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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.

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Conference Reporting

Arrangements have been made for some good firsthand reporting of General Conference, the first of which appears in this issue. Readers will not get Conference flavor and business second hand even though the editor had to follow the day-by-day progress of Conference by way of telephone calls, airmailed reports, and program material. (He was still doing his work from his comfortable hospital bed while his leg was healing after an infection).

We could wish that we could afford to put out double-size issues this week and for the next few weeks for there is so much material of interest and so little space to print it. (Does anybody have an extra two or three hundred dollars per week to make it possible?) Conference reports and a few messages will be worked in around the regular departments as rapidly as possible.

It is anticipated that extracts of on-the-floor discussions may be worked out by the editor from the tape recordings of Conference if it seems advisable and if circumstances permit.

Readers may expect several articles by Rev. Glen Warner who volunteered to take notes on certain portions of the Conference program. The program reports published daily in the much expanded "Conference Crier" by the young people under the editorship of Becky Butts are exceptionally good and, in most cases, fully up to *Recorder* standards. There is much that can be reproduced, as space allows, to inform our readers.

There is good reading ahead and we are happy to report that there are quite a number of people who have recently subscribed who will be enjoying these special things in the *Sabbath Recorder*. Others will be getting the first of these unusual-interest *Recorders* through the free-gift issue offer that they took advantage of (the second half of the offer that went to some in June and to others later.) That offer had now expired but individuals may subscribe or send money for gift subscriptions.

Of Germs and God

The editor's recent and lengthy experience in the hospital mending his bones, and, for a time, fighting an infection, started him thinking more in terms of hospital procedure than before. Hence the strange title here "Of Germs and God." There just can't be any similarity between germs and God; they are opposites. But, should there be more similarity between the hospital's attitude toward cleanliness and the average man's attitude toward the holiness of God?

Everybody knows how scrupulously the surgeon scrubs and scrubs even when he plans to wear sterile gloves. The room is made as clean as possible. Masks are worn by all personnel. Every instrument, every dressing is completely rid of germs, and the patient's body is draped except for the operating area, which is painted with germ killers.

When a person makes three or four trips to the operating room within a few weeks with mind alert, he has reason to be reminded of these procedures and to appreciate them.

In spite of all that is done there is a possibility of infection. Here again experience is a reminder of this. Six weeks after entering the hospital, three weeks after the leg operation, the patient was ready to go home the following day. Some days before a window had been cut in the cast to examine the incision. It was perfect. But when the orthopedic surgeon routinely cut off the old cast to put on a new one for the patient to wear home the next day, he found redness and pus, which turned out to be a staph infection. Where had it come from? Presumably the thing leading to that infection had lain hidden there for three weeks. Of all the operations by the surgeon that day, before and after the editor's, his was the only one that developed a staph infection. It meant several more weeks in the hospital, this time on the other end of the germ situation.

The patient had to be in precautionary isolation. Everyone coming to his room had to put on a gown upon entering and take it off upon leaving lest an impurity of the patient be carried to another patient or someone outside. One

MEMORY TEXT

The hand of our God is for good upon all that seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all that forsake him (Ezra 8:22).

could stand just inside the door if he "touched not the unclean thing." Actually there could be little danger from an infection completely encased in an air tight plaster cast. It was just hospital precaution, but one felt a little like the lepers of Bible times when he had to watch the door at the approach of visitors and call out, "Unclean, put on a gown and put it on backwards."

This is all accepted hospital procedure, known to be for the good of all. We remember the story of the discovery of germs and how doctors died to prove that germs could be transmitted by the surgeon's scalpel from a diseased person to a well person (a doctor). Absolute adherence to cleanliness rules is insisted on.

Nothing is more clearly taught in the Bible than the holiness of God. It is the whole basis of the doctrine of salvation. Unclean, sinful man cannot dwell with God. Something must be done to cleanse man from sin. Man cannot make himself pure. The purification must come from the "autoclave" of God (using a hospital term). In the Old Testament this was done typically or symbolically by the sacrificial system. Actually, says the New Testament, the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin. In the fullness of time God's sinless Son died for our sins—the sufficient provision for the cleansing of sin.

There is more. Man cleansed from his sin is given power unknown before to "Be ye holy as I am holy." He is called upon by the love he owes to Christ to live by the rules of God—to do His will. How is it that we rationalize this and say that strict adherence to the revealed will of God doesn't matter; it is optional; we will set our own compromising standards of righteousness. Why do we let so much sin still cling to us?

Nowhere is this attitude more com-

mon than in relation to the Sabbath. Good Christian people have a second line of defense. When the first line is broken and they have to admit that God said that the seventh day was the Sabbath, they retreat to the second line and ask, "What difference does it make?" It is another way of saying that the rules of righteousness, the instructions of the law, the prophets and the Gospels, about how to keep God's chosen day sacred are not to be taken seriously. It is as if to say that an easy substitute is probably just as good as the real thing.

Of germs and God—holiness is as important as cleanliness if God be the judge.

N.C.C. Labor Sunday Message

The National Council of Churches' annual Labor Sunday Message this year is entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity."

The message charges business, labor, and the churches themselves with discriminatory hiring practices and sets seven specific goals for Christians to support. It suggests that they:

1. Encourage equal employment practices in their own professions and businesses.
2. Insist on more than "token" employment of minority group members in skilled jobs.
3. Oppose discrimination in any apprenticeship or other work training programs.
4. Examine job testing procedures to insure that persons of minority groups who are capable of performing a certain job are not screened out because of cultural differences.
5. Encourage employers to eliminate arrest-record questions on applications. It suggests that a list of convictions for specific offenses is sufficient.
6. See that city transportation systems provide job accessibility for minority persons, and urge suburban, city, and county councils to arrange low and middle-income housing to be built in suburbs so that those who work in the area may live there.
7. Arrange for employment training

centers in metropolitan areas.

"The civil rights of minority groups must be seen increasingly in terms of economic opportunity," the message states, and further notes that the average rioter in the summer of 1967 was not unemployed, but "underemployed or employed in a menial job," according to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

Admitting that the overall record of employment practices among the far-flung enterprises of the Church is "little better than that of the average secular employer," and pointing out that the labor movement's skirts are far from clean on this issue," the message calls for men and women in both churches and in the labor movement to "kneel together in humble confession that we are indeed part of the problem."

Unprecedented Appreciation

The editor has received in recent weeks an unprecedented amount of expressed appreciation of the *Sabbath Recorder*. It is heartwarming to him personally and definitely encouraging to the Tract Board which bears the greater part of the financial burden of subsidizing the subscription price and which tries to maintain a publishing house doing only denominational printing.

Here at headquarters we like to be told when you like our editorials and our selection of contributed articles. The editor received from Conference two cards, one with the signatures of 118 young people, the other signed by 150 adults. How could this amazing number of signatures on get well cards be secured? There can be only one answer: somebody talked to somebody else. The effect on the absent editor? Humble thanks and sincere appreciation. The good words about the *Sabbath Recorder* may be nice to file and pull out when we may be discouraged. What is really appreciated is when subscribers *talk it up* to non-subscribers and new subscriptions come in. That is happening at the present time, but not enough. So we might urge "Tell your neighbors, or write a check for a gift subscription."

New Conference President's Message
(Given on the last evening of 1968 session)

SENSITIVE IN HIS SERVICE

By Leland W. Bond



Mr. Leland Bond of Clarksburg, West Virginia, at the closing business of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference meeting at Kearney State College, was installed as the 1968-69 Conference president.

The processes one goes through mentally when he has accepted a responsibility, such as president of General Conference, are quite complicated. Although motivated by a desire to be of service to your Lord and your denomination, you are filled with feelings of inadequacy, humility, inability, and, yes, fear that you just can't do the job. The shocks that reach to the very heart of you appear at times as sizable jolts. The first such jolt came to me when the actual announcement was made that I was to be vice-president and president-elect. You cannot imagine the feeling of aloneness, but it wasn't long until several persons came to me and offered to help me in any way that they could. I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying that in a vital and a personal way God has touched my heart during this past year and helped me to recover from this feeling of aloneness and fear.

Another big shock came when I began to really analyze my responsibilities. How could I ever do this job with the limitations placed on me by my other responsibilities of home, occupation, church and community? To my surprise these responsibilities, which first appeared as limitations, are now becoming the very factors which make it possible to carry on the opportunities of this office. My wonderful wife, Lettie, and daughters, Laura Lee and Linda, are giving me their loving, sacrificial and working support; my company has been extremely cooperative in making policy concessions in order to let me do this work; the Lost Creek Church is giving me their support; and the Clarksburg Christian Business Men's Committee, of which I am chairman for 1968, has given me a prayerful and spiritual uplift which I needed.

The motives and reasons which lead one to the selection of a Conference theme and program are difficult to identify. From the beginning, however, one idea seemed to dominate my thinking, and that idea was based on a personal feeling and desire to be more sensitive to the needs of others. It seems to me that some of the greatest Christian witnesses that I have known were persons who were sensitive and aware of the needs of others and possessed the candid ability for doing something about those needs and at the appropriate time. These persons have come from all walks of life and from varied social, educational, and economic levels, yet, they seem to possess this particular quality of keen awareness. They are the kind of persons who are at your side during an illness and know what to do for you, or maybe they send you a card or letter while you are serving your country in the armed forces because they know you are lonesome, or they bring you a basket of the first and biggest berries from their garden, or stop for a visit to let you know about a job possibility, since they understood that you were out of work. Maybe they can't do much for you, but they take the time to personally embroider a handkerchief or scarf for you. This is the kind of person that I

want to be. I want to be sensitive and aware. This question kept coming to me, "How can I become more sensitive and aware of the needs of others and then do something about it?" Would you like to be more sensitive too?

Last August I began wrestling with this idea of sensitivity. I've read more books than I have read in years. I've been searching the Scriptures in a way that I have never searched before. I've talked to several persons about sensitivity, just looking for the exact words for the perfect Conference theme. "I'm sure that I have tried at least fifty word combinations, and each time I was sure that I had found the right theme, some event would take place in my life which seemed to tell me that it needed to be changed. Of course, I must recognize the fact that my wife and the other members of my family were my most faithful, helpful, and severe critics. Now, after nearly a year of internal struggle, which at times seemed more like an eternal struggle, I am happy to present to you, my fellow Seventh Day Baptists, our theme for 1968-1969 — *Sensitive in His Service*.

I have already shared with you some of my views concerning the meaning of sensitivity, but let us look a little further into our theme and its meaning. Sensitivity is the ability of an organism or part of an organism to react to stimuli. I propose to you that we have at our disposal the greatest stimulus this world has ever known in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, yet, our senses have become so deadened that we seldom know He is here, consequently we cannot be aware of the needs of others. I wonder how many of us would go all day with a piece of gravel in our shoe? If the gravel irritates us enough, we are going to do something about it. We may be lazy and slide it around a bit so we don't have to take off our shoe, but even so we are aware that it is still there. When we are aware of Christ and want to do His will, we cannot help but be *Sensitive in His Service*.

One of the greatest joys in the life of our family has been the way that God

has answered our prayers. In my own life Christ became a living reality, just this spring, as I experienced a blessed conversion. It was quite a shock to discover that such a thing had happened to me, when all these years I had tried to be a Christian by keeping the commandments, so I thought, by living a clean life, so I thought, by good works, so I thought. Isaiah 64:6 says, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." I am thankful for the promise that now means so much to me when Jesus said in John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

God has answered prayer in the life of our daughter as she related in a recent article in the *Sabbath Recorder* her experience with Christ that helped her discover that the things that she had been doing in her life were for her own self-glory and not for the Lord. These experiences have helped me to find the real meaning of being *Sensitive in His Service*. My earnest prayer is: "Dear Lord, let me give *You* all the glory."

I am also concerned with the lack of sensitivity in our human relationships. John Kord Lagemann in an article in the March issue of the *Reader's Digest* entitled "The Secret of Sensitivity," suggests that to discover the secret of understanding human beings and about everything else in life, is to ask this question, "What's going on here?" I propose that we take a close look around us and especially at the persons with whom we are involved each day, each week and each year, and ask ourselves the question, "What's going on here?" The answer to this question may lead us to a sense of awareness that we have never known before.

This coming year I would like to challenge you to greater sensitivity in

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Time to Talk Turkey About OWM Giving I Refuse

This is what a lot of you feel like saying when asked to give to Our World Mission *over and above* that which you have already given. Well, the Stewardship Chairman is also responsible for budget promotion, and I say, "I refuse!", too.

I took the assignment of Stewardship Chairman with little fuss, but now that I've seen what the job involves, I wonder how my predecessor, Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, had time to do the excellent job he did. A brief study of the past twelve Yearbooks yielded the following information:

(1) Stewardship Education originally was the task of a Conference committee of three or four people who collected and distributed materials and conducted workshops to educate Seventh Day Baptists on the motive and means of proper stewardship. This is essentially "growing" money for future needs.

(2) Budget Promotion had been handled by a committee of the Commission, and their task was to call attention to the various budget needs and elicit immediate funds for the work. This might be called "harvesting" money for current needs.

(3) In 1966 the two committees were combined, the Commission committee taking both jobs. Now, I don't know about you, but it seems to me to be difficult to plant seeds for next year's crop while this year's is still being harvested. Each year the current receipts run short and we have to come into the field again and again to "glean" a little more money to finish the job. We barely finish efforts to raise this year's budget in full (gleaning) and are overcome by the fact that next year is already here and we haven't done any "plowing" for the new budget yet!

And so I say, "I REFUSE!" I refuse to do the work of two committees all by myself. Whoever heard of a chairman without any committee members

anyway? Since nothing has been said about electing members of the Stewardship Committee, *I hereby appoint each and every one of you who are concerned about our Seventh Day Baptist work and witness for God to be members of this committee!* This will be the Committee of the Committed, each member sensitive to the task before us.

We have only September left for the gleaning! The plows are coming fast with next year's demands. As chairman I assign each committee member to the task of raising more money to enable us to meet this year's commitments. Perhaps you have already given far more than you can afford. Good! You're just the type we need to talk about it and enthruse some other who haven't given yet. Thank you!

Paul B. Osborn, Chairman,
Stewardship Committee of
the Committed.

Annual Corporate Meetings of Societies

Missionary Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held Sunday afternoon, September 15, at two o'clock in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I.

Tract Society

The annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., at 2 p.m., September 15.

Board of Christian Education

The annual meeting of the Corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held at the Parish House of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on September 15, 1968, at 2 p.m.

Accredited delegates to the sessions of General Conference at Kearney, Nebraska, are entitled to vote at this meeting.

NEBRASKA 1968

By Theona Andersen

These are the flatlands, where Conference was held this year in Kearney, Nebraska: the flatlands, the midlands, the heartland of the nation. These great plains states were the last on this continent to be admitted to the union.

One hundred fifty years ago this was the Great American Desert, where people did not linger. Those who came moved through the land, travelling from settled east to beckoning western lands where they hoped to live.

Place names remind us of those who did not stay. The French names for wolf and plate were used by voyageurs to name the Loup and Platte rivers. Wagon trains followed the streams and names grew out of this: Silver Creek, Willow Island, Broadwater, Beaver Crossing. Scottsbluff was named for a wandering trader, Kearney and Fremont for army officers stationed here.

Seventh Day Baptists who came in August 1968, from green and hilly West Virginia, or from California between the mountains and the sea, or from other scenic areas may well have wondered whether they, like travelers in the last century, should keep on through this flat hot state until they came to some place with a more favorable appearance.

Like the early settlers, however, when they stopped they found bountiful rewards which were not evident to mere passers-through.

They found a Conference well planned in advance. The host church provided many thoughtful extras even though the Conference site was ninety minutes distant and during the weeks before the event North Loup was host to Commission, Young Adult Pre-Con, and the SCSC Evaluation Retreat.

The area pastor spoke of the Christ-like spirit of cooperation among those who worked on Conference preparation. Two women even left paying jobs to work full time at this.

The pace for all of Conference seemed set Monday morning by Pastor Elmo

Fitz Randolph, Madeline Randolph, and the Boulder Bell Choir. This was the "cast" at the worship session which initiated the week and happy comments were heard from many who listened because the choir had worked out new techniques and were refreshingly different. Frances Clarke, our Conference president's wife, was heard to remark that this first worship experience was simple and just right as a beginning for a dedicated Conference.

During the introductory messages we heard from the American Baptist Fraternal Delegate, Dr. Robert Torbet, the electrifying news that General Secretary Alton Wheeler had been appointed to serve on the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

Conference Briefs

Elected president for the next year was, as provided by the bylaws, the first vice-president, Leland Bond of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Nominated and elected as first vice-president (always a surprise) was Rev. Edgar Wheeler of Ashaway, R. I., which puts him in line for president in 1969-70 Conference. Since it is required that a president shall have served on Commission he was also elected to that office.

New members on the Commission for a three-year term were Rev. Edgar Wheeler and Warren Brannon of Freeville, New York.

The new OWM budget adopted with only small increases for most agencies was the highest in history, \$137,000.

Editor's Progress

Editor Leon M. Maltby returned to his home on Monday, August 26, after spending nine weeks in the hospital. A return to the hospital for skin graft will be needed after two to three weeks. Another editorial "We Can Learn Something from a Summer in a Hospital" has been written and will be printed as soon as there is room.

—Editor's office.

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Director of Evangelism Report April - June 1968

By Rev. Leon R. Lawton

While this quarter was one of preparation for further work on the mission to South America to attend the Central Coordinating Committee and Laymen's Evangelism Congress of the Crusade of the Americas in July, it was also one of fruition as plans laid for various retreats and training sessions were carried through. We praise the Lord for His continued leading and blessing!

Both the Eastern and Central Area Spiritual Retreats for Seventh Day Baptist ministers fell in this quarter. The Eastern Retreat, at Jersey Oaks Camp, April 28 - May 7, was well attended and participants were able to join with our brethren at Shiloh in the dedication of their new educational building on May 4th. The Central Area Retreat, May 17-28 at Camp Wakonda, was very poorly attended, but the few there felt the time well spent. The Quarterly Meeting at Albion, May 25th, allowed for wider fellowship and service. Thanks must be expressed to all who cooperated in each of these retreats, especially to General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler who had a major part in them.

The first Laymen's Spiritual Retreat was held at Lewis Camp, May 30-June 2. While attendance was not large, the fifteen present from five Seventh Day Baptist churches felt the time well spent and all too short. Sabbath was spent with the Ashaway church in worship and visitation.

The Dedicated Workers Training Session was held at the Milton Junction church with the ladies of the Milton church assisting. Fifteen young people were present. Secretary Rex Zwiebel, Connie Coon, Lucile Todd, the area ministers and several Dedicated Service veterans all helped to make the experience most meaningful and helpful in preparation for the summer ministry. The Lord, by His Spirit and Word led and helped in a most vital way.

During the quarter two visits were made to Plainfield (enroute to other

duties) where work on the Jamaica Mission Emphasis packet and Facing Frontiers with Faith, Year III packet, was done. The Seventh Day Baptist Prayer Fellowship cards and a folder on "Prayer in the Crusade of the Americas" were printed.

Messages have been given at Milton Junction and Albion and a workshop on evangelism held at the Western (now Alleghany) Association sessions. The meeting of the Home Field and American Tropics Committees as well as the quarterly board meeting in April were attended.

Over half of the quarter was spent "on the road" and statistically, 219 letters were sent out and various counseling and visitation was done as opportunity permitted. Another visit was made at the G. Gill home in Woodstock, Ont., enroute through Canada and the fellowship with this Sabbathkeeping family was enlarged.

When at Brookfield your director assisted in the local ministry by leading Bible study seven times, bringing six sermons, leading in communion twice, leading two studies on Witness in the Thicket of Life, speaking to a special resurrection service at the Leonardsville Methodist church, assisting the Central N. Y. Association Christian Training School at Syracuse at its last session and attending the spring association meetings at Adams Center.

As the quarter ended the last Sabbath was spent with our brethren in Georgetown, Guyana, S. A., where slides were shown two nights, the Sabbath message brought and on Sunday, June 30, the training session for their pastors began in the chapel at 19 Gordon Street, Kitty.

Sincere thanks must be expressed to the several churches, Sabbath Schools and individuals who gave so generously to make the journey to Guyana, Brazil and Mexico possible. But the report on this falls in the next quarter. We praise the Lord for the evidence of His Spirit's leading in the hearts of individuals and are thankful for the part played by many through their prayer and financial support of this ministry.

Young Adult Retreat

Following the theme, "Born for Such a Time as This," chosen by the director, Rev. Francis Saunders, the 1968 Young Adult Pre-Conference Retreat was a deeply spiritual experience for 24 young adults from 16 churches across the nation, as well as for the 9 others who served on the staff.

Ronald Goodrich, business manager, was ably assisted by his "on the spot" man, Ed Johnson.

Marge Goodrich and June Johnson kept the campers happy and full with the excellent meals which they served.

Rev. Leland Davis and his wife, Gertrude, as devotional leaders, developed the theme, "Sharing Spiritual Values for Such a Time as This," presenting Paul's three great Christian attributes, faith, hope and love. These were explored during personal devotions, lecture time, small discussion groups and evening vespers.

Recreation and campfire hours were under the leadership of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph who "kept council" with the campers from the opening moments on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Jeneane Abel was truly an efficient and "abel" music director and prepared the young adults for the presentation of two anthems for Sabbath worship at North Loup as well as the four numbers which the group sang during the music time Thursday night at General Conference. A special note of appreciation is extended to Jeneane for filling this spot at virtually the last moment.

The Sabbath day of worship with the North Loup church was a memorable one, which started with a farm wagon ride behind Elery King's tractor over the muddy, rain-soaked road from camp to the highway, where we were met by cars provided by members of the North Loup church. Worship service and Sabbath School were followed by the delicious fried chicken dinner, served by the North Loup people. In the afternoon, members of the Commission discussed matters of denominational importance with the campers, and the campers shared the findings of their small discussion groups, stimulating thought and desire to act on the part of those who heard. Following the Sabbath, the group as a whole attended the wedding of Phil Van Horn and Peggy Williams.

One of the outstanding features was the unscheduled working of the Holy Spirit in post-campfire hours. On Wednesday night the campers, following the inspiration of SCSC members, met on the beach in spontaneous prayer and song, and on Thursday night the Spirit surged through the whole group as they sang for nearly two hours, songs that touched their hearts, closing with a fellowship circle of love and the wonderful "Blest Be the Tie Bind Our Hearts in Christian Love."

The director wishes to express his heartfelt appreciation to all who helped make this a truly great experience, and especially the young adults for their enthusiasm and devotion to the Kingdom of Christ. Warm appreciation is given to the members and pastor of the North Loup Church for receiving us so well.

S. C. S. C.

Conference is a time for exchanging stories, and sometimes we have cause therefore to wonder whether we are thankful enough. Among these stories is one about Rev. Victor Skaggs, who arrived in Nebraska with a car having transmission trouble, so in Kearney he left it in a garage and continued on to Youth Pre-Con Camp in a rented car. As he returned to Kearney his car was involved in an accident. With him at the time were two of the SCSC workers, and this meant that every one of the SCSC group in Plainfield had been involved in an auto accident this summer, five young people in three separate accidents. Yet not one was seriously hurt.

Let us never fail to give thanks to the Lord for his manifold mercies.

Rocky Mountain Camp

Twenty-seven Juniors had a hilarious week at Rocky Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Camp, July 21-28, including one day in the high country thirty miles west of the camp where they climbed to a glacial lake. The girls enjoyed a sleep out one night under the stars, but the boys got rained out (or rained in).

Paul Hummel, 83-year-old donor of the 240 acre camp tract, was honored with a wooden plaque hung in the lodge to mark his contributions as cowboy churchman. A birthday cake in the shape of a log cabin was also given him, a few days early.

"God's People in Colorado" was the subject of studies each morning during which Bible references and relief maps were used to peg the contribution of many persons and groups to today's population. Studies were directed by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Denver pastor and camp director, assisted by Mrs. Grace White and Miss Cynthia Rogers of Denver. A summary was given on closing night using puppets and a puppet theater.

The Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Boulder pastor, shared in the direction of the camp and led Sabbath morning worship based on the Sermon on the Mount. Cloudy skies prevented much use of the recently dedicated John Watts Memorial Telescope, but a smaller instrument gave the Juniors glimpses of the moon and daytime views of human activities across the eastern plains. Much hiking was done also, and an abandoned gold mine was visited.

Mrs. Gordon Thorngate and Mrs. Jerome Van Dyke of the Denver church were camp cooks with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stephan supplying commodities needed. Miss Gisele Steele and Thomas Thorngate of Denver and Miss Linda Davis and Rex Davis of Boulder were junior counselors.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 14, 1968

ESTHER SAVES HER PEOPLE

Lesson Scripture: Esther 4:8, 13-16; 7:1-7

BOOKS FOR YOUR READING ENJOYMENT**Religious and Inspirational —**

Peterson, William J. *Another Hand on Mine*: The story of Dr. Carl K. Becker of Africa Inland Mission. 1967.

Is a beautiful and inspiring book in which the author felt no clear sign had come from the Lord as to where he could serve Him best. When the call came he took his wife with him into the Congo to save lives and souls and to combat disease and superstition.

Nature Study —

Lessing, Doris May. *Particularly Cats*. 1967.

The author explores the relationship between the two cats which live with her and finds the key to their contrasting characters. Interesting to all lovers of cats.

Biography —

Allilueva Svetlana. *Twenty Letters to a Friend*. 1967.

In a nonpolitical memoir, Stalin's daughter describes her family and particularly her feelings about her father.

History and Current Problems —

Inouye, Daniel K. *Journey to Washington*. 1967.

After his release from the army, Inouye, Hawaiian, became an attorney and entered local politics. When Hawaii achieved statehood, he was sent to Washington as a Representative and later as a Senator. Is a warm and inspiring story of his progress in Washington.

Description and Travel —

Beer, Ethel E. *Marvelous Greece*. 1967.

An appreciation of the country and its people. Gives information about fascinations hidden beyond the beaten path.

Fiction —

Ardmore, Jane Kesner. *To Love Is to Listen*. 1967.

The story of one generation trying to understand and respect another. The author has a talent with characters and gives a reassuring affirmation of life—one of love, honor, and understanding.

From time to time the Women's

Board tries to suggest interesting, enjoyable, worthwhile reading. We plan to have a list of such books once a month under the heading: "Books for Your Reading Enjoyment." These lists have been suggested by Miss Evelyn Ring of Redlands, Calif. To better acquaint you with Evelyn we have the following information. Evelyn graduated from Milton College in 1928, Emporia State Teachers' College (Kansas) with a certificate in Library Science in 1932. She spent nine years (1934-1942) attending some classes and teaching in Salem College. For the last twenty-five years she has been head of the Cataloging Department of the A. K. Smiley Public Library in Redlands, California.

We suggest you try to read at least one of the books in the list and then tell others about it to stimulate their reading, or review the one you read for a group and share it in this way.

Our Friends in Biafra

The news of Biafra starvation has been growingly brought to our ears and eyes in recent weeks although the Sabbath Recorder called attention to it editorially several weeks ago (July 29).

Biafra is the eastern part of Nigeria, Africa, which separated from the central Nigerian government 14 months ago after some 2,000,000 Ibo people in that part of the large country had been slaughtered in tribal rivalry. The Ibos are the most Christianized, best educated of all Nigeria.

The two Seventh Day Baptist leaders and their people were in eastern Nigeria. In the civil war of the past 14 months Biafra has shrunk to a small circle, cut off now from the sea and the fish that provided the people with their only real supply of protein. Children and adults are dying at the estimated rate of one to three thousand per day.

What is the fate of Seventh Day Baptist believers? The latest maps of the war (*Time*, August 23) show one at least of the two Seventh Day Baptist centers near the border in the shrinking circle that calls itself Biafra. *Pray for them.*

Sensitive in His Service

(Continued from page 6)

His service by taking a close look at yourself, your parent, your wife, your children, your neighbor, your fellow workman, your pastor, your pastor's wife, your pastor's family, the general secretary, the secretaries of the denominational boards and agencies and their members and employees, your governor, the President, Congress, and others, and then ask the question, "What's going on here?" Next, stop, think, pray and listen for the answer in your heart and I am sure that you will become more sensitive.

An interesting example of how this principle works was given in this same *Reader's Digest* article. "Returning home from work, a husband becomes aware that his wife seems sulky, irritable, short-tempered. 'What have I done?' he asks, and can find no answer. Had he made a habit of asking, 'What's going on here?' he couldn't have failed to notice that she had changed her hairdo, or put on a new dress, or rearranged the furniture as a surprise for him and was unhappy that he hadn't recognized it."

In the field of sales we have a phrase we use which connotes sensitivity, when we often say, "I missed the moose call." This simply means that we become so involved with ourselves and what we want to say or sell that we don't listen to our customer when he makes a remark or gives us an indication of what he really needs or wants to buy. We may have missed our chance for a sale just because we didn't listen or hear the "moose call." Could it be that we as Christians are not effective because we are missing the "moose calls"?

During the past year a new word has added to my understanding of sensitivity and that word is "empathy." Some dictionaries do not have this word listed. A definition of this word which I found says, "mentally entering into the feeling or spirit of a person or a thing; appreciative perception or understanding; intellectual identification with or vicarious experiencing of the feeling, thought, or attitude of another. Empathy is more

enduring and valuable than romantic love." Empathy is my idea of a constructive kind of sensitivity. In other words it means wearing someone else's shoes.

Will you join me this year in an effort to see if we can't wear these persons' shoes? Of course they may not fit and they may hurt our feet, but in this way we will become more *Sensitive in His Service*.

A review of the programs outlined for Year III of "Facing Frontiers with Faith" has convinced me that we do not need a new program to be instituted by your new Conference president, but rather a coordination of emphasis in which we become *Sensitive in His Service* while bringing about new strength to our General Conference and our boards and agencies. It is my desire to encourage our churches to become a wider part of world witness by their cooperation with and in the "Crusade of the Americas" as they emphasize the theme "Christ the Only Hope."

I would urge that each church review again *all* the materials that have been so well prepared by our Planning Committee and adapt and use all or as much of the material as you find useful. I would recommend to you the "Devotional Life Enrichment Program" as suggested by them, especially the Bible reading and study of the Bible in the order of events (American Tract Society leaflet).

Stewardship needs your attention. Will you encourage tithing in your church?

Evangelism and outreach cannot be overemphasized. Why can't we reach out to others in our community?

Will your Sabbath School participate in the "Outreach and Enrollment Program"? Could you use our new assistant in evangelism, Miss Connie Coon? Will your church send your pastor and his wife, the Sabbath School superintendent and key laymen to the Continental Congress on Evangelism, October 10-13, in Washington, D. C.? Have you and your church joined the prayer program called PACT (Prayer, Americas Crusade Together) with other Baptists in this hemi-

sphere as well as other SDB's in this hemisphere? (Sabbath Recorder, July 15, 1968) What about a visitation program in the spring of 1969? What about plans for evangelistic meetings in the fall of 1969?

We cannot be *Sensitive in His Service* without providing services for Him. Through the years many services have been rendered to our denomination through its boards and agencies. How much do you really know about the organization of our denomination and the work of the boards and agencies? Will you plan to take time this year to study or have workshops about these agencies?

We cannot forget that Christ and His Church need our services. Opportunities for dedicated service are increasing. Could your church use these services? Would you be willing to give of yourself in one of the dedicated service programs?

It has been customary for the president of Conference to present to the people of the denomination a theme based on some verse of Scripture, chapter, or book of the Bible. I have chosen the Epistle of James as the book of the Bible, which in my opinion, magnifies the real meaning of our theme. James held strongly to the concept that "Faith without works is dead," likewise, sensitivity without service is sensitivity without life or meaning. For those persons or groups who would like to make a special study of the Epistle of James, I would recommend the booklet "The Good Life" by Henry Jacobson, published by Scripture Press Publications, Inc., Wheaton, Ill.

I would like to suggest as a theme hymn "More Like the Master."

It is my desire to visit as many churches as time will permit during the year.

You may be wondering how you may become more *Sensitive in His Service*. Toward this purpose would you join me in making the following pledge:

I want my life to be more sensitive.

With God's help you can count on me to make a real effort to be more sensitive by:

1. Putting Christ first in my life.
2. Reading my Bible daily, and by studying the Epistle of James.

3. Thanking God daily for at least five things, and by praying specifically for someone in need.

4. Being more aware of all of the needs of my family; my neighbor; my local church, its minister and every member of his family; my denomination and its officers; my denominational boards and agencies and their servants; and my fellowmen around the world.

Now I would like to invite you to begin making plans to attend General Conference next year at Nyack, N. Y.

May God bless each of you as you strive to become more *Sensitive in His Service*.

Conference Interviews

By Theona Andersen

Two Older People

Mrs. Alberta S. Godfrey, Marlboro, N. J.: "This has been a very spiritual Conference. The young people seem interested and are always an inspiration. Last year's Conference was so outstanding I wondered if they could ever come up to that, but this one has. The business meetings have gone very smoothly and there has been very little for the parliamentarian to do."

Mrs. Ernest (Grace) Babcock of Battle Creek, Mich., added: "I've particularly enjoyed the slides shown by Rev. Leon Lawton and Rev. Alton Wheeler. It seems to me that there are more young people this year than ever before, and they have been more prominent in Conference activities. They are the church of the future, and they should enter into Conference activities."

A Young Man from an Eastern Church

C. Robert Stohr, Richburg, N. Y.: "This Conference has been an inspiration, particularly the demonstration of a 'yoking together' of younger and older people by taking the enthusiasm of youth

and the experience of the older people and trying to come up with a potential for good leadership in our church of the future.

"The polylog sessions were inspirational because of the discussion of different Scriptures from various viewpoints. It was rather disappointing that certain Concerns Committees were not better attended. I was encouraged by the large number of young people attending the worship and Bible study sessions of Conference."

A Young Adult

Mr. Harold D. Wright, Boulder, Colo.: "I noticed the young folks getting into more things. This may be because of the influence of the SCSC. The young people feel as if they are doing something and really believe they are part of the denomination. The polylog groups were interesting, both the discussions and the attempts to solve some of the problems. The central location of Conference was good this year. The publicity was very well-handled here and the townspeople and college staff were friendly and cooperative."

Chairman of Commission

Dr. Lewis H. V. May: "This has been a Conference in which we can see how effective our leadership has been in trying to direct the affairs of the denomination. I think we should try to cooperate with the general secretary and the Planning Commission as they continue their efforts to promote the cause of Christ through the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination."

"To me the spiritual high point of the week was Rev. Kenneth Van Horn's simple graceful epic drama showing the Holy Spirit in the life of a man."

SCSC Worker

As a young person I thought Conference was good. . . . Prayer cells were the highlight of my day. The evening prayer cells ended the day with a peace and spiritual upliftment. Sabbath eve was a wonderful experience for me, as I am sure it was for all who attended the testimonial service.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for July 1968

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'	
	July	10 mos.		July	10 mos.		
Adams Center ..		\$ 839.52		50.00	525.00		
Albion	34.77	635.33		1,000.49	7,987.07	213.00	
Alfred	615.55	5,087.77		80.95	868.45	55.00	
Alfred Station..	538.00	2,321.10	\$ 50.00	128.80	407.00		
Algiers					1,810.00	69.18	
Assn. & Groups	109.00	999.33	871.48	Nortonville ..	348.50	2,016.22	100.00
Battle Creek ..		3,626.27	120.00	Old Stonefort ..	33.00	306.00	
Bay Area	125.00	465.00		Paint Rock		393.22	
Berlin	130.93	1,275.45		Pawcatuck		4,718.03	117.20
Boulder		767.78	125.00	Plainfield	316.17	3,502.96	41.00
Brookfield, 1st..	65.00	807.25		Putnam County			
Brookfield 2nd..	49.71	846.46		Richburg	144.00	955.31	14.25
Buffalo	10.00	425.00		Ritchie	20.00	308.93	
Chicago	925.00	1,347.50		Riverside	498.29	4,558.15	
Daytona Beach..	105.00	1,170.25		Roanoke		6.00	
Denver	169.70	2,139.36	100.00	Rockville		292.11	30.00
DeRuyter	128.00	649.00		Salem	225.00	1,884.41	
Dodge Center..	323.43	1,465.40	5.00	Salemville		371.09	12.00
Edinburg				Schenectady		167.13	
Farina	36.25	436.11		Shiloh	877.65	5,563.68	49.60
Fouke	5.00	100.00		Syracuse	44.00	91.00	
Hammond		32.26		Texarkana			
Hebron	195.00	775.25		Trustees of			
Hopkinton, 1st	570.80	2,347.15	25.00	Gen. Conf. ..		190.40	
Hopkinton, 2nd	12.00	161.20	250.00	Verona	195.00	1,874.19	
Houston		248.89		Walworth	140.00	920.86	
Independence ..	84.25	710.70	15.00	Washington ..	35.00	535.00	
Individuals	110.00	738.00		Washington,			
Irvington		1,311.50	200.00	People's		105.00	
Jackson Center..		500.00		Waterford	109.46	1,058.69	
Kansas City		413.50		White Cloud ..	68.89	589.65	
Little Genesee..	168.45	1,507.62	25.00	Yonah Mt.			
Little Rock		202.72					
Los Angeles		3,115.00	70.00	Totals	\$9,444.70	\$84,390.30	\$2,612.71
Lost Creek	330.00	1,607.61	70.00	Non-budget	32.50		
Marlboro	288.66	3,309.47	55.00	Total			
Memorial Fund				to disburse	\$9,447.20		
Metairie							

JULY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 746.93
Historical Society	7.69
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund)	997.43
Ministerial Education	729.63
Missionary Society	3,849.45
Tract Society	1,174.50
Trustees of General Conference	42.28
Women's Society	204.62
World Fellowship & Service	114.67
General Conference	1,590.00
S.D.B. World Federation	20.00
Total Disbursements	\$9,477.20

SUMMARY

1967-1968 Budget	\$126,603.00
Receipts for 10 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$84,390.30
Boards	2,612.71
	87,003.01
Amount due in 2 months	\$ 39,599.99
Needed per month	19,800.00
Percentage of year elapsed	83.33%
Percentage of Budget Raised	68.70%

Gordon L. Sanford
OWM Treasurer

July 31, 1968

The Sabbath Recorder

Marriages

King - Traver.— Harold D. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor King of North Loup, Nebr., and Miss Kathy Sue Traver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Traver of Little Genesee, N. Y., were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony at the end of the Sabbath, August 3, 1968. The wedding in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Little Genesee was solemnized by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. (The groom is the pastor of the Little Genesee and Hebron churches.)

Van Horn - Williams.— Phillip Duane Van Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Van Horn, and Margaret Ann ("Peggy") Williams, daughter of Vernon Williams, all of North Loup, Nebr., were united in marriage Aug. 10, 1968, at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, by their pastor, Duane L. Davis. Mrs. Van Horn has just completed a year of Dedicated Service in the General Conference office at Plainfield, and Mr. Van Horn is in the U.S. Navy.

Obituaries

DAVIS.— Flora T., daughter of the late Martin and Martha O'Neal Talbot, was born in Philippi, W. Va., Dec. 27, 1879, and passed from this life at the age of 88 in the Cuba Memorial Hospital, Cuba, N. Y., on July 8, following a brief illness.

She was the daughter of a minister so became familiar with the labors of a pastor at an early age. She often assisted her father and took special training at Buckhannon, W. Va.

In September 1904 she was united in marriage with the Rev. Alva L. Davis, and was known thereafter as a beloved pastor's wife. She became a part of the lives of members and friends of each church served, which included Verona, N. Y., Boulder, Colo., North Loup, Nebr., Ashaway, R. I., Little Genesee, N. Y., and a second pastorate at Verona, N. Y.

After retirement they moved to Salem, W. Va., where he became a teacher of Bible at Salem College. The later years of their lives

were again spent in New York State, with Rev. Davis passing away in 1954.

Mrs. Davis continued to live at the home of her daughter, Margaret, and took an active part as health permitted in the activities of the community. She remained a member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. She attended the First Baptist Church of East Aurora, the Buffalo Seventh Day Baptist Church, and the First Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Genesee.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Thomas L. (Margaret) Burdick, East Aurora, N. Y.; two sons, George T. Davis, Columbia, S. C., and Alfred L. Davis, Rochester, N. Y.; a brother, Fred Talbot, Fairmont, W. Va.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A prayer service was held on July 9 at Schaffner's Funeral Home, Bolivar, N. Y., with the Rev. Rex Zwiebel in charge, and assisted by Pastor Harold King.

Funeral services were held in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 11 with the Rev. Donald E. Richards officiating. Interment was in the New Union Cemetery of Verona Mills.

—D. E. R.

HANCOCK.—Earl W., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hancock, was born in Saline County, Ill., July 7, 1899, and died at Harrisburg, Ill., July 15, 1968.

On May 10, 1919, he was married to Florence Lewis of Stonefort, Ill., who with their children survives. The children are Col. Quentin Hancock, retired, of Harrisburg; Stephen, Hobart, Indiana; Philip, Independence, Mo.; and Marian, (Mrs. L. W.) Koch, Beaumont, Tex. Surviving of his generation are: brothers Floyd, Anna, Ill.; Paul, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Claudia Gray, Sullivan, Ill. There are fifteen grandchildren.

He united with the Seventh Day Baptist church at Stonefort in 1921, and was serving as deacon at the time of his death.

He was employed for many years by the New York Central R.R., and resided in Harrisburg.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Carlos McSparin, and Rev. Othmar Hill, a lifelong friend. Burial was in Sunset Lawn Cemetery, Harrisburg, July 17, at 4:30 p.m.

—C. L. M.

Sensitive in His Service

Pastors and editors are already preparing messages on the new theme of the 1968-69 Conference year which was announced on the closing night of General Conference by the new president, Leland Bond of Clarksburg, W. Va. This desire to put off the old and to put on the new immediately is natural and commendable—except for one thing. The 1967-68 year is not quite over and Seventh Day Baptists have some very important unfinished business to attend to. We have not yet raised the budget. The amount needed is large and the time is very short (Sept. 30). The Sabbath morning offering at Conference was good considering the high percentage of young people present but even with several large checks it was considerably short of expectations.

We had a challenging Conference with a constant visual reminder of the theme of the year "Yoked with Christ in Mission." In spite of all that was said at Kearney, Nebraska, and during the year, it is evident that we did not pull our share financially on the yoke that was ours. Let us not squirm out from under our rightful yoke until we are relieved of it honorably by our Lord. We must finish the task of today before taking up the challenge of tomorrow under the new theme "Sensitive in His Service."