, Protestant Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ.

## No Population Explosion

We are having a population explosion in every kingdom under heaven except the Kingdom of Heaven. One reason is because we build big, beautiful churches, have our robed choirs and cushioned pews and air-conditioned auditoriums and then announce, "Come and hear." God is saying, "Go and tell."

—C. Sumner Wemp  
in *Moody Monthly*

## Time to Talk Turkey About OWM Giving

Some horses you hold a carrot in front of to make them move. Others you whip. I scarcely know what to do about Our World Mission giving.

Here's a carrot: We raised \$4,921.72 more during the past budget year for OWM than we did the previous year.

Here's a whip: We still fell 6% behind the budgeted needs.

I've never played football, but I understand at halftime the coach will compliment players for what they did right, but will spend most of the time urging extra effort during the next half. Since the change from one budget year to another is more like the half time than a final score, perhaps we'd better urge some extra effort for the coming months!

Last year the stewardship chairman sent a letter to each church asking them to either accept a goal, or set a goal of their own, for Our World Mission giving. Out of 65 letters sent, 36 replies were received. Twenty of these went over their goal, and several others came close. Of the 20, 16 had lowered the suggested goal, but 4 of the 16 went over their original suggested goal. Only one church gave any hint of objection to being asked to "pledge" to OWM, and this church went over its suggested goal. Seven churches that did not reply to the letter went over the goal suggested for them.

Now, the *Recorder* has published the 12-month figures, and so you have them. It might be exciting to publish the names of those churches that met and exceeded the goals set for them, but I'm not at all sure that the church which gave \$10,815.07 had to work any harder than the one that gave \$6. Only you can tell if your church gave the most it could. (If you did, chances are your church did!)

So no goals are being suggested this year. It is obvious that no one can set a realistic goal for anyone else. Every church is urged to examine and evaluate its giving during the past year, and set its own goal, even higher than you dare to expect. If we believe the Lord has

work for Seventh Day Baptists to do, we must be willing to support Our World Mission. If we aren't willing to support Our World Mission, let's quit fooling ourselves and look for a quick way to bury the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

During the 1968-69 OWM budget year, we must raise \$18,476.24 more than we did last year. If we don't here's what may happen:

- The Missionary Society will have to cut out some programs, either at home or abroad. I would suggest that if you can't give more, you write them a letter and suggest what to cut out of their work.
- The Board of Christian Education will not be able to keep its youth field worker on the job.
- The Tract Society will be forced to drop its subsidy of evangelistic efforts in areas of need.
- The Women's Society will have to limit the number of Dedicated Workers they can finance.

Okay?

As stewardship chairman I was ready to insist on budget cuts across the board this year. I'm glad now, strange as it may seem, that we adopted a larger total budget. It is quite obvious that too many were hoping for a relief from the asking of OWM. But aren't we looking the wrong way? Let's look at our stewardship habits. Many are proud to be tithers! Now it's time we started giving a little something beyond God's tithe. Many more are still afraid to trust God enough to tithe. It's time to start trusting!

Local expenses keep increasing, too. Evangelistic efforts take money, and they should increase each year. Administration expenses go up annually. And did your pastor get a raise this year? Things keep piling up, even before we get to Our World Mission. God-inspired stewardship will take care of them all!

Pay close attention to the Stewardship Sabbath in your church during November. Perhaps you'll learn something.

—Paul B. Osborn,  
Stewardship Chairman.

## Velma Maxson's Services Appreciated in Jamaica

Miss Velma Maxson arrived at Kingston, Jamaica, August 26, soon after Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills returned from a brief vacation in the States. She teaches English and other subjects at Crandall High School. She is living near Pastor and Mrs. Mills and can be reached at their home address—24 Dunrobin Ave., or at the school address—29 Charles St.

During Mrs. Mill's recent illness it was especially appreciated to have Miss Maxson's help. It seems providential that God moved her heart to go so that she was at the right place at the right time when she was needed.

In a recently received letter Miss Maxson has written, "It has not been so very difficult to get back to teaching for I was retired actually a short time. There are of course adjustments to be made. The speech is much easier to understand now than a month ago. The students are very patient with me.

"Adjusting to Kingston weather has not been hard for me — a resident of Florida. Some of the foods are new to me and I like them very well.

"I have a flat at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Mills' landlady in the same compound . . . I am most happy to be there — Mrs. McPherson is a good neighbor."

Letters from Rev. Neal Mills and Miss Maxson tell of Mrs. Mills' rapid recovery from her recent illness. They also tell of the coming of Mr. Samuel Peters, a Seventh Day Baptist ministerial student from Georgetown, Guyana, who arrived on October 7 and began at once his studies at Jamaica Theological Seminary. Miss Maxson wrote, "He seems a fine, intelligent, well mannered young man. A few days ago I went with the Millses to visit the seminary where he is to attend, and we were favorably impressed."

## The Crusade and You!

By Leon R. Lawton  
Director of Evangelism

(The last in a series of four articles on the Crusade of the Americas)

What can your church and you do in the Crusade of the Americas? Four things: *Be informed*; *be involved*; *be sensitive* to the Spirit; *be committed* to pay the price for revival!

Your local church is the basic unit in the Crusade of the Americas. Unless a church is evangelistic, eventually it will die. Unless evangelism is church-related, the results are transitory and the converts are deprived of meaningful experiences in Christian nurture and growth.

An effective evangelistic church is not an accident. "Planning precedes progress." Your church and you must plan for the Crusade of the Americas—then diligently work your plans! God does not give revival to a proud, comfortable, lazy or an indolent people. There is a law of "sowing and reaping." Harvest comes in proportion to our labor and work in sowing and cultivating. There is no cheap easy way to revival.

Remember, however, that the best planning and techniques *alone* will not bring revival. The presence of God cannot be programmed. But we can believe that God is more concerned about the Crusade of the Americas than we can possibly be. He has promised wisdom and the power of His Holy Spirit. So let us bathe our plans in prayer and cast ourselves upon Him, claiming His promise of Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things thou knowest not."

### Be Informed

If the crusade is to be meaningful to you and to your church, first you must be fully informed of the events that are scheduled, the actions you should take, the materials and resources available to assist you.

Prayer is essential to genuine revival. The power of intercessory prayer defies description. The Seventh Day Baptist Prayer Fellowship and the Baptist PACT

offer an unparalleled opportunity for millions to participate in deep intercessory prayer that can open the gates to genuine revival in our churches and in our hemisphere. Has your church enrolled? Read again the folder, "Prayer in the Crusade of the Americas," for suggestions on how an effective prayer program can be carried out in your church.

"Seeking Souls for Sabbath School" is the suggested emphasis for outreach in October and November 1968. Has your church asked for and received its Participation Covenant? Through "Visitation Invitation" invite those in the church neighborhood or encourage each member to invite and bring another person with him. Are all church members active in the Sabbath School?

The attendance contest offers opportunity for vision and plans to promote personal and class competition in reaching goals. Charts, graphs, prizes, etc., could well be used.

The second Sabbath in January (the last day of SDB Week of Prayer) has been designated as a Day of Prayer for the Crusade of the Americas. It is also to be soul-winning commitment day for church members.

#### **A Checklist for Involvement**

The first step for involvement is to lead your church to vote to participate in the Crusade of the Americas. Then set the dates for your revival, (preferably at the time for the simultaneous effort September to Thanksgiving 1969); plan and adopt a calendar of activities; and secure your evangelistic help immediately, using the missionary list for suggestions.

Check the activities and events already mentioned and use the calendar for evangelism promotion in the Facing Frontiers with Faith packet (three copies sent to each church).

Engage in *creative evangelism* such as:

One to three minute testimonies by outstanding Christian men and women on television and radio the week prior

to the revival; present marked New Testaments to persons who are not Christians, and go over the passages with them; schedule prominent Christian professional and business men to speak at civic clubs; utilize Vacation Bible School for evangelism; plan a special approach to reach student groups; plan for evangelism in summer camps.

Other plans might be to conduct extension revivals, tent meetings, street meetings, services in prisons and jails, etc.; do personal witnessing in hospitals, apartment houses, nursing homes; enlist choir members to sing in revivals, give evangelistic concerts in shopping centers and on street corners, go on an evangelistic choir tour to neighboring communities and to other churches; conduct prayer retreats, personal witnessing and Bible study retreats.

#### **Lay Leadership**

Laymen can give creative and dynamic leadership to the Crusade:

Share with your pastor information, inspiration and ideas about how to make the crusade more vital and effective in your local church.

Volunteer to your pastor at least one day of your time for visitation and witnessing during the crusade meeting in your church.

Volunteer to your pastor at least one day of your time to assist another church during its "revival meeting" by visiting the church and spending the day with another layman in visiting and witnessing.

Where practical, see that all necessary literature, tracts, Scripture portions, and Testaments are provided for a successful crusade revival in a church or a mission (domestic or foreign) that is not otherwise able to provide this necessary material.

Lead your church to send your pastor to preach a crusade revival in a church or a mission that may not be able to pay all or even a part of his travel or

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### **Christian Church Now a Denomination**

Report of fraternal delegate to the Reconstituting Service of the Christian Church, Paul B. Osborn, member of the Seventh Day Baptist Commission.

There I was, standing on the platform of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) which was at that solemn but happy meeting being reconstituted as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For 118 years the convention has claimed that it was a group of churches, not a denomination. The meeting, held in Kansas City Municipal Auditorium, attended by 9000 people, was solemn because of the importance of the step, but happy because the great majority of the delegates present had voted for the reconstituting.

But what was I doing there? The next president-moderator of the Christian Church stated that "these representatives of other Christian bodies have come to share with us tonight." Then I introduced myself, "Paul Osborn, member of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference." It is terrifying but satisfying to think that our time as Seventh Day Baptists to speak was as long as any of the others, even Dr. Blake, who represented the World Council of Churches (though he was to address the entire convention the next night).

It was Tuesday night, October 1, that this happened. Our introduction on the platform was not the real point of our being there. After our introductions we were led to the rear of the auditorium to form another procession. We, the fraternal delegates, followed the leaders who would officiate at the Lord's Table for the Communion, and we in turn were followed by the six representatives of the people who bore the offering and the bread and the cup. For our part we brought only scrolls bearing Christian greetings. It was a beautiful sharing time, especially for those who like more ceremony and form, and yet the actual communion, or partaking of the elements,

was as simple as it could be. And then it was over, and I was just another one of 9000 folks who had come to the Lord's Table on a happy occasion.

I had followed the reports of the progress of the convention in the papers with interest. There was strong opposition by many in debate over the change from a "convention of churches" to a "denominational church," but only about 100 out of the almost 5000 voting delegates voted against it. As one delegate put it, "We aren't changing anything, only putting on paper the way we've been operating for many years." I thought about our own bylaws that are in process of revision, and noted the similarity.

Muriel and I had the pleasure of joining the "ecumenical" party for a buffet dinner in Dr. Fiers' suite at the convention hotel. It was there that we met the other fraternal delegates, as well as Dr. and Mrs. Fiers. He was the general secretary of the International Convention, and the new president of the denomination. It was also at the dinner that I learned of some things I didn't like.

First, I learned that there was to be a ballet as part of the worship that night. My views on ballet even outside the church aren't exactly complimentary. And as for the attempt to express "jubilation" by having some girls in ballet costumes hop around on their toes, well, as I said to one of the ladies behind me, I'd rather have a good old hymn-sing! I suppose for those who aren't opposed to such things it was meaningful, but it was a low spot in the evening for me, and was bearable only because of the tremendously meaningful sermon by Dr. Brown of Kansas City which preceded it. His message bore down on "churchianity" and appealed for consistency by those who took Christ's name!

Another thing that distressed me was an announcement that had to be made at the dinner: "We realize that because of convictions and creeds some of you (ecumenical representatives) will be unable to partake of the elements of the Lord's Table with us." How sad, that the Supper which should unite us all is

one of the things that still causes divisions in the church. This was the saddest part of the evening for me, but again I was heartened because of the understanding and eternal hope that was expressed by many that someday we will not be so divided.

Although my convictions led me to sympathize with those who opposed a more structured form of church, it was a pleasure to represent Seventh Day Baptists at this historic meeting.

### New York State Fair Booth 1968

The State Fair at Syracuse began this year on Tuesday, August 27, and ran through Labor Day, September 2.

The attendance this year was the highest ever recorded, which means that still more people have heard about Seventh Day Baptists. We are thankful for this opportunity of witness in "Facing Frontiers with Faith."

There were many who stopped to ask important questions about Seventh Day Baptists and our work and a good many people accepted very readily our tracts, special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder*, *Sabbath Visitor*, etc. There were some who told us they come back every year to get some of our materials to use in their Bible teaching programs.

Thirty-six people from our churches in New York State gave their time to man the booth from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. There was a pastor in the booth most of the time.

There were 12,000 tracts handed out and about 700 special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* plus an uncounted number of other pieces of literature.

We want to thank the American Sabbath Tract Society for their help with the finances and the tracts they furnished to make the Seventh Day Baptist fair booth possible.

We also want to thank all the folks, who gave their time and travel to assist in this very worthwhile project.

Rev. Charles Swing,  
LaVerne Davis, Co-Chairmen

### Baptists Were There

The World's Fair at San Antonio, Texas, called the Hemis Fair, closed its gates this fall. When the Baptist Pavilion closed its doors, it had clocked 228,844 visitors during the six months it had been open. It was a separate pavilion (not just a booth) operated by Southern Baptists with funds and personnel supplied by the San Antonio Baptist Association, the Texas State Convention and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the 11-million-member denomination.

It was considered successful in showing visitors from all over the world that Southern Baptists care about people, about religious freedom. George E. Stewart, superintendent of missions in the local association observed, "The fact that Southern Baptists were there must not be unnoticed. Other denominations commented upon this with commendation to us and disappointment that they were not likewise represented." He went on to say: "I think it is important for Baptists to participate in fairs and expositions such as Hemis Fair. I am convinced that this Baptist Pavilion was an investment of good stewardship and will reap dividends in the years ahead."

NOTE: Seventh Day Baptists, though they could not afford a pavilion and did not have even a booth at San Antonio, have pioneered in sponsoring literature booths at many smaller fairs, with the feeling that it was good stewardship and that it was not unnoticed that they were there.

### Naughty USSR Baptists

Since 1961 there has been a break-away Baptist group in the Soviet Union known as the Initiative Baptists. They have been in trouble with the government and some of the members have been sentenced on a variety of charges including praying in unauthorized places and giving religious instruction to children. The newspaper *Lenin's Banner* charged that, besides refusing to cooperate with officials, the Initiative Baptists undermine the state by encouraging people to devote themselves to God rather than secular concerns.

### Vacation Church School/Camp Dedicated Service

One application for workers has come to our desk, and two youth have applied for service opportunities for the summer of 1969. We appreciate very much the early applications and urge every church or camp staff that desires dedicated service assistance to apply as quickly as possible.

Qualifications for those who desire to work in our program are: 1. Worker must be of an accountable age—mature enough to travel by public conveyance alone. 2. The worker must agree to the principles as outlined in the *Seventh Day Baptist Dedicated Service Bulletin* (Copies may be secured from the General Secretary, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07061.) 3. It is expected that the worker will have had experience in teaching and helping with the work of Vacation Church School and/or a camp.

The plan only includes using those who will work outside of their home churches or association. We strongly urge those who are willing to work to care for the jobs in their local situations, when asked to do so.

### Extended Dedicated Worker

Miss Jennie Wells, who has offered her services in the denominational dedicated service program, is working currently for the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. A portion of her time has been shared with the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

### Sex Education Program Studied

A major research study of the sex education programs of eight major Protestant denominations has been completed by Dr. J. H. Phillips, of Duke University. The study was funded by the Duke University Council on Research.

The eight denominations studied are:  
The Episcopal Church  
The Lutheran Church in America  
The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod  
The Methodist Church  
The Presbyterian Church, U. S.

"The Covenant Life Curriculum," the material of this church under review, is also used by Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Moravian Church in America, and Reformed Church in America.

The Southern Baptist Convention  
United Church of Christ  
United Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.

The results of this study sharply challenge the stereotyped idea that the churches are generally inactive in this field and largely negative when they are active.

Various study units are analyzed in some detail and a number of helpful citations are provided. Both the content and the methodological approaches come under scrutiny.

The conclusions point to an impressive awakening of the churches and to a remarkable consensus on the affirmative attitudes of all of the denominations studied from the most conservative to the more liberal.

While the conclusions are generally affirmative, four critical judgments are also appended outlining the direction in which future developments should take place.

All in all, this is a very helpful piece both for those who are within the churches and to those community leaders and school administrators who need to know what the most recent trends and developments are in this field which touches so intimately the life of every person.

The study has now been published by the National Council of Churches, and may be ordered from 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y., 10027 at 75 cents each (quantity discounts).

(This article is contributed by the Family Life Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education; Helen Ogden, chairman.)

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 23, 1968

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Lesson Scripture: 1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-18

## News from the Women in Brazil

From a letter received by Mabel West from Raquel De Carvalho comes the following word from Brazil.

There are about 30 women in the church in Curitiba and only two of these women speak English. (The other one is Raquel's cousin). Some of them cannot read or write even in Portuguese. Most of these people are very poor.

Our weather is rather cold. We have cold mornings, hot at noon, and at night cold again. Only in January and February we have both mornings and nights hot.

Raquel said we could help them by sending materials with permission to translate the material into Portuguese. They would also like ideas how to earn money to help these people. One idea she has used is asking friends and neighbors to put a pocket on an apron, which she had made, with any amount of money they would like to put into it. This money was then used to buy material to make clothes. Do you have simple ideas you feel could be used by these women to earn a little money?

Raquel is very happy to hear from the women in the States so they can exchange ideas in the work of the Lord and know more about Seventh Day Baptists. She states that it was very comforting to have Rev. Leon Lawton with them and everybody liked his sermons very much.

## Meet an SDB Woman from Curitiba, Parana, Brazil

By Raquel De Carvalho

I am 28 years old, married and I have a daughter one year old. I will have my second baby in December, God willing.

I studied English for six years, but now I do not have much opportunity to use it and am gradually losing it. I am very sorry for this because I like English very much. (Raquel is one of two women in the church that speaks English.)

My husband is an inspector for the

States of Parana and Santa Catarina of an International Company of Chemical Products (CIBA). He is not a convert as yet but grew up in the Baptist Church. We were married in our church and sometimes he goes with me. Please pray for us!

My name in Portuguese means oak and so my name is Rachel Oak.

## BOOKS FOR YOUR READING ENJOYMENT

### Religious and Inspirational—

*The Bridge of Love*, by Grace Niles Fletcher, 1967

This story of an American architect who married a Japanese Imperial Household girl. She renounced her birth and gave up a life of wealth in exchange for love and accomplishment. They started their married life in a mission in a rat-infested village. She taught the villagers personal hygiene, began a kindergarten, and did other worthwhile projects. It gives a vivid picture of the two truly exceptional people who taught Christianity by living it.

### Nature Study—

*Hundred Acre Welcome*, by Ronald N. Rood, 1967

Describes a family excursion to Virginia for an annual wild pony round up. Relaxing reading for people who like the out-of-doors, farm life and horses.

### Biography—

*At Ease; Stories I Tell to My Friends*, by Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1967

In a simple, personal manner he writes about his life, his acquaintances, the history which unfolds before his eyes. Told with the sincerity and conviction the entire world has come to expect from him.

### History and Current Problems—

*SRO, Overpopulation and You*, by Marjory Bracher, 1966

For mature and responsible people. Is informative, clear and concise. Accent is on these life values that affirm the rights and dignity of man.

### Description and Travel—

*The Shape of a Year*, by Jean Hersey, 1967

A month-by-month chronicle of events in one woman's life in her Connecticut house, set in a meadow bounded by a rushing brook. Is a happy book which should bring pleasure and inspiration.

### Fiction—

*Shady Grove*, by Janice Holt Giles, 1968

A story of Appalachia, where the people are good Bible Christians but have not changed in the last 100 years. "Shady Grove" is a social document in a way, yet it makes you laugh and at the same time touches your heart.

## The Crusade and You—

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living expenses while preaching in the meeting.

Lead out in training other laymen in personal witnessing.

### Cooperative Evangelism

Enlist other churches in your area to participate in the Crusade of the Americas (Negro Baptist churches, other non-Seventh Day Baptist groups). Share materials, plans, inspiration. Plan together for area-wide rallies, parades, area crusades in stadiums or auditoriums, etc.

For the majority of us, our direct involvement with others in the hemispheric crusade will be through daily prayer and by sacrificial giving.

### Personal Preparation

What can you do as an individual church member to prepare yourself spiritually for the crusade?

In the first place, you can be spiritually sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit as you read your Bible: (1) in order to hear God speak, (2) for the deepening of your own spiritual life, (3) for personal inspiration, (4) for benefit from specific passages of Scripture, (5) for the memorization of passages which have special significance in personal evangelism, and (6) for additional Biblical knowledge.

In the second place, you can pray. The New Testament church was born in

a prayer meeting. Every great revival in history has been undergirded by prayer. Pray: (1) for personal forgiveness, (2) for persons who need Christ, (3) for Christians who may be faltering, (4) for spiritual renewal and power of the Holy Spirit, (5) for persons deprived of life's necessities (both spiritual and material), (6) for the "Lord of the harvest" to thrust forth laborers into his harvest, (7) for spiritual leaders, (8) for secular rulers, (9) for the children of God wherever found, (10) for specific churches or groups in other countries, and (11) for success in making the Americas aware of Christ as the Savior.

In the third place, engage in self-examination: (1) to be sure of your own conversion, (2) to acknowledge and confess known sins, (3) to rid self of secret sins, (4) to discover areas of spiritual weakness and need, (5) to discover spiritual capacities which God can use through the crusade, and (6) to heed God's call to vocational Christian service if it comes.

### Be Committed

Each of us needs to experience revival. Our churches need revival. Our denomination needs revival. Our country and this hemisphere need revival.

We need a revival of faith in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ to transform this world.

We need a revival of Christian optimism and spiritual expectancy.

We need a revival of genuine compassion and concern for people.

We need a revival of godly disciplined holy living.

Revival begins as we each one make a personal and private commitment to our Lord and our church:

(1) to be an example of Christian faith and moral purity, (2) to nourish our souls by means of frequent and faithful Bible reading, (3) to deepen our personal prayer life by means of more frequent fervent prayer experiences, daily praying for specific persons who need Christ, (4) to witness personally and seek to win souls, (5) to ascertain and follow the Holy Spirit's leadership to the best of our ability, (6) to respond to

the demands of the New Testament stewardship as they apply to life and possessions, (7) to keep one's attitudes toward others as near to New Testament norms as possible, (8) to initiate the Crusade of the Americas personally by dedicating ourselves anew to Christ, and (9) to attend crusade meetings and participate in crusade activities faithfully and expectantly.

When the Brazilian National Campaign was being planned in Salvador in 1963, the crusade almost died before it was born! A wave of skepticism swept through the group as they began to calculate the tremendous financial expenditures involved in such a proposal.

At that point, SBC Missionary Mrs. Ben Oliver stood up to speak. The daughter of the veteran missionary, A. B. Deter, who established the Baptist Publication House in Rio, she said, "I remember one day when I was a little girl, Father said, 'We are going to lose the printing press if I do not get some money to repair the building. I shall cable the Mission Board for more funds.'

"I remember when he read the answer at the dinner table to mother, 'No funds available.' And she asked, 'What shall we do?'"

"And father said that we must save the press and we should sell our furniture to get the money. I remember how I felt as a little girl when the truck backed up to the house and men carried away every piece of furniture and father gathered up boxes for us to sit on and eat from. But we saved the press!"

Then with tears streaming down her face, and with quivering lips, she said, "And again, I am ready to sell my furniture to raise the funds and pay any price necessary for Brazil to have a revival!" Others responded in the same way. She and countless others paid the price and Brazil was shaken by revival!

God will give to the Americas, to our nation, to our church and to each of us revival, when we too are ready to pay the price.

## YOUTH...

### A Prayer of the Christian Life

Our Father,

Thank you for giving us the capacity to love one another. May we never hesitate to say the word of kindness, to give expression to our higher impulses. Make us sensitive to the sufferings of those about us, that as we weep with those who weep, we might find comfort together. Give us a daring faith, that we might actually try to turn the other cheek, to go the second mile, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Make Your will known to us which is ours because we believe in Jesus Christ. We make our prayer in His Name. Amen.

—Alan Crouch, Milton, Wis.

### Week of Prayer Booklet Now in Lushai Language

The Seventh Day Baptist Week of Prayer booklet, for use January 5-11, 1969, by all the churches of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation will be used in one of the youngest of those conferences. The booklet, edited this year by the Rev. James McGeachy of London, has been translated into the Lushai language by L. Sawi Thanga of Rangoon, Burma. He has reproduced it by mimeograph in a neat 22-page booklet. The churches of our faith in Burma who speak this language are several hundred miles from Rangoon. It is good to know that these people whose circumstances and manner of life are so different from those of western countries will be reading the same devotional material as we—in their own native tongue.

### Harvest of Memories

The most durable harvest of our lives, in all probability, is our harvest of memories. No depression, no bank failure, no material reverses can rob us of them. They form a mental bank account on which we draw in leaner times.

—Edwin Teale  
in *Wandering Through Winter*

THE SABBATH RECORDER

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y.—Greetings to all our *Recorder* friends from the Verona church. Regular church services and Sabbath School are held each week and Junior and Senior Youth Fellowship meetings have been resumed on two Sabbath afternoons each month. The Vacation Bible School was held in cooperation with the New London Methodist Church with over 100 children enrolled and a good regular attendance. A closing demonstration of their work was held at the New London Church Hall well attended by parents and friends. There were ten young people in attendance at the association Camp Harmony at Adams Center with others able to spend the weekend there. Pastor Richards and Mayola Warner were included in the camp staff.

Those who were delegates to General Conference brought reports of the denominational matters at a Sabbath afternoon meeting.

Those in attendance at Central Association in Brookfield were thrilled by the challenge presented by Mr. Leland Bond, the new Conference president. The pictures and information about his recent trip to South America and Mexico by Leon Lawton gave increased interest and meaning to the Crusade of the Americas.

Considerable thought and preparation were given to a "kick off" session for the new year of Program for Advance. Considerable illness and extended vacations within our membership have somewhat slowed our progress. We look to the new Conference year with renewed interest in being "Yoked in Mission and Sensitive in His Service."

As concerns the material progress of the Verona church minor repairs have been made to the church and parsonage buildings including a new shingle roof on the second half of the church. The annual Lord's Acre auction was well attended and successful with the proceeds voted into the parsonage fund.

The Ladies Aid is active, not only in regular monthly meetings but also serv-

ing public meals and holding bazaars as moneymaking projects.

We have lost four members by death and added two by baptism during the year. We miss our young people who are away at college and in service but our prayers go with them. We desire your prayers that we may be faithful and more alert to the Master's work.

—Correspondent

SHILOH, N. J.—A recent church bulletin lists eighteen college students, eight girls and ten boys. Of the girls, five are in New Jersey colleges, three out of state (Salem, Gordon, Taylor). Of the boys three are at Penn State, one at Salem, one at Alfred, one at the University of Maine, one at a school in Daytona Beach, Fla., one at Virginia Polytechnic, and one at Rutgers. Addresses for those far from home may be secured from the pastor in case there are Seventh Day Baptists close enough for contacts.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The first wedding to be held at the Kansas City church was September 25. We were all pleased that Sandra Huffman chose to be married at her church. She was baptized with her mother and sister, and all three joined the church when Pastor John Conrod was at Kansas City. The announcement of the wedding motivated the execution of some changes in the church which had been put off for some time.

The room used as temporary sanctuary by the church was formerly a large mechanics' garage with two roll-up doors at one end. When the building was inspected for certification as suitable for public assembly one of the doors was removed and a regulation exit was installed, with bookshelves in the rest of the space. Now the other door was removed and the opening paneled to match the door-bookshelves on the other side. This alone greatly improved the atmosphere of the sanctuary, especially since the wall is behind the pulpit. The rest of the walls were painted a fresh coat of white. Future plans call for making drapes for the three windows in the sanctuary and matching drapes for the bare wall space behind the pulpit.

# The Sabbath Recorder

The small sanctuary was full with relatives and friends when Mrs. Arthur H. Burnett (the former Ellen Swinney of Waterford, Conn.) played the introductory wedding numbers. The church wishes the Wilsons the best, and thanks them for giving the church the pleasure of entertaining them on the happy occasion.

—P. B. O.

## Disagreement on Abstinence

Moderation rather than abstinence is urged by some temperance organizations, such as the North Conway Institute of Boston. Rev. Philip L. Hansen, a Lutheran pastor from Minnesota and member of the National Council of Churches Task Force on Alcohol Problems, began an address to the 14th Annual North Conway Conference with the following paragraphs under his chosen topic "Abstinence Hang-Up":

"While I believe that abstaining from alcoholic beverage is a good attitude, I do not believe that I can determine for someone else that it is the *only* or even the *best* attitude.

"It is at this point that I believe the church of any denomination makes a serious mistake when it says or implies that total abstinence is the preferred attitude toward the use of alcoholic beverage."

## Marriages

Bozarth - Kimbrough.— Graylon Wayne Bozarth of New Market, Ala., and Miss Mary Glenda Kimbrough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Kimbrough of Paint Rock, Ala., were united in marriage August 30, 1968, at Huntsville, Ala., by Judge Ashford Todd.

Donahue - Maxson.— Richard E. Donahue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Donahue of Rochester, N. Y., and Maryann Maxson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Maxson of Berlin, N. Y., were united in marriage

August 30, 1968, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Berlin, N. Y., by the bride's father, the Rev. Paul L. Maxson.

Hoover - Sartin.— Frank Hoover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hoover of Birch River, W. Va., and Miss Wilma Jean Sartin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Z. Sartin of Little Birch, W. Va., were united in marriage, July 27, 1968, as Sutton, W. Va., by Pastor Charles G. Wyatt of the Methodist Church.

Kenyon - Teal.— Rex, son of Raymond M. Kenyon of Salem, W. Va., and Linda Lou Teal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex R. Teal of Hendersonville, Tenn., were united in marriage, Sept. 9, 1968, at the bride's home.

Kinney - Nutt.— Daniel Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kinney, Jr., of Salem, W. Va., and Sharon Lee Nutt of Clarksburg, W. Va., were united in marriage, Oct. 5, 1968, by Pastor J. Paul Green at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. They are living in Virginia Beach, Va., where Daniel is serving with the United States Navy.

Phillips - Percy.— Joseph Robert, son of Mrs. Caroline Phillips of Oxon Hill, Md., and Helen Percy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evert R. Percy of Salem, W. Va., were united in marriage, June 15, 1968, in the Sacred Heart Church of Salem, by the Rev. Michael O'Reilly and the Rev. J. Paul Green.

Wilson - Huffman.— Ronald J. Wilson and Sandra L. Huffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huffman of Muncie, Kans., were united in marriage by Pastor Paul Osborn, Sept. 25, 1968, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Kansas City.

## Births

Marks.— A son, Roderick Todd, May 28, 1968 to Ronald and Elaine (Davis) Marks of Salem, W. Va.

Ellis.— A daughter, Kim Diane, to Howard and Roberta (Clarke) Ellis, Stephentown, N. Y., on October 19, 1968.

Sartin.— Marvin Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Z. Sartin of Little Birch (Crites Mountain), W. Va., was born July 19, 1968.

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