

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.

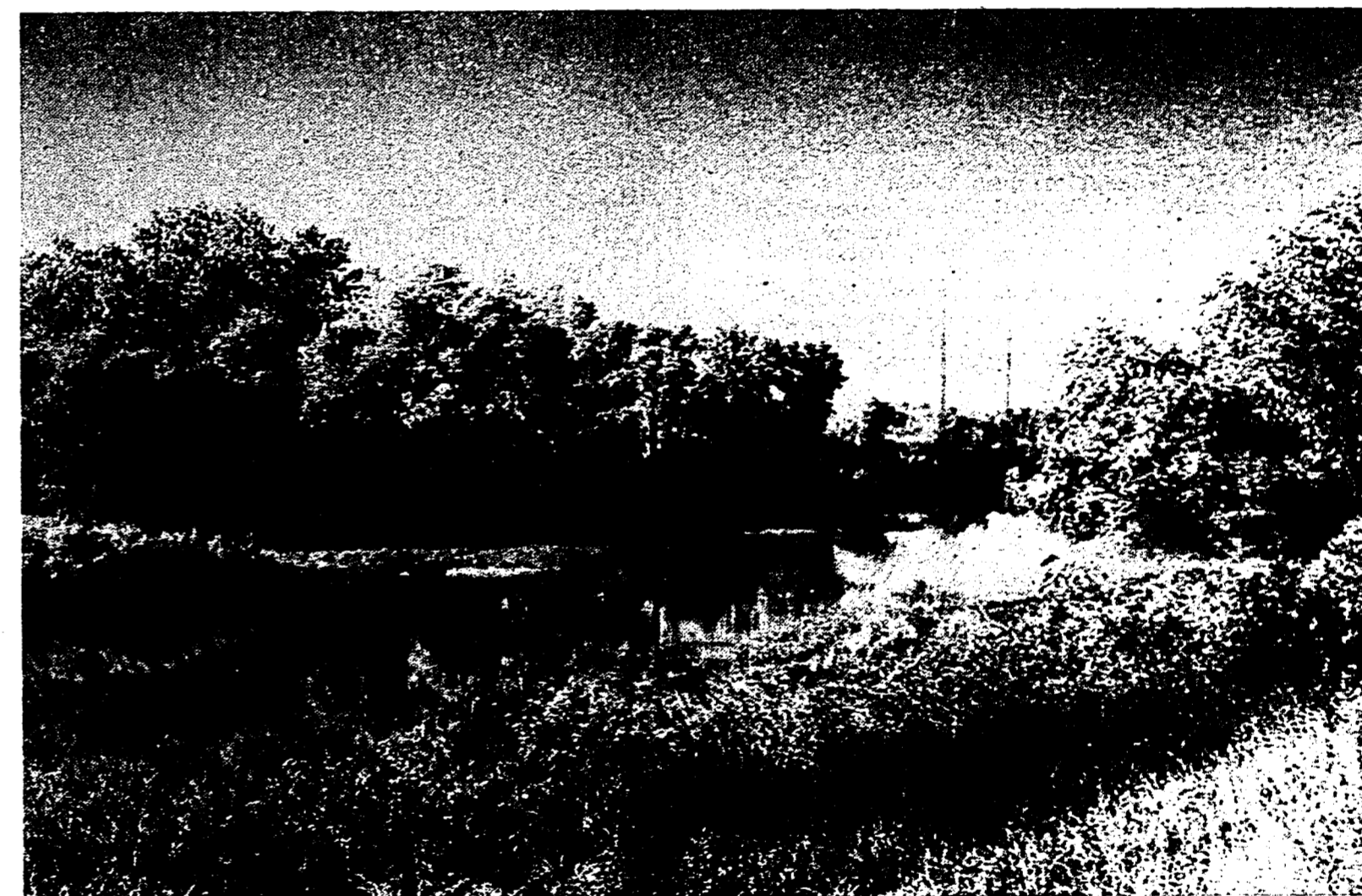
MITCHELL.— Howard Mitchell was born Nov. 28, 1899, in Edgar County, Ill., the son of James and Nancy Rollins Mitchell, and died May 1, 1968.

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.

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Of Chains and Such

Meditations from a hospital bed

When the Apostle Paul was in Rome (where he had longed to go) he was there as a prisoner. He hadn't desired the confinement, nor the chains of which he wrote. He couldn't see Rome, but much of Rome could see him, and did, in the providence of God. Called to the ministry of the gospel, he didn't have to change his calling—just his contacts and audience. He had unexpected opportunities to meet people and write messages to the world outside. His chains became a means of ministry or, at least, did not cut it off.

A hospital may seem a little like a prison. The incapacitated patient is not chained to his bed, like Paul was to two soldiers, but the confinement of the pain ties him down pretty completely. His position (for his own good) is changed from time to time as a log is rolled, with nurse power on both sides. From flat on the high bed the view of the outside world is nil. All that comes into view is ceiling and upper portions of the people who pass at distance or come close. (He always hopes they will come close, for people look good.)

The little world of a 450-bed hospital with floors stacked on floors is not little even when viewed from the small (well-staffed) open-view intensive care unit with accommodations for only nineteen patients. One hears the paging of scores of doctors and the calling of the names of staff and patient personnel, oftentimes with the need mentioned. What a prayer list for quick petitions. One gets to know some of the patients who, from time to time, share the four-bed room and are able and willing to talk.

But the biggest world in this hospital for the writer is made up of the hospital staff who wait on him. He cannot really get acquainted with all of them; there are too many, and they change too frequently. There are three shifts of four or five nurses each day. The young nurse's aides just out of high school, pleasantly serve and possibly tell of their aims and goals. Then there are the maids—housekeeping personnel, necessary to the efficiency and cleanliness of the unit.

All of these thirty to forty people serve, but some of them—many of them—need to be served a little also. Nurses are not without personal and family problems and inadequate religious experiences. Some of them are nurses because of their problems. Who knows but that something said by the Christian patient may help to heal the heart of the professional in the closeness of brief chats at the bedside?

Well do I remember the hospital experience of a godly blind woman of Redlands, California. She was badly broken up in an auto accident. She had not been long in the hospital until she wanted the pastor to bring her tracts that she could hand out to the people to whom she was witnessing about salvation and the Sabbath. Her world was bigger in the hospital than in normal life, partly because she opened the doors of opportunity. She was almost sad when she was ready to go home and could not continue all of the contacts she had made. Many a woman in nearly total blindness would have thought of her affliction and excused herself from doing anything for the Lord, especially when she was laid low by injury—not Mrs. Rowe.

The editor wonders if we know how many opportunities we have to let the light of the gospel shine through us. He found in his first twelve days of hospital life that his world of personal contacts was much larger than in a similar period of wide-ranging activity and office contacts. It was almost like being sent to a mission field—the people were picked. In fact, he felt as if he was in Jamaica, for one of the nurse's aides had the unmistakable accent of the island where we have so many people of like faith. There were two Jamaican girls there whom he had never before met and one who was an old friend, all of them finally having found something better than the domestic work by which they were able to enter the country more than a year ago.

Nothing is permanent, and no one would hope for lengthy residence in an intensive care unit. Opportunities are of fleeting duration, often not seen until they are gone. Within an hour

the environment may change and the conversations planned for tomorrow may never come. But the isolation of a private room on a new floor soon gives way to another enlarging world and new circle of possible influence. Visiting hours are longer. There is a chance to carry on much more of the denominational work and to do the informational reading that comes to hand. Even a little writing is possible with materials held high.

Paul found that his prison was not so bad, just as he learned to rejoice in his infirmities and that "thorn in the flesh." It does us good to have, sometime or other, these thorns of pain which we must learn to live with. God has a purpose for us in all the events that make up this earthly life. It behooves us to forget our prisons by seeking from our present circumstances something that may hopefully redound to the glory of God. May every experience enlarge our human horizons and provide opportunity to help some to lift their eyes to heavenlit horizons!

Your editor feels that he has now had just a little of what so many have testified of. Perhaps his thoughts will evoke some expressions of "blessings in disguise."

This is only a progress report. Who knows what the morrow may bring forth or how much problem there will be in days or months to come? A back injury complicates slightly the quick recovery of complete mobility. So far there has been much to praise God for. The daily prayers of young and old have been definitely felt. Pain and discomfort have been amazingly slight through your prayers. After the arched-back hospital treatment there may be a few challenging problems but God's grace is always sufficient. Paul had a word. "Bodily exercise is profitable" by which I think he meant almost the opposite because he went on to say, "but godliness with contentment is great gain." From where I lie at the moment it seems to me that we have much yet to learn from the Word about, "in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content."

Articles and Recorder Correspondence

Although the editor is not yet back in his office he is handling all correspondence and editing all material sent in for publication. Therefore people who are responding so faithfully to the appeal to send in articles are asked to be sure to address them to the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* as usual rather than to any other office at denominational headquarters. Some of the articles already submitted have been very well written. Others, we are told, are on the way which give promise of being very interesting. It must be remembered that when the response to requests is great the material cannot all be published at once. We are most thankful to have material on file so that each issue can be well balanced and filled with the most interesting things. There is much that is happening in the churches this summer that is stimulating to write about. Local correspondents are asked to get items and articles in promptly. Remember that there are no *Recorders* to be published the last two Mondays of August.

The Church Is Not Dead

From some reports one would gather that the church as an institution is on the way out. It is said that young people of today have little interest in attending church, promoting the church or preparing themselves to be pastors of churches. The trend, we are told, is to abandon the church as such and to serve the community and the world.

Before accepting all this at face value we should remind ourselves that what we hear depends on whom we listen to. Our listening ought to be a little broader. The church is not dead yet. Neither is it very sick if some of the figures we can quote are an indication of health. One denomination, which does not grow by mergers, now has 11,142,726 members. This same denomination, Southern Baptist, spent \$36,000,000 last year for the construction of church buildings. A church that is not in the best of spiritual health many engage in a building program, but this figure is too large to be

MEMORY TEXT

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22.

absorbed under that observation. In a denomination of 34,147 churches, where the emphasis is on functional buildings to meet the need rather than cathedral-type edifices, the building program indicates health rather than sickness. At their recent convention they adopted a denominational budget almost \$1 million higher than last year. The new president, pastor of a 15,000-member church in Dallas says he wants to lead Southern Baptists in a year of evangelism, especially through the Crusade of the Americas.

What can be said about this one denomination can be said in a measure about a number of others; they are not dead nor dying. Some people, to be sure, are going into social service rather than church service, into work like the Peace Corps or the anti-poverty program, but at the same time countless others are accepting the challenge of the church to save society by saving souls.

Wait a Second

Want a new pair of shoes? "Wait a second and we will make you a pair." It isn't quite that fast, but durable boys' shoes made of a vinyl product are now on the market. The soles and uppers are made in one operation that takes no longer than ten seconds. The announcement does not indicate whether the price will be correspondingly low. Christians have been intensely interested in the symbolism of footwear in the gospel armor, ". . . and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15). These shoes can be made in a moment, but world peace takes longer. The fact that men's hands have not been able to make it gives us cause to pray for the return of the Prince of Peace who comes "with healing in His wings."

An Open Letter

Dear Fellow Seventh Day Baptists:

The Ministerial Support Committee wishes to thank all of you for the support given to our pastors. Most of our churches have continued to provide a raise in salary for their pastors this past year. During these last four years, each church has been encouraged to raise its pastor's salary at least 5%. This may seem sufficient until we realize that the increase in the cost of living over the past few years has been more than 3% annually.

Many of our churches still consider rental values of the parsonage, transportation allowances, Conference expenses, etc., as a part of the pastor's salary. Some have considered these as fringe benefits and not as a part of the pastor's salary. The Missionary Board has established a goal of \$5,500 annually for each of its employees. This figure does not include fringe benefits, but "cash salary."

Continued education is recognized as essential in the ministry. Our pastors should be encouraged to keep up-to-date with current reading and personal study. Our church budgets should include an item for library books and funds to enable the pastors to continue their education if they desire. Most of our pastors do not have an adequate income to bear the cost of continued education.

Some churches have provided a hosting or entertainment fund for the pastor. Have you considered an educational fund for the pastor's children? Is your pastor's family adequately covered by hospitalization or health insurance?

These and other areas should be considered when the church budget is drawn up. Start now to give a realistic consideration to greater continued support to your minister.

Yours in Christ,
Philip H. Lewis, chairman,
Ministerial Support Committee.

General Conference Publicity

(Seventh in a series)

More Conference Information

Some years ago a lady driving across Nebraska complained that it took her so long; her road map was no larger than that for Rhode Island but it took hours longer. Now that is merely a tale, but too many people think of Nebraska as a state to cross between here and there. True it has no mountains, no seas or immense lakes, but it is not devoid of scenery and interest, not the least of which could be its fields and livestock, so important in feeding people. Near Clay Center, and fifteen miles east of Hastings, on U. S. 6 is the new Meat Animal Research Center, just being developed as a federal project.

Around Omaha and Lincoln are many interesting places, but there are lesser known ones out in the state and on the way to Conference at Kearney. On U. S. 6 and 34 at Minden may be found the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. This was started in 1953, and has been growing ever since, until now its 22 buildings house exhibits of machinery and all kinds of equipment used by pioneers of the west, an outstanding collection of old cars, tractors, trucks, and even the oldest steam-operated merry-go-round in the United States. Trailer and tent camping facilities have been provided also and all at a small cost.

North of Minden a few miles on Nebraska 10, is Fort Kearney State Park where the old fort is being reconstructed and is now open to visitors. At Grand Island east of Kearney, and conveniently located on U. S. Highways 30, 34, and 281, as well as Interstate 80 is another museum, the Stuhr Museum to the Prairie Pioneer. This is a beautiful building housing many kinds of exhibits, with an outdoor museum where historic houses, barns, business buildings, an old church, and again farm machinery and household articles may be found. On south at Hastings via 281 is the House of Yesterday. As the name implies it too has old things formerly used in the area, but in addition there are extensive

exhibits of animals, fossils, and rocks. All these museums are open most of the daylight hours during the week, the latter two not on Sunday mornings.

Going on west from Kearney to Maxwell, then a few miles south, may be found the Fort McPherson National Cemetery. This is in current use and is being enlarged to care for those who have died in recent wars. At North Platte about twelve miles farther west is Scouts Rest, the old home of Buffalo Bill Cody, now maintained as a tourist center.

In the North Platte Valley on Nebraska 26, north of Ogallala and a bit northeast, is the Kingsley Dam, one of the largest earthen dams in the country and holding back the waters of Nebraska's largest lake, Lake McConaughy with good camping facilities and good fishing. At the west end of the lake near Lewellen and Oshkosh are Ash Hollow and Windlass Hill, a famous pass on the Oregon Trail, and mentioned in novels of the trail. On west, still on Nebraska 26, and in the panhandle of the state, may be seen the old landmarks of Chimney Rock, Jail and Courthouse Rocks, and the Scotts Bluff National Monument. South of Scottsbluff on Nebraska 71 is the beautiful Pine Ridge area.

For those interested in Nebraska writers there is the land of Old Jules, and his daughter Marie Sandoz whose burial place is south of Gordon on Nebraska 27, in Sheridan County. This highway leads through the hay and grasslands country of the state's sand hills, yet Old Jules proved that fruit trees and other trees could be grown. Along U. S. 136 in the Republican River Valley is Cather country, and in Red Cloud is the Cather Museum, and the old home of Willa Cather. Literature telling of the self-guided tour may be obtained if one wishes to see the places mentioned in "My Antonia," "One of Ours," and others of the novels of Miss Cather.

On all highways may be found places of interest, both of beauty and history. Between Sioux City and Omaha on U. S. 73 is the country of the Winnebagoes, Omahas and other Indian tribes.

At Macy and Winnebago, in August, Indians dance in regular powwows on Sunday afternoon and visitors are always welcome. The costumes are authentic and the "singers" beat the drums in the center of the circle just as they have done for many years.

Are you rodeo minded? Some thirty-two miles up the highway from North Loup, Nebraska # 11, is Burwell which has had a big rodeo since 1921, and the dates this year are August 7-10.

This is only a sample of the many attractions the state has to offer you en route to or from Conference. This is, of course, of the most importance, but if you have some extra or vacation time, we invite you to see what we are proud to claim as our state.

—Mary T. Davis

Blankets Are Ready

Church Women United across the nation, through gift certificates purchased for World Community Day have contributed the largest single allocation of blankets to Church World Service in five years, Melvin B. Myers of that organization reports.

The contribution is being made in response to CWS's clothing appeal. The church women purchase certificates from CWS, enabling it to buy one blanket for each gift. The response of the women is already so great, that for the first time in a decade, CWS expects to meet its overseas minimum requirements for blankets.

The allocation of blankets is being made under the chairmanship of James MacCracken, executive director of CWS. A total of 41,500 are to be shipped to twelve countries, while an additional 20,000, together with those blankets actually given instead of paid for by the women, will be held in stockpile at CWS processing centers, to meet the disaster requests expected in the fall from the three major hurricanes and typhoons which are predicted.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Stewardship

The Perils of Inconsistent Giving

The figures for June giving to Our World Mission are both surprising and pleasing. In the middle of the summer slump, when giving many times is less than needed, we went over the monthly giving goal of our budget by over \$2,200, when you count board receipts, which we do. Congratulations!

And yet now we are trapped by our inconsistent giving. Although we gave more for one month, we still are only giving about 80% of our voted commitment, having raised only 61% of the budget in 75% of the year.

So don't bask in those June figures too long! Take a long hard look at the nine month totals. Lots of comparisons could be made, such as "less than half the churches gave more than two-thirds of the money," but that would mean a breakdown would have to be made into per capita giving for each church, and would take lots of time. A quick look shows that the top five churches in the nine month column have a per capita range of \$11.65 to \$25.58 (for the nine months). Spot checks reveal the other churches within that range with the notable exception of some of our smaller churches. (One, for example, has given almost \$95 per member so far this year.)

What we need to realize is that per capita giving depends on two things: motivation and ability. This is born out by the goals our churches set for themselves. (Some of you don't know that each church was asked to adopt a pre-set goal or set their own!) One church has already given almost twice as much in nine months as they thought they could give in twelve.

Another church, which cut its suggested goal by almost one-third because of an expensive building program, has beaten their original goal! This is a church with both motivation (their pastor called the Stewardship Chairman early one Sabbath morning to get the latest information on Our World Mission needs to present to the church) and

ability (one layman, when told what the OWM goal of his church was, said, "Is that all?").

As Stewardship Chairman I would like to write to each church personally, commending and exhorting. Time and resources fail for this, but here is the conclusion I would have to put on all the letters:

"In view of the fact that we must raise nearly \$50,000 in the next three months, *please give more*, so that the work which God has entrusted to Seventh Day Baptists may go forward!"

Yoked in Mission,

—Paul B. Osborn,

Stewardship Chairman.

WCC Assembly

Opens at Uppsala, Sweden

With more than 2,000 churchmen in attendance from six continents, the World Council of Churches began, on July 4th, its Fourth Assembly, on the theme of renewal, with flamboyant pageantry as Uppsala's 700-year-old Gothic cathedral resounded with modern Scandinavian heraldic and church music.

The dignitaries from the World Council's 232 member churches and from other churches specially invited, heard one of Asia's best-known churchmen, the Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles, a Methodist, from Ceylon, preach an opening sermon.

"Everywhere in our world today events are taking place, big and small, which reveal that God is doing a new thing among us," he declared.

"Behold, I Make All Things New" is the assembly theme.

Assembly participants and visitors in the cathedral, including Sweden's King Gustaf VI Adolf, stood as trumpets fan-fared the arrival of the procession of 720 official delegates.

Some of the features distinguishing this Fourth Assembly were evident in the cathedral's congregation. For one thing this assembly is more than a third larger than any previous one. And, for the first time, voting delegates from the Orthodox and Eastern churches outnumber all others.

Large-scale changes in the Christian church since the Third Assembly at New Delhi in 1961 are shown by such innovations as the presence of 65 "delegated observers," including 15 Roman Catholics, who have the right to speak in plenary sessions, but not to vote.

The powder-keg issue of racism will be focused by such speakers as U. S. author James Baldwin and Britain's U. N. representative, Lord Caradon.

Social issues may play a bigger part in this assembly than in any previous one, but it will not be to the exclusion of the World Council's high-ranking theological studies.

At assembly plenary sessions in Uppsala's 2,250-seat Fyris Hall, delegates will debate the main issues in six sections: "The Church's Unity in a Shrinking World," "The Church in Mission," "The Churches' Role in Social and Economic Development," "The Worship of God in a Secular Age," and "Towards a New Style of Living."

What's on God's Mind?

Seminary Professor Clyde Fant in a public relations seminar had a word for preachers. He urged a proper balance between emotion and intellect in dealing with the whole man, and a proper balance between communicating "what God has on His mind," and what is going on in society.

Denver Pastor Resigns

Rev. Albert N. Rogers has announced his resignation from the pastorate of the Denver, Colorado, Seventh Day Baptist Church. He plans to move to Plainfield early in November to spend six months working on Volume III of *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*. His plans beyond that six months' period have not been announced. The Denver church is in process of building a new sanctuary and he has expressed hope that plans in progress will be far enough along before he leaves so that everything will move forward smoothly when he is no longer leading the flock.

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Malawi S.D.B. Pastors' Refresher Course

(This article was prepared and photo furnished by Fedson F. Makatanje, Makapwa S.D.B. Station, P.O. Sandama, Malawi, Journalism for the church)

Twenty-three pastors and preachers, including Mr. Lamech M. Vumah of Rhodesia, attended a two-week refresher course held at Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Station from May 14 to 27,



Most of the pastors and ministerial students in the refresher course and the two main tutors, the Revs. O. B. Manan and D. C. Pearson. The second man standing at the extreme right is Pastor Lamech M. Vumah of Rhodesia. He joyfully leans his arms on the shoulders of Rev. O. B. Manan and Preacher Leavason.

1968. The pastors and preachers came from Central and Southern Regions of Malawi. Among the pastors, only Pastor L. Nothale of Namba Church in Palombe, did not come because his wife had been ill at that time.

The main tutors in that course: Rev. O. B. Manan and Rev. D. C. Pearson who both live in Blantyre did not come to start their work in the first week because they had to attend a Christian Council meeting. Dr. V. D. Burdick, H. A. Sankhulani and Mr. F. F. Makatanje took part in teaching during that first week.

Mr. Vumah mentioned above is one of the new converts from the Baptist church in Rhodesia into the Seventh Day Baptist church. He was visiting Malawi for the second time. He first visited the country in January 1968; and the pur-

pose of his visit was to learn more about the Seventh Day Baptist church, to seek its Sabbath truths, and to join the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists. When he was invited to attend the two-week course, he was pleased to come.

We are thankful to our God that Mr. Vumah is now Pastor Lamech M. Vumah. He was ordained on May 25, 1968, at Makapwa Station to take up Seventh Day Baptist pastoral responsibilities in Rhodesia.

Annual Report of Corresponding Secretary

By Secretary Everett T. Harris

For sixteen years the present incumbent has carried on as corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society. During these years the work of the office has more than doubled. The ever increasing round of duties has been shared by the office secretary, Mrs. James Waite, and by Treasurer Karl Stillman, and very great appreciation and gratitude is expressed to them.

This 126th Annual Report of the Board of Managers has been prepared for approval of the Missionary Society, to be held "on the third Sunday in September 1968, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., at 2:00 p.m." as voted at the last annual meeting of the society. It is anticipated that this annual report will be printed in quantity of 300 copies so that distribution may be made at General Conference at Kearney, Nebr., in August 1968. Copies of the portion of this report referring to Home Missions and the portion referring to Overseas Missions have been sent to the committee chairmen on these respective committees as these appointments of Conference Committee chairmen were made known to this office.

At the request of the 1967 General Conference for all boards and agencies to change "reporting years" to a calendar year basis, this report is being prepared a month earlier than usual, making it an eleven month's report. This is done as

an interim step toward changing the reporting year from June 1 - May 30 to January 1 - December 31. It is anticipated that the change-over will be completed in 1968, making the printed portion of the 1969 annual report cover only from May 1 through December 31, 1968. Thereafter the printed annual reports will follow the calendar year. It is expected that the Missionary Reporter will be printed in quantity and distributed at Conference to bring up-to-date information not covered in the printed annual report.

The secretary's away-from-the-office services have not been as extensive as in some earlier years. This is partly due to the increased volume of work in the office at Westerly and partly because the director of evangelism has taken over a large part of the secretary's field work. The secretary has attended the 1967 General Conference at Grand Rapids, Mich.; Eastern Association meetings at Marlboro; the Eastern Area Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Retreat at Jersey Oaks Camp (near Shiloh); participated in the Sabbath services of the Annual Meeting of New England Churches on October 7, 1967; kept speaking appointments at the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath day, January 4, 1968; kept three speaking appointments on Sabbath eve and Sabbath day, May 31 - June 1 at the Lost Creek, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church at a meeting of West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist Churches; and two Sabbath speaking appointments during the year with the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. There have been several counseling occasions with churches of our faith through personal contacts as well as through correspondence.

Four End of Quarter Mission Emphasis Sabbath mailings have been prepared and sent to all churches—to missionary keyworkers and pastors or church clerks, two packets of material to each church. The emphases have been made as follows: on Home Field Interests on the last Sabbath of October (Oct. 29, 1967); on Malawi, Africa, on the last Sabbath of January (January

28, 1968); on Guyana, S. A., on April 27, 1968; and on Jamaica, W. I., on June 29, 1968. Information is at hand to the effect that the only use made by some of our churches of this mission emphasis material has been to place it on their bulletin boards for observation of those who pass by. It is a difficult problem to know how to encourage our churches to use this information and inspirational material which has been drawn from many sources and sent out at no little expense.

The usual fall and spring meetings of Conference Planning Committee have been attended, and by invitation Director Leon Lawton has also attended and taken part in these sessions that have had to do with evangelism. It is expected that Mr. Lawton will serve as representative of the Missionary Board in the place of the corresponding secretary at the Pre-Conference meeting of the Planning Committee and Commission to be held August 7-9, 1968, at North Loup, Nebr. This is by action of the Missionary Board that "the task of representing the Missionary Board at these consulting meetings be shared by other board appointees."

Other services of the secretary include the following: attending the 25th anniversary of Lit-Lit (Committee on Literacy and Christian Literature of DOM) in New York City in company with the Missionary Board's representative, Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler; arranging again for General Secretary Alton Wheeler to go to Jamaica as "Released Worker for 1968"; assisting the Home Field Committee in preparing work arrangements for Miss Connie Coon to serve as "assistant in evangelism" beginning her services in September 1968; working out arrangements for Mrs. Mary Clare to go to Georgetown, Guyana, as a "teacher of teachers," leaving New York on July 18 and returning August 4, 1968, with travel expenses to be repaid to Mrs. Clare from the Missionary Board's operating budget for 1969; working out arrangements with Miss Velma Maxson

for her to join the teaching staff of Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, beginning her services in September 1968; consulting with Rev. Leon R. Lawton as to his multi-purpose visit to Guyana, Brazil and Mexico, leaving New York on June 27, and returning on July 28, carrying letter of greeting to the Sabbathkeeping brethren of these countries and sharing his experiences and suggestions with the Missionary Board upon his return. The secretary began services as treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation during the year, relieving Conference Secretary Wheeler of one of his many duties.

This opportunity is taken to again express a sense of loss at the death of the late Rev. Loyal F. Hurley. A resolution of respect was adopted at the October 29, 1967, meeting of the Missionary Board and the secretary directed to send copies to the deceased's family. This was done.

Mission Notes, a quarterly "faith" publication, prepared in the interests of Seventh Day Baptist missions for the past 15 years and on which the secretary of the Missionary Board has served as a contributing editor, was combined with the *Sabbath Recorder* in special issue of October 2, 1967. If this combination is found satisfactory and is continued, it is expected that only two issues will be printed each year instead of the usual four issues. The Rev. Edgar Wheeler has consented to continue as editor of *Mission Notes* working cooperatively with the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* on the combined issues.

Warm appreciation is expressed to the Missionary Board and to others across the denomination for the sympathy and practical assistance received during Mrs. Harris' recuperation from a serious accident. Those were difficult days and weeks but it was also a time when the goodness and mercy of God were deeply experienced, along with a wonderful expression of prayers and love and sympathy of many friends across the denomination.

Is It I, Lord?

By Pastor John A. Conrod

A communion meditation delivered to the Shiloh-Marlboro joint communion service, July 6, 1968.

And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with me shall betray me." And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, "Is it I?"—Mark 14:18-19.

Let us forget for a moment that we are sitting here in the Shiloh church surrounded by three hundred other people and think of ourselves as sitting in an upper room in Jerusalem with only thirteen other persons, Jesus and His twelve disciples. Only, instead of His having twelve disciples, let us think of Him as having thirteen disciples. The extra disciple is you. Jesus is about to speak: "Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with me shall betray me."

We do not know to whom Jesus is referring because we are now no longer looking back on this incident. We are there as it is happening. Jesus turns His head to look around the room and one by one the disciples ask Him, "Is it I?" Jesus' eyes fasten upon Peter.

"Is it you, Peter? You who so often speak for the rest; I am glad that this time you are speaking for yourself. You who began to walk to me upon the water and then in a moment of distrust, looked away and began to sink. I recall that time so clearly. You cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, save me!' I had to remind you to trust in me with these words: 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?'"

"Is it you, Peter? You who so easily would boast 'Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee.' And yet you would deny me three times before the morning."

And they said unto Him one by one, "Is it I?"

"Is it you, John? You who were so bold as to ask me to allow you to sit on my right hand when I entered my kingdom. You who needed to learn to be a servant before you could ever become a ruler.

"Is it you, John? You who are the disciple that the Lord loveth, you who feel so close to me that you can so easily lay your head on my bosom."

And they said unto Him one by one, "Is it I?"

"Is it you, James? You were one of those who witnessed my transfiguration on the mount. Could such a vivid scene be so easily forgotten that you would betray me? Or is it you, Philip? You who desired to see the Father and I had to remind you with my question in reply: 'Have I been so long a time with you and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?' Or is it you, Nathaniel? When we first met you asked, 'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?' And then when I revealed myself to you, you fell down and confessed that I was indeed the Son of God."

Is it any of the remaining eleven? If we were looking back on this scene we could easily say who it was, but now we are there. Have we discovered in these few moments the feeling of fright that certainly must have gripped each of the disciples as they turned their thoughts inward and searched their own hearts to see if they might be the one who would betray the Lord? Which of these disciples was the one?

The dictionary defines the word "betray" in this way: "to prove faithless, to desert in a moment of need." If this definition is true, then in a way all of the disciples betrayed Him. The Scripture tells us that when the soldiers arrested Jesus "then all the disciples forsook him and fled."

"Is it I, Lord?" Yes, it was all of them in a way. And as Jesus broke the bread and passed the cup He knew that these who were sharing His last supper would all soon forsake Him in His moment of greatest need.

Why share this communion with these who were so spiritually weak and sinful? Why? Because this is the very reason for communion. This last supper was not for the righteous, but for sinners. Did not Jesus Himself say it? "This is my body which is broken for you This is my blood which is shed for the

remission of sins." Because the disciples were sinners, Jesus shared this last supper with them to remind them of their need to repent of their sins and to look to Him for forgiveness.

This communion with Christ is still offered to sinners today for the very same reason. He is still asking each of us today to search our hearts for sin and to lay these sins before Him in repentance as we would come before His communion table. He is still saying today, "One of you which eateth with me shall betray me." What is our answer? Do we say, "Is it the one sitting next to me, Lord?" "Is it the one across the aisle, Lord?" Or do we ask as the disciples asked, "Is it I?"

Remember, there were thirteen disciples present that day—the twelve and also you. Jesus' eyes are turning to you now; what is your reply? Let each of us bow our heads and ask the Lord that same question, "Is it I, Lord?"

Bible Reading Guide for 1968

AUGUST

<i>Acts</i>	<i>Romans</i>
1 — 26	17 — 8: 1-17
2 — 27	18 — 8:18-39
3 — 28	19 — 9: 1-18
<i>Romans</i>	20 — 9:19-10:4
4 — 1: 1-17	<i>Romans</i>
5 — 1:18-32	21 — 10: 5-21
6 — 2: 1-16	22 — 11: 1-12
7 — 2:17-29	23 — 11:13-24
8 — 3: 1-20	24 — 11:25-36
9 — 3:21-31	<i>Romans</i>
10 — 4: 1-15	25 — 12
<i>Romans</i>	26 — 13
11 — 4:16-25	27 — 14
12 — 5: 1-11	28 — 15: 1-13
13 — 5:12-21	29 — 15:14-33
14 — 6: 1-14	30 — 16
15 — 6:15-7:6	1 Corinthians
16 — 7: 7-25	31 — 1: 1-17

Read the passage through. Then read over these suggested questions and seek answers from that passage. You might wish to keep a loose-leaf notebook with your daily notes on each passage.

Building a Bridge of Understanding

(Extracts from an article on race relations to Southern Baptists).

By Edward A. McDowell

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Let us get hold of the idea that the South is the place where the race problem should be solved, and let us resolve that Southern Baptists will take the lead in demonstrating to the world that the problem can be solved in the South.

In the solution of the race problem it is essential that we shall build a bridge of understanding between the races. Great strides have been made in recent years in securing greater justice for the Negro. But we know that prejudice against Negroes is still widespread and that a new bitterness has developed among many white people because of the new freedom Negroes have gained.

The minister, white and Negro, is the key man in building this bridge. It is true because the race problem, as I have previously said, is essentially a religious and moral problem. Again, the minister is the key man in race relations and in building this bridge because he is a physician of souls.

Race prejudice is soul sickness and a whole community, and even a church, can be afflicted with this sickness. The minister is the physician who can prescribe the remedy: the love our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to have for all men.

Let one thing be remembered without fail in the building of the bridge of understanding: the Negro is now our equal and fellow worker in building the bridge; the old era of paternalism is over; we must accept the fact that the Negro Christian is indeed our brother in Christ, and that all law-abiding Negroes are our fellow citizens in building a greater America.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 3, 1968

LORDSHIP OF THE CREATOR

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 45:1-6, 18, 22-23.

Rocky Mountain Camp

A day of fellowship with Methodist youth and dedication of a \$2,000 twelve inch reflecting telescope were features of the Mid-Continent Association's senior camp June 23-30 at Rocky Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Camp.

"Yoked in Mission with Christ" was the topic of daily lectures by the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, Boulder pastor and director of the camp. Miss Donna Ross of Riverside, Calif., was exchange camper from Pacific Pines and the Pacific Coast Association. Small group trips by car and hiking in the high country were also enjoyed. Mrs. Randolph, Miss Sue Stockdale, Paul Hummel of Boulder and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Denver pastor, served on the staff.

Methodist youth and their pastor, the Rev. Clarence Buehler, from Beatrice, Nebr., stopped at the camp returning from a service project in New Mexico. Mr. Buehler became acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists at North Loup, Nebr., some years ago, and his group reported on their work with Spanish-American Christians.

Erected on a rocky point overlooking the Colorado eastern plains by the camp trustees, the John Watts Memorial Telescope was introduced to the campers and afforded great excitement. Camp enrollment was twenty-six, reduced somewhat this year by preparations for the Kearney, Nebr., General Conference and Pre-Con.

Pre-Con Retreats

Pre-registration blanks have been sent to all of our churches and fellowships for Youth and Young Adult Pre-Conference Retreats. Those who do not have access to a blank may write to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803, and one will be sent.

It is not mandatory that you pre-register, but it does help us with preparation if we have a good idea as to the number to expect.

Here are the vital statistics of each retreat:

YOUTH PRE-CON — Director, J. Paul Green; Staff, Glen Warner, Connie Coon, Audrey Fuller, Victor Skaggs, Eugene Fatato, Phil Hazen, Rex Burdick, Madeline Randolph, Charles and Anita Harris.

Begins at 5:00 p.m. August 7 and ends at 2:00 p.m. August 11.

Those who may attend have finished the ninth grade of school, or are 15 years of age through 20. Those 18 through 20 may elect to attend the Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat. The fee is \$20 per person. Each camper brings his own bedding and other articles pertinent to cabin camping.

The retreat will be held at Methodist Camp Comeca at Cozad, Nebraska, on old U. S. Route 30 about 120 miles west of North Loup. It is quite accessible by car, train, bus, or air.

YOUNG ADULT PRE-CON — Director, Francis D. Saunders, Leland and Gertrude Davis, Elmo Randolph, Stephan and Irene Saunders.

Begins at 5:00 p.m., August 7, and ends at 2:00 p.m., August 11. Those who may attend include those from 18 through 35 years. The fee is \$12. Bring bedding and other articles relevant to real camp life.

The theme is "Born for Times Like These."

Young Adult Pre-Con will be held at Camp Riverview about 5 miles from North Loup, Nebraska.

Come to Farina August 10

The Farina church lies near the pathway that many will be taking to go to Conference at Kearney, Nebraska. The church invites such people to join them in worship on Sabbath, August 10, feeling that this will be a blessing to the traveler and to the church which has been pastorless for some time. On that date Mr. Hollis Howard of Dallas, Texas, is preaching the sermon by invitation of the church. This is mentioned as an added reason for visitors to be present for fellowship.

YOUTH . . .

Humble Before Christ

During the training session for the 1966 Summer Christian Service Corps, I learned what it means to be humble before Christ. Being my second year in the corps, I guess I felt pretty confident—until I knocked on the first door—supposedly just to “get back into practice.” My heart was beating double time and my knees were knocking. Later my calling partner, also a second year worker, admitted his fears to me as we had called together that afternoon. Later that day I found this passage in I Corinthians 2:1-5 (Phillips):

“In the same way, my brothers, when I came to proclaim to you God’s secret purpose, I did not come equipped with any brilliance of speech or intellect. You may as well know now that it was my secret determination to concentrate entirely on Jesus Christ himself and the fact of his death upon the cross. As a matter of fact, in myself I was feeling far from strong; I was nervous and rather shaky. What I said and preached had none of the attractiveness of the clever mind, but it was a demonstration of the power of the Spirit! Plainly God’s purpose was that your faith should rest not upon man’s cleverness but upon the power of God.”

Prayer—Dear Father, continue to give me shaky knees like Paul to make me humble before You, so that I will be ready and willing to let Your Holy Spirit speak through me. In this way continue to show me what it is to have faith in you. Amen.

—Nancy Brannon, Syracuse Church.

EXACTLY!

An American newsman was having a discussion with a Russian counterpart.

“As I understand it,” the American said, “the basic idea of communism is to divide everything you have with your neighbor.”

“Not quite,” corrected the Red reporter. “The basic idea of communism is to make your neighbor divide everything with you.”

ITEMS OF INTEREST

European Baptist Press Service Lutherans in European Countries

Lutherans dominate the scene in Scandinavia, as the official state church (over 90%), but in 16 countries of Europe, Lutherans are in the minority, reports the Lutheran World Federation news service.

Lutheran churches in the Soviet Union have 677,000 members. This is the largest number of Lutherans to live in a European land in which Lutherans are a minority group. Yet, Lutherans comprise only 2/10 of 1 per cent of the Soviet population.

In countries like Austria, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, Lutherans represent from 5.6 to 3.9 per cent of the national populations.

Two A Penny

Premiering at Prince Charles Cinema in London was the first Billy Graham entertainment film “Two A Penny” starring Britain’s favorite Pop singer, Cliff Richard. It will play for twelve weeks before being released to international audiences. It was most highly acclaimed, with box offices operating twelve hours a day to keep up with the bookings.

Success of this grand occasion is best summed up by the vastly circulated entertainment guide, “What’s on in London,” which commented, “If all religion were as lively and astutely presented as this, it couldn’t fail to win some battles . . . maybe even the war.”

Dan Poling Memorial

International C. E., of which Dr. Poling was president for so many years, has established a Poling memorial fund, the income of which is to be used continuously for Christian Endeavor work. It is hoped that there will be \$1,000 for each year of his life (83). The fund was started with a \$5,000 bequest from Dr. Poling’s will. He died February 7. The pastor of the Williston Congregational church, where C. E. began in 1881, has asked that 83 of the members give \$10 each to the memorial fund.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Mr. Grant H. Barker, one of our members who has been in the San Diego area doing mission work for nearly two years, was welcomed to the pulpit July 6.

The Senior Camp program started July 3 at Pacific Pines Camp. Our pastor and several of our young people attended this camp which is geared especially to reach the unsaved youth of our area.

—Gleaned from church bulletin.

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.—A number of North Loup people attended the ordination of the Rev. Wayne Babcock at Dodge Center, Minn., April 20. The Babcocks are “home folks” to us of the North Loup church. May God bless them as they labor in His field.

A baby dedication service was held for six babies, May 11. The babies were Shawn Dianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Severance; Twila Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cargill; Douglas Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Davis; Louis Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams; Norma Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brannon and Rebecca Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Davis. A touching service was held with the parents bringing their babies. Aubrey Davis was a stand-in for his son, Rolland, who is in Vietnam.

Our church cooperated in a union Vacation Church School Day Camp at Camp Riverview, May 27 through June 1. Those finishing seventh and eighth grades were eligible to attend. Ten churches participated with about 75 boys and girls attending. The venture was a success.

Two young men, Phillip Van Horn and Allan Cox received degrees at the University of Nebraska. Phil will be serving his country and Allan will continue his education at Wichita, Kansas, working on his Masters while being assistant instructor. His wife will also take more college work and do her practice teaching there.

With the Evangelism Committee in charge, we again sponsored a booth at

the Ord Farm and Home Show. Bible tracts, *Sabbath Recorders* and free coffee were given. The interest shown was gratifying.

The 60th wedding anniversary of “Roy and Sadie”—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox—was celebrated with a family dinner at the church at noon and “open house” in the afternoon of June 9.

We are glad Lee and Vesta Farley are back as residents after being in California almost two years. Mrs. Grace Mayo has returned from California for the summer months. We miss Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Severance and daughter who have moved to Berthoud, Colo., and the Wayne Monk family who moved to Oxford, Nebr.

Our exchange campers were Mildred Williams and Darlene King. They spent ten days at Camp Wakonda near Milton, Wis., sharing expenses and honors.

Attending Mid-Continent Association Camp at Rocky Mountain Camp near Boulder, Colo., the last week in June were Janice Williams, Toni Monk, Keith Severance, Jerry Van Horn, Cliff Jorgensen and Jim Goodrich. Also going with the group were John Sizer and Loren Soper of Ogallala, Nebr.

Recent improvements are the painting of the baptistry with a beautiful blue pool paint and a lowered ceiling, new light fixtures and a paint job in Pastor Davis’ study at the church. Also added in the study is a beautiful and serviceable desk and chair set, a memorial for Timon Swenson; and a magazine rack for the new entrance, a memorial for Walter Thorngate. Mrs. Ralph Loofboro of New Auburn, Wis., has given her piano to the church. The Sabbath School has installed new individual storage cabinets in the basement classrooms. They were built by George Maxson.

Camp Riverview is being readied for camp groups. Power mowers, both riding and walking, hammers, saws, and paint brushes, have been good equipment when a willing group used them.

We are looking forward to General Conference in our beautiful Nebraska.

—Correspondent.

The Sabbath Recorder

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1968 CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Mail completed form with check or money order to: Mrs. Duane L. Davis,
North Loup, Nebraska 68859

May God help us to come to Christ seeking the answers to our questions. He is infinite and knows our deepest concerns and our most persistent failings, and the deepest desires of our hearts. He is able to convict and to cleanse. He alone can open our self-closed eyes." May we from Him receive the power to love for the sake of loving, to give for the sake of giving, and to be neighborly for the sake of neighborliness.

1. NAME
2. ADDRESS
3. CHURCH
4. SPOUSE ATTENDING
5. OTHERS IN PARTY (Give age, sex, and relationship):
6. Means of transportation: car, air, train, bus.
7. Estimated arrival: a.m.; p.m. on August, 1968.
8. Place of arrival (if public transportation)
9. Need to be met? Details:—
10. Rooms needed
11. Special requests (roommates, etc.)
12. Children in room with parents, furnishing own beds, #
13. Making other housing arrangements as follows:
14. Meals:
Adults; how many?
- Children; how many?
15. Eating off-campus, but wish to have
..... (#) Women's Dinner
..... (#) Youth Dinner
..... (#) Christian Involvement Dinner
16. Money enclosed as follows



Fourth Assembly WCC, Uppsala, Sweden

Two of the floral designs at Fyris Sports Hall in Uppsala, Sweden, where plenary sessions of the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches were held July 4-19, 1968. The design on the left is that of the traditional World Council ship, with the word "Oikoumene" above it.