

The Sabbath Recorder

LET'S THINK IT OVER

What's in a Headline?

"CROP Declares War on Rats," reads the headline over a news release from community food appeal department (CROP) of Church World Service (CWS). One might observe that this declaration of war is centuries late and might be thought of as only a formal recognition that a state of war has existed all through history between rats and crops. Speaking lightly, the present editor of CROP, who is responsible for the declaration of war on rats, bears the name of Farmer. More seriously, on Haiti the rats have been rampant. A new poison that first enfeebles the feet and then gives the rodents a heart attack has been developed and is being distributed by CWS at an initial cost of \$10,000 to save the food supply of the Haitians. Later, the experiment will be taken to India where rats destroyed 12 million tons of grain last year.

Sen. Morse Finds Leaders Straining at Gnat, Swallowing Camel

In a hard-hitting speech to the U. S. Senate, Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) condemned the social and economic cost of drinking and called for a curb on radio and television advertising of alcoholic beverages.

The Oregon senator introduced a bill that would amend the Communications Act to ban broadcast advertising of all alcoholic beverages between the hours of 3 p.m. and 10 p.m., local time.

The senator cited the millions of teenagers (most of whom cannot legally drink beer) who see and hear the wine and beer ads. For the good of this growing proportion of the population, he said, the

advertising of any alcoholic beverage should be eliminated when the audience is composed of a significant percentage of teen-agers.

"I am a little dismayed," he continued, "to read that legislators, the medical professions, and others are beginning to think of hallucinogenic drugs as a danger to individuals and to the community, when the dangers of alcohol are infinitely more widespread and yet receive far less attention."

"Politicians and citizens in all walks of life can view with alarm all they like the use of narcotic and exotic drugs," the senator said, "but they are straining at the gnat and swallowing the camel, so far as relative magnitude of the problems are concerned."

Obituaries

MILKS.— Mrs. Dorothea, daughter of Herbert M. and Eliza Jennings Carpenter, was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua County, N. Y., May 18, 1884, and died at her home in Scio, N. Y., June 13, 1968.

She was a graduate of Alfred University in 1909. She taught school several years previous to her marriage to Earl P. Milks Nov. 24, 1916. She served as librarian for the Scio Free Library for many years and was a member of the W.C.T.U. She assisted in the post office while her husband was postmaster and later helped in the management of the Milks' Hardware.

She was a member of the Scio Seventh Day Baptist Church and on April 20, 1957, joined the Alfred Church. She is survived by her husband; two nieces, Mrs. S. Harold Wellman of North Tonowanda, N. Y., and Mrs. Stanley Butts of Alfred; two nephews, Bruce and Paul Carpenter of Ashville, N. Y.; nine great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great-niece.

Interment was in the Fairlawn Cemetery, Scio, after a memorial service, June 16, 1968, conducted by her pastors, David S. Clarke and Hurley S. Warren.

—D. S. C.



Dedicated Service Workers in Plainfield

These six energetic and vigorous college age young people, standing on the steps of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, represent the beginning of a lifetime of committed Christian service. All it takes for one to begin such a life is to take the first step, as these have, in giving oneself to God and His purposes. There is a need in all phases of life for those who are willing to emerge from the sometimes faceless sea of humanity and give themselves in dedicated and consecrated service to God. As these will witness, life thus dedicated is filled with experiences of glorious proportions and one gains the ability to rise above any or all of the struggles which could destroy one's life. God needs all men to be thus dedicated.

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Who's to Blame for a Divided Church?

Archbishop Cooke is the first prelate of the Roman Catholic Church to address a meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches. In his address on June 7 he spoke of peace in the world and in our cities as the top priorities of our time. As might be expected, he also had something to say about the divided church and church reunion. His argument ran thus:

"The division of the church remains a fact. Surely then, we need to ask ourselves, why? how? and for how much longer? If Christ unites us in faith, hope and love—as he surely does—then something other than Christ must occasion our division."

The argument sounds logical until you look a little closer and begin to consider specific cases. Can we agree that every new denomination came into existence under leadership of the devil? If we look back in history to the beginnings of the Protestant Reformation, do we become convinced that the great leaders like Luther and Calvin, who have enriched succeeding generations with their Bible commentaries and other books, were led by "something other than Christ"? They were convinced that loyalty to Christ necessitated a division in the visible church. The archbishop's logic is faulty. It assumes that the breaking of organic unity is a sin more grievous than departing from truth and righteousness.

Who is to blame for the great division in the church 450 years ago? Is it not due more to the corrupt Catholic Church than the reformers who again brought to light the truth, "The just shall live by faith"? Perhaps this Catholic leader would admit that the united church was at fault; some Catholics now do. But his watertight logic becomes a leaky vessel when it is remembered that Christ had something against certain churches "because thou hast left thy first love" (Rev. 2:4) or those "that are of the synagogue of Satan" (Rev. 2:9) or the church that was lukewarm (Rev. 3:16). If Christ says that He will spew some of these churches out of His mouth can we in our day be sure that unity of the faith is necessarily found in a completely

united church? History would seem to show that the devil can get into the administration of a great denomination fully as easily as into a small one that separated itself over an issue that seemed important.

When we listen to these often spoken arguments about the sinfulness of a divided church, we cannot leave the subject without becoming specific about our own denominational distinctives. Our greatest denominational leaders have recognized the scandal of division but have also stood firm on the necessity of adhering to the clearly revealed truths of the Bible. They have indicated our willingness to unite with others when they, too, accept the Sabbath of the Bible. We cannot depart from the will of God to have organic unity apart from truth.

Confusing the Issue

Christian people have shown that they are concerned about the citizenship rights of the Negro people of the United States who have been discriminated against for many years in large segments of our land. Christian people have also taken to heart the plight of the poor and have expressed a willingness to contribute money and effort to bettering their lot—in line with the appeal of President Johnson to wipe out poverty. This is evidenced by the large gifts pouring into the treasury of the Poor People's Campaign. Rev. Ralph Abernathy announced on June 19 that the United Presbyterian Church had contributed \$50,000 and had pledged \$50,000 more for the costs of the Poor People's Campaign.

The issue seemed to be intentionally confused when Mr. Abernathy stated in his hour-long sermon on "Solidarity Day" (June 19):

"Today is really only the beginning. We will not give up the battle until Congress . . . opens the doors of America and allows the nation's poor to enter as full-fledged citizens into this land of wealth and opportunity."

The poor of the past and present, the great majority of whom are white, not black, have wished that they were not poor, but they, perhaps far more than

MEMORY TEXT

Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. Luke 17:33.

the middle class or the wealthy, have prided themselves in their full-fledged citizenship. There has never been any question about it. Poverty in America does not keep people from the polls or from enjoying all the benefits of citizenship. It may keep people from owning homes, driving new cars, and doing some of the other things that can be done with money, but there is a vast difference between the problems of racial discrimination and the problems of poverty. We trust that sound-thinking people full of love and concern will keep the issues clear so that the diagnosis is correct or the right medicine is administered.

Revolutionary Zeal

In Cuba all work is supposed to be for the national cause. Therefore to work harder for no more pay is the most patriotic thing most people can do. At the May Day rally a Cuban labor official, according to the *New York Times*, challenged the people with these words: "The eight-hour work day has become a ridiculous thing." He called for a twelve-hour work day with pay for eight hours as a "work day of conscience . . . dictated by revolutionary duty." It is reported by Havana Radio that 8,000 workers at a cement plant near the city have "voluntarily" switched to twelve-hour shifts for the old eight-hour pay. This should not necessarily mean that the pay was already ample.

Although we may discount the voluntary part of this, we must accept enough of it to make us ask ourselves why it is that revolutionary zeal challenges the communists to such sacrifices when patriotism is so sickly in our country and labor works so much harder to stop production than to produce. Christianity is motivated by love, but it is hard to find salvation zeal that matches revolutionary zeal, at least in numbers.

"Maryland Drops Drunk Tank"

In these busy days of closing sessions of state legislatures, much last minute action is taken and many bills die because time for proper consideration is not available. The Plainfield *Courier-News* in an editorial on Tuesday, June 25, comments on one such law in Maryland, as follows:

"The broadest law of its kind in the nation goes into effect in Maryland on Monday, when drunks and alcoholics will have to be treated as sick persons and not arrested or jailed. The law, based on a model code of the American Medical Association, may at least temporarily put a heavy burden on hospitals. Arrests for drunkenness in the state have been running at a rate of about 30,000 a year.

"The Maryland General Assembly, unfortunately, struck all funding provisions from the law. 'Even if we had all the money we need this year,' said the Rev. Harry E. Shelley, coordinator of Baltimore City's alcoholism program, on June 2, 'we still couldn't implement this act completely because of the shortage of qualified personnel.' Mrs. Gertrude Nilsson, Maryland coordinator of services to alcoholics, at the same time said: 'there is no doubt in our minds that a great deal can be done for alcoholics under present budgets.'

"Next year, according to a Maryland Budget Bureau analyst, the Assembly will be asked to pay for the alcoholic treatment program with general funds. The liquor industry has opposed an earmarked tax rise on alcoholic beverages allegedly because the new tax would be associated in the public mind with mental illness.

"Other states and municipalities are moving in the direction Maryland has taken. But the U.S. Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision of June 17 ruled that jailing chronic alcoholics for public drunkenness was not 'cruel and unusual punishment' and hence not unconstitutional."

As Christians let us be aware of the trend of legislation pertaining to the treatment of those who over-use alco-

holic beverages. Let us seek to be informed and add our voices where we can best aid our fellow citizens in this growing social problem in our states and land.

—L. R. L.

Bicycles for Pastors

A little missionary publication *World Evangelism* comes to the editor's desk from Dallas, Texas. It is the promotion organ of World Missionary Evangelism, headed by John E. Douglas. Featured on the cover of the most recent issue is a picture of twenty-three native evangelists in India. Each man is holding high his Bible with one hand. With the other he is holding his bicycle, forming a tight semicircle. The caption going with the picture tells how a bicycle can be furnished to a native evangelist for only \$60. Why a bicycle? Because it increases a man's range at least tenfold over walking and enables him to go quickly over narrow paths to villages and homes where an automobile could not go—even if (quite impossible) the evangelist could get one.

The advantage of bicycles for transportation of gospel workers is as great in many other countries as in India. Most of the countries of Africa can best be evangelized by bicycle. In Malawi, for example, we have two or three cars and some twenty-five churches scattered over hundreds of miles. Some of them are inaccessible by road. Bicycles can get there in most cases. Some pastors have them; others need them if the work is to be rapidly extended.

There is a Seventh Day Baptist work in Ghana, Africa, started by an educated evangelist, Ralph Cann. Through personal gifts from Seventh Day Baptists in England and America he and one of his helpers now have bicycles and have extended their evangelistic work to villages that could not be reached before. Bicycles in most of the countries of Africa are priced a little higher than in India and America at \$70. This is a small sum to put the gospel and the Sabbath on wheels.

—L. M. M.

Seventh Day Baptist Executives in Church and Interchurch Gatherings

As Secretary Wheeler travels through Europe during June and July, he will seek to fulfill several missions in behalf of the General Conference USA, the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, and in the name of our Christ.

Mail being sent to him during that time may be sent to the following addresses with consideration being given on the part of the sender to time needed for delivery. The dates stated are those of his arrival and departure.

June 25-July 19—

c/o World Council of Churches Fourth Assembly, Uppsala, Sweden.

July 19-24—

c/o Rev. Johannes Bahlke, Lastropsweg 30, 2 Hamburg 19, Germany.

July 25-30—

c/o Lanark Hotel, 348 Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, London N. 4 (probably).

Secretary Wheeler is the only SDB representative attending the World Council of Churches Fourth Assembly in Uppsala, Sweden. Seventh Day Baptists have attended all four of these W.C.C. Assemblies. Dr. Lloyd Seager attended the First Assembly at Amsterdam. Several were at the Second at Chicago and Clifford W. P. Hansen attended the Third held in New Delhi, India.

Leon R. Lawton, director of evangelism, left for South America, Thursday, June 27. He will visit our mission field in Guyana before going on to Brazil where he will visit several Seventh Day Baptist churches. He will attend meetings of the Planning Session of the Crusade of the Americas in Sao Paulo. Seventh Day Baptists have had active part in Baptist interchurch programs.

We have been in the Baptist World Alliance and now have representatives on the executive committee. Secretary Leon M. Maltby attended the World Congress in Rio in 1960. Delegates have attended meetings held in Atlantic City and Miami Beach. Several took part in the

Youth Congress two and one-half years later in Toronto. We have no representatives scheduled for the Baptist Youth Congress to be held in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28.

Senator Jennings Randolph is our representative to the North American Baptist Fellowship which follows the Baptist Crusade.

Dedicated Service Training Session 1968

By Rev. Leon R. Lawton

The training session for summer dedicated workers (SCSC & VCSC) was held at the Milton Junction SDB Church, June 13-19, with the Milton church ladies as hostesses. Fifteen young people attended. Secretary Rex E. Zwiebel and Mrs. Loyal Todd assisted Director Leon R. Lawton on the staff, with Seventh Day Baptist ministers in the area leading the six chapel services. Each afternoon was spent in local visitation.

The young people have spoken of their experiences in the following way:

"Before I came to the training session I had never really known the power of prayer. The Lord opened a new door in my life!"

"The Bible and its contents took on a new light for me . . . Christ's life became so much more meaningful as we read in depth and then discussed the words he'd spoken. I felt a greater calling to me in my life of Christian service."

"I walked up to the first door that day with a lousy attitude. It just couldn't be a success. I couldn't see the point in this 'visitation' business anyway. Oddly, enough, I ended up explaining to the women, who answered, just what I wanted to understand myself. It was a realization that was essential to my whole experience in SCSC training session. It truly opened my eyes to the job I have before me this summer."

"The Holy Spirit can work wonders—I've seen it happen in our training session of seven days. The group has already grown close in fellowship and love

in that short time. We have worked hard—12-hour sessions with time-out only for lunch and supper and an occasional game of frisbee! Now may we go forth with anticipation!"

"My greatest experience has been the close contact that I have experienced with Christ. He has shown me the glory of living, the fruitfulness of patience and the salutary effect of seemingly insurmountable tasks. God has said to me, 'I called and you answered; I have led, you followed; now I send you, will you go?'"

The training session has drawn to a close and now the real work begins. Each one of these young people has answered the foregoing question with a resounding "yes" and has now dedicated himself to see our dreams fulfilled!

Great Day for Christian Education

What a day for the Church to work! Too often, however, we are afflicted by the "edifice complex." We are paralyzing the power of God with programs that are building-centered. Our machinery often mangles the message. Christ's final word to us, his disciples, was "Go . . . teach." I believe the opportunities of today are giving new dimensions to Christian education at the local church level.

We are achieving new dimensions through *rediscovery of our message*. We are seeing a grass roots movement back to the Bible, as our basic text and only guide—a return to the Holy Scriptures as our only frame of reference.

We have never had anything of such magnitude . . . so potentially promising . . . and so creatively challenging as Christian Education in the local church today. God grant that we shall use to the fullest every aspect of Christian education. God's formula for effective evangelism is to teach the Word and reach the heart.

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years" (Habakkuk 3:2).

—Dean A. Dalton, director, Education and Information Division, Gospel Light Publications, Glendale, Calif.

Dedicated Service Youth Spread Out Across Country

June 20 was travel day for the fifteen young people involved in the ten varied projects in dedicated service this summer. Most traveled by air at youth fare which proved to be no more expensive than other public transportation.

A resume of projects and personnel is given so that you can remember this ministry in specific prayer and continue your financial support through designated giving to the Women's Board. On the last day of the training session each team selected a name for their project as noted.

Summer Christian Service Corps teams are:

ACTION— Little Rock, June 23-Aug. 3: Jennie Wells (Boulder), John Barber (Westerly).

BUILDERS— Daytona Beach, June 23-July 13: Steven Crouch (Milton), Debby Randolph (Boulder), Bob Harris (Shiloh), Chris Williams (North Loup).

CHEERFUL— Plainfield, June 23-Aug. 3: Jane Harris (Shiloh), Alice Rood (Milton), Cathy Clarke (Alfred); June 23-July 7/July 21-Aug. 3: Laura Bond (Lost Creek), Bernard Keown (North Loup).

DEVOTED— Marlboro, July 14-Aug. 3: Steven Crouch (Milton), Debby Randolph (Boulder).

EFFECTIVE— Schenectady, July 14-Aug. 3: Bob Harris (Shiloh), Chris Williams (North Loup).

FAITHFUL— Westerly, July 7-20: Laura Bond (Lost Creek), Bernard Keown (North Loup).

Vacation Church School/Camp workers are:

GRATEFUL— Berlin, June 23 - July 20: Ed Page (Shiloh), Dale Harris (Eules, Tx.).

HOPE— Crites Mountain, W. Va., June 23-July 7: Jessie Curry (Lost Creek), Jeannie Lawrence (Marlboro).

INCREASE— Paint Rock, July 14-27: (same workers as Hope).

JOYFUL— Brookfield, July 21-Aug. 3: (same workers as Grateful).

Change Action, Not Theology

The Southern Baptist Convention at Houston, with an attendance of 15,000 made some real changes in the area of social action and race relations while at the same time reaffirming its conservative theology.

Messengers of the 11-million member convention made a bold effort at solving the racial crisis in the nation by agreeing in a 1,100-word statement to secure for every person equality of human and legal rights.

In reaffirming their bent for theological conservatism, the messengers chose W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. A leading conservative, and pastor of the denomination's largest church, Criswell defeated Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Miss., industrialist and layman, who was later chosen first vice-president.

The messengers also approved without question a record \$27.6 million operating budget for 1968-69 and a \$5 million capital needs budget for a five-year period beginning in 1969.

Supporters for changing the denomination's name got a cool reception as messengers in a straw vote approved the existing name by a whopping majority. The vote was Southern Baptist Convention, 4,996; Baptist General Convention, 702; United Baptist Convention, 611, and a category for those preferring another name, 956.

In a peace resolution the messengers called for an immediate cease-fire in Vietnam and an end to all hostile activities and further military buildup. They also asked for prayer for peace negotiators, delegates of the United Nations, men of goodwill throughout the world seeking peace and justice, and Christians suffering for their faith.

Among the twelve resolutions adopted was one on strengthening the observance of "The Lord's Day." It was against the proposed national legislation to move four of our holidays to the weekend. The committee and the messengers at the Convention felt that this would under-

mine regard for Sunday as a day of worship. The resolution does not appear to be in the nature of a "blue law," forcing people outside the church to keep "The Lord's Day."

June 19 in Washington

The "Solidarity Day" march in Washington on June 19 in support of the Poor People's Campaign had a great deal of support from denominations. American Baptists sent a bus load of 50 people from their national headquarters building at Valley Forge. Among the group was the executive secretary, Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, and the new president. The Southern Baptist delegation in Washington was led by Jame Duncan, editor of the *Capital Baptist*. It is probable that there were Seventh Day Baptists who made an excursion to Washington on that day. At the time of writing there is no information on that. None went from our denominational headquarters at Plainfield.

What may have been accomplished by the convergence of 50,000 people on Washington on June 19 is yet to be evaluated. The news reports indicate some some gains from the Poor People's Campaign and Resurrection City, so well supported by the churches and graciously permitted by government authorities.

The leader of Resurrection City took a rather militant attitude (perhaps because of support shown on "Solidarity Day") when the permit to continue the shanty town beyond June 24 was not renewed. He is reported to have said that it would continue without a permit and that he would not turn over the "keys of the city" to anyone, not even the President.

Bible Belt

According to a survey quoted by a Houston pastor, Robert Smith, rural people do not attend church as much as city people and people of the Bible-belt South do not attend as faithfully as the "heathen" East (44% to 49%).

Conclusion to 126th Annual Report of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

(This is a part of the Annual Report of the Board of Managers to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society to be printed in quantity for distribution at General Conference at Kearney, Nebr., August 10-17, 1968.)

Ministers of Jesus Christ serve as under-shepherds of Jesus Christ. They are urged to make their message relevant to the needs of the times. How would our Lord have made His message relevant to the times? Would He preach on the headlines of the daily newspaper? Some of us doubt this very strongly.

We know that Jesus preached and taught in such simple, straight-forward language that the common folks understood Him plainly and heard Him gladly. We know He spoke to the deepest needs of their souls. He had very little to say about the Roman army of occupation or the prevalent system of slavery. Nevertheless, His message was relevant to their deepest needs. He knew that His eternal message of the dignity of man and of man's worth in the sight of God would eventually lead His followers to become involved in the struggle between good and evil. And this is the way it has been in every generation.

How then shall we make our missionary message relevant to the needs of our day?

Dr. George Thorngate told of a survey among Chinese Christians which was made before he left that country, asking what phase of missionary work had been the most successful in winning souls to Christ in their estimation—was it preaching and evangelism as carried on by the pastors and Bible women, or was it the educational work carried on so successfully in our schools in Shanghai, or was it the medical work at Shanghai and Liuho? What answer do you suppose the majority gave? They said it was not any one of these services but rather it was *the lives and example of the missionaries themselves*. Dr. Thorngate summed up the matter thus: "The best medicine is 'T-L-C' (Tender-Loving-Care). This is

what every individual in all the world needs and responds to."

It is because we believe this is true that we still send out missionaries who will not only preach the gospel message and carry on educational and medical services but will live out before the people the message of God's love and care. This is why Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth and lived among men—so that they could see the message lived out in day to day contact with the people.

We cannot stand off at arms' length and offer the cold truth. We must take the little children in our arms and bless them. We must lay our hand on the fevered brow of the one in suffering. We must get involved to the point where our hearts are broken and the people know it. We want an evangelism that reaches deeply into people's lives—entering into their anxieties and fears, reaching into their political and international relationships, their civic responsibilities as well as their church services. We want evangelistic preaching that will strive in the moment of conversion to Christ and His way of life to show that Christ calls for involvement in the battle against the social evils of our day.

A young man in a university town of Colombia, South America, who had been an outstanding leader of Christian youth and a strong member of the church, left the Christian faith and became an outspoken Communist. When asked why he made such a change he replied: "You Protestants are concerned that people don't smoke or drink or commit immoral acts but communism is concerned about human suffering and injustice and the great international problems of our day."

Now we know that this indictment is not true. But some young people have somehow gotten the idea it is true. Somehow we must prove to our young people that evangelism produces Christians who are deeply concerned about suffering and injustice and the great international problems of our day. Evangelistic preaching in our day can and does produce Christians who are willing to become involved in the struggle against evil in our day.

The Crusade of the Americas is challenging our churches to rally around the great theme, "Christ, the Only Hope." With our beloved nation beset with senseless assassinations and violence of every kind and with the threat of annihilation through all-out nuclear war ever hovering over the world, it surely is a time to call attention to the hope that centers in Christ and His Kingdom of love. Without Him life is meaningless and the future is dark, but with Him as our Lord and Savior there is hope for the salvation of men and nations. As Peter answered our Lord so long ago: "To whom shall we go, Thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Churches Vote "Crisis" Funds

The Methodists by action of the executive committee of their Board of Missions have recently allocated \$680,000 for programs to cope with the racial and poverty crisis, according to a report by *The Religious Newsweekly*, which went on to say:

"A total of \$1 million for urban needs was allocated by the newly organized Department of Metropolitan Ministry of the American Lutheran Church. Of this, one-half was designated for operational subsidies in inner-city churches in 1968, and a similar sum allocated as a loan fund for urban churches with particular needs.

"The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., voted on May 20 to make up to \$12.6 million available for investment in high-risk, low-income housing and businesses in inner-city areas. Instructing its boards and agencies to invest 30 per cent of available funds in such projects (\$9 million), a similar request was made of the denomination's seminaries, which would amount to another \$3.6 million."

Note: We normally think of all the funds of denominational seminaries being needed to finance the education of students. Evidently the Presbyterians either can spare some of their capital funds or they think this program is more important at the moment.

YOUTH . . .

A Prayer for Forgiveness

Our Father, we are sorry that we cannot come before You with clear consciences, for our hands are unclean and our hearts are impure. We delude ourselves when we suppose that our sins have gone unnoticed. For You know all our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess that we have ignored Your presence with us, and that this neglect has led us to sin many times and in many ways. We are thankful that You always give us a second chance. Remove the burden of guilt from our minds; free us from the bonds of regret. Forgive us for doing those things which make us uncomfortable when we look into the eyes of those we love. Put a new and right spirit within us, and lead us into the unmarred future. Amen.

Alan Crouch, Milton, Wis.

Sharing Our Beliefs

I have joy in telling people at school all I know about the Bible. I disagree with some of the people who believe in what they read in science books and I try to make them believe the way it is written in the Bible. Like one kid thinks that man came from a bug or gases in the air. This boy knows a little about the Bible, but doesn't believe it. I know this, because at school in one of our classes, he knew that King Constantine changed the day of worship and he knows other things as well.

By sharing our information, I think I learn something, and I think someone else learns something, too.

Gary Morris, 12, Riverside, Calif.

ACT YOUR CREED

"I wonder sometimes if we as Southern Baptists have to publish our statements of belief because no one can tell what we believe by the way we act," said George Schweitzer at a Baptist pastor's conference recently. The words could be taken to heart by Sabbathkeeping as well as Sundaykeeping Baptists.

The Answer Is Christian Love

Dorrie Cavinder*

There is only one problem facing our society. That is universal hate arising from mistrust. This causes war, civil disobedience, and the revolt of the young.

Since the beginning of time there has been mistrust among men; this mistrust gradually building itself into hate. This can be made apparent through reading the Bible—the story of Cain and Abel; the record of Joseph and the jealousy of his brothers; the history of the unrelenting Pharaoh and the final deliverance of the Israelites. In the New Testament teachings the most obvious example of mistrust and hate is the crucifixion of Christ. In more modern times in our own country examples of mistrust and hate are found in the civil war when brother fought against brother, in the Spanish-American war, and in the two world wars. In our own times there is the Vietnamese war, the struggle for civil rights, the hippie movement—the search of a group to find or build a place of no hate, just love. This is unconventional, and in many ways slightly repulsive, but who is to say they are wrong?

What can we do? We can leave hate to those too weak to love. We can follow the teachings of the Bible. In St. John 15:12, Christ tells His disciples—“This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.”

We consider ourselves disciples of Christ, but do we have the kind of love He had for all men? He loved us so much he was willing to die for us. How many of us are willing to die for another? I do not mean husbands, wives, sweethearts, or even close friends. Again, in Romans 12:10, we are told: “Be kind-

ly affectioned one to another with brotherly love.” This does not say have brotherly love for only those in the United States, or for only those who think as you, or for only those who happen to be Caucasian. In Galatians 6:10, Paul points out: “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.” Get that? To “all men.” We are not supposed to sit around primly awaiting opportunity. It is certainly true that opportunity often knocks, but as Christians we cannot sit around waiting for the knock. There is nothing wrong with giving it a helpful little push.

During the winter I helped with the Bible School Connie Coon started; I think maybe I got more out of it than I put into it. I gained a better understanding of what children need and can grasp in the area of religion, learning to share and treat everyone equally. I also learned what I, as an individual, could do in the area of promoting understanding and trust among all men (or in this case children). I acted as a sort of mediator in disputes. I had the opportunity to emphasize again and again the Christian truths of mutual trust and brotherly love.

But you say (young people are especially prone to say this), “That’s all right for children, but, in this age, a person has to look out for number one. We live in a hard cold society where no one cares what happens to you.” This is perhaps true, but who is at fault? No one but ourselves, for we are contributing to this attitude. If we were not so conscious of what was best for ourselves and had real concern about the other fellow’s welfare, what would this world be like? It might, just might, be a little bit like paradise. Perhaps, the young people are the most guilty of “selfcenteredness,” but they must have acquired it somewhere. When youngsters see their parents cheating on their income tax, or telling subtle lies to help themselves, what are the youth going to think? Just this: “If it is all right for adults to do, it must be all right for us.” And soon, youth will have no concern for anyone but themselves!

Recently I was reading the book *The Return to Religion* which was written by

Henry C. Link who was a Ph.D. in psychology. He said: “No doubt our social-economic institutions are imperfect, but they can be brought nearer perfection only by individuals who are themselves more perfect.” This is one solution. Try being a little bit more perfect. I know it’s going to be a long hard struggle, maybe a little harder and longer for some of us, but there is a saying that anything worthwhile is worth fighting for. The attempt to bring love and understanding to the world is certainly a worthwhile cause. The best solution in striving for perfection is to follow Christ—to be a true Christian.

How do we become the Christians we profess to be? In our Scripture lesson this morning, we learned that we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God, and we will no longer be conformed to this world but will live as to what is good, acceptable, and perfect to God. If we do this, totally, not holding anything back, we will not be concerned only with ourselves but will have a genuine love and concern for all men. We will give the Negro the basic rights we have refused him for generations. We will no longer hate or mistrust the other peoples of the world nor worry about who gets to the moon first. All nations will work together toward what is the best for all men. The young people of the world will no longer feel that they have to make a world of their own by becoming “hippies” or by taking drugs as many of them do now.

We have just enough religion to make us hate but not enough to make us love one another. Let’s change this. This is the age of progress, so let us, as a group, progress in one of the most important areas of all! Let us work together to promote brotherly love and understanding among all men!

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 20, 1968

CHALLENGE TO NEW LIFE

Lesson Scripture: Ezekiel 18:26-32;
36:26-28.

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LET’S THINK IT OVER

Supporting “Sick” Movies

Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R. Maine), a moving force to clean up the “sick” movies, was interviewed recently by James O. Duncan on this subject. One of the questions concerned the patronage of the movie theatre. The answer was:

The Motion Picture Association of America has reported that 52 per cent of movie audiences are 19 and under. Children 10 to 14 account for about 16 per cent of the total paid admissions: children nine and under account for another 16 per cent. Movies are a \$3 billion-a-year industry. It would seem safe to guess that children in their early adolescence or younger contribute about \$1 billion to the industry annually.

These figures seem to show that parents who are supposedly more interested than any others in the moral development of their children are turning over their character molding to the unscrupulous movie industry for many hours each week and paying \$1 billion per year for this type of instruction.

Senator Smith suggests that one reason the movie industry does not clean up its shows is money: “To some of the more unscrupulous movie makers the children’s quarters and dimes are so alluring they cannot be resisted. This in turn has had the unfortunate tendency to relax the regard for the code by association members. It might almost be said that profitable bad movies tend to drive out the good.”

The lady senator wants Congress to set up a committee to study the problem and find a solution short of censorship that would keep the children out of bad movies.

It is fatal for all Gospel ministry to think of the Church primarily as a power factor in public life, a high-powered combine, a slightly more pious pressure group among many pressure groups competing with each other for power and privileges in education, welfare and economics.

—Stuart P. Garver, editor of *Christian Heritage*.

*This article was prepared for the May special issue and edited by Florence Bowden. When it became evident that there were not enough pages for all the good articles it was made available for this issue. Dorrie Cavinder is a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, taking an active part in the youth programs. She is attending Kellogg Community College and is also working in the Leila Hospital. Dorrie plans a career in either nursing or social work.

YOUTH PRE-CON

Director Paul Green of the annual National Youth Pre-Con Retreat sends the following information regarding this year's event: The Bible study leader will be Pastor Glen Warner of the Seattle church; the recreation leader will be Miss Connie Coon, extended dedicated service worker and the camp nurse will be Mrs. Audrey Fuller. "Dimensions of Christian Commitment" leaders include the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, the Rev. Eugene Fatato, Mr. Phil Hazen, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick; also Miss Coon and Mr. Warner will participate in this phase of the program. Mr. Fatato will preach the Sabbath morning sermon.

Youth Pre-Con Retreat will be held at Camp Comeca, Cozad, Nebraska. The theme is "The Dimensions of Christian Commitment," and the fee is \$20. The dates are August 7 to August 11.

Information will be sent to each church soon with pre-registration blanks for those who plan to attend.

Conference Youth Activities

The National SDBYF officers are busy planning for youth activities at General Conference at Kearney, Nebraska, Aug. 12-19. The Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education has secured Pastor Edward Sutton of New Auburn, Wisconsin, to be the noon discussion leader, and the Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of our Shiloh church, to serve as master of ceremonies at the youth banquet.

National SDBYF

Nominations for officers for 1968-69 of the National SDBYF are offered to our youth who are members of the National SDBYF. Since Conference will be in eastern New York in 1969, the nominees come from that section of the country. For president, John Barber of Westerly, and Bob Harris from Shiloh; for vice-president, Mary Sue Davis of Schenectady and Richard Wheeler of Ashaway; for secretary, Lynne Skaggs of Plainfield and Barbara Dickinson of Shiloh; and for treasurer, Ed Page of

Shiloh and Jeanne Lawrence of Marlboro. National SDBYF members are urged to watch for ballots in the *Beacon*. If others want to vote, get in your membership fee of \$1.00 immediately to Mr. Lyle Sutton, Almond, NY 14804.

SCSC/VCSC Training Session

At the end of the annual training session held at Milton Junction, Wisconsin, June 12-19, for dedicated workers of the Summer Christian Service Corps and the Vacation Church School/Camp group, the director asked each member to write of one instance of the week that made an impression on them. Here is what our four VCSC workers had to say:

"I remember one lady we spent nearly an hour with. Although she was a good friend of my great aunt's, I had never met her . . . I'll never forget the way she accepted us with open arms even before she knew our names. This is only one of the rewarding experiences that comes from taking time to be concerned for others."

"After the first prayer session we had, I felt the Lord's presence with us. The conversational prayer at the end of each day drew us closer to one another and to God. I could feel His guidance through each day, especially when we went visiting. During this week I have come to know the need for and the meaning of real communication with God."

"The third night after we came, I felt all alone and away from it all. Since we had been introduced to conversational prayer on the first night, I decided to try it as I walked on alone. On a dark street, I began to think of all the blessings I had had that day. I found I was complaining when I had no reason except my own selfishness that kept me from sharing myself wholeheartedly with others. As I walked along I talked to the Lord aloud as though I were talking to you. It took me forty-five minutes to really tell Him everything. Afterward my days were always too short. I've had a tremendous urge to share, yes, to really live."

"The past week has really meant a great deal to me. The fellowship with

other Christian youth was wonderful and refreshing. We all came together to train for the purpose of serving the Lord. While we learned we grew stronger in fellowship with each other until it makes my heart ache when I think of leaving. We must leave so that Christ may be seen by others through us. This has truly been an experience that I shall never want to forget."

Christian Endeavorers

Christian Endeavorers from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Cayman Islands, Trinidad, Great Britain, Japan, Australia, and Samoa will converge on Kingston, Jamaica, the West Indies, August 8-11, for the Fifth Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and the Diamond Jubilee Convention of the Jamaica Christian Endeavor Union, according to announcement by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Headquarters for the combined conference and convention will be the famous East Queen Street Baptist Church and the adjoining George Lisle Education Center in downtown Kingston. The Shortwood Teacher Training School for Girls will house many of the delegates. The local arrangements committee is headed by Rev. A. N. Braithwaite, president of the Jamaican Union and superintendent of the West Indies Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Speakers and leaders who will participate, in addition to Bishop Meadows, include Sir Clifford C. Campbell, Governor-General of Jamaica; Rev. Benjamin Alvarez T., minister of the Getzmani Presbyterian Church of Zitacuaro, Michoacan, Mexico; William J. Sharpe, general secretary of Area II of the World's Union, Coventry, England; Sir Philip M. Sherlock, LL.D., vice-chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica; the Hon. Richard Cleaver, M. P., president of the Australia Union, Bentley, Western Australia; Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, honorary field secretary of the World's Union, Washington, D. C.; Phyl-

lis I. Rike, executive secretary of the World's Union, Columbus, Ohio; Elwood Dunn, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Pontiac, Michigan; Frances M. Becker, a vice-president of the International Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Rev. Ralph E. Robrahn, associate president of the International Society, Jamestown, Michigan; and Clyde Sherk, president of the Canadian Union, Welland Junction, Ontario.

Program highlights include evening mass meetings and conferences each day and a communion service Friday morning. The Friday evening service is designated as Jamaica Union Diamond Jubilee night. An evening of sacred music will be featured at the Saturday night meeting. Prime Minister Hugh Lawson Shearer will give a welcome party for delegates at Jamaica House on Saturday afternoon.

A pre-conference and convention rally will be held in Montego Bay on Wednesday night, August 7, with Bishop Meadows and Mr. Cleaver as speakers.

The International Society is conducting a tour to the Caribbean for leaders and friends from Canada and the United States. The group will leave Miami by air July 28 to tour Puerto Rico, Antigua, Trinidad, Venezuela, Curacao, Jamaica, and Grand Cayman, and return to Miami on August 15. Rev. Christian A. Tirre, executive secretary of the International Society, is directing the tour party. Besides Jamaica, contacts will be made with Christian Endeavorers in Trinidad and Grand Cayman.

On behalf of the World's Union, the International Society is seeking to raise funds to assist in bringing delegates to Kingston for the Area Conference.

Seventh Day Baptists will be represented by one or more of our youth from our Jamaica Conference.

What was the secret to the kind of life Jesus lived? Peter says that he went about doing good "for God was with him." Here was the source of His power. The more vital our relation is to Him, the deeper will be our desire to go about doing good. — Hoke Smith.

Dedicated Service Projects

Many of our people will have an opportunity this summer to meet some of the young workers who have already started their Dedicated Service projects. We who have worked with them at Milton during the week of training feel that they are fine representatives with real potential for service. It would be difficult to find a more eager group than the 15 who left on June 20 as ambassadors for the Lord.

In charge of the week-long training session held at the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church were Rev. Leon R. Lawton and Rev. Rex Zwiebel. Miss Connie Coon of Battle Creek, Michigan, assisted the first two days. Others who helped with the program were area pastors, Dedicated Service veterans, and Mrs. Loyal Todd.

Four of the young people will be working in the Vacation Church School/Camp program: Jessie Curry (Lost Creek) and Jeanne Lawrence (Marlboro) at *Crites Mountain, W. Va.* and *Paint Rock, Ala.*; Ed Page (Shiloh) and Dale Harris (Milton) at *Berlin and Brookfield, N. Y.*

Summer Christian Service Corps workers are as follows: to *Little Rock, Ark.*, Jennie Wells (Boulder) and John Barber (Westerly); to *Daytona Beach, Fla.*, Steven Crouch (Milton), Christina Williams (North Loup), Debby Randolph (Boulder), and Bob Harris (Shiloh). After three weeks, Steve and Debby will serve in *Marlboro, N. J.*, and Bob and Chris in *Schenectady, N. Y.*; to *Plainfield, N. J.*, Jane Harris (Shiloh), Alice Rood (Milton), Cathy Clarke (Alfred), Laura Lee Bond (Lost Creek), and Bernard Keown (North Loup). Of this group, Laura Lee and Bernard will serve in *Westerly, R. I.* for two weeks.

With ten summer projects in our churches, much travel is involved and funds are still far short of the goal. We invite you to "get involved" too. Contributions may be sent to the treasurer of the Women's Board, Mrs. Harold Baum, Route 1, Box 13, Edgerton, Wis. 53534.

Bible Reading

Two more names of women to be added to the list of those who read the Bible through in 1967 are from Shiloh: Mrs. LeRoy Rainear and Miss Katherine Davis.

—Mabel Cruzan.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Shortest Gospel Crusade

Evangelist Billy Graham has conducted a crusade at the Hemisfair in San Antonio, Texas. It was only 96 hours but drew a total of 94,900 persons. The last service in the football stadium was attended by 28,000. There are about a dozen military installations in that area of Texas. Among the 28,000 on Saturday night were 3,000 military troops seated across the stadium from the evangelist on the 50-yard line. More than 500 of the men in uniform responded to the invitation. During the short crusade 4,326 persons made decisions and came forward—one of the highest percentages yet, says Dr. Graham.

Among noted people participating in the crusade by telling what Christ meant in their lives were pro-golfer, Dave Ragan; Dallas Cowboys football coach, Tom Landry; Cowboys end, Frank Clarke; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yinger of Oklahoma City.

White Backlash

"Churchmen must beware of a new increasing white backlash and initiate strong action to overcome it," said the Rev. Dr. Paul Lee Sturges, administrative executive of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

Dr. Sturges stressed that there "is even a tendency among citizens of goodwill to retreat from their high resolves made at the time of Dr. King's assassination."

The Bay State's top Baptist leader emphasized that "men of good will in the white community must not let the extremists in the civil rights movement deter them from standing four square for the freedom and justice for all men."

—ABNS.

Famous Church Gets New Minister

Dr. Ernest T. Campbell, 44, senior pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich., has been named preaching minister of the Riverside Church in New York City.

Approval of Dr. Campbell at a congregation meeting climaxed a three-year search by the pulpit committee of the historic church to find a successor to Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and Dr. Robert J. McCracken.

Although the Riverside Church is interdenominational, Dr. Campbell is the first non-Baptist to fill the pulpit. Both Dr. Fosdick and Dr. McCracken were of the Baptist tradition, and the church was originally a congregation of the American Baptist Convention.

The Riverside Church became famous for its liberal theological outlook and its involvement in social issues during the more than 15 year service of Dr. Fosdick.

Demolition of U.N. Church Center

The Church Center for the United Nations, located in an area scheduled for demolition and redevelopment, has rallied the support of the National Council of Churches and United Methodist leaders, who are advocating that the center be retained.

Built in 1962, largely with funds provided by the Methodist Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, the Methodist owned structure is in an area to be redeveloped under a New York state law creating a U.N. Development District and Corporation.

—ABNS.

Baptist Youth To Meet in Berne

The time of the seventh Baptist Youth World Conference draws near. It will be held at Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, with some 6,000 youth and youth leaders in attendance. Preregistration had reached 5,300 on June 20. Of these 3,800 are from the United States. The invitation is still open, according to Robert Denny, associate secretary of BWA.

The great convention will stress fellowship rather than speaking although there are ten noted speakers, including Billy Graham, on the roster. The program calls for international panels and 200 small discussion groups. Afternoons are free for sightseeing in and around the nation's capital. All-expense travel tours from the United States run from \$550 up depending on countries to be visited and time available. These youth conventions which have been so stimulating in the past are held every five years.

A Bridge of Friendship

We say we're going to take a world for Christ. How are we doing it? Not simply by attending conventions and conferences and crusades. We take a world for Christ as we go up to extend friendship to non-Christian people. You know, right back home where I live, on our street, there are four homes of people now out of thirteen that have been won to Christ through this ministry of friendship.

I believe with all my heart that the Savior earned the right to witness to people. We talk about witnessing and we say, "Now, what do we mean by witnessing?" "Does this mean that every person we meet we must share with them our experience of Christ?" No, the first thing is to do what Jesus did—build a bridge of friendship.

—Rev. H. Norman Pell in "Effective Evangelism" (YOUTH C. E. MEETINGS).

Progress Report of Editor

Editor Maltby who sustained a number of broken bones in a fall on June 25 is making satisfactory progress. He will remain a patient for several weeks at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

Mr. Maltby is already dictating articles for the *Sabbath Recorder*, from his hospital bed, but contributions of sermons, feature articles and news would be much appreciated the next few weeks as the staff is anxious to maintain the caliber of articles in the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Sydney Gets the Message

When Billy Graham went to Australia for a crusade this spring he did not know what the response to the gospel message would be. He remarks, "There were a number of people who had warned us that Australia had changed in the last nine years and that we could not expect the response that we had before." They were wrong. The response has been much greater than when the evangelist was there in 1959.

Never before has Dr. Graham drawn 59,000 people on the first Sunday of a crusade. The decisions on the first three nights reached a total of 6,400.

Approximately 70 per cent of all those registering decisions have been young people below 25 years of age, indicating that the Sydney Crusade 1968 had become a Youth Crusade.

Are the young people of today different from the young people of ten years ago? They look different, they act different, but they have the same need. Many of them can be brought to realize their need and to accept the One who can meet their need. The great crowd of inquirers on the first Saturday night was led by a long-haired youth in a leather jacket walking hand-in-hand with his mini-skirted girl friend. The evangelist had invited his audience to "commit their lives to Jesus Christ." Within moments thousands of people had left their seats and walked toward the speaker's platform in the great arena. Sydney was getting the message and responding to it. Among those converted were many American military men on leave from Vietnam.

God's Free Grace

God's law is eternal. Sin is still the transgression of His law. Grace cannot change the requirements of the law. It is not some magical eraser of the sinfulness of breaking God's law. Grace is personal. It comes to us through Christ when we acknowledge our sin, repent, and ask God's forgiveness. Grace is a great experience of the removal of the penalty of sin. It implies our pledge of sinning no more.

—L. M.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Our sanctuary has taken on a beautiful new appearance. The entire sanctuary and foyer were covered with a beautiful red carpet. This was the project of one of our families It is gratifying to see the house of the Lord made beautiful. In this increased beauty it seems a little more easy to be reverent as we gather for worship.

—Church Bulletin.

Accessions _____

BEREA, W. VA.

By testimony:

Mrs. Pearl Simmons

Marriages _____

Randolph-Welch.— Pfc. Gregory A. Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Bond Randolph of Clarksburg, W. Va., and Julia May Welch, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Leslie A. Welch of Berea, W. Va., were united in marriage in the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea, W. Va., April 12, 1968, by the bride's father.