

# 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.)

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## Whose Yoke We Bear

The Conference program carried by all delegates this week as the guide to the detailed events of each day when our people are assembled at Kearney, Nebraska, has three large yokes on the cover as a constant reminder of the theme. The speakers' platform or podium doesn't look like a carved and polished pulpit. Fastened to it is an actual yoke for oxen transported from a Seventh Day Baptist farm in Western New York. Conference visitors and delegates will not be able to keep their eyes off the physical yoke that provides the symbolism for the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:28 which are the background for the theme announced by the president when he took office a year ago, "Yoked with Christ in Mission." Jesus had challenged his none-too-perceptive disciples, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." If, at the moment, they were thinking of Him in terms of the Messiah or, as Peter said at Caesarea Philippi, "Thou art the Christ the son of the living God," the yoke statement would have been as hard to understand as His oft-repeated reference to the cross and resurrection or taking up the cross and following Him. Jesus as a carpenter's son probably made yokes and wooden plows for the rugged, slow farming of His day. But yokes were for cattle, as collars are for horses. Men didn't wear yokes except as prisoners of war in triumphal marches or as they were brought under "the yoke of bondage"—as was Israel in Egypt and many times later. Even as Jesus spoke, all the Jewish people were thinking of how they could throw off the yoke of Rome and have national freedom once more. This, indeed, was what was popularly expected of the Messiah. Recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, his friends asked, "Wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

It was not opportune to speak of taking on a yoke, but of putting off the irksome, galling thing. But Jesus did not always say the popular thing; He said hard things, personal things, spiritually challenging things.

We can easily oversimplify the words, "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." It isn't characteristic

of yokes to be easy, and the yoke Jesus talked about doesn't become easy the moment it is put on. It is the yoke of discipleship, of partnership in pulling the kingdom plow through stony soil. It gets easy only as we learn of Jesus.

It is hoped that many of us during the year have had some humbling and eventually joyous experiences in being "yoked in mission." I expect that our Conference president, if he wanted to really level with us, could tell us that it has not been entirely easy to be yoked with some of us on the boards who couldn't see our way clear to pull equally with him on the yoke of procedure and program. There is perhaps no need now to make much over the fact that Mr. Clarke's yokefellows at the upper levels of planning caused him to change a number of things which he had hoped would work out at this session of Conference—things that were discussed pretty thoroughly last year at Grand Rapids by Commission, committees, and delegates on the floor. We were yoked in procedural matters as well as in spiritual endeavor. We all experienced a few problems of application of the theme. Our president had to face a bit more of the humbling experience of being yoked in mission than he should have. He has proved that he is able to bear in a most Christian way this yoke of leadership with what must have seemed at times to have been uncooperative yokefellows.

Is this seemingly uneven pulling at top levels an instance of failure to adapt to the theme, or could it be the leading of the Lord in being cautious about too rapid changes in the direction in which we have been successfully pulling together? Since we are yoked with Christ in mission and have prayed about these things we trust that in general our human pulling has been alongside of Christ. What of the future? Well, boards, churches, and other units should resolve to work in their tasks with a sense of pulling with Christ, not against Him as we "take this yoke upon us."

Just a word about individuals and their witness. Never have we seen in our midst more wearing of the golden

yoke pin as a symbol, as a conversation piece. Never have we seen so many people ready to tell friends and strangers what it means to take Christ's yoke upon us in an experience of saving faith. In many respects this has been the greatest year your editor has seen for spiritual advancement. Ministers Retreats have been highly rewarding—yokefellow experiences. Dedicated service of young people has been well beyond what could be called remarkable. Camping experiences have been far deeper than usual, if reports reaching our office are correct. A change of spiritual climate of youth is unmistakable. When all about us have been evidences of youth revolt and self-centeredness, the majority of our youth have found that there is no real satisfaction in mere intellectualism and ill-considered student demonstrations. It is more fun to be "yoked with Christ in mission."

### Editor's Thank You

The editor has been overwhelmed by the expressions of concern and good wishes for his recovery that have come to him during his five weeks and more in the Plainfield hospital mending a few broken bones. It would not seem possible that more than 200 cards and messages could come from all over the United States and several also from mission fields and European countries. These messages have been no end of encouragement to him as he lay on his back. He believes also that his good recovery was not only due to the prayers of Christian friends but also to have his editorial and secretarial work to think about every day. It has been possible to answer a few of the messages but this sincere thank you must suffice for the bulk of them. As indicated in one of the short editorials he has felt impressed to be "the nice thing that somebody said about me."

Note:—As this RECORDER goes to press, the latest report is that Editor Maltby underwent further surgery on Monday afternoon for infection around the steel plate in his leg. This will prolong his stay in the hospital.

—Editor's office.



# President's Column

## HAPPENING

### AT KEARNEY

AUG. 12-17



The annual assembly of Seventh Day Baptists in "General Conference U. S. A." draws the prayers and interest of many who cannot actually be "gathered." So, especially for non-attending friends, the president outlines the expected leadership and program.

Each morning the plenary session will be led to worship by the Boulder handbell choir processional and led in worship by their pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. ("Randy" used the "yoke" theme for his presidency of the 1953 Conference, you recall.) The podium will be graced by an ox yoke from the farmstead of Lynn Langworthy, senior deacon of the president's church. "Yoked in Mission" will collect many rich meanings as Christ's invitation and promise (Matt. 11:28-30) are developed by Conference speakers.

Bible study will close the morning's plenary program with each day's leader expounding part of Hebrews. Rex Burdick, Leslie Welch, John Conrod, Earl DeLand, and Eugene Fatato lead successively Monday through Friday. During these studies at 11:30 a.m., delegates will listen in the light of roles chosen for a venture in "polylog" reaction—at 1:30 p.m., small groups with a cross-section of all roles will discuss application of the Bible as leaders presented it before lunch.

Evening worship experiences will be introduced by a half-hour "fellowship in music" arranged by Gary Cox, choir director. Oscar Burdick will be organist for the sessions. Secretaries of our boards will lead the worship services—Rex Zwiebel, Leon Lawton (for Leon Maltby), Alton Wheeler, Everett Harris

and Victor Skaggs. The night's pastoral messages will come from Kenneth Van Horn, Leland Davis, Glen Warner, Charles Bond and Kenneth Smith.

During Our World Mission business sessions, considerations will come from both standing committees and "concerns committees" (this year's term for "interest committees"). Boards and agencies at work throughout the year introduce their reports Monday, and personalize them as related below. Concerns Committees will work this week in morning and afternoon scheduled sessions, plus extras required for such as Reference and Counsel where such material is referred for analysis and action. The chairmen of the Concerns Committees will be assembled twice during the week to share progress, capitalize on concurrent developments in proposals, and also avoid possible duplication.

Our functional agencies in missions, publications, education, Conference, women's work, investment and historical records will each have a program for personalized portrayal of their work. Then, the Planning Committee will report on Tuesday about their past year's work, and on Thursday will literally project (by audio-visual means, and by future plans) their 1968-69 program. Display areas will provide close-up opportunity for delegates to examine materials available for community service through their own church or association. Reports of Alton Wheeler's mission to Europe and the World Council of Churches, and Leon Lawton's mission to Guyana, Brazil, Mexico, and the Crusade of the Americas will be heard during these sessions, plus extra periods for informal dialogue and picture-showing.

Details of the Wednesday Christian Involvement day, of the Thursday night "Sing-in" (or better, Sing-out, as suggested by our guest star, Joe Babcock) and of various program expectations have been given in the July 1 *Recorder*.

Your 1967-68 president thanks you for all the adaptations you have made of the Conference theme in applying the power and purpose of Christ to your

own mission in your area. He would pray your continuing support for Leland Bond as he assumes the presidency at the close of the 1968 Conference, and presents guidelines for the Conference program in cooperation with the Planning Committee.

### The Sabbath at Kearney Conference

The Sabbath will begin with worship led by Victor Skaggs and a message by Milton College president, Kenneth Smith. Gary Cox will have presented a musical program before the worship, and also directed music for the worship experience. After this program, a "covenant meeting" will be conducted by Charles Swing under title of "Encounters in Renewal."

The regular daily prayer cells will meet early Sabbath morning, and conferees can choose between a Communion Service before or after breakfast. Morning worship will be conducted by Host Pastor Duane Davis, with Edgar Wheeler preaching. After dinner, Herbert Saunders will direct a dramatization of the Sabbath School lesson for all ages. This will open the informal "Church-Family Hour" which will include such things as sharing of Summer Christian Service Corps work, Vacation Church School-Camp work, Children's Conference events, Pre-Cons and polylog discussions.

The night after Sabbath will bring the closing convocation for the Kearney sessions, with presentation of new ministers and churches, the new president of Conference, and his theme. The session is expected to adjourn to meet in August 1969 in Nyack Missionary College near New York City up the Hudson River.

"If you haven't got anything to say about death, you don't have very much to say about life either," writes Leo Bustad. Augustine in his *Confessions* pleads for a clearer awareness of death, not because he wished to dull the thirst for life, but precisely for the opposite reason.

## Time to Talk Turkey About OWM Giving

### How to Give Extra and Not Have Less!

You'd really like to give more to your church and Our World Mission, wouldn't you? I thought so. Here are a few helpful hints on how to give more and not have any less money yourself!

So you've finally decided to buy that color TV! Buy black and white instead. Think how good you'll feel when you send that check for \$150 - \$250 to O.W.M.

And when you trade your car, skip the Chrysler routine; buy Plymouth. You'll save at least \$500, and more if you leave off a few extras like white sidewalls, radio, bigger motor. Sure, maybe you'll sweat if you don't get it air-conditioned, but think how hot it gets in Jamaica, Guyana, and Malawi!

That new boat and motor are really out of the question by now. Buy some oars! Remember to save a little out of your savings when you write your check to O.W.M. (You'll need some to buy new clothes after your waistline gets into shape from the rowing exercise.)

Did somebody say "Ridiculous"? Too extravagant, eh? Don't kid yourselves. Committeemen (Stewardship Committee, remember?), a lot of you plan to buy these or similar items shortly.

But here are a few items for those who aren't doing large buying. Save a few pennies a week, only 25¢ per week equals \$13.00 per year. Watch the food budget.

Potatoes are coming down now, but you could have saved a few cents by switching to rice for a few weeks. And butter? Change to margarine. You could save up to 50¢ per week, depending on how expensive your butter is now. Save twice here, for you'll not eat as much margarine as butter. It doesn't taste as good, some say.

And say, why take the family to that restaurant to celebrate? The kids would enjoy a hot dog roast a lot more anyway!

Remember to add in the tip when you write your check to Our World Mission. One more thing, though. Don't expect your pastor to be a leader in this type of giving. I have a hunch he's had to take a lot of these savings already just to break even!

—Paul B. Osborn,  
Stewardship Chairman.

### Birth Control: Much Talk, Little Action at Uppsala

By C. Stanley Lowell

The issue posed by birth control programs received frequent mention at the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches but surprisingly little action.

The inaction appeared to be due primarily to the presence of Orthodox clergy. One of the most prominent among them, Metropolitan Nicodim of Leningrad and Novgorod, acknowledged in an interview that his church had a serious impediment in regard to supporting or sponsoring birth control programs. He said that the Orthodox viewed such programs negatively on both theological and ethical grounds.

Since the Orthodox bodies have the largest delegation at the assembly, it is apparent why an aggressive stand in support of worldwide birth control programs appears unlikely at this time.

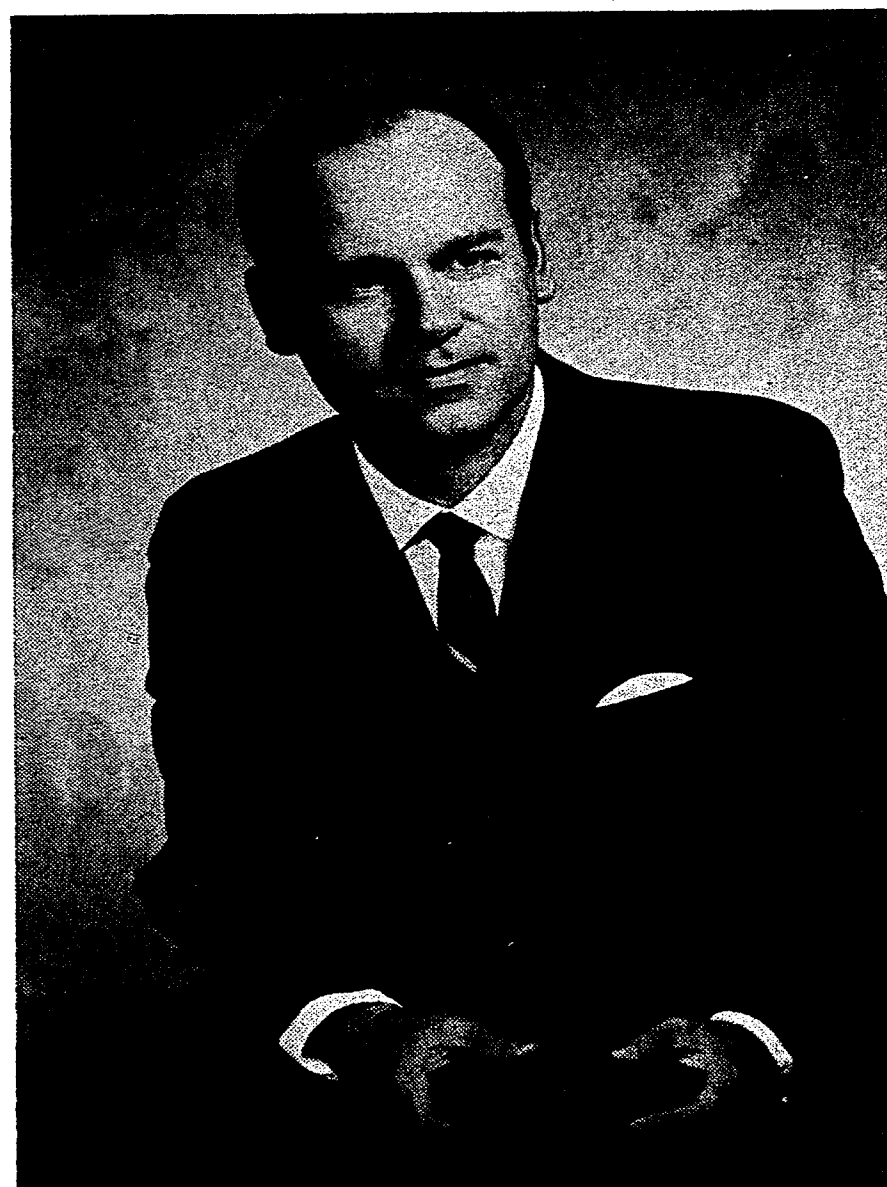
Another factor in this reluctance was the presence of Roman Catholic observers in substantial numbers.

Catholic clergy feel free to discuss the birth control issue but are a drag on any program of action.

Barbara Ward (Lady Jackson), a prominent British Catholic, was reported on three program appearances to have urged large-scale aid from the United States to support the burgeoning populations of underdeveloped countries but had nothing whatever to say about birth control programs.

Janet Lacey, another well-known British woman who addressed the assembly, did the same thing. The plea was for billions in aid but not one cent for birth control.

### Dr. Kenneth E. Smith Appointed President of Milton College



The selection of Dr. Smith to succeed Charles Banta as the Milton College president was announced July 31 by Lawrence J. Dickhoff, trustee president. Dr. Smith assumed the presidency on August 1 after serving as acting president since June 15, when Banta resigned to take the position of director of development at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Banta called the board of trustees' decision another indication of progress by the college.

Kenneth E. Smith was born in Stonington, Conn., in 1929, and graduated from Stonington High School in 1947. He began his undergraduate studies at Salem College, W. Va., and completed his B.S. degree at Milton College in 1951. For two years he was president of his high school class and for one year was president of his college class. He was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" in 1951.

It was revealed that Dr. Smith was a top candidate for the vacant post from the beginning. "We planned to establish a selection committee," the trustee president said, "but a private sampling of faculty and administrative staff opinions told us we should look no further."

Students have indicated high regard of Dr. Smith. A dedication page in the 1967-68 yearbook, an annual publication by student editors, reads as follows: "Kenneth E. Smith . . . whose teaching and counsel we deeply appreciated and whose leadership and example have contributed so richly to Milton College, to you we dedicate this 1968 Fides."

In response to his appointment Smith said, "Milton has become an exciting college and I'm proud to be identified with her. It's reassuring to know the people who comprise our faculty and staff. I'm grateful for their expressions of confidence as I assume my new responsibilities."

### Bible Reading Guide for 1968

#### SEPTEMBER

<i>1 Corinthians</i>	<i>2 Corinthians</i>
1 — 1:18-2:16	16 — 2: 5-17
2 — 3 & 4	17 — 3
3 — 5 & 6	18 — 4-5:10
4 — 7	19 — 5:11-6:13
5 — 8	20 — 6:14-7:1
6 — 9	21 — 7: 2-16
7 — 10:1-11:1	22 — 8
8 — 11: 2-34	23 — 9
9 — 12	24 — 10
10 — 13	25 — 11
11 — 14	26 — 12
12 — 15: 1-34	27 — 13
13 — 15:35-58	<i>Galatians</i>
<i>1 Corinthians</i>	28 — 1
14 — 16	<i>Galatians</i>
<i>2 Corinthians</i>	29 — 2
15 — 1-2:4	30 — 3-4:7

Sharing the results of our passage study with others can add more meaning and blessing! Perhaps you could spend some time each week with a neighbor who is also reading the same passages, or it might be easier to discuss your study by phone each day.

### Review of July Missionary Board Meeting

Some matters of interest growing out of the quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board will be reviewed. The meeting was held on July 28, 1968, with fourteen members and three visitors present, opening with prayer by Rev. Harold R. Crandall.

Arrangements for printing and distributing at Conference the 126th Annual Report of the Board were approved. This report will include the secretary's, treasurer's and auditor's annual reports.

The Rev. Leon R. Lawton had just returned from a 30-day, multi-purpose visit to Guyana, Brazil and Mexico and he gave an interesting report of his experiences. He told of receiving a most cordial welcome by our Sabbathkeeping brethren of all three countries visited. He also reviewed the Crusade of the Americas Assembly meetings attended at Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

A matter requiring much thought and discussion was brought before the board by the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, chairman of the African Interests Committee, concerning Dr. Victor Burdick's desire to terminate his services in Malawi as medical missionary at Makapwa Station in the summer of 1970, so that he might take a residency at White Memorial Hospital in California, a three year course. The committee recommended approval of this request. The vote of the board was to "accede with regret to Dr. Burdick's request that his period of service be terminated in time that he can begin studies at White Memorial Hospital in July 1970."

The American Tropics Committee report brought by Chairman Paul Johnson carried several items of import. Quoting from his report, "Of special interest was a letter received from Rev. Neal Mills. In it he reported that the Crandall High School Board is to have a one-and-one-half-hour program at the Jamaican Conference in July, at which time Crandall will present a program celebrating its 20th anniversary. It is



evident that the Jamaica Board is making an effort to stress to the Jamaicans their need of Crandall and to solicit their active support. Financial support continues to be a problem. Property next to Crandall is still available for purchase with the known price of 8,500 pounds.

"Subsequent correspondence stresses the continuing need for Crandall High School in Jamaica, for the purpose of supplying to the Seventh Day Baptists the ministerial and lay leadership they will need in years to come. Of six pastors in the conference, two were pastors before the establishment of Crandall. Of the other four, three are graduates of Crandall High School. Another graduate is a lay preacher who has work with a pharmaceutical company. At present three students are looking forward to the ministry. It seems evident that Crandall High School continues to contribute to the Seventh Day Baptist church in Jamaica.

"The committee hopes to meet with Rev. Neal Mills at the time of his vacation in August (Aug. 6, 1968)."

It was reported that Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall will begin services at Crandall High School in the summer of 1970.

Reports of progress were received and approved from the Home Field Committee, a special Committee on Conference Program and the Budget Committee. The Executive Committee recommended the appointment of Loren G. Osborn to serve as the Missionary Board representative on the Ad-Hoc Committee of Board Treasurers to meet during General Conference.

The Kingston, Jamaica, Church was reported to have now completed payment for the purchase of their house of worship on a matching funds basis and is planning for mortgage burning services. Secretary Harris is to make tentative plans to attend this service at the invitation of the Jamaicans, as he may be able to work it into his plans and as funds permit. This service is planned for October or November.

Voted that the Missionary Board express our prayers and best wishes to Sec-

retary Leon Maltby for his soon and complete recovery.

Following prayer by Rev. Paul S. Burdick the meeting adjourned.

### **Mrs. Mary Clare in Guyana**

A note from Mrs. Clare of Alfred, N. Y., dated July 21, 1968, indicates that she arrived safely at Kitty, Georgetown, Guyana, and is beginning her teacher training services. She wrote, "Our flight was uneventful, sunny and clear weather with only a few bumps. . . . Pastor and Mrs. Bass are most kind and helpful."

Mrs. Clare had already visited the Parika Seventh Day Baptist Church, driving out over rough roads from Georgetown. She wrote, "The people there were most gracious and the children in the Sabbath School class bright and anxious to carry on the activity planned."

She concluded, "I am looking forward to beginning the Teacher Training Institute this afternoon — praying that the needs of the people will be met. The weather here is delightful, similar to that in Florida and not as hot as last week in Alfred."

Mrs. Clare is offering dedicated service and traveling on seventeen day excursion rate fare. She is scheduled to return to this country on Sunday, August 4. It is hoped that she will write up her experiences and share with *Recorder* readers at a later date.

## **YOUTH . . .**

### **A WITNESS**

Sometimes at school, somebody asks me why I wasn't at baseball practice or at the show last Saturday, and somehow God gives me the courage to tell them that I was at church and tell them why I was there. Sometimes they ask why I go to church on Sabbath and I tell them because I think that's the right day to worship God.

—Kenny Whitlock, 12, Riverside, Calif.

### **MEMORY TEXT**

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9.

### **Leon Lawton's Visit in Brazil Continued**

Prepared for publication by  
Everett T. Harris

Today, July 16, 1968, is the first morning of the Congress Pan Americano De Homens Baptistas and the day meetings are being held in the first Baptist Church here in Rio whose pastor is a past-president (Soren) of the Baptist World Alliance.

Last Sabbath I was with the church Osasco—a suburb of Sao Paulo where about twenty-five gathered in their small temple. Society here is completely interracial. In the question period a Negro woman asked about the place of women in our U.S.A. churches. She was happy to learn of the Algiers congregation with a Negro woman as pastor. But, the churches here do not allow women as pastors. They can preach and witness on the streets, however.

In the afternoon I visited the parsonage of the Sao Paulo group in Patriarch City where Pastor Barrera, his wife Else and their three sons live. It is a humble but modern home. The lot is a corner one with room for the building of a small temple for worship as funds become available.

Sunday morning I flew to Londrina in North Parana State. This is the world center for coffee. I was met by Pastor Rojas (who came from Curitiba) and the brethren. On the way Apucarana we stopped at one town at the templo Baptista where I spoke briefly on the Crusade and gave a message.

Sunday night I spoke, showed slides and answered questions in the Apucarana Seventh Day Baptist Temple—a new small building.

Flight times to Sao Paulo changed July 15 and so it wasn't until after 6 p.m. the plane was scheduled. It was

late. Pastor Barrera was waiting and we caught the next shuttle flight on to Rio. Monday I was taken on an inspection trip of the local coffee co-op warehouse and plant and a paper manufacturing plant, as well as to visit in some homes.

Their love and interest in the fact there are other brethren of the same faith in many other countries is overwhelming. Hope my slides and tapes can convey a small part of this. Will write more later.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

### **God's Presence at Jersey Oaks**

By Herbert Saunders, director

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Life has a way of playing tricks on men's hearts and minds. Blessings seem remote and unattainable and one begins to wonder how things are going to work out. But then an experience comes which restores faith in the working of God in the lives of his human creatures and the whole scheme of life enjoys its place in the plan of God. Such was the experience of twenty-six campers and ten staff members at Jersey Oaks Senior Camp this summer. Upon arrival in Shiloh for the camping experience there was an air of expectation which lifted the spirits of the staff members as they prepared for the week of fellowship, worship, study, and personal devotion into which these young teenagers were coming. The theme for the week was "Youth Action: Christian Responsibility," and several members of the Shiloh and Marlboro communities came into camp for the day to present the role of teen-agers in the home, the school, the community, the vocation, and the church.

Throughout the week there was fellowship and joy in the experiences of worship and study shared by the campers and staff. Miss Florence Bowden of Shiloh led the group in unique and creative worship periods with the emphasis on the realization of the love of God and the joy of being a part of God's creation. Everyone felt that God was so real, and prayer became the means

of personal communication with this Creator who has revealed Himself in the lives of the campers and in the beauty that surrounded us. There was a response in love to God as the campers began to express the reality of God's presence in their lives and to share this reality in creating works of art, music, poetry, and prayer. There was the feeling that God was working in ways none of us had known in the camping experience before.

With dedicated workers Miss Debby Randolph and Steve Crouch, and Pastors Charles Bond and John Conrod leading the group in discussion, the campers began to feel that there was a place for Christian teen-agers in this world and they began to feel the need to be of service in Christ's kingdom. They witnessed to their feelings by prayer and personal conversation and showed their dedication in their testimonies to Christ's presence in their lives at the Sabbath eve fagot service. Before they left for home on Sunday morning they had shared together the ways that they could put "youth action" into practice in the fulfillment of their "Christian responsibility."

There was something God-given about this experience at Jersey Oaks Camp. His presence in the lives of the staff and campers seemed to radiate as they shared their unique experience with their parents and friends Sabbath afternoon. And it is safe to say that the churches from which they came will be blessed also by the testimony of these whose lives have been touched by the Spirit of God and have found what a joy it is to be Christian.

#### Radio Programs Related to Bible History

Professor Mark van Doren and author-lecturer Maurice Samuel are participants together in this 16th season of the popular summer series, "The Words We Live By," now more than half over.

The *Eternal Light*, recent recipient of a second Peabody Award, is a presentation of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and is broadcast coast-to-coast as a public service by the National Broadcasting Company.

### Crusade of Americas Sabbath School Enrollment

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is cooperating with the Conference representative to the Crusade, the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, in promoting the following program for Sabbath Schools during Year III, *Facing Frontiers with Faith*.

Each Sabbath School is given the opportunity to enroll in the program, and upon application to the secretary of the Board of Christian Education will receive a *Participation Covenant* to be displayed prominently on your church bulletin board.

The object of enrollment is to spur Sabbath School members and their leaders to activity in evangelistic outreach. Remember, over 50% of new church members come through the Sabbath School.

Phase 1 of the program is a planned contest.

Starting the venture is a scheduled "Visitation Invitation" month (October 2 - 31, 1968). During this time all will be encouraged to visit in the homes of the community of the church, or in the community where you live, to talk about the educational program of your church, and to invite attendance. Show an interest in people, be friendly, really care.

Then, for a month (November 1-23) keep absolute records of attendance and enrollment, keeping up the visitation, and compare with November 1-23, 1967.

At the end of the month, or at a specified time, leaders of the Sabbath School will recognize: 1. the individual who was responsible for bringing in the greatest number of persons; 2. the class with the highest total number in attendance during the month; 3. the class with the highest total enrollment growth. (Possibly the losing classes will host the winners to a dinner.)

Then for six months, November 1 to April 30, 1969, keep track of attendance and enrollment, submit the percentages of increases in both departments to the secretary of the Board of Christian Education, and the winning

Sabbath School will be recognized at General Conference in 1969.

Phase II of the program is related to the Cross Achievement Certificate project, an on-going program of the board and our Sabbath Schools.

It is our hope that every Sabbath School will enroll in the Cross Achievement activity of the board. For three years now we have been offering Recognition Certificates to Sabbath Schools for certain departments of work and growth. This year we are adding a certificate that will recognize lesser achievement, but which still calls for more activity than the average school assumes.

To win the new *Bronze Certificate of Achievement* a Sabbath School will accomplish the following:

1. A total increase in attendance over last year.
2. Fifty percent of the teachers attend at least one session of a leadership training school—either one sponsored by the church or by a district organization.
3. Teachers and staff attend four workers' meetings a year.
4. Accurate records have been kept.

To win the *Silver Cross Certificate*:

1. A total increase in membership of 2% over last year.
2. A total increase in average attendance over last year.
3. Ninety percent of the teachers attended at least one session of a leadership training school.
4. Teachers and staff attended nine workers' meetings during the year.
5. Accurate records have been kept.

To win the *Gold Cross Achievement Certificate*:

1. Total increase in membership of 5% over last year.
2. Total increase in average attendance over last year.
3. Ninety percent of the teachers and staff attended at least three sessions of a leadership training school—either one sponsored by the church or by a district organization.
4. Its Christian Education Committee has held three training sessions.
5. Teachers' or workers' meetings have been held monthly.
6. Accurate records have been kept.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

### Meet an SDB Woman from Jamaica

By Sister Kathryn Durrant

"Trust in the Lord and He shall direct thy path."

My parents are two of the many old Seventh Day Baptist members in Jamaica so I was brought up in the faith from my youth. In the days of Pastor Hargis I used to be a tot in Sabbath School. I gradually grew up and learned to lean on God so I surrendered my life to Him and in doing so I find the Christian way of life a profitable one, though at times things appear to be gloomy and discouraging. But taking God's Word as it is I am able to tide over all my difficulties, bless His name. From junior member of Sabbath School I started singing in the choir during the time Pastor Crichlow was here at Charles Street. Now I am still singing in the Mountain View choir. I have also served as assistant superintendent of Sabbath School, junior supervisor and vice-president of the Women's Board for two years. This is my second year as president of the Women's Board and I am president for the Mountain View Women's League. I have a deep joy in working for the Lord and trying to help bring the kingdom of God to men. When I look back and view how the hand of God has guided me I cannot do otherwise than ask Him to help me to be true to the end. Let us as women of the Seventh Day Baptists shoulder the task that is set before us, regardless of color, race or creed to beat back Satan and his hosts. May this be our objective.

### News from Our Women in England

A letter from Jesse H. Lynch brings us the news from Birmingham, England.

On the second of April this year, we held our first meeting of the Birmingham SDB Women's League at my home. Ten women were present, only two of us Seventh Day Baptists, the president and yours truly, the secretary. The other eight women were non-SDB's whom we have tried to get interested. Every one signed to become a member. At our



first meeting we planned our program and as the same date was my wedding anniversary, we had a social.

We plan to meet the first Tuesday in every month at the home of any member who wishes to have the meeting. Our program includes Bible discussions, games and handwork, such as, knitting, crocheting, and sewing. There will be social evenings when refreshments will be served and all the husbands attend, (husbands' evening).

We were quite happy to hear of your work in the USA. My husband, Owen Lynch, is the founder of the Birmingham Seventh Day Baptist group. He has been at us for ages to get a league started and so, even though we are few, with these other women we now have a league. God be praised.

I used to teach in Jamaica after I graduated from Shortwood Teachers' College. In this country, all immigrant teachers are required to get some training here. I will be going to college in September for two years. At the moment, I'm teaching at one of the government's infant schools.

Kindly convey our sincere greetings to all. God bless you.

The British SDB Conference will be held in Birmingham July 26 to 29.

## DR. BEN R. CRANDALL

By Rev. David S. Clarke

Tribute to the life of Dr. Benjamin R. Crandall (part of a full outline prepared by himself several years ago, and supplemented by other information mostly prepared by Dr. Ben.)

Dr. Ben attended and graduated from Andover High School in 1891 and from Bryant and Stratton Business College in Buffalo in 1892. He was graduated from Alfred University with the B.S. degree in 1899 and became principal of the village system, Hammond, La., the same year.

On April 12, 1900, Benjamin R. Crandall of Hammond and Miss Matilda Fogg of Shiloh, N. J., were united in marriage. The South proved unfavorable

for Mrs. Crandall's health; so, after two years they moved to Rawlins, Wyoming, where Dr. Ben became superintendent of schools. The unusual altitude there was found detrimental to Mrs. Crandall's health; after five years the family moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho. Here Dr. Ben served as superintendent of the city schools for eight years.

California was the home of the Crandalls for twenty-four years under most challenging and interesting conditions. Election as city superintendent of San Bernardino came as an opportunity and a challenge. After two years Dr. Ben was offered a position as state supervisor of Agricultural Teacher Training and a professorship on the University of California faculty at Berkeley. Three years later Dr. Ben was tendered the presidency of the California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo, where he inaugurated a forward-looking vocational and technical program. He was later supervising principal of the Wasco Union High School District near Bakersfield where he worked for six years until retirement in 1939.

The late President J. Nelson Norwood of Alfred University invited Dr. Ben to establish a Department of Counseling and Placement and to teach some courses in the School of Theology. From 1939 to 1953 he was vocational counselor and placement secretary at Alfred University and lecturer in Rural Sociology and Business Law at Rural University School of Theology.

He was sent by the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society to make an Educational Survey of Jamaica, B. W. I., in 1947, and as a result of the survey and report, Crandall High School was established in Kingston, Jamaica, being named in his honor.

Mrs. Crandall died on Nov. 25, 1961.

Dr. Ben is survived by his son Burton and daughter-in-law Carol, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. David S. Clarke, and burial was at Alfred.

## WHO SINNED?

By Charles J. Bachman

Jesus' disciples asked Him a question one time, "Master, who did sin, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2).

Perhaps this is a very good question for this troubled generation to ask of itself. This current adult generation cannot understand the new younger generation because it cannot conceive of their having done anything to justify being blamed for the ills of the new generation.

After all, are not all these good things which we can see with our eyes the result of the nobleness and ability of the older generation? Has not this older generation built a more affluent society than the depressive years they went through as young people? Have not the parents given better homes, better food, better clothing, better automobiles, more spending money than they enjoyed as young people? What young person, in any scale of society, does not have more available to him now than his parents did at the same age?

This of course is viewed through materialistic eyes. This generation is given to materialism. Our business appointments, our social obligations, the letters to write, the dentist appointment, the plumber coming to fix something on such a date—all these—have absorbed more of our time and interest than our interest in God.

The question then becomes one of religion and spiritual values, more than materialistic values. And, our young generation is looking for values. They are looking for something upon which to build their lives. The sincere hippie, and flower child, and the odd-looking boy around the corner are all looking for something and someone who is sincere. If we may use another word, perhaps they are looking for the revelation of truth in our society and they cannot find it.

It is rather odd that in both the Old Testament and the New Testament the word in both Hebrew and Greek used to denote sin means "to miss the mark." The question then may be rightly asked,

"Who did miss the mark, this man or his parents?" The answer is very simple, this generation of parents missed the mark.

Our sophisticated intelligence has lead us to believe that no one, but no one, can possibly be more intelligent than man. With his B.A.'s, and M.A.'s, and Ph.D.'s, surely you cannot expect him to believe in God. But the utter failure of our intellectual godlessness to solve the problems of mankind has given the young generation nothing upon which to build. For the parents, having eliminated God and having created an atomic sword of Damocles, leave no foundation upon which to build. The young people are quick to recognize the deceit of politicians, the greed of the money interests, and the farce of so-called Christian ethics, and wander aimlessly in a world full of problems not of their making.

God is the answer! Let us go back to the very beginning, if we must. At creation! After creating this universe in six days, God stood back and looked at all He had created and was pleased. Then without delay, He added one more day, the Sabbath, and He as much as said to His creatures, "Look to me now on this your first Sabbath, I will sustain thee" (Ps. 55:22).

This is what the youth of the world want, something to sustain them, to give them courage, something in which to trust.

In contrast to the wants of the youth, is the continued blindness of the older generations. Still trusting in the dollar, still materialistic, still denying God. The 59th chapter of Isaiah pictures this generation quite well in describing them as "groping . . . like the blind," "looking for judgment, but there is none," "departing away from God," "justice standeth afar off," "we wait for light, but walk in darkness," etc.

Why does this describe us so well? "Your sins (missing the mark) have hid His face from you."

This generation does not have as great a youth problem as it has an adult prob-

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## A Living Christianity

By Mrs. Ruth Bennett

Is your church practicing a truly alive Christianity for today? Is your church witnessing to the community it serves? Perhaps some may feel that Battle Creek has a unique situation and that situation does not pertain to all our churches. This may be true; however, our problems and activities might be borne out in other areas.

Some months ago a dream of witnessing to the children of poverty began to emerge as a full-blown, expedient action. The northern half of a one-time show-place of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg was purchased by the Albion District Methodist Board for the Washington Heights Ministries in Service project for \$3,500. The beginning of a project to show the child of poverty that somebody cares enough to provide a decent place for him to play and the beginning of restoration of an estate lain idle for the past 25 years was taking place. "Suffer the little children to come unto me" was included in the hearts of men, as well as loving our neighbors as ourselves.

A trailer serves as headquarters. As the need for water facilities presented itself, there was nothing more natural than to solicit the services of our own Pastor Eugene Fatato, who is vitally involved in youth work, to do the plumbing. This he did among many other things. There is now a cement block building housing toilet facilities as well as playground equipment. A dream was beginning to emerge into reality.

Two weeks ago the project swung into high gear with an Outdoor Vacation Bible School. What a thrill to see leaders and teachers of varying shades of white and black and many faiths working together for the good of mankind. Among the participating churches were: the Washington Heights United Methodist, First United Methodist, First Congregational, First Presbyterian, Lakeview Baptist, Second Baptist, Seventh Day Baptist, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Mt. Zion A.M.E. Materials, ideas, and talents were all displayed and utilized as great and essential.

The typical day (the Lord truly blessed us with beautiful weather!) began at 10 a.m., with music from the fifth and sixth grades being taught by Connie Coon. Following this would be the presentation of the lesson, recreation, and crafts. At noon the sack lunches were devoured—if they had not been eaten already—along with milk and fruit supplied by the project. The "day" ended with chapel from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. presented by the Kindergarten, Primaries, and Juniors on various days.

Field trips for the nearly 200 children were highlights for all. Our bus was pressed into service on each trip as they visited the bird sanctuary, arboretum, and last but not least, Camp Holston for a day. We used two buses that day and many cars. The assistance of several of our young people to be guides on hikes, lifeguards, and general helpers wherever they were needed was very much appreciated. The blessing of the Lord reigned over the entire day as each age group was given opportunity to swim, hike, play games, and eat lunch. He truly blessed us by keeping the rain away until all the children were boarded on the bus or in cars to return to the project. A warm glow filled our hearts to hear words spoken to the effect that Seventh Day Baptists are the greatest, and those of other faiths want to continue working with us. (With these expressed words is brought a deeper responsibility to our people!) This Bible School touched only a few of our lives; but if all of our people could catch this vision of unselfish service designed to further God's kingdom to all peoples, our blessings would be so tremendous "there would not be room in the storehouse to receive them."

Who can measure the good will created by this experience? Who can supply a criterion for measuring the truths learned by this motley group of children that will improve their lives? There is no apparent answer but God can surely give the increase. If this is only the beginning, then the wholehearted cooperation and ecumenical relations ce-

mented by the faithful leaders, teachers, teen-agers, and the boys and girls themselves from the four corners of the city will be felt by rich and poor, privileged and under-privileged. It was one of the most refreshing and rewarding experiences that God has given me. We can reiterate with Paul: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28) — a living Christianity for today!

### Bishop Kennedy Won't Support COCU

Admitting that going against the Consultation on Church Union was "like coming out against motherhood or prayer," outspoken Methodist Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy nevertheless said he was flatly against it.

"Don't get me wrong," he told Dan Thrapp of the Los Angeles Times, "I am not against the ecumenical movement. I think it is terrific. But I don't think COCU is the ecumenical movement. I don't think it speaks to the sickness in the church." He added that a lot of other leaders agree with him.

COCU has been trying for five years to unite ten denominations into a united Protestant Church of some 25-million members. —ABNS.

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lem. And that adult problem is with us, because we have missed the mark in our relationship to God.

Self-examination by intelligent people can be a healthy thing. Being able to admit and confess one's own faults is psychologically healthy too. "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save" (Isa. 59:1). A complete reappraisal of our spiritual condition coupled with a turning to a new direction—toward God—is the solution for this generation. Not everyone will make it, but to those who do, "great peace" is the reward.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y.— Camp Harmony was held at the Methodist camp grounds at Adams Center. Therefore our church members were more or less involved with the work of camp. The Sabbath afternoon service conducted by the campers was proof that all the effort put forth to conduct the camp were worthwhile.

Following camp our attention was turned to Daily Vacation Bible School. This was a community project. We did not have as many pupils as in previous years but we felt that it too was worth all our efforts.

July 20th, while our pastor and family were on a short vacation, Judson and Gareth Greene took charge of our Sabbath morning worship service. It was an inspiring service in which Judson stated his personal testimony. Gareth brought us a message in song as well as by the spoken word. Judson and his family live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where Judson is a free-lance boat carpenter. Gareth and his family have recently gone to Rochester, N. Y., to live where Gareth will be assistant band director in a consolidated school. His wife, Pat, will teach a first grade in the same school system.

At the present time our church is having a booth at the county fair where we are distributing tracts and offering Bible study courses by mail. We hope much good will come from our labors.

—Correspondent.

PAINT ROCK, ALA.— After spending a couple of weeks in Vacation Bible School on Crites Mountain, Jeanne Lawrence of Bridgeton, N. J., and Jessie Curry of Lost Creek, W. Va., came to Alabama to help in the Paint Rock Vacation Bible School.

The first week of VBS was conducted by Paul V. Beebe, then assistant pastor. We had an enrollment of 71 including nine teachers. The teachers were: Jeanne Lawrence and Jessie Curry (SCSC workers), Paul and Mary Beebe, Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Beebe, Mary Glenda Kimbrough, Philip Butler, and Betty Atchley—all of the teachers being Sev-



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enth Day Baptists except Betty. Fifteen of the students came from Sabbath affiliated homes. Twenty-five or so of the pupils came from homes having no church affiliation, so we will have a big challenge and responsibility with un-churched youth of the area.

Bible School ran from July 15-17 with the closing program the night after the Sabbath. The course used was "God's Word - Today's Hope" from Standard Publishing.

The Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church met on July 21 for its annual business meeting. Besides electing the officers for the year two other items were of significance. (1) Brother John Bevis of Birmingham was "called" by the congregation to the ministry of the gospel and duly licensed. It was then voted to commend Brother Bevis to the churches in West Virginia; he moves there in August to take up work with the Clarksburg Branch of Salem College. (2) Paul V. Beebe of Box 1706, Mount Berry, Ga., was appointed field minister for the area. It was voted that assistance and cooperation be sought from the association and a denominational source.

Work is continuing slowly but steadily with the Sand Mountain (Trenton, Ga.) Sabbath School. At the last meeting with the field minister, 17 were present.

A promising work is starting in Marietta, Ga. A meeting was scheduled with Brother W. F. Butler on July 26, but for some unknown reason we missed connections.

Also a work is developing in the Attalla-Gadsden, Ala., area though no meetings have been held yet.

Those Sabbaths that the field minister is home, Sabbath School is conducted with the family.

—Correspondent.

HAMMOND, LA.— The Live Wires, our young people's group, again held their election of officers after an evening of entertaining the group at the Hammond State School with several selections of sacred music. Their officers are: Darrell Raiford, president; Jackie Young, secretary; Mary Bertus, treasurer. A new member, Penny Prevost, has been added to this group. Other members are Carl De Land, Dale Young, Debbie Bertus, Dianne, Linde and Malcolm Calmes.

This year Jackie Young was chosen as exchange camper for 1969 for Camp Miles.

—Correspondent.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 24, 1968

EZRA'S PROGRAM OF REFORM

Lesson Scripture: Ezra 7:6; 9:10-15; 10:10-12.

for August 31, 1968

NEHEMIAH REBUILDS THE WALL

Lesson Scripture: Neh. 17-18; 4:15-20; 6:1-3, 15-16.

for September 7, 1968

CONFESSION AND COVENANT

Lesson Scripture: Neh. 8:1, 8; 9:13-14; 13:15-22.

## Obituaries

CRANDALL.— Benjamin Ray, son of Sherman G. and Lenora Wood Crandall, was born at Independence, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1873, and died at Alfred, N. Y., July 11, 1968. He grew up in the Independence community and at an early age was baptized and joined the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church. (See life story elsewhere in this issue.)

—D. S. C.

## T'was Two Days Before Conference

T'was two days before Conference and all through the house  
Everyone was a'flutter; from Junior to Spouse.

The luggage was set by the back door with care  
In hopes that the contents had all fit in there.

The children were lying flat in their beds  
Being sent there by parents with aches in their heads.

So Mom in her apron and Dad in his jeans  
Were trying to organize, to make Conference scenes.

But soon the time came and all left with a clatter.  
And the ride to Kearney was made with much chatter.

And what to their wondering eyes did appear  
But Centennial West filling with greetings and cheer.

The sun shone down on the subjects below  
With sounds of laughter and faces aglow.

The friendships renewed, new ones being made—  
A permanent foundation of love being laid.

Sleeves were rolled up and General Conference began  
Yoked together—attempting to foster God's plan.

The spirit of God, His wonders behold  
Mysteries of Conference began to unfold.

May each one feel His guidance we pray  
And the Lord look over each Conference day.

Marjorie Goodrich  
North Loup, Nebr.