

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

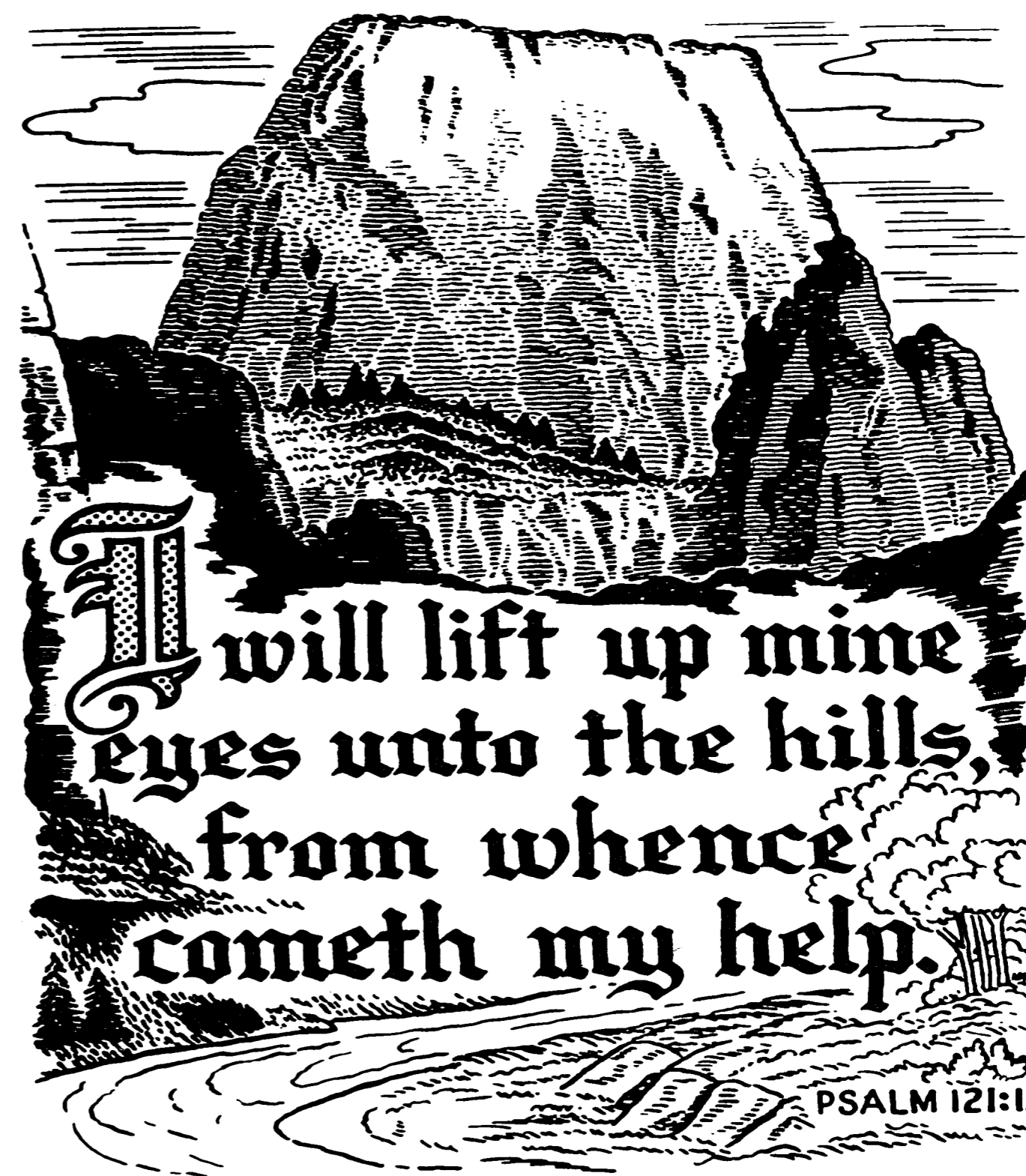
BEREA, W. VA.

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.



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Cherry Tree Hospital Meditations

Sudden changes from activity to immobility give rise to meditations on life that may be more far-reaching than the experiences themselves, especially if the immobility is rather complete and continuous over a longer period of time than ever before experienced. Your editor would like to tell you a little of his story of the past few weeks, knowing from the response of cards, calls, and letters, that he has received more than his share of good wishes and promises of help as he tries to carry on some of his work flat on his back.

During mid-June the writer in spite of his age of 62 was feeling a real zest of life. He was feeling exhilaration of physical activity and the challenge of endurance on the few occasions when he was free from his swivel chair at the desk. The new light weight English bicycle was becoming a challenge to physical fitness. For example, on Sunday, June 23, he took pleasure in accomplishing a 59-mile bicycle ride by 11 a.m. When he arrived home his grandsons wanted to pick cherries in the thirty-foot cherry tree that the former editor, H. C. Van Horn, had planted when he built the house. Dr. Van Horn did not reap much fruit from this cherry tree, but it has been a blessing to editors who have lived there since and to the many neighbors who were glad to have the cherries after they were picked.

After cherry picking there were hedges and shrubs to be trimmed and an evergreen at the front of the house that needed to be shaped more symmetrically. It is nice to be able to sway at the top of a tree above the extension ladder and feel that one is able to do the tasks that need to be done. There were numerous Negro boys in the neighborhood who were glad to carry the trash away for the promise of a bag of cherries, thus there was a good feeling of activity and of being appreciated in a community that was wider than our acquaintance. It is nice to be able to give away sweet cherries provided by one who thought of the future in planting the tree.

On June 25 there was still more cherries to pick in the evening, and the editor was enjoying filling buckets with the

ripe fruit. Unexpectedly a branch gave way and he was unable to check his fall to the ground where apparently one foot hit a rock in the middle of the barberry bush. There he sat for a few minutes experiencing some breathing difficulty while neighbors summoned the rescue squad, and he was carried off to the hospital with a broken lower leg and some back and rib injuries—a sudden change from activity to immobility. In these times of meditation in the hospital it was easy to feel for those who have similar experiences and have had to change their manner of living temporarily and adjust themselves to some new philosophies of living and working. He feels fortunate that for him this immobility is just a matter of healing bones, for others there have to be adjustments that are more long-term. So many things happen in the twinkling of an eye, we never know what tomorrow may bring forth by way of accident or sudden sickness. The situation of old age can be experienced rather quickly by one who thinks he has a good degree of endurance. Your editor would like to bring greetings from his hospital bed to all who have had at one time or another the experience of having to discontinue normal activity.

There are some strange and delicate balances, the editor learns, between comfort and discomfort, between normal eating and not eating, between usual bodily functions and artificial functioning of the digestive tract. What is it to fast? We have had people tell us that there is great peace and liberty in the fasting process for good purpose. For six days I took no liquid and had excretions of the stomach pumped out. Strangely there was no desire for food or water and even when the temporary abdominal paralysis was overcome, eating did not seem to be a major consideration in daily living. Perhaps sometime if there is a reason for it, I will try a religious fast, there is certainly good Scripture for it.

We have experienced pain. The balance between comfort and discomfort may be as delicate as a shifting of a raised knee one inch to the right or to

MEMORY TEXT

But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets. Acts 24:14.

the left. The trim, attentive, nurses have come to be appreciated as a class and individually. It is a wonderful profession for people dedicated to the relief of human suffering. Hospitals also, although they may be expensive, are wonderfully equipped and render service that could not be expected for the prices of a few years ago. There may be some things wrong with our society, but there are a lot of things right about it, and we do well to appreciate the blessings we enjoy.

What of the future? People are rallying beautifully to the challenge to provide good material for the pages of the *Sabbath Recorder* when the editor cannot do quite as much of it as before. We expect the *Recorder* to provide stimulating material in the next few weeks. The secretarial work can be carried on by dictation at hospital or home until such time as the back injury heals and mobility can become normal. All communications directed to the office of the editor-corresponding secretary will be handled with the assistance of a small but loyal staff. Our thoughts are of you now more than ever and of the work that the Tract Society seeks to accomplish for the cause of Christ. When there is no chance for riding bicycles and climbing trees there is that much more time for thoughts and planning. May God bless you all!

August Issues

Again this year the two August issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* will be consecutive rather than alternate issues. They will be dated August 5 and 12. The reason for this procedure is to enable publishing house personnel to have two full weeks of vacation. The printing plant will be closed during this time. Editorial work will continue throughout

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August so that the story of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference may be presented as clearly as possible in the early September issues.

Since the editor will not be able to give an on-the-spot report of Conference this year for the first time in fifteen years—it will be much appreciated if those who think that they could contribute something for publication that would be interesting and helpful would submit such material for consideration immediately after Conference. This applies also to clear black and white pictures that tell a story.

Women Can Change Our Style of Living

When the American Baptist women held a meeting just ahead of the ABC Convention in Boston the last of May they were told in an address entitled "A Style of Living" that women can change the national climate for the better. Mrs. Stuart E. Sinclair, president of Women in Community Service (WICS) stated that "our style of living will change—if we are in earnest." The address dwelt particularly on race and poverty.

Not having heard the address and not knowing exactly how Mrs. Sinclair applied her statement, we can imagine a number of things that might have been said along this line. It is certainly true that if all the women were agreed that our style of living should be changed in a certain direction they could swing it—if, as the speaker suggested, they were in earnest and lived up to what they said ought to be done. It is a somewhat hypothetical situation. Not all the virtue, not all the campaigning for righteous living, is found in the distaff side of the family. There is doubtless more concern for the proper development of children by the one who holds the distaff than by the average male head of house. It is right to challenge the noble women of any denomination to really change our style of living in the area of social righteousness.

The adult male is likely to be a bit conservative and somewhat apprehensive

about any campaign of his good wife to remodel him. There would be more uneasiness if all the men thought that all the women had a program of changing their style of living. But Christian men desiring to do right and finding many obstacles in their rough-and-tumble world are most thankful for the strengthening of that purpose that comes from the godly woman who makes the home what it ought to be.

Would that we could have a picture of womanhood as Mrs. Sinclair may have had in mind. Too often the change in the style of living advocated by the wife is from modest to extravagant living, from living within our means to living beyond our means. The Christian woman, the dedicated woman, will avoid pomp and pretense. She will help her husband to have a right view of the stewardship of money. If necessary she will suggest getting along without luxuries so that the gospel may be taken to the non-Christian world and the needy at home and abroad be cared for. In such an endeavor comes real partnership in the home, real service outside the home. Un pampered children will mature with a purpose. Yes, our style of living will change—if we are in earnest.

Philadelphia American Baptists Join Crusade

The Philadelphia Baptist Association, affiliated with the American Baptist Convention, has called upon its churches to participate in the Crusade of the Americas.

The American Baptist Convention General Council which has its national headquarters in nearby Valley Forge, Pa., has voted twice against participating in the evangelistic effort on a national basis.

The Philadelphia Association, established in 1707, is the oldest cooperative body of Baptists in North America.

The action was reported to the Baptist World Alliance office in Washington by V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, chairman of the North American Fellowship Committee of the BWA.

—ABNS.

General Conference Publicity

(Sixth in a series)

Urgent Call for Conference Delegates

The General Conference Host Committee needs to know your Conference plans as soon as possible. Carnegie State College food service is requiring an estimate of those eating meals on the campus by August 1. Pre-registrations are coming in quite slowly.

If you can send your money in advance it will save time in the registration line on August 11.

Our Conference dormitory has 200 air-conditioned rooms on seven floors with elevator service. Bedding is not furnished. Meals will not be served on Sunday but there are many nearby restaurants.

If you need further information or help contact Mrs. Duane L. Davis, North Loup, Nebr. 68859 or phone 308-496-3530.

Sabbath Inspiration

By Rev. Herbert E. Saunders

Andre Kostelanetz, the great musical director, one day visited the celebrated painter Matisse at his home on the shores of the Mediterranean. He asked Matisse, "What is your inspiration?" "I grow artichokes," replied Matisse. "Every morning I go into the garden and watch the plants. I see the play of light and shade on the leaves and I discover new combinations of colors and fantastic patterns. They inspire me. Then I go back into the studio and paint."

This little story, taken from the book *You Can Master Life* by John H. Crowe, illustrates the feeling that many of the people of the Plainfield church are this summer experiencing as they gather each Sabbath eve to talk with the team of Summer Christian Service Corps workers who are assisting the church in Daily Vacation Church School and local calling. Meeting informally around a circle in the Sabbath School room of the church, the members of the team have shared with the people some

of the experiences that have been theirs during the week. Relating stories about their calling in the neighborhood homes or the children they have taught in Bible School, these young dedicated workers have inspired the congregation to greater depths of Christian service and purpose.

Three Sabbath eves have passed since the arrival of the team in Plainfield. The day following their arrival they introduced themselves to the members of the church assembled and gave their reasons for accepting the responsibilities of a summer's dedicated service. Each of them—Jane Harris, the team captain from Shiloh, N. J.; Laura Lee Bond from Lost Creek, W. Va.; Cathy Clarke from Alfred, N. Y.; Alice Rood from Milton, Wis.; and Bernard "Butch" Keown from North Loup, Nebr.—inspired the congregation by the sincerity of their commitment and their desire to work with the church in fulfilling the responsibilities which had been outlined before their arrival. Their enthusiasm, held over from their training session in Milton Junction, expressed itself in the relating of their experiences at the session and in their involvement in the purposes of the Summer Christian Service Corps. The captain of the team expressed the role of the team and the role of the church when she said: "This is not our team's project, nor is it merely your project as a church, but it is *our* project—all of us working together." Certainly that is the goal and purpose of the work the Plainfield church and the Summer Christian Service Corps are doing together this summer.

But the inspiration of these Friday evening sessions has gone much deeper than just relating of experiences. It has blossomed into a real exchange of purpose and love on the part of the church members and the SCSC workers. There has been a deep feeling of love and understanding and a deep-seated desire to see something grow and develop in Plainfield. It was in the realization that the church exists in the center of denominational life that the team was called to "come over to Macedonia and

help us" in the first place. And the hopes and prayers of the people of the Plainfield church are that the work that is started this summer might grow into a more realistic commitment of the Plainfield church in the witnessing to Christ's kingdom in the vast area that it serves. The inspiration derived from the contact with these young and active college age Christians has done much to restore faith in the purposes of the Plainfield Church and Seventh Day Baptists.

One of the highlights of these Sabbath sessions has been the uniting of the people in conversational prayer. Welcoming in the Sabbath as a people with prayer for each other and for the church and its work has been very meaningful and inspiring. We say that "prayer changes things" but the members of the SCSC and the people of Plainfield have found that prayer has changed attitudes and in turn inspired them in the name of Christ and for the sake of His kingdom and His world, to work with Him in changing things. God uses His people to fulfill his purposes, and when they unite to talk with Him and listen for His voice and pray for His direction, things are bound to happen.

There is much to be done. The people of Plainfield realize that in three short weeks the members of the Summer Christian Service Corps will be returning to their homes or to college, to take up the work there. That leaves the church and its members with the sole responsibility. The hope is that the enthusiasm generated by these dedicated servants of Christ and the inspiration derived by the relating of their experiences in these Sabbath eve sessions will leave a burden on the hearts of all the people of the Plainfield church which will help them to carry on these responsibilities.

Those who keep their eyes on hypocrites certainly keep them off of Jesus; and those who keep their eyes on Jesus have little time to watch hypocrites.

—Walter E. Isenhour.

Five Big, Little Rules

To make your marriage strong and beautiful, observe these five rather obvious rules: Reverence the self-hood of each other. Each of you has a different temperament, different tastes, inclinations. It would be a pity if one of you so dominated the other that his or her peculiar gifts and individuality would be swallowed up and lost.

Trust each other. Never yield to thoughts of distrust and suspicion. Nothing will shrivel up your love as surely as persistent distrust. You may seem naive to trust too much, but you are a hundred times the fool to trust too little.

Cultivate a sense of humor. The gift of laughter, especially if it be the capacity to laugh at yourself, is invaluable in your home. If in the hour when the temptation to self-pity almost overcomes you, if then you regard yourself as a bit ludicrous and dismiss the temptation with a chuckle, you have a priceless quality for happy marriage.

Price high the little things. Most people are happy because of an accumulation of small courtesies, trifling kindnesses, little tokens of love. Similarly, few people break because of the big disasters, but because of the incessant nagging of little irritations.

Above all, cultivate your faith in God—and together. We are strange creatures: if we lose faith in God we tend at last to lose faith in ourselves and in each other. The strength, the inspiration and the comfort that pour into the home quietly through a regular cultivation of the faith—in the home, in private meditation and in church worship—these become the bulwarks for the home.

—Contributed, author unknown.

"If I Marry a Roman Catholic"

The above is the title of an updated pamphlet of twenty-two pages written originally in 1945 by Dr. L. Foster Wood and available from NCC, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027. It contains a Catholic insert explaining somewhat the rules adopted in 1966. The pamphlet sets forth clearly the problems of mixed marriages.

Not all young people come to dedicated summer service by the same route. A West Virginia college girl tells how she decided, and some of the changes that came to her life.



I Am Happy To Be Serving This Summer

By Laura Lee Bond

This summer I am an SCSC worker in Plainfield, N. J., and Westerly, R. I. I'd like to tell you a little about why I decided to join SCSC and some of the wonderful things that have happened since the training session began on June 12 in Milton, Wis.

This fall I will begin my junior year at West Virginia University. During the last two years, I have been refusing to do anything in the church, or even come home often. I was doing many, many things that were completely against all I had been taught. You see, I had always been a "goody-goody" before I went to college. I did many things in the church, and people would say, "She's such a wonderful girl." Suddenly when I went to college, I found out that I had been doing everything for my own self-glory, but not for the Lord. When I discovered this, I rebelled against everything—the church, my parents, and God. I wasn't even sure there was a God, so privately I denied His existence.

Last fall my cousin asked me to join SCSC. My answer was a very quick negative reply. I didn't want any part of it. I couldn't see myself talking to someone else about a God I wasn't sure I believed in. Besides, I didn't think I was good enough because of the things I had done.

Second semester I applied for and received a job as a nurse's aide in a nursing home for the summer and my life was becoming more confused. Now I was going with a Muslim Iranian stu-

dent, and was considering marriage. In fact, we planned a weekend to elope; and by the grace of our Lord, his mother came by surprise a few days before, cancelling our plans probably forever.

I became more and more confused. Something kept urging me to join SCSC. Very stubbornly I would say no. It became an argument with myself — I thought, "Join SCSC." "No!" "Join SCSC." "No!" As the semester passed, the conflict became more intense. At one time I nearly called my employer to say I'd decided not to take the job, but again I said, "No!" Why should I do that? I was a nursing student, and this was a work I loved! So I reported to work on May 13.

Something was wrong. I despised the job—every minute of it. I tried to like it, but I couldn't. All this time I kept hearing, "SCSC" in my mind. Finally I was so confused, I talked to my parents who just told me to decide for myself. I knew now I needed to find *something*. This argument with myself must have an answer. I knew I believed in God; but now, I was afraid He didn't believe in me. So two weeks after I began my job, I wrote a letter to Rev. Alton Wheeler asking to join SCSC, and I quit my job. My boss was wonderful, offering me the job even for Christmas, if I wanted it.

Two days after I got to training session, I found the joy, the peace, and the forgiveness of my Lord in a wonderful new way. Why? Because I realized

I couldn't solve my problems alone, but I could say, "Take me, Lord. Use me as you want."

All of us in training session had the experience of answered prayer. We saw it work time after time, and prayer became a constant answer to us all.

Here in Plainfield, we see the Lord's working and realize that anything done can be done only by our Father.

I myself feel my Father with me. I don't want shouts of praise for my good works. I want praise and complete submission for our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is only through Him that we can have life either right now or later.

No Democracy Without Morality

In his Portland, Ore., Crusade evangelist Billy Graham seemed to be far more popular than the presidential hopefuls Kennedy and McCarthy who were on a vote-getting mission at the same time. They averaged less than 200 people at their whistle stops while the evangelist was drawing 20,000 every night.

National political columnist Mary Ann Means of Washington, D. C., at Portland for the week said, "It's an eye-opener to come here to Oregon and see the Billy Graham Crusade drawing larger audiences than all of the political candidates."

Dr. Graham had some hard-hitting but apparently well accepted words for his Saturday night audience which was 70 percent young people. He noted that a small minority of young people want to destroy the present democratic system of the United States.

He asked, "Is there anything better than American democracy? With all of its weaknesses and failures, with all of its injustices, is there anything better?"

Mr. Graham continued by asking the youth, what can U.S. democracy be replaced with today, some sort of tyranny, some sort of dictatorship?

"That is where we are headed as a nation unless we can make democracy work," he warned. "But democracy will never, never work unless you have a strong moral basis. When the moral basis is pulled out, when spirituality goes, democracy fails."

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Leon Lawton

Arrives in Guyana

A letter written June 28, 1968, has come from the Rev. Leon R. Lawton telling of his safe arrival in Guyana, South America. He writes, "The flight down yesterday went well. Pastor Herbert Saunders drove me to the Newark Airport where I caught the helicopter across to Kennedy Airport."

The letter tells of being met at the Georgetown airport by Pastor Leroy Bass and Brothers Jacob Tyrrell, Leyland Bowen, Sam Peters and Vibert Charles. They rode from Atkinson Airport to Georgetown in the mission Kombi, arriving at the mission home "just about sunset—and it came quickly." He adds, "I feel very much 'at home' here in many respects: driving on the left — riding in the mission Kombi — roads with cycles, carts, pedestrians—small shops run by Chinese merchants—tropical trees, plants, humidity—and the quick wonderful smiles of our colored brethren.

"The planned schedule calls for a youth service tonight and speaking at worship Sabbath morning at the Georgetown Chapel next door. There will probably be a meeting in the afternoon too. Sunday night is an evangelistic service. Sunday through Wednesday they have planned a four-day "Institute" with classes. They anticipate about ten men attending. They have asked for some training in Evangelism and Church Administration with time allowed for discussion and questions. Under the head 'Church Administration,' Pastor Bass breaks it down to include conducting worship services, communion services, business meetings, pastoral ethics, preparation of individuals for church membership—"The functioning of the whole church program, from the person of the pastor or lay leader himself to the officers and teachers of the church." This is the rainy season and thus travel in the country is not as easy, so no extensive visits to churches are planned.

"We praise the Lord for safe journey

and the opportunity to meet with and serve the brethren in Guyana. Your many prayers are appreciated and God is blessing."

Seventh Day Baptists of Rhodesia Africa

By Fedson F. Makatanje,

Journalist for the Malawi Churches

One of the ministerial students in the Baptist church in Rhodesia, Mr. Lamech M. Vumah, came to Malawi on January 19, 1968, to seek Christian fellowship with the Seventh Day Baptist church. Being one of the S.D.B.'s new converts, he came to learn more about the church, and ask to join the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists.

Mr. Vumah began to be interested in the S.D.B. church when he was receiving tracts about Sabbath from Makapwa Mission Station. While at the ministerial training, he took those tracts as one part of his studies; which later brought confusion in his class concerning Sabbath. Since the Baptist church keeps and teaches Sunday, Mr. Vumah left the school and started seeking the Sabbath truth from the Seventh Day Baptist church.

"My friend also left the school because he felt that the Baptist church was not teaching the truth," said Mr. Vumah. He went on to say that he never met his friend since he left school, but he hopes to meet him.

"I am sure, he will be willing to join us," Mr. Vumah said hopefully.

Mr. Vumah said that strong S.D.B. Christians in Rhodesia were 15, but they came more than that for services. He strongly said that he needs enough help on the work of spreading the Sabbath truth in Rhodesia.

"If I needed no help, I would not come here," he said.

Led by Rev. Otrain B. Manan, Mr. Vumah visited Matawa Church, Nolo, Thembe, Luchenza, Makapwa, and Mphangala churches where at the end of his preaching he said, "If you pray very hard, seeking the power of the Holy Spirit, I am sure you will find a big church in Rhodesia."

Meditating on Ministering Angels

By Secretary Everett T. Harris

Some Christians say they do not care for the word "evangelism." It brings to their minds certain experiences of emotionalism which they deplore. But to others it is a wonderful word, bringing to mind the early experiences of conversion when they first made their decision to follow Christ.

Did you ever analyze the word "evangelism" and note that there is an "angel" in the word? The word angel really means messenger — and in this sense all Christians may be angels. What good angel brought the message and spirit of Christ to you in such a warm, living way that your heart's devotion was won to Christ? Was it your mother? Your Sabbath School teacher? A special friend? Your pastor?

When we mention angels we sometimes remember the words of Hebrews 1: 14 in regard to angels, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Do you have a ministering angel? Have you ever experienced a sense of nearness of someone loved and lost awhile? Perhaps those who have loved you deeply, may not be so far away after all. If it is their deepest desire to be near you, God may grant that wish far beyond anything you know.

And to whom would you like to be a ministering angel? Do not wait but begin now to pray and long after that person for Christ. This is evangelism with an angel in it—a matter for the deepest joy this world can offer.

WITNESSING

People often ask me what I think the secret of witnessing to be. To tell you the truth, I don't think there is any secret about it. If we love the Lord, if we believe men are lost who don't accept Him as their Savior, it will be the most natural thing for us to speak a word.

If witnessing is in the heart, it will be in our conversation.

—R. G. Letourneau.

Blessing and Thanksgiving Be unto God

(I Corinthians 11:23-26)

By Rev. Victor W. Skaggs

It was communion Sabbath. The organ played softly. The congregation sat quietly as the service began. Heads were bowed in prayer as the minister came to the table and the deacons joined him there. Bob had attended many communion services and had participated in them. He could remember the first time he had taken the bread and the wine after his baptism. But this morning there was something in the quiet reverence of the congregation and the seriousness of their faces that stirred him.

There was Mr. Arnold. What could he be praying about? He had the reputation of a hard-headed, practical business man. Next to him was his son and his wife—Jim Arnold was an officer in the Marines. Right now his head was bent forward in prayer. What did Jim pray about?

Then there was Mary Jane across the aisle. You would never think that she thought of anything but clothes and men. But there she was bowed in prayer. Maybe his estimate of her needed some revising.

The minister was reading: "The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup after supper saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

Bob listened with awakened interest. What was the meaning of this congregation? He knew the people on the street and in the stores. There was something different here where they sat in the pews together. It was more than one individual plus another. There was a togetherness he couldn't define. This eating of a morsel of bread and drinking a sip of wine—what was it more than a ceremony of the church?

He had grown up in the church.

These things had been explained to him in the pastor's class. Today, though, was the first day he had fearlessly and honestly faced them. "Do this in remembrance of me." The words kept coming back. Was this it?—a simple memorial?—a special remembrance? But if that were all, why did the minister call it the very heart of Christian worship?

The deacons were up there with the pastor. The minister repeated: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." Suddenly the scene came alive: there was just a small group of intimate friends gathered around a table—Jesus and His disciples. All the disciples were watching Jesus. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." The disciples were looking at Jesus differently than they would have looked at a great leader. Of course, they knew, as He knew, the passage from Jeremiah: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah But this is the covenant which I shall make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

The disciples would have known that passage. They would have known that Jesus was speaking as if He were the God of Israel Himself.

But of course, it was God—God in Jesus Christ. There He was—there God was—sitting in the midst of ordinary men like himself on the day when, in one sense, the whole Christian fellowship began. And these men were not acknowledging Jesus as a great leader or prophet, but as their own Lord. The cup was a symbol of the covenant or agreement that was made with His blood, for it was soon poured out on the cross. And the cross was to become the eternal symbol of the length to which God went to save His people.

Bob was brought back sharply. The minister was speaking again: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Drink ye all, of it." He thought of the multitudes through the centuries to whom these words had been spoken. He saw all these coming to the Lord's table sensing, as the disciples did, that God in Christ was Lord, and going out to witness in His name.

This was the church. There were the natives of Palestine; some wore Roman togas; some wore Grecian robes; some wore armor; some were kings and queens; some were monks; some were peasants; some were darkskinned; some women wore the stiff dress of medieval times; some were archbishops; some were farmers; some were Puritans in wide hats; some were Pilgrims in crude log churches; some were miners, engineers, ranchers, bankers, lawyers, teachers, etc. There were Mr. Arnold and Jim and Mary Jane and all the others.

A hymn began to sound—the people stood:

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation

Bob sang with the rest. In his mind it was now clear. Jesus Christ is Lord—God is here. And suddenly he felt a desire to share his faith with others whom he knew. Yes, it was clear in his mind, yet there was a mystery there—the mystery of how and why God loves His people.

Let us give thanks daily for Jesus Christ and for His church which ministers the grace of God to us through Him in its ordinances.

Parents Are Teachers

If faith is to be imparted to children it must come from the parents, not the church. A humorist once said, "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy." Bible study at home makes a far greater impression than Bible study at church and Sabbath School.

Children's Conference at General Conference

Indications are that the directors of children's conference at General Conference this year have the programs well planned. A suggestion comes from Mrs. Dorothy Saunders, director of the Primary Conference, that the youngsters be provided with clothing suitable to be worn while such activities as finger-painting are under way; also to be sure and bring swim suits.

Mrs. Nancy May and Mrs. Evelyn Hemminger are the co-directors of the Junior Conference, and Miss Connie Coon will direct Junior High Conference.

The children's conferences meet during the hours of the daily conference sessions, usually about 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Primary Conference includes youngsters of 6 to 8 years of age, Junior Conference those of 9 to 11; and Junior High, 12 to 14.

Parents or guardians are responsible for their children at all times when the children's conferences are not in session.

Successful Careers

The Vocational Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has just completed editing a brochure called, "Loyal Seventh Day Baptists Who Have Achieved Successful Careers," and a number of copies have been mailed to each of our churches. We hope that every family in our denomination will eventually receive a copy. Additional copies may be secured from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803 just for the cost of postage.

The Committee, and especially its chairman, Mr. Kenneth E. Kenyon, dedicated much time and effort to this project. If this publication seems practical and useful, the committee plans to put out further editions.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST PRAYER FELLOWSHIP 1968-1969

By Rev. Leon R. Lawton

Men ought always to pray. General prayer is good. But specific, personalized prayer is best. The Crusade of the Americas is the largest evangelical crusade ever planned. During 1969 Baptists from almost all countries of the western hemisphere will combine strength to speak the good news of salvation to all people. The theme is "Christ, the Only Hope."

Such a movement requires the unity of the Spirit. Through prayer this can come as in no other way. Through the fellowship of prayer, understanding, concern, compassion, and compulsion to witness effectively can be realized as our Lord gives of His leading and power and we walk in obedience to His Word.

PACT and S. D. B. Prayer Fellowship

Seventh Day Baptists should be joined in such an inter-Baptist effort. Local churches are urged to join in PACT—Prayer, Americas Crusade Together. White tri-fold cards with an addressed "Request for Prayer Partner" have been distributed. Use them! It can be stimulating to have a Baptist prayer partner somewhere in this hemisphere.

There are five Conferences of churches in the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation in the western hemisphere—Brazil, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, and the U.S.A. In this closer circle of fellowship, specific prayer is urged through the *Seventh Day Baptist Prayer Fellowship*. Yellow enrollment cards have also been distributed for indication of local church participation. Send them in!

The basic plan is for local churches in the five countries to be linked in the Prayer Fellowship—ideally with a church in another land. Opportunities for the fellowship of prayer to unite groups, families and even individuals is also provided, but the main thrust is that this be churches praying for each other. You are asked to send these yellow enrollment cards to the Women's Board by October 1, 1968.

The Women's Board will assign participants and notify each of those with whom they will be joined in the Prayer Fellowship by early November. Then it will be necessary to become acquainted through correspondence, looking forward to the beginning of 1969, when, during the week of prayer, the Seventh Day Baptist PRAYER FELLOWSHIP officially begins.

An Effective Prayer Program

Specific prayer is based on facts. How can the Seventh Day Baptist Prayer Fellowship and PACT be effective? Here are some suggestions:

Through a Bible Study of the Place and Purpose of Prayer:

We need to review the *why?* the *when?* the *how?* of prayer. What illustrations did our Savior give in His life? What instructions did He give for His followers? Where in the Psalms is prayer mentioned? For what purpose? With what results? This can be done on an individual, small group or class level.

Through Regular Correspondence:

Write at least one letter a month to the other church. This could share information on need, outreach, answer to prayer, program, etc. While an official correspondent might at first do this, it could be done by various individuals representing various groups within the church.

Through Sharing of Pictures:

By sight we gain a better understanding. Thus prints, slides or movie film of the church group, its place of worship, its various groups—officers, committees, Sabbath School classes or departments, youth fellowship, etc., could be shared. A series of pictures or slides, "This is our church" might be prepared with script.

Through Exchange of Tapes:

Today's technology makes this possible in many areas and though language may in some instances hinder easy communication, the message of music and the Word of God can convey the fellowship of sister churches.

Through Openness in Work and Witness:

Try to help the partner in the SDB Prayer Fellowship enter into your sense of mission, your witness being made, your frustration, your obstacles. Ask prayer for these, for those ill, infirm, indifferent. Ask them to join in praise and thanksgiving for those who make decision for Christ. "Rejoice with those . . . , weep with those" Pray especially for evangelistic outreach.

Through Continuing Notices:

Put them on a special bulletin board, made for this specific purpose (perhaps). Post pictures, letters, bulletins, tracts, etc. Note special prayer requests in the church bulletin and answers to prayer in the church bulletin at least once each month. Have continuing articles in your regular church quarterly paper, if one is published.

Through Specific Prayer:

Pray during the pastoral prayer in the worship hour: for special requests in the prayer meeting time; in the prayers offered at group meetings; and especially on the Day of Prayer for the CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS, January 11, 1969. Individuals and families in the local church should also be challenged to make it their practice to remember those with whom they are linked in their daily prayer.

The time to act is *now!* Enrollment cards are available from the Women's Board keyworker in your local church, or write to the Women's Board, Box 135, Milton, Wisconsin 53563, USA. Join in PACT and the SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST PRAYER FELLOWSHIP. These are vital parts of the CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 27, 1968

DANIEL PRAYS FOR HIS PEOPLE

Lesson Scripture: Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19.

JULY 15, 1968

Mid-Continent Spring Retreat

Mid-Continent Spring Retreat was held at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church during Easter weekend. The theme was "Do You Need a New Heart?" About eighty young folks from Denver, Boulder, Nortonville, Kansas City and western Nebraska attended as well as those of the North Loup church.

The retreat began with a worship service by the Nortonville young folks and a business meeting on Friday afternoon. The Sabbath eve service by the Boulder Bell-Ringers was presented to an appreciative audience of 240.

Communion service was held Sabbath morning and a panel of youth presented messages "Christian Ideas for Today." The youth were Deborah Randolph of Boulder, Flossie Bond and Philip Osborn both of Nortonville and Rich Thorngate of Denver, with Bernard Keown of North Loup as moderator. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed at noon.

Rainy weather called for a change in plans for vespers at "Happy Jack" and weather also caused the cancellation of Easter sunrise service there.

At the banquet Saturday night Ken Chroniger of the Washington, D. C., church, but now a seminary student in Missouri, was guest speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christensen, Ord theater owners, hosted a theater party after the banquet. This was followed by a midnight snack and devotions at the church.

Joe Orduna of the University of Nebraska was guest speaker at the seven o'clock breakfast Sunday. He is a track and football star and an active Christian athlete. He really puts Christ first.

The retreat closed with a fellowship circle and the singing of the young people's rally song.

—Mrs. Geo. B. Clement.

"The only person ever to get his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe."
—Chuck Hagen, The Cornell (Wis.) Courier.

Don't forget the Sabbathkeepers, Mr. Hagen
—Ed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

What the Christian Nationals Want

The churches in the lands of the Orient desperately need assistance in training nationals in evangelism, according to Jerry Beaven after his around-the-world news gathering tour in behalf of evangelical churches.

Speaking of evangelism in these countries, Beaven said, "Today nationals are far more interested in the *methods* of evangelism than in the *theology* of evangelism. They're convinced of the 'why to'—now they want to know 'how to.'"

All over the world doors are swinging shut on the foreign missionary, he said. "We are soon going to wake up and find that we have been so paternalistic in many of our endeavors that as a result the nationals who have been forced to watch us do the job our way just don't know how to carry on by themselves.

"American Christians are willing to confess that they failed to heed General MacArthur's appeal for 10,000 missionaries for Japan after World War II. But they are ignoring an even more urgent appeal today for help in training Christian nationals in developing nations."

Vietnam Houses Provided

World Vision International, always on the alert to help orphans and the homeless all over the world through the gifts of Christian people has developed a unique type of house for those in Vietnam who have been made homeless by the ravages of war. A representative devised a simple refugee house which is now in production and can be erected anywhere by inexperienced men. The steel frame can be put up by four men using only pliers and screwdriver in two hours. The cost is only \$350. World Vision says that there is need for thousands of these units both now and when hostilities cease. Vietnam need has many faces, we are told, and all of them are turned toward us. Richard C. Halverson now heads this Christian relief organization that was found by Dr. Bob Pierce. The address is Box O, Pasadena, Calif. 91109.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—We are all greatly disappointed, and especially the youth are, that none of the seven young people of our church who had planned to go to Camp Joy were able to do so. An automobile accident in the Pike family changed their plans and Christy Brossier's accident and broken arm changed the plans for the others. —Church bulletin.

DENVER, COLO.—Architect's plans and specifications are in the hands of building contractors and we hope to receive bids on the construction of our sanctuary in two weeks or so. The Planning Committee headed by Elnor R. Davis has done an excellent job and will recommend the best bid to the church for final authorization. Around \$35,000 has come in on pledges and gifts to date, around one-half of the estimated cost.

Our choir under the direction of Dennis Cox concluded its season of service before its summer recess with a very fine sacred concert on Sabbath afternoon, June 15. Mrs. Gladys Randolph, former organist now making her home in Freeport, Ill., played for our service on Sabbath, June 29, in connection with a visit to Denver for a convention of the America Guild of Organists.

Mel E. Stephan this month completed a year of outstanding service as Sabbath School superintendent. The teaching level and stewardship of the school were considerably upgraded during his term of office, and adult attendance increased although attendance of children remained about the same. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan's son, Melvin F. (Bud) Stephan, and family are spending the summer with them following his graduation from Milton College.

Mrs. Cora Hurley was relieved of her duties as Cradle Roll superintendent at her own request after a term of nearly seven years. Mrs. Hurley is the oldest member of the Denver Church at 89, and is the mother of the Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn, pastor of our Little Rock, Ark., church.

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OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for June 1968

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'
	June	9 mos.	9 mos.	June	9 mos.	9 mos.
Adams Center ..\$	145.52	839.52		Middle Island ..	44.00	475.00
Albion	34.76	600.56		Milton	691.67	6,986.58
Alfred	1,452.00	4,472.22		Milton Junction ..	156.90	787.50
Alfred Station ..		1,783.10	50.00	New Auburn	39.60	278.20
Algiers				North Loup	400.00	1,810.00
Assn. & Groups ..	188.40	890.33	871.48	Nortonville	240.79	1,667.72
Battle Creek	894.60	3,626.27	120.00	Old Stonefort ..	48.00	273.00
Bay Area		340.00		Paint Rock	28.69	393.22
Berlin	128.00	1,144.52		Pawcatuck	532.77	4,718.03
Boulder	209.38	767.78	125.00	Plainfield	1,048.65	3,186.79
Brookfield, 1st ..	70.00	742.25		Putnam County ..		
Brookfield, 2nd..		796.75		Richburg	105.50	811.31
Buffalo		415.00		Ritchie		288.93
Chicago		422.50		Riverside	498.29	4,059.86
Daytona Beach..	100.00	1,065.25		Roanoke		6.00
Denver	324.56	1,969.66	100.00	Rockville	105.05	292.11
DeRuyter	132.00	521.00		Salem	362.50	1,659.41
Dodge Center ..	207.78	1,141.97	5.00	Salemville	40.00	371.09
Edinburg				Schenectady	34.60	167.13
Farina	102.08	399.86		Shiloh	442.60	4,686.03
Fouke	40.00	95.00		Syracuse		47.00
Hammond		32.26		Texarkana		
Hebron	140.00	580.25		Trustees of		
Hopkinton, 1st..	381.00	1,776.35	25.00	Gen. Conf.		190.40
Hopkinton, 2nd	74.00	149.20	150.00	Verona	219.44	1,679.19
Houston	89.00	248.89		Walworth	70.00	780.86
Independence ..	126.75	626.45	15.00	Washington	50.00	500.00
Individuals	12.00	628.00		Washington,		
Irvington		1,311.50	200.00	People's		105.00
Jackson Center..		500.00		Waterford	96.27	949.23
Kansas City	85.00	413.50		White Cloud	79.51	520.76
Little Genesee..	305.20	1,339.17	25.00	Yonah Mt.		
Little Rock	25.51	202.72				
Los Angeles	350.00	3,115.00	70.00			
Lost Creek	386.00	1,277.61		Totals	\$11,742.47	\$74,945.60
Marlboro	404.10	3,020.81	55.00	Non-Budget	131.00	\$2,512.71
Memorial Fund ..						
Metairie						
				Total Receipts	\$11,873.47	

JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,008.93
Historical Society	10.38
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund) ..	1,019.52
Ministerial Education	985.56
Missionary Society	5,107.16
Tract Society	1,594.17
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	57.11
Women's Society	245.75
World Fellowship & Service	154.89
General Conference	1,590.00
S.D.B. World Federation	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$11,873.47

SUMMARY

1967-1968 Budget	\$126,603.00
Receipts for 9 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$74,945.60
Boards	2,512.71
	77,458.31
Amount due in 3 months	\$ 49,144.69
Needed per month	16,381.56
Percentage of year elapsed	75%
Percentage of budget raised	61%
Gordon L. Sanford	
OWM Treasurer	
Little Genesee, N. Y. 14754	
June 30, 1968	

The Sabbath Recorder

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The Denver Recorder correspondent, Gary G. Cox, is attending summer school in Duluth, Minn., accompanied by his family.

—Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—The church bulletin for June 29 says "Be sure to listen to *Moments of Praise* over radio KCCV this afternoon at 3:45 as Pastor Paul Osborn and the Studers present a modern parable.

Emphasis on youth—Kansas City now has a YF for the teen-age members of the church and they have ratified a constitution, "in order to establish a more effective organization for the glory of God."

Dr. T. F. Adams has accepted appointment to the faculty of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for 1968-1969. He will teach the basic course in preaching.

Marriages

Ochs - Budde.— Ronald Kenneth Ochs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ochs, of Milton, Wis., and Renee Sue Budde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Budde of Milton Jct., Wis., were united in marriage in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church June 15, 1968, with the Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating. They are at home on Plumb St., in Milton.

—E. C.

Births

Cox.—Stacey Lyn, daughter of Darrel and Janet (Holt) Cox, of North Loup, Nebr., was born on June 18, 1968, at St. Paul, Nebr.

Thorngate.—A daughter, Marcia, to Philip and Roma (Galbraith) Thorngate of Pebble Beach, Calif., on May 13, 1968.

Accessions

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y.

By Letter:

Mr. August Whitney
Mrs. August (Orrel) Whitney
Mr. Harold D. King

Obituaries

BINGHAM.—Merrill, son of the late Elmer and Daisy Howard Bingham, was born in Harmony Township, Wis., March 26, 1895, and died in Janesville, Wis., after a brief illness on June 10, 1968.

He was married to Esther Crandall on Sept. 10, 1919. They have lived in Wisconsin all of their married life and on the farm in Fulton Township since 1937. He was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Albrecht Funeral home by his pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan on June 12, 1968. Burial was in Milton Cemetery.

—E. C.

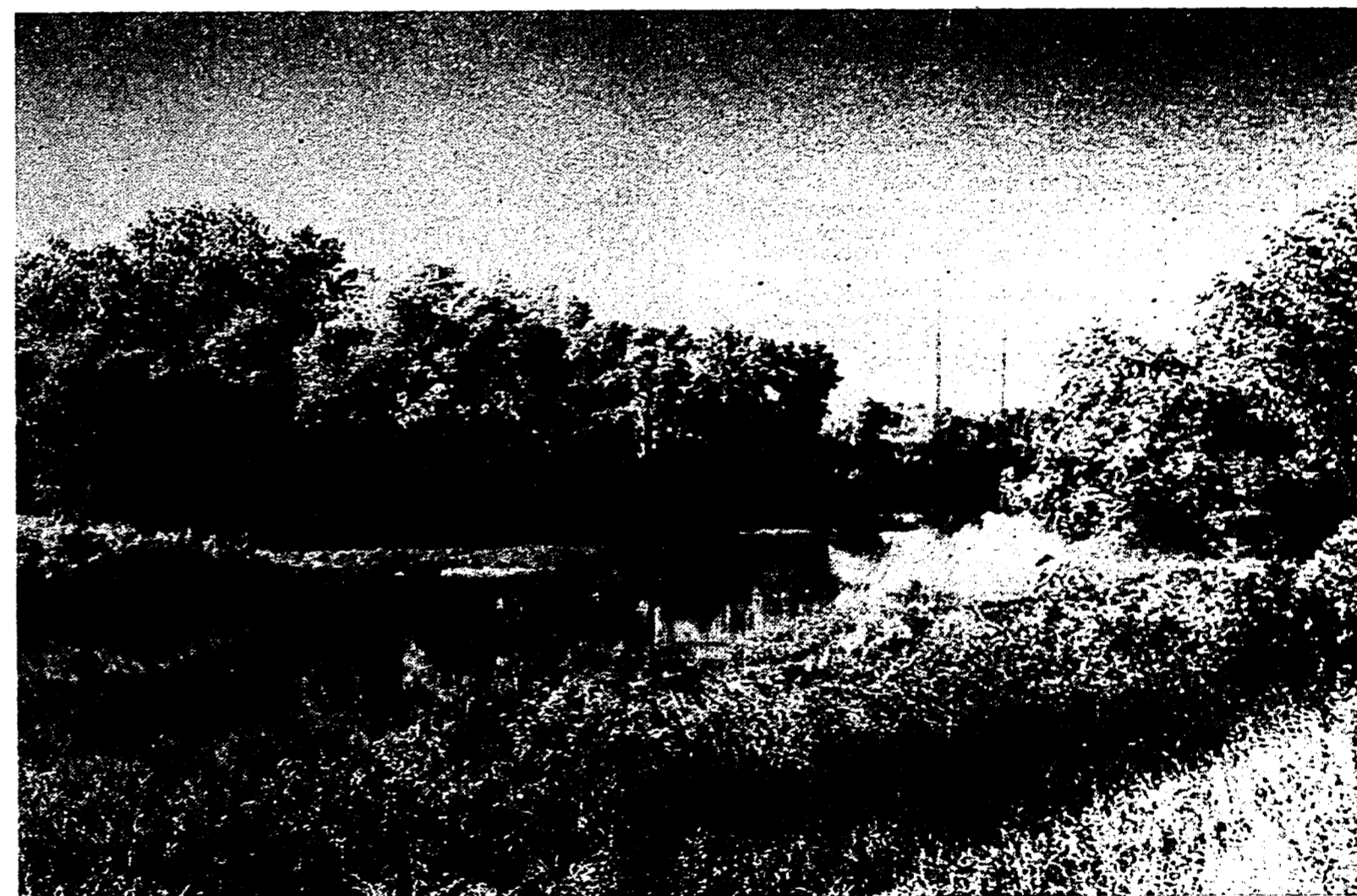
MITCHELL.— Howard Mitchell was born Nov. 28, 1899, in Edgar County, Ill., the son of James and Nancy Rollins Mitchell, and died May 1, 1968.

While still a lad his parents moved to Ritchie County, W. Va., and he spent most of his life as a resident there, being engaged largely in public works.

He was married to Goldie Sutton of Berea on May 7, 1921. To them were born four children: Orville of Fairview, Pa.; Clarence of Canton, O.; Mrs. Irene Brookhart and Mrs. Bernice Greenleaf of Akron, O. These, together with his widow and nine grandchildren, survive; also two sisters—Mrs. Viola Bee of Morgantown, W. Va., and Mrs. Belle Talkington of Clarksburg, W. Va., and one brother—Shirley of Strasburg, O.

Services were conducted at Rogers Funeral Home, Pennsboro, on Sabbath, May 4. Pastor Leslie Welch officiated and interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Berea, W. Va.

—L. W.



A Summer Scene Near the Conference Site

Some, we hear, have felt a little uncertainty about the weather of Nebraska in August. Summer scenes like this indicate that there is something to enjoy in this area. Anyway, we do not go to Conference just for cool weather.

Scenic view on the Platte River, near Kearney, Nebraska, where 1968 General Conference delegates will meet in the geographic middle of the United States, August 11-17, 1968.