

The Sabbath Recorder

Accessions

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.

By Baptism:

David Davis
Janece Goodrich
Toni Monk
Nancy Paidar
Galen Severance
Russell Williams
Edwin Clement
Victor Clement

HAMMOND, LA.

By Baptism:

Jackie Young

Marriages

Babcock - Soper.— Robert L., son of the Rev. and Mrs. L. Wayne Babcock of Dodge Center, Minn., and Nelta Jean Soper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Soper of Oshkosh, Nebr., were united in marriage by their pastor, Duane L. Davis, on June 16, 1968, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup, Nebr.

Dickinson - Kuchinsky.— Mervin J. Dickinson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harmon Dickinson of Richburg, N. Y., and Susan L. Kuchinsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kuchinsky, Scotch Plains, N. J., were united in marriage on July 7, 1968, in the Far Hills Inn, Somerville, N. J. Rabbi Kenneth Rivkin of Livingston, N. J., officiated.

Severance - Keown.— Deacon Cecil F. Severance and Mrs. Bonnie Babcock Keown both of North Loup, Nebr., were united in marriage by their pastor, Duane L. Davis, on June 16, 1968, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup, Nebr.

Obituaries

DAVIS.— Benjamin C., 85, son of the late D. Den and Louella Carl Davis, was born in Salem County, N. J., in 1882, and died in the Bridgeton Hospital July 10, 1968, after a brief illness, although he had been in failing health for the past six years.

He was married to Anna Bowden Davis on Dec. 1, 1904, and they made their home in the Shiloh area. She preceded him in death on July 15, 1962.

Mr. Davis was a prominent farmer in the area for many years, a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shiloh, for 73 years, former member of the Shiloh Borough Council, and a former member and president of the Shiloh Board of Education.

Surviving are a son, Mervin E. Davis of Shiloh; two daughters, Mrs. Esther Swing, DeRuyter, N. Y., and Mrs. Ethel Dickinson, Richburg, N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Lewis C. Davis, Shiloh, and Mrs. Ernestine Bowden, Salem; eight grandchildren, a number of great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in the Carl & Padgett Funeral Home, Bridgeton, on Monday, July 15, 1968, by his pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, and interment was in the cemetery at the Shiloh Church.

—C. H. B.

NELSON.—Charles A., son of the late Nels and Caroline Olson Nelson, was born near Dell Rapids, S. D., on March 31, 1880, and died at his home in Milton, Wis., on July 6, 1968.

He was married August 19, 1909, in Elcho, Wis., to Mabel Severance. To this union were born four children: Erlo of Milton, Nolan of Grand Rapids, Mich., Verna Klein of Chicago, Ill.; and Reva Thielen of Madison, Wis. He also leaves to survive him seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Julius, Milton; and two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Fredrich, Milton, and Mrs. Lyda Hurley, Madison.

Charles was baptized while living in South Dakota and has been a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church since that time. He attended Milton Academy. For two summers he served with an evangelistic quartet with M. B. Kelly and L. D. Seager as evangelists. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1911 at North Loup, Nebr., and served in this capacity as long as his health would permit.

Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 9, 1968 by his pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan. Burial was in Milton Cemetery.

—E. C.



Printing Bibles in Brazil

The Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where thousands of Portuguese Bibles are printed. In the bindery Pastor Antonio Barrera (center) examines a new Bible and speaks of how the Book is precious to him as its truth led him to Christ, led him to leave the Roman Catholic priesthood in Colombia, and led him to the Sabbath truth as well. He is now pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist groups in Sao Paulo and Osasco (a suburb), Brazil. He was the guest of the Rev. Leon Lawton the week beginning July 14. The others in the picture are from Latin America, on the left a pastor, member on the Central Coordinating Committee, and on the right a layman.

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WCC Assembly Is Over

As soon as the Assembly at Uppsala, Sweden, drew to a close its public relations department started sending out voluminous round-up stories to religious editors so that they could have a summary of some of the discussions as well as the actions that were taken in the six sections that worked simultaneously through the fifteen-day period. It was several hours of reading from the point of view of those on the inside who may be committed to making it look as rosy as possible. *Newsweek* commented that the Assembly produced ten tons of reading. That, of course, was the aggregate. The amount put in the hands of delegates and the press must have been quite a load to carry.

Outside commentators and news analysts that we have read did not always agree with the wisdom of decisions made, as set forth in the official releases. There were inevitable tensions when, for the first time, Protestants were outnumbered by representatives of the Eastern Orthodox churches, whose outlook is similar to the Roman Catholics. The presence of so many Catholic visitors had a tendency to make delegates avoid statements that would not be acceptable to Rome, whose eventual membership in WCC is courted. The statement on family planning in overpopulated countries, for example, had to be made very weak. There were other instances also.

The United States was soundly condemned for its involvement in Vietnam by a vote of 300 to 20, as I recall, with some 30 abstentions.

On a similar subject there was strong endorsement of the right of individuals to claim conscientious objection to particular wars. This has been advocated quite strongly by some in this country. The arguments for it develop quite differently from the arguments against it, which are something to think about, as one respected columnist has pointed out in U. S. newspapers. He points out that the war in Vietnam is not a war of passion. The person who favors wars of passion, which some of our national conflicts have been, is placing a premium on passion. Violence is OK if you hate but not if you do not, the reason-

ing goes. This, says the columnist, is anti-Christian. He may have a point. The pacifist who eschews all violence and participation in war can be argued against on biblical grounds. But the person who chooses his wars is on shaky ground. His position, if widely accepted, could lead to anarchy.

That Nice Thing Said About Me

At the beginning of my fourth week in the hospital, still not allowed to have my shoulders as high as my hips, I found myself developing one or two new philosophies that add much to my enjoyment and continuous feeling of well-being. There was nothing to complain about and no use thinking of the astronomical hospital bill or that part of it that I would have to pay myself for the privilege of having one of the best air-conditioned rooms in the big hospital.

Family and hospital attendants have been hard put to find room enough on the four walls for all the clever and beautiful cards (some with hand-written messages). Visitors and hospital personnel are impressed but not nearly so much as the patient himself.

The other day a visitor, who really has some health problems at present that are more dangerous than my mending bones, brought a little book of very short poems by Helen Lowrie Marshall. One of these I would like to quote.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

*Once, someone said something nice about me.
And, all undeserved though I knew it to be
I treasured it there on my heart's deepest shelf,
Till one day I quite surprised even myself
By honestly making an effort to be
That nice thing that somebody said about me!*

I know that any attempt to "gild the lily" is foolish, but speaking of changing philosophies and thinking of all the undeserved nice things said about me on the cards, by my visitors, and by the people here who have waited on me, I have found myself "determined to be that nice thing that somebody said about me." When a man is laid low he is ready to experience "the Lord lifted me up."

AUGUST 5, 1968

MEMORY TEXT

And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow. Mark 4:2, 3.

Who Changed the Sabbath?

Eugene Lincoln has said, "God would not and man could not." That is something to think about. Man can change what he has made. There is no great problem for him to redesign his inventions. But man didn't make or invent the Sabbath; it isn't his except as a commandment given for his good, as Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man." Of course there are some attitudes that man can take toward the Sabbath that may amount to much the same thing as changing it. He may discard it, disobey it or deny its present relevance for him. He does this the same as he makes light of the other commandments which define man's duty to God. He doesn't have to love God with his whole heart, although failure to keep the first four commandments, and the last six, is sin—the sin which is defined as transgression of the law. Jesus came to save us from sin—and to give us strength to resist sin and do the will of God.

God could change the Sabbath if He wanted to, but the reason He gave for setting aside the seventh day as holy time was based on His creative art. That reason has not changed, as Jesus and Paul and the writers of Hebrews and of Acts point out. Why would God change such a fundamental institution that tells man the time of worship?

August RECORDER Reminder

Readers are again reminded that only two issues of the *Recorder* are printed in August—the first two, dated August 5 and 12. Our printing staff has vacations at the same time. After the August 12 issue (of which some 200 copies will be available at Conference), the next issue will be dated the first Monday in September.

Time to Talk Turkey About OWM Giving

Past — Present — Prophecy

Our World Mission is essentially the cooperative budgets of Seventh Day Baptist boards and agencies that are entrusted with the evangelistic and educational mission of our Seventh Day Baptist Conference. Let's look at this budget!

OWM — Past

How did we arrive at the figures adopted as our 1967-68 OWM budget?

(1) Boards and agencies each studied the needs of their fields and proposed budgets for continuation and expansion of their witness for the Lord in our behalf.

(2) Commission put the figures together, found the total *too high* in light of current giving, sent the whole budget back to Planning Committee for review and *reduction*.

(3) Planning Committee cut out all *advance* programs and decided where cuts would do the least harm. This is a most painful process, each offering up a sacrifice!

(4) Commission reviewed the budget again and recommended it to Conference.

(5) Conference adopted the budget with only a juggling of the figures for same total.

OWM — Present

The OWM 1967-68 budget year is almost gone. Only two months remain to be heard from. Even the most optimistic evaluation of giving this year sees us behind \$15,000 to \$20,000 at the end of the year. But now, before Conference convenes in Kearney, the Commission and Planning Committee are again looking seriously at next year's budget. Advance programs will have to be cut out again. These programs include a youth field worker, budgeted reserves to help our student ministers in their seminary years, a medical clinic in Guyana, better equipment for the Radio-TV Com-

mittee of the Tract Society, increased participation in ecumenical work. Which of these would you leave out? No doubt some services afforded through Our World Mission to the churches will be curtailed, such as the number of free tracts available, or with less clerical help, our secretaries will be tied to their desks, cutting off a number of proposed missions to our churches.

OWM — Prophecy

If the trend of giving continues the receipts will soon fail to cover the expenses of our boards and agencies. Work will have to be combined, with one man trying to do two men's work, resulting in less-than-effective half-jobs being done in most areas. Extension and growth will not be nurtured, publications will combine or cease.

Finally, after some years of retrenching, a balance will be achieved between giving and expenses. It will probably be one lonely employee engaged to write our Conference obituary for leading ecumenical journals. By the time it appears some of the leaders of the religious world will ask, "Who were Seventh Day Baptists?" and others will merely shrug.

A few of the stronger churches will struggle to continue fellowship, possibly through a modified association plan, but effectiveness will be very low because of the official death of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Ridiculous?

Please don't laugh. It isn't funny. It is obvious that unless we are willing to give more to Our World Mission, Seventh Day Baptist boards and agencies will have to do less and less. Take a look at your own contribution toward extension and growth, and cry with those who are really concerned with our work and witness for God as Seventh Day Baptists. Cry out to God to forgive our lack of vision and dedication of time, talent, and treasure.

—Paul B. Osborn,
Stewardship Chairman

My Year of Dedicated Service

By Peggy Williams

One year ago I stood on the platform before the General Conference delegates at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and pledged myself to an entire year as an "Extended Dedicated Service Worker." I had no idea what the Lord had called me to



do; all I knew was that I must do something — anything — to make Christ live in others as he lived in me. I remember saying that I loved the Lord very much and I felt that this one year could possibly lead to a life full of service to Him. I wasn't wrong! Christ continues to call each day.

The year has gone now — much too fast — and it has left my heart bubbling with the joys that come with serving my Lord.

As I look back on that afternoon in the auditorium on Calvin College campus I remember how scared I was — scared of the unknown, afraid to take that first step to show people I really loved Christ. People at home had accepted me pretty much for what my parents had raised me to be; but now I would have to become known and accepted for what I am, what my talents

are, and most of all what Jesus Christ means to me.

I wish each one of you could have been at the Conference office at Plainfield to share the past year with me. There were so many new things to learn and new faces to associate with new names. Several weekends found me visiting some of our Seventh Day Baptist churches in the area, but most of my time was spent at the denominational headquarters building in Plainfield, N. J. There I served as an assistant to the general secretary helping to carry some of the load. Many things happen in that building that I never dreamed possible. I leaned heavily on Secretary Wheeler as my project director and from him I gained confidence, encouragement and a deeper faith that carried me through the year. It was such a thrill to work with the Planning Committee and Commission members as they held their meetings in the board room on the second floor. From each of them I felt a new spark of enthusiasm and caught a glimpse of the work Seventh Day Baptists have in store.

Although the pay in any Dedicated Service program isn't much, one cannot beat the fringe benefits poured out for the taking. Mine came each day as I grew to know the staff at the Publishing House. Seeing the dedication of them all renewed in me my purpose in being called to Plainfield.

Philippians 4:13 became almost a whispered prayer on my lips as the summer months found me doing a great deal of the office work while Secretary Wheeler was on mission in Europe. I was astounded at the amount of preparation that goes into the pre-Conference arrangements and planning. Many a night or Sunday afternoon found several hard workers back at the building to finish a project in time for a set deadline or to clear a space for the next stack of work to come in the morning. All these people that helped to see us through these months have taught me the thrill of answered prayer. It's wonderful to know that Christ is there to answer when I ask for His help.

Christ has been walking with me

through this year. He was there to nudge me into submitting my application. He was there as I began my work in Plainfield and He is here to help me express and share with you the joy I have felt in working for Him during this year.

I thank each one of you for the strength of your prayers and for making this experience possible for me.

Planning Committee Program for Tuesday A. M. of Conference

Bible Study

The promotion of reading the Bible through in 1967 is still bringing interesting comment. From time to time the Women's Board has published lists of people who completed the project and wanted credit for it. The *Sabbath Recorder* has also received similar correspondence. There was more enthusiasm for this large schedule of reading than the Planning Committee had expected.

During 1968 the emphasis has been on a more thorough study of the New Testament with suggested guidelines printed in an attractive folder distributed in quantity to all the churches and repeated monthly in the *Sabbath Recorder*. No tabulation of participation is available yet, but the fact that most of the church bulletins and calendars of events reproduce the assignments from week to week and month to month indicates that the pastors see the value of the study.

Sabbath Rally Day Promotion

Rally Day the third Sabbath of May was another means of strengthening the churches, promoted and financed by the Tract Society, and proved quite effective in the churches that made adequate plans. Material, including free bulletin covers and Sabbath lessons for all ages prepared by the Board of Christian Education was sent out a full two months ahead. Unique this year was a Sabbath essay contest on "Why I Keep the Keystone Commandment." It seemed to be well publicized in church bulletins but the number of essays submitted to the judges was very small. Others intended to write but did not get to it ahead of the deadline.

E. Stanley Jones Visits UPPER ROOM at Nashville

By W. A. Reed, Jr.



Dr. Jones came to *The Upper Room* as his first stop in a four day visit to Nashville sponsored by Abingdon Press, the book publishing department of the Methodist Publishing House.

Jones, called by many "the greatest Christian since St. Paul" and "Risha" (saint) by the people of India with whom he spent 40 of his 80 years of life said:

"Some day the disillusioned prodigal race, tired of half answers, and emptiness, will come to know that what they were really looking for was God's answer."

"And," he added, "when we surrender to the grace of God, find His kingdom, then we will know ourselves."

Dr. Jones said we had no interest in this modern clash between an individual gospel and a social gospel.

"We want one gospel, and that is the gospel of the Kingdom of God which is individual, which is social by its very nature," he said.

He also stated: "An individual gospel without a social gospel is a soul without a body. And a social gospel without an individual gospel is a body without a soul. One is a ghost and the other a corpse—you can take your choice," the famed evangelist averred.

Jones said the "total gospel takes in the total life."

Dr. Jones is well-known, over the world, for his "Ashrams," or international spiritual retreats. He created a permanent retreat at Lucknow, India.

He has written 25 books. His books—printed in Braille and translated into 18 foreign languages including Arabic, African dialects, and Chinese—have sold over 3½ million copies.

The Christian and Civil Disobedience

By C. Rex Burdick

It has become fashionable among many American citizens to play down patriotism, to flout the law, to engage in civil disobedience, and to sometimes advocate activities which may well be labeled un-American. Most thoughtful Americans will recognize with regret that our country has not always been right, that the United States has a history of warfare at least part of which has been unjust, that our dealings with the Indian community through the years has been very unfair, that our involvement in slavery was unchristian, that our present attitudes toward racial minorities fall far short of the Christian ideal, and that we are now engaged in a war for which there appears very little valid reason. Every thoughtful American will be concerned about our past and present failures as a nation and will be anxious to help right the wrongs. The question which faces us is: How shall we go about righting these wrongs?

Much of the intellectual community has been advocating civil disobedience to what has been considered unjust or immoral law. Many churchmen and church organizations have added their support to civil disobedience. Churches have been opened as sanctuaries for the evasion of the law and clergymen have openly counseled disobedience, insurrection, and violence. One of the most striking examples of this is seen in a recent National Council of Churches policy statement on civil disobedience which states that ". . . Christians may feel called to seek justice through resistance or revolution."

It will not require much reading of the Holy Scriptures to discover that the way of civil disobedience was never counseled by Jesus or His disciples. Today's advocates of civil disobedience may be compared to the zealots of Jesus' day with whom Jesus refused to "Render . . . unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Mt. 22:21).

He further called upon men to pay their taxes to an unjust and oppressive government (17:27). St. Paul, also living under the tyrannical power of the pagan Roman government, taught that officials, even of such a tyrannical power, were placed in their positions with God's permission to prevent anarchy and disorder, and to disobey their laws was to resist the ordinance of God (Rom. 13:1-7). Other New Testament Scriptures are in agreement with these.

To be sure, Peter and the other apostles declared, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29); but let us look a little deeper. This counsel was not given in connection with an existing law of the land, but in connection with an arbitrary demand outside the law imposed upon these people. We may also infer from this, and from such incidents as those recorded in the prophet Daniel, that if there ever is a time when civil disobedience is to be countenanced, it is when a Christian is commanded to renounce his faith and to stop witnessing for his Savior.

For the present, there are many legal means by which we may protest the wrongs of our society and by which we may change the structure of our laws where they seem to us discriminatory, unethical, immoral, or unjust. The Christian ought to make use of every valid and legal means to protest the wrongs, but he ought at the same time to be very careful about open and defiant disobedience which can lead only to anarchy. Certainly, Paul's counsel to the Corinthian Christians, "Let all things be done decently and in order," is appropriate to the Christian's understanding of the best means for solving society's ills and righting the nation's wrongs.

"We cannot say we will feed and clothe no one since we cannot feed and clothe everyone. If we do, we should apply this principle to evangelism also, saying we will witness to none since we cannot everyone." —Rev. Lewis Rhodes, Knoxville.

**Miss Velma L. Maxson
to Teach in Jamaica**



Arrangements have been made for Miss Velma Maxson of Holly Hill, Fla., to go to Jamaica, W. I., in September 1968 and join the teaching staff of Crandall High School. She is an experienced teacher and her dedicated services will be gratefully accepted.

It was voted at the April 28, 1968, meeting of the Missionary Board to accept Miss Maxson's willingness to help on a dedicated service basis and it was agreed that an item

of \$1,200 would be placed in the 1969 budget in order to provide for her "subsistence and travel."

Miss Maxson was born at Nortonville, Kans., the daughter of Alfred and Lola (Davis) Maxson. She was baptized at an early age and joined the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. She graduated from high school at Battle Creek, received B.A. degree from Milton College, M. A. degree from Teachers College of Columbia University and has taken graduate studies at several universities. For many years, until retirement, she taught in secondary schools of Michigan - Onaway, Cheboygan and Bay City High Schools.

Miss Maxson moved to Holly Hill, Fla., two years ago and transferred her church membership to the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church. In March 1968, she took a 17 day excursion trip to Jamaica visiting the Seventh Day Baptist missionaries there. She came to realize more keenly the need of teachers.

It has seemed to many who know Miss Maxson that God led her to visit Jamaica and moved her heart to offer her services. In answer to a letter of recommendation one acquaintance wrote that Miss Maxson will be an

asset to any church community where she lives. Principal and Mrs. Neal are delighted to have her assistance as she joins the teaching staff of Crandall High School, Kingston, Jam.

An Assistant in Evangelism

Connie Coon's Services Available

(This is a copy of letter sent to the S.D.B. Churches on July 17, 1968.)

Although the last *Missionary Reporter* and an article in the *Sabbath Recorder* issue of May 20, 1968, speak of Miss Connie Coon beginning service as "Assistant in Evangelism" on September 1, 1968, we would again call your attention to this fact. She will be employed by the Missionary Board and will be available for local projects in Bible Club and outreach ministries sponsored by local churches, as of the above date.

Review again the service she has given as an extended dedicated worker in 1967-68 to become more familiar with her talents and experience. Write to Pastor Eugene Fatato of Battle Creek, Mich., Pastor Leland Davis of Schenectady, N. Y., or to Pastor Delmer Van Horn at Washington, D.C., if you would like to know more about her dedication and ability. She can be a very real assistant in evangelism to any Seventh Day Baptist church and pastor.

It is expected that the secretary of the Missionary Society will set up a work schedule in consultation with Miss Coon, doing so in cooperation with the director of evangelism. Of necessity, this schedule will be worked out on a first come first served basis. If your church is interested, you should write at once to Secretary Everett T. Harris giving preferred dates.

Among the services Miss Coon has agreed to offer are the following: to promote establishment of Bible Clubs for youth with the purpose of winning young people to Christ, and to be available for field work, spending a period of time in an area to work with churches, fellowships, boards, or interested individuals in establishing Bible Clubs or assisting in other evangelistic opportunities.

It is understood that local churches requesting the services of the assistant in evangelism will provide help on board, lodging, and travel expenses while she is in their areas.

In recent years we have seen a new spirit growing among those involved in and being served through the Dedicated Service ministry. While our local and national outreach is not what it might be or should be, we are thankful for available workers, experienced and willing, to give of themselves as the Lord leads. Your prayer support and personal involvement as plans are laid and carried through on the local level are vital in this total ministry.

Guyana Training Institute

(Continued from last week)

"As at Area Pastors Retreats, we did a bit of evaluating and I will enclose quotes from their papers for your information and possible use. All churches were represented but Dartmouth as illness and other things kept Deacon Scipio and another brother from coming as planned."

We believe readers of the *Recorder* will also appreciate the evaluation mentioned by Pastor Lawton as these statements by our Guyanese brethren give insight into the worthwhileness of the Training Institute. It will be noted that they are quite similar to the reactions of pastors and laymen of this land who have attended Spiritual Retreats led by Pastor Lawton.

1. Which class/session has been most helpful? Why?

... personal evangelism. It has opened new avenues of approach which would be very helpful to me in future.

... local church class. It has helped me to learn more about the local church as a whole. It has helped me to have an idea on the constitution of a church; what bylaws are. Finally I came to the understanding that without some committees a pastor will not be effective in this work.

... visitation. It makes me know how to go out witnessing for Christ as

a brave soldier and to be faithful in whatever I intend to do in the name of the Lord.

... Bible study periods. It was the first time that I was asked to rewrite a passage in my own words; the question-and-insight part was stimulating. To summarize the passage was most challenging, but nevertheless I tried.

... the discussion on baptism, because I learned to appreciate some other views on classes before baptism and also because I reviewed its meaning. The class I found most helpful was the one on visitation because it showed good prospects for succeeding in the work of evangelism in homes. It was also helpful in that we had practical lessons going from house to house.

2. I feel we should have had . . .

... a time of prayer before we went out on our visitation so that we could have been more effective in our effort.

... our minister longer with us because we learn a lot and if he was here longer we would get still more to tell others.

... more emphasis on church administration because we (the leaders) have such a little understanding of what it is and why.

... a longer time together, because a longer time would have enabled our tutor more time to deal with matters he may have had to hurry through.

... a SDB Training Institute of this sort long ago in this country. Because this would have given us not only a clearer understanding of the Bible, but a better idea of our religion and connections with other countries.

3. In another institute we should plan—

... for more of our people to attend.

... to include one or more of the courses offered by the denomination, for example, 'Sabbath beliefs.'

... for the return of the same tutor.

... to go in an area which never heard about Baptist message and build churches.

4. Write a brief paragraph on your most meaningful experience in these days of the training institute.

... My experience during my course is so great that I cannot express it but I still feel my most meaningful experience is going from home to home in places which you do not know. I have tried it over and over and sometimes turned aside from some homes, and I had decided not to do this any more. But I must say since I am here I don't know if these are better people, but I must say no. It is one thing I learn and it is how to meet the people. You may get turned away but you have to go again. I've been in several homes and I am very glad for the way they greet us; we cannot tell sometimes if it is souls won for God's kingdom.

... I met some wonderful friends which I never knew before and they invited me to spend a few hours with them in meditation. I also invited them to our church and they came. How happy it is to work for the Lord in the fields.

... In my pastoral course taken from Scripture Press I was taught many valuable lessons as to how an organized church should be run by the pastor and I believed this was all, but I never knew the half had never been told until I attended the institute at Kitty sponsored by Rev. Lawton.

... As we sit in class each of us reading the Bible from the book of Philippians and rewriting the verses, generally three or four at a time in our own words, then giving our summary in a condensed form, plus an application of the lesson, one is surprised to find the harmony of thought so singularly brought forth by so many of us. At once there can be felt the power of God's Word, that power operating through the guidance of one who has given much time, thought, and prayer, so as to be so very well equipped in teaching techniques not ordinarily acquired.

... There has been a time when I thought that Bible study was just reading a chapter and that's all, but when I learned the method of interpreting the verse in my own words, insights, application, I saw a new meaning of Bible study in a Christian's life. It is

a time when he learns what the Bible says and to check whether this is how he acts—his behavior, what his witness is. The experiences of the men of old, the revelation of God to them—all these I have learned. Bible study to me now is like studying for your vocation where after the study of the theoretical part, you apply it when you have assumed the job. What a joy it is to study the Bible by this system.

... I found that giving a word of encouragement was a thrilling experience and so I would relate it for you. As I stood on Gordon St. with Brother Tobin, a little girl came up to me and said that her mother wanted to speak with Brother Tobin and me. She said that her mother who had just received a tract did not like church. So we went, and as I was speaking to this lady, she said that she had back-slidden. I told her that, like a child who when he is learning to walk falls and gets up again, even so she should do or else she would not learn to walk in the Christian life. I advised her to confess her sins to God and pray that He would help her to walk in His ways. It was thrilling because I felt that the Holy Spirit led me to give this word of encouragement.

... This institute was helpful in many, many ways and areas of personal life and also church life. Among the things I learned was how to conduct an efficient Sabbath School program. Following the plan, at a glance a person can be informed how many members were present on time, how many late, how many visitors, how much offerings, not only for past week but also for the present one.

The lecture on church organization was extremely interesting. It began with members, then the meetings, then came the officers, deacons and trustees, the pastor and leader, the Planning Committee. We saw how it was necessary to have a Worship Committee, an Education Committee, a Mission Committee, and a Fellowship Committee, so in this manner almost all the members of a church will be engaged in program.

Not Easy to Visit Seventh Day Baptists of Brazil

(This is a description of the trip of Rev. Leon Lawton from Curitiba, Brazil, to Porto Uniao on July 7, traveling by car. Pastor Lawton was accompanied by Silas Nisio, Seventh Day Baptist Conference president and by Dr. Albert Widmer who served as his interpreter.)

Prepared for publication by Secretary Harris

The day was a bit overcast as we left Curitiba. The road was a federal road for several miles but we reached a town, and from there on it was not paved. In fact, it was a new grade. Then it began to rain and the dirt road turned to *mud!* For nearly 100 miles we had this road. Where the mud was solid it was very slick and we did much sliding around, in the ditch once with folk in a nearby house coming to push us out. On another hill we became stuck—unable to get up because of the slippery mud. We got out and pushed, got brush from the side of the road and put it under the wheels and slowly, slowly, made a bit of progress. It was nearly an hour and we made just a few 100 ft., but then a jeep came from the other direction and pulled us up the rest of the way. Several miles farther on the grading was even less solid and on a grade we really became stuck. One large truck was in the ditch. Another Volkswagen Kombi came by, didn't make it, but put on chains and finally disappeared around the bend up the hill. Other trucks also became stuck. A brother in the other car went ahead hoping to persuade the Kombi driver to loan us the chains. We sat in a downpour for about an hour. Then coming down the hill we saw a Caterpillar road grader. He had persuaded the driver to get out of bed (despite a fever) and come to our rescue. It was nearly two miles to the top of the hill. We would never have made it any other way—certainly not by pushing.

Thus it was dark when we reached Porto Uniao, but the brethren at the church were looking for us and greeted us warmly! They washed our muddy feet, gave us sandals to wear, and hung our socks up by the fire to dry. A lunch

was served, too. They regretted the weather was so bad and said that many from neighborhood churches and missions were planning to attend service that night but because of the rain the roads were impassable. We believed them. Thus attendance was low, but very enthusiastic. I brought a message and then we had an hour's question-time. Some of their questions were real difficult to answer.

I stayed that night in the home of a sergeant in the Military Police (State National Guard) and the fellowship was grand. They are a young couple with three children. The second oldest boy could not stop laughing when I talked. He asked how was it possible that a grown man like myself was so ignorant that I could not even talk. He understood the fact of German (since there are many in this area that speak it) but this was his first introduction to English. We became acquainted and were warm friends before I left the next morning, exchanging pictures, etc. I have them on tape singing one of their choruses.

We returned to Curitiba on Monday by an older and more solid road, though it took nearly as long. At noon we reached Mafia and so stopped and had our dinner. It was "Churascho"—beef fixed over an open fire as they do in Argentina. It was excellent, though we did have to wait for the preparation. This allowed some time for visiting stores nearby and relaxing generally. From Mafia on we had paved federal road so the journey went swiftly.

That night we had another meeting in the church (or Templo) in Curitiba. I brought a message with Brother Widmer translating, and answered many more questions. Most of those out were the strong members of the church and since Pastor Rojas suggested it, I spoke on the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday I was able to talk with Daisi Nisio (who has had five years of English) on many matters and feel the time well spent. She had questions on young people's work and on personal matters (she is engaged to a lieutenant in the Military Police). We sought her help to prepare a form that the local

churches could use to report their membership. In the afternoon I went for "tea" (cafe) to her uncle's home. Their daughter is the one who has been corresponding with Miss Mabel West. She translated for us. Her father is the treasurer of the Conference and Curitiba church and one of the representatives in the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. Pastor Rojas was expected to come to enter into the discussion but did not show up. We learned later that he was trying to phone the pastor in Sao Paulo to tell him the hour of my arrival today.

We again had service last night, and since Dr. Widmer had left in the morning, Brother Martins arranged for a Lutheran man to be translator. Brother Martins is the director of the Curitiba Symphony Orchestra and studied five years at the University of Louisville, in Kentucky, but felt unable to really be an interpreter. It went well. I spoke on "Obedience in Following the Lord," one step being personal witnessing. Because there was much yet to discuss with the pastors and officers, we did not have an open question time. But we talked until after 1:00 a.m. on many, many matters. Pastor Rojas is a wonderful man, and is now planning to return to Colombia where he has family (all Catholic) and property. He feels the Lord wishes him to start a Seventh Day Baptist work there.

I took the 9:30 a.m. flight from Curitiba to Sao Paulo, arriving in just under an hour. Pastor Antonio Barrera was waiting for me. I needed to get my flight plans confirmed for the other weekends and so spent over an hour getting this accomplished. I am to meet the local brethren here at the hotel about 5:30 tonight.

The plan arranged in Curitiba calls for my being with the brethren of the church in Sao Paulo this Sabbath. Sunday morning I fly to the new frontier town of Londrina, and Pastor Rojas is to meet me there (traveling by bus from Curitiba). Together we will go by bus to the church at Apucarana (50 km. distance). This is a growing work on the frontier. I'll fly back to Sao Paulo

and on to Rio on Monday for the Laymen's Conference. Then the 20th and 21st, it is planned that I visit the church at Itarrari (the largest in the Conference), being driven there by brethren (or going by bus) from Sao Paulo. I return to Sao Paulo, Monday, in time to catch my flight on to Buenos Aires where I will be overnight (7:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) before catching my flight to Mexico City.

Paper, account, time is finished. God is blessing. Thanks for your prayers!

YOUTH . . .

A Parent's Duty

Hebrews 10:16-25

"And as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day." Luke 4:16b

Jesus was brought up to go to church regularly. There was no question of going or not going in His home. It was their custom to go, and they made preparation accordingly.

A fond parent made this excuse for not attending church with the children: "When I was a child I had to go to church and I grew to hate it; so I am letting my children go or not go, just as they choose." Does the parent let the children choose to go to public school or not? No, they must go and the parent accepts it. Does the parent let the children decide whether or not they will wash and keep clean? No, they must wash. The children may object ever so strenuously. They may claim they hate it—but they wash nevertheless.

Let us give emphasis to spiritual health that is at least equal to physical and mental health.

Prayer—We thank Thee, O God, for homes where no debate occurs on Sabbath morning, but when the bell rings, father and mother and children get ready and attend church together. To such families, grant thou the peace of that home in Nazareth. Amen.

Rev. Everett Harris,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Youth Week 1968

Time to Consider Ordering Materials

The week of October 27-November 3 is a nation-wide program of the churches working together through the resources aid of the Department of Youth Ministry of the NCC and the assistance of the United Christian Movement. It is the occasion for the beginning of a year-long study which calls upon young people and the churches to seriously consider central, essential and relevant issues facing Christians now. The 25th annual Youth Week . . . You Have to Tell It Like It Really Is," centers around the problem of the widening gap between rich and poor.

Study materials have been prepared—a Resource Book *The Development Apocalypse* (\$1.75), Study Guide (60 cents), Youth Week Poster (20 cents), and Map Sheet showing how the gap is widening (15 cents). A complete packet of this material is available for \$2.50. Send your order to the National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 301, Madison Square Station, New York, N. Y. 10010.

Helpful Leaflets and Pamphlets on Family Life

Working Women, Who Are They? Women's Wealth, How Much?

These two helpful sources of information are made available without charge by the Women's Division, Institute of Life Insurance, 277 Park Ave., N. Y. 10017.

World Population Data Sheet, 1968

A chart showing ten items of demographic data for 136 countries of the world. Available from Population Reference Bureau, 1755 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C. 20036.

So You're Going to Be Parents (50¢) Helping Your Child to Grow (35¢)

These are two new titles released in the Family Life Series of the Herald Press. The first is a realistic discussion of pregnancy which emphasizes the spiritual aspects of this important experience in the lives of the couple. The

second is a reassuring guide to the new parent. Both supplement their excellent material with suggestions for further reading. Order from Herald Press, Scottsdale, Pa. 15683.

Mind Your Money . . .

When You Use Credit
When You Spend
When You Shop

These three new leaflets are especially designed for persons with limited income, experience and reading ability. They provide a simple introduction to these topics and prove valuable aids to programs for families. Send for "Mind Your Money" leaflets (15¢ per set) to the Money Management Institute, Household Finance Corp., Prudential Plaza, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

Family Money Problems Talking It Over at Home How to Bring Up Your Children Without Prejudice

Two new releases of the always usable and helpful Public Affairs Pamphlets. The first deals with the typical money problems that aggravate so many families in the \$6,000 to \$9,000 range. The second deals with the basic skill of communication in the family. The third title listed is an earlier release but takes on new timeliness with the current crisis in the cities. All titles are 25¢ each (discounts in quantity) and may be ordered from the Public Affairs Committee, 381 Park Avenue South, N. Y., N. Y. 10016.

Mental Illness: A Guide For the Family

This is the fifth edition of a booklet of proven worth to many families suddenly faced with a mental illness in the family. Written by Edith Stern, with a foreword by Dr. William Menninger, this booklet covers the whole gamut of questions likely to be asked. Readable, reassuring. Order from the National Association for Mental Health, 10 Columbus Circle, N. Y., N. Y. 10019.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 17, 1968

(Conference Sabbath)

TOO BUSY FOR GOD'S WORK

Lesson Scripture: Haggai 1:1-9; Ezra 5:1-2.

Burma Conference Moves Forward in Spite of Problems

A letter, dated July 10, from L. Sawi Thanga of Rangoon, secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of Burma, mentions one problem that never comes to the Conference office in the United States. Mr. Thanga says that he was down with typhoid fever for twenty-five days in May. On the 10th of June he was stricken again—this time seriously. He had to go to the hospital and lost twenty-five pounds. At the time of writing he was convalescing. Undoubtedly, the work suffered during this serious illness, and probably the family budget suffered. He gets most of his support from a few interested people in the United States channeled through the treasurer of the S.D.B. World Federation, Everett T. Harris.

The Burma Conference office recently prepared a large mimeographed "Guide to Church Membership and Church Constitution" in the Lushai language for the use of the churches. This was done at their own expense by Mr. Thanga.

There has been some delay in the printing of our Board of Christian Education church membership publication *You and Your Church* due to the illness mentioned above. They expect delivery from the printer in early August. This printing is financed by the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Secretary Thanga believes that there will not be need for any more large translations but that most of their need for tracts and literature can be met by mimeographing at relatively little expense.

What the Burma Conference needs is money for their general fund so that the work in the field can prosper. He says it is going fine. The president of the Burma Conference during the year addressed an appeal to most of our U.S.A. churches. It is hard for us to imagine how little the country people, where our churches are, have to contribute to church work.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

News from Our Women in Jamaica

A letter from Mrs. Martha Mills recently included Sister Durrant's write-up of herself and also some things which Sister Durrant did not include which I would like to share with you.

"Sister Durrant is a real worker and has done a good job as president of the Women's Board. She is also a member of the Jamaica Federation of Women and is secretary of the Kingston branch. She is ambitious, faithful, and prompt at all appointments." What a wonderful testimony of Sister Durrant!

"The hats and things came in good shape and we are most grateful to all who contributed and went to the trouble of packing and sending them. Several churches sent. The hats and a few of the clothes were sold in our Jumble Sale but most of the clothing was given to the pastors to distribute where they see a need.

"Our summer term of school ends soon; tests this week (8 July), graduation program July 18. The seven seniors finished writing General Certificate Exams last week. Next Sunday work will begin on the long-awaited-for outside stairway for the schoolhouse. Last summer we couldn't get the permit in time, and since, we haven't had long enough holidays. We hope the work will go along satisfactorily and speedily for we want to take a two-week vacation in August (to the States)."

Bible Reading for 1967

The following names have been received from Daytona Beach of those who have read the Bible through in 1967: Mrs. O. B. Bond, Mrs. Grace Cooper, Mrs. Ruby Babcock, Mrs. David Davis, Mrs. Sylvia Carr, and Mrs. Clarke Todd (now deceased).

Since it is Conference time once more this will be the last list that will be published in this column naming readers for the year 1967. If others come in after this date they will go into the Newsletter when it is published. I would encourage

you to keep up with the reading of the New Testament this year and please let us know early in 1969 those who have read the New Testament or the entire Bible through during 1968.

In all, the names of 33 persons have been recorded that read the Bible through in 1967. I am sure we have missed many names, far and wide, and I trust that next year we will do a much better job of getting them in sooner and will prepare a more complete listing of those who have read the New Testament through in 1968.

(Editor's note: A few others have written the SABBATH RECORDER that they read the Bible through in 1967, and are carefully following the 1968 plan.)

Scalping Revival Seat Tickets

Indonesia succeeded in throwing off the communist government yoke. During the year that followed the people were eager to hear the gospel.

W. LeRoy Fowler, pastor of West University Baptist Church in Houston, said interest was so great in revival services in Indonesia that tickets had to be issued for seats in the Moslem-owned theater where they were to be held. Hundreds had to be turned away daily after the ticket supply was exhausted. He said, "I will probably never see seats for a revival being scalped for forty rupiah!"

You're Worth More Dead than Alive!

As Stewardship Chairman I wrote to the board secretaries and asked them what their boards might have to give up in the light of the shortness of the receipts for OWM. Two of them replied with sort of a thanksgiving for our departed SDB brethren: "Investment income, at least, comes in 100% each month, and so we aren't entirely destitute."

Now aren't you ashamed? Shown up by a dead man? May I make a suggestion? If you're saving money for your funeral, why not send it to Our World Mission now? And let the dead bury their dead.

Camping at Battle Creek

Reported by Mrs. Ruth Bennett

"He Touched Me"

Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same.
He touched me—Oh, He touched me—
And oh, the joy that floods my soul
Something—happened—and now I know,
He touched me—and made—me whole.

The Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church was thrilled by the rendition made by the Junior campers. This was also the theme song of the Senior High campers.

Camping season started June 17-21 with Louise Fick as director of Day Camp. There were 63 youngsters enrolled.

Senior High Camp followed Day Camp. There were 12 young people who ended their week of camp attending North Central Association meeting at Milton.

The Intermediate Camp was directed by Justin Camenga, who is supplying at White Cloud this summer.

Mrs. Jean Allison directed the Junior Camp which was the largest with 27 attending.

Primary campers numbered 19 with Mrs. Ruth Bennett directing.

Junior High Conference Schedule

9:00- 9:30—Music: Mrs. Ruth Bennett
9:30-10:00—Lesson
10:00-10:45—Crafts: Mrs. Ruth Bennett
10:45-11:30—Recreation
11:30-12:00—Closing Worship
2:00- 4:00—Recreation and Swimming (every day except Wednesday)

Lessons

Monday—Four Spiritual Laws
Tuesday—Teen-agers and the Bible
Wednesday—Teen-agers and Prayer
Thursday—Teen-agers and Witnessing
Friday—Teen-agers and Responsibility

The Sabbath Recorder

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SALEMVILLE, PA.—This has been a busy summer for us at the Salemville church. Our newest project was a parking lot, 40 by 200 feet, which we purchased from an adjourning farm. A wire fence was put around it, with the locust posts donated by John Kagarise.

The two Seventh Day Baptist churches held a banquet June 17 in the Loysburg Fire Hall honoring our graduates, Sherman Guyer and Patrick Crawford. There were two from the Brick church also.

We were so happy to be host to the Southeastern Association from June 21 to the 23rd. There were around ninety delegates including young people who came for camp.

Mrs. John Fletcher was the moderator and did an excellent job.

—Correspondent.

Marriages

Studer - Woltcheck.— Samuel Glenn Studer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Studer, Sr. of Lowville, N. Y., and Anne Katherine Woltcheck, daughter of Mrs. Anna Woltcheck of Cherry Plain, N. Y., and the late Michael Walter Woltcheck, were united in marriage at the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, May 18, 1968, with the Rev. Paul L. Maxson officiating. Samuel is the summer pastor at Kansas City and they will return to Salem College in September where he will continue his studies for the ministry.

Rood - Greene.— Dale Rood, son of Mrs. Doris Rood of Milton, Wis., and the late Edward Rood, and Althea Mae Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie L. Greene of Center Berlin, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 30, 1968, with the Rev. Paul L. Maxson officiating. Dale is the summer pastor at Westerly, R. I., and will continue his studies this fall at Crozer Seminary.

Accessions

BOULDER, COLO.

By Baptism:

Bobbie Wright
Mrs. Bobbie (Barbara) Wright

Obituaries

AYERS.— Hobart Bentley, born in Westerly, R. I., November 10, 1872, was the son of the late Walter Gillette and Hannah (Bentley) Ayers. He died at his home, the Ledges, at Hillandale Farm, Haversham, June 13, 1968, at the age of 95 years.

Mr. Ayers became a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church at the age of thirteen, maintaining loyal and devoted membership for eighty-two years. He was the oldest member at the time of his death. He also had the distinction of being the oldest alumnus of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.

Hobart B. Ayers and Miss Bessy F. Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan F. Randolph, of Plainfield, N. J., were married sixty-four years ago, the late Rev. A. H. Lewis officiating.

Mr. Ayers was a prominent mechanical engineer. He worked as a draftsman and master craftsman with the American Locomotive Company and was a former president of the H. K. Porter Company of Pittsburgh, one time manufacturer of industrial type steam and compressed air locomotives.

A friend of Andrew Carnegie, he was engaged by him to set up the curriculum of Mechanical Engineering for Carnegie Institute. Mr. Ayers was a trustee of Alfred University.

Always, Hobart, as he wished his friends to call him, considered Westerly his home and visited here frequently. He purchased Hillandale Farm in 1911 and spent summers there with his family. He returned as a permanent resident in 1938. He was an engaging and interesting conversationalist.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter Doris, Mrs. Luther Knight of Queenstown, Md.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A second daughter, Mrs. Jane (Ayers) Riley, died in 1965.

The funeral service was held at the Buckler Funeral Home, Sabbath afternoon, June 15. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery. Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiated.

—H. R. C.



Washington SDBYF entertained the Southeastern Association SDBYF, July 24-28, 1968. The group visited the Senate in session and were entertained for refreshments in one of the Senate dining rooms by Senator Jennings Randolph. (The article describing this event will appear in a forthcoming issue.)